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## MAIN EVENT



staff photo by David Bowser

Vince Roybal with the city's water department pulls another paving brick from Frost where it crosses Foster as his crew works to repair a water main Thursday. City officials say the water main was first installed in the 1930s.

## Guardian lands 10-year contract

BY DAVID BOWSER  
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Guardian EMS will provide ambulance service for Gray County for the next 10 years.

The Gray County Commissioners Court approved a new contract this week to replace the one with the ambulance service that expires in September, but that approval is contingent on what the city does next month.

The City of Pampa will consider renewing their contract with Guardian in August.

As part of the contract, the county (and the city, if they choose to renew their contract) will pay the ambulance service a \$7,400 subsidy, up from \$6,700

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## Rodeo events, sign-up dates announced

Entries are now being accepted for the Top O' Texas Junior Rodeo and Kid Pony Show.

The Junior Rodeo will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8 and is open for ages 8-18 (Groups 3-7). Buckles will be awarded to the winners of the events in Groups 3 and 4. Paybacks will be awarded to the winners of the events in Groups 5, 6 & 7. This year's added money will total over \$3000.00. Buckles will also be presented to the All-Around Cowgirl and Cowboy of Groups 5, 6 & 7. A contestant must be entered in 3 events to qualify for the All-Around title.

The Kid Pony Show is scheduled for 4 p.m. Sunday, August 9. It is open to ages 7 & under (groups 1

& 2). Buckles will be awarded to the winners of the events in these groups. Wrangler bandanas and participant ribbons will be presented to all contestants.

All entries must be received in the rodeo office by 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3, and must be accompanied by a copy of current Coggins papers to be considered complete. Entries submitted without current Coggins papers cannot be accepted. No exceptions will be allowed.

Entries are also being taken for the "Mutton Bustin'," part of the 63rd annual Top O' Texas Rodeo set for Aug. 13, 14 & 15.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners each night. There is no fee

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Kade Parks (left) and Jorden Perry, both participants in this year's Kid Pony Show, pose with their numbers and belt buckles. Entries are now being accepted for the Top O' Texas Junior Rodeo, Kid Pony Show, Mutton Bustin', Double Muggin, Rodeo Parade and Western Horse Race.

## NEW OLD DOOR



Pat Stewart examines the original door newly installed at the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center. The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center offers a new look through an old door.

The previous owners of the old Harris Drug Store, now the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center, had replaced one of the front doors of the building on South Cuyler, but they had saved the original door.

Pat Stewart, who oversees the center, said the owners had apparently replaced the old wooden door with glass panes with a metal and glass door for security reasons. For years, the old door languished in one of the back rooms.

Jim Davis repaired the door and hung it back in its rightful place this week. Running his hand along the smooth wood, waiting to be painted, Stewart complimented Davis on his craftsmanship.

Guthrie's birthday was Tuesday. He would have been 97 years old.

## County's new bank relationship reaping dividends

BY DAVID BOWSER  
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Gray County Treasurer Scott Hahn said he is working with Happy State Bank, the county's new depository, to increase the return on county funds in the Canyon-based bank.

He said he has pulled over \$1 million from TexPool, the state's investment fund, into a corporate investment account at the bank. The money was from the county's General Fund and Health Insurance Account.

"On Saturday night," Hahn said, "most of the money out of the General Fund moved into the Corporate Investment Account."

So did much of the money in the Health Insurance Account.

"This past Saturday night was the first time that we got everything in place for that to work,"

Hahn said.

The process was reversed Sunday night and the money was moved back into the General Fund and the Health Insurance Account, he said.

"The money they moved out was back," Hahn said, "and they paid interest right there on the spot. It was credited to our account Sunday night."

He said the figures still have to be annualized to reflect the interest effectively being paid.

"We made \$190 in the General Fund in that one day," Hahn said, "and \$30 or so in the Health Insurance Fund."

He said the county funds are still collateralized.

"It's still covered by collateral," Hahn said. "It's perfectly safe. It will give us the opportunity to have at least some more

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## PAMPA FORECAST

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		
30%		
High 83 Low 65	High 89 Low 68	High 90 Low 71

**Tonight:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could be severe. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64. East southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

**Saturday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 pm. Partly cloudy, with a high near 83. South wind around 5 mph becoming east.

**Saturday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1 am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. East southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Sunday:** Partly cloudy, with a high near 89. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Sunday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Monday:** Partly cloudy, with a high near 90. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Monday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. South southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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## Paroled killer gets life, for stealing CDs

CONROE, Texas (AP) — A paroled killer convicted of shoplifting five CDs from a store in Conroe has been sentenced to life in prison.

A Montgomery County jury on Thursday sentenced 43-year-old Brian Keith Balentine, whose criminal history was presented during the penalty phase.

Prosecutors say the robbery conviction involved a March 2008 theft in which an officer was slight-

ly injured trying to stop Balentine.

Days earlier, Balentine had completed a 30-day jail term in Harris County for theft, one of three theft cases he faced since his 2006 parole.

Balentine was convicted of the 1984 slaying of Leroy Larson. The victim was fatally shot after stopping to help Balentine, who appeared to be having car trouble in Freestone County.

## Fire atop Dallas high-rise displaces residents

DALLAS (AP) — Residents of a Dallas high-rise complex where fire damaged the roof have relocated as management works to repair the air conditioning.

People living at the 11-story Indigo Apartments remained displaced Friday.

Wednesday's five-alarm blaze sent two elderly residents to the hospital, as a precaution, as the fire left behind damage on a day when temperatures topped 100 degrees.

The Dallas Morning

News reported Friday that investigators believe a malfunction of the rooftop heating and cooling system caused the fire. Fire marshals ordered the complex vacated because the air conditioning was inoperable.

Indigo management official Justin Meszaros says the system is being worked on and, at the worst, the residents could be displaced until next week.

About 240 units were occupied.

## Cash Five Texas results

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-9-20-26-30.  
 Number matching five of five: 0.  
 Matching four of five: 62. Prize: \$549  
 Matching three of five: 2,230. Prize: \$11  
 Matching two of five: 23,593. Prize: \$2  
 Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

## Pick 3 results

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-8-5. Sum It Up: 17 (four, eight, five. Sum It Up: seventeen)

## Obituaries There are no obituaries today

### Emergency Services

#### SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Department made the following arrests during the period between 7 a.m. Thursday, July 16 and 7 a.m. Friday, July 17.

Phillip Morse Hubbard, 67, of Silverton, was booked into Gray County Jail on charges of DWI, third or more, and resisting arrest.

Clarence Reed, Jr., 33, of Pampa, was booked into Gray county Jail on two charges of burglary of a habitat and manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance — Ochiltree county.

James Robert Ostercamp, 30, of Pampa, was booked into Gray County Jail on a DWI charge.

Melvin Dwayne Jones, 52, of Amarillo, was booked into Gray county Jail on a DWI charge.

#### AMBULANCE

Guardian EMS responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Thursday, July 16 to

7 a.m. Friday, June 17.

An MICU unit responded to the 2400 block of Dogwood, transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

An MICU unit responded to the 300 block of Faulkner, no transport.

An MICU unit responded to PRMC, one patient transported to GPCH.

An MICU unit responded to GPCH in Borger transported one patient to PRMC.

An MICU unit responded to the 400 block of N. Russell, transported one patient to PRMC.

An MICU unit responded to PRMC, transported one patient to BSA.

The Pampa Police Department responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Thursday, July 16 to 7 a.m. Friday, July 17.

#### PAMPA PD

Animal Control Officers responded to 8 calls or stops.

Pampa Police Officers made 27 traffic stops, had 14 follow-up investiga-

tions, and responded to three requests for information.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of S. Varnon Drive.

A 911 hang-up call was reported from the 1200 block of Hobart St.

A welfare check was conducted in the 1100 block of S. Prairie Drive.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 900 block of E. Francis Ave.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1300 block of N. Starkweather St.

Theft was reported from the 600 block of Frederic. The items were later returned.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of N. Wells.

A 911 hang-up was reported from the 700 block of Sumner St.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of N. Faulkner St.

Fraud was reported in the 900 block of E. Browning St.

A warrant was served in the 800 block of S. Gray St., arrest made.

Criminal mischief was

reported in the 400 block of S. Graham St.

A welfare check was conducted in the 1200 block of N. Wells St.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of N. Zimmers. St.

Found property was reported in the 900 block of S. Wells, a bicycle.

A 991 hang-up call was reported from the 200 block of N. Faulkner.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1900 block of N. Nelson.

A gold pin was reported found in the 300 block of N. Banks St.

An assault was reported from the 1000 block of W. Wilkes St.

A theft was reported from the 600 block of Wynne.

A suspicious person was reported in the 200 block of Naida St.

A suspicious person was reported in the 600 block of E. Frederic.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of S. Starkweather.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1400 block of Montagu Ave.

## Mentors show Hispanic youths college is possible

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Ashley Vegara, a 16-year-old who says her older sister dropped out of college after getting pregnant, vows she will become the first in her family to get a bachelor's degree.

To achieve her goal, Vegara of Roswell, attended a four-day Hispanic Youth Symposium this week designed to boost dismal nationwide statistics on how many Hispanic students graduate from college.

The Hispanic College Fund is organizing six symposiums this summer on college campuses in Albuquerque, Baltimore, Dallas, Fairfax, Vir., Los Angeles and Fresno, Calif., and plans to expand the program next summer.

Only 7.2 percent of Hispanics received bachelor's degrees compared with 72 percent of white students in 2005-2006, according to the U.S. Department of Education's most recent statistics on college graduation rates.

Because Hispanics are the fastest growing ethnic population in America's schools, the low college graduation rates should concern all communities, said George Cushman, one of the founders of the symposiums and a vice president of programs for the Hispanic College Fund.

"If we don't have them really contributing to our economy in the high need areas, like health care and science, we're in a world of trouble," he said. "Ultimately what we're trying to do here is to change the culture about going to college."

Cushman said Hispanic students are often given subtle messages that they are not college material from teachers, counselors, peers and even parents. The students are often told they don't need to take advanced placement classes, Cushman said.

And poverty in some Hispanic communities makes youths feel marginalized and disassociated with the professional world.

"They don't believe they can afford it. They don't believe they can belong there. They wind up saying it's because we're

Hispanic," Cushman said. "But they have not only so much of a right, they have the same potential as any other kid."

Some parents encourage their daughters to stay close to home and raise families, while the sons of some recent immigrants are encouraged to work manual jobs, said Andrew Gonzalez, director of the symposiums in the Western states.

But if the teens attending Albuquerque's symposium are any indication, those attitudes may be shifting.

Lucero Hernandez, 16, of Roswell said her parents, who came to the United States from Mexico, support her desire to attend college.

Hernandez says she wants to show her parents she appreciates all that they have done for her.

"I really want to go to make my mom proud," she said. "I want to make her happy."

Hernandez would be the first member of her family to attend college. She hopes to major in civil or chemical engineering.

Devon Castro, 15, of Albuquerque, says he wants to be an electronic engineer who makes better solar panels.

"I'm not a manual labor kind of guy. I like to build stuff, but I don't want to be working on a construction site in the hot sun every day and getting minimum wage," he said. "I want to use my brain power."

During the symposium,

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co-sponsored by New Mexico Math, Engineering Science Achievement, or MESA, Hispanic role models show students they can overcome obstacles to success. Organizers lead sessions on how to apply to colleges and obtain financial aid.

In one session called Hispanic Heroes, students network with Hispanic business leaders and public figures.

State Auditor Hector Balderas gave high school students he met his contact information and talked about obstacles he faced.

Balderas grew up in Wagon Mound and at age 33 became the youngest elected statewide Hispanic official in the nation. He told high school students he didn't realize early enough that relationships with adults could help him reach his goals.

"If you can really not be as shy as I was, really speak out and set goals, you can really do anything you want," he told participants.

Organizers say students often see peers fall short

of graduating from high school and that makes it harder for them to imagine becoming college students. But if promising students can help their peers, their chances of going to college are better.

So students chose several issues — teen pregnancy, alcohol and drugs, dropouts, violence, education and peer pressure — that they could work on in their communities.

One group said they wanted to form a club — called Optimist Prime after a Transformers character — to help kids avoid becoming dropouts by offering them mentors and boosting their self-esteem.

Following the summer program, students will be enrolled in the Hispanic Youth Institute, which is designed to help students remain on-track to attend college.

New Mexico's symposium has doubled in size since last year and organizers have plans to bring the program to Phoenix and San Jose, Calif., next summer.

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# Perry issues disaster proclamation for extreme fire hazard

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry has issued a disaster proclamation for 167 counties in response to the significant threat posed by wildfire conditions in those areas.

The governor's proclamation allows the state to activate all essential resources, and suspends pertinent rules and regulations that could impede the state's ability to quickly respond to the constantly changing threat. The proclamation also allows the state to request any necessary federal assistance.

"As continued drought conditions have made the threat of wildfires a reality, the state is assisting in battling these fires, and we will continue to provide the necessary resources to protect our communities," Gov. Perry said. "I urge all

Texans to use extreme care in outdoor activities, be aware of burn bans in their counties, and take precautions to protect their homes and property while these conditions persist."

A high pressure system over the state for the last month has produced a hot and dry pattern, causing consecutive days of triple digit temperatures and a lack of precipitation, and posing a significant fire threat that is expected to continue. As a result of these conditions, burn bans have been issued in 152 counties.

Since June 25, more than 10,000 acres have been burned by wildfires across the state, with nearly 150 homes threatened. State agencies and organizations including the American Red Cross, Texas Forest

Service, Texas Military Forces and Texas AgriLife Extension Service have responded to the fires.

The counties designated in the disaster proclamation are as follows:

Anderson, Angelina, Aransas, Archer, Atascosa, Austin, Bandera, Bastrop, Baylor, Bee, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Borden, Bosque, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Brooks, Brown, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Camp, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Clay, Collin, Colorado, Comal, Cooke, Coryell, Crosby, Dallas, Delta, Denton, DeWitt, Dimmit, Duval, Eastland, Edwards, Ellis, Erath, Falls, Fannin, Fayette, Fort Bend, Franklin, Freestone, Frio, Galveston, Garza, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzales, Grayson, Gregg, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Hays, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hill, Hood, Hopkins, Houston, Howard, Hunt, Irion, Jack, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Johnson,

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# State announces wind turbines deal off coast

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A Houston company has won leases off Mustang Island and South Padre Island to develop wind farms.

The Texas General Land Office announced the agreement with Baryonyx Corp.

The company also plans to establish a wind-powered data center in Dallam County. A data center is where governments and businesses house computer systems offsite in a secure area.

Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson said Thursday that if the turbines are built, the state's Permanent School Fund could gain \$338 million over 30 years.

Baryonyx CEO Douwe Franssens told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times that he had no estimate on how many turbines are planned. He says construction could begin in two or three years.

The turbines would be visible from shore.

# Ex-baseball coach gets life for sex abuse

BELTON, Texas (AP) — A life prison term has been ordered for a former youth baseball coach in Central Texas convicted of sexually abusing boys.

A judge in Belton on Thursday sentenced 32-year-old William Thomas Jacobsen, formerly of Little River Academy.

A jury in June convicted Jacobsen of two counts of continuous sexual abuse of a child, in allegations brought by boys related to their 2007 visits to the man's home.

Prosecutor Leslie McWilliams says two victims described the abuse during Jacobsen's trial, while two others offered testimony during the sentencing phase.

Jacobsen had fled to Mexico after the allegations became public, but was arrested last August.

# Rodeo

to enter this event but participants must be entered in the Kid Pony Show to participate. It is open to ages 7 & under. This event fills up fast and is open to the first 18 entries received. These entries are due in the rodeo office no later than 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3.

Double Muggin will be held during each rodeo performance again this year. Entries are open for this event and are due in the rodeo office by Monday, Aug. 10.

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Parade will wind its way through downtown Pampa on Saturday, Aug. 15, at 10 a.m. Entries will be accepted up until parade time but those wanting to be judged for an award must enter through the rodeo office by 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 14. If parade participants are planning to have horses in the parade in any capacity, they must have current Coggins papers ready to show upon arrival at the parade site whether they have entered through the rodeo office or not.

The 1st annual Western Horse Race hosted by the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association and benefiting the Children's Miracle Network will be held next to the rodeo arena on Saturday, Aug. 15. There

will be three races of 300 yards with \$500 prizes going to the winner of each of 3 classes:

•Ladies Race — starts at 5:28 p.m. — open to ladies 18 and over — horses must be cow broke (stop, start, turn)

•Mens Race — starts at 5:51 p.m. — open to men 18 and over — horses must be cow broke (stop, start, turn)

•Run What You Brung — starts at 6:22 p.m. — open to both men and women 18 and over — any horse

All of the entry fees and proceeds from this race will go to the Children's Miracle Network. Enter by phone by calling the rodeo office at 806-669-0434. Entries will be accepted on site until race time. The events require current Coggins papers.

Entry forms for all of these events are available at the rodeo office, 200 North Ballard. For more information call 806-669-0434.

# EMS

for the contract of the past five years. The city also provides housing for the company in a former fire station on South Hobart.

Ross Bradley, vice president and chief operating officer of Guardian, told the commission this week that the company would eventually like to build a facility that is more centrally located in Pampa. Under the old contract, the company could increase their fee by up to five percent per year, but Bradley pointed out that the company never activated that clause. Under the new contract, the company could increase their fee by up to three percent per year.

Gray County Judge Richard Peet said that other than the subsidy amount, everything else in the contract remains the same.

Upon questioning by Peet, Bradley said there had been a problem earlier this year. There was a 20-minute delay in getting to a call out in the county. Bradley said that was due to a communications problem with a standby unit, and the problem has now been corrected.

"There was a tremendous communication breakdown all the way around," Bradley said.

Peet announced that there is a proposal for a new non-emergency ambulance service to come to town. They would handle transfers from nursing homes and hospitals. Peet said he would meet with them next week.

Bradley said he understood the interest in bringing another ambulance service to Pampa, but he said that Guardian was in the process of ramping up their services so there would be no need for a supplemental ambulance service.

"Our goal is there is not to be a need for that," Bradley said.

He said he doesn't want to see another ambulance service come to Pampa.

The non-emergency calls, he indicated, are

more profitable.

One of the problems all emergency care units are facing, Bradley said, is there is a national shortage of paramedics. But he said Guardian was trying to recruit paramedics to the Pampa area and still hold down costs.

Guardian employees about 25 full and part time people in Pampa, he said.

"We have two high-mileage trucks," Bradley said. "We have one low-mileage truck. Our low mileage truck is our first out unit."

He said their second truck has about 150,000 miles on it, and he hopes to add a new truck this next year.

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# Bank

investment income than we would have had otherwise."

He said if TexPool recovers and the bank won't match TexPool, the county could go back to TexPool.

"It really doesn't make any difference where the money is sitting," Hahn said. "We're not using it at any given time."

He admitted that it won't solve the county's budget problems for next year as

the economy declines, but it will help.

They can earn as much as 1.45 percent, Hahn said, depending upon the amount.

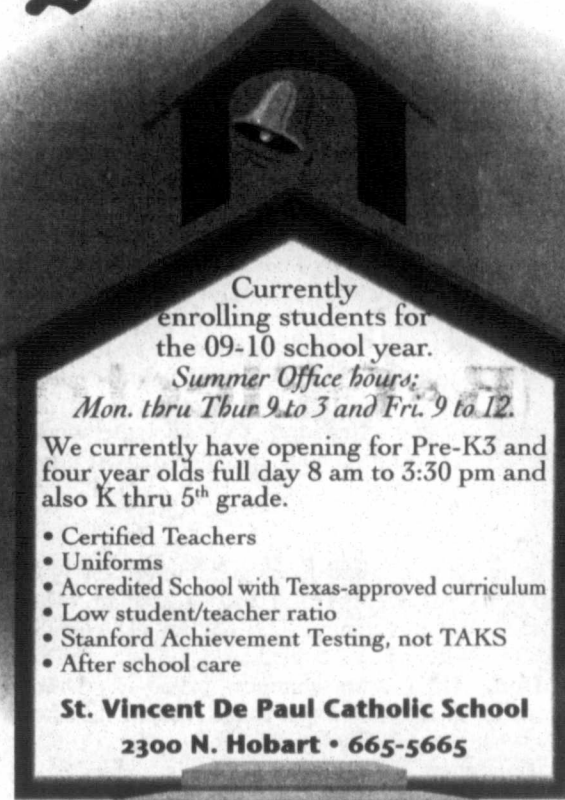
At the end of June, TexPool, the state investment fund, was earning 0.32 percent.

Hahn said the Corporate Investment Account earns three to five times the TexPool rate.

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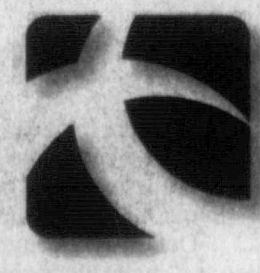
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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Friday, July 17, the 198th day of 2009. There are 167 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1429 - With Saint Joan of Arc standing by, Charles VII is crowned king of France in Reims, a day after the English-held town surrenders.

1453 - The French defeat the English at the battle of Castillon, ending the Hundred Years' War, with Calais the only English possession on the continent.

1603 - Sir Walter Raleigh is arrested for suspected complicity in plot to dethrone England's King James I.

1762 - Peter III, Czar of Russia, is assassinated a week after he abdicates the throne. His wife, Catherine II, who suspected Peter was going to divorce her, conspires to overthrow him and becomes Empress of Russia.

1918 - Communists kill last Russian czar, Nicholas II, and his family following the October Revolution in the Siberian city of Yekaterinburg.

1936 - Spanish Civil War starts as General Francisco Franco leads army forces in revolt against the government.

1945 - U.S. President Harry S. Truman, British Prime Minister

Clement Atlee, and Soviet leader Josef Stalin meet at Potsdam, Germany, to settle the post World War II future of Europe, in a conference that lasts until Aug. 2.

1955 - Disneyland, the first Disney amusement park, opens its gates in Anaheim, California.

1965 - U.S. B-52 bombers from Guam make their first strikes in Vietnam in support of Allied ground operations.

1968 - The Baath Party, including Saddam Hussein, overthrows the Iraqi government.

1973 - Afghanistan is proclaimed republic following palace coup that ends 40-year rule of King Mohammad Zaher Shah.

1975 - U.S. astronauts and Soviet cosmonauts in Apollo and Soyuz spacecraft link up while in orbit and join hands.

1990 - German Chancellor Helmut Kohl says all major obstacles to united Germany have been swept away and announces elections for a united German parliament.

1991 - Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and U.S. President George H.W. Bush announce a treaty to make historic cuts in nuclear weapons.

2008 — Pope Benedict XVI says the world's natural resources are being squandered in the pursuit of "insatiable consumption."

Today's Birthdays:

Isaac Watts, English churchman (1674-1748); David Lloyd George, English statesman (1863-1945); James Cagney, U.S. actor (1899-1986); Phyllis Diller, U.S. comedian (1917--); Diahann Carroll, U.S. actress/singer (1935--); Donald Sutherland, actor (1935--); Lucie Arnaz U.S. actress (1951--); David Hasselhoff, U.S. actor (1952--); Mark Burnett, TV producer (1960--).



## Unlocking justice for juveniles

By Marc A. Levin, Esq.

The state of juvenile justice in Texas proves there is nothing like a crisis to spur action. In 2007, the abuses at the Texas Youth Commission (TYC) dominated the headlines, as legislators and the public were appalled by the sexual mistreatment of youths in state custody.

Even with abuses no longer being in the news, the momentum for change led the 2009 Texas Legislature to enact additional reforms, which lay the groundwork for a radically different and improved juvenile justice system.

This year, lawmakers built on the solid foundation of Senate Bill 103, passed two years ago. That landmark legislation redirected misdemeanants from TYC into community programs and reduced the maximum age at TYC from 21 to 19. It also cracked down on abuses by mandating the installation of video cameras at TYC facilities, reducing the ratio of youth to staff, and creating both an inspector general and ombudsman to investigate and document misconduct.

Legislators also contin-

ued the transition towards keeping more youths in the community. Lawmakers were motivated in part by the high cost of TYC, as each youth in TYC costs taxpayers \$99,000 a year.

TYC's funding was cut from \$314.9 million in 2008-09 to \$210 million for 2010-2011, while community-based alternatives to TYC received an additional \$60 million. The result is \$44.9 million in net savings to taxpayers.

Part of these savings come from closing unnecessary TYC facilities, such as the West Texas and Victory Field units to be shuttered by 2011. West Texas was one of the facilities with the most abuses. More importantly, both of these lockups are located far from the urban areas from which most youth come.

Not only does this shifting of resources save money, research has indicated that all but the highest-risk youth are less likely to recidivate if they are kept in the community. More than 55 percent of offenders leaving TYC are rearrested within one year. In contrast, an Ohio study found youth redirected to

community programs have only a 22 percent recidivism rate.

The downsizing of TYC is truly historic. There were 4,800 youth at TYC in 2006. That declined to 3,448 in 2007, and 2,054 in April 2009.

Now, the challenge is for local juvenile probation departments to best utilize the new resources they have received to bolster their programs. One new tool they will have to aid them is a statewide risk assessment instrument being developed by the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission. It will enable youth to be better matched with the treatment approach that is most likely to be successful based on their risk level and offense history.

Youth who would have otherwise been locked up at large, remote TYC facilities could be placed at group homes similar to those in Missouri. The three-year recidivism rate for Missouri group homes is only 7.2 percent. Moreover, their annual cost is \$42,022 per bed, less than half that of TYC.

Private providers of juvenile services can create

group homes, but they face substantial barriers. Most Texas cities have zoning laws that preclude this use of property and state law allows the city council or commissioners court to block any correctional or rehabilitation facility.

Steps can be taken to increase the likelihood of placing group homes. First, local officials and the public can be educated as to their safety. Although the group homes in Missouri have no razor wire or fences, there have been no attempts to escape. Additionally, state lawmakers could require each city or county to designate an area where such homes can be placed without a variance from local zoning laws.

After years of following the wrong path, Texas' juvenile justice system is on the right track to become a national model rather than a source of embarrassment.

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## Minister's Musings

### No special privileges with Jesus

Ever known anyone who expected a little extra consideration or some special privilege because they were your friend or relative? And what happened when you didn't come through with that special consideration for them? It was a mess wasn't it?

I remember some time back sitting in a meeting with a couple from our church who were not only very upset with me because I wouldn't allow them to do what they wanted to do, but they believed that if they had been members longer at Hi-Land Christian I would have granted their request. Things reached a head when he said, "I'll bet if our last name was \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ then you'd be handling this differently." In a flash I responded, "You're wrong. You see my wife and my daughter agree with you and I would tell both of them the same thing I just told you and your wife. You don't know me very well if you think that I would bend the rules based on the closeness of a relationship. The rules are the rules."

In Mt 20:20-28 and Mk 10:35-45 Jesus had 2 of his closest friends hit Him up for a special privilege because of their relationship. The guilty culprits were James and John and they even roped their mom into their foolishness. Of course, some commentators believe that it may have all been their mom's idea anyway. Whichever was the case Jesus found Himself in a predicament. So how did He respond?

First, He told them that they didn't have a clue what they were asking for. They assumed that closeness to Jesus was going to be a life of glory and blessing. They hadn't been listening very well. Jesus had already tried on many occasions to tell them that His future was one of death and persecution.

Second, Jesus challenged them. In modern Panhandle talk He said something like, "So both of you think that you are man enough to walk a mile in my shoes?" James and John both naively affirmed, "Yes, we can."

Third, Jesus nailed them by saying something like, "OK, then I will see to it that you indeed walk a mile in my shoes. But as for what you think you are asking for, that is up to Father God."

I wonder how James and John felt when the conversation ended? Didn't quite go like they planned, huh? Don't you imagine they were disappointed? And what about their mom? I'll bet you she was more than disappointed; I'll bet you she was ticked. How dare Jesus not do this little thing for her boys.

Jesus just never did fit the mold that folks made for Him to fit. He didn't fit the expectations of His enemies, or of His family, or of His friends, or of His disciples. And He not only disappointed everyone's foolish expectations, but He usually rebuked them for daring to build a box and expecting Him to fit it.

So what's the point for us today? I'm glad you asked. Jesus doesn't fit the molds that we have built for Him either. So whatever box we have built for Him to fit in, we better destroy it. And we better quit thinking about special privileges for our faithfulness. Remember that every one of the apostles ended up broke and most of them died for their faith. They were the perfect illustration that the "prosperity gospel" is a bunch of bologna. We better faithfully serve Jesus because He is our Lord, not because He will bless our socks off.

God bless. Mike Sublett, Hi-Land Christian Church

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# Big Game Banquet honors landowners, hunters

San Antonio— Fifteen hunters and landowners were honored on June 27 as part of the Statewide Texas Big Game Awards Banquet, held in conjunction with Wildlife 2009, Texas Wildlife Association's 24th Annual Convention. The event recognized the contributions that landowners and responsible hunters make to managing and conserving wildlife and wildlife habitat on Texas' private lands.

Eight hunters or landowners were also awarded the coveted Texas Big Game Awards (TBGA) Texas Slam Award, an award that recognizes hunters and landowners who produced or harvested all three TBGA qualifying species (mule deer, whitetail, and pronghorn antelope) that have met the minimum scoring requirements within the region.

"These hunters and ranches are well deserving of this honor. All entries recognized at the 2008-2009 Texas Big Game Awards were selected from over 1,500 entries, and almost 1,000 scored entries were submitted," explained Texas Wildlife Association Vice President of Hunting Heritage David Brimager. "Because of our 18 year partnership with the Texas Wildlife Association (TWA) and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), the Texas Big Game Awards continues to be the leader in recognizing the important role ethical hunting and habitat management play in the lives of our young people."

Joseph Jones of Pattison and Joshua Cross of Alpine were also recognized as the recipients of the Carter's County TBGA College Scholarship. Jones and Cross each received a \$3,000 college scholarship for the next school year.

The afternoon also included a display of the top 15 big game animals taken this past season, a keynote address by Speaker of the Texas House Joe Straus and recognition of the all-time top hall of fame awards; the top three TBGA state ranked entries, in each category (typical and non-typical white-tailed deer, typical and non-typical mule deer, and pronghorn antelope).

## Texas Slam Award Recipients:

- Keith R. Eason-Ranches/Countries hunter harvested game: Oldham County; McBride Ranch of Burnet County; Double U Cattle Co of Hudspeth County

- Milton Harrell-Ranches/Countries hunter harvested game: Burton's Hunting Service of Brewster and Kimble Counties

- Rick Meritt-Ranches/Countries hunter harvested game: McGuire Ranch of Gaines County; Buxton Ranch of Bosque County; Hudspeth County

- Justin Trail-Ranches/Countries hunter harvested game: Gaines, Bosque and Hudspeth County

- Robert Williams, Jr.-Ranches/Countries hunter harvested game: Sierra Blanca Ranch of Hudspeth County; RW Trophy Ranch of Hunt County

- Robert Williams Sr.-Ranches/Countries hunter harvested game: Sierra Blanca Ranch of Hudspeth

County; RW Trophy Ranch of Hunt County

- Donald Starks-Ranches/Countries hunter harvested game: Hudspeth County, and Duncan Ranch of Lampasas County

- Carson Sims-Ranches/Countries hunter harvested game: Hudspeth and Atascosa County

## Top State Recipients, Category and Rank:

**Non-Typical Mule Deer:**  
 Danny Young in Gaines County (Best in Texas); Jason Stine in Gaines County (Second Best in Texas); James M. Moore and Wade Smith Farm in Gaines County (Third Best in Texas)

## Typical Mule Deer:

Gary H. Shores in Oldham County (Best in Texas); Michael C. Smith and Roberts Ranch in Brewster County (Second Best in Texas); John Edwards in Bailey County (Third Best in Texas)

## Pronghorn Antelope:

Tina Y. Buford in Hudspeth County (Best in Texas); Robert M. Anderson and Double U Cattle Co. in Hudspeth County (Second Best in Texas); Tamara Trail in Hudspeth County (Third Best in Texas)

## Non-Typical Whitetail:

Mike Murski and Flint Creek Ranch in Bosque County (Best in Texas); William Shackelford and Lost Creek Ranch in Frio County (Second Best in Texas); Christopher Dwyer and RSP Ranch in Bosque County (Third Best in Texas)

## Typical Whitetail:

Terry Hall and King Ranch in Kleberg County (Best in Texas); Bart Umphrey and Sand Mountain Ranch in Zavala County (Second Best in Texas); Steve Wright and W-5 Ranch in Kimble County (Third Best in Texas)

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Statewide Texas Big Game Award attendees enjoy a display of the top 15 big game animals from the 2008-2009 season

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# NASA refurbishes video copies of moon landing

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the help of Hollywood, those historic, grainy images of the first men on the moon never looked better. NASA unveiled refurbished video Thursday of the July 20, 1969, moonwalk restored by the same company that sharpened up the movie "Casablanca."

NASA lost its original moon landing videotapes and after a three-year search, officials have concluded they were probably erased. That original live video was ghostlike and grainy.

NASA and a Hollywood film restoration company took television video copies of what Apollo 11 beamed to Earth 40 years ago and made the pictures look sharper.

NASA emphasized the video isn't "new" — just better quality.

"There's nothing being created; there's nothing being manufactured," said NASA senior engineer Dick Nafzger, who's in charge of the project.

But some details seem new because of their sharpness. Originally, Armstrong's face visor was too fuzzy to be seen clearly. The refurbished video shows his visor and a reflection in it.

The \$230,000 refurbishing effort is only three weeks into a months-long project, and only 40 percent of the work has been done. But it does show improvements in four snippets: Armstrong walking down the ladder, which includes the face visor image; Buzz Aldrin walking down the ladder; the two astronauts reading a plaque they left on the moon; the planting of the flag on the moon.

The original videos beamed to earth were stored on giant reels of

tapes that each contained 15 minutes of video, along with 13 other channels of live data from the moon. In the 1970s and 1980s, NASA had a shortage of the tapes and erased about 200,000 of those tapes and reused them. That's apparently what happened to the famous moon landing footage.

Nafzger praised the restored work for its crispness. The restoration company, Lowry Digital of Burbank, Calif., also refurbished "Star Wars" and James Bond films, along with "Casablanca."

The company noted that the latter film had a pixel count 10 times higher than the moon video, meaning the moon footage was fuzzier than that vintage movie and more of a challenge in one sense.

But the moon video also was three continuous hours, not chopped up like movies are, which made some of the work easier, said Lowry president Mike Inchalik.

Of all the video the company has dealt with, he said, "This is by far and away the lowest quality."

The restoration used four video sources: CBS News originals; kinescopes from the National Archives; a video from Australia that received the transmission of the original moon video; and camera shots looking at a TV monitor.

Both Nafzger and Inchalik said they went to extremes to enhance the video as conservatively as possible.

# Hill named head of SPS

Amarillo - Riley Hill has been named chief operating officer for the Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) subsidiary of Xcell Energy. Hill will be responsible for all operations of the utility's Texas and eastern New Mexico operations.

Most recently, Hill was the regional vice president of Customer and Community Relations at Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCO), an Xcel Energy company. He previously served

as the vice president of Construction, Operations and Maintenance at PSCO, where his primary functions included the construction, operations and maintenance of the electric and natural gas distribution infrastructure and the natural gas transmission system in Colorado. He joined Xcel Energy in 2004 as the director of Denver Metro West after serving 24 years at Westar Energy in Kansas.



# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have recently started seeing a wonderful man who is divorced. It doesn't bother me. I know we all make mistakes. My friends are telling me I need to find out why his marriage ended, because it might signal potential problems to watch out for. I understand their logic.

The problem is, I don't want to appear nosy and, of course, I would be hearing only one side of the story. So should I ask him or not -- and if so, when and how? -- INQUIRING MINDS NEED TO KNOW

DEAR ABBY: I see no harm in asking now. The perfect time to have done it was when he told you he was divorced. You don't have to be heavy-handed about it. Treat him to -- or cook him -- a nice dinner and afterward say, "So tell me how come a gorgeous, intelligent man like you is divorced. Your ex must have been out of her mind to let you go." Then shut up and listen.

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter's landlady -- I'll call her Martha -- has become very close to our family. Martha and her husband are included in most of our

family's social events. My problem is Martha is allergic to garlic and cannot eat anything cooked with it.

Abby, we are Italian. We grew up eating garlic and cook just about everything with it. My husband and I are locking horns over the fact that I feel it's an imposition to be expected to accommodate one person by omitting a key ingredient in a dish. When you're cooking for a lot of people who are accustomed to the way certain foods are prepared, I feel it is inconsiderate for someone to expect me to leave an ingredient out. What do you think? -- MAMA "MIA" IN N.Y.

DEAR MAMA "MIA": I think you should prepare a garlic-free extra dish for Martha -- something not too difficult to make, like a salad -- or invite Martha over less often.

DEAR ABBY: How does a person find direction? Career counselors have told me that I need "direction," but they never tell me how to go about getting it.

I'm in my late 20s with two degrees and no specific job skills. I have had a few crummy jobs.

I'm not afraid of hard work, but I don't know what sort of job I should be seeking.

I spent 10 years trying the touchy-feely "just follow your dreams" approach. Well, my dreams are to be financially independent and have a meaningful personal and intellectual life!

Is there another approach? How do I find a job that fits me? Perfect would be great, but at this point, I'm just shooting for good enough. -- UNDIRECTED IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR ABBY: The career counselors you consulted should have given you enough direction that it stimulated your thinking about ways to apply the knowledge you have worked so hard to earn. With their help you should have been able to identify some area of the profession you prepared for that would enable you to be financially independent. Because that didn't happen, I recommend you look further for career counseling because it appears the ones you consulted did a poor job.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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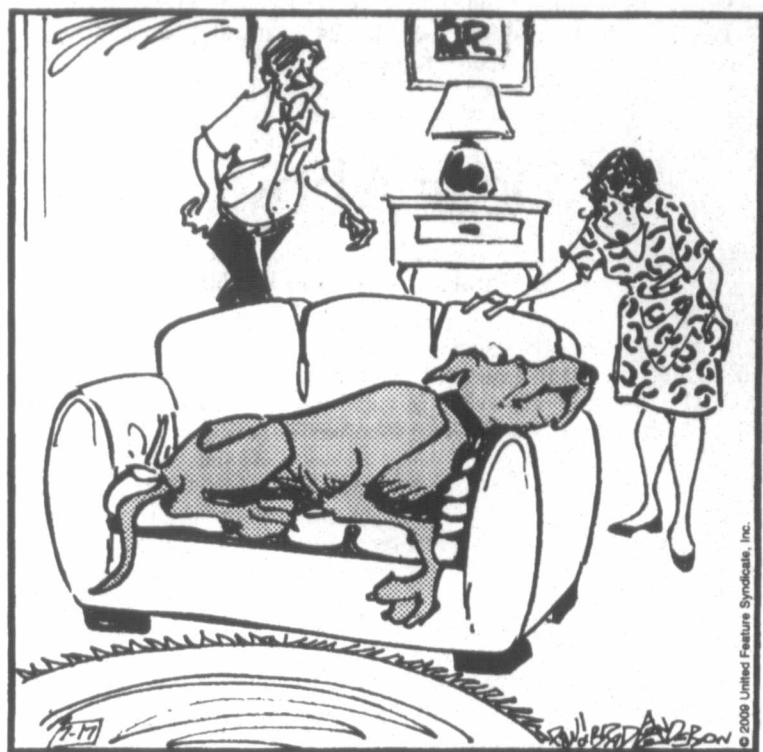
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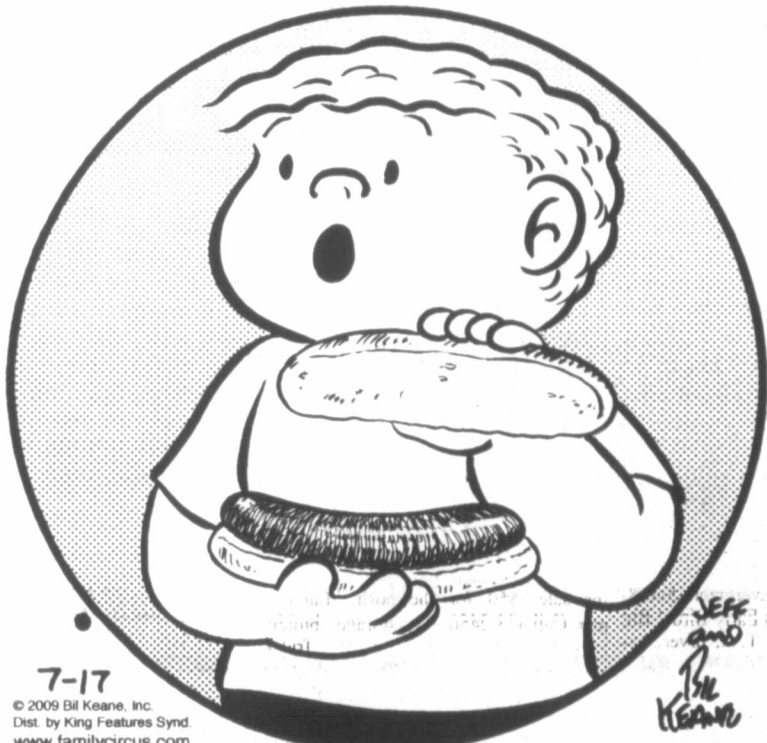
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"My yelling at him seems to have put him to sleep."

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

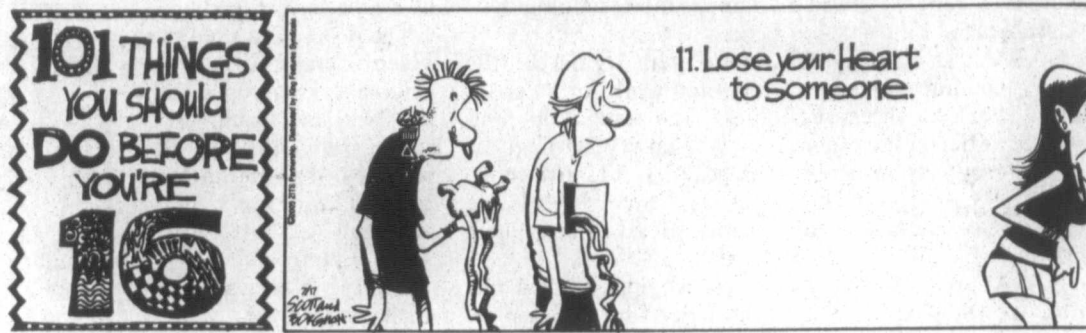


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"Mommy, you left my hot dog blank."

## For Better Or Worse



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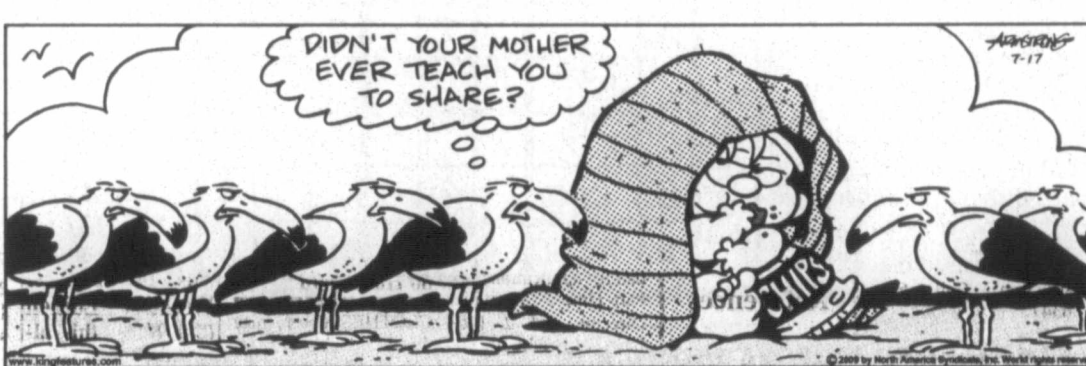
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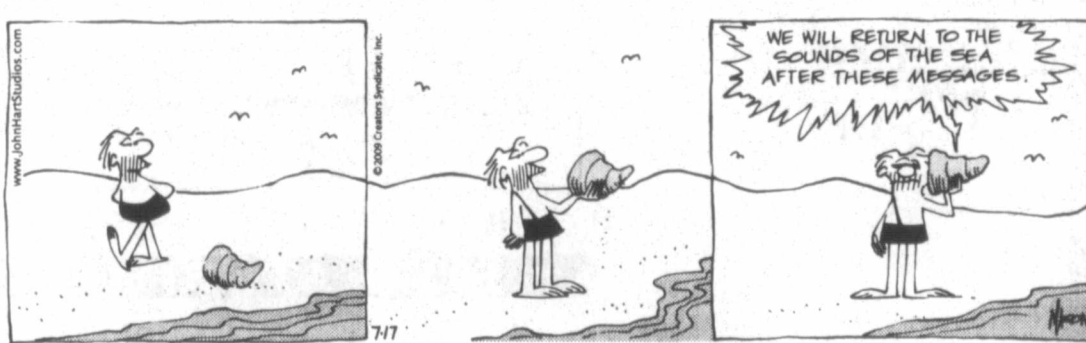
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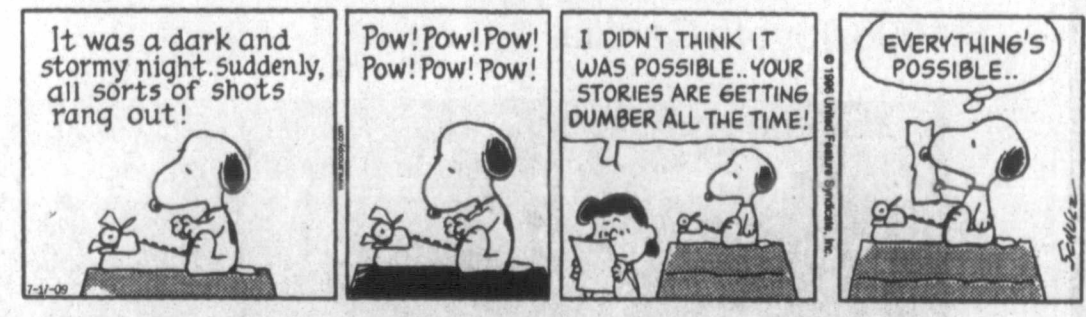
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## Daily Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 44 Hag
  - 1 "Beat it!"
  - 6 Monkey-like mammal
  - 11 Broadway's Rivera
  - 12 "Three Sisters" sister
  - 13 Sprinted
  - 14 Prepares to travel
  - 15 Cigar remnant
  - 16 Zeppelin
  - 18 Casserole bit
  - 19 West of film
  - 20 One or more bungalows
  - 21 Identified
  - 25 Supply voices for
  - 27 Singer Shannon
  - 28 Tight-fisted
  - 30 Wide-eyed
  - 33 Cry of insight
  - 34 Tear
  - 36 Is for two
  - 37 Without charge
  - 39 Hr. part
  - 40 Peter of "M"
  - 41 Yellow hue
  - 43 Thai or Korean
- DOWN**
- 1 Predicament
  - 2 Beer after a shot
  - 3 Dumb-dore's first portrayer
  - 4 Had lunch
  - 5 Sir's counterpart
  - 6 Understand without hearing
  - 7 Periods
  - 8 Dumb-dore's second portrayer
  - 9 Mean
  - 10 Harsh
  - 17 Writer Fleming
  - 22 Be litigious
  - 24 — culpa
  - 26 Lifeless tracts
  - 28 Pick
  - 29 Diner treat
  - 31 Set right
  - 32 Movie categories
  - 33 One of the black keys
  - 35 Brandy flavor
  - 38 College house
  - 42 X-ray's cousin

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# Cash for Clunkers — Is it real?

The CARS Act (Consumer Assistance to Recycle and Save Act) of 2009 establishes a new program under which the government will provide \$3,500 or \$4,500 to help consumers purchase or lease a new, more fuel efficient vehicle from a participating dealer when they trade in an old, less fuel efficient vehicle. As the owner of the vehicle you may receive credit for trading in your vehicle as long as it meets certain criteria under the program.

The federal government will, among other things:

- Register dealers to participate in the program;
- Reimburse dealers who participate in the program;
- Require that dealers use the credit as an addition

to, instead of as a substitute for, other rebates and discounts advertised by the dealer or offered by the manufacturer;

Require that dealers disclose to the person trading in an eligible vehicle the best estimate of the scrap-value of such vehicle;

Require dealers to dispose cars in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency requirements;

Enforce penalties for violations of the program.

While transactions under the CARS Act made on and after July 1 are potentially eligible for credits under the CARS program, interested dealers and consumers may want to wait until all of the detailed issues that must be addressed in the implementing regulations are resolved and the final rule is issued.

Issuance will occur around July 23. At that point, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will have in place detailed provisions about establishing eligibility and a system to ensure the prompt payment of money for credits used

under the CARS program. "Although you may be hearing advertising about this program, the final decision and program details have not been finalized," said Janna Kiehl, CEO of the BBB. "Use this time to collect your paperwork, shop around and become informed so that you will be more prepared when and if you're ready to trade your vehicle."

The CARS Act establishes four criteria for eligible trade-in vehicles:

The trade-in vehicle must be in drivable condition;

The trade-in vehicle must have been continuously insured, in accordance with State law, and registered in the same owner's name for the one-year period immediately prior to the trade in;

The trade-in vehicle must have been manufactured not earlier than 25 years before the date of trade in and, in the case of a category 3 vehicle, must also have been manufactured not later than model year 2001;

Passenger automobiles, category 1 trucks and category 2 trucks must have

a combined fuel economy value of 18 miles per gallon or less. (Truck categories explained below).

Vehicles that do not meet all four criteria are not eligible to be traded in under the CARS program. "You don't need a voucher; however the dealership will be required to fill out some paperwork regarding your trade-in," said Kiehl. Keep in mind, the CARS Act specifically prohibits dealers from charging a fee for purchasing or leasing a vehicle under the program.

The CARS Act applies to the purchase of new vehicles. Thus, the purchase of used vehicles does not qualify under the program. The new vehicle must have a manufacturer's suggested retail price of not more than \$45,000. The new vehicle must also achieve minimum combined fuel economy levels.

For passenger automobiles, the combined fuel economy value must be at least 22 miles per gallon.

For category 1 trucks, sport utility vehicles (SUVs), small and medium

pickup trucks and small and medium passenger and cargo vans) the combined fuel economy value must be at least 18 miles per gallon.

For category 2 trucks, (large vans or large pickup trucks, based on the length of the wheelbase - more than 115 inches for pickup trucks and more than 124 inches for vans), the combined fuel economy value must be at least 15 miles per gallon. (Note: some pickup trucks and cargo vans exceeding these thresholds are treated as category 3 trucks instead of category 2 trucks)

Category 3 trucks have no minimum fuel economy requirement; however, there are special requirements that apply to the purchase of category 3 vehicles. A category 3 truck is a work truck and is rated between 8,500 and

10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight. This category includes very large pickup trucks and very large cargo vans.

The value of the credit is based upon the difference between the combined fuel economy of the vehicle that is traded in and that of the new vehicle. If the new vehicle has a combined fuel economy that is at least 4, but less than 10, miles per gallon higher than the traded-in vehicle, the credit is \$3,500. If the new vehicle has a combined fuel economy value that is at least 10 miles per gallon higher than the traded-in vehicle, the credit is \$4,500.

The program will end on November 1, 2009, or when the appropriated funds are exhausted, whichever occurs first.

Additional information may be viewed at [www.cars.gov](http://www.cars.gov).

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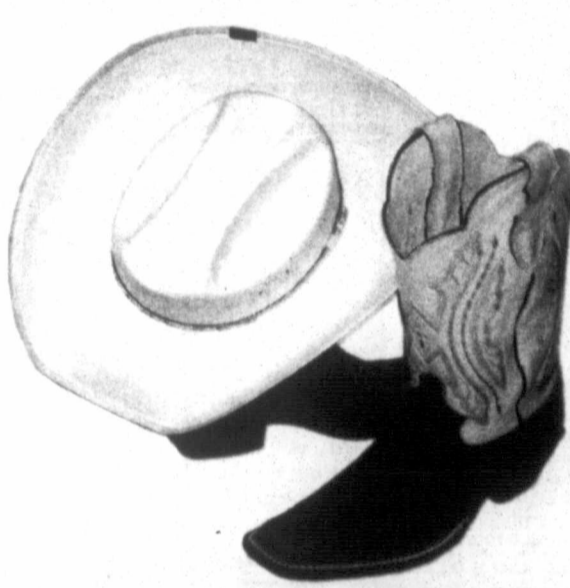
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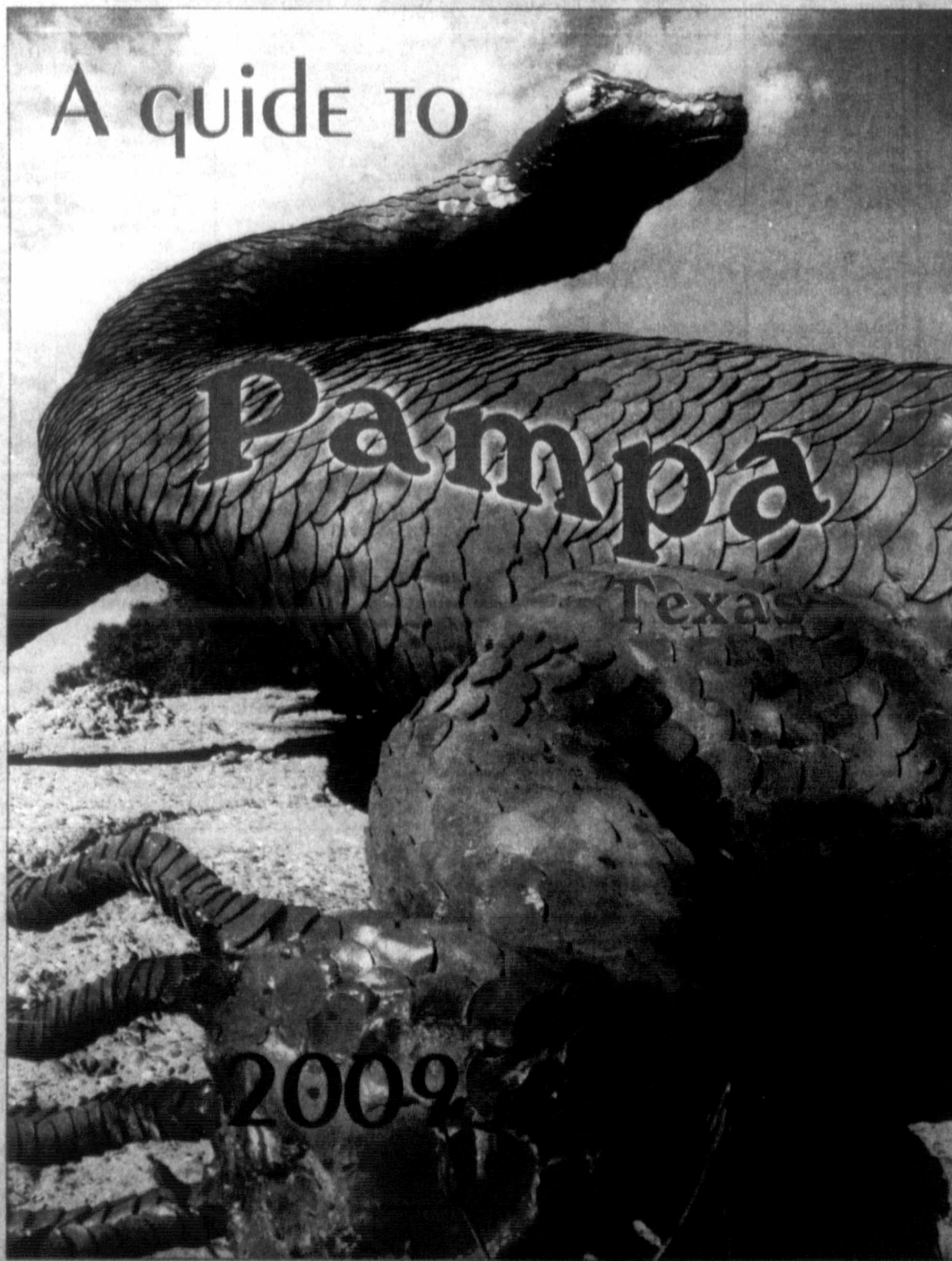
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