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Skinner's appeal denied by state court

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The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has dealt another blow to a Pampa man sitting on death row.

Judge P.J. Kelley delivered the court's opinion in denying Henry "Hank" Watkins Skinner's appeal

of the conviction and death sentence the 1993 deaths of Twila Busby and her sons, Randy Busby and Elwin "Scooter" Caler.

Skinner had requested that more DNA evidence be tested, but Judge Kelley said that both state and federal courts had reasons for

not requesting additional items.

Some items had been tested and, at Skinner's request, more was tested after his conviction by a Fort Worth jury.

Then District Attorney John Mann said at the time that he had no problem

having the tests done.

Now, Skinner wants more items tested, but the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals said no this week when they issued their opinion on the latest request.

Skinner, according to testimony during the

trial, which was moved to Fort Worth on a change of venue, had passed out on the couch of the small Pampa house he shared with Twila Busby and her two sons.

About midnight that New Year's Eve, Elwin Caler

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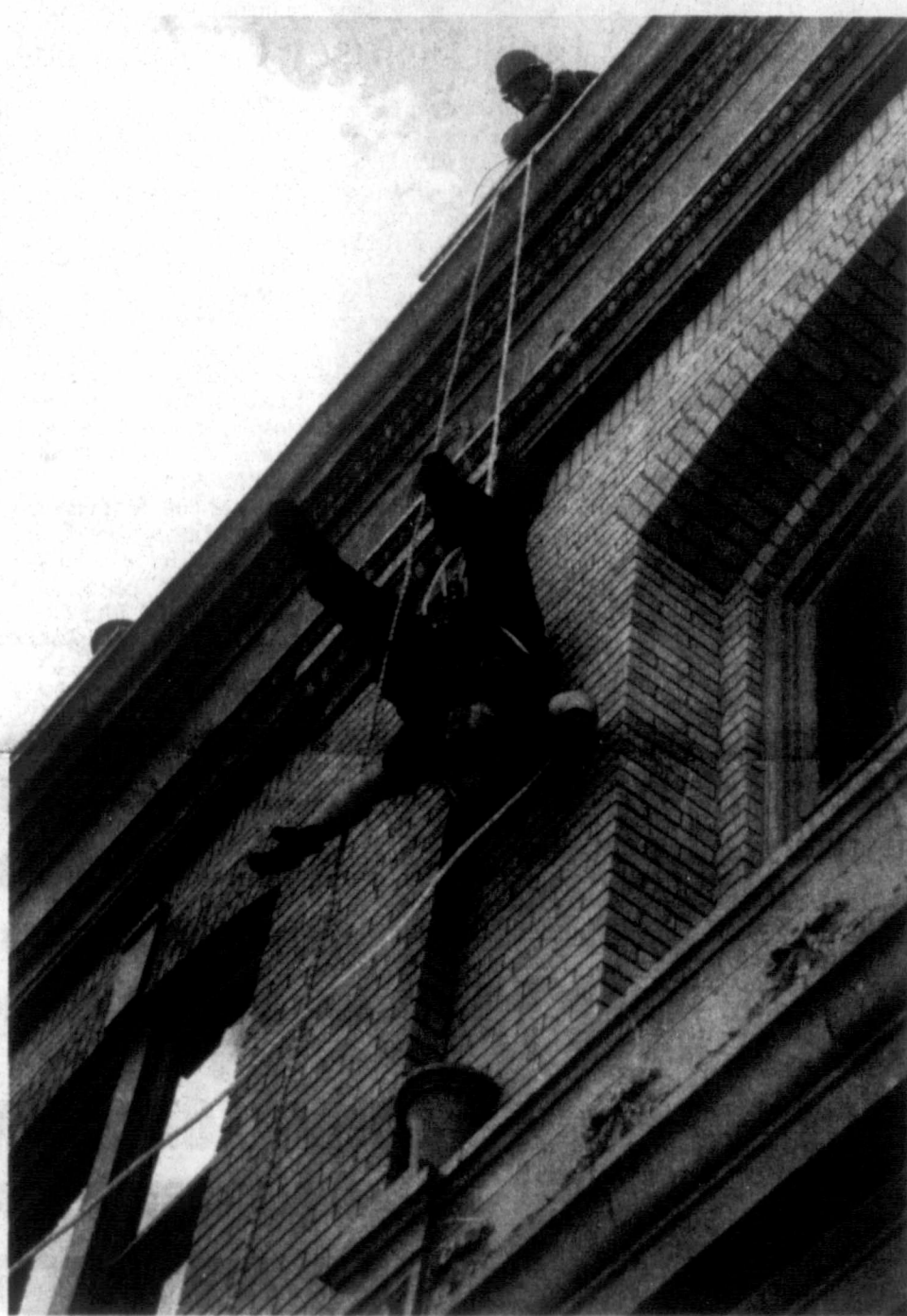
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During training at city hall September 23, 2009. Firefighter JW Lane flips upside down in a maneuver called "inverting" that firefighters perform to rescue a person from inside a building. Several firefighters participated in the training exercise Wednesday.

Health Fair Saturday

BY DAVID BOWSER
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Pampa's Wal-Mart is having a Health Fair Saturday.

Letha Anderson with Wal-Mart said it will be from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The Pampa Fire Department will have their trucks at the store, she said. Weather permitting, the LifeStar helicopter will also be at the store.

The Pampa Police Department will hold a bicycle rodeo in the parking lot, Anderson said.

Tots in Training will also be at the store as will Accolade Health Care.

Anderson said First Convenience Bank will have their money machine at the store.

WIC, the Lovett Library and Ford Chiropractic will be at the health fair.

High Plains Cruisers car club will have their members' cars on display in the parking lot, Anderson said.

Balloons by Lyn will be at the store as will Gray Cares, a volunteer group that serves the shut in community.

"She does animated characters in balloons," Anderson said.

The store's optometrist, Dr. Erin Taylor, will be at the fair giving eye exams.

Anderson said they will have four drawings during the day for meals at The Plaza and Verona, a free haircut at Smart Style and a free eye exam by Dr. Taylor.

Change sought for state prepaid tuition refunds

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Some legislators are urging Texas Comptroller Susan Combs to abandon a plan to cut refunds to those who invested in a state prepaid college tuition program.

But comptroller spokesman R.J. DeSilva said the board has no plans to change its May decision.

With the rise in college tuition and other factors, the panel took the step to keep the fund solvent.

"The reason behind the rule change has not changed," DeSilva told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

After Oct. 30, people who paid into the Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan will receive only the money they put into the plan if they request a refund. They will not get any earnings, no matter how long their money had been invested.

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Teacher, mentor "Miss Jeanne" Willingham retires

The curtains have closed on Jeanne Willingham's 61 year run as director of Beaux Arts Dance Studio in Pampa.

During those years, "Miss Jeannie" has taught, mentored, and positively influenced countless students. Many of those went on to perform with various dance companies and in notable dance roles. Her annual recitals and "Nutcracker" productions were community traditions.

This past February, Jeanne was awarded Citizen of the Year by the Pampa Chamber of Commerce. In May she was awarded a Golden Nail Award in Amarillo for Distinguished Volunteer. These awards seem an appropriate finale and fitting tribute to this gem who has given so much of



Jeanne Willingham, shown here accepting the 2008 Citizen of the Year award, has retired from teaching dance after 61 years.

herself to our community.

"I guess it's about time," Willingham said today.

She plans to stay in Pampa to enjoy her much deserved retirement.

"I'm not sure what I'll do," she says.

Willingham said she has a lot of paperwork to catch up on, and she plans to sort out a lot of the items that have been stored in her garage.

Born in California, Willingham's family moved to Fort Worth when she was a child.

She went to college in Denton where she met a young man from Pampa.

They married and moved to the panhandle.

Willingham began teaching ballet and dance here more than 60 years ago.

The marriage didn't last, but her passion for dance did.

It is with some regret, she admitted, that she's saying good-bye to the dance studio although she'll likely stay involved with the arts.

Willingham said she still enjoys staying up with her former students.

"I've seen a bunch of them," she said.

She says she's never lost her love of dance and the arts.

To show appreciation for Willingham's years of dedication, the Pampa Civic Ballet board will host a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, October 11, at the AmericInn Event Center in Pampa. Friends, fans and former students are cordially invited.

Beaux Arts Dance Studio will continue to offer classes under the direction of Deanna (Parsley) McGill.

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Friday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 75. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. South wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 82. West wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 58. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 87. West southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53. South southwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming northeast. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

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Obituaries

Leta Carruth Jeffers, 73

Pampa— Leta Carruth Jeffers, 73, died peacefully in her home in the early morning hours of the first day of autumn—September 22, 2009, surrounded by her loving husband and family.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, September 25, 2009, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Pastor Paul Nachtigall of Highland Baptist Church, and Paul Carruth, Leta's son, officiating.

Burial will be held in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Jeffers was born July 18, 1936 in Ralston, Oklahoma, to Wayman and Vera Staus. At the age of 16, she married John Lloyd Carruth on December 21, 1952 and

they made their home on the family farm east of Pampa. A few years later, they moved into Pampa where they raised four children together, moving away for a time to Houston and Liberal, Kansas, and returning to Pampa in the mid 1970's. John preceded her in death in February of 1993. Leta was blessed with a second marriage and the loving companionship of Warren "Gene" Jeffers on December 21, 1997. She was a homemaker and a member of Highland Baptist Church. Leta loved God, spending time with her family, her church, sewing, crafts and music, playing games of all kinds with kids, grandkids and adults, fishing, and laughter. She was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers: Billy Ray

Staus and Jim Staus.

Survivors include her husband of 12 years, Warren "Gene" Jeffers of the home; a daughter: Judy Praytor and husband Robert of Newalla, Oklahoma; three sons, David Carruth and wife Dee of Louisville, Kentucky, Paul Carruth and wife Marquetta of Pampa, and Mike Carruth of Casper, Wyoming; two stepsons, Bob Jeffers and wife Phyllis of Pampa, and Joe Jeffers and wife Terri of Tulsa, Oklahoma; a stepdaughter: Leigh Ann Crain and husband Mike of Pampa; 14 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Linda Bogert of Gillette, Wyoming, and Dorothy Edmondson and husband Tony of San Antonio; numerous nieces and neph-



Jeffers

ews; countless friends; and a precious church family.

Leta requested that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Highland Baptist Church Building Fund, 1301 N. Banks, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whitley.com

Marie Houser Cloud, 90

Pampa— Marie Houser Cloud, 90, September 23, 2009, in Pampa, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Cloud was born April 17, 1919 in Herrington, Kansas, to Fred and Selma Houser. At an early age, she moved to Lipscomb County and graduated from Lipscomb High School. She married Homer Cloud on December 7, 1941 in Higgins. He preceded her in death in 1969. Marie operated the Eagle Café in Higgins for many years before moving to Pampa in

1958. She later worked as food service supervisor for Highland General Hospital and Coronado Hospital for 15 years, retiring in 1983. She attended Trinity Fellowship Church.

Survivors include five sons, Dennis Carmen and wife Nancy of Georgetown, Guy Cloud and wife Charlotte of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Steve Cloud and wife Cathy, Bob Cloud and wife Wanda, and Alan Cloud and wife Cel, all of Pampa; a daughter-in-law, Renell Cloud of Pampa; one sister, Dorothy Sawyer

of Wichita, Kansas; 23 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. Marie was preceded in death by a son: Kenny Cloud in 2005; and by 3 brothers and 3 sisters.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to McLean Home Health Agency and BSA Hospice for their loving care of Mrs. Cloud.

MEMORIALS: BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79065, or McLean Home Health Agency, P.O. Box 47, McLean, Texas 79057.



Cloud

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Winning Lotto Texas numbers

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)— Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-13-15-33-35-47.

Number matching six of six: 0.

Number matching five of six: 37. Prize: \$1,992.

Number matching four of six: 1,951. Prize: \$56.

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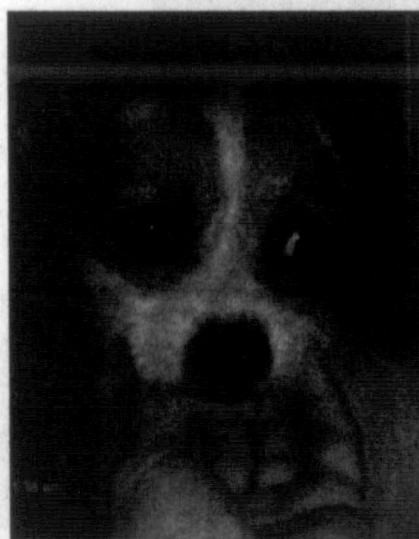
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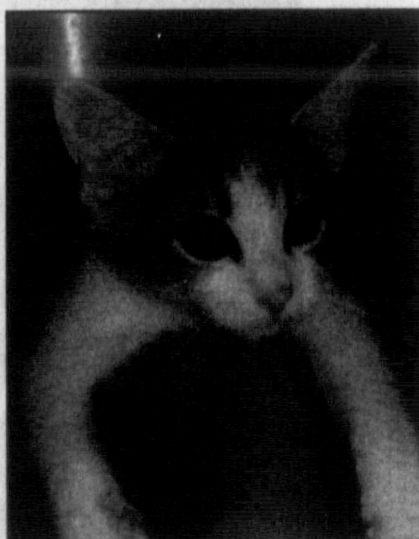
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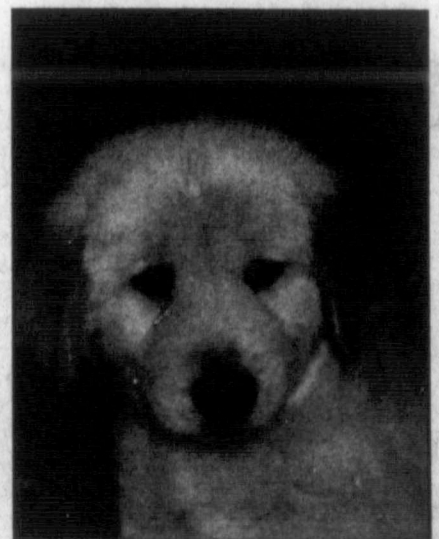
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Perry's wealth fueled by land deals, investments

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry never had much money growing up, and he has spent most of his adult life in public office, drawing a part-time salary as a legislator and relatively modest earnings in statewide office for the last quarter century.

But thanks to his investments and a series of private land deals, some that took advantage of his political connections, Perry has squeaked over the millionaire line, records examined by The Associated Press show.

Perry's Democratic opponents have suggested in the past that Perry traded on his power and influence to turn a buck. Now that he is in a tough primary for a third full term, Perry's Republican opponent, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, is raising the same accusations.

"Rick Perry should do an infomercial on how to become a millionaire as a professional politician," said Hutchison campaign manager Terry Sullivan. "From abusing his power over appoint-

ments to getting sweetheart real estate deals from supporters, he's a regular get-rich-quick icon."

Perry aides say the governor has benefited from nothing more than strong business acumen and good timing. He has also lost some dough along the way, most notably last year, when a trust fund he owns took a huge hit during the Wall Street meltdown.

Perry's biggest real estate pay day came in 2007, when he sold two-thirds of an acre of lakefront property he had acquired in 2001 from his friend Troy Fraser, a Republican state senator who owns a nearby tract in Horseshoe Bay in central Texas. Perry sold the property in March 2007 for \$1.14 million — for a profit of \$823,766, tax records show.

That helped produce the highest annual income Perry and his wife Anita have ever reported — about \$1.1 million in adjusted gross income, according to their 2007 tax return.

ALTRUSA CLUB NEWS

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL, INC. OF PAMPA, TEXAS met September 22, 2009 at Pampa Senior Center. Guests attending were: Becky Holmes, Mary Potter and Gerry Caylor.

Julia Sparkman and Sheila Winton served as greeters.

The Accent was given by Ann Thrasher on the Altrusa Key.

Brenda Tucker conducted new member initiation for Julie Lorenz, Patricia Muniz, Jennifer Malone, Sheila Winton, and Kay West.

The program was presented by Cynthia Hawkins on Organization. Hawkins distributed handouts and gave various methods for uncluttering and arranging homes and offices.

Gerry Caylor made an

announcement for Pampa Community Concert Association and encouraged members to join.

Eileen Kludt reported on final plans for the Style Show to be held October 3, 10:30 a.m. at M.K. Brown Heritage Room. Members were encouraged to sell tickets and distribute flyers.

Members were reminded of the family outing to be held September 26 at the Sparkman ranch at Alanreed.

The following announcements were made:

Gal Event September 29 at the home of Kerrick Horton, 2434 Evergreen.

Travis School reading will begin October 13 at 10:00 a.m.

Make a Difference Day is October 24. Plans are being made to assemble a

flag display for elementary schools.

Tralee Pantry Drive will be held October 31. Members were encouraged to volunteer for this project.

The next meeting will be held October 13 at noon at the First United Methodist Church.

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Grandview-Hopkins Elementary holds open house

Grandview-Hopkins Elementary, located in rural southwest Gray County, held its annual "Open House" on Thursday, September 10, 2009. The event was attended by parents, grandparents and friends of the student enrolled for the 2009-2010 school year.

Grandview-Hopkins superintendent Bryan Hanna said that he was thrilled with the turnout for the evening. He stated that ninety-four percent of the children were represented at this event indicating that these students have a strong support group at home.

The families had the opportunity to visit classrooms, tour the school facilities and visit with the teachers. Mr. Hanna said that many of the visitors were pleased to see that the "Older/Original" part of the building was being used for instruction. This part of the building houses classrooms for Music, Art and Academic Intervention. The Library facilities are

also located in this part of the facility.

The "Open House" also gave the school the opportunity to showcase the instructional technology located in each classroom. Each of the teachers utilizes a variety of instructional strategies to motivate and educate the children. These strategies include traditional classroom activities, hands on/interactive computer experiences and lessons presented via Smart Board technology.

Mr. Hanna said that he is excited about the new school year and the opportunity to work with the quality staff that is employed by the district. He reported that Grandview-Hopkins Elementary School was rated as an "Exemplary" campus for the 2008-09 school year with 100 percent of its students achieving mastery in all subject areas. The teachers and staff are dedicated to maintaining the "Exemplary" status for the 2009-2010 school year.

Refunds

Fees will be deducted from their refund.

State Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, sent a letter Tuesday to Combs, who leads the board that oversees the tuition plan, telling Combs she strongly objects to the decision by the Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board. Last week, 43 Democratic state representatives signed a letter to Combs that calls on the board to "immediately reconsider its action."

"I think we're setting a bad precedent," said state Rep. Marc Veasey, D-Fort Worth, who signed the letter. "We need residents of the state to have full faith in what we're doing down in Austin, particularly in these tough economic times."

Veasey said Democrats plan to file legislation to prevent such rule changes in prepaid tuition plans, but the Legislature will not reconvene until 2011.

State residents could

invest in the fund from 1996 to 2003. Through lump sums or installment plans, people were allowed to lock in tuition and required fees at about what they paid when enrolling in the program.

The state guaranteed full payment — no matter how much tuition increased. In 2003, though, the Legislature deregulated tuition at public colleges and then-Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn halted enrollments.

According to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, tuition and fees rose well past the rate of inflation, increasing 53 percent between fall 2003 and fall 2007. That combined with the economic downturn led to a shortfall that will reach \$1.7 billion to \$2.1 billion by 2030, DeSilva said.

DeSilva said the state has more than 100,000 active contracts.

Skinner

showed up at a neighbor's house with stab wounds. He later died of those wounds and police found his mother beaten to death and his brother stabbed to death in the house they shared with Skinner.

Skinner was arrested later that morning and charged with the murders.

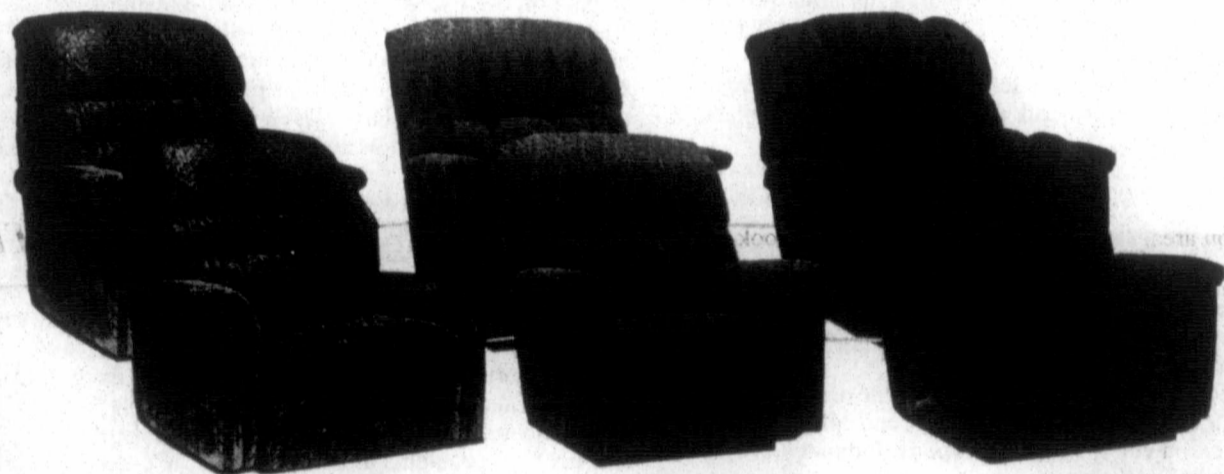
He was convicted of

capital murder and sentenced to death. The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals subsequently affirmed his conviction and sentence, but Mann allowed another DNA test of evidence that had not been previously tested. That testing, however, did not clear Skinner.

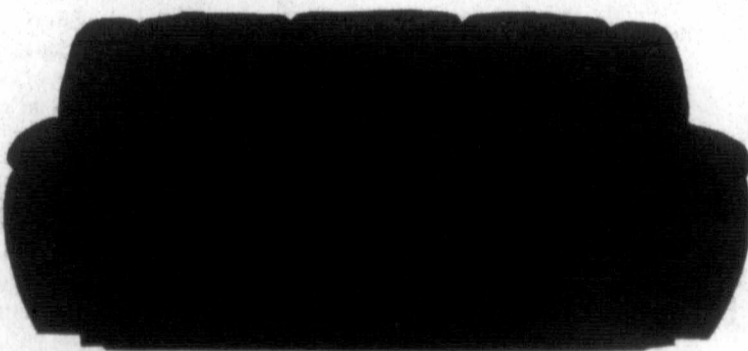
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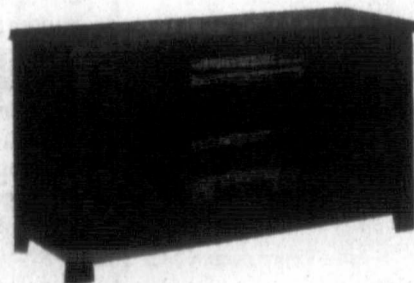


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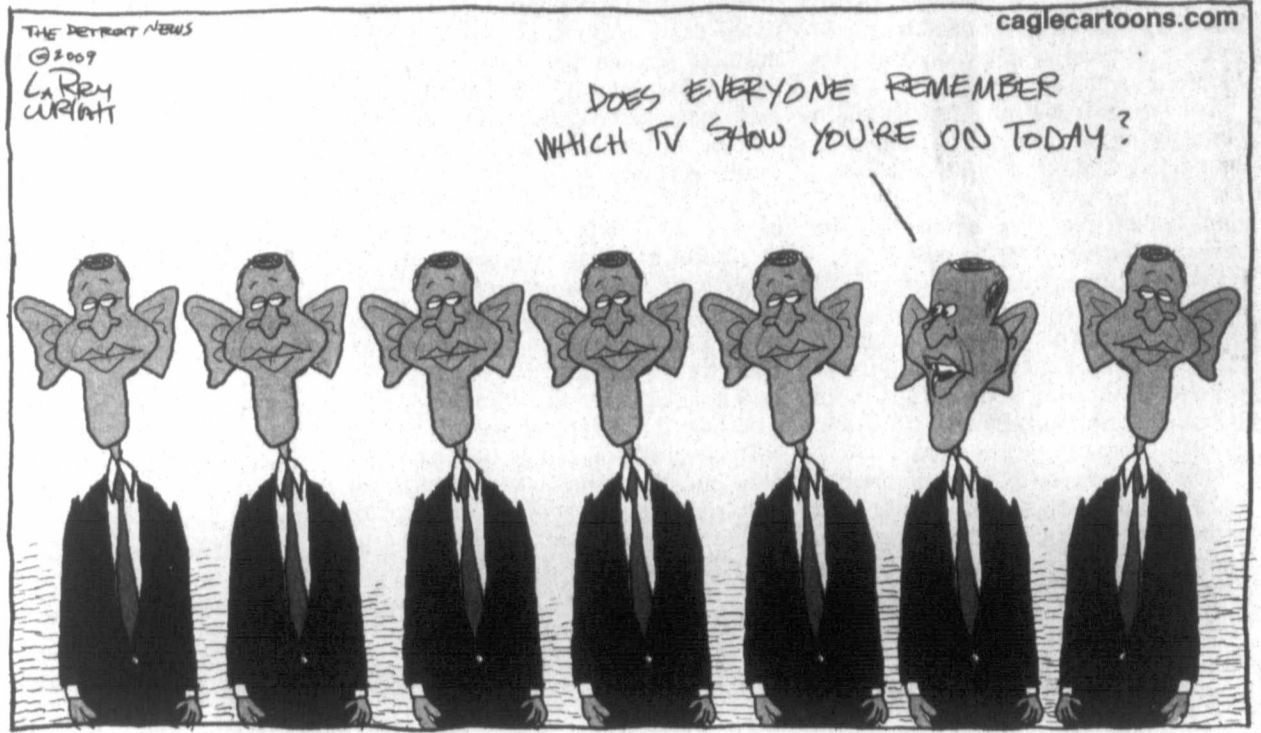
Today is Thursday, September 24, the 267th day of 2009. There are 98 days left in the year.
 Highlights in history on this date:
 1568 - Spanish capture English ships at San Juan, Puerto Rico, from Sir John Hawkins' fleet.
 1688 - France's King Louis XIV declares war against Holy Roman Empire, called the War of the League of Augsburg.
 1789 - U.S. Congress passes the First Judiciary Act, which provides for an Attorney General and a Supreme Court.
 1852 - French inventor Henri Giffard makes the first flight in a powered airship, cruising with steam power over Paris.
 1932 - The Poona Pact between Hindu religious leaders, forced by Mahatma Gandhi's hunger strike, gives new electoral rights to "untouchables" in India.
 1943 - Soviet army crosses Dnieper River north of Kiev as Germans retreat in World War II.

'Fear cannot be without hope nor hope without fear.'

— Baruch Spinoza, Dutch philosopher

1966 - Mob ransacks and burns Portuguese embassy in Leopoldville in the Congo.
 1969 - The Chicago Seven trial begins. Five of the defendants are convicted of crossing state lines to incite riots at the 1968 Democratic national convention. The convictions are later overturned.
 1976 - Newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst is sentenced to seven years in prison for her part in a 1974 bank robbery with members of a militant group who had earlier kidnapped her. She is granted clemency by U.S. President Jimmy Carter and released after 22 months.
 1990 - Iraq declares the Kuwaiti dinar invalid and withdraws it from circulation; Soviet lawmakers endorse plan calling for market economy; East Germany formally withdraws from Warsaw Pact.
 1991 - Iraq provokes international outrage over its resistance to efforts to dismantle its arms program when Iraqi troops detain a team of United Nations weapons inspectors in Baghdad.
 1993 - Nelson Mandela asks the world community to lift economic and diplomatic sanctions against South Africa.
 1994 - A report prepared by the CIA reveals confessed spy Aldrich H. Ames exposed 55 clandestine U.S. and allied operations to the Soviet Union and Russia.
 1995 - After all-night talks, Israel and the PLO agree to sign a pact at the White House ending nearly three decades of Israeli occupation of West Bank cities.
 1996 - The United States and the world's major nuclear powers sign a treaty to end all testing and development of nuclear weapons. India objects.

Today's Birthdays:
 Albrecht von Wallenstein, Bohemian soldier (1583-1634); Horace Walpole, British writer (1717-1797); F. Scott Fitzgerald, U.S. writer (1896-1940); Sir William Dobell, Australian artist (1899-1970); Jim Henson, U.S. puppeteer (1936-1990); Jim McKay, U.S. sportscaster (1921-2008); Anthony Newley, British actor-singer (1931-1999).



The Border: Texas steps up where Washington falls down

BY GOV. RICK PERRY

During a time when Washington seems more determined than ever to inject itself into the day-to-day lives of everyone in the country, border security is one area — a legitimate federal responsibility — where the federal government has demonstrated a decided lack of urgency.

For Texans, border security is not, and never has been, a mere rhetorical exercise. It has a direct and tangible impact on the lives of everyone who lives in the Lone Star State, as well as grave homeland security implications, which is why — over the past several years — we have given up waiting for Washington and done it ourselves.

In 2005, Texas vastly expanded our border operations, increasing the number of law enforcement officers on patrol along the border — the "boots on the ground" that are so vital to success. We focused first on local authorities, giving the people who best understood their specific needs the resources and support to address their problems directly.

Beyond that, we deployed state-of-the-art helicopters, enhanced integral radio communications between the various levels of law enforcement, and expanded the sharing of information and the use of new technologies.

In 2007, lawmakers authorized my request for \$110 million to expand our efforts further, increasing our patrol capacity to detect, disrupt and deter organized smuggling activity. A key part of the plan was providing critical funding to pay local law enforcement officers overtime to help U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel conduct random inspections, helping intercept stolen vehicles, bulk cash and weapons flowing into Mexico.

The results were striking, as crime fell as much as 65 percent in the unincorporated areas of Texas counties bordering Mexico.

However, the process of securing a border is an ongoing effort, and a welcome drop in crime is no sign we can relax.

The profits from smuggling drugs and humans are enormous, and the Mexican organized crime cartels are

too adaptable and too persistent.

Also, as battles wage between cartels in Mexico, the potential of spillover violence needs to be addressed. For example, Juarez has set a most unwelcome record, with more than 1,700 people murdered there so far this year.

In our own major cities, members of transnational gangs like MS-13, Barrio Azteca, Hermanos de Pistolerías Latinos, Tango Blast and the Mexican Mafia conduct criminal operations on our streets, along the way recruiting new members from our communities and schools into lifestyles of violence and death.

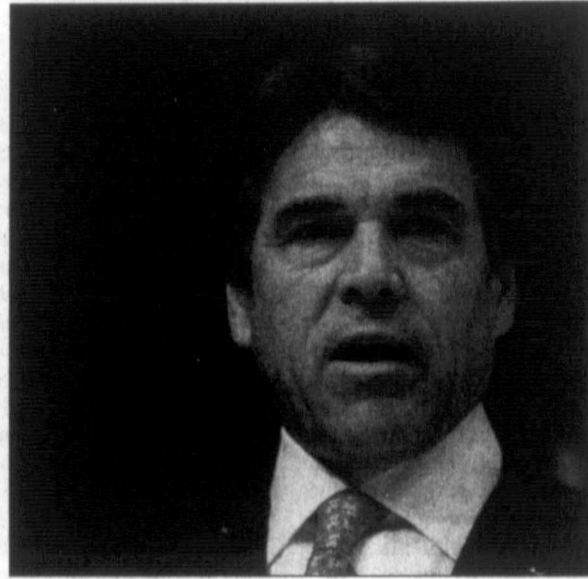
Compounding this are the countless lives devastated by drug violence, the drugs themselves, and related criminal activities such as human trafficking and child prostitution.

Thankfully, this year, the Texas Legislature allocated \$113 million to maintain and expand our border security efforts, affirming our commitment to working with local law enforcement and the U.S. Border Patrol to protect Texans.

This month, I announced the formation of Ranger Recon Teams, consisting of members of the Texas Rangers supported by Texas National Guard Counterdrug forces, in coordination with our Texas sheriffs and DPS Highway Patrol strike teams. These teams will be deployed to "hot spots" in remote areas along the border, where well-armed smugglers seek to avoid detection.

These teams are nimble, lean and tapped into the best information our intelligence sources can provide. They will redeploy as needed to consistently stay one step ahead of the bad guys, utilizing advanced technology and unified intelligence.

I also recently announced a com-



Gov. Rick Perry

mitment to continue a promising high-tech solution to increasing the patrol presence along the border through the Virtual Border Watch program, operated by the Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition. This program enables concerned Texans and others around the world to utilize technology to add their own energy to our efforts. I'm proud of the people who have participated and the deterrent effect they have provided. In meeting the challenge of border security, all effort is necessary.

More, of course, must be done. In the absence of adequate federal resources along the border, I've asked the Obama administration for an additional 1,000 National Guard troops under our control and six helicopters equipped with Forward Looking Infrared Radar to support our border operations. Under federal law, this authorization requires an order from the president, which I requested in January and have since continued to urge approval.

To date, I've received no official word from Washington.

Of all the issues in the national spotlight and all the funding being thrown around in D.C., border security is one area where Washington needs to make its presence known, and fast.



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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am responding to "Alone But Happy in Canada" (July 12), who feels guilty because she feels relieved following the death of her husband from a long, difficult illness.

Everyone grieves differently, but I don't think grieving a loved one's loss BEFORE his or her death is uncommon. I've known several people who watched loved ones wither away into helpless, needy and miserable individuals. I can't think of one who didn't feel the same as "Alone But Happy."

I have begun referring to it as "grieve-as-you-go guilt." A person grieves through the decline and eventual demise of a beloved mate, and when she fails to feel sadness, she substitutes guilt where she believes her grief should be. But actually she has been grieving all along, and needs to acknowledge that fact. Only then will she be able to enjoy not only her clean house, but her clear conscience as well. -- AZY IN WASHINGTON

DEAR AZY: You have keen insight. Other readers wrote wanting to offer reassurance to "Alone But Happy." Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Your answer to "Alone" was appreciated by all caregivers, I'm sure. Nobody knows,

unless they have walked that particular path, how difficult and lonely it is to watch a spouse disappear over a long time, losing the history you share together, making hard decisions alone, and rebuilding an identity not tied to the past. Every morning brings a new bout of grief from the moment of waking -- every day another day you don't want to face.

Keeping healthy and planning ahead for yourself, not as a caregiver but as a participant in the "real world," is the only way to maintain sanity sometimes. Though I love my husband dearly, I look forward to having a life again that is not centered on his disease. No one should be made to feel guilty for restarting life when he or she has given so much. -- DAY AT A TIME

DEAR ABBY: I also lost my husband of 35 years just a month ago. He endured several years of health problems and as his caregiver, I, too, felt a great sense of relief with his passing. I do not, however, feel guilty about it.

I realize that I have been grieving for several years already, as I knew this time would be coming. In many ways it is as if I am in the final stage of the process even though my husband's death has only just occurred. Our son put it best when he said

at my husband's bedside, "I lost my dad several years ago, but my father died tonight." He, too, understands that his grief began a long time ago. -- MOVING FORWARD

DEAR ABBY: Having to put another person's needs and wants before one's own can be very stressful. Not everyone is able to do that and stay pleasant and patient at all times. Fortunately, I found a local caregivers' support group. Our weekly meetings help us see that we are not alone in experiencing the trials and tribulations of family caregiving.

For those who are laboring to do their best for their sick or disabled loved ones, let me suggest they find a Senior Information and Assistance office in their area. Another resource is the National Family Caregivers Association (www.thefamilycaregiver.org; phone (800) 896-3650). These may be helpful in allowing caregivers mental and physical relief by connecting them with hourly in-home care services.

It is important that people experiencing this kind of stress get respite time to themselves, away from their care recipient, in order to be able to keep on helping them. -- ONE OF THE MANY

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

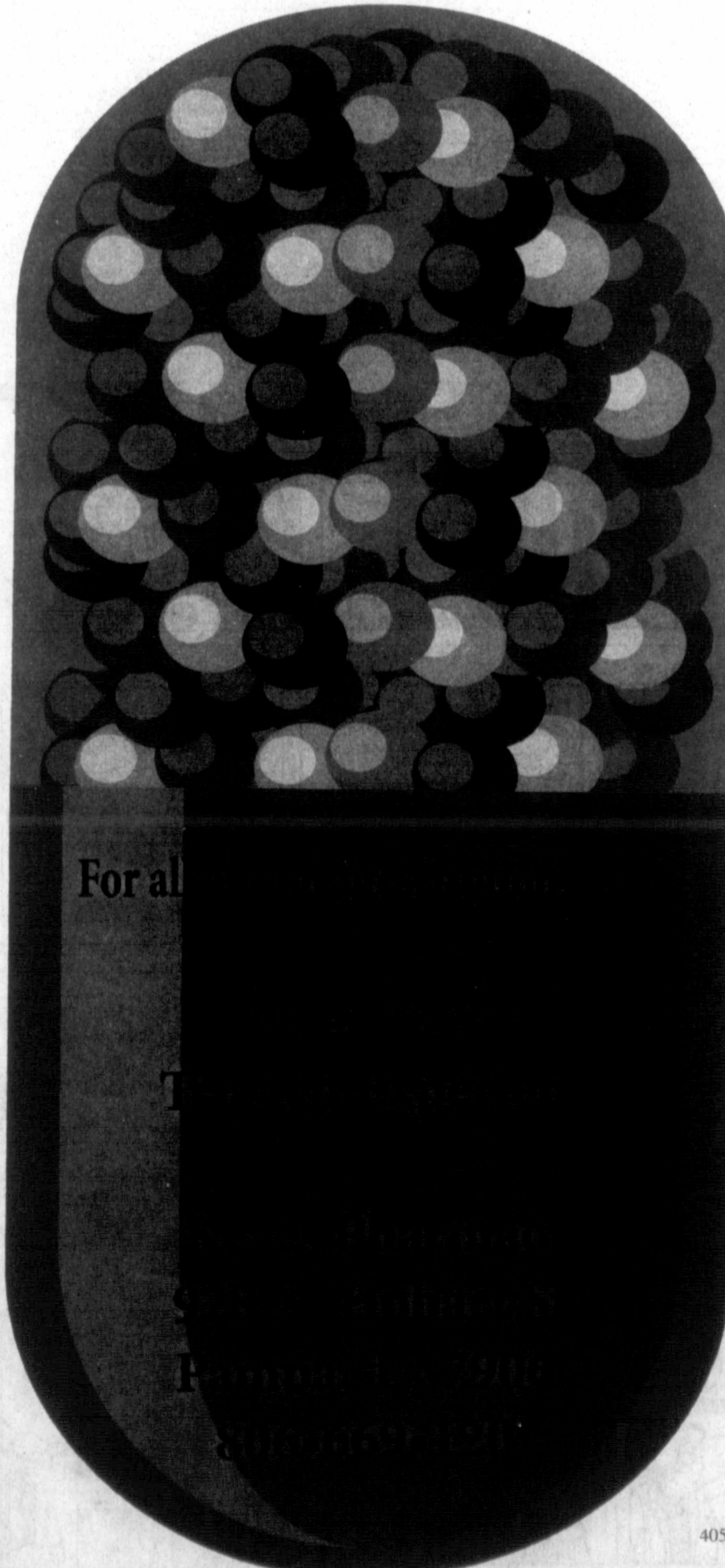
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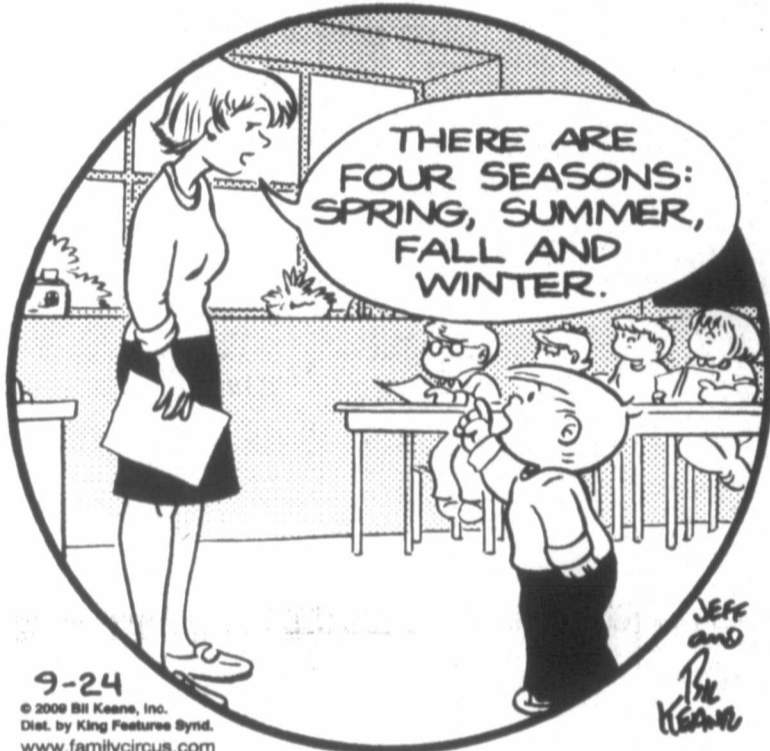
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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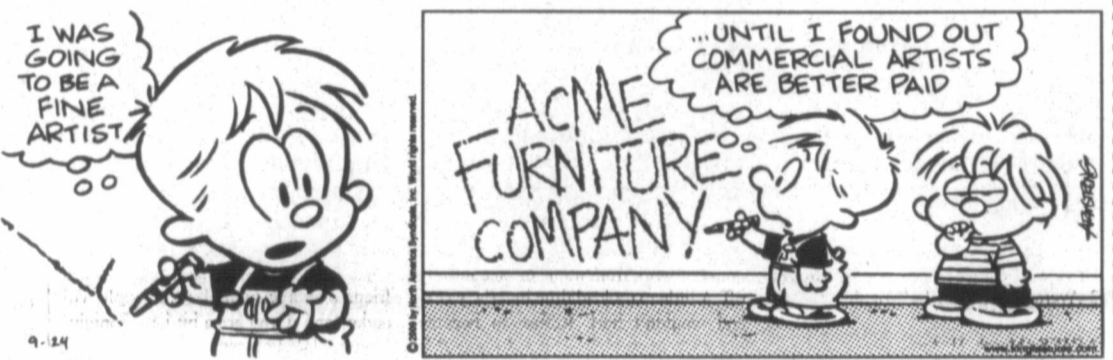
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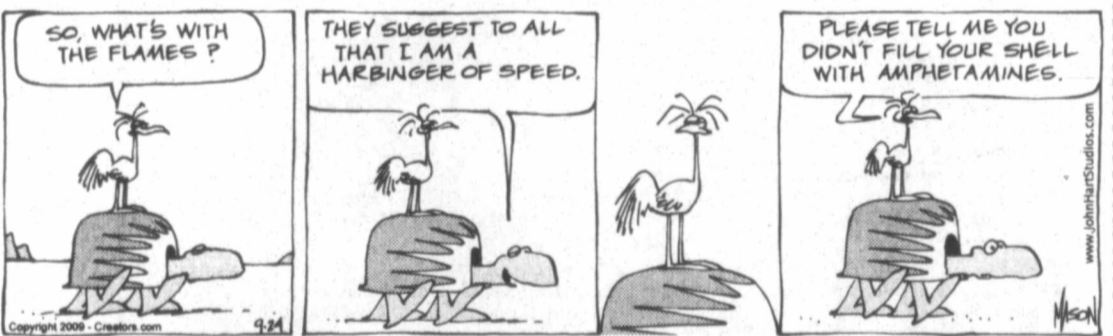
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Daily Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's answer

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of WILLIAM A. TOLAND, Deceased, were issued on September 21, 2009, in Docket No. 9658, pending in the County Court of Gray County, Texas, to LYNN FERRELL. The residence of the Independent Executor is in Gray County, Texas. The post office address

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DAILY HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Sept. 25, 2009:
You have a lot going on this year. You might not always be sure of what is happening. Listen to others carefully, and you will learn a lot more. The unexpected occurs in your daily life. If you flow and can buck trends, you will enjoy your year. If you are single, look around and discover the many potential suitors. Deciding which one you want to be with could be fun. Up till January 2010, you will meet more suitable people. If you are attached, you will want to anchor in with your significant other. 2010 holds more than your share of excitement. Your home life becomes a high priority. CAPRICORN can be difficult.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:
5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-Sad; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
**** Once more, you take in the big picture, which encourages detachment. You happily think, "Thank goodness it is Friday." You can actually justify leaving the office early. What is going to stop you? Tonight: A must appearance.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** Let others run the show while you start thinking about the weekend. An important interaction or talk might be necessary before you split mentally, if not actually. Think about where you would most like to be this evening, and make plans. Tonight: Take off.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** Others do run the show, and they might not be producing the results you want. Evaluate what is happening

with a family member or a domestic problem. The unexpected could toss today's plans out the window. Tonight: Hand over the reins of command.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** Emphasize what you want and know where you are going. If you feel overwhelmed, make it a point to delegate. People might be reacting to you, not the idea. Pull yourself out of the equation. Tonight: Join friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** You might be on top of your game and understand much more than you are ready to reveal. Evaluate what is going on within a special relationship before you decide to let go and head in another direction. Tonight: Make it easy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** If you can choose to hang close to home or work from home or take the day off: A little extra lead time into the weekend wouldn't hurt. Refuse to become negative, even if there is a disagreeable moment or two in the morning. Tonight: Let your hair down.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Communication excels, and suddenly you feel as if you cannot do it all. You are right — you cannot. Learning to say no is important to your well-being. In any case, you are overwhelmed by everything that is occurring. Tonight: You don't need to go far from home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** Finances play a role in your decisions. You'll come out A-OK if you say no to others' negativity. Pull away and listen to your own advice. You are not always an expert on everything. You know that, but you do have excellent

judgment. Trust it. Tonight: Hanging out with friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** Others could be erratic, encouraging you to do your thing. How you deal with someone could be quite different than suggested. The status quo gets turned upside down, whether you like it or not. Tonight: You could go overboard.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** Know when to pull back. Detach, even in the face of provocative words, people and/or situations. Know when to say enough, smile and move on. If you do, you might witness a collapse that you never thought possible. Tonight: Out and about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** Use the daylight hours to the max. A meeting could be off and somewhat difficult. Let go and relax with a friend over a leisurely lunch. People will understand if you are a bit late. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** You might want to take a stand and move a project forward. Do not even think that you won't get your share of flak. If you feel that you can handle this type of opposition, there is no reason why you cannot move ahead. Tonight: Let the weekend begin.

BORN TODAY
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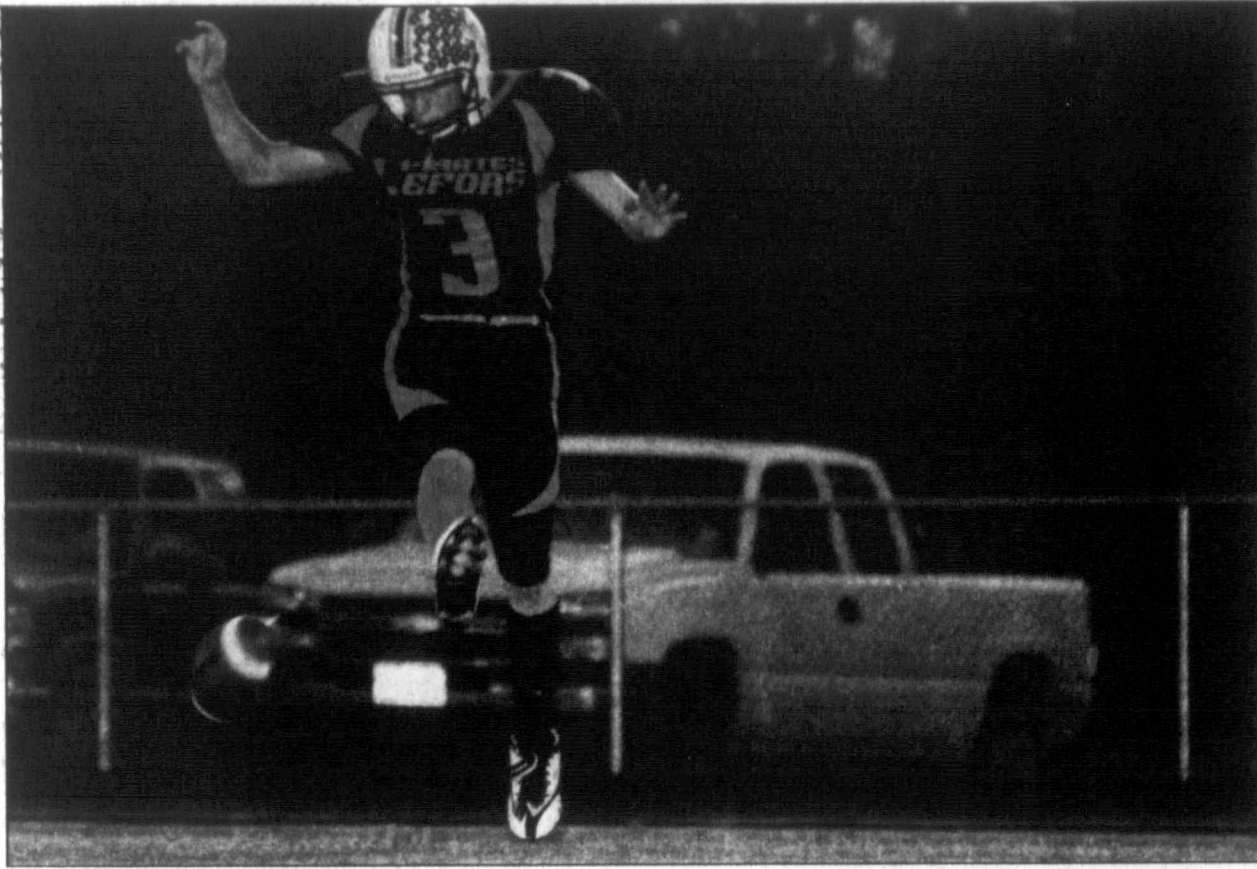
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Sports

Pirates, Tigers and football... Oh My!



Wakely Pairsh kicks the ball off in Lefors 61-22 victory over Holy Cross last week. The Pirates host the McLean Tigers Friday at Shaw Field. (Photo contributed by Lendi Jackson.)

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The Lefors Pirates have rolled to a 4-0 start, but their undefeated season will be challenged as the McLean Tigers (2-2) come to face them 7:30 p.m., Friday at Shaw Field.

Both Lefors Head Coach Joey Czubinski and McLean's Head Coach Blaze Herring said this game will be a challenge for them.

"Playing McLean every year is always a challenge, and the fact that they have had success against us over the years is a testament to their coach, Blaze Herring, for having them well prepared," Coach Ski said. "They are always big, physical strong, and quick. A tough challenge all the time."

"Lefors is playing very

good right now and have some good senior leadership with (Keenan) Lott and (Trevor Czubinski) Ski, they have a lot of experience under their belts so they know how to get it done."

Coach Ski said his team is not concerned about their record and are only focused on the game.

"The win, any win, against McLean is what we strive for," Coach Ski said. "If we are lucky to come out with the win this Friday, we'll take it, no questions asked."

Coach Herring said his team is figuring out what the coaching staff is wanting them to do.

"We have five new guys on offense and defense playing new positions from last year," Herring said. "So its been a process

learning this year but they are coming along."

Coach Ski said his team will look to contain McLean's running back Clay Crockett.

"He is very good, and we have worked on what we need to do to have some success against him," Coach Ski said. "You can't stop him all night, but maybe you can give your team a chance to win."

Herring said his team will try and stop Lott and Czubinski.

"Lott is a tremendous spread back," Herring said. "The Main thing is to halfway control him. We know he is good enough to make plays but if we can stop him a few times, maybe we can stay in the game. If not, it will be a long night. Plus Trevor Ski is a great playmaker

and Lott finds him a bunch downfield."

Herring said winning the time of possession battle will be key for his team.

"This will keep their high powered offense off the field," Herring said. "Coach Ski does a great job over there so his team will be prepared."

Coach Ski said the biggest challenge for his team is their health.

"We had four guys miss because of sickness one day, and we've had players miss this week because of family matters. So, add that to all the other problems we run into every week, and it looks like a tall order, but we love to play, and our game plan execution over theirs is the only way we leave here with a victory on Friday night."



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PJH football loses to Herd

The Pampa Junior High 8th grade football teams lose to Hereford, Tuesday at Harvester Field.

The B team lost 22-6. Coach Jim Gill said Blake Caldwell got Pampa's lone score with a 72-yard touchdown run. Gill was pleased with how Kyle Gant and John Cryer played defense.

The A team lost 22-0 to Hereford, but Gill was pleased with how his defense played.

Gill said Freddy Jackson had several good runs. Cager Osborne, Cesar Garcia, and Larry Ragan played well defensively.

The Pampa 7th grade B team lost 8-0. Coach Clint

Allen praised the play of his defense.

"Wade "Bring the Hammer" Reagan spent much of the night in the Whiteface backfield," Allen said.

On offense coach said the team was led by Eric Kuehne, Jacob Nelson and Cody Arbuckle.

The Pampa A team lost 20-0. Allen said they struggled to move the ball on offense but got a long completion from Jonathan Stevens to Bryce McClendon.

Pampa will face Borger on Tuesday. The 7th grade teams are home and 8th grade is on the road.

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