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## How long can Texas weather housing storm?

**COLLEGE STATION** — Decreased home sales, stalling prices and a rise in foreclosures suggest more rough waters for the nation's housing market. Texas, on the other hand, continues to weather the storm fairly well. But for how long?

"Prospects for the rest of the year are not encouraging for any type of major improvement for the country or for Texas," said Dr. Jim

Gaines, research economist with the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University. "But we should still continue to fare better than most of the rest of the country."

The state's February 2010 home sales data show that total sales declined about 3.3 percent from a year ago, but home prices increased. The average home price was up 4.1 percent, while the median price was

up 2.1 percent.

Gaines said Texas is not immune to the economic conditions that have affected the rest of the country, but by avoiding the mid-decade home price bubble, it has also avoided the end-of-decade home price collapse.

"We started the year with better expectations for housing, but the anticipated upswing in the housing market for the first half of the year

has failed to materialize," Gaines said.

He said experts predicted a pickup in activity with mortgage interest rates at 5 percent or less, prices at historically low levels, and with the expansion and extension of the tax credit.

"The expanded tax credit to repeat homeowners has not generated the

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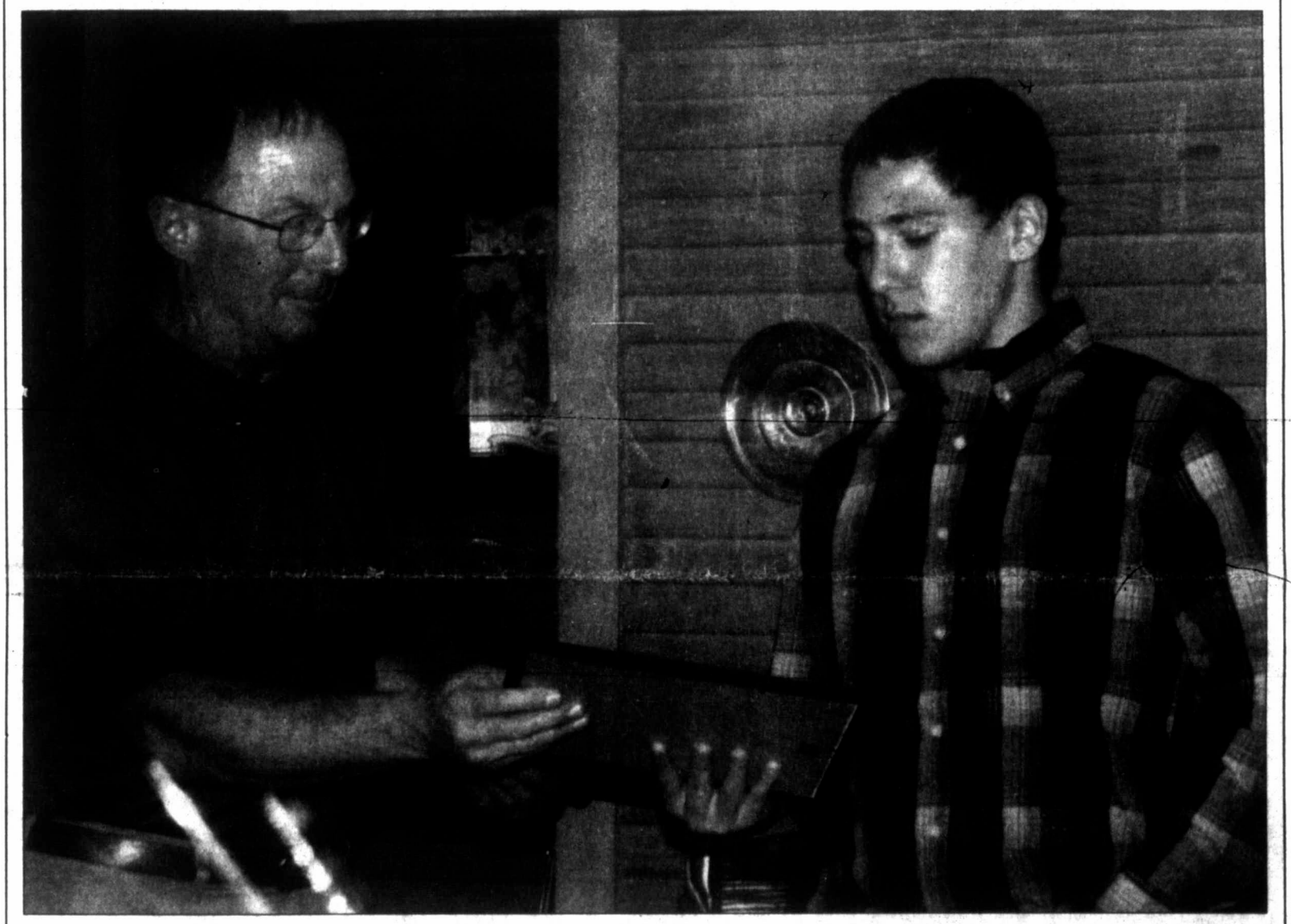
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## MERIT ON THE MAT



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**Pampa High School** wrestling coach Scott Lewis (left) presents an award to freshman Quaid Chennault for qualifying for the 2010 regionals at the annual PHS wrestling banquet Wednesday. The full story is on page 8.

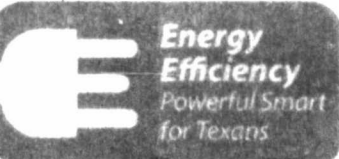
## Texas Trade Up Appliance Rebates begin Wednesday

**AUSTIN** — Reservations for the Texas Trade Up Appliance Rebate Program will officially begin at 7 a.m. Wednesday, allowing consumers to receive rebate forms for select ENERGY STAR appliances by visiting the online reservation system at [www.TexasPowerfulSmart.org](http://www.TexasPowerfulSmart.org) or calling (877) 780-3039.

Texans can use the rebates to buy energy efficient appliances in eight different appliance categories and replace the same type of old, functional appliance.

Both the online reservation system and the toll-free phone number will offer bilingual customer support in English and Spanish. Once all guaranteed rebates are reserved, consumers may continue to sign up on a waiting list for any guaranteed rebates that go unused; it is important to note that placement on the waitlist does not guarantee a rebate.

Shoppers are limited to



two appliance rebates per household. Consumers need to submit a separate reservation or waitlist request if they want to request rebates for two appliances. This will help ensure more Texans have a fair chance at requesting at least one rebate. Though up to two rebates are allowed, they must be for different appliance categories.

Consumers will need to provide their name, address and appliance category when making a reservation, and must be on the guaranteed rebate reservation list or the waitlist in order to print or receive the application forms necessary to mail in to claim rebates. Rebate applications

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## Nation's largest Latino museum seeks bailout

**SAN ANTONIO (AP)** — The nation's largest Latino museum is struggling to keep its lights on — literally — despite having opened only three years ago.

The San Antonio City Council was scheduled to decide Thursday whether to spend about \$450,000 to help cover utility, maintenance and security costs for the next 18 months while the Museo Alameda tries to get back on its feet. If it fails, the city would end the museum's lease and effectively take control of the building.

The \$12 million hot pink building on Market Square was built to showcase contemporary and ancient Latino art and serve as an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution. But attendance has fallen far short of expectations, and in recent months, the museum has struggled to make payroll and cover other costs.

Staff members complained in a letter to the board last week that the museum has failed to make payroll, allowed health insurance to lapse and lacked enough money

to return artwork on loan to its owners.

The city is withholding about \$250,000 in arts funding until Centro Alameda, the nonprofit that operates the museum, provides a business plan that addresses the financial problems.

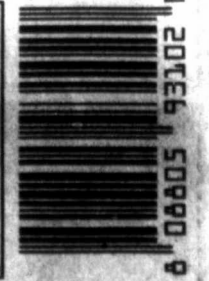
"If that plan is not acceptable to the city, or they don't come up with one, then they relinquish the lease on the museum," said Deputy City Manager Pat DiGiovanni. "Then, we'd have to be thinking about the reprogramming of that building."

Centro Alameda Chairwoman Margarita Flores said the board has been working with the city for several months on an agreement that might keep the museum open. The board also oversees the city-owned Alameda Theater and Casa de Mexico International Building.

"It would behoove all of us to ensure the success of these entities for the potential that they have not only to lure tourism, but to inspire our youth and to showcase the rich talent we have among our local and regional artists," she said.

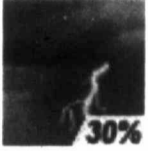


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# For the record

## PAMPA FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
High 57 Low 37	High 82 Low 45	High 75 Low 48

**Tonight:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47. Windy, with a north northwest wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

**Friday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1pm. Cloudy, with a high near 57. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Friday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 37. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 71. West southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 45. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 75. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 48. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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### SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

**Wednesday, March 31.** Terry Petic, 48, was arrested by police on charges of public intoxication.

George Russell Luster, 44, of Amarillo, was arrested by police on charges of credit card abuse.

Jacob Ryan Crain, 26, was arrested by police on charges of possession of marijuana.

Richard Gene Jones, 36, of Spearman, was arrested by deputies on charges of forgery.

Ricardo Gonzales, 36, was arrested by deputies on charges of assault causing bodily injury and family violence.

Martha Espinosa, 24, of Borger, was arrested

by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving without a license.

Mick Pendergrass, 53, was arrested by police on charges of public intoxication, simple assault and disorderly conduct.

Michael Dean Whisenant, 50, was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance and evading arrest with a vehicle.

Henry Palacios Jr., 35, was arrested on a bond surrender on charges of theft by check.

Bruce David Ellwanger, 25, was arrested by police on charges of theft by check under \$50.

Kay Lynn Kirkham, 17, was arrested by deputies on charges of fail to attend school, failure to appear and theft.

## Obituaries

### Monett Treadwell Jenkins, 74

Miami — Monett Treadwell Jenkins, 74, March 28, 2010 in Duncan, Oklahoma

Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, April 2, 2010, at the First Baptist Church of Miami, with Bill Burkholder, officiating.

Burial will be in the Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Jenkins was born November 28, 1935 in Wheeler. She married Donald Jenkins on July 10, 1956 in Wheeler. He preceded her in death on

August 25, 2006. She had been a resident of Miami since 1956, moving to Duncan, Okla. in 2009. Monett was a member of the First Baptist Church of Miami where she taught Sunday School and was the church pianist for many years. She loved spending time in her garden and spending time with her family. She enjoyed feeding the quail and deer that lived around her home.

Survivors include her two sons, Kenneth Jenkins and wife Lahree, and their children Brad, Jacci and Ryan, all of Comanche,

Okla., and Kevin Jenkins and wife Janice, and their children Zack and Noah, all of Brentwood, Tennessee; three brothers, James "Shots" Treadwell of Colorado City, Bobby Treadwell and wife Betty of Canyon, and David Treadwell and wife Kathy of Granbury; two sisters-in-law, Noreta Treadwell of Pampa and Betty Treadwell of Groom; numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 114 E. Wichita, Miami, TX 79059.



Jenkins

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### Eleanor Burns New, 88

Pampa — Eleanor Burns New, 88 died March 30, 2010 in Pampa, Texas

Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 2, 2010, at Fairview Cemetery, with Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. New was born March 10, 1922 in Brookline, Mass., to Thomas and Mary Burns. She graduated from St. Mary's High School in Brookline in 1939, and served in the U. S. Navy during World War

II. She came to the Texas Panhandle in 1947 from San Francisco. Eleanor married Earl New, Jr., on March 9, 1947 in Pampa. He preceded her in death on September 16, 2007. She worked as a bookkeeper for Utility Oil Company and Houston Lumber Company for many years. Eleanor was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church and was an avid supporter of the Lovett Memorial Library. As a youth, she had a great love for the Atlantic Ocean, staying at her parent's beach house in Mass.

Survivors include two sons, Thomas New and

wife Ramona of Eagle Creek, Oregon, and Tim New and wife Anne of Huntsville; two daughters, Carol Murray of Huntsville and Nancy Watson and husband Craig of Pampa; a sister-in-law, Mary Nelson of Huntsville; two brothers-in-law, Joe New and wife Mary of Jackson, Tennessee, and Paul New and wife Grace of Denver City; ten grandchildren, Daniel New and wife Beth and Stacy Stubblefield and husband Levi, all of Eagle Creek, Ore., Jay New and wife Nicky of San Antonio, Jennifer New and Wendy Murray, both of Huntsville, Holly Bruce and fiancé Chad Myers of The

Woodlands, Daniel Murray and Coby Murray, both of Nacogdoches, Nicole Watson of Sugarland, and David Watson of Amarillo; eight great-grandchildren; two nieces, Mary Ann Jackson and Kathleen Burns, both of Springfield, Mass., and one nephew, Tommy Burns of Springfield, Mass.

The family will receive friends from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 1, 2010, at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 810 W. 23rd, Pampa, TX 79065.

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR READERS:** It's April Fools' Day again, the day I share some of the letters I receive that are so farfetched I wouldn't print them any other day because they are either over the top or under the bottom, depending upon one's perspective. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** As I was eating my lunch yesterday, I saw the image of Abraham Lincoln on one of my potato chips. As I was daydreaming about how much money I would make charging people to see it, I absentmindedly popped it into my mouth and ate it! Is there anything I can do about this? — DANA IN PALM SPRINGS, CALIF.

**DEAR DANA:** Absolutely. Start thinking about some other original ways to make money. Your potato chip may have been delicious, but unfortunately, you ATE your business plan.

**DEAR ABBY:** While I was out of town on a

business trip, my wife suddenly became a vegetarian. While that may sound like a good thing to some people, it is a matter of great concern to me. Since becoming a vegetarian, she has gained 30 pounds and no longer has her girlish figure.

In addition, she will no longer swat flies or kill a roach in the house, saying she doesn't kill anything anymore. Perhaps others who have encountered this situation can give me some hints on how to handle this. — ARKANSAS CARNIVORE

**DEAR ARKANSAS CARNIVORE:** I sure hope so -- I'll let you know if I hear from anyone who wants to weigh in on your problem. But in the meantime, you'll have to cook your own steaks and kill your own insects.

**DEAR ABBY:** Please help me make my life better and answer a question that has been troubling me for some time. How do men on death row get

their toenails cut? Are they actually given sharp objects to do it for themselves? I can't figure it out. — PERPLEXED IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

**DEAR PERPLEXED:** Your question is one I have pondered for some time, as well. Because men on death row are not supposed to have sharp objects, they take turns chewing each other's toenails off. I have this on good authority -- and I'm not conniving you.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have fallen deeply in love with a homeless man, and I have been trying unsuccessfully to convince him to move in with me for some time, but he just won't leave his cardboard box. He says it has sentimental value that I just don't understand. Please help me, Abby. What should I do? — CARLA IN WASHINGTON STATE

**DEAR CARLA:** Try this. Have him move his cardboard box into your home, then he won't have to give it up and can spend as much time as he needs in it. Then slowly coax him out of his box for longer and longer periods of time, and you'll both have what you want. Good luck.

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## Rebates

from waitlist participants will be processed in the order received, pending available funds.

"We anticipate high interest in this program, so we expect rebate reservations will go quickly because there is a limited amount of funds available," said Texas Comptroller Susan Combs. "Once consumers have received or printed a rebate form through the guaranteed reservation list or the waitlist, they can buy appliances on the set dates. Then consumers must mail in the rebate form and a copy of the receipt, along with any other required documents, postmarked within 60 days of reservation."

The purchase period for all appliances begins April 16, 2010. For refrigerators, freezers, clothes washers, dishwashers and room air conditioners, the purchase period

ends April 25, 2010. For central air conditioners, hot water heaters and heat pumps, the purchase period ends 60 days from the rebate reservation or waitlist request date; this allows contractors, who install these items, to collect payment at installation. Central air conditioners and air-source heat pumps will require installation by a Texas Department of Licensing and Registration (TDLR) licensed contractor.

Disposal of the old, functional appliance of the same type is required for all rebate applications. There is an additional \$75 rebate for recycling the old appliance. Proof of disposal or recycling requires the signature and address of the entity (such as a retailer, contractor or other business) assuming responsibility for the proper disposal or recycling

— details will be provided on the rebate application form.

A courtesy list of partner recycling agents is listed on [www.TexasPowerfulSmart.org](http://www.TexasPowerfulSmart.org). Recycling is not limited to the entities on the courtesy list. The Web site also has a list of eligible appliances, category amounts, timelines, frequently asked questions and helpful tips.

The state of Texas received approximately \$23 million in federal stimulus funds to administer and implement the rebate program. ENERGY STAR qualified appliances must be purchased by Texas residents at stores located in Texas or through Texas contractors.

A full list of appliances and their corresponding rebate amounts is available on [www.TexasPowerfulSmart.org](http://www.TexasPowerfulSmart.org).

## Housing

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level of activity hoped for," Gaines said, "and first-time buyers appear to have raced to buy last fall before the original credit expired."

Gaines said the number of homes for sale in Texas last month was down about 3 percent from a year ago, unlike the inventory of for-sale properties nationally, which increased 9.5 percent according to the National Association of Realtors.

Gaines said new home sales levels will not encourage a major increase in home construction activity, and if people continue to lose their jobs and cannot find employment, the overall demand for homeownership will remain depressed.

## CORRECTION


### What street was that again?

We aren't sure what happened with our brains yesterday with information in the story concerning the Pampa Chamber's Block Party ("Chamber seeks name for annual block party," page 1).

The proposed area for the event would be the street between Cuyler and Frost Streets, not "Tyler and Forrest."

No, there is no good explanation for it. The Pampa News apologizes for the error. It was us, not the folks at the chamber.

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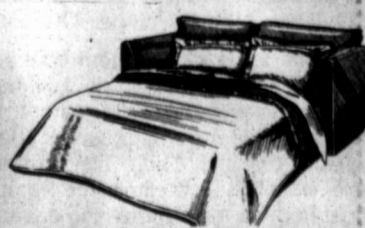
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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Thursday, April 1st, the 91st day of 2010. There are 274 days left in the year. It is April Fool's Day.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On April 1, 1960, the first true weather satellite, TIROS-1, was launched from Cape Canaveral. (TIROS stood for "Television Infrared Observation Satellite.")

### On this date:

In 1853, Cincinnati, Ohio, established a fire department made up of paid city employees.

In 1918, the Royal Air Force was established in Britain.

In 1933, Nazi Germany began persecuting Jews with a boycott of Jewish-owned businesses.

In 1939, the United States recognized the government of Gen. Francisco Franco in Spain, the same day Franco went on radio to declare victory in the Spanish Civil War.

In 1945, American forces launched the amphibious invasion of Okinawa during World War II.

In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a \$1.85 billion emergency housing measure.

In 1963, most of New York City's daily newspapers resumed publishing after settlement was reached in a 114-day strike.

In 1970, President Richard M. Nixon signed a measure banning cigarette advertising on radio and television, to take effect after Jan. 1, 1971.

In 1984, recording star Marvin Gaye was shot to death by his father, Marvin Gay (cq) Sr. in Los Angeles, the day before his 45th birthday. (The elder Gay pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter, and received probation.)

**Ten years ago:** President Bill Clinton, speaking at a fund-raiser for his wife's Senate campaign, accused New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani of enlisting a "right-wing venom machine" against Hillary Rodham Clinton. Michelle Kwan won her third World Figure Skating title.

**Five years ago:** The Vatican reported that Pope John Paul II was near death, his breathing shallow and his heart and kidneys failing.

**One year ago:** President Barack Obama, in London for an economic crisis summit, sought to rally the world's top and emerging powers to help cope with a global downturn; chanting protesters clashed with riot police in the British capital. Benjamin Netanyahu took office as Israel's prime minister.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Debbie Reynolds is 78. Actress Ali MacGraw is 72. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rudolph Isley is 71. Reggae singer Jimmy Cliff is 62. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito is 60. Actress Annette O'Toole is 58. Movie director Barry Sonnenfeld is 57. Singer Susan Boyle (TV: "Britain's Got Talent") is 49. Rapper-actor Method Man is 39. Movie directors Allen and Albert Hughes are 38. Political commentator Rachel Maddow is 37. Singer Bijou Phillips is 30. Actor Sam Huntington is 28.

**Thought for Today:** "Our wisdom comes from our experience, and our experience comes from our foolishness." — Sacha Guitry, Russian-born French actor-writer-director (1885-1957).



## TxDOT introduces new evaluation tool

### TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Texas Department of Transportation is taking another step toward increasing transparency with the recent introduction of the TxDOT Tracker, an interactive database that provides a current view into how the agency is performing.

TxDOT, along with legislative input, has redeveloped its performance measures as they relate to agency goals and created an interactive tool that provides a window with a view into the measurement of agency performance.

"The public will now have direct access to seeing how the department is performing and working towards reaching targets for the goals outlined," said Amadeo Saenz, Texas Department of Transportation Executive Director. "Public input is welcomed and opportunity for it is provided, making this is an



interactive tool"

The Web-based TxDOT Tracker provides views into all agency performance measures ranging from construction to traffic fatalities. The agency developed some 27 different measures that will look at things like on-time performance and on-budget performance.

Subject areas measured include reducing congestion, enhancing safety, expanding economic opportunity, preserving transportation assets, improving air quality, and will measure external

performance indicators.

The tool will identify target goal percentage rates and indicate how TxDOT measures up to those target rates. It will cover current and preceding reporting periods aligned with fiscal years.

The TxDOT Tracker provides users with direct contact to TxDOT personnel to ask questions or provide comments on the measurement data. The database is a living product that will change as new data is measured and input. TxDOT plans to produce an annual hard copy of the data once the program is implemented and completes its introductory phase.

The TxDOT Tracker can be accessed at <http://www.txdot.gov/projectinformation/txdottracker.htm>.

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## Letter to the editor

### To the Editor:

In Ms. Patricia Doan Squires' last Letter to the Editor, she asks me, "where is your data to support your position?"

Here is what she asks for, some relevant data and reality to support my position.

Ms. Squires states in her letter, "I don't believe that you can begin to 'appreciate' the suffering that King has caused. You have no clue."

This is not true. Lisa Busby, Twila Busby's surviving daughter, is living with me and my wife. We are her caretakers. She was spending New Years Eve at our house when her mother and two brothers were murdered. The only difference between the two survivors is that Lisa was at our house and not hiding in a closet when the murders happened.

Twila Busby and her two sons were murdered New Years Eve 1993 by Hank Skinner. He was prosecuted and convicted for their murders in 1955 by a previous D.A. He has consequently gotten appeal after appeal because the present Gray County D.A., Lynn Switzer, refuses to let the DNA that Skinner bases his appeals on be tested.

As a result, again there is now no date set for his execution. Changing the dates of Skinner's execution has been going on too, too much and too long. Can Ms. Squires "appreciate" that?

In their Letter to the Editor (10/7/09), Ms. Squires' relatives, Johnny and Jen Doan state, "We are blessed to have had Lynn Switzer and her amazing team to fight

faithfully for all the victims from start to finish." They go on to give thanks to the Lubbock County jurors and state, "we respect your decisions, we know this was not an easy task."

Ms. Squires seems to disagree with her relatives by blaming one juror. Any competent attorney will tell you that this juror could have been excluded in *voir dire*, but what could you expect from a prosecutor with no death penalty experience and her second chair a lad with about three years experience as a lawyer? Why didn't Lynn Switzer hire a competent local attorney who knows Lubbock County Jurors to help her? She had the money, why didn't she do that. It really wasn't a trial of guilt or innocence, but at arriving at a sentence for the crimes that had already been committed. All that the Gray County D.A. and her assistant got for the million plus tax dollars was what Levi King had offered to accept as a sentence before the trial.

Ms. Switzer will not have to spend over a million dollars to give Twila Busby's surviving daughter some peace. All she has to do is relinquish

the Skinner DNA to a lab in Arizona that has offered to test the DNA for free. Ms. Switzer has been and continues to be Hank Skinner's basis for his appeals and thus she alone prolongs and is to blame for Lisa's suffering. Does this woman's capriciousness negate any sense of responsibility that her office provides for closure and peace for all victims?

National and local media have expended time and effort on the reprieve and Skinner's wife. Why haven't they investigated the local D.A.'s office and found out her reasons for not giving up the DNA? It would be great if they did because Lynn Switzer would have to give up the DNA and Skinner either would go to the death chamber once and for all or be set free. Then Twila's daughter could have some peace.

Johnny and Jen Doan refer to Lynn Switzer's, "fighting with everything you had to give and for this we can move on with some "closure and peace." Is Ms. Doan Squires the spokesperson for them? Again, she seems to disagree with their statements.

How about Twila Busby's daughter also

finally having some "closure and peace" too?

I did not bring up the matter of money. Ms. Squires' relatives, Johnny and Jen Doan, brought it up when they stated, "We did not ask the D.A. to pursue the death penalty to 'break' Gray County." While it did not 'break' the county, the million or so dollars spent did prevent the county workers from getting a raise.

In Ms. Squires' letter, she also states, "is the public to believe that Judge Peet is in cahoots with Ms. Switzer to further her career and enhance her resume?" That is not what I said. What I said was and is still true, "it's very easy for Judge Peet and Ms. Switzer to spend the taxpayers' money."

Ms. Squires, if you just must respond, please keep your remarks limited to the issues addressed in this letter and leave the elections and other personalities alone. They are not relevant to the disappointment and agony Twila Busby's daughter has suffered each time Hank Skinner gets a new reprieve.

We are only looking for justice for Twila Busby's orphan daughter.

David Brito Garcia  
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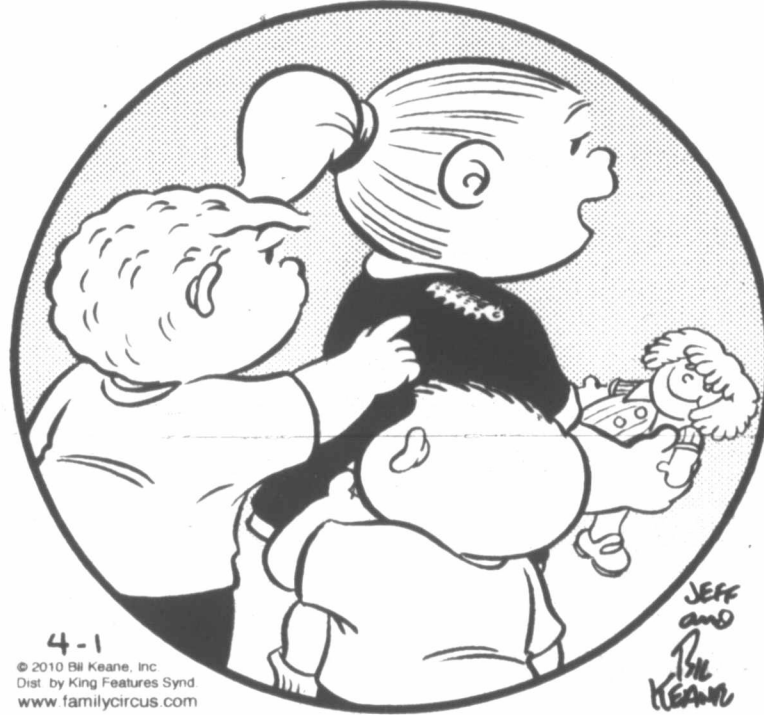
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"I don't think you're qualified for this job."

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"NO WAY! I'm not gonna fall for that. You can't April Fool me."

### Daily Crossword Puzzle

#### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 46 Plays the ponies

- 1 Gush forth
- 5 Elegance
- 10 Exhausted
- 12 Purple hue
- 13 Radiate
- 14 1836 battle site
- 15 Card symbol
- 16 Sign of trouble
- 18 Establishes
- 20 Exalted verse
- 21 Gossip bit
- 23 Trial VIPs
- 24 Undressed
- 26 Toe the line
- 28 Plopped down
- 29 Titled lady
- 31 Refiner's stuff
- 32 Lebanon trees
- 36 Belly
- 39 Lush
- 40 "Common Sense" writer
- 41 Native group
- 43 Went away
- 44 City of sin
- 45 Dustin's "Midnight Cowboy" role

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- 19 Polite address
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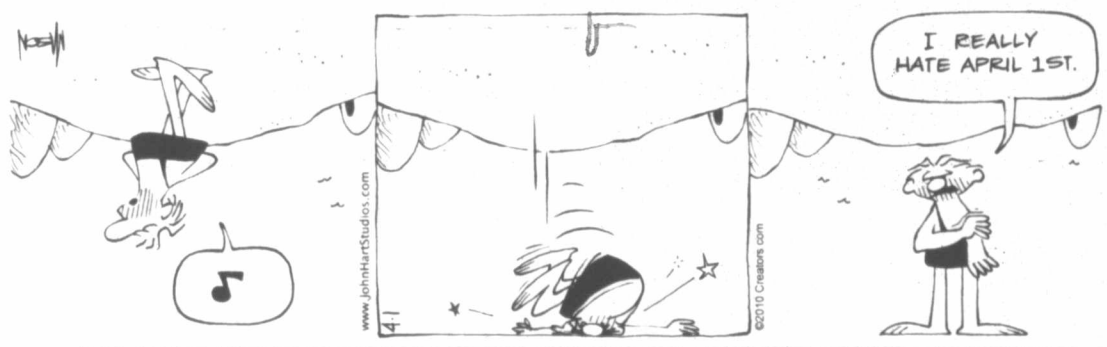
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# Sports

## Wrestling team looks back at 2009-2010 season

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 The Pampa Harvesters wrestling team celebrated their 2009-2010 season during their annual banquet Wednesday at Dyers Barbeque.

The banquet started with an introduction of the special guests by seniors Stephen Botello, Robert Douglas and Mike Doerman. After the introductions, head coach Billy Smith talked about the season and his first years as wrestling coach.

Smith praised the team for their effort during the season especially with the changes to the program.

"I think when it was all set and done, you talk about changes, all you can ask from kids is effort," Smith said. "Is the effort there? I feel as coach the effort was there. We wrestled really great and next match we would throw it away. We were up and down...We competed."

Smith closed by talking about the district meet and the success they had there.

"As a coach you do things through the season for the end of the season," Smith said. "Down in Austin, gold belt buckle that's what they give away that's what you want...Winning is what we shoot for. That's not the only thing, we teach them other things. But that's what we try to get to in the sports realm we're looking at. We come to district we had three of them that had to win matches at district to get to regionals. We took care of that."

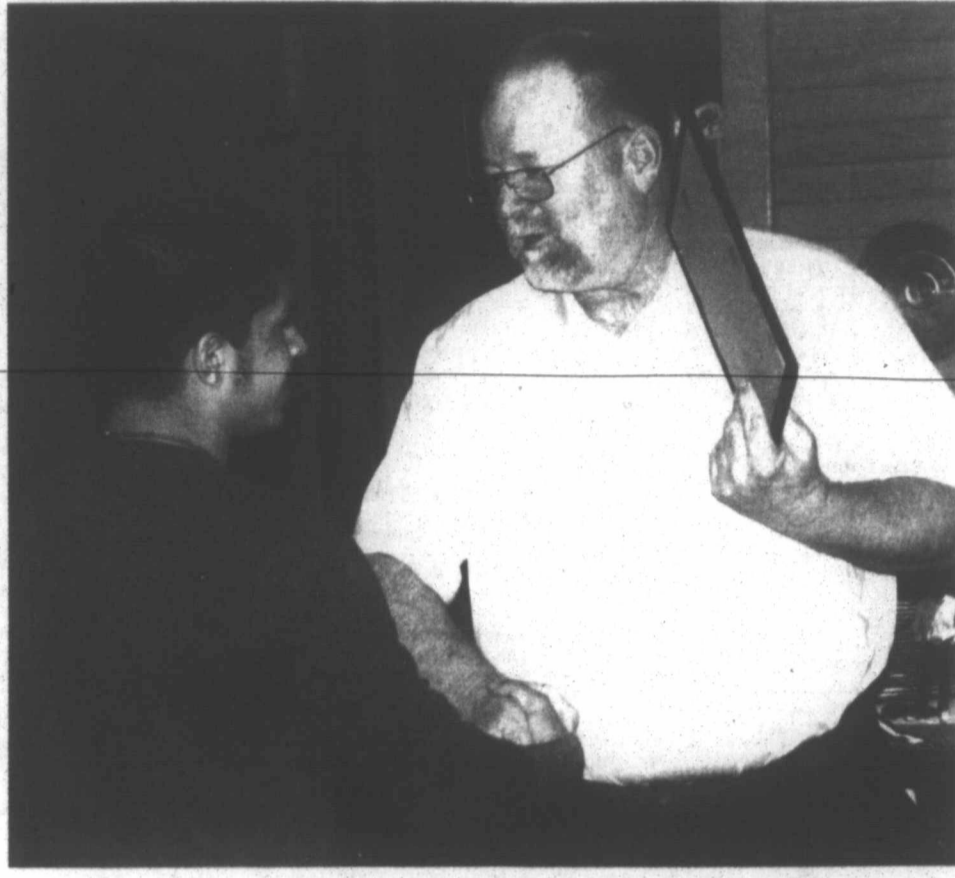
After Smith talked about the season, he handed out honors. The letterman were recognized and those included: Joseph Slatten, Samuel Smith and Robert Radke. Next, the regional qualifiers were recognized and those included: Quaid Chennault, Jason Martinez, Radke. To qualify for regionals they had to place in the top two of

their weight class in district. The three seniors were also recognized.

To close out the ceremony, Smith introduced a new award, The Fighting Harvester award for wrestling. That award went to junior Joseph Denclau. The final award of the night was the Most Valuable Wrestler and it went to Stephen Botello.

The senior qualified for state and finished in the top eight of his class, and the matches he lost were to wrestlers, who finished in the top four. In 2009, Botello finished in the top five at state. Smith praised Botello for his leadership this season.

"He was so good, his expectations were high," Smith said. "Everyone looked up to him. Everything I asked him to do as a team player he did it."



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**  
 Stephen Botello shakes hands with head coach Billy Smith, who is presenting him with the Most Valuable Wrestler Award at the wrestling banquet Wednesday.



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 Joseph Denclau (center) receives the Fighting Harvester Award present by head wrestling coach Billy Smith (right) and coach Scott Lewis (left) standing by.

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