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## Wildfires rage across Panhandle

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Smoke hung in the air over Pampa this morning as wildfires continued to burn in the area.

A fire in southern Roberts County, near the Little Red Schoolhouse on Highway 70, was headed south toward Pampa at 10:30 a.m. this morning, said Hoover Volunteer Fire Department Chief Joe Millican.

Pampa Police Department had blocked Price Road north of 23rd Avenue in response to the blaze, according to emergency services radio broadcasts.

A resident of the area near the schoolhouse reported seeing flames this morning near Walnut Creek Estates, which had been evacuated at 7:55 p.m. Sunday when fire approached the homes which are located about two miles north of Pampa off Highway 70.

Another report at 11 a.m. was received by

Gray County Sheriff's Office concerning flames seen north of Alanreed near County Road Y.

High winds and dry conditions combined to make Sunday a dangerous day for Panhandle residents, as fires burned in several areas, including portions of Carson, Donley, Gray, Hutchinson, Randall, Roberts and Wheeler counties.

"We've been busy for about 24 hours now," Millican said at 10:30 this morning.

Pampa Fire Department responded to structure fires at 719 E. Browning at 11:41 a.m. and 525 S. Somerville at 11:53 a.m. Sunday. PFD assisted with grass fires on Highway 152 West and the area of 23rd Avenue and Price Road Sunday afternoon and evening, according to emergency services reports.

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— Joe Millican  
Hoover Volunteer Fire chief



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Pumpjacks are silhouetted in grass fire flames fanned by high winds west of Pampa, near Skellytown Sunday night.

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Emergency workers and residents of North Pampa watch as 50 mph winds fan flames of a grass fire Sunday night on the north side of Pampa.

## Eastern Red Cross sponsoring contest

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

The Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross is sponsoring a coloring contest as part of its observance of Red Cross Month.

The contest is open to students in kindergarten through 6th grade. First and second place winners in each grade will be chosen and will receive Red Cross products.

Red Cross volunteers will serve as judges in the

contest, said Jana Gregory, executive director of the local chapter.

Students may choose the picture they wish to color from several which are available for coloring.

Pictures are available at the Pampa Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. Entrants may return their completed pictures to the same location.

Deadline to return entries is March 31.

## Tornadoes rip across Midwest, killing 10 and destroying homes

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Swarms of tornadoes killed at least 10 people across the Midwest, shut down the University of Kansas and caused so much damage in Springfield that the mayor compared it to the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

The violent weather started during the weekend with a line of storms that spawned tornadoes and downpours from the southern Plains to the Ohio Valley.

On Monday, a second line of storms raked the region, with rain, hail and fierce wind tearing up

trees and homes from Kansas through Indiana. To the northwest, the vast weather system pulled cold air in Canada, generating snowstorms that cut off power to thousands and shut down schools in South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

### MEETING NOTICE

## Planning session set following city meeting

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

Two bids, a seal coat program and the library loan policy will be decided by the Pampa City Commission Tuesday afternoon.

When the commission meets in the commission chambers at City Hall at 4 p.m. Tuesday, they will consider bids for the HVAC Project at M.K. Brown Auditorium and bids on a sideloader truck and packer body.

The city has received bids on three different truck chassis from two Amarillo truck dealers and bids from two companies on the packer body. The city has budgeted \$110,000 for the truck and body.

The commission will also consider authorizing an additional \$100,000 for the 2006 seal coat project. That would bring the seal coating project costs up to \$250,000. Initially, \$150,000 had been budgeted for the project.

The city commission will also take action to correct a reference in the city's ordinances concerning the International Residential Code.

Ann Stobbe, librarian at Lovett Memorial Library, said the library has borrowed and lent materials from and to other area libraries for 20 years but has no written policy. She is requesting the approval of a written policy passed by the Pampa Library Advisory Board in February. A written policy is required by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for state certification.

A planning session in the main  
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# Fires

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Several fatalities have been attributed to Sunday's blazes. A nine-vehicle pile-up on Interstate 40 15 miles east of Groom at 1:30 p.m. Sunday killed four and injured six, according to Trooper Wayne Beigle of the Texas Department of Public Safety's Amarillo office.

Low visibility due to blowing smoke and dust were contributing factors in the pileup, Beigle said.

A large fire that began south of Borger Sunday burned more than 211,000 acres, according to Beigle. The fire, 30 miles long and 11 miles wide, has been blamed for three deaths in Hutchinson County.

Another fire began near Groom and burned over 432,000 acres. That fire was 45 miles long and 15 miles wide, Beigle said.

"The hardest hit county appears to be Hutchinson County," Beigle said in a news release at 9:51 p.m. Sunday.

Twenty-five structures were destroyed in the Hutchinson County fire, and a number of oil field fires were burning in the county Sunday evening.

Skellytown was evacuated around 5 p.m. Sunday as flames marched toward the Carson County town. At 5:20 p.m., the fire was about three-quarters of a mile from Skellytown, according to observers.

Highway 152 from Price Road to Skellytown was closed as the fire burned westward and smoke obscured visibility.

Lefors was also evacuated Sunday afternoon, along with southern Roberts County residents. Miami residents were evacuated about 6:10 p.m. Other evacuations Sunday included Old and New Mobeetie, Wheeler and McLean, as wildfires threatened those towns. Emergency sirens sounded in McLean at 7:10 p.m., according to emergency radio broadcasts.

Pampa's First Baptist

Church, Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, First Presbyterian Church, First Christian Church and the National Guard Army were all opened for evacuees from neighboring areas. Sacred Heart Catholic Church of White Deer also offered shelter to those fleeing the flames.

Three firefighters were injured Sunday afternoon when their three-ton truck rolled over near the Bowers City highway outside Pampa. Lefors Volunteer Ambulance responded and had to drive a circuitous route away from the wreck with the victims due to heavy smoke obscuring vision, according to emergency radio broadcasts.

It was not known as of press time today to which fire department the three firefighters belonged, or their identities or conditions.

Two Donley County firefighters were reportedly injured when their fire department vehicle was involved in a one-vehicle accident in that county. No further information was available as of press time today.

Highway closures contributed to a 700-vehicle backup at Clarendon as I-40 was closed for a time due to low visibility. At various times, Highway 70, Highway 152 and Farm to Market Roads 767, 283, 354 and 722 were closed due to the fires.

Volunteers with the Pampa Salvation Army and Red Cross provided refreshments to firefighters Sunday.

Assistance from neighboring entities included Celanese, Pantex, Collingsworth County and the cities of Stratford and Dalhart, as well as equipment such as maintainers provided by local businesses.

Skellytown residents were released to return to their homes at about 8 p.m. Sunday. Preliminary reports indicated only one building lost to the flames at Skellytown, which lost electricity as a result of the fire. Hot spots continued to re-ignite late Sunday near the town.

At 5:45 p.m. Sunday, a Gray County deputy reported four houses 10 miles north of McLean on fire. Fire was also crossing I-40 just east of the Johnson Ranch Road exit. A house on the north side of I-40 near the 138 mile marker was burning at about 6:40 p.m., according to emergency radio broadcasts.

"We have dead cattle in the middle of the highway, trees down and fences down," radioed one deputy who was north of McLean on FM 273 around 6:45 p.m.

At the Texas Department of Criminal Justice facilities outside Pampa, no hallway traffic was allowed as the prisons took precautions during the threat of fire, according to emergency radio broadcasts.

Water from the city's waste water ponds, water treatment plant and Recreation Park Lake were made available for use in fighting the fires if needed.

Flames had approached to three miles north and one mile west of Pampa as darkness fell Sunday. Traffic at 23rd and Price Road was closed off, and a mandatory evacuation of Walnut Creek Estates was ordered at 7:55 p.m., after the fire had crossed Price Road headed east.

"It's humongous," one Pampa Police Department officer commented on emergency radio concerning the Price Road fire.

Highway 70 north out of Pampa was closed at 8:35 p.m. by PPD. Wal-Mart Supercenter closed as a precautionary measure around 8:40 p.m., according to one observer.

Wheeler residents were allowed to return to their homes at 8:30 p.m., followed by Lefors residents at 8:45 p.m.

A mandatory evacuation of Keller Estates near Loop 171 was ordered at 9 p.m. as fire continued to burn around Pampa's perimeter. Loop 171 from Browning Street to Highway 70 was closed at 9:20 p.m.

Firefighters continued to battle hot spots and new blazes this morning in various locations around the area.

# Obituaries

## The Rev. Mark Joseph St. James, 58

The Rev. Mark Joseph St. James, 58, of Pampa, Texas, died March 11, 2006, at Pampa. Memorial services will be announced at a later date in Norwalk, Conn. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

The Rev. James was born Jan. 12, 1948, in Norwalk, Conn. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1996, moving from Amarillo. He pastored a Baptist church in Amarillo for several years.

Survivors include three daughters, Tonya Thorne, Genna St. James, and Dawn Mish, all of South Norwalk, Conn.; one sister, Jean Carpenter of Brookfield, Conn.; an adopted son, Alvin Ryals of Pampa; and two grandchildren, Michael Hammer, Jr., and Sierra Taylor, both of South Norwalk, Conn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Catherine Thorne; and by a sister, Charlotte Kozac.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

# Emergency Services

## Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents in the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### Friday, March 10

Police conducted 21 traffic stops and one welfare check; provided one funeral escort; checked one alarm; served, or attempted to serve, three warrants; rendered agency assistance in the 1200 block of South Finley Street, the 100 block of South Hobart St. and the 2300 block of West Alcock St.; gave motorist assistance twice; and responded to three civil matters.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 200 block of North Wells St.

Identity theft was reported at the PD.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of North Juniper Dr.

Theft was reported in the 600 block of North Zimmers St.

Forgery was reported at the PD.

A suspicious person was reported in the 2800 block of North Charles St.

Found property was reported at the PD.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of Sirroco.

A prowler was reported in the 1000 block of South Nelson St.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 100 block of West 30th Avenue.

Theft was reported at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart St.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of Yeager St.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2100 block of North Wells St. and the 1900 block of North Zimmers St.

### Saturday, March 11

Officers conducted 11 traffic stops; rendered agency assistance in the 100 block of West 30th Ave., the 1100 block of South Neel Road and the 200 block of North Wells St.; served, or attempted to serve, a warrant; responded to one civil matter; and checked one alarm.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported at Alcock and Christy and at Linda and Beech.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of North Magnolia St., and at Rham and Summer streets.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of East Foster Ave. and the 600 block of North Nelson St.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 300 block of East Browning Ave. and in the 1200 block of North Charles St.

Theft was reported in the 300 block of East Locust St.

An accident was reported in the 500 block of West Brown St.

Burglary was reported in the 100 block of South Nelson St. and the 1000 block of North Summer St.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of North Wells St., the 1200 of South Christy St. and 300 block of North Faulkner St.

A gas drive off was reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather St.

A traffic complaint was reported in the 600 block of North Hobart St.

A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block of South Municipal Drive.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 300 block of Miami St. and the 1100 block of Prairie Dr.

### Sunday, March 12

Officers conducted five traffic stops and two welfare checks; served or attempted to serve one warrant; checked one alarm; rendered agency assistance at Price Road, and Highway 153, at Groom and Lefors, and in the 1300 block of North Garland St.; and responded to one civil matter.

A suspicious person was reported at Gwendolyn and Hobart.

A traffic complaint was reported in the 300 block of North Frost St.

Criminal trespass was reported at the PD.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of South Faulkner St.

Two incidents of harassment were reported to the PD.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of North Garland St.

An accident was reported at an undisclosed location.

### Monday, March 13

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1000 block of South Hobart St.

An animal complaint was reported in the 100 block of South Hobart St.

## Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrests.

### Saturday, March 11

Amy Jo Brassfield, 24, of Lefors was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety on a bond forfeiture for theft and issuance of a bad check.

### Sunday, March 12

Heather R. Burkhalter, 19, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department for minor driving under the influence.

Michael Bret Basham, 42, of Pampa was arrested by DPS for driving while intoxicated.

Timothy Ray Moree, 48, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for DWI-third or more offense.

Patrick Shane Davis, 36, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD on a motion to revoke-DWI.

## Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### Saturday, March 11

8:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of Kentucky and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

7:36 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

### Sunday, March 12

1:41 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of McCullough. No transport.

6 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway and transported a patient to PRMC.

# Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high around 56. Wind chill values between 23 and 28 early. North-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 29. Wind chill values between 22 and 27. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south-southeast.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 62. Wind

chill values between 21 and 31 early. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 38. Wind chill values between 31 and 36. South wind around 15 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. Windy, with a south wind 15 to 25 mph becoming west. Winds could gust as high as

35 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 35. North-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57. Northeast wind around 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 32. East-southeast wind around 10 mph.

# Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atchafalaya Grain of White Deer:

Wheat	4.08
Milo	3.21
Corn	4.10
Soybeans	4.76

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

BPXY	91.27	+1.15
OXY	66.95	+0.53
PLCADR	36.11	+0.08

Celanese	20.48	-0.14
Cabot Oil Gas	44.13	+0.66
Coca Cola	42.49	+0.03
VLO	54.18	+0.64
HAL	67.71	+0.71
TRI	42.90	+0.02
KML	91.13	+0.46
XCEL	18.26	+0.07
Kerr McGee	94.17	+1.42
KOM	59.53	+0.35
Nat'l Oilwell	58.38	+1.08
Limited	23.78	+0.24
Williams	20.24	+0.28
MCD	34.59	-0.06
Atmos	26.38	+0.02
Pioneer Nat	39.75	+0.52
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# City

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floor conference room at City Hall is scheduled following the commission's meeting.

No action will be taken on the items, but items to be discussed include funding the Tyng Street renovation, replacing a water well, the formation of a charter committee, development of a comprehensive city plan, the 2006-2007 budget schedule and future city projects.

# Actress Maureen Stapleton dies at 80

LENOX, Mass. (AP) — Maureen Stapleton, the Oscar-winning character actress whose subtle vulnerability and down-to-earth toughness earned her dramatic and comedic roles on stage, screen, and television, died Monday. She was 80.

Stapleton, a longtime smoker who had been living in Lenox, died from chronic pulmonary disease, said her son, Daniel Allentuck.

Stapleton, whose unremarkable, matronly appearance belied her star personality and talent, won an Academy Award in 1981 for her supporting role as anarchist-writer Emma Goldman in Warren Beatty's "Reds," about a left-wing American journalist who journeys to Russia to cover the Bolshevik Revolution.

To prepare for the role, Stapleton said she tried reading Goldman's autobiography, but soon chucked it out of boredom.

"There are many roads to good acting," Stapleton, known for her straightforwardness, said in her 1995 autobiography, "Hell of a Life." "I've been asked repeatedly what the 'key' to acting is, and as far as I'm concerned,

the main thing is to keep the audience awake."

Stapleton was nominated several times for a supporting actress Oscar, including for her first film role in 1958's "Lonelyhearts"; "Airport" in 1970; and Woody Allen's "Interiors" in 1978.

Her other film credits include the 1963 musical "Bye Bye Birdie" opposite Ann-Margret and Dick Van Dyke, "Johnny Dangerously," "Cocoon," "The Money Pit" and "Addicted to Love."

In television, she earned an Emmy for "Among the Paths to Eden" in 1967. She was nominated for "Queen of the Stardust Ballroom" in 1975; "The Gathering" in 1977; and "Miss Rose White" in 1992.

Brought up in a strict Irish Catholic family with an alcoholic father, Stapleton left home in Troy, N.Y., right after high school. With \$100 to her name, she came to New York and began studying at the Herbert Berghof Acting School and later at the Actor's Studio, which turned out the likes of Marlon Brando, Paul Newman and Julia Roberts.

## County bee



Pampa Junior High School recently hosted the Gray County Spelling Bee. The senior champion of the bee is Kayla Cox, daughter of Raymond and Teena Cox. Cox will compete in the Regional Spelling Bee March 25 at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. The junior champion is Jacob Sexton. Above, from left: (front row) Oliver Cabrales, Charissa Cline, Cox, Madison Fatheree, Aribel Martinez; (back row) Sexton, Brittany Covil, Taylor Ranney, Jade L'Esperance, Claire Hopkins, Garrett Beard, Raquel Ramirez and Samara Cummins.

## Maryland man accused of starving woman

ELKTON, Md. (AP) — Weighing just 81 pounds, Mary Elizabeth Kilrain was found dead in a sparsely furnished, filthy room that was outfitted with a doorknob locking it from the outside.

Authorities say the 46-year-old woman was starved to death by her longtime partner, John Joseph Dougherty, who took care of her after an aneurism in 1999 left her unable to work.

"It was just deplorable conditions, to say the least," said Sgt. Bernard Chiominto, a detective for the Cecil County Sheriff's Department. "Just the stench alone coming from the room. It was one of the worst ones I'd ever seen."

Dougherty faces trial Monday on charges of neglect, involuntary manslaughter and second-degree murder. If convicted, he could go to prison for more than 30 years.

Attorney William Riddle is expected to argue that kidney disease caused Kilrain's dangerous weight loss and that she never was deprived of food before her death in February 2005.

Riddle said Dougherty took almost two years off work to care for Kilrain after her aneurism. When the credit

card bills got too high, he went back to work as a mechanic and never made enough to hire the nursing assistance she needed.

Calls to the state for help from social services went unanswered, Riddle said.

*'He found himself in an unfortunate situation, and when he reached out for help, he was denied. He did the best he could right up until the last day Ms. Kilrain died.'*

— William Riddle  
Attorney

"He found himself in an unfortunate situation, and when he reached out for help, he was denied," Riddle said. "He did the best he could right up until the last day Ms. Kilrain died."

The case has garnered so much

attention that the trial was moved 45 miles south to Centreville, where prosecutors plan to describe to jurors in specific detail the kind of filth Kilrain lived in, down to an old pancake on the floor and a cup of urine on the windowsill. Black marks on the wall show where Kilrain banged with her cane.

Family members are expected to describe Kilrain as a woman who became angry and violent, sometimes hitting her three daughters with her cane.

They say the marks on the wall came from her becoming agitated after watching daytime television — not from Kilrain's attempts to get out of the room.

Free on a \$350,000 bond while he awaits trial, Dougherty declined an interview through his lawyer.

"I see this as a chance for vindication, a chance to finally get the truth out there," Dougherty told the Cecil Whig newspaper of his trial.

After the aneurism, Dougherty started a relationship with a woman 20 years his junior, and 33-year-old Kathleen Zeman was living in the house with two of her own children when Kilrain died.

## Two embark on crime spree after fleeing courthouse

ANADARKO, Okla. (AP) — One of two inmates who escaped from the Caddo County Courthouse after a Sunday church service and went on a crime spree across several counties has been captured, authorities said.

Lewis Petee, 26, was found in Texas around midnight, Oklahoma Highway Patrol Trooper Kera Philippi said Monday.

He and Eli Dominique

Edwards, 28, were inside a judge's chambers at the courthouse when they pushed out a window and escaped on foot about 12:45 p.m. Sunday, Philippi said.

"Within a 30-minute period, they stole three different cars," Philippi said. "They're definitely armed and dangerous."

Police suspect the two broke into a Gracemont home, stole guns and a car,

and kidnapped Jamie Allen. The woman was locked in the trunk of her car, but managed to get out and flag down a passing motorist in Wheeler, Texas, Philippi said.

Philippi said the two men also stole a pickup truck at gunpoint earlier in the day from a man south of Apache.

A Texas state trooper spotted the stolen car near Canadian, Texas, and the

two men tried to flee on foot after the car hit a chunk of concrete in the road.

Edwards is 5-foot-9, 180 pounds, with a missing finger on his left hand, authorities said.

Peteet was being held on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, and Edwards was sentenced on drug and weapons charges, Philippi said.

## 'Da Vinci Code' author accused of lifting ideas from other work

LONDON (AP) — Almost three years to the day that "The Da Vinci Code" was first published, American author Dan Brown found himself on a witness stand in courtroom 61 of London's High Court on Monday, denying accusations he copied from others to produce his huge best-seller.

Authors Michael Baigent and Richard Leigh are suing "Da Vinci Code" publisher Random House for copyright infringement, claiming Brown "appropriated the architecture" of their 1982 nonfiction book "The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail."

Both books explore theories that Jesus married Mary Magdalene, the couple had a child and the bloodline survives.

If the writers succeed in securing an injunction to bar the use of their material, they could hold up the scheduled May 19 release of "The Da Vinci Code" film starring Tom Hanks and Ian McKellen.

With his book an international sensation, Brown has rarely spoken to the media over the past couple of years and has made few public appearances, spending much of his time in his rural New Hampshire home, working on a new novel.

Over the past couple of weeks, the 41-year-old author has watched lawyers dissect accounts of the medieval Knights Templar, the secretive Priory of Sion and the Merovingian royal line allegedly descended from Jesus.

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## Global security begins at our own borders

The idea "Think Globally, Act Locally" has influenced many decisions since its first use at an international conference in 1972. It conveys the idea that effective solutions to large problems often begin with steps taken in your backyard.

Today, keeping America safe requires the same concept. While our federal government protects us by meeting global threats abroad, we also need to act locally, addressing the potential security threats posed by illegal immigration.

We are all aware that important military missions are ongoing in dangerous parts of the world, and we are grateful for the courage of our military men and women. However, it would be a dishonor to their service if we did not protect our interests at home with the same dedication and vigor that they show overseas.

Domestic security requires our attention and cannot be overlooked. We must devote additional resources to securing our nation's borders. Our southern border has become

a sieve, and protecting Texas's border with Mexico is one way that we can fight the war on terror at home.

Monitoring Texas' border with Mexico is no easy task. It spans 1,248 miles — about the distance from Houston to Washington, D.C. But just because something is difficult does not mean it cannot be done. We have to do whatever it takes to secure our borders because the alternative is simply not an option.

Securing the Texas-Mexico border is also critical to our economy, because illegal immigrants can become a serious expense to local communities in the form of overwhelmed emergency rooms and overburdened schools.

President Bush's recent budget request is a good first step toward dealing with some of the immigration problems facing our state. The president requested \$450 million to provide 1,500 new border patrol agents. While this increase is a step in the right direction, it is not enough.

Terrorists are counting on southern border policy to be

weak, and we cannot allow that to happen. The 9-11 Commission recommended adding 2,000 new border patrol agents a year each year from 2006 to 2010 — at a minimum. This increase was

also recommended in the National Intelligence Reform Act that became law in December 2004.

Leading the fight for new border patrol agents in the Senate, I introduced a budget amendment providing full funding for them.

Last year, we caught over 160,000 other than Mexicans (OTMs) crossing into our country illegally, and we do not know how many we failed to catch. The Census Bureau estimates that over 10 million people reside in our country illegally — that's more than twice the combined populations of Houston, San Antonio, Dallas and Austin. Immigrants from countries other than Mexico are com-

ing into our country in large numbers, and we need to make sure they go through proper security channels. Additional funding will help accomplish the Department of Homeland Security's goal of eliminating, by October, the catch and release program in place for OTMs. Of the 160,000 OTMs caught and released, only 30,000 (under 20 percent) showed for their court hearings. That is unacceptable. I have urged the department to use temporary facilities to begin detaining non-Mexican illegal entrants immediately instead of releasing them until new facilities are prepared.

I have worked in Congress to increase immigration-related funding, and last fall we passed over \$31 billion for the Department of Homeland Security, providing \$9 billion for Customs and Border Protection,

Immigration & Customs Enforcement, and related activities, 250 criminal investigators (for a total of 6,000), and 20,000 detention beds.

During the previous Congress, I cosponsored legislation in the Senate reimbursing Texas hospitals approximately \$47 million a year for the cost of treating illegal immigrants.

Yet immigration reform requires more than just funding. Last year a community in New Hampshire attempted to prosecute illegal immigrants, but it was thwarted when a judge ruled the federal government has exclusive jurisdiction on civil immigration issues. Other communities around the country have faced similar legal obstacles in their attempts to stem the flow of illegal immigrants.

In response, I proposed the Illegal Immigration Enforcement and Empowerment Act. This bill would allow state and local law enforcement to become more involved in the process of catching illegal immigrants. State and local gov-

ernments should be permitted to pass their own laws so they can prosecute all immigration violations, both civil and criminal.

The Illegal Immigration Enforcement and Empowerment Act would allow states to enforce federal immigration law and to create state immigration enforcement provisions in accordance with federal law. It would also authorize the Department of Homeland Security to create a Volunteer Border Marshall Program that would use trained, volunteer, state-licensed peace officers on temporary missions on the border to assist the Border Patrol.

This program would provide temporary help to identify and control illegal immigration. It would also supply extra support to stop human and drug trafficking. This is a sensible option for communities that are looking for broader capability.

Security at our borders is an investment in national security, and we must attack the problem at every level.

**Kay Bailey Hutchison**  
U.S. Senator



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, March 13, the 72nd day of 2006. There are 293 days left in the year. The Jewish holiday Purim begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on March 13, 1906, American suffragist Susan Brownell Anthony died in Rochester, N.Y., at age 86.

On this date:

In 1781, the planet Uranus was discovered by Sir William Herschel.

In 1868, the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson began in the U.S. Senate.

In 1884, Standard Time was adopted throughout the United States.

In 1901, the 23rd president of the United States, Benjamin Harrison, died in Indianapolis.

In 1925, a law went into effect in Tennessee prohibiting the teaching of evolution.

In 1933, banks began to reopen after a "holiday" declared by President Roosevelt.

In 1964, 38 residents of a Queens, N.Y., neighborhood

failed to respond to the cries of Catherine "Kitty" Genovese, 28, as she was being stabbed to death.

In 1969, the Apollo 9 astronauts splashed down, ending a mission that included the successful testing of the Lunar Module.

In 1980, Ford Motor Chairman Henry Ford II announced he was stepping down.

In 1980, a jury in Winamac, Ind., found Ford Motor Co. innocent of reckless homicide in the fiery deaths of three young women riding in a Ford Pinto.

*'I distrust those people who know so well what God wants them to do, because I notice it always coincides with their own desires.'*

—Susan B. Anthony  
American feminist (1820-1906)

## The Clintons pass like ships at night?

Bill and Hillary Clinton are the first couple to appear simultaneously and independently on the national political stage. They are using their special circumstances as a convenient shield for one another, fulfilling, at once, Hillary's dream of no accountability and Bill's of being able to take both sides of an issue.

Did Hillary know that Bill was pardoning the FALN terrorists to help her win Puerto Rican votes in New York? Oh, she was opposed to the pardon.

Did Hillary find out that Bill was granting pardons to felons and drug dealers who had hired her brothers for six-figure fees to lobby her husband for pardons right under her nose? No way. In fact she was "saddened" at her brothers' involvement.

And we all know that Hillary was "gasping for breath" when she first learned the truth about Monica Lewinsky.

And the former first lady was "bewildered" that members of the White House staff would treat her demands that they fire the travel-office staff as an order.

Bill has been out there criticizing the war while Hillary plays to the center by voting for it.

And now, this heavy-footed pas de deux straddles the

issue of whether a Dubai company should run six American ports.

Are we truly to believe Hillary's insistence recently that she knew nothing about Bill's counseling of his friend and benefactor the crown prince of Dubai, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid a

Maktoum, on the ports deal? Do Bill and Hillary Clinton ever speak to each other, or do they just attend funerals, fund-raisers and Billy Graham crusades together for photo-ops?

Bill is, after all, a regular in Dubai. The crown prince — that is, the government — contributed to his presidential library and pays him \$300,000 per speech. Recently, Yucaipa, an American company that has Bill Clinton as a "senior adviser" and pays him a percentage of its profits, formed a partnership with the Dubai Investment Group to form DIGL Inc., a company dedicated to managing the sheik's personal investments.

No doubt Bill Clinton was brought in to cement this lucrative deal from which he — and therefore Hillary — will

likely make millions. Neither Bill nor Hillary will disclose how much he is paid, but her Senate financial disclosure says that he will make "more than" \$1,000. They also won't say

how much Dubai royalty gave to the Clinton library.

So when Sen. Charles Schumer

(D-N.Y.) broke the story that the administration had approved the Dubai ports deal and Bill Clinton started to defend it in public, are we to believe that Hillary did not know that the sheik had called him to ask his advice, and are we to believe that Bill's defense of the deal was unrelated to his myriad financial ties to Dubai?

Hillary stands to gain millions in income from her husband's Dubai connection. She knows he flies there very, very frequently. And she must realize that Bill is close to the Dubai royal family.

So why did she dump on the port deal? Likely to cover herself. If she were anything less than front and center against the Dubai port deal, she would be vulnerable to criticism over Bill's involvement with the Dubai

royal family. So she held marathon press conferences denouncing the deal and professed not to realize her husband was defending the deal at the sheik's request.

What's really going on here is that Bill Clinton is trying to please his Arab patrons and business partners at the same time that Hillary Clinton is trying to capitalize on American stereotypes about Arab terrorists.

More important, she's desperately trying to distract attention from the Dubai dollars that flow into her family checking account from Bill's political and business dealings with the Dubai crown prince. What better way than to attack them?

We should insist that:

- Bill Clinton register as an agent of a foreign principal.

- The Clintons say how much he makes from Dubai.

- The Clinton library tell us how much Dubai royalty gave to the library.

- And Bill disclose, in the future, whenever he is speaking as an ex-president or as a paid public-relations flack.

—Written in conjunction with Eileen McGann.

Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

**Dick Morris**  
Columnist



## Losing our country to foreign investors

For those of you with computers, I have a Web site to recommend. It's www.economyincrisis.org. I don't know who is behind it, but it raises a most important question. Our country is in grave danger of being sold out from under us. What are we going to do about it?

We have all been sold rancid baloney about so-called free trade. This misnamed version of managed trade has not produced more jobs in America. It has cost us jobs. It has eroded our manufacturing base. It has empowered foreign countries to exert more and more control over our destiny.

According to this site, foreigners own 27 percent of our mining industry; 24 percent of our information industry; 20 percent of what's left of our manufacturing industry; 20 percent of professional, scientific and technical services; and 11 percent of our finance

and insurance industries. Furthermore, 45 percent of U.S. government debt is foreign-owned.

Trade deficits don't get much play in the news, but they are important. When we buy more from a country than it buys from us, that foreign country ends up with a stack of dollars. Foreign countries have been using these dollars to buy American businesses and natural resources. Last year's trade deficit was \$700 billion and change.

But why, you might ask, does it matter who owns an industry as long as it's located in the U.S.? Well, the answer is profit. An American-owned industry would invest its profits in America and in the communities where it is located.

Profits in a foreign-owned industry flow back to the foreign country. The profits earned by Chrysler, now a German-owned firm, flow back to Germany. Profits from Honda and Toyota flow back to Japan.

When President Bush, in pushing yet another free-trade agreement, claims that Americans can compete, he's either showing his ignorance or he is lying. How can you compete with somebody willing to do the same work for \$4 a day? Labor is the main ingredient in manufacturing. That's why so many American manufacturers have moved their manufacturing operations to cheap-labor countries. They are now beginning to outsource their service sectors. We have lost

whole industries, and we're in the process of losing more.

The standard argument for people who profit from the status quo is that you can't do anything about it. That's the message of Tom Friedman's book "The World Is Flat." Don't try to stop globalization — it's inevitable, there's nothing you can do to change it, etc., and so forth.

Bull. Elect a decent Congress, and you can change it overnight. What is needed is fair trade. If the labor cost for a pair of bluejeans in the U.S. is \$20 and the labor cost for a pair of bluejeans in Honduras is \$3, then you slap a \$17 tariff on the jeans from Honduras. That's how you level the playing field. That's how Americans can compete on a fair basis.

This country did not grow rich on free trade. Even before protective tariffs were adopt-

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband is a commander in the Air Force Reserve, recently deployed overseas. In his absence, I have been trying to establish a support group for the spouses of the deployed reservists in his unit. A number of questions have come up among the spouses regarding the filing of income taxes for 2005. I am wondering if you know of any resources available for military service and family members, especially reservists. Could you please help me find accurate information and/or sources of assistance in this area? Thanks! --  
**KATHERINE L. JOHNSON**

**DEAR KATHERINE:** Every year, when tax season rolls around, there are always lots of questions. Some of them come in January, but most arise just before April 15. The good news is, help is now available for military service and family members at no cost. This year, the Department of Defense is providing free access to the popular TurboTax filing program to all active duty guard and reserves (regardless of their activation status) and their family members via the Web site [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com). This free program serves as an online "tax mentor" and helps in the preparation and filing of both federal and state taxes. Military OneSource can also refer you to certified financial counselors, tax experts and public accountants who can answer questions, also at no charge, by calling toll-free: (800) 342-9647. (To access the numbers for overseas, Spanish language and hearing-impaired tax filers, log onto [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com).) Katherine, I'd like to personally thank you for establishing a support group for the spouses in your husband's unit because I am sure that at least some of them may feel isolated from one another while their loved ones are

away. If you haven't already considered it, you might want to check with your nearest military installation family readiness group, state coordinator or family program director. Military OneSource's 24/7 readiness counselors can also connect you to whatever information or support services you need. Please convey my appreciation to your unit and the members of your new spouse group. I salute you.

**DEAR ABBY:** My daughter has six beautiful children. Lately, my grandkids have been repeating conversations that their mother has had with their father. Some of the things they say are hurtful. They are young -- the oldest are 8 and 7 -- too young for me to tell them that what they are saying is unacceptable. Example: The oldest says, "Your house is so small, you have no room for visitors." We do have a small house, but people are always welcome, and our dearest friends and family members know it. Once, the younger one said to me, "Dad says you laugh and talk too loud." This hurt me, and I can't help but take it personally. Should I say something to my daughter and son-in-law? And if so, what do I say without embarrassing them? Thanks. -- **SMARTING IN BLUE SPRINGS, MO.**

**DEAR SMARTING:** Excuse me, but I must disagree with you about something. At ages 8 and 7, your grandchildren are plenty old enough to be told when they say something rude and hurtful. Please don't wait any longer. And as to what to say to your daughter and son-in-law -- start out this way: "Little pitchers have big ears, and not only that, they leak." You can wing it from there. Shame on them.

## For Better Or For Worse



## Zits



## Garfield



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## Marvin



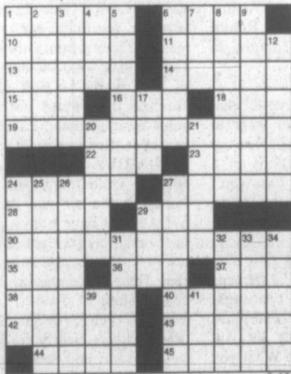
## Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 17 Timid  
 20 Crop killer  
 21 Battle reminders  
 24 Babble  
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## Flo & Friends



## Blondie



# Sports Day



Pampa News photos by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Jenny Bronner (above) fights the wind as she heaves a shovel full of dirt clods into a wheelbarrow Friday afternoon. Coaches and referees (below) meet during half-time of the boy's soccer game to discuss the probability of fielding the girl's game afterward.



## IT IS ALL ABOUT THE A'S

### AAAA: More than just district certification, letters to live by

Pampa High School is, in district terms, a AAAA school when it comes to sports. In the normal, I would usually just write PHS is a 3-4A program.

However, this is not the normal and the AAAA classification is appropriate in quantifying today's column. Not as a means by which to measure the school's enrollment, but as a means to bring an issue that needs to be addressed to the topical forefront where it will either be debated or debunked. Either way, my conscience is clear.

Here, AAAA stands for ASSUMPTION, ANSWERS, ACCOUNTABILITY AND ACTION.

AAAA came to mind Friday afternoon as I approached the Harvester Soccer Complex. There I found Jenny Bronner, shovel in hand and wheelbarrow at her side, battling a brisk Panhandle wind as she tended to the dirt placed on the girl's field earlier in order to fill holes and create a more suitable playing surface for Pampa and Caprock who were scheduled to take the field at 4:15. The dirt had been set in place and spread evenly by members of a PISD maintenance crew, Bronner appeared to be doing some fine tuning — removing clods and excess dirt and moving it off of the playing surface. She was later joined by Jana Albracht. Both are parents of Lady Harvester soccer players.

The soccer complex — the girl's field in particular — has caused me much consternation over the past week or so. Even my trip to the complex Friday to shoot pictures of the parents working to prepare the field was made with some trepidation. I snapped some shots, asked some questions then said I would be back after I shot some pictures of Lady Harvesters vs. Canyon softball game.

I returned around 4:30 p.m. but only one game was being played — the boy's. Turns out the referee in charge of calling the girl's game called it off. Reason? Poor field conditions.

After nixing the game, she and her crew left. Despite the efforts of the maintenance crew and the two parents, the field was deemed unsafe to play on. Two of the Lady Harvester's final three games of the season canceled due to the condition of their own field. What a way to end the season, especially for the seniors. And poor Caprock, they drove here for nothing. At least Palo Duro got a phone call that saved them the trip.

**Michael J. Stevens**  
Sports Editor



Even more obvious than the earthen band-aids placed on the Lady Harvester's field was how divided the parents and Pampa school officials were concerning this athletic albatross. The two sides were as far apart on the field as they were on the issue itself. The division continued even after a deal was reached with the referees of the boy's game to call the girl's match which would take the boy's field immediately after their game was complete.

Parents paced the sideline all game long cheering the Pampa girls and cussing the school officials, while the school officials stood more than 100 yards away talking among themselves. And were it not for a comment made to me earlier, I would have gladly stayed in the middle, taken my pictures and left.

Instead, I have decided to offer a remedy. I hope will help salvage the sanity of both parties. More importantly, allow future Lady Harvester soccer players to feel as though they are just as important to the athletic makeup of Pampa High School as any other program.

AAAA. Parents need to stop ASSUMING they know the answers. School officials need to stop

ASSUMING they know what is at the center of the parental debate. Organize a meeting between the two groups not encumbered by the requirements of a school board parley and throw it all on the table. No matter the outcome, at least each will no where the other stands. I have spoken with members of both sides and know each group is open to such a meeting. But it must be group-to-group and not one-on-one.

Seek the ANSWERS to all your questions. Provide the ANSWERS to the questions asked of you. Be honest with your ANSWERS and do not patronize each other. Questions must be focused on the issue at hand and nothing else. To stray will only lead to accusations and finger-pointing, which will only drive a further wedge between the two.

Both sides must be held ACCOUNTABLE for what comes from this meeting. Frankly, both sides must be held ACCOUNTABLE for its actions, meeting or no meeting.

ACTION must then be taken to insure a healthy relationship between the parents and school officials. Allow the students — your children — to see the proper way to get things done through your ACTIONS. ACTIONS do speak louder than words, especially if the only words being spoken are words of hate, anger and disdain.

We preach about the Harvester Spirit. Yet, the Harvester Spirit is little more than a weapon we use on ourselves at times like this, which always brings me back to 'community' vs. 'city'.

We should cloak ourselves in the Harvester Spirit for all to see and admire. Not wear like a shield or sling it around like so much garbage left for others to clean up.

My best to both sides. May you rise above your differences and take this opportunity to set precedence for all Pampa sports. Our kids are well worth the effort.

## Weekend Sports Briefs

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — Duke, Connecticut, Villanova and Memphis were selected Sunday as No. 1 seeds for the NCAA tournament.

This is Duke's 10th No. 1 seed, matching North Carolina for the most ever. It is Connecticut's fourth top seeding and the first time for both Villanova and Memphis.

The Big East set a record with eight schools selected for the 65-team field, while the Big Ten and Southeastern Conference each had six. The Atlantic Coast, Big 12, Missouri Valley and Pac-10 each had four teams chosen.

The previous record was seven teams. The Big Ten did that four times in 1990, 1994, 1999 and 2001, while the Big East did it in 1991.

Among the teams which had been mentioned as possible at-large teams but weren't selected were Cincinnati, Creighton, Florida State, Hofstra, Maryland, Michigan and Missouri State.

**VILLANOVA, Pa. (AP)** — Villanova guard Allan Ray was cleared to participate in non-contact basketball drills Sunday, two days after he was hit in the right eye at the Big East tournament.

**PRO FOOTBALL**  
**PHOENIX (AP)** — Edgerrin James ran off to the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday, agreeing to a four-year, \$30 million contract.

Last month, Colts president Bill Polian admitted he was taking a gamble by letting the seven-year veteran hit the free-agent market. And now James is gone after setting team records for rushing attempts (2,188), yards (9,226) and touchdowns (64).

James joins a franchise that has had one winning season since coming to Arizona in 1988, but the Cardinals will move into their long-awaited new stadium — with

a retractable roof — this fall.

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Washington Redskins snagged their second receiver in two days Sunday, signing Antwaan Randle El to a seven-year contract that could be worth up to \$31 million.

On Saturday, the Redskins sent a third-round pick in this year's draft and a fourth-round selection in 2007 to San Francisco for Brandon Lloyd.

Washington also signed tight end Christian Fauria, who spent the last four years with New England.

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Punter Dave Zastudil signed a five-year contract Sunday with the Cleveland Browns, the third free agent with Ohio football roots to sign with the club in the past two days.

On Saturday, the club signed center LeCharles Bentley and wide receiver Joe Jurevicius, who both grew up in the Cleveland area, and offensive lineman Jeff Shaffer.

**GOLF**  
**HUIXQUILUCAN, Mexico (AP)** — Annika Sorenstam opened her LPGA Tour season with a successful title defense in the MasterCard Classic, closing with a 2-under 70 on Sunday for a one-stroke victory over Helen Alfredsson and Seon Hwa Lee.

Sorenstam, even par and tied for the lead after nine holes, reeled off three birdies in four holes to take the tournament with an 8-under 208 total.

**PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (AP)** — Luke Donald won the Honda Classic for his second PGA Tour title, shooting a 3-under 69 for a two-stroke victory over Geoff Ogilvy.

**SANTA CLARITA, Calif. (AP)** — Tom Kite won his first Champions Tour title since 2004, closing with a 2-under 70 for a five-stroke victory in the AT&T Classic.

## Team sacrifice



◀ Kelby Doughty lays down a perfect bunt to move a teammate from first to second base during Friday's home game against Canyon.

Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Tuesday, March 14, 2006:

You often think about how much you can do or what you can accomplish this year. You could also frequently weigh the pros and cons of a situation, not sure which way you want to go. You could spend way too much time juggling the pros and cons and not taking action. Be careful of a tendency to self-sabotage. If you are single, relationships are aplenty; having a stable relationship might be another issue. If you are attached, try to cut an argumentative streak and work as equal partners. Learn to walk in your sweetie's footsteps. Understanding will draw you closer. **VIRGO** can be quite challenging.

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

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
★★★★ You might want to rethink certain elements of your daily life. Do your choices work for you? If you aren't sure, today's events will give you a strong indication. Rationalizing will not work. Tonight: Easy does it. In fact, a full retreat might be in order.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★★ Recognize what might be going on with those around you. Your fun nature points to changes and differences. A relationship could be taking an interesting twist. If you are attached, avoid controlling situations. Tonight: Life goes on.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★ You might think you are in a pressure cooker — you are not far from wrong. Somehow, others do not see situations in the same light as you. Living

them to your thought process is close to impossible right now. Tonight: You really might want to cocoon.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★★ You hear so much, and much you hear will be conflicting information. Put your hands over your ears and make a positive decision for yourself. At this moment, others aren't reliable. Return calls and be willing to flex. Tonight: In the midst of a whirlwind.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ You might not believe all that starts up around you. If you want to rethink a decision, do so. Lighten up about the long-term implications of a money issue that is festering. You won't be ready to adapt and change the course yet. Tonight: Don't overdo it.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★ The Full Moon in your sign takes you in a new direction, or perhaps down an unanticipated path. You might not realize the potential and possibilities around you. Others certainly let you know they are there! Tonight: What you would like.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★ Knowing when to vanish could make all the difference in the outcome of certain situations. Understand that at present, you are your own best company, with perhaps one other person. Cocooning might make you mellow. Tonight: Still unavailable.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★ Focus on the majority and the group interest. Personal causes might be best left alone for a day or so. Someone close to you might throw a tantrum because he or she feels a need for more attention. So be it. Tonight: Where the action is.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★★ You could be bent out of shape and mildly disconcerted by others and their actions. Today's Full Moon could hit you harder than many, as you will have to let go of certain preconceptions. Tonight: Expect to be out late.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★ You might want to think before you leap into action. Others might not be exactly sure what the appropriate action is. You might be part of this faction. Realize that some issues cannot be resolved immediately. Tonight: Listen to music or relax to a movie.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ Quite likely, you will toss your hands in the air and think positively. What might have been a problem could seem even bigger right now. You simply are in a passage, and an important one at that. Tonight: Emphasize the pluses in a relationship.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★ Others clearly are in control, and you will not and cannot make a difference. Why try? Investigate offers, but do not feel you have to say yes or no just now. Much more is coming down your path. Tonight: Let others call the shots.

**BORN TODAY**  
Comedian Billy Crystal (1947), cartoonist Hank Ketcham (1920), record producer Quincy Jones (1933)

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# Drive for lobbying reform stalled by indecision, politics

By **JIM ABRAMS**  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — In January, within days of the breaking of the worst lobbying scandal in decades, congressional leaders pledged swift and bold reform. That hasn't happened, and Congress may be months away from coming together on the issue.

The Senate, within sight last week of passing a tough lobbying and ethics bill, got sidetracked by the Dubai port-management controversy and has moved on to other topics. House Republicans, at odds over such issues as whether to ban privately funded travel, have yet to introduce a bill.

"It is disappointing that the Senate is not completing action this week," Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, said Friday after a Democratic attempt to attach an amendment killing the port deal brought floor action to a discordant halt.

"I fear this delay could jeopardize this important bill and that it could become a casualty of a crowded calendar," she said.

The Senate bill, which has bipartisan support, would require greater disclosure of lobbyists' activities, prohibit senators from accepting meals from lobbyists, introduce greater scrutiny of trips paid for by provide sponsors and slow the movement of lawmakers to lobbying jobs.

It also provides a way to kill pet projects, known as earmarks, that lawmakers sneak into larger bills.

It's unclear when the Senate will return to the ethics measure. This week it will turn to the 2007 budget bill. The following week, Congress is in spring recess. When it returns,

leaders say they want to start debate on the highly contentious issue of immigration reform.

"I'm not going to let it slide off the table," Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., who has championed ethics reform, said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation." "We're going to try and see if we can ban some of the corporate jets and perks."

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— Sen. Susan Collins  
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But Obama added: "I'm a little bit concerned on the House side. There seems to be a lot of backpedaling."

House leaders were quick off the mark after lobbyist Jack Abramoff pleaded guilty in early January as part of a federal influence-peddling investigation. In one of its first acts of the new year, the House banned former members-turned-lobbyists from access to the House floor and gym.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., saying that Congress must act to restore its tainted reputation, proposed a total ban on privately funded travel and asked Rules Committee

Chairman David Dreier, R-Calif., to lead the reform effort with a goal of passing legislation by the end of February.

The goal now is to move a bill before the Easter recess in April. It likely will contain a temporary ban on privately funded travel, until the end of the year, to give lawmakers more time to figure out how to separate legitimate fact-finding tours from the tropical island-and-golfing outings made infamous by the Abramoff scandal.

Hastert and other Republicans have also indicated the bill could include new campaign spending controls on tax-exempt partisan groups, nicknamed for a section of the tax code. In the 2004 elections, such groups spent \$544 million, by one estimate, and tended to favor Democrats.

But Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., a main sponsor of the Senate bill, and other Democrats stress that while campaign finance reform is more important than cleaning up lobbying rules, it should be dealt with separately and that inclusion in the lobbying bill could be fatal.

"We must not slow lobbying reform by tacking on unrelated campaign finance measures, which many on both sides would see as a poison pill," Dodd said in a floor speech.

Government reform groups say they are still confident that members of Congress, frightened by voter disgust at the lobbying scandal, will come through with a bill. Whether it contains some of the more substantive changes they want, such as a new independent office of integrity to oversee congressional ethics and lobbying matters, is another question.

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The 28-year-old rapper, born Jay Jenkins, was charged early Saturday with two counts of carrying a concealed firearm without a permit, police said.

Jenkins was with a group of men involved in a fight around 5:30 a.m. Friday, according to a police report.

When a passer-by filming the fight refused to hand over his video camera, one of the men in the group began shooting, the report stated.

Jenkins and about nine men fled the scene in two separate sport utility vehicles, police spokesman Robert Hernandez told The Miami Herald.

Officers stopped both vehicles, and found a semiautomatic firearm under Jenkins' seat and another gun near the armrest when they searched his SUV.

Two members of Jenkins' group also were arrested. Tramiel De Juan Golden was charged with strong armed robbery, and Steven Lesly Savain of Kendall was taken into custody on trespassing charges stemming from previous warrant for his arrest.

Young Jeezy's album "Let's Get It" was released in July.

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Colombia's ambassador to the United States is criticizing Bruce Willis for comments he made during a press conference to promote his new film, "16 Blocks."

The actor said the United States should consider "going to Colombia and doing whatever it takes to end the cocaine trade."

In a harshly worded letter made public, Andres Pastrana told the actor that the source of the lucrative cocaine trade was an "enormous appetite for drugs, in particular in the United States and Europe."

Pastrana, who as president in 2000 launched an anti-drug effort with billions in aid from the United States, added that no country has sacrificed more than his own to rein in drug trafficking. Every year, he said, thousands of innocent civilians are killed as a result of anti-drug efforts.

Inviting Willis to visit Colombia, Pastrana said "if you accept, you will see that, beyond Hollywood cliches, 44 million Colombians are waging a real war against drugs."

## Reese

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move their production overseas.

We should also withdraw from the World Trade Organization. How absurd to allow international bureaucrats beholden to multinational corporations to nullify laws passed by our Congress and state legislatures. Here is another example of something sold to the American people with lies. The WTO does represent a loss of sovereignty.

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