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# Criminal court case Pampa man receives hefty prison sentence, fine

by Marilyn Powers mpowers@thepampanews.com

A Gray County man was sentenced Tuesday to 99 years in prison and a fine of \$50,000 after being found guilty of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance in the amount of more than 200 grams but less than 400 grams.

Neil Scott Mason, 35, was reportedly found to be in possession of methamphetamine and the components of a clandestine meth lab on Jan. 25. He was indicted for the offense on April 17.

"We were extremely proud of our Gray County deputies," said Evelyn Rutherford, a paralegal in the office of 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer.

"They did a fabulous job on this case. Their professionalism and attention to detail is what helped us prosecute this case."

The trial began at 9 a.m. Monday with jury selection. The sentence was handed up by the jury shortly after 6 p.m. Tuesday after Mason was found guilty.

Mason was being held in Gray County Jail without bond at the time the trial began Monday, Rutherford said. He had been free on bond on the Jan. 25 charge and was again arrested on Feb. 23 on another felony charge of possession of a controlled substance.

See Court, Page 3

# **Deputies shut** down two meth labs

by Marilyn Powers mpowers@thepampanews.com

Three McLean men were in Gray County Jail awaiting arraignment as of press time today after sheriff's deputies discovered what appeared to be clandestine methamphetamine labs at two locations

in McLean. The first arrest was made Monday after deputies who were on patrol in the 300 block of East 7th Street detected a strong odor of a hazardous chemical

said GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard.

"They checked the area and found it was coming from a house," Hoard said. "They kept the house under surveillance for a time and then approached it."

The occupant of the house stepped outside to meet the deputies. One of the deputies told the man they were there to investigate chemical order.

"The owner told them he had a pistol at about 11:15 p.m., in his pocket,

See Labs, Page 3

A photo from the 1950s shows Pampa

Police Department Motor Officer Brewer

on a motorcycle used by police at that

4 A 1940 photo to be displayed at Pampa

Police Department shows, from left,

then-City Manager J.R. Manning, an

unidentified officer, Steve Mathis,

Lawrence Flarity, Slim Dillman, Ray

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### **■** Correction

A story in Tuesday's issue, concerning rate hikes for water, sewer and gas service in Pampa, contained some errors.

The combined increase in fees for those services will be \$7.83 per month, not per year as the story stated. The trash collection fee will increase \$2.93 per month, the sewer service fee will increase \$2.04 per month and the basic water fee will increase \$2.86 per month.

Under the proposed ordinances, the base rate for the landfill will go up from \$27.50 per ton to \$33 per ton.

The final hearing on the city's proposed tax rates and related ordinances will be held at 6 tomorrow p.m. (Thursday) in the commission chambers at City Hall.

## Pampa PD 'history detectives' uncover photos, memorabilia

by Marilyn Powers mpowers@thepampanews.com

You might Police Pampa Department has its own history detectives.

Remodeling is cur- the lobby is a display rently underway at the case with photographs

say department, located in City Hall at 201 W. Kingsmill, and one of the things planned for and memorabilia from the department's earlier

The department's web site is also undergoing its own remodeling, and that was what prompted the search for historical items and

information, Pampa PD Chief Logan Stout.

"We were looking for the department's history when we were redesigning the web site after completing the department recog-

said nition program," Stout said. "We found that the web site lacked historical information on the police department's past."

courtesy photos

On Aug. 3, the

See **History**, Page 3

### Two airlifted to burn center in wake of pipeline blast

by Marilyn Powers mpowers@thepampanews.com

Two men were airlifted to the Lubbock Burn Center with third-degree burns after a pipeline explosion occurred Tuesday in the northeastern part of Wheeler County.

Garrett Leslie Keenan, 51, of Perryton and Binaja Salome, 43, of Clinton, Okla., were transported by a Wheeler ambulance to meet LifeStar Transport, according to David Rushing; Wheeler County public information officer.

to the Wheeler County of Perryton, were digging a Sheriff's Office at 1:53 p.m. trench for a 16-inch main line Tuesday. It was located on for Enogex and hit a low pres-County Road 28, about two miles from the Oklahoma state line.

The men, employees of

The explosion was reported Gorman & Phillips Pipeline sure product line, Rushing

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The Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens Trail Ride is scheduled for September 13. It is open to the public and will be held at T. Boone Pickens' Ranch.

For info call Imogene McMinn at 669-1361.



### NEXT DAY FORECAST

Thursday

Cloudy

Friday

Saturday



Cloudy

Cloudy

Thursday: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 77. South-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Thursday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62. East-northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

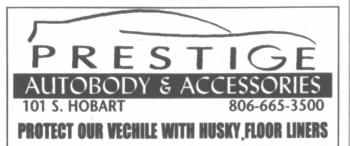
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Friday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a high near 76. Northeast wind around 10 mph.

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### Grain prices

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### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the period from 7 a.m. Monday to 7 a.m. Tuesday.

Monday, Sept. 8

Five traffic stops were made.

A traffic complaint was received from the 100 block of East Harvester.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Barnes and Frederic streets, the police department lobby, the intersection of Kentucky and Hobart streets, and the 2400 block of Charles.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 2200 block of North Hobart, the 100 block of North Nelson, the 400 block of Red Deer, the 500 block of North Somerville, the 400 block of North Starkweather, the 1000 block of Barnes, the 1000 block of Duncan, the 1800 block of North Dwight, the 1100 block of East Francis, the 100 block of South Wells, the 400 block of Magnolia, the 700 block of Sloan, the intersection of 23rd and Williston streets, and the 700 block of North

Christy.
Found property was reported in the 2500 block of North Christine. A bicycle was found.

Welfare checks were made in the 1400 block of North Dwight and the 2400 block of Navajo.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 700 block of North Sumner.

An information report was taken in the 1100 block of Juniper. The incident

involved littering, in which beer cans and bottles were thrown into a yard.

Criminal trespass was reported in the police department lobby.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1900 block of Duncan.

Harassment was reported in the 1400 block of West Somerville.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of North Wells. Minor injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1600 block of Buckler. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Assault was reported in the 2100 block of North Banks. Minor injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 2400 block of Charles.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 800 block of Jordan. A bicycle valued at \$40 was taken.

Forgery was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart. A forged check for \$194.78 was written on a closed account.

Identity theft was reported in the 700 block of Roberta. Burglary was reported in

the 1100 block of Varnon Drive.

Tuesday, Sept. 9

Two traffic stops were

Two traffic stops were made.

A welfare check was made in the 500 block of Lowry.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Browning and Ward streets, the 800 block of North Hobart, and the intersection of 22nd and Nelson streets. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident at the intersection of 22nd and Nelson streets.

### Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the follow-

and gifts.

# Emergency Services

four personnel responded to

the 1000 block of South

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**Ambulance** 

Guardian EMS ambulance

Monday, Sept. 8

8:23 a.m. - A mobile ICU

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Barnes streets and transport-

ed two patients to Pampa

responded to the 1600 block

of Faulkner and transported

ICU responded to the 1300

block of Terrace and trans-

2:07 p.m. - A mobile ICU

3:15 p.m. - A mobile ICU

responded to Hobart and

Kentucky streets and trans-

3:55 p.m. – A mobile ICU

responded to the 300 block

of Perry and transported a

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Affairs Medical Center in

responded to the 700 block

of Magnolia and transported

responded to the 600 block

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9:20 p.m. - A mobile ICU

Tuesday, Sept. 9

7:37 a.m. – A mobile ICU

responded to the 1700 block

of Holly Lane and transport-

responded to the 1800 block

ICU responded to PRMC

and transported a patient to

the 1700 block of Holly

3:02 p.m. - A mobile ICU

of Hamilton. No transport.

9:03 a.m. - A mobile ICU

10:08 a.m. - A mobile

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Regional Medical Center.

reported the following calls

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ending at 7 a.m. today.

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ing arrests today.

Monday, Sept. 8
Amy Lee Yearwood, 43, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for assault causing bodily injury/family violence.

Karen Hope Tambunga, 51, of Pampa was arrested in the 1600 block of Buckler by Pampa Police Department for theft of property more than \$20 and less than \$500 by check, displaying expired registration, failure to appear, no liability insurance and four counts of issuing a bad check.

Weldon Gene Kirkland, 36, of Mobeetie was arrested by Pampa PD for assault causing bodily injury.

Tuesday, Sept. 9
Troyce Glenn Brewer, 40, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of West 22nd by Pampa PD for public intoxication.

### Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls in the 24 hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Sept. 9

8:24 a.m. – One unit and three personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries at the intersection of Frederick and Barnes streets.

3:16 p.m. – One unit and three personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident and the intersection of Hobart and Kentucky streets. No injuries were reported.

5:27 p.m. – One unit and three personnel responded to the 700 block of Magnolia on a call for medical assis-

Tuesday, Sept. 10

9:05 a.m. – One unit and three personnel responded to the 1800 block of Hamilton on a medical call.

3:03 p.m. – One unit and three personnel responded to the 2600 block of Evergreen on a call for medical assistance.

11:06 p.m. – One unit and two personnel responded to the 600 block of Bradley for hazardous materials removal.

1:18 a.m. – One unit and

responded to an unspecified location on Evergreen and transported a patient to

Lane.

PRMC. 8:01 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Nelson and trans-

wednesday, Sept. 10
1:11 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Barnes and trans-

ported a patient to PRMC.

### Attack lands Lufkin man in prison

LUFKIN, Texas (AP) — A Lufkin man who says he head-butted and bit an exgirlfriend in a show of love must serve 50 years in prison for abducting and raping her.

An Angelina County jury on Tuesday convicted 33year-old Tavaeras Lamont Kimble in the 2007 kidnapping and sexual assault case.

Kimble was sentenced to 50 years for aggravated sexual assault, 10 years for kidnapping, five years for burglary of a habitation and fined \$17,000.

The sentences will run concurrently. Kimble must serve at least 25 years before being eligible for parole.

Prosecutors say the woman was kept two days against her will until Kimble allowed her to go into a grocery store, where she asked a worker for help.

Defense attorney Bill Agnew said there was insufficient evidence.

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PAMPA AREA Literacy Council is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to tutor in reading and English as a second language. There will be a training session, Thurs. Sept. 11, 10am in the Literacy office, at 108 N. Russell (inside the Red Cross Bldg. across from City Hall).

REVIVAL AT First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, 7pm., Wed. Sept. 10 & Thurs. 11th with Billy Bob White. Please come & join us!

### History

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department became only the sixth agency in Texas to be named a "Recognized Law Enforcement Agency" by the Texas Police Chief Association Law Enforcement Recognition Program. The recognition program, which was begun in 2007, evaluates a police department's compliance with 157 "Best Practices" for Texas law enforcement.

The department received national recognition about five years ago, Stout

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Information, photographs and memorabilia from several decades has already been gathered, but there are some gaps.

"We have plenty from the '40s, '50s, '70s, '80s and '90s," Stout said. "We are particularly interested in things from the '30s and '60s."

A wealth of information is available from past and present officers.

"I've been talking to George Wallace," Stout said. "He started at the police department in 1959 and worked to 1979. And Kenneth Hopson went to work here in 1979 and is still here. With those two

alone, we've got close to 50 years of

information."

Photographs and memorabilia help show how the department has changed through the years. One photograph from the 1950s shows a Pampa PD officer on a motorcycle, a type of transportation not currently in use by the department. Items from the PD's past include old radios and badges, a hat and some cameras which were used to take photos at crime scenes.

Some of the information which has been forthcoming in the history hunt has been somewhat unexpected and shows how times have changed.

"One of the bizarre things George was talking about was the large tree with a large log chain, located between Pampa Fire Department and the Schneider House," Stout said. "They would chain prisoners to the tree, and use it as a hold-

"Later, they put two large cages over there and held prisoners in the cages," he

Anyone with information or items they wish to donate may contact Stout by calling the police department at 669-5700 or e-mailing him at lstout@pampapd.com.

"If someone knows of anyone we can talk to, please let us know," he said.

The department's web site address is http://www.pampapd.net/.

### Labs

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Hoard said. "The deputies took the pistol and during a search of the man, they found a small container with a brown substance believed to be methamphetamine."

The search of the man and the residence resulted in the arrest of Michael R. Bybee, 46. He was booked into Gray County Jail on charges of possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance and possession/transport of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

Two more arrests occurred Tuesday after a deputy stopped at about 1:08 p.m. that day in the 500 block of Walnut Street to visit with a person about a complaint the person had made, Hoard said.

"As he was leaving, the deputy was able to detect a strong chemical odor coming from the garage of the house," he said.

The deputy asked permission to search the structure, and the man, who is the owner of the property, consented, Hoard said. He unlocked the garage and the deputy entered and found what appeared to be a clandestine meth lab, according to sheriff's office

"Upon investigation, he determined that it was an active meth lab," Hoard said. "He found several items."

Kenneth George Hipp, 53, and David Ray Burrow, 28, were arrested and were each charged with possession/transport of certain chemicals to manufacture a controlled substance and possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance.

# San Antonio going

 San Antonio is planning to turning the stink of its residents into the sweet green of cash and renewable energy.

The city's San Antonio Water System is going to sell captured methane gas generated from the utility's treatment of 140,000 tons of biosolids, or sewage, from customers each year.

The city-owned utility's board of trustees approved a contract Tuesday to provide at least 900,000 cubic feet of natural gas daily for the next 20 years to Framingham, Mass.based Ameresco, an energy services company.

"Treating biosolids generates an Clouse said.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) average of 1.5 million cubic feet of gas a day," the water system's chief operating officer, Steve Clouse, said Wednesday's edition of the San Antonio Express-News. "That's enough gas to fill seven commercial blimps or 1,250 tanker

> trucks each day." The utility already sells for reuse a portion of the water that's cleaned up at its wastewater treatment plants. It also has contracts to turn up to 80 percent of biosolids into compost that's sold for use in yards and gardens.

"As far as we know, SAWS is the only city in the United States that has completed the renewable; these recyclable trifecta."

### Court

"If a person is free on bond and commits another offense, they are then held

The charge for which Mason was

the Texas Department of Criminal Justice

Assistant 31st District Attorney Jeff Mathiews prosecuted the case in Judge Steven Emmert's court. David Holmes

### **Blast**

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"After the explosion, a fire erupted as natural gas leaked out of the hole," Rushing said. "The pipeline

was shut down and the fire burned itself out in about an hour.' A trencher and welding truck caught fire and

were destroyed.

Fire departments from Wheeler, Mobeetie, Kelton and Allison responded to the fire.

The incident is under investigation. Both men were in stable but serious condition as of this morning, Rushing said.

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without bond," Rutherford said.

found guilty and sentenced Tuesday is a first-degree enhanced felony with a punishment range of 25 to 99 years or life in

Institutional Division. The charge was enhanced because Mason has previously been found guilty and served time in prison on three different occasions for felony charges of burglary, forgery and

represented Mason as defense attorney.

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# Viewpoints

# Capitol comment: Weathering Gustav, future disasters

When reports indicated Emergency that Hurricane Gustav was gaining strength and headed straight for the Gulf Coast, federal, state and local officials sprung to action to alert the public to the threat. Just three years ago the preparation was markedly different. We will never forget the devastation Hurricanes Rita and Katrina wrought, and from top to bottom, we have worked to respond more effectively to natural disas-

Hours after Gustav hit, I joined with President Bush, Emergency Federal Management Agency Administrator (FEMA) David Paulison, and other Texas officials to monitor the hurricane from the

Operations Center in Austin. As we were briefed on the storm, it was very clear to me that everyone in the room was committed to working together towards an effective response and to help all of the impacted communities recover quickly.

Up and down the Gulf Coast, two million residents loaded onto planes, trains, and buses and were evacuated to shelters before Gustav made landfall west of New Orleans on September 1. With several Southeast Texas communities in the storm's projected path, more than 280,000 Texans living along the coast were evacuated to safer parts of the state. Texans also opened

50,000 displaced Louisiana residents fleeing the storm.

On Sept. 2, I joined Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert to tour the Dallas Convention Center, which was quickly converted to a shelter for evacuated

Texans and Kay Bailey residents Hutchison from neighboring U.S. Senator states. I was impressed and encouraged by the

spirit and determination of the staff and volunteers

Though the worst of Gustav is behind us, other storms loom on the horizon. Our recovery efforts must be

their doors to more than accompanied by a constant state of readiness.

> According to FEMA, Texas leads the nation in the number of declared natural disasters, from hurricanes and floods to tornadoes and wildfires. Before Hurricane

> > landed on Gulf the Coast, Texas was hit by Hurricanes Eduoard and Dolly. In the aftermath of

Gustav

those storms, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) granted nearly \$123 million to Texas and local Texas communities to improve preparedness. In addition, FEMA awarded over \$65 million to the entire state for disaster preparation efforts.

There are measures that each family can take to prepare for a disaster. DHS has designated September Preparedness National Month and as part of its campaign, the agency is encouraging citizens to follow four simple steps: get a kit, make a plan, be informed, and get involved.

First, every family should assemble a kit with basic necessities, including food, water, first-aid supplies, basic tools, and other essential items. Citizens should have kits ready in their homes and workplaces. Also, stock your car with jumper cables and flares, if evacuation is required.

Second, each family is encouraged to have an emergency plan. Because family members may not be together when a disaster strikes, plan in advance to have a meeting place or an out-oftown contact that each family member can call.

Third, citizens should be aware of the different types of natural disasters that could strike their community. Preparing for a hurricane and preparing for a wildfire require different measures. Residents should also be familiar with evacuation plans for the city or county in which they live.

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### Today in History

### By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 10, the 254th day of 2008. There are 112 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 10, 1608, John Smith was elected president of the Jamestown colony council in Virginia.

On this date: In 1813, an American naval force commanded by Oliver H. Perry defeated the British in the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812.

In 1846, Elias Howe received a patent for his sewing

In 1935, Sen. Huey P. Long, "The Kingfish" of Louisiana

The authentic and pure values, truth, beauty, and goodness, in the activity of a human being are the result of one and the same act, a certain application of the full attention to the object."

> — Simone Weil French philosopher (1909-1943)

politics, died in Baton Rouge two

days after being shot. In 1939, Canada declared war on Nazi Germany.

In 1945, Vidkun Quisling was sentenced to death in Norway for collaborating with the Nazis (he was executed by firing squad October 1945).

1948, American-born Gillars, Mildred accused of being Nazi wartime radio broadcaster Sally," was indicted in Washington for

treason. (She was later convicted, and served 12 years in In 1963, 20 black students entered Alabama public schools

following a standoff between federal authorities and Gov. George C. Wallace. In 1977, convicted murderer Hamida Djandoubi, a

Tunisian immigrant, became the last person to date to be executed by the guillotine in France. In 1983, John Vorster, prime minister of white-ruled South

Africa from 1966 to 1978, died in Cape Town at age 67. In 1987, Pope John Paul II arrived in Miami, where he was welcomed by President Reagan as he began a 10-day tour of the United States.

Ten years ago: President Clinton met with members of his Cabinet to apologize, ask forgiveness and promise to improve as a person in the wake of the Monica Lewinsky scandal. Northwest Airlines and its striking pilots announced an agreement to end a nearly two-week walkout.

Five years ago: Swedish Foreign Minister Anna Lindh, 46, was stabbed in a Stockholm department store; she died the next day.



## Taking the pulse of national economy

When federal government took over the two mortgage giants, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, it was a latent signal of what had become very obvious to most Americans already. We are in the beginning of an economic downturn that may not have hit bottom yet.

The upside to the government action is that a slightly clearer picture of just where we all stand will likely emerge. It was a federal audit that discovered Freddie Mac was not exactly as financially sound as they had said that lead to the dual takeover. Policy changes at Freddie Mac were allowing people who were behind on their mortgage payments an extra year and a half to recover. That allowed the lending giant to keep them on the plus side of the books instead of downgrading the loans to poor.

bad news to come before the entire story is out. But, finally getting the whole truth, no matter how bad, is when things have

a chance at Martha R. turning around because then we know what our starting

point is at last. No more false starts or unrealistic expectations.

Carr

Columnist

It doesn't mean that there won't be hardships or belttightening for all of us but the element of denial starts to get peeled away.

However, as I've said before, where the economic bottom is, has yet to be determined. There are a few factors that are still coming together that make the old equations a little out-dated. Take the scenario of a home-

There is probably more owner in the suburbs who has a fixed-rate mortgage, decent credit and employment that's covering the bills. But the job is almost an

hour away in rush hour and around his house are foreclosures driving down the

value of his little quarter acre. And, in his monthly budget the price of gas has risen to a place where just getting

to work has meant giving up

on most of the extras in his

household. He's not working to live anymore; he's now living to work. If the value of his home then slips far enough below what he still owes on the house it's possible that it can

start to look like economic

sense to walk away from the

house and the debt. It's been done before by homeowners in California after earthquakes and lack of insurance left them with a cracked foundation and a large bill.

There are already several communities throughout Florida in particular where prices continue to fall to new lows. Top that off with the issues of the tax base in your community draining away while you lose neighbors to just hang out with or at least keep an eye out for you.

In the 1930's, there was an enormous migration caused by an economic downturn due to a lack of regulation in the stock market mixed with a dustbowl throughout the farming belt. The consequence was given its own name, The Great Depression, and were seen as so dreaded, plenty of fed-

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### Texas Thoughts.

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas: Sept. 1

Austin American-Statesman on the 2008 Republican National Convention: As if the Republican National Convention in St. Paul today weren't gloomy enough, a Category 3 hurricane

has rescripted the convention entirely.

With Hurricane Gustav bearing down on the Louisiana coast, Republican leaders decided to pare down today's events to a couple of hours of essential business. No political speeches, no appearance by President Bush, nothing but the work that has to

Sen. John McCain, the presumptive

Republican presidential nominee, is taking advantage of the potential natural disaster to act presidential. He may skip the convention himself, depending on how much damage Gustav wreaks on a Gulf Coast still recovering from

Hurricane Katrina three years ago. McCain was wise to truncate the GOP festivities with a potential disaster imminent. It also is a good excuse to keep the party's unpopular president and vice president off stage. McCain's team learned from the poor response by the Bush administration to Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and won't repeat those mistakes.

The reaction to Gustav's threat has been much better leading up to today's expected landfall than during Katrina. Evacuation began earlier, New Orleans

Mayor Ray Nagin has been adamant in moving people out the storm's path, and coastal residents are taking this powerful hurricane seriously.

With Republicans in Minnesota searching for an identity after losing both houses of Congress two years ago and looking at more losses in November, McCain's activities this week take on enormous proportions. He led up to the convention with a bombshell the surprising choice of inexperienced and little-known Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin to be his vice presidential running mate.

McCain and Palin are to be nominated by the delegates Wednesday night, and McCain's acceptance speech

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Mike Keagy and Judi Edwards, owners of Quentin Williams, REALTORS, recently presented bonus checks to their top producers for the first six months of 2008. The winners were Maxine Watson, first place; Joan Mabry, second place; and Linda Burt, third place. Quentin Williams, REALTORS was involved in \$4,887,725 which represents 55 percent of the dollar volume sold in Gray County through the Pampa Multiple Listing Service.

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1Thursday is expected to be vitally important to his election chances. Americans are looking at the country's Republican leadership with a jaun-

diced eye. The war in Iraq is confusing and unpopular, and the economy is struggling as Americans lose their homes and watch their savings and investments evap-

But as sharp as the contrast is with the elated tone of the Democrats as they left Denver last week after selecting U.S. Sen. Barack Obama as the first African American presidential nominee from a major party, the GOP begins its meeting with some positive signs. One is that Obama has been unable to open a substantial lead in the polls over McCain. By hanging close to Obama, McCain gives the Republicans a chance to keep the White House. And the low expectations for McCain, who just turned 72, can work for him and the Republican Party

McCain can turn heads with a powerful speech and showing leadership outside of the muted convention by helping with disaster relief. This week is his and Palin's chance to lead the trek to November, to show they can they take the party on their shoulders and send the GOP delegates home with hope.

McCain began the week with his acceptance speech competing with the NFL kickoff game on prime-time network television. Now he has a powerful hurricane to contend with as well.

It's been that kind of year for the GOP. URL: http://www.statesman.com

# Massive particle collider passes first key tests

GENEVA (AP) — The understanding the makeup of world's largest particle collider passed its first major tests by firing two beams of protons in opposite directions around a 17-mile (27-kilomeunderground ring Wednesday in what scientists

the universe.

After a series of trial runs, two white dots flashed on a computer screen at 10:26 a.m. (0826 GMT) indicating that the protons had traveled clockwise along the full hope is the next great step to length of the 4 billion Swiss

franc (US\$3.8 billion) Large Hadron Collider — described as the biggest physics experiment in history.

"There it is," project leader Lyn Evans said when the beam completed its lap.

Champagne corks popped in labs as far away as

Chicago, where contributing and competing scientists watched the proceedings by satellite.

Five hours later, scientists successfully fired a beam counterclockwise.

Physicists around the world now have much greater

nents of atoms together in attempts to learn about their structure. "Well done, everybody,"

power to smash the compo-

said Robert Aymar, directorgeneral of the European Organization for Nuclear Research, to cheers from the assembled scientists in the collider's control room at the Swiss-French border.

The organization, known by its French acronym CERN, began firing the protons — a type of subatomic particle around the tunnel in stages less than an hour earlier, with the first beam injection at 9:35 a.m. (0735 GMT).

Eventually two beams will be fired at the same time in opposite directions with the aim of recreating conditions a beams will cross, and a few split second after the big bang, which scientists theorize was the massive explo-

relief," said Evans, who has ing millions of snapshots a been working on the project second.

since its inception in 1984. "This is a machine of enormous complexity. Things can go wrong at any time. But this morning has been a great start."

He didn't want to set a date, but said that he expected scientists would be able to conduct collisions for their experiments "within a few months."

The collider is designed to push the proton beam close to the speed of light, whizzing 11,000 times a second around the tunnel.

Scientists hope to eventually send two beams of protons through two tubes about the width of fire hoses, speeding through a vacuum that is colder and emptier than outer space. The paths of these protons will collide. The collider's two largest detectors essentially huge digital sion that created the universe. cameras weighing thousands "My first thought was of tons - are capable of tak-

involved at the community level. There's no question that in the aftermath of a disaster, communities come together and work cooperatively to

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recover. This should begin with preparation. The organization Citizen Corps has made community preparation its mission. More information on hometown involvement can be found here, http://www.citizencorps.gov/. For more details on how to prepare your family and community, visit challenges they may face. http://www.ready.gov.

challenges and adopt a spirit of preparedness, our communities will be safer and recover more quickly from

We are only halfway into the 2008

hurricane season and Texans have

already weathered three serious

storms. But if we anticipate future

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eral regulation was put into place to try and prevent another one. That is until enough time went by, and we all got tired of regulations and removed them with the promise that we'd behave this time.

This time gas prices and a lack of regulation in the housing market the inconsiderate consumer tried to

could be creating another migration use cash. That's how much we were as people look to start over anew. It's enjoying the party without paying another geographic fix that is stripping away entire communities because once again people were allowed to buy something on credit without the means to pay for it. It was probably a sign of the times when it became possible to buy a Big Mac with a credit card. Visa even had a recent commercial that lauded buying everything with a plastic card and depicted life grinding to a halt when

attention to the bill.

But now, because people are not only buying less overall, what they already consumed is not getting paid back and the effects will continue to roll backward through retailers, wholesalers and manufacturers. The takeover of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac is still just the beginning of this

### Events calendar

 Texas Medical Board will host a town hall meeting Sept. 9-10 at Texas Tech University Health Science Center in Amarillo.

· The Texas Department of State Health Services will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be

based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

and 1-3 p.m., Sept. 17, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa. The Better Business Bureau of the Texas Panhandle will host a "Secure Your ID Day" from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the parking lot of Wal-Mart Supercenter in Pampa. Participants may bring up to three boxes or bags of paper materials for free shredding and receive free goody bags with tips and resources to prevent identity theft.

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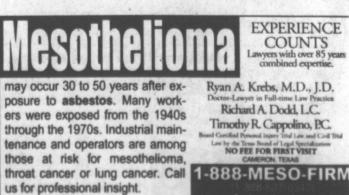




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# Dear Abby.

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

ruining my marriage. "Ivan" and I have been together 12 years, married for five. Six years ago, he had to put his aged, sickly pointer, "Sergeant," to sleep. Two years ago, I began suggesting that we get another dog. I felt Ivan had mourned Sergeant long enough, and it was time for another. We found a lovely King Charles spaniel that we named Lili. We spent a lot of fun time with her that spring and summer, then thought a playmate might be good company for her during the day while we were at work. We found Branford, another spaniel. At night we'd put both dogs in the kitchen, tell them goodnight, put up a gate and go to bed. But Branford would cry. I told Ivan he'd stop eventually, but Ivan couldn't just leave him, so he began bringing the two dogs into our bedroom and allowing them to sleep at the foot of our bed. I have pleaded with Ivan to return them downstairs, but he won't consider it. Guess where they're sleeping today? IN the bed. Guess where I'm sleeping? On the couch downstairs. We haven't been out on a date since the dogs arrived. We don't go out with friends because we must be back by 10 p.m. -- the dogs' bedtime, and Ivan's, too, of course. He is oblivious to me from the time he goes to bed with the dogs. We haven't had sex in a year. Everything is about the dogs. He even prepares their meals from scratch each day -- boiled chicken with rice, peas and carrots. He says: "I told you I get attached to dogs. You said you wanted them; this is what you have to deal with." I am at my breaking point. Help! -- ONLY HIS WIFE IN WILMINGTON

DEAR ABBY: I love dogs, but they're DEAR WIFE: I'm sorry to say this, but the dogs aren't your problem; they're only a symptom. Your husband has turned them into a buffer. When a man would rather sleep with his dogs than his wife and "forgets" about sex for a year, something is wrong with the marriage. You need more help than anyone can give you in a letter. So start looking for a licensed marriage counselor. If your husband won't go with you, go alone. Something tells me you're going to need all the emotional support you can get, because your marriage has gone to the bowwows.

> DEAR ABBY: I recently attended a party at my parents' house. During dinner, one of the guests' cell phone went off, twice! He answered it both times and held lengthy conversations, and all the while my father was "shushing" the rest of us. I think both were remarkably rude. My father believes that telephone calls take precedence over everything else, and that the guest "had" to answer his phone and that WE would have been rude to continue talking while he was on the phone. Anything you can say to change his mind? ñ NOT WILD ABOUT **PHONES**

> **DEAR NOT WILD:** It depends upon how stubborn a person your father is. Good manners dictate that when someone is attending a dinner party, his/her cell phone be turned off so conversation at the table isn't interrupted. If that's not possible, then rather than imposing on everyone else, the call recipient should leave the table and talk privately with the caller. For the host to insist that everyone at the table remain silent for the duration of the conversation was rude to the other guests, and must have put a real damper on the party.

### For Better Or Worse





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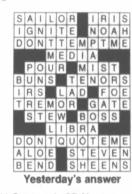
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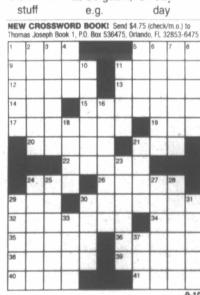
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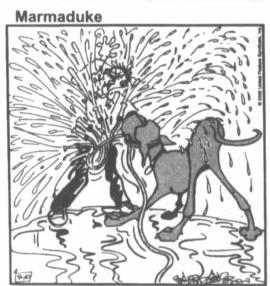
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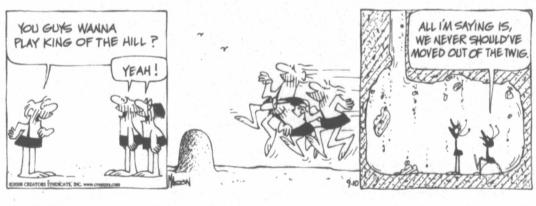
"Marmaduke! When I say 'Cool it!' I don't mean 'Cool me off!"

### The Family Circus THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Daddy, why does the word 'snow' have a 'w' in it?"

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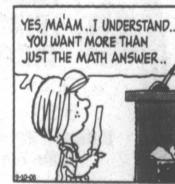


### **Haggar The Horrible**



### **Peanuts**

By Bil Keane







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### **Funtracker Amusement** Ctr. - Ruidoso, N.M.



This group of friends have been attending the Ceta Glen Christian Camp together in the summer since they were in the third grade. This photo was taken recently at the Runtrackers Amusement Center in Ruidoso, N.M. Front row, from left - Jessica Fay of Lubbock, Danielle Wall of Pampa and Olivia Wise of Lubbock. Back row from left -Jesse Ellis, Ben Nabors and Michael Parker, all of Fritch.



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### **Hurricane Ike enters Gulf**; on path for South Texas coast

first of 1 million residents to begin leaving. who could be in the way of the storm's path.

Hurricane Center predicted will require them to be out of cism: Back in May, Ike, which has already raked harm's way ... we will assist Homeland Security Secretary the Caribbean and Cuba, them in boarding state-furwould feed on the Gulf's nished transportation and warm waters and intensify we'll assist them in getting to before slamming into Texas San Antonio," said Nueces somewhere near Corpus County Judge Loyd Neal. Christi early Saturday morn-

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State and county officials let now. people decide for themselves people out of harm's way.

affect the impoverished Rio hurricanes is we need to have Grande Valley, home to many fuel ready.' immigrants who have traditionally been fearful of evac- least 80 people in the uating out of concern they Caribbean and ravaged could be deported if stopped homes in Cuba. As it left by authorities. Hidalgo Cuba Tuesday, the storm County Judge J.D. Salinas delivered a punishing blow to said if an evacuation is towns such as Los Palacios, ordered, county officials will which already suffered a visit immigrant neighbor- direct hit from Category 4 hoods and forcefully urge Hurricane Gustav on Aug. people to clear out.

After Hurricanes Katrina and Gustav, "there were a lot Ike was a Category 1 storm of immigrants who said, 'I'm with maximum sustained not going to go," said winds near 85 mph, but was Salinas, the county's top expected to strengthen. The elected official. "It's going to storm was centered about be hard."

already declared 88 coastal northwest near 8 mph. counties disaster areas to Category 1 storms have start the flow of state aid, winds between 75 mph and activated 7,500 National Guard troops and began preparing for an evacuation, assurances they would not lining up "buses rather than check people's immigration

were taking no chances with But residents were skeptical, the lives of its medically and there were worries that fragile citizens. Residents many illegal immigrants with special needs in the would refuse to board buses Corpus Christi area were set and go to shelters for fear of

McALLEN, Texas (AP) - to begin leaving by bus for getting arrested and deport-As Hurricane Ike charged San Antonio Wednesday, and ed. into the Gulf's fueling waters the state said it would open and toward the Texas coast, up a northbound shoulder on the Rev. Michael Seifert, a prepared Interstate 37 beginning at 9 Roman Catholic priest and Wednesday to evacuate the a.m. for people who wished immigrant advocate. "The

special medical needs who problem." Forecasters at the National have a health condition that

encouraging residents in the in late July, no mandatory If Texas officials order a path of Hurricane Ike to do evacuation was ordered, and mandatory exodus, it would three things — listen to what as a result the Border Patrol be the first large-scale evacu- local officials say, monitor kept its checkpoints open. ation in South Texas history. weather reports and gas up, Agents soon caught a van

"We have a fuel team that whether to leave a hurricane is part of the state operation area until just before system in Austin," said Hurricane Rita struck the Allison Castle, spokes-Gulf Coast in 2005. Now woman for Perry. "They are county officials can order helping to push fuel to hurricane areas. One of the les-The evacuation would sons we learned from past

Ike has already killed at

At 8 a.m. EDT Wednesday, 125 miles north of Cuba's Gov. Rick Perry has western tip and moving west-95 mph.

Federal authorities gave status at evacuation loading Texas emergency officials zones or inland checkpoints.

"People are nervous," said message that was given to me "For people designated as was that it's going to be a real

One reason for the skepti-Michael Chertoff said the Border Patrol would do nothing to impede an evacuation in the event of a hurricane. But when Hurricane Dolly Texas officials were struck the Rio Grande Valley load of illegal immigrants.

### **Bush's border fence** to cost extra \$400 million

to complete its fence along the country's southwestern investigators say that may fair. not even be enough to finish this year.

To complete the 670-mile fence — already half built the administration has asked Congress to approve the use of \$400 million set aside for other programs, mostly suralong the U.S.-Mexico border, Jayson Ahern, the deputy commissioner of Customs and Border Protection, told Associated

Higher costs of fuel, steel and labor have led to the

"If we run out of money, unfortunately the construction will have to stop," Ahern exactly how much extra it the fence, because the costs and environmental issues.

Ahern is scheduled to testify on Capitol Hill Wednesday about the fence's funding shortfalls. At the same hearing, Congress' investigative the Government Accountability Office, will also tell lawmakers that the administration risks not meeting its deadline to complete the fence by the end of the year because of staffing shortages and complications with acquiring the land necessary to build the fence.

The concept of a border fence took on new life after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, which revived the heated immigration debate. Intelligence officials have said the gaps along the southwestern border could provide opportunities for terrorists to enter the country.

Critics have said the fence presents an inconsistent message about a country founded by immigrants and priding itself on opportunity.

The fence is not intended to stop illegal immigration altogether, but rather make it more difficult for people to enter the country illegally, administration officials say...

The entire plan for security on the southwestern border includes additional Border Patrol agents, more enforcement of immigration laws, a physical fence and a hightech "virtual fence" with surveillance technology.

The administration learned the high-tech portion of the fence is more difficult than anticipated after its 28-mile test of a virtual fence in

The Bush administration hammered the administration Office. needs an extra \$400 million for what they consider a failed virtual fence plan, but

construction by the end of to install virtual fencing along other parts of the border, the administration thinks it's more important to use the money set aside for technolophysical fence, Ahern said.

As for completing the veillance technology projects fence by end of the adminisremain to be overcome." Among those challenges are out of our control," he said. He said staffing shortages, \$400 million shortfall, Ahern however, are not a problem.

The fencing plan affects about 480 landowners who sensors and unmanned aerial live along or near the southwestern border. Some citisaid. He said it is not known zens are faced with moving out of their homes and selling the first comprehensive fedwill cost to build each mile of their property to the government because the placement differ due to varying terrain of the fence would significantly affect the value of their property. Others could accept a government pay- approve the use of an addiment as compensation for tional \$400 million to build reduced value. As of August the physical fence, Ahern 26, the administration had said, "We will exhaust our 269 pieces of property it still moneys and go as far as we needed to acquire from can." landowners, according to the

WASHINGTON (AP) — Arizona. Lawmakers have Government Accountability

Since 2006, Congress has appropriated \$2.7 billion for Ahern and other officials the fence. But there's no estiborder, and government have said that criticism is not mate how much the entire system — the physical fence While there are still plans and technology — will cost to build, let alone maintain.

Border fences have been sprouting across California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas for decades — dating gy in order to complete the to the 1940s, when the International Boundary and Water Commission, an agency that deals with border tration, Ahern said, "We still issues, built 234 miles of have many challenges that fence to keep out foot-andmouth disease.

As a result, the U.S. fence Press getting court orders to build is a patchwork of old and on certain lands. "And that's new construction and in varying states of repair; the only consistency is a uniform ugliness. Over the years surveillance cameras, ground drones have been used in spots along the border. But the current building spree is eral push to seal the entire stretch with either physical fencing or detection and surveillance technology.

If Congress does not

### **Abbott settles for \$28 million**

AUSTIN (AP) — The that the state would get \$18 state of Texas is getting \$28 million in a settlement reached with Abbott Laboratories over a lawsuit that alleged the company drug prices to the state and

federal Medicaid programs. Greg Abbott said Tuesday million in damages and \$10 million in attorneys' fees and costs with the civil settlement.

Abbott Laboratories did falsely reported wholesale not admit to any wrongdoing in the settlement.

The lawsuit was filed in Texas Attorney General 2004 on information from a whistleblower.

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### Cryptoquote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

**CRYPTOQUOTE** 

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EDMGSY Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IF YOU PRAY FOR ANOTHER, YOU WILL BE HELPED YOURSELF. - YIDDISH PROVERB

### Your Daily Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Sept.

Often, others might see you as overzealous, especially about your health, diet or matters that impact your daily life. You become a bit of a crusader this year, willing to buck the status quo no matter what. You discover how important it is to have your priorities in line, as you cannot be everywhere all at once. If you are single, you make friends easily in your daily life. You might, however, put someone on a pedestal romantically. Be careful. Give yourself a year to get to know someone. If you are attached, both of you need to spend more sensitive and quality time together. AQUARIUS always pitch-

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)

\*\*\* Passion always surrounds your key causes, whether they are intellectual or emotional. Today, you demonstrate how you can, by sheer spirit, make what you want happen. Pick and choose your battles. Tonight: Only what you

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\* You might feel pushed way beyond your normal limits. Establish

boundaries, with a knowledge of what might be enough. You feel good about a strong stance, though others let you know they are NOT in sync with you. Tonight: Share with a best friend or loved

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\* Look beyond the obvious with a co-worker or in a testy issue on the home front. Your ability to move past a hassle could earmark the end of a difficult situation. Others will listen to how you phrase your words. Tonight: Go with

another's choice. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\* A partner arises with a bigger issue than you originally thought possible. Be sensitive to alternatives that surround a child or a key loved one. You do not need to agree to spend when you are not comfortable doing so. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\* Defer to others, as you might have your personal share of demons to handle. You need to use your charms when dealing with a personal matter. You make headway because of your ability to not create an even bigger problem. Tonight: Sort through possibilities. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\* Your instincts help you drive a hard bargain, yet at the same time, when someone gives you a strong reaction, you might want to pull back rather than cause yourself a problem. You react internally and might feel hurt. Tonight: Ask, and you shall receive. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\* Understand that others have good intentions, even if their actions could cost you more than you are willing to spend. Saying "no" might need to be worded well if you do not want to hurt another's feelings. Tonight: Let your hair

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*★ Family needs to remain your highest priority, no matter what occurs. A boss admires how you deal with tension, although you might not be as pleased with yourself. Keep a low profile, or work from home if possible. Tonight: Home is your castle.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\* Hesitate no longer; express your deeper feelings. Though you might be uncomfortable with what comes up, you also could be taken aback by the level of your own reaction. Stop before you say anything you might regret! Tonight: Out and about. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\* Your finances - not even the actual use of resources or spending, just the concept — stir up some strong reactions. Be smart and say little rather than stick your foot in your mouth. A treat, some fun or a gesture does not have to put you into bankruptcy. Tonight: Indulge a little.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\* You feel like you're on top of the world. Others might be challenging, as they need to clear the air. Someone you care about deeply could be a source of uproar, like it or not. You could want or need to deal with a belligerent associate. Tonight: Could be a late one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\* You might be well-advised to keep your opinions to yourself, as you are having a difficult time finding a responsive audience. Reach out for someone at a distance. Make a long-overdue call. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

**BORN TODAY** 

Author O. Henry (1882), author D.H. Lawrence (1885), football coach Paul "Bear" Bryant (1913)

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1 Public Notice

PUBLIC SALE NOTICE DATE OF SALE September 5, 2008 PLACE: 1038 S. Barnes, Pampa, TX 79065 TIME

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