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WHO raises alert

Key developments on swine flu outbreaks, according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, World Health Organization, and government officials:

—Deaths: 168 in Mexico, eight confirmed as swine flu and rest suspected. One confirmed in U.S., a 23-month-old boy from Mexico who died in Texas.
 —Texas Gov. Rick Perry issues disaster declaration, and state suspends all high school sports competitions until May 11. Texas school closings affect 130,000 children. —Sickened: 2,955 suspected and 99 confirmed in Mexico. Confirmed elsewhere: at least 93 in U.S.

—U.S. cases confirmed by CDC and state officials in 11 states: 51 in New York, 16 in Texas, 14 in California, three in Maine; two each in Kansas and Massachusetts, and one each in Indiana, Ohio, Arizona and Nevada. CDC also said Michigan had two, but state officials said only one was confirmed.

—Roughly 100 U.S. schools close nationwide, in Texas, New York City, California, South Carolina, Connecticut, Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin, Arizona and Ohio.

—Public health emergency declared in the United States and roughly 12 million doses of Tamiflu from federal stockpile to be delivered to states.

—Mexico suspends all nonessential activity of the federal government and private business until May 5. Public events canceled and masks handed out. All schools closed until May 6.

Future cloudy for playoffs

The University Interscholastic League announced Wednesday that all high school athletic competitions be postponed until May 11 due to the swine flu outbreak.

The unprecedented decision has major repercussions, according to Pampa Independent School Athletic Director Stewart Smith.

Athletic officials are trying to schedule around the change, but Stuart said it is difficult as the schedule

could change pending UIL decisions.

"If things are delayed further, it could mean canceling all UIL activities for the 2009 school year," Stuart said. "It would be a crying shame. There are lots of kids that have worked very hard to get to playoffs and have those opportunities."

Pampa High School Baseball team will not be able to compete at the district meet as scheduled. Instead, the team is sched-

uled to compete on May 11 and 12. Softball playoffs were scheduled for this upcoming weekend on May 1 and 2, but now the

girls are scheduled to play on May 15 and 16.

"The playoff situation will be effected on a

10 new flu cases reported

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Health officials are reporting another 10 cases of swine flu in Texas, bringing the state's number of confirmed infections to 26.

The Texas Department of State Health Services reported Thursday that most of the confirmed cases continue to be in Guadalupe County, where at least eight people have the virus. Dallas County has three cases, while there is no information yet about where 10 of the cases in Texas were confirmed.

STORM SKIRTS PAMPA



staff photo by **Betsy Phillips**

Tornadoes threatened the panhandle last night, but the brunt of the storm moved south of Pampa. The spring storm produced high winds and ping-pong sized hail in some areas. Flash flooding caused a build up of water on streets, parks, and on bridges here. The heavy rains caused zero visibility in many areas for a time.

City sets special meeting May 5

A public hearing will be held by the city commission during a special meeting at 4 p.m. May 5. The hearing is a first step in creating a mater plan for parks, recreation and open space for 2009-2019, needed for the City of Pampa to apply for grant funds.

No one spoke for or against a continuance of a curfew from midnight to 6 a.m. for minors under 17 at the regular city com-

mission meeting Tuesday evening. Commissioners approved on the first reading an extension of the existing ordinance. Interim Police Chief Donny Brown told the council that repeat offenses have dropped during the past three years the ordinance has been in effect.

The ordinance must be re-introduced and passed every 36 months. The maximum fine is \$500

for each offense. There are provisions in the ordinance for minors traveling for work and does not apply to minors who are with a parent or guardian.

Commissioners passed resolution R09-005, on its second and final reading, granting the Pampa Economic Development Corporation a half million dollars plus 20 percent of the city's gross sales tax income for 12 months

beginning June 3.

The money will be used to help fund an aquatic park.

Commissioners voted unanimously to join the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Cooperative Purchasing Program. Created by the legislation in 1979, the CO-OP increases purchasing power of members by extending the State CITY cont. on page 3

Highlights from the Texas legislature

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) , Even while he seeks a compromise over contentious voter identification bills, a top Republican leader said he would support the stronger version that his party leaders advocate if it becomes the only option.

State Rep. Todd Smith, GOP chairman of the House Elections Committee, made it clear he wants the Legislature to pass his more lenient proposals for voter ID reform , and possibly avoid a tense, partisan

showdown with Democrats.

Under Smith's vision, the new ID rules would be slowly phased in and include \$7.5 million for voter education programs while strengthening penalties against voter fraud.

But he also said he could support adopting the strictest possible photo ID requirements , like the one Indiana has and that most House Republicans want.

"We need to do something to provide additional security at the polls,"

said Smith, a lawyer from Bedford. "I would vote yes ... to an imperfect bill."

More than 50 House Republicans signed a letter Tuesday advocating passage of a requirement that voters present a valid photo ID when voting.

Republicans , who control both houses of the Legislature and all statewide elective offices , say the new ID rules are needed to protect against voter fraud. Democrats com- SESSION cont. on page 3

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Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers, mainly after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 45. North northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 59. North northwest wind around 15 mph.

Saturday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 45. North northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 56. North northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Cash Five Texas results

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

Winning numbers drawn: 7-28-11-15-16.
Number matching five of five: 2. Prize: \$11,014
Winning ticket purchased in: Fort Worth, Houston
Matching four of five: 82. Prize: \$121
Matching three of five: 2,714. Prize: \$9
Matching two of five: 26,151. Prize: \$2
Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Houston-area freshman struck, killed by school bus

HOUSTON (AP) — A school bus a 15-year-old girl had just gotten off of struck and killed her as she attempted to cross a street.

The suburban Houston student had just gotten off the Aldine Independent School District bus and went in front of it when she was hit about 3 p.m. Wednesday.

D.A. Coleman, with the Harris County Sheriff's Office traffic division, said witnesses told investigators that the girl briefly grabbed the front bumper as she was hit, then fell under the bus.

School district spokesman Mike Keeney said the teenager was a good student at MacArthur Ninth Grade School and was very popular, the Houston Chronicle reported in its online edition Wednesday.

Keeney said grief counselors will be on the ninth grade campus Thursday and MacArthur has canceled TAKS testing for the day.

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Emergency Services

PAMPA PD
Pampa Police Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. Today.

Wednesday
Officers conducted a total of 14 traffic stops.

A total of 12 calls and/or stops concerning animals were made.

A traffic complaint was reported in the 700 block of Deane.

Theft was reported in the 400 block of North Wells, where a barrel containing coins was stolen, value \$4,000 to \$5,000; and the 800 block of North Gray, where a lawnmower was stolen, value \$200.

Civil matters were reported in the lobby of the PD.

A welfare check was made in the 1400 block of North Russell.

A threat was made in the 2400 block of North Charles.

Three alarms were investigated.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block

of North Duncan, the 1000 block of South Huff, and Pampa High School, 111 East Harvester.

Theft was reported in the 2200 block of North Nelson.

Motor vehicle accidents were reported in the 700 block of South Cuyler, 100 block of West 30th.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of East Francis, where a vehicle was scratched, damage \$1,000.

A burglary was reported in the 1100 block of East Francis.

Thursday
Officers conducted two traffic stops.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the intersection of Beryle and Lanne streets

AMBULANCE

Guardian EMS ambulance service reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. Thursday.

8:33 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient to

North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

11:19 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2400 block of Rosewood Lane. No patients were transported.

11:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2000 block of Hobart. No patients were transported.

2:22 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Doucette and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Mary Ellen and transported a patient to PRMC.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriffs Office reported the following arrests.

Wednesday

Manuel Rizo Alvarez, 42, of Alanreed was arrested by the GCSO for no driver's license, and no seatbelt for two adults.

James Homer Hayes 49, of Pampa was arrested by the GCSO for insufficient bond on driving while intoxicated third or more, and theft by check.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. Today.

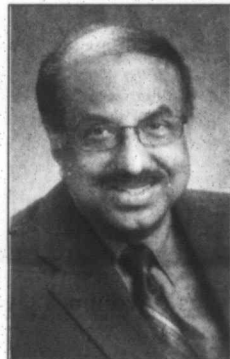
Wednesday
8:24 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1400 block of Williston on a lift assist.

11:21 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2400 block of Rosewood on a medical call.

11:51 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of North Wells on a medical call.

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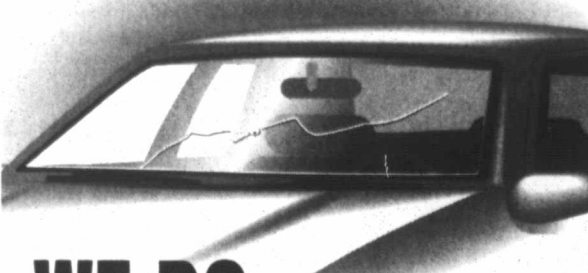
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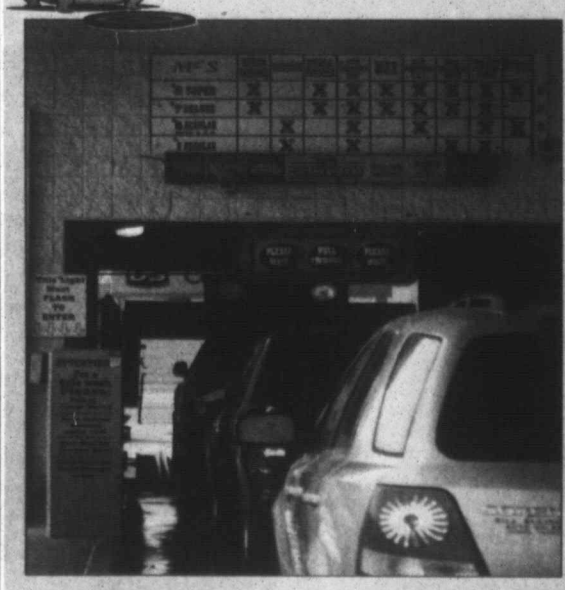
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Flu epidemic clouds playoffs

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grander scale," Stuart said explaining the softball playoffs. "The team will have to play two games in one week, instead of one game two weeks in a row."

The regional track meet was cancelled entirely with the announcement.

The state track meet, which is one of the largest high school and filed competitions in the country, is still scheduled for May 13. Stuart said the meet will now be a three-day meet instead of a one day meet.

Competitors with the top four highest scores in the district will be eligible to compete at the state meet. The last day of school is May 29. Stuart said they are looking to fit all athletic competition between the May 11 and May 29 time frame.

"This decision has made things very confusing. I have been having lots of conversation with other ath-

letic director's from other schools, and everyone is on the same boat," Stuart said.

Stuart said that the UIL and public officials have described the situation as, "fluid" because everything is subject to change and "nothing is set in stone." The UIL made the decision based on the recommendations of public health officials.

Athletic teams will be allowed to continue practicing, just not permitted to participate in inner school competition as a precautionary step to prevent further spread of the swine flu.

Texas Education Commissioner Robert Scott said Wednesday that 53,000 of the state's 4.7 million public school students were affected by the closures.

The Schertz-Cibolo ISD near San Antonio closed all 14 schools, including a high school where three of the

state's confirmed cases of swine flu were found. The entire Rio Grande City Consolidated Independent School District also closed for the week after two suspected cases of the disease were discovered at a middle school. The Comal and New Braunfels school districts were closed through May 8 because of suspected cases.

A charter school in Dallas and another in McAllen were closed, along with an elementary school in suburban Dallas where a confirmed case was found.

Stuart said of any more decisions are made, all communications will be posted through the newspaper, radio and the Pampa ISD website, "as the picture becomes clearer." Stuart also said that coaches are communicating with their students and parents.

Session highlights

plain that the GOP wants to suppress Democratic turnout by erecting hurdles that disproportionately affect their base vote.

CASINO GAMBLING

Lobbyists on all sides of the casino gambling debate continued to look at legislation Wednesday while House members counted votes among their ranks to see if there's support for passing a proposed constitutional amendment. There's no verdict yet.

A proposed amendment would need 100 votes of approval in the 150-member House chamber.

FILM BUSINESS

The Senate approved a measure Wednesday that will allow for sales tax exemptions for sound stages, film editing facilities and other projects essential to Texas' media production industry. The proposal by Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, covers projects if they benefit taxpayers and the state.

The bill requires local governments to nominate projects for the incentives and establishes an advisory committee to work with the Texas Film Commission and the State Comptroller's Office to manage the program. It requires the comptroller

to certify that a qualifying project will have a net positive impact on state revenue.

Last week, Gov. Rick Perry signed into law a separate bill that gives the Texas Film Commission more flexibility in deciding on state grants to movie, television and other moving image projects.

Proponents of the bills say Texas is losing movie projects to other states and that Texas must be more competitive nationally.

FREE ADVICE

As swine flu buzz swept the Texas Capitol, the House of Representative resident doctors, Republicans Rep. John Zerwas and Rep. Mark Shelton, handed out some words of wisdom on the illness to their peers Wednesday morning.

After meeting with the head of the Department of State Health Services, they told their fellow representatives that the best courses of action were to follow basic hygiene, such as washing their hands and covering their mouths when they cough or sneeze, and make sure their constituents have accurate information about the disease and its spread.

As an extra precaution, members

got a hygienic helping hand from the Texas Medical Association. Rep. Charlie Geren, R-Fort Worth, announced that TMA had provided a bottle of Purell hand sanitizer for every representative.

BORDER NURSES

The House on Wednesday tentatively approved a measure that would allow otherwise qualified and eligible nurses who are licensed in Mexico to meet temporarily loosened English requirements for a Texas nursing license if they would work in border counties.

Rep. Victoria Gonzales, D-McAllen, said her bill would allow the state, which is estimated to be short by 20,000 nurses, to take advantage of a number of nurses from Mexico who would otherwise be able to work in Texas, but fall a little short on their English exam. The program would expire in 2013.

The bill would lower the grade on the English exam required for a nursing license for one year. The nurse would only be licensed in counties along the Texas-Mexico border. After a year, the nurse would have to fully pass all nursing license requirements.

City sets special meeting

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Texas' volume buying power to them. One component of the state program allows the city access to term contracts on vendors who have already been competitively bid by the state, saving the city time and money.

Mayor Lonny Robbins was excused from the meeting as the commissioners voted to approve a plat for a division of property formerly known as North Crest Section IV, now Benpar Subdivisions lots 1 through 4. The commission

unanimously approved the plat. An assisted living center is being planned for the property. The property was owned by Trinity Fellowship Church, where Mayor Robbins is pastor.

1 dead in crash on rain-slickened roads

Heavy rains drenched parts of Texas again on Wednesday, leading to evacuations along a flooding creek and high water rescues of stranded motorists. One person died in a crash on a rain-slickened road in Whitesboro.

"We've been evacuating homes on either side of Pecan Creek since about 7:30 p.m. We have about 82 people in a shelter at Whaley United Methodist Church," Gainesville Municipal Judge Chris Cypert said Wednesday night.

Residents in a retirement village and those in low-lying areas were asked to leave because of the flooding. Officials set up two shelters but everyone was staying at the church Wednesday night.


Cypert said Gainesville fire officers

used a swift-water boat to rescue seven people from three vehicles.

No injuries were reported. Cypert said the city alerted residents by phone with messages in English and Spanish about how much rain was expected and where the shelters were located. He estimated 7.5 inches of rain had fallen Wednesday and officials were expecting 2 to 2.5 inches early Thursday.

Three people were swept to their deaths in 2007 on the flood-prone creek.

Whitesboro Police Chief Scott Taylor said one person was killed in a head-on accident on Texas Highway 377 in the Grayson County town. "Weather will probably be a factor," Taylor said. He said the area had "pretty heavy rain."



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Sunday, May 3

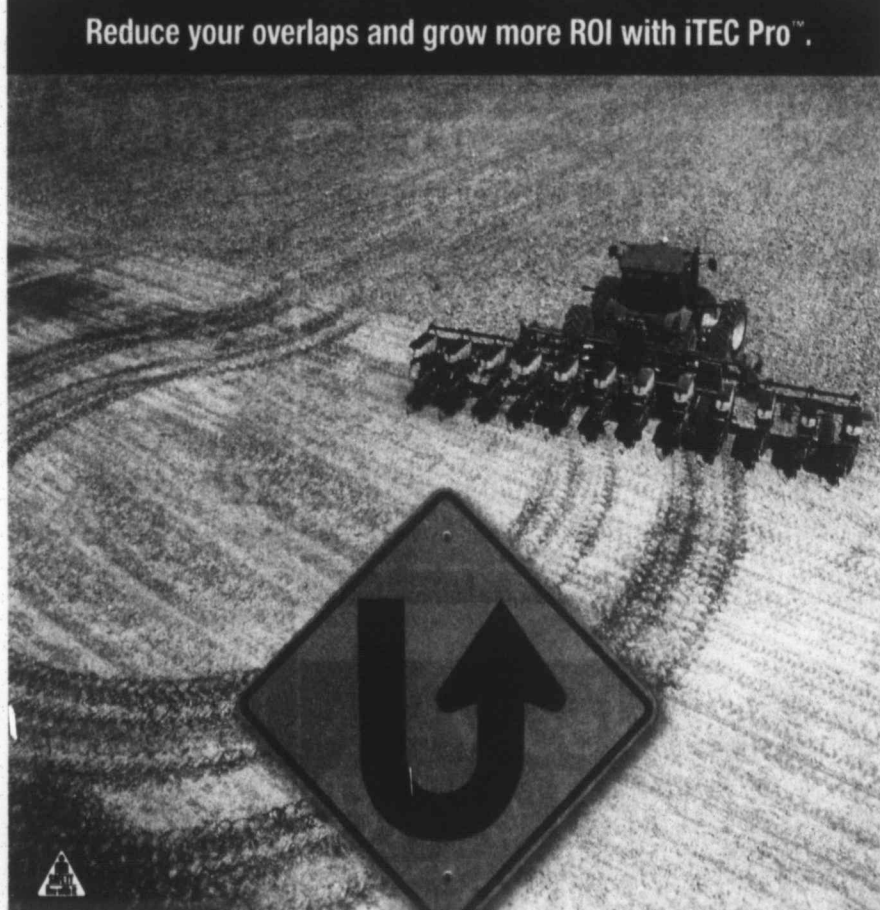
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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Thursday, April 30, the 120th day of 2009. There are 245 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

- 1657 - English fleet defeats Spanish fleet off Santa Cruz, Bolivia.
- 1789 - George Washington is inaugurated as the first president of the United States.
- 1803 - The United States doubles in size with the purchases of the Louisiana Territory and New Orleans from France.
- 1900 - Hawaii becomes a territory of the United States.
- 1919 - World War I peace conference grants German concession in Shantung, China, to Japan, whereupon China leaves the conference.
- 1945 - Adolf Hitler commits suicide in his Berlin bunker with his new wife, Eva Braun.
- 1973 - U.S. President Richard Nixon announces the resignations of his aides H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman, along with Attorney General Richard Kleindienst and White House counsel John Dean.

'To die for a religion is easier than to live it absolutely.'

— Jean Borges
Argentine author

1975 - Vietnamese Communist troops take over Saigon, ending Vietnam War.

1986 - Soviet government says 197 people were hospitalized following Chernobyl nuclear power plant disaster, that plant's reactor has been shut down and radiation levels are dropping.

1991 - Cyclone hits Bangladesh, killing at least 125,000 people.

1993 - Tennis star Monica Seles, the world's No. 1 player, is stabbed with a kitchen knife in Hamburg, Germany, by a supporter of her German rival Steffi Graf.

1995 - U.S. President Bill Clinton ends U.S. trade and investment with Iran, accusing the Tehran government of supporting terrorism.

1996 - In Liberia, shells and gunfire rip through central Monrovia and a diplomatic enclave. U.S. Marines shoot and kill three Liberians firing toward the U.S. Embassy.

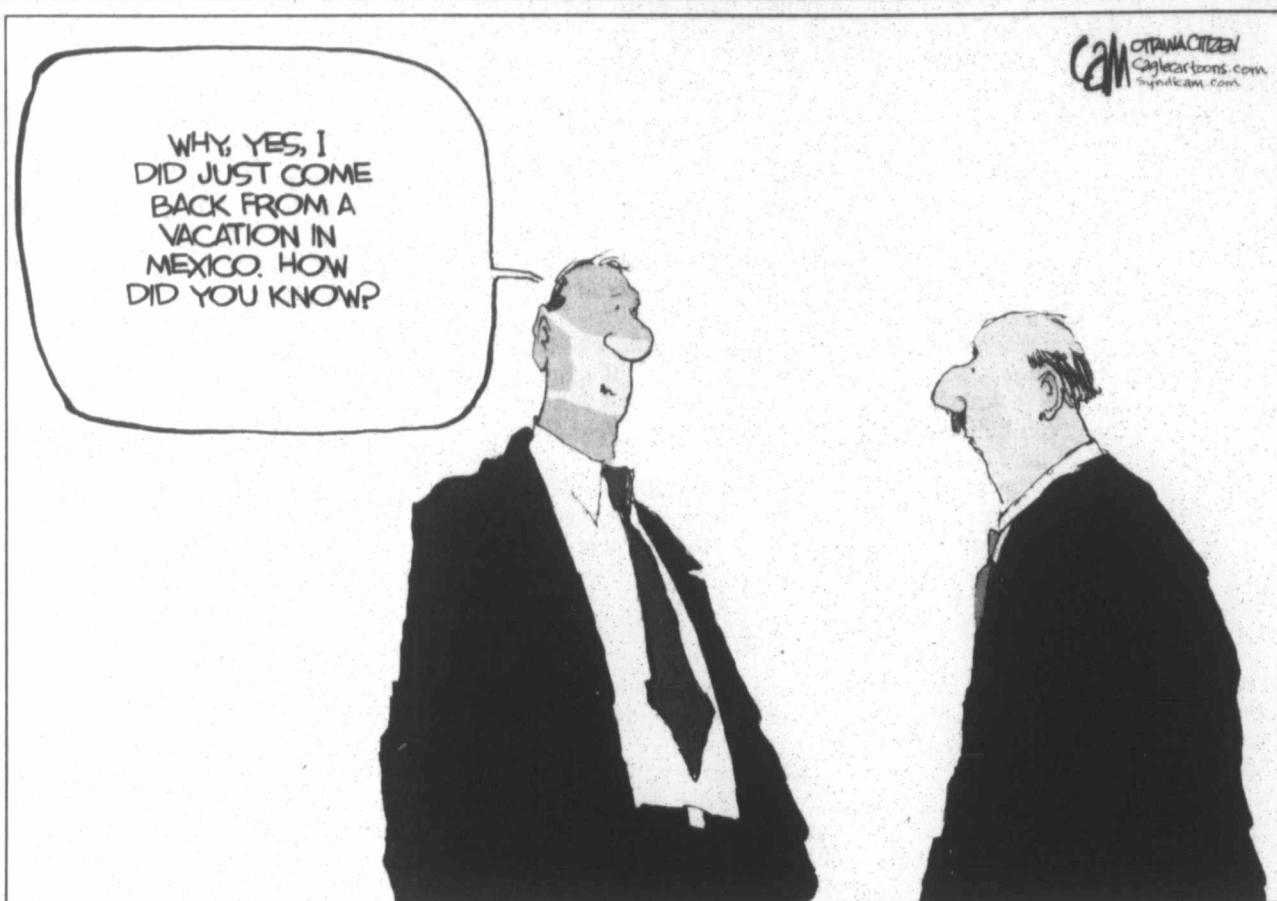
2002 - The International Skating Union, figure skating's world governing body, suspends two French skating officials from the sport for three years after the two are implicated in a judging scandal at the Winter Olympic Games in February.

2007 - A gasoline tanker crashes and bursts into flames near the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge in the U.S. state of California, creating such intense heat that a stretch of highway melts and collapses. The driver walks away from the scene with second-degree burns.

2008 - DNA tests carried out by a U.S. laboratory prove that remains exhumed last year belong to two children of Czar Nicholas II, Crown Prince Alexei and his sister, Maria, putting to rest questions about what happened to Russia's last royal family.

Today's Birthdays:

Casimir III The Great, Polish king (1310-1370); Jacques-Louis David, French artist (1748-1825); Carl Friedrich Gauss, German mathematician (1799-1855); Kaspar Hauser, German mystery youth (1812-1833); Corinne Calvet, French-born actress (1926-2001); Carl XVI Gustaf, King of Sweden (1946--); Kristen Dunst, U.S. actress (1982--).



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Texas

The United States Army is the finest in the world. Throughout our country's history, these brave men and women have demonstrated unparalleled patriotism, valor, and resolve. I join my fellow Texans in saluting the often unsung efforts of the American Soldier.

The Army's achievements would not be possible without the efforts of its Non-Commissioned Officers (NCO) Corps. These Soldiers—ranging in rank from Corporal to Command Sergeant Major and responsible for the “nuts and bolts” of daily training and operations in the Army at home and overseas—are truly the backbone of the Army. Oftentimes, commissioned officers are the public face of the Army, but NCOs work behind the scenes to get things done. Whether it's the drill sergeant training new Soldiers, the squad leader caring for young Soldiers and their families, or the platoon sergeant leading a patrol in Iraq or Afghanistan, NCOs are out front, making things happen Army-wide every day.

The U.S. Army is celebrating 2009 as the “Year of the Non-Commissioned Officer.” Since 1775, the NCO Corps has distinguished itself as the world's

most accomplished group of military professionals. Historical and current accounts of NCO actions are exemplified by acts of courage coupled with a dedication and willingness to do whatever it takes to complete the mission. NCOs have been celebrated for decorated service throughout our nation's military history—ranging from Valley Forge to Gettysburg, to charges on Omaha Beach and battles along the Ho Chi Minh Trail, to the current operations in the mountains of Afghanistan and streets of Iraq. The recent actions of Texas' own Staff Sergeant Matthew Kinney, from Nacogdoches, represent the tremendous level of leadership, dedication and courage epitomized by the Army's NCOs.

Staff Sergeant Kinney had already served twice in Iraq when he was deployed to Afghanistan in 2008. Kinney, a flight medic, responded to an urgent MEDEVAC request for four casualties in the rugged Korengal Valley of Afghanistan on October 16th. Once on the ground, Staff Sergeant Kinney discovered six American casualties in a small mud hut, as well as several other Soldiers taking cover from fire.

Demonstrating strong and decisive leadership in a very difficult situa-

tion, Kinney ordered all non-wounded Soldiers to secure the outside area as he triaged the casualties and stabilized the critically wounded. As hoist operations began, the aircraft and the shelter came under heavy machine gun fire. While completing a hoist, Kinney was able to locate the direction of the fire and redirect Apache gunships to take out the enemy threat, ultimately saving the crew in their MEDEVAC aircraft as well as the Soldiers still on the ground. As Kinney continued the evacuation, he repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire as he diligently cared for his fellow Soldiers, without regard for his own physical well-being. Then, while en route to the Forward Surgical Team's location, Kinney single-handedly treated the wounds of five critical patients.

His heroic actions that day earned him a Silver Star, our nation's third highest military award for valor. He has also been awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross for a separate engagement in Afghanistan.

Staff Sergeant Kinney epitomizes the critical role played by our Army's NCOs, and he and other NCOs like him provide the gold standard for others to follow. Today's NCOs are more innovative and capable than ever; they lead by example, all while taking

care of their fellow Soldiers, adapting to ever-changing environments, and taking on growing responsibilities. This year of recognition for our Army NCOs serves as an opportunity for Texans and all Americans to become better acquainted with the significant functions that NCOs carry out within our Army. They are truly a national treasure, deserving of our utmost gratitude and respect.

Please join me in celebrating the accomplishments of Staff Sergeant Kinney and these fine American patriots. I applaud the efforts of the Army's NCOs as they train and fight every day to preserve our way of life and care for the American Soldier. I also offer my sincere thanks to our Army NCO veterans who have sacrificed in defense of our freedom and who continue to represent the best of both Texas and the United States. I am humbled by your dedicated service. Well done!

Sen. Cornyn serves on the Finance, Judiciary and Budget Committees.

He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Refugees and Border Security subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

Analysis: Obama's fate largely in Congress' hands

WASHINGTON (AP) — As he starts his second 100 days as president, Barack Obama must yield much of his agenda's fate to Congress.

His biggest proposals, such as revising health care, energy and education policies, are in the hands of lawmakers who will debate, change and possibly reject them in the coming months. Obama obviously can influence lawmakers, but he has less control over his destiny than when he was unveiling new initiatives almost daily and filling out his Cabinet.

In his news conference Wednesday night, Obama acknowledged the prod-and-wait role he now plays on many issues. For all his powers, he said, a president cannot “turn on a switch and suddenly, you know, Congress falls in line.”

“What you do,” he said, “is to make your best arguments, listen hard to what other people have to say, and coax folks in the right direction.”

The good news for Obama is that fellow Democrats hold solid majorities in the House and Senate. For the first time in more than 30 years, the president's party is nearing

a possibly filibuster-proof Senate majority, thanks to Sen. Arlen Specter's switch from Republican to Democrat.

But even with that margin, the president said, there is no guarantee he will achieve his top legislative goals.

“I am under no illusions that suddenly I'm going to have a rubber-stamp Senate,” Obama said. “I've got Democrats who don't agree with me on everything, and that's how it should be.”

The president, still enjoying high approval ratings, has little reason to fault the 111th Congress so far. It approved his massive stimulus spending bill with minimal changes. It has not interfered with his far-reaching efforts to revamp the U.S. automaking industry.

And a few hours before his news conference, Congress approved a \$3.4 trillion federal budget over strenuous Republican objections.

Underscoring Obama's clout, the budget bill essentially bars Senate Republicans from using stalling tactics to thwart his proposed trillion-dollar expansion of government-provided health care over the next decade.

Deeper in the weeds, however, are challenges that may prove extremely difficult to resolve. Lawmakers rejected one of Obama's proposals for paying for his health policies: reducing wealthy Americans' tax deductions for charitable gifts and mortgage interest payments. They also show little interest in his bid to establish permits for greenhouse gas emissions that

can be bought and sold.

These highly contentious issues must be settled later.

Congress is going its own way in other areas as well. It appears certain to reject Obama's proposal to help people facing bankruptcy keep their homes, at lenders' expense. And lawmakers are gearing up for possibly incendiary hearings on alleged torture of terrorism suspects during the previous administration, even though Obama says it is best to look forward, not back.

Obama said he will seek bipartisan solutions where possible. But he acknowledged that his party can have its way on some issues it cares deeply about, such as a government-run health insurance program that would compete with private plans.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Prom and graduation season has arrived with all of the celebrating that goes along with it. So please print my letter for parents and teens to read -- perhaps together.

My daughter was an honor student all through high school. We had a close relationship. I always made sure she knew she could come to me with any problem, whether it be her grades, alcohol or sex. On the issue of drinking and driving, I made her understand that wherever she was, I would gladly pick her up -- no questions asked. I have heard that many parents make the same offer to their children.

I firmly believed that my daughter would call me if she needed to. However, she recently decided she could drive home after drinking what she considered to be "a safe amount of alcohol." Unfortunately, she struck a utility pole on a sharp turn and flipped her car over. By the grace of God, she and her friend escaped with minor injuries. But, as you know, many people don't survive such a horrific accident.

Abby, many parents say, "It won't happen to my child." Teens think they are invincible, but tragedy happens to people from all walks of life and all kinds of families. I feel blessed that both girls are still alive to appreciate their second lease on life, but it makes me sad to think about how many kids don't return home each night. Can you comment, Abby? -- GRATEFUL MOM IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR GRATEFUL MOM: Not a year goes by that we don't hear news reports about drinking-and-driving tragedies -- and they are not limited to teens. Because of that, I am pleased to print your letter.

What happened to your daughter illustrates that people who have been

drinking are not always aware to what extent it has impaired their judgment. And it's not limited to drinking and driving. People under the influence have been known to make more than one kind of life-changing miscalculation because they are tipsy.

Your daughter and her friend were indeed lucky. Not only could one or both of them have been killed, either of them could have suffered a lifelong injury from that escapade.

Parents: Please discuss this letter with your teen today!

DEAR ABBY: I am worried about our little ones who hear bad language on a daily basis. How is that going to go over when they reach school age?

I'll give you an example. My 3-year-old grandson called his mother a "dork." When I commented that he must have learned that at child care, she said, "No, he heard it from me." I was appalled.

Then there was the adorable, precocious 2-year-old who said, "Oh, #@*%!" when I dropped something. I looked at her grandmother, who informed me that the little girl hears it from her other grandma all the time.

How can the parents of these precious little children allow this to happen? How do you think it will go over when they call their teacher a "dork" or use expletives in the classroom and on the playground? -- RED-FACED GRAMMA, McHENRY, ILL.

DEAR GRAMMA: For better or worse, children model their behavior on what they hear at home. You can't blame children for not knowing what they haven't been taught. But I can tell you this, no teachers worth their salt will allow a student to be disrespectful in the classroom and let it go. And the person who will suffer is the student.

Carmichael, Evans to wed June 13

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Carmichael of Pampa announce the engagement of their daughter, Lee, to John Willis Evans IV.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carmichael of Pampa and Dr. and Mrs. Frank Lee of Wichita Falls.

Evans is the son of Dr. and Mrs. John Evans of Breckenridge, Colorado. Grandparents of the prospective groom are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bailey of Shreveport, Louisiana and the late Dr. and Mrs. John W. Evans of Jackson, Mississippi.

The couple plan to wed June 13 at Father Dyer United Methodist Church in Breckenridge.

The bride-elect holds a bachelor's degree in art from the University of Mississippi and a post-graduate degree in modern and contemporary art from Christie's Education in London. She is a membership and marketing associate at the Denver Art Museum.

The prospective groom received a bachelor's degree in economics and international studies from Rhodes College. He is a clinical trials coordinator for the Colorado Cancer Research program and will begin medical school in the fall.



20th Century Club meets

The Twentieth Century Club met Tuesday, April 18 with Faye Harvey as hostess. Dorothy Stowers, president, presided. Twelve members attended.

Members presented news items on community events, arts and literature, world events, technology and science for discussion led by the president.

Pat Terry presented the program on petroleum, its history, present and future impact on world economy. She stated that petroleum is used in every aspect of daily living, resulting in a minimum daily usage of three gallons of petroleum/gas per every United States citizen. She further stated that lubricant is necessary for any wheel to turn.

Pat Youngblood will serve as hostess for the next meeting, a salad luncheon, on Monday, May 11, at which time officers for the next club year will be installed.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Man being released after 22 years

HOUSTON (AP) — A Harris County man who spent 22 years in prison for a rape that forensic tests now indicate he did not commit is expected to be freed Thursday.

Gary Alvin Richard's expected release is the latest case to discredit the Houston Police Department's crime lab, which has been under scrutiny since 2002 because of inaccuracies.

If cleared, Richard would be the fourth Harris County man to have his conviction overturned because of faulty forensics from the Houston crime lab.

While in prison, Richard's mother, father and brother died. His son was 9, and is now 32 with two children.

Richard, who had prior convictions for drug dealing and theft, said it was "God's will" that he ended up in prison.

"I probably would have ended up back in prison or dead," Richard told a newspaper.

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7 smart places to stash your cash

Home safe sales smash 60 year record due to new banking worries

By Aaron Robinson
Universal Media Syndicate

So you're still hiding money under the mattress or in the bread box?

Well, you're not alone. Ever since financial institutions have been dropping like flies, millions of Americans have stopped relying solely on their banks.

Are banks safe? Well maybe. But with so much to lose, here are 7 things we can consider to protect the little we have left.

1. Be sure your institution is insured.

If you're not sure if your bank is FDIC insured find out or get your money out.

Insured or not, the fact is this. The FDIC has only enough cash on hand to cover about 2% of nationwide deposits. Pretty scary stuff, so it's not always wise to have all your eggs in

one basket.

2. Start and grow a coin collection.

Coin collections are tangible assets that will always keep their face value, instead of just owning stocks that could depreciate or lose you money.

If times ever get really tough, U.S. Gov't coins will always bail you out. A good safety net is to insist on only never-circulated U.S. Gov't issued coins.

3. Keep cash safe at home.

Cash is King. Believe it, but remember not to keep it in a thief's favorite spot; like in the bread box or the mattress.

4. US Savings Bonds, an old favorite.

U.S. Savings Bonds are an easy way for your money to stay safe in

the future.

However, if lost or stolen they could be difficult to replace unless the serial number was kept in a safe place. But be careful because they must now be held for at least 1 year before cashing them in.

5. Gold and silver still shine.

If you own gold or silver, great, hold on to it. But if you don't, one of your best bets is to try to get as many U.S. Gov't issued gold and silver coins as you can. Due to the recent demand, the U.S. Mint had to halt the production of some of their most valued gold coins.

6. Hold on to real estate.

With interest rates at historic all-time lows the market is sure to recover and property values will once again bounce back. So those who hold on to their homes for the long term will likely reap the benefits of

SHOULD HAVE HAD MONEY IN A SAFE:

Stunned customers show up at this California bank only to find the bank suddenly closed.



these investments.

7. Buy a good safe.

Home safes become an absolute necessity during economic turmoil. If you already have one make sure it's big enough and heavy enough to foil a thief. It will also keep nosy relatives out of your business.

A good safe made from solid steel construction can cost anywhere from \$300 to over a thousand dollars. But, because

of the huge spike in recent sales, safes may be hard to come by.

But if you can find a good one, you'll have your own Fort Knox to keep everything safe including official documents, coin collections, currency, U.S. Savings Bonds, guns, gold, silver, deeds, wills and other legal papers.

With all this you'll be much safer, just in case your bank is the next to fail. ■

Free armored safes being doled out to public

Armored Safe giveaway ends public worry for those who rush to buy up hoards of brilliant, never-circulated U.S. Gov't issued coins that will never lose their cash value

By Shawn Oyler
Universal Media Syndicate

UMS - Imagine finally getting something that will never lose its value.

Sounds too good to be true? Well, it's true and word is quickly spreading about the free handout of Armored Safes that are being stocked with the 4,100 brilliant, never-circulated U.S. Gov't issued coins that by law will never be minted again.

These free Armored Safes are being turned over to the general public who make it in time to beat the order deadline for their share of the hoard of brilliant, never-circulated U.S. Gov't coins before the 72-hour shutoff.

"The frantic demand for U.S. Gov't coins has caused the U.S. Mint* to officially halt the sale of many of its most valuable coins," said lead consultant for the World Reserve Thomas C. Harris, Retired Deputy Director of the U.S. Treasury Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

"Today, the World Reserve began to release this hoard consisting of 4,100 U.S. Gov't issued coins in a free Armored Safe to the general public. Having valuable U.S. Gov't coins serves as an economic life raft. This valuable Collection will never, never, never lose its face value. You will always have something worth a lot of money," said Harris.

Here's the best part, among the 4,100 never-circulated U.S. Gov't coins that everyone gets there are 100 of the highly sought after Presidential Golden Dollar coins.

Here's why that is so important. Just think if you would have saved the same number of uncirculated Eisenhower Dollar coins from 1974. Remarkably, they would now be worth 500% more in collector value.

This gives you a hint that these are not the same grade as the coins found in loose change, or from the local bank. In fact, these coins remain in brilliant, never-circulated condition if left sealed and untouched.

U.S. Gov't Savings Bonds used to be a favorite way to keep money safe and popular to give as gifts. But no one can take a Savings Bond and go buy something with it.

That's why this hoard of valuable coins gives everyone the comfort of having full control of their money. No matter what, they will never lose their U.S. cash value.

If times ever get really tough any coin in the hoard could be used to buy anything. But unless it is a good reason, only a fool would do that



HELP IS ON THE WAY: This never-before-seen photo captures the rapid shipment of free Presidential Armored Safes that are now being shipped to U.S. citizens across the country. The World Reserve is handing out the Armored Safes free to the general public who rush to beat today's published deadline to buy up the newly released World Reserve Collection consisting of 4,100 U.S. Gov't issued coins. Those who get through by calling the National Delivery Hotline at 1-866-948-2597 and beat the 72 hour order deadline will get the Armored Safes for free.

because this personal hoard of money is already worth so much more in collector value.

"So many people are buying up these coins. Even for those people who give away some of their collection as gifts, they are keeping the Armored Safe for themselves," said Robert Anthony, Director of the private World Reserve Monetary Exchange.

"This Safe is one of the absolute best places to keep valuables and important papers. People will now have a safe place to store their wills, guns, jewelry, antiques, keys, coins and even cash," Anthony said.

"The only problem the Safe creates is when it's time to read your Will. You need to make sure everyone knows who you want to leave it to," he said.

"When Americans get their hands on this Safe and their very own personal hoard of U.S. Gov't Coins, they'll really do a double take. Everyone will feel like they just won the lottery," he said. ■

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Eligibility: Certain restrictions apply: 1. Open to the public only, sorry no dealers. 2. Those who miss the 72 hour deadline will be turned away from this free offer and required to wait for future announcements, in this or other publications. 3. The entire World Reserve Collection must be obtained.

Terms & Conditions: The monthly shipment of coins will begin when it has been confirmed that you properly received delivery of your free Armored Safe and first shipment of coins. You'll only need to cover the freight for the safe and \$98 for the first shipment of coins then the same amount for the remaining eighteen monthly shipments to complete the entire collection of 4,100 U.S. Gov't coins. THE NO-WORRY GUARANTEE ENSURES THAT REFUNDS MADE DURING THE EIGHTEEN MONTHS WILL BE GRANTED FOR ALL ITEMS PROPERLY RETURNED, LESS SHIPPING. THAT MEANS, CANCELLATION WILL ALSO REQUIRE THE RETURN OF THE FREE ARMORED SAFE. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL REQUIRE REMITTANCE FOR THE SAFE OF FOUR HUNDRED AND THIRTY SIX DOLLARS. THE WORLD RESEFVE MONETARY EXCHANGE, INC IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OR ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY. THE INCREASE IN COLLECTIBLE VALUE OF CERTAIN PRIOR ISSUES OF U.S. COINS DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT CURRENT ISSUES WILL ALSO INCREASE IN VALUE.



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NO MORE WORRIES: Carolyn Ford of Perry Town, OH thought she hit the jackpot when her free Armored Safe was delivered. "I already have some old coins, but I wanted this whole hoard of U.S. coins as a nice nest egg. I'll also set aside some of my hoard for my Grandchildren. Now I don't have to worry where to keep my important papers and my Grandfather's gun since I have my new safe," she said.

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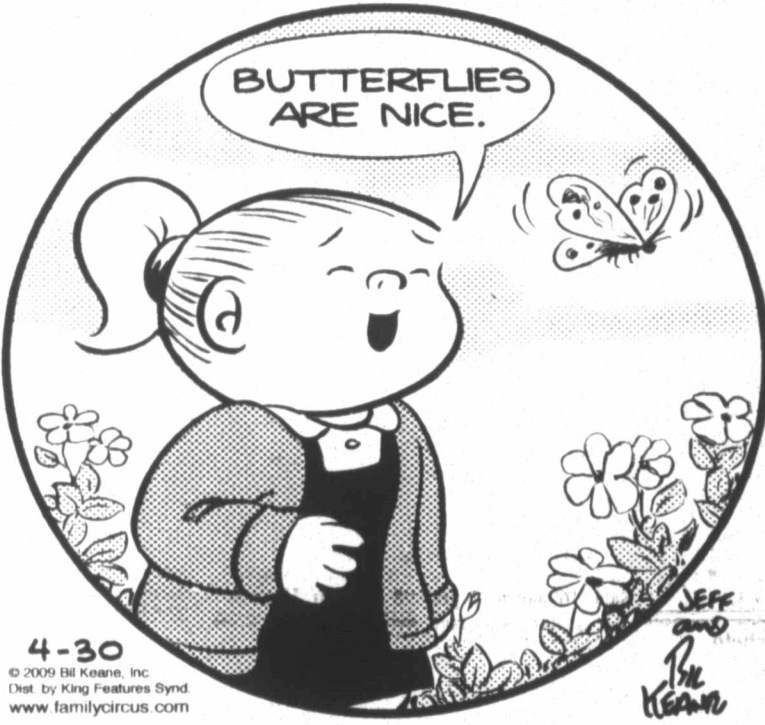
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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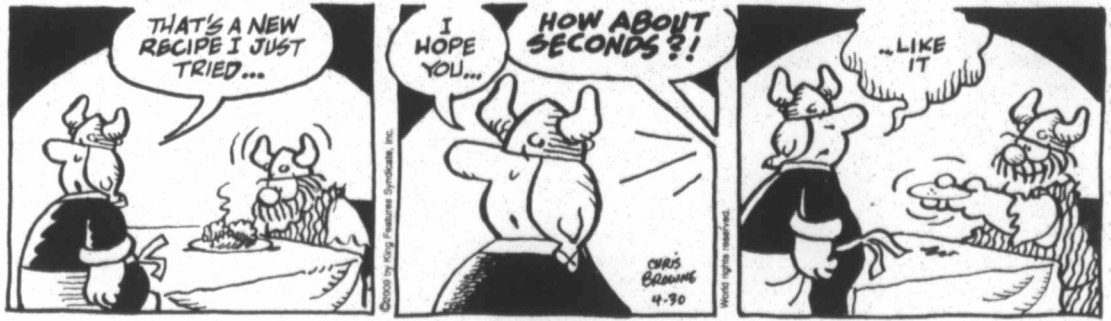
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DAILY HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, May 1, 2009:
This year, your family, home and immediate circle gain in significance. You develop a skill for ironing out difficult feelings. Efforts to help others or to work through an emotional issue are not only significant but also successful. You see a situation in a different light from others, and hence come up with different solutions. If you are attached, the two of you might want to nestle in. Some of you might remodel your home, paint a special room or buy another home. The process brings you closer. If you are single, you'll meet people far more easily in 2010. January on, you could meet someone who's significant to your life history. LEO serves as an anchor and sometimes an albatross.

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)
*** Use your ingenuity to complete work and errands. You will want a clear period of time for something else or to start the weekend early. Concern over personal finances might be important to prevent a problem. Tonight: Let the good times start.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** If you can work from home, please do. Understanding takes you to a new level within your home or familial life. Your ability to create a happier environment comes forward. Tonight: Home is where you want to be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
*** Return calls and schedule meetings early. Your ability to come to terms with a different situation is called upon. Someone needs your help in revising a situation. A friendship will heat up considerably if you allow enough time and attention. Tonight: Join friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** How you deal with someone could make a big difference. Listen to another's words. Understand what must happen with a boss in order to make everyone feel OK. Don't forget someone's birthday or special day. A card works. Tonight: Stick to your budget.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
*** Continue to seek out new solutions. You could feel as if you cannot do enough for someone you care about. Consider what would be most touching to him or her. You might discover you can easily maintain your budget. Tonight: Share your good mood.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** Be willing to take a back seat and do something very differently. Someone might make quite a few overtures, but you just might not be ready to make a decision. Listen and share; just don't commit. Think positively. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** Don't do anything halfway. You discover a commitment might be important, at least from someone else. Meetings, friends and groups seem to be more your cup of tea. What starts as a serious meeting could become a party. Tonight: Where the gang is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** Take a stand if need be. You discover that others respond to your ideas and leadership. With others seeking you out, it could be a very long day. Do only what is absolutely necessary if you want to leave at the right time. Tonight: A must show.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
*** Reach out for others, as only you can. Investigate and look at opportunities that come in from out of left field. Your humor and lightness break a serious mood and remind everyone that the weekend is coming your way. Tonight: Visualize, then go.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*** Work with individuals rather than many. You will get a better audience. Others hear you loud and clear when you are focused. A child or loved one could be acting up. Know where you need to spend some time this weekend. Tonight: Follow another's lead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
*** Your popularity soars, especially if you are willing to lie back. Understand what is happening with a key family member or roommate. He or she might not be trying to be difficult. Think "possibilities." Tonight: Express your true feelings.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** Toss in your energy where it counts. You could be tired or disgusted with a situation. Think through a decision that could impact your work. Could you be justifying an expenditure just because you want to make that purchase? Tonight: Visit with a pal on your way home.

BORN TODAY
British soldier, statesman Arthur Wellesley (1769), frontierswoman Calamity Jane (1852), writer Joseph Addison (1672) ***

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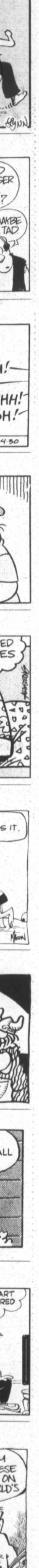
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PARTING SHOT



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A beautiful sunset in Almeda Park followed Thursday evening's thunderstorms. If you have weather photos, send them to editor@thepampanews.com with the name of the photographer and information on where and when the picture was taken.

Gov. Perry issues preemptive declaration to implement emergency protective measures

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry today bolstered the state's precautionary measures to address the swine flu threat as a result of confirmed cases in certain parts of the state by issuing a disaster declaration for the entire state of Texas. The disaster declaration allows the state to implement emergency protective measures and seek reimbursement under the federal Stafford Act for protective measures associated with the state's response to this public health threat.

"Texans need to know there is no cause for panic and Texans can be assured that the state will take every necessary precaution to protect the lives of our citizens," Gov. Perry said. "My office, along with the Department of State Health Services and other state, local and federal partners, have a plan in place to protect Texans should there be a pandemic flu outbreak or other health emergency."

The governor was joined by Department of State Health Services Commissioner Dr. David Lakey and Texas Education Commissioner Robert Scott at a press conference to discuss the state's response to this

threat. The state of Texas continues to closely coordinate with local and federal health officials and emergency management partners by monitoring and responding to this changing threat.

Gov. Perry also announced that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has approved his increased request for 25 percent (850,000 courses) of the Texas allotment of antiviral medication from the CDC's Strategic National Stockpile to be prepositioned in the state. This request augments more than 840,000 courses of antiviral medication on hand in Texas following a purchase authorized by Gov. Perry and the 80th Legislature in 2007.

CDC's Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) has large quantities of medicine and medical supplies to protect the American public if there is a public health emergency (terrorist attack, flu outbreak, earthquake). For more information on the SNS, visit www.bt.cdc.gov/stockpile.

To date, the CDC has confirmed 91 human swine flu cases in the U.S., including 16 confirmed cases and one death in Texas.

Symptoms of swine flu in people are similar to those of regular or seasonal flu and include fever, fatigue, lack of appetite and coughing. Some with swine flu also have reported runny nose, sore throat, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

Health officials say everyone should follow standard precautions to reduce the spread of any respiratory illness.

- Stay home when you are sick to avoid spreading illness to others.

- Cough or sneeze into the crook of your elbow or a tissue and properly dispose of used tissues.

- Wash hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and warm water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

Individuals with these flu-like symptoms should call the state's swine flu call center at 888-777-5320. For health care providers with questions about assessing, evaluating and treating swine flu, call 877-623-6274. These lines are operational from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

For additional information on the swine flu, please visit:

www.dshs.state.tx.us/swineflu
www.cdc.gov/swineflu/

Texas Beef Council annual report

AUSTIN, TX - The Texas Beef Council (TBC) recently published the 2008 Annual Report highlighting key state and national programs of research, communication and promotion that Texas producers helped fund with checkoff dollars.

"The annual report gives producers the opportunity to learn more about how their checkoff dollars are invested in beef demand-building programs throughout the year," said Crawford Edwards, chair of the TBC board of directors.

The Beef Checkoff Program was established as a part of the 1985

Farm Bill and assesses \$1-per-head on the sale of live domestic and imported cattle, in addition to a comparable assessment on imported beef and beef products. By law, 50 cents of each dollar collected goes to national beef checkoff programs and the other half is administered by the state beef council. TBC collected \$11.51 million dollars in 2008 and sent over \$5.75 million for national programs through the Cattlemen's Beef Board.

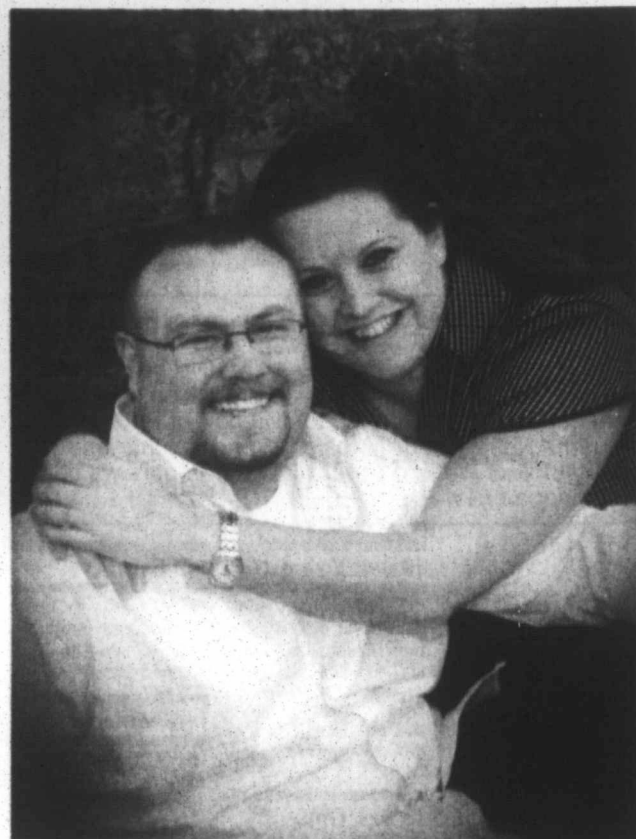
The TBC board of directors, consisting entirely of Texas beef producers, sent an additional \$2.22 million to further support

national checkoff programs. In total, the TBC board invested over \$4.13

million dollars to fund in-state programs.

Narron, Wall to wed

Lindsey Brooke Narron and Dustin Lee Wall, both of Amarillo, plan to wed Saturday, June 27, 2009 at The Ashmore Inn & Suites in Amarillo. The bride-elect is the daughter of Robert and Debbie Dixon of Pampa and Darrell and Stacy Narron of Miami. She graduated from Pampa High School in 2002. She attended the Academy of Professional Careers and became a Certified Pharmacy Technician in October of 2006. She will be returning to school in the fall to pursue a degree in elementary education. She is employed at Central Line Pharmacy in Amarillo. The future groom is the son of Billy and Lynn Wall of Amarillo. He graduated from Caprock High School in 2002. He received an Associates Degree in Business Management from Amarillo College in 2006 and is currently attending West Texas A&M University in Canyon where he will receive his Bachelors Degree in Business Management in December 2009. He is currently employed at Howard's Mechanical in Amarillo.



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