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At least three local races to be decided in Primary

There are several contested local races in the Republican Primary scheduled for March 2. At least three of these races will be decided in the primary. The position of Gray County Judge has two candidates, both Republicans. For the seat of Gray County Commissioner, Precinct 2, both candidates are also Republicans. The 223rd District Judge race will also be decided in the primary.

Early voting will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Tuesday, Feb. 16, through Friday, Feb. 26, in the first floor courtroom at the Gray County Courthouse in Pampa.

Early voting will also be available in McLean, Wednesday, Feb. 24, and Thursday, Feb. 25.

There are 13,399 registered voters in Gray County, a county of about 22,000 residents.

County Judge

The Texas Constitution vests broad judicial and administrative powers in the position of county judge, who presides over

a five-member commissioners court, which has budgetary and administrative authority over county government operations.

The county judge handles such widely varying matters as hearings for beer and wine license applications, hearing on admittance to state hospitals for the mentally ill and mentally retarded, juvenile work permits and temporary guardianships for special purposes. The judge is also responsible for calling elections, posting election notices and for receiving and canvassing the election returns. The county judge may perform marriages.

A county judge in Texas may have judicial responsibility for certain criminal, civil and probate matters - responsibility for these functions vary from county to county. In those counties in which the judge has judicial responsibilities, the judge has appellate jurisdiction over matters arising from the justice courts.

The county judge is also head of civil defense and disaster relief, county welfare and in counties under



Richard Peet



Robert Banks



Steve Hall



Gary Willoughby



Raymond Douglas



Jeff Haley



Lynn Allison



Wayne Leathers



Mark Simmons



Todd Alvey

Local candidates seeking office in Primary

225,000 population, the judge prepares the county budget along with the county auditor or county clerk.

Judge Richard Peet is running for re-election and has served as Gray County Judge for 14 years.

"I have had the honor of serving you and your families in Gray County since 1995, and I believe that together we have done a lot of good," he said. "Gray County is blessed with the best employees, and we all work hard to take care of your tax dollars while still providing essential services."

Prior to his election as county judge, Peet served as Mayor for four years and Pampa City

Councilman for two years. He taught government and history at Pampa High School for 24 years and taught government at Clarendon College for over 20 years

Peet is facing two opponents in the primary, Robert Banks and Steve Hall.

Robert Banks has said wants to put his 32 years of experience as a pastor to work in government service. At 58, the Detroit, Mich., native has spent eight years as a religious leader in Pampa.

Banks has a Bachelor of Arts degree from William Tyndale College in Michigan and a Master of Arts degree from Dallas Theological Seminary. Banks and his wife have three grown children and seven grandchildren.

Candidate Steve Hall had not submitted information as of press time Monday.

Commissioners Court

Four commissioners, each elected from a quarter of the county's population, serve along with the county judge on the commission-

ers court. In addition to assuring that county roads are maintained, commissioners vote with the county judge to set the budget for all county departments and adopt a tax rate.

Among other responsibilities, the commissioners court:

- Sets the yearly property tax rate and approves the budget and employment level for the county;
- Sets commissioners and justice of the peace precinct boundaries;
- Calls, conducts and certifies elections, including bond elections;
- Sets employment and benefit policy;
- Establishes long-range thoroughfare, open space, land use, financial and law enforcement/jail needs plans;
- Acquires property for rights-of-way or other uses determined to be in the public's best interest;

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CRP subject of meeting Feb. 23

What happens as the Conservation Reserve Program, or CRP, winds down will be the topic of discussion at a county ag conference later this month.

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will host the Gray County Ag Conference, entitled "After CRP," beginning at 9 a.m. on Feb. 25 at the Gray County Annex, 12125 East Frederic. The program will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Brandon McGinty, AgriLife Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent for Gray County, said the program will include land management with wildlife, presented by Ken Clearley, extension wildlife specialist from Canyon; putting CRP land back into production, presented by Dr. Brent Bean, extension agronomist from Amarillo; nutrition values of CRP grasses, presented by Dr. Ted McCollum, extension beef cattle specialist from Amarillo; Farm Service Agency program by Matt Street of the Gray County Farm Service Agency; Natural Resource Conservation Service programs by John Wimberly with the Gray County

FSA; risk management by DeDe Jones and Patricia Warminski with the extension service; laws and regulations involved in these programs by Paul Weiser with the Texas Department of Agriculture, and brush control.

McGinty said those planning to attend the lunch should call 669-8033 by Feb. 23.

Personnel matters on board agenda

Personnel will be on the agenda for a special school board meeting this week.

The Pampa Independent School District board of trustees will be at 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Carver Center Administration Office, 321 W. Albert.

The school board will consider and act on revised contracts for employment with the district.

The board will also make the superintendent's quarterly evaluation.



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 Kevin Davis with Xcel Energy's Southwestern Public Service washes down his truck on a bright, sunny Monday morning. He ruefully noted that more snow is forecasted for the end of the week.

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Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 21. Wind chill values between 13 and 18. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 39. Wind chill values between 10 and 20. North northwest wind around 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25. Wind chill values between 18 and 23. North northwest wind around 5 mph becoming west southwest.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 52. West southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32. Calm wind becoming northwest around 5 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32. Calm wind becoming northeast around 5 mph.

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SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests over the weekend.

Friday, Feb. 12.
Martha Leah Towles, 48, was arrested by police on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and criminal trespass.

Jason Deion Ellis, 27, was arrested by police on charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and on a capias pro fine warrant charging him with public intoxication.

Steven Vaughn Bracewell, 27, was arrested by police on charges of theft of property over \$500 but under \$1,500.

Jesse Arnold Booth Jr., 30, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charged of driving while intoxicated.

Eduardo Moreno, 45, was arrested by police on

charges of public intoxication.

Saturday, Feb. 13.
Misty Diane Moman, 26, was arrested by police on charges of theft under \$50. Jorge Alejandro Perez, 21, was arrested by deputies on a bond surrender on charges of possession of marijuana.

Lauren Austin Timmons, 27, of Wheeler, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated and having an open alcohol container in the vehicle.

Sunday, Feb. 14.
James Adrian Selvidge, 44, of Skellytown, was arrested by police on charges driving without a driver's license and failure to appear.

Daniel Craig Baker, 29, of Lefors, was arrested by deputies on charges of possession and transport chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance.

Juan Anguiano Jr., 31, was arrested by police for violation of probation in connection with charges of aggravated assault on a public servant.

David Wilson Leshner, 35, was arrested by police on charges of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

Timothy Joe Broadbent, 29, was arrested by police on capias pro fine warrants charging him with driving without a valid driver's license and displaying an expired registration.

Jonathan Harold Polk, 26, was arrested by police on charges of assault causing bodily injury and family violence.

Obituaries

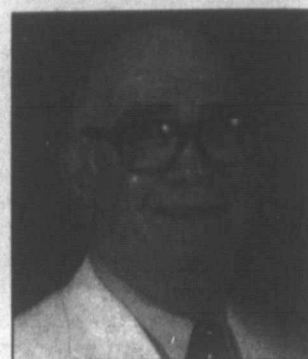
Carlton Freeman, 87

Pampa — Carlton Freeman, 87, died February 12, 2010, in Pampa, Texas. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with John Curry, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Mr. Freeman was born August 7, 1922 in Duncan, Oklahoma to A.R. and Salada Freeman. He graduated from Duncan High School in 1939, and attended the University of

Tennessee for two years. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army Air Corps, serving during World War II as a B-24 pilot. He moved to Pampa shortly after the war. Carlton was co-owner and operator of Brown-Freeman Men's Wear in Pampa for many years. He married Maxine on July 5, 1974. He was a member of Pampa Country Club, where he served as the President of the Tri-State Senior Golf in 1988. He was an avid golfer and loved his family. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, La Rue

Langley. Survivors include his wife, Maxine Freeman, of the home; a son, Richard Dorman and wife Jenny of Yukon, Oklahoma; a daughter, Janet Dorman of Carrollton; one granddaughter, Rebecca Phillips of Lamar, Missouri; one grandson, Rich Dorman and wife Dawn of Las Vegas, Nevada; two great-grandchildren, Ashlie Dorman and Megan Dorman, both of Las Vegas, Nevada. Memorials: American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, Texas 79065.



Freeman

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Aline Blanscet Peirce, 93

Amarillo — Aline Peirce died Feb. 14, 2010 in Amarillo, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Aline and her twin sister Pauline, were born February 7, 1917 in Ozark, Arkansas to Joseph A. and Martha Jane Blanscet. She was the youngest of 12 children. Aline and Pauline were so small at birth that they slept in a shoe box. The family moved to Clay County in 1927. Aline graduated from Dean Dale High School in 1933.

She married W. P. "Perk" Peirce in 1934. Together they worked on various ranches including the Matador Ranch where Aline cooked for the cowboys. They had six children: Jimmy, Jerry, Johnny, Joe, Jan and Judy before moving to Shattuck, Oklahoma. She always wanted to help take care of children and those in need. After starting her own family and getting the majority grown, she attended

nursing school and graduated in 1965, working for Dr. Derch in Shattuck. In 1973, the family moved to Pampa.

Aline loved the Lord and was committed to serving Him and her family. She was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church of Pampa until she moved to Amarillo in 1992. She devoted her life to her children and grandchildren, and anyone else who needed help. She loved spending time with her family and especially the grandchildren and great grandchildren who affectionately called her "Nanny." She was always ready to go anywhere, anytime, with anyone. One of her favorite sayings was, "If you've got the time, I've got the money." She also loved to dance and play dominoes.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband in 1974, her daughter Jan in 1975, her son Jimmy in 1989, her twin sister in 2007, and the rest of her brothers and

sisters. When her daughter Jan died, Aline raised Jan's girls: Jandy, Jamie and Jody.

Survivors include a daughter, Judy Simmons and husband Jim of Amarillo; three sons: John Peirce of Rockport, Joe Peirce of Miami, and Jerry Peirce and wife Janie of Russellville, Arkansas; grandchildren Jandy Furman and husband Daryl, Jamie Peirce, Jancee Timmons, and John Simmons, all of Amarillo, Jody Gilchrest and husband Marty of Hereford, Kimbra Peirce, Kara McClendon and husband Ike, all of Miami, Kate Miller and husband Jeff of Lubbock, Will Peirce and Joe Peirce, both of Rockport, Steve Peirce of St. Louis, Missouri, and Mark Peirce and wife Krista of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; great-grandchildren: Payton Julian, Hannah Julian, Dylan Furman, Jady Furman and Jarion Timmons, all of Amarillo, Kyler McClendon and Konnar McClendon, both



Peirce

of Miami, Cannon Miller and Meradith Miller, both of Lubbock, and Steve Peirce and Alicia Peirce, both of St. Louis, Missouri; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials: Alzheimer's Association, 415 SW 8th Ave., Amarillo, Texas 79101.

Special notice: The family will receive friends at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2010.

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

Local students to compete in State DECA Conference

Twelve Marketing Education students from Pampa High School will be representing Pampa High School at the Texas DECA State Career Development Conference to be held in Ft. Worth, Feb. 19-21.

The students recently competed in the Texas DECA District 8 Career Development Conference. The conference was held at the east campus of Amarillo College. Students participated in curriculum related competitive events which

allowed them to compare their knowledge and skills about various concepts in marketing, merchandising, and management with those of students from the panhandle. There were approximately 200 members and their advisors who took part in the conference.

According to local chapter advisor, Donna Crow, the following students placed first in their events: the team of Ashley Thompson and Allie Ramey-Advertising

Campaign, Gabrielle Savoie-Entrepreneurship Participating, James Holt-Technical Sales, the team of Shilo McCamy and Amanda Estes-Advertising Campaign, Joseph Dencklau-Retail Merchandising, Joseph Adams-Technical Sales, Elizabeth Willis-Fagg-Entrepreneurship Participating, Tracy Torres-Food Marketing, Seth Starbuck-Automotive Services Management, Bryce Hendricks was

names first alternate in Full Service Restaurant.

The Pampa High School students will join approximately 2200 students from across the state to match their marketing skills against each other. The finalist in each event will be recognized Sunday, February 21 at the Grand Awards Session. The conference is being held at the Ft. Worth Convention Center.



Back Row (L-R): Carlos Moncado II, Jessica Vaquera, Gabrielle Savoie, Elizabeth Willis-Fagg, Joseph Dencklau, James Holt, Joseph Adams, Mr. Kyle Haenisch (co-sponsor). Middle Row (L-R): Stephanie Saxour, Mrs. Donna Crow (sponsor), Abby Andis, Shilo McCamy, Amanda Estes, Tiffany Solis, Bryce Hendricks, Seth Starbuck. Front Row (L-R): Melissa Burkhalter (DECA Assistant), Tracy Torres, Ashley Thompson and Allie Ramey.

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 - Adopts a county budget;
 - Determines county tax rates;
 - Fills vacancies in elective and appointive positions; and
 - Has exclusive authority to authorize contracts in the name of the county.
- Precincts 2 and 4 have contested races in the March 2 primary.

Precinct 2

Gary Willoughby is the incumbent in Precinct 2. Willoughby describes himself as a "working commissioner," who is answering citizens' concerns and is supportive of what's right. He is seeking re-election in the March 2 Primary for

what would be his third term in the office.

Willoughby has been married for 30 years, to his wife JoAnne, they have three daughters. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1980. Willoughby is a member of Briarwood Church, Rotary and a board member of Gray Cares. He has been a business owner in Pampa for 32 years, a martial arts instructor for 27 years, and serves as Gray County Safety Coordinator.

Raymond Douglas is challenging Willoughby for the Precinct 2 seat.

Douglas moved to Pampa in 1968 graduated Pampa High school in 1974. Married Debbie and has three children Kaysi, Cody and Karli Douglas. He has made a living in the auto body repair business for over 27 years. As County Commissioner, Douglas would like to listen to the concerns of the community and find solutions with a fresh perspective.

Precinct 4

Jeff Haley, Lynn Allison, Wayne Leathers and Mark Simmons are battling for Gray County Commissioner Precinct 4.

James Hefley, the current county commissioner there, is stepping down at the end of the year and four newcomers are fighting for his position.

Jeff Haley said he had come to Gray County 21 years ago, although he traces his family back to the Texas War of Independence. A rancher, Haley voiced his concerns over such issues as the Endangered Species Act and the federal threat to close down agriculture and the oil and gas business.

"If we do not decide these issues," he said of the local populace, "somebody will decide for us."

Lynn Allison, originally from Lefors, has lived in Gray County for 45, is and a businessman in Pampa and said that he thinks that Gray County has a bright future.

"Our county officials do a wonderful job," Allison said.

Wayne Leathers said his priorities are God, his wife and Precinct 4.

Leathers has worked as a heavy equipment operator for Gray County for eight years. He worked five years for precinct 3 in Grandview and three years

for Precinct 4 in McLean, where he is presently employed.

Leathers and his wife Amanda Beth have been married 42 years. They have lived in Gray county for 36 years. They lived in Pampa for 29 years, raising their son Brandon and daughter Jennifer.

Mark Simmons, who lives south of Alanreed, is the son of former Gray County Commissioner Ted Simmons and is the third generation of his family to live in Gray County.

Although he worked for five years for the county in Precinct 4, he spent the last 10 years teaching at the welding center at Frank Phillips College in Borger.

Simmons said he's worried about the federal bureaucracy in Washington, D.C.

He said any change in Gray County has to come from the ground up.

223rd District Judge

Incumbent District Judge Lee Waters is not running in this year's election. Two Republican candidates are vying for the judgeship.

Judge Phil Vanderpool currently serves as an Associate Judge for the Ninth Administrative Judicial Region which includes Gray County. He handles child protection cases in eight judicial district courts encompassing 21 counties. He has held that position since January 2, 2002.

Prior to that, Judge Vanderpool served as Municipal Judge for the City of Pampa for over 14 years and as a certified hearing examiner for the Texas Education Agency for over 5 years.

Judge Vanderpool said, "I will bring my judicial experience of over 20 years and my legal experience of over 34 years to a

broader range of issues and will work hard to insure all cases are handled timely with fairness, justice and dignity. I will continue my service as Chair of the Legal Education Subcommittee on the State Bar's Standing Committee for Child Abuse and Neglect and will be available to assist and mentor the next child protection court judge."

Judge Vanderpool was instrumental in the creation of Great Plains CASA for Kids in Hereford and CASA of the Rolling Plains in Childress. Along with those two organizations, Judge Vanderpool continues to work with CASA of the High Plains centered in Pampa, CASA 69 in Dalhart and Amarillo Area CASA. He received special recognition from Amarillo Area CASA for his efforts and his dedication to children in the Texas Panhandle and was a finalist for Texas CASA Judge of the Year in 2006.

Todd Alvey has an active law practice focusing on criminal and family law, Alvey said he has practiced law in Pampa since 1991.

"Over the past 18 years," he said, "I have come to know and have practiced before a number of district judges in the Texas Panhandle. I was also privileged to serve as your Gray County Attorney for 10 years, primarily prosecuting criminal cases."

The former county attorney said that because of his diverse experience, he feels he could fully understand the laws applicable to each case before him and treat each case individually in a fair and impartial manner.

Married, Alvey has four children.

Alvey is a Victim's Advocate and past member of Tralee Crisis Center board of directors.

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"I was active participant in organizing the local CASA and the Bridge in Gray County," he said.

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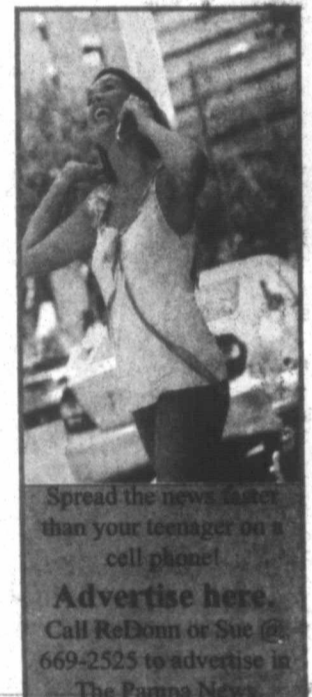
The new Pampa Junior High School will be open for tours next month.

Randy Stephenson with the Pampa Independent School District said the new junior high will be open from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 9 for tours.

"You are asked to park in the west parking lot and enter the building through the Commons area," he said.

The arrival time, the tour pace and the amount of time people spend looking at the new building is up to the visitors, he said.

Western Builders will have several people stationed throughout the school to answer questions, Stephenson said.



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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Monday, Feb. 15, the 46th day of 2010. There are 319 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

- 1677 - England's King Charles II announces he has made an alliance with the Dutch against France.
- 1798 - The Roman Republic is proclaimed after the French capture Rome, but Pope Pius VI refuses to surrender temporal power and leaves for Valence, France. He later dies in French captivity.
- 1806 - Franco-Prussian treaty against Britain, whereby Prussia closes her ports to British ships goes into effect.
- 1879 - U.S. President Rutherford Hayes signs a bill allowing female attorneys to argue cases before the Supreme Court.
- 1894 - France and Germany reach agreement on boundaries between French Congo and Cameroon.
- 1898 - The U.S. battleship Maine blows up in harbor of Havana, Cuba, killing 260 seamen. The cause of the explosion is never determined, but U.S. newspapers use the incident to whip up support for military intervention against the Spanish rule on Cuba.

'Like all dreamers I confuse disenchantment with truth.'

— Jean-Paul Sartre
French philosopher (1905-1980)

1933 - U.S. President-elect Franklin Roosevelt escapes an assassination attempt in Miami that claims the life of Chicago Mayor Anton J. Cermak.

1942 - The British surrender the colony of Singapore to Japanese forces in World War II.

1944 - U.S. troops complete reconquest of Solomon Islands in Pacific Ocean in World War II; Nearly 1,000 British bombers pound Berlin, Germany.

1964 - Cassius Clay, who changed his name to Muhammad Ali, becomes the world's heavyweight boxing champion.

1965 - China's Foreign Minister Chen Yi says in Beijing that peaceful coexistence with United States is out of the question.

1970 - An Israeli oil pipeline is opened linking Eilat to Ashkelon.

1973 - The United States and Cuba sign agreement calling for prosecution or extradition of hijackers of airplanes and ships.

1978 - Agreement is announced in Rhodesia, now known as Zimbabwe, to bring blacks into key roles in government of Prime Minister Ian Smith.

1988 - Austria's President Kurt Waldheim, accused of having a Nazi past, flatly rejects widespread calls for his resignation.

1989 - The last Soviet soldier leaves Afghanistan after a 10-year occupation.

1990 - Britain and Argentina restore diplomatic relations, broken off during the 1982 Falkland Islands War.

1991 - The South African government announces it will free all political prisoners and African National Congress agrees to end armed struggle against apartheid.

1993 - Two car bombs shatter a downtown district in Bogota, Colombia, killing four and injuring more than 120.

1994 - North Korea agrees to open part of its nuclear program to international inspection.

1995 - A fire roars through a three-story nightclub in Taichung, Taiwan, killing at least 67 people and injuring 11 in Taiwan's deadliest fire on record.

1996 - Police deactivate a bomb in central London hours after the Irish Republican Army refused to rule out further attacks.

1997 - In Kigali, Rwanda, three uniformed gunmen kill a Supreme Court justice, his driver and a neighbor in an attack on his home.

1998 - Nineteen explosions blamed on radical Muslim groups rock Coimbatore, India, over two days, killing at least 56 people.

1999 - Abdullah Ocalan, a Kurdish rebel leader, is captured by Turkish commandos in Kenya, where he had sought refuge at the Greek Embassy. He is brought to Turkey to stand trial.

2000 - Stung by Britain's decision to suspend Northern Ireland's power-sharing government, the Irish Republican Army deepens the province's political crisis by breaking off negotiations on disarmament.

2003 - The Vatican opens sealed archives concerning its relations with Germany between 1922 and 1939, when Eugenio Pacelli - later Pope Pius XII - was the Vatican secretary of state. The archives were unsealed to address criticism that Pope Pius XII had not tried hard enough to stop Nazi Germany from killing millions of Jews during the Holocaust.

2004 - The U.S. administrator for Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, opens the nation's first human rights ministry, saying it will investigate atrocities committed during Saddam Hussein's rule and will draft a human rights declaration and promote private groups that defend civil liberties in the country.

2005 - Three years after a promised overhaul of China's workplace safety system, the government says a gas explosion killed 203 miners and 12 more missing, the worst reported mining disaster in the country since Communist rule began in 1949.

2007 - An armed man hijacks a Mauritanian plane to Spain's Canary Islands but is overpowered by passengers and crew and arrested shortly after landing. None of the 71 passengers are seriously injured.

2008 - Czech President Vaclav Klaus, 66, wins a second five-year term when lawmakers chose him over a University of Michigan economics professor.

2009 - President Hugo Chavez of Venezuela wins a referendum to eliminate term limits, paving the way for him to run again in 2012.

Today's Birthdays: Galileo Galilei, Italian astronomer (1564-1642); Babur, founder of Mughal dynasty in India (1483-1530); A.N. Whitehead, English philosopher (1861-1947); Hank Locklin, U.S. country singer (1918-2009); Jane Seymour, English born actress (1951-); Melissa Manchester, U.S. singer (1951-); Matt Groening, creator of "The Simpsons" (1954-).

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1965 - China's Foreign Minister Chen Yi says in Beijing that peaceful coexistence with United States is out of the question.

1970 - An Israeli oil pipeline is opened linking Eilat to Ashkelon.

1973 - The United States and Cuba sign agreement calling for prosecution or extradition of hijackers of airplanes and ships.

1978 - Agreement is announced in Rhodesia, now known as Zimbabwe, to bring blacks into key roles in government of Prime Minister Ian Smith.

1988 - Austria's President Kurt Waldheim, accused of having a Nazi past, flatly rejects widespread calls for his resignation.

1989 - The last Soviet soldier leaves Afghanistan after a 10-year occupation.

1990 - Britain and Argentina restore diplomatic relations, broken off during the 1982 Falkland Islands War.

1991 - The South African government announces it will free all political prisoners and African National Congress agrees to end armed struggle against apartheid.

1993 - Two car bombs shatter a downtown district in Bogota, Colombia, killing four and injuring more than 120.

1994 - North Korea agrees to open part of its nuclear program to international inspection.

1995 - A fire roars through a three-story nightclub in Taichung, Taiwan, killing at least 67 people and injuring 11 in Taiwan's deadliest fire on record.

1996 - Police deactivate a bomb in central London hours after the Irish Republican Army refused to rule out further attacks.

1997 - In Kigali, Rwanda, three uniformed gunmen kill a Supreme Court justice, his driver and a neighbor in an attack on his home.

1998 - Nineteen explosions blamed on radical Muslim groups rock Coimbatore, India, over two days, killing at least 56 people.

1999 - Abdullah Ocalan, a Kurdish rebel leader, is captured by Turkish commandos in Kenya, where he had sought refuge at the Greek Embassy. He is brought to Turkey to stand trial.

2000 - Stung by Britain's decision to suspend Northern Ireland's power-sharing government, the Irish Republican Army deepens the province's political crisis by breaking off negotiations on disarmament.

2003 - The Vatican opens sealed archives concerning its relations with Germany between 1922 and 1939, when Eugenio Pacelli - later Pope Pius XII - was the Vatican secretary of state. The archives were unsealed to address criticism that Pope Pius XII had not tried hard enough to stop Nazi Germany from killing millions of Jews during the Holocaust.

2004 - The U.S. administrator for Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, opens the nation's first human rights ministry, saying it will investigate atrocities committed during Saddam Hussein's rule and will draft a human rights declaration and promote private groups that defend civil liberties in the country.

2005 - Three years after a promised overhaul of China's workplace safety system, the government says a gas explosion killed 203 miners and 12 more missing, the worst reported mining disaster in the country since Communist rule began in 1949.

2007 - An armed man hijacks a Mauritanian plane to Spain's Canary Islands but is overpowered by passengers and crew and arrested shortly after landing. None of the 71 passengers are seriously injured.

2008 - Czech President Vaclav Klaus, 66, wins a second five-year term when lawmakers chose him over a University of Michigan economics professor.

2009 - President Hugo Chavez of Venezuela wins a referendum to eliminate term limits, paving the way for him to run again in 2012.

Today's Birthdays: Galileo Galilei, Italian astronomer (1564-1642); Babur, founder of Mughal dynasty in India (1483-1530); A.N. Whitehead, English philosopher (1861-1947); Hank Locklin, U.S. country singer (1918-2009); Jane Seymour, English born actress (1951-); Melissa Manchester, U.S. singer (1951-); Matt Groening, creator of "The Simpsons" (1954-).



Happy President's Day

by Martha Randolph Carr

Actually, the third Monday in February is still officially on the books as George Washington's Birthday. No one in Washington has ever gotten around to changing the name even though it's widely accepted that this is the day we remember the contribution of everyone who's held the highest office in America.

That's a great sentiment and considering how much we love to kick around whoever is currently the president, offering a little respect for the office is a good idea.

President Chester Arthur started the holiday in 1885 as a way to celebrate George Washington as our founding father. Arthur, who was most famous for becoming president after James Garfield was assassinated, was a Baptist, a lawyer and a Republican who fell out of favor with his own party. They wouldn't give him the nomination even though he was the sitting president. That's rough politics. That's also more than most of us have probably ever known about Arthur.

His most positive accomplishment, besides the federal holiday, is the Pendleton Civil Service Act, which is well regarded today but is believed to be what cost him the nomination. It created the modern civil service system and points out the reason the day eventually grew to include all presidents. Despite all of the pomp and perks, this is a civil service job where we all get the opportunity to choose who fills it.

It makes the day a great time to pause and reflect on how we can all be of

service. No matter what job each of us has, we can approach our duties with the idea of being of service to others. It's a lot harder to feel resentment over the details we don't like if we can see all of it as serving a purpose. Then it's no longer about our ego and whether or not we shine and more about being a grateful member of society.

That's where George Washington, our very first president, really set the standard for the rest of us. The monarchs of that era fully expected Washington to make a power grab and declare himself, president-for-life. That would have been the norm and a more proven system of continuity as a means to keep a country moving along peacefully. Countries were seen as most vulnerable when the leader was brand new and untested.

To purposely set up a system in the US that chose to change the commander in chief every four years and then let the common people decide who'd get to lead was thought of as nutty.

But, when the second term ended and even the voters begged Washington to stay, he declined, refusing once again to allow anyone to compare him to royalty. It was a very important turning point for our country as Washington chose to uphold an ideal and let go of the control. Imagine a CEO of an enormous conglomerate stepping back and letting the shareholders decide who gets to take his place. Imagine that over 200 years later, even when your choice doesn't win, the corporation continues to grow and thrive. We have been the somewhat grateful recipients of all of that, and all

on a civil servant's salary.

There wasn't even a pension until just after Harry Truman, when he and the only other living president, Herbert Hoover, began to receive \$25,000 per year until their death. Not exactly the golden parachutes we've become painfully used to on Wall Street.

So, as you enjoy your cherry pie in honor of Washington's example of rigorous honesty, raise a fork and salute those who still give of themselves to make sure democracy



Martha Carr rules. Happy President's Day everyone.

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Sports

Lady Harvesters come up short against Canyon

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa Lady Harvesters played a hard fought game Saturday but came up short in a 2-0 loss to the Canyon Lady Eagles at Harvester Field.

Head Coach John True said they played the hardest they had all season.

"If we can keep playing hard, then the technical and tactical stuff would take care of itself," True said. "I'm very proud of them. They didn't give up. It was a physical game and we rose to the occasion as physical game went."

Both teams went through

the first half without scoring a goal. As both goalies made key saves to keep their team from falling behind.

Courtney Womack opened the scoring for the Eagles in the second half, taking advantage of Pampa's mistake in playing back defense. Womack scored another goal towards the last half of the second half to reach the final score. True said the goals against his team was the result of a defensive mistake and Canyon making a good pass.

"We had mistakes in the back with not bringing the

ball down," True said. "On the second one we gave the girl too much time on the ball to pass, we didn't pressure quick enough."

True was pleased with how is goalie Bree Howard played during the game.

"Our goalkeeper played awesome today," True said. "Outside of those two goals there's nothing else she could have done. She played awesome. So, it really wasn't a goaltender issue."

The Lady Harvesters (1-7-2, 0-2-2) visit Caprock today and host Randall on Saturday.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Bianca Hernandez kicks the ball upfield Saturday at Harvester Field. The Lady Harvesters lost to the Canyon Lady Eagles 2-0. Pampa hosts the Randall Lady Raiders Saturday who beat them earlier this season.

Eagles blank Harvesters

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa Harvesters soccer team is still looking for its first win of the season as they lost 4-0 to the Canyon Eagles Saturday in Canyon.

Head Coach John True said his team didn't come out to play in that game and hopes for a better result Monday.

"I don't think we played very hard," True said. "For most of the game we had parts where we played hard but I don't think we played very hard especially in the second half."

Both teams kicked the ball back and forth in the first several minutes of the game. The Eagles got on

the scoreboard, about halfway through the first when Wayne Munger scored to make it 1-0. A few minutes later Munger expanded the lead with his second goal of the game making it 2-0 Eagles. Canyon would carry this two-goal lead into halftime.

The second half started the same way as the first with both teams exchanging possessions. The Eagles brought their lead to three about a fourth of the way through the second half on a Colt Welch goal. Juan Garcia got the last goal for the Eagles about halfway through the second half. Dillion Heiman played goalie and got the shutout in his second start.

True said he was pleased

with how his goalie Marlon Ibarra played.

"I think our goalkeeper did a good job today for the most part," True said. "He did what he was supposed to and that's it. I think our goalkeeper was the best player today for us."

True said it's been hard for his team not winning in awhile but they have to keep playing.

"At the same time they got to pick themselves and be ready to play Caprock," True said. "Caprock is not going to give up. We have to come out and be ready to play."

The Harvesters (0-10-1, 0-3-1) visit Caprock today and host Randall on Saturday.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Flavio Gonzalez battles an Eagle for the ball Saturday at Harvester Field. The Harvesters lost to the Canyon Eagles 4-0. Pampa hosts the Randall Raiders Saturday who beat them earlier this season.

Correction

In the Friday Pampa News report of the Borger Little League expanding to Pampa, Jackie Martindale's name was misspelled. Also the contact numbers for more information were omitted. People can call Tracy Poole 806-382-8509, Theran Baker 806-290-5274, Harry Fisher 806-663-0058 and Jackie Martindale 806-669-7533.

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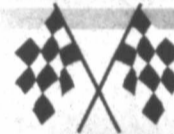


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JV soccer

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TX Fisheries Center hosts Fly Fish Texas

ATHENS — Fly Fish Texas is your one-stop shopping center for everything there is to know about fly-fishing in Texas, and it takes place March 13 at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center.

Show hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All Fly Fish Texas activities are free with regular paid admission to the center.

"Fly Fish Texas is a great show and the only event of its kind," said Walter McLendon of Lufkin, who has organized the show since its beginning. "Other shows cater to people who are already fly-fishers, but we try to introduce people to fly-fishing."

"We take people from 'This is a fly' to 'This is a fish-you've caught one,'" explained Allen Crise, who co-chairs the casting lessons.

Fly Fish Texas emphasizes hands-on learning and immediate application of newly acquired skills. Visitors can collect aquatic insects from the center's streams, tie a fly to imitate one of those insects under

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Until the year 1971, both February 12th and February 22nd were separate holidays marking the birth dates of George Washington (Feb 12) and Abraham Lincoln (Feb 22). Later (1971) President Richard Nixon joined the two holidays, proclaiming one single federal public holiday we know as Presidents' Day in honor of all presidents, as opposed to just two. Presidents' Day is now celebrated on the 3rd Monday of every February.



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Sports

Lady Harvesters softball seeks deeper playoff run

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters softball team is looking to make history in 2010 as the season starts Tuesday in Pampa.

Head Coach Bobbi Gill said her team is ready to play and start the season.

"We've got a lot of returners," Gill said. "A lot of young kids and we are ready to get going."

Gill's players are ready to get the season started as well.

"We're really ready," Sammie Pearson said. "We've been waiting four years for this season."

Senior Ashley Facio agreed and said they have a pretty good team coming back.

"We're pretty experienced," Facio said. "We're just ready to get out there and start competing."

Last season, Pampa made it to the third round of the playoffs where they were eliminated by district foe Randall. Pearson said the seniors want to leave their mark on the program.

"We want to go further than we've been before," Pearson said. "We want to make it to at least the fourth round, maybe the fifth round or state."

Senior Brooklyn Barker said they have to have a whole new leadership.

"It's a different team from last year," Barker said. "I'm pretty pumped that we'll do just as good if not better than last year."

The Lady Harvesters also have a lofty goal for district and that's finish undefeated. Senior pitcher Carly Tiechmann said she thinks the team will compete very well in district.

"We have a good stick (bat) and have really good

defense," Tiechmann said. "We want to go 12-0. That's one of our goals to win district 12-0."

Gill said this team is capable of great things and everything must fall in place.

"Going undefeated is a goal they want to do every year," Gill said. "I think that's every team's goal going in is go unbeaten if you can. I think this group, they are capable of doing that. If everything falls in line and they take care of what they should, everything should fall in place."

The Lady Harvesters open the season with Childress with the junior varsity starting at 4 p.m. and the varsity starting at 5:30 p.m.



staff photo by Andrew Glover
Carly Tiechmann attempts a throw to first during an infield drill January 27. The Lady Harvesters open the season Tuesday against Childress.

Freshman boys basketball loses to Randall Raiders

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa Harvesters freshmen boys basketball team played hard but couldn't pull out a victory in a 56-39 loss to the Randall Raiders Saturday in the MPAC Gymnasium.

The Harvesters fell behind early in the first quarter. Missed shots and turnovers by Pampa allowed Randall to score the first 11 points of the game. The Harvesters closed the first quarter on a 9-1 run and trailed 12-9.

Pampa's momentum from the first quarter carried over into the second quarter as they took an 18-17 lead midway through the second. The Raiders closed the second quarter on a 9-0 run and led 26-18 at halftime.

In the third quarter, the Raiders didn't allow the Harvesters to get closer



staff photo by Andrew Glover
Jordan Lemons attempts a shot in the first quarter Saturday against Randall. Pampa lost 56-39. The Harvesters final game is tonight at Palo Duro.

than 10. Randall led by as many as 16. Pampa was outscored 13-8 in the third and trailed 39-26. The Raiders won the fourth quarter 17-13. Pampa didn't get closer than 10 points in the final quarter.

Trey Teel led the Harvesters in scoring with nine. James Thompson scored seven and Jonathan

Cox scored six. The Harvesters (4-14, 2-7) close their season tonight at Palo Duro.

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Dear Abby...

By: Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: My daughter and I haven't spoken in more than two years because of something I said regarding her grandson, "Joey," who is my great-grandson. The last time I saw this boy, who lives in another state, he was 7 or 8.

My daughter's husband was expressing how proud he was of Joey, who is a star football player -- a linebacker at 200 pounds and over 6 feet tall. I said, "Wow, the last time I saw him he was 7 or 8 and fat as a little pig." My words were not wisely chosen, but an expression I have used many times. It was just a comment.

They left the state in early spring without a call or a goodbye. On Mother's Day I received a "gushy" card, which I returned with a note saying how much I would have loved the card -- if I had felt it was sincere.

I am 86 and hate what has happened, but I feel I am being punished for just "being me." Should I make the first move or just let sleeping dogs lie? -- OUTSPOKEN GRANDMA IN FLORIDA
DEAR OUTSPOKEN GRANDMA: You should have apologized for your comment the minute you realized you had struck a nerve. And returning the card the way you did only added fuel to the fire. My advice is to write your daughter and son-in-law a note of apology and do it soon, because at 86, you don't have any time to waste.

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman from a family of females who are all large-busted. Sad to say, I am the exception. My husband not only looks but stares when he sees a big-breasted woman. He promised me a few years ago I could get implants. He even let me consult two plastic surgeons, and then twice prevented me with excuses from having it done.

I do not want this because of his actions but because I have always wanted a well-balanced body. I have been told

by family members to go ahead and get the implants without his knowledge. I believe he would love the end result, but I'm not sure this is the right way to do it. What do you think? -- NO MORE EXCUSES IN LOUISIANA

DEAR NO MORE EXCUSES: I think that if you want to have breast augmentation, you should do it. BUT NOT THE WAY YOUR FAMILY IS SUGGESTING! Have a serious talk with your husband, so you can explain how you feel about having the surgery and he can tell you exactly what his qualms are. While he may enjoy looking at large-breasted women, he married you just the way you are, and he may be worried that something could happen during the procedure that could cost him the love of his life. Hear him out.

DEAR ABBY: I am an only child who has been married for almost 30 years to a wonderful man who is also an only child. We have no children.

We are moving to another state where we don't know anyone. I am worried that one day I'll be all alone in the world with no one to turn to. (Women statistically tend to live longer than men, and my husband is seven years my senior.)

What do people do when they have no one, and how do I not let this ruin our otherwise great life now? -- AFRAID TO BE ALONE

DEAR AFRAID: First of all, quit preoccupying yourself with thoughts of death and isolation. When you arrive at your destination, join a church or synagogue if you are religious. If you're not, find organizations where you and your husband can volunteer time and meet people. Join social clubs if you're moving to a sizable city. "Old age" will happen years from now, if you're lucky. And regardless of what "statistics" say, you could go before your husband -- so stop worrying and enjoy the time you have together.

Boys swim team finished sixth, girls finished seventh at regionals

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa Harvesters boys swim team placed sixth and the girls were ninth in the Regional swim meet at Andrews.

The boys scored 158 points and was 26 points behind fifth place Andrews. The girls finished ninth with 88 points and were 19 points behind eighth place Monahans.

The women finished 10th in the 200 yard medley relay with a time of 2:16.30. Kendle Ramey, Brittany Covil, Jessica Gutierrez and Jessica Covil were the swimmers. The boys finished seventh in the same event with a time of 1:51.58. Ethan Addy, Christian Hinkle, Spencer Estes, and Kelly Stoffle were the swimmers.

In the women's 200 yard freestyle Ramey finished 12th with a time of 2:24.27. Nathan Towry finished 12th in the boys 200

yard freestyle with a time of 2:08.71. In the women's 200 yard individual medley Guterrez finished 13th with a time of 2:51.13 and Lindsay Cole finished 14th with a time of 3:00.15. In the boys Kelly Stoffle finished third with a time of 2:10.26 and was just over two seconds from first place.

In the women's 50 yard freestyle Jessica Covil finished 13th with a time of 29.85 seconds. Hinkle finished seventh in the boys with a time of 23.95. Jessica Covil finished 11th in the 100 yard butterfly with a time of 1:16.76. Brittany Covil finished 13th with a time of 1:22.12. Stoffle finished fourth in the men's 100 yard butterfly with a time of 56.11 and was four seconds from first. Guterrez finished 11th in the 100 yard freestyle with a time of 1:05.34. Hinkle finished eighth in the boys with a time of 53.27. Addy

finished 16th with a time of 58.97.

In the women's 500 yard freestyle, Cole finished 12th with a time of 6:57.14 and Christina Hart finished 13th with a time of 7:04.05. In the boys race, Towry finished seventh with a time of 5:45.75. Karl Pfitzner finished 11th with a time of 6:03.38. Pampa finished 13th in the women's 200 freestyle relay with a time of 2:00.72. The boys finished third with a time of 1:38.16 which was seven seconds from first.

Ramey finished eighth in the women's 100 yard backstroke with a time of

1:13.24. Brittany Covil finished 16th with a time of 1:30.02. In the men's 100 yard backstroke, Estes raced but was disqualified. Kendall Aikin finished 15th in the women's 100 yard breaststroke with a time of 1:37.14. Addy finished eighth in the boys 100 yard breaststroke with a time of 1:13.07.

In the 400 yard freestyle relay the girls finished eleventh with a time of 4:45.10. The boys finished 12th with a time of 4:04.59. The meet was the last of the season for the Harvesters.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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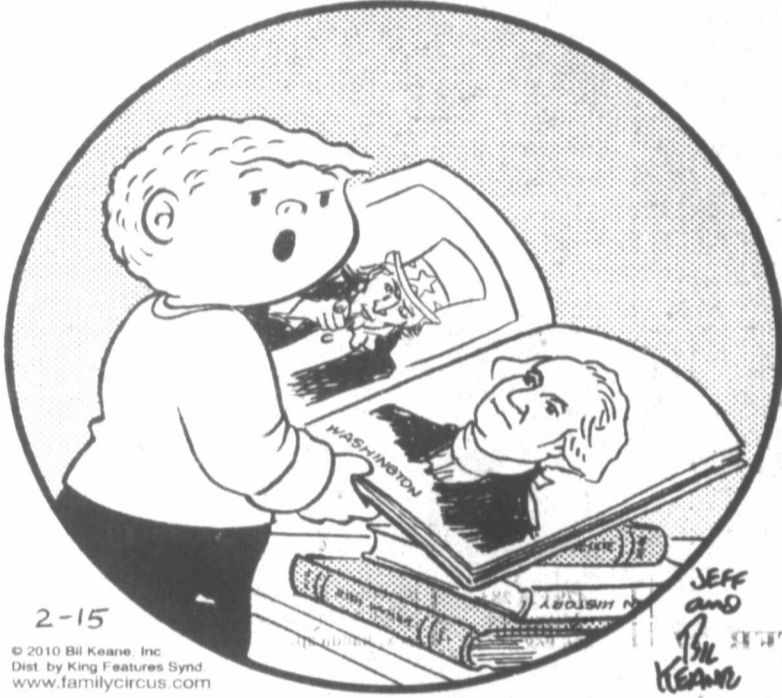
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"If George Washington was the father of our country, was Uncle Sam his brother?"

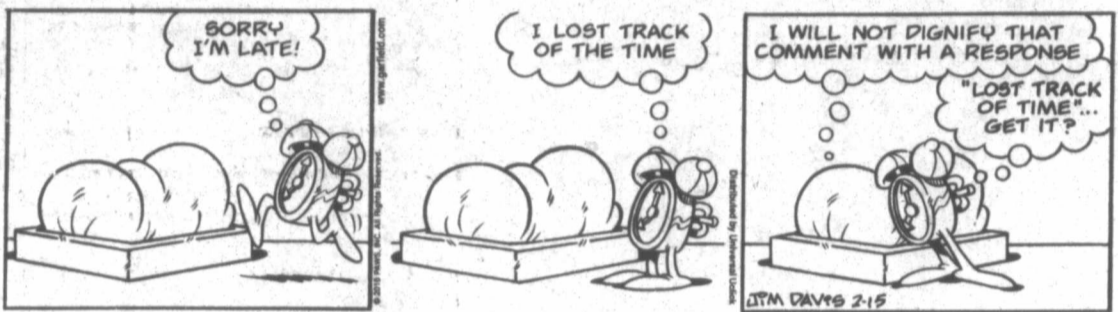
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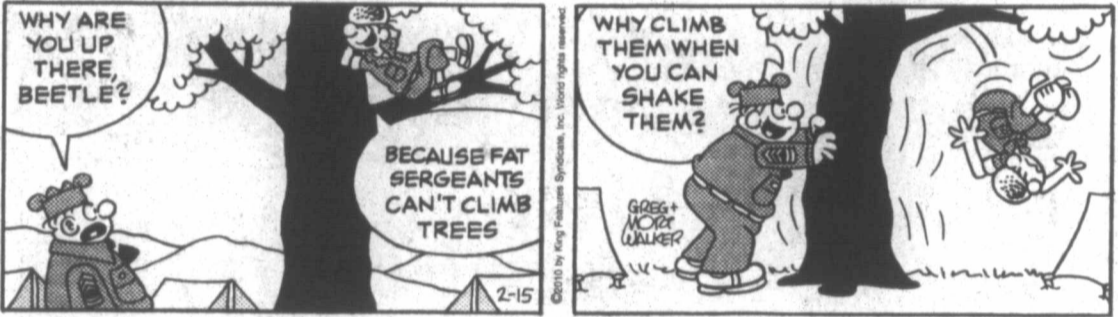
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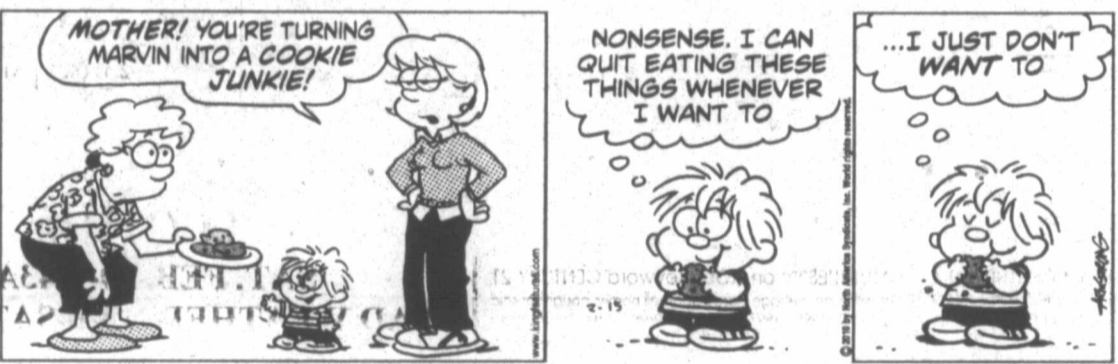
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Daily Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 41 Year parts

- 1 Galleon pole
- 5 Collision
- 10 Not busy
- 11 Maddow of MSNBC
- 13 Entrance
- 14 Clothing
- 15 Ratify
- 17 Silent approval
- 18 Ticked off
- 19 Slop slurper
- 20 Sewing aid
- 21 "Citizen"
- 22 Permitted
- 25 Hands over
- 26 Writer Hunter
- 27 Put into words
- 28 Plaything
- 29 Expels from legal practice
- 33 Mine yield
- 34 All things considered
- 35 Penalizing
- 37 China setting
- 38 Cooking herb
- 39 Tenant's fee
- 40 Good judgment

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- 1 Gold-loving king
- 2 Take as one's own
- 3 Incline
- 4 Small turtle
- 5 Cowardly
- 6 Gave a grade to
- 7 Play division
- 8 Athlete's protector
- 9 Scarlett O'Hara, e.g.
- 12 Pigeon perches
- 16 Leave out
- 21 Computer need
- 22 Excuse from punishment
- 23 White keys
- 24 Pepper type
- 25 Group of actors
- 27 Unmarried
- 29 Has a meal
- 30 Bewildered
- 31 Like monsoon season
- 32 Bed boards
- 36 Travel stop

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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.

2-15 CRYPTOQUOTE

DPXDC YSMM XMDSA ZDNMF
QPNGZSM YCNPN DCNPN SO
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Saturday's Cryptoquote: THERE MUST BE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD WHO NEVER GET ANY LOVE LETTERS ... I COULD BE THEIR LEADER. — CHARLIE BROWN

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2541 Christine	\$129,500	3/1.75/2 - 2050 SF/GCAD
2207 N Chestnut	\$125,000	3/1.75/1 - 1950 SF/Measured
1301 Charles	\$119,900	4/2/2 - 1732 SF/GCAD
2020 Christine	\$117,500	3/1/3 - 1607 SF/GCAD
1836 N Evergreen	\$103,900	3/1.75/2 - 1716 SF/GCAD
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411 Ward	\$25,000	2/1/0 - 723 SF/GCAD

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2143 Sumner	\$115,000	4/3/2 - 1925 SF/GCAD
2120 Lynn	\$112,000	3/1.75/2 - 1872 SF/GCAD
1830 Banks	\$95,000	3/1.5/1 - 1500 SF/GCAD
1916 Lynn	\$93,000	4/2/2 - 2258 SF/GCAD
1801 N Zimmers	\$92,500	3/1.75/2 - 1426 SF/GCAD
1818 N Nelson	\$85,000	3/2/1 - 2941 SF/GCAD
1100 Willow	\$72,000	3/1.5/3 - 1146 SF/GCAD
1929 Zimmers	\$69,900	3/1.75/2 - 1258 SF/GCAD
2101 N Wells	\$69,900	3/1.75/2 - 1435 SF/GCAD
1801 N Banks	\$63,500	3/1.5/1 - 1196 SF/GCAD
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532 N Red Deer	\$92,000	3/1.75/2 - 1846 SF/GCAD
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010:
This year, you have an opportunity to stabilize your finances and create greater monetary flow and security. Your understanding of those in your immediate environment comes out frequently. Others will tend to confide in you; learn to keep a secret. If you are single, you will want to impress a new sweetie. Be careful. You want someone to care for the real you. If you are attached, date on your significant other a little more often. You will witness a change. Enjoy the new warmth. ARIES adds wit to any conversation.

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)
**** The unexpected could set you back and encourage a better response or a more direct inquiry. If you are willing to back off and do something totally different, everyone will gain. You might have a secret that you choose to enjoy but not share. Tonight: The world is your oyster.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Being goal-oriented is perfectly OK, especially if you get a lot done and create as much good will as possible. Acknowledge others for their support, especially as they easily could have been instrumental in your success. Tonight: Make it just for you!
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
*** You must take charge and take the lead if anything is going to get done. Investigate alternatives surrounding a long-term goal. Give up monovalence, and you will see the path. Someone demonstrates his or her caring in a way that counts. Tonight: Where your friends are.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Keep reaching for the impossible dream. Consider alternatives that surround this wish. News from a distance is full of facts and important information. Stay open, but know when you must take the lead. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Unexpected developments could turn out well, as long as you don't push one way or the other. You'll find answers when you least expect it. Trust yourself and be willing to break out of a pattern. A new approach pays off. Tonight: Put on music and leave work way behind.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** You are in a position in which you might want to defer to others. How you make what you want happen often is surreptitious, truth be told, but it works. Just remember not to lose your authenticity on the way. Tonight: Deal with a loved one directly.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** All work really doesn't work well. You need to loosen up some and take a break. You look at all the mounds of work and cannot see how taking a break would help. You will recharge, be more creative and more effective. Tonight: Listen to a suggestion.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** You might have difficulty setting in and getting ahead. You might want to rethink a decision with more care. Investigate possibilities more openly, and don't negate a risk. It could be just what the doctor ordered. Tonight: Do

for you.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** You might be hard-pressed to come up with the right answer, especially as you could be surprised by the nature of the question. Give yourself time to think and come up with appropriate answers. Tonight: Let your hair down.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Keep communication open and flowing. Realize what might be happening within your immediate circle. You might not like the answers you come up with. If you can call it an early day and work from home, please do. Tonight: Home is where the heart is.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
*** Be sensitive to spending, and make decisions accordingly. Realize that you cannot always take a risk and trust that you will be lucky. Don't push, and understand your limits. A late-day discussion proves to be powerful, if nothing else. Tonight: Keep a conversation going.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** Your smile is a sure-bet winner, and others respond, even if you do "something unexpected or quirky. Your vision of what works might not be in accordance with someone else's. Understand the power of magnetism. Tonight: Your treat.

BORN TODAY
Rapper, actor Ice T (1958), tennis player John McEnroe (1959), dancer Vera-Ellen (1921)

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Chamber

Notes from the Director

BY JOE WEAVER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
PAMPA AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Joe Weaver

Traveling through White Deer a few days ago, I stopped in Clint and Sons. Josh Cook showed me their line of Traeger Grills that use wood pellets. One of these days, winter will be over and outdoor cooking time will be here. Stop in now to find the cooker right for your needs. And don't forget that Clint and Sons Jerky is available at several places in Pampa. While I was "out that way", I also stopped in at Britten Feed and Seed, just inside the county line. I grew up going to feed stores, and the smell brought back old memories. You would be hard-pressed to find an animal in the area they don't have feed for. Many thanks to Martha Alonso and Erica Guzman at Happy State Bank for translating the text of our chamber brochure into Spanish. And did you know that HSB was voted one of the best places to work for in Texas in 2009? Have you looked online at "pampatx.com"? Operated by Vision Computer Services, "Pampa's Online Business Directory" is a handy resource to finding what you need in our city. We have been remiss about offering a hearty welcome to Josh Hess, new manager of Wal-Mart. Josh is likely to become a familiar face around town, as he has become active in the Chamber, Rotary, and

First Presbyterian Church. Congrats too, Josh, on the arrival of your little one! Did you know that YOU can be a member of the best community support and promotion organization in town? Individual memberships in the Pampa Chamber of Commerce are \$65 annually...that's \$1.25 a week, about the price of a cup of coffee. Which Pampa business was the featured success story in the February edition of the WTAMU Small Business Development Center's newsletter? Harvester Cleaners! In 1925, the Pampa Chamber of Commerce was founded. I don't know if we were the first in the Panhandle, but we beat Amarillo by a year. (In 1927 Culberson began selling Chevrolets in Pampa!) Check out the new website of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation—www.pampaedc.com. Congratulations to Rheams Diamond Shop for winning Business of the Year, 2009. Way to go, Ken and Stephanie! Who will be honored as the Citizen of the Year? He or she will be announced at the Chamber banquet on February 25th. Get your ticket now!



On January 21, 2010, the Chamber of Commerce held a training session and was treated to a great meal served by Heather Dawn's, owned and operated by Heather Seabourn. Heather Dawn's joined the Chamber of Commerce on January 19, 2010. If you would like to have a meal catered or would like to treat that special someone to a romantic dinner contact Heather at 663-0454 for more details. Pictured L-R are: Troy Newton, Heather Seabourn, Pat Montoya, Joe Weaver and Sam Cartwright of the Dumas Chamber of Commerce.

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Poll: Texas voters would cut highway funding first

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - Forty-one percent of Texas voters chose highway funding in a poll asking what they would cut to deal with a projected state budget shortfall as high as \$16 billion next year.

About one in five surveyed in the poll said they would raise taxes or fees, and fewer said they would cut spending on education or health care for the poor.

The Feb. 2-10 telephone survey of 1,508 registered voters has a margin of error of plus or minus 2.5 percentage points.

Blum & Weprin Associates Inc. conducted the poll for the Austin-American Statesman, The Dallas Morning News, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, the Houston Chronicle and the San Antonio Express-News.

Asked where to get money for roads, voters were even more ambivalent. Given five widely debated options, toll roads ranked the highest. Twenty-one percent of respondents chose that option.

"It tells me that 20 percent like toll roads, but 80 percent don't like them," said Dale Craymer, president of the Texas Taxpayer and Research Association, a nonpartisan research group.

The results come amid the high-profile Republican gubernatorial primary between Gov. Rick Perry and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison. Debra Medina is also in the race.

Perry has made transportation a high priority in his campaign leading to the March 2 vote, while

Hutchison has been critical of toll roads, including a Perry-backed plan called the Trans-Texas Corridor.

Craymer said the poll shows that in times of budgetary duress, concrete-and-steel projects that are costly and take years to complete are the first to go in the minds of voters.

"It's not so much an indicator that people are willing to tolerate the traffic as much as it is recognition about the cost of fixing it," Craymer said. "You can throw billions at the problem and not make a dent."

While 38 percent of Texas voters said illegal immigrants should be deported, a combined majority picked two options that would allow them to stay. A path to citizenship was favored by 29 percent of voters, and 23

percent said they support giving immigrants work visas.

"There is a plurality for deporting them and the path to citizenship is not wildly popular in the state except among a few groups - minorities and the

young," said the pollster, Mickey Blum.

The economy and jobs was a prevalent worry for many of those interviewed, especially coupled with the looming state deficit.

Most said they believed offering incentives for

businesses to move to Texas was the best way to create jobs. Only 16 percent said the state should spend money on public projects as a way to put Texans back to work.

Texas agencies must propose 5 percent budget cuts

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - The deadline has arrived as state agencies are asked to recommend cuts as Texas faces a projected budget shortfall in 2011.

Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Straus in January asked all state agencies to offer proposals cutting 5 percent of their budgets. The deadline was Monday.

Authorities have said the projected state budget shortfall could range from \$10 bil-

lion to as high as \$16 billion next year. Texas corrections officials, looking for perhaps as much as \$300 million in cutbacks in the 112-unit system, have not ruled out closing some prisons.

Some schools, including the University of Texas, could be facing possible tuition hikes.