




PAMPA FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
High 56 Low 34	High 56 Low 32	High 54 Low 33

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 56. Wind chill values between zero and 10 early. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 34. Wind chill values between 27 and 32. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 56. North northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 32. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 54. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 33. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Lotto Texas numbers

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 41-28-5-33-47-51.
 Number matching six of six: 0.
 Number matching five of six: 19. Prize: \$1,974.
 Number matching four of six: 979. Prize: \$56.
 Number matching three of six: 20,242. Prize: \$3.
 Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$10 million.

Cash Five Texas results

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 35-23-28-32-25.
 Number matching five of five: 2. Prize: \$12,885
 Winning ticket sold in: Hempstead, San Antonio
 Matching four of five: 71. Prize: \$163
 Matching three of five: 2,273. Prize: \$12
 Matching two of five: 24,468. Prize: \$2
 Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Police identify suspect in smoke shop shooting

DALLAS (AP) — Police are looking for a 20-year-old man in the death of a woman during a botched robbery at a smoke shop in Dallas.

A murder warrant has been issued for Arsenio Desmond Petty of Dallas, police said.

Rabeca Rae Kemp, 18, of Mount Vernon, was killed Dec. 30 at The Gas Pipe, a store that sells

rolling papers, pipes and other items. She was inside the store with her boyfriend, who was not shot.

Video from a surveillance camera shows a man coming to the door of the business holding a handgun. A second man takes the gun and starts firing while a third man appears to be standing behind them.

Witnesses have said that the men did not speak or make any demands before firing.

James Caldwell, 60, a store employee, was critically wounded but is recovering. Two others, 36-year-old Holly Arceneaux of Plano and 24-year-old Michael Matise of Dallas, were injured but quickly released from the hospital.

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Death Notice

Pampa—Rosemary Sheehan Hollaway, 73 died January 15, 2009, in Pampa, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Lela Smith Clark, 91

Pampa—Lela Smith Clark, 91 died January 13, 2009 in Pampa, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Clark was born April 23, 1917 in Ellis County, Oklahoma. She spent her childhood in Oklahoma where she attended Oklahoma schools. Lela married Bert Clark on January 7, 1934 in Shattuck, Oklahoma. He preceded her in death in October of 1981. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1952. She was an excellent seamstress, working at several apparel stores

in Pampa. She was a member of Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ for many years. Lela later married William Clark on July 28, 1990. He preceded her in death on September 1, 1991. She enjoyed reading and going to church, but most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family. The family deeply appreciates the care shown by Coronado Healthcare Center and Odyssey Health Care.

Daughter: Donna Carter of Clinton, Oklahoma; son: Gary Clark and wife Linda of Pampa; 3 grandsons: Mike Carter of

Weatherford, Oklahoma, Gary Clark, Jr., and wife Whitney of Canyon, and G. Kyle Clark and wife Tracy of Corpus Christi; 2 granddaughters: Linda Coleman and husband Eddie of Flower Mound, and Leslie Mason and husband Gary of Edmond, Oklahoma; 13 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. Lela was preceded in death by 3 brothers: Leroy Smith, Virgil Smith and Eldon Smith; and a sister: Vada Smith.

MEMORIALS: Odyssey Health Care, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, Texas 79106, or Coronado Healthcare



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

Arnoldo Gonzalez, 70

Pampa — Arnoldo Gonzalez, 70, died January 13, 2009.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, January 16, 2009 at Briarwood Full Gospel Church in Pampa, Texas. Cremation by Cox-LaGrone Funeral Home.

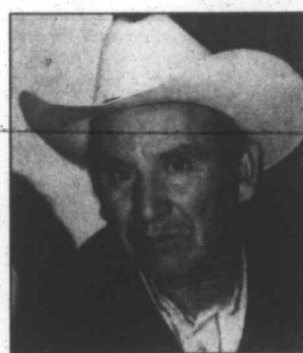
Arnoldo was born on March 19, 1938 in Guachochi, Chihuahua to Modesto and Emiliana Gonzalez. He was a resident of Pampa for over 30 years and worked for

Nelson and Sikes Pipeline as a crew leader. Arnoldo enjoyed buying and selling vehicles, and spent numerous summers at Greenbelt Lake.

He was the type of person who never met a stranger. Arnoldo loved his family and loved spending time with his grandchildren. He enjoyed life to the fullest and did it his way. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Arnoldo is survived by

his wife, Guadalupe Gonzalez of Pampa; seven sons, Pablo Gonzalez of Mexico, Guillermo Gonzalez of Pampa, Rodrigo Gonzalez of Amarillo, Martin Gonzalez, Manuel Gonzalez, Arnoldo Gonzalez Jr., and Juan Gonzalez, all of Mexico; four daughters, Martha Gonzalez of Baytown, Angie Munguia of Pampa, Maryelna Gonzalez and Olivia Gonzalez, both of Mexico; Arnoldo is also



Gonzalez

survived by 28 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Emergency Services

Ambulance

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

8:39 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Love and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:22 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to North West Texas Hospital.

2:32 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Baptist St. Anthony's.

6:32 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of East Scott and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of Charles and transported a patient to PRMC.

Fire

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

12:59 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 900 block of Somerville on a carbon monoxide investigation. Some odors were detected, but not in high numbers.

5:21 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1600 block of Dogwood on a service call.

5:19 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 1200 block of East Kingsmill on a grass fire. The fire had been put out upon arrival.

7:00 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2800 block of Charles on a medical assist.

Matson and Hobart streets, and the intersection of Hobart and 18th Streets

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 800 block of West Francis.

Accidents were reported in the intersection of Linda and Mary Ellen streets, and the 1000 block of West Harvester

A civil matter was reported in the 700 block of North Somerville.

Theft was reported at Franks True Value, 401 North Ballard, where 16 sheets of sheet rock were taken, valued at \$128.

A suspicious person was reported in the 2300 block of North Christine.

Thursday, Jan. 15
 Officers conducted one traffic stop.

A traffic complaint was made in the 100 block of West 30th.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests.

Tuesday, Jan. 13
 Alfredo Vaquera, 18, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for capius profine, two counts.

Wednesday, Jan. 15
 Robert Edwin Johnson, 37, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

Jimmy Lee Cook, 29, of Wichita Falls was arrested by GCSO for bond surrender-driving while intoxicated, and burglary of a building in Wheeler County.

Justin Matthew Mrogan, 36, of Denton was arrested by GCSO for motion to enforce-child support.

CenterPoint drops natural gas rates

HOUSTON (AP) — CenterPoint Energy next month plans to cut by 10 percent the amount it charges Houston customers for fuel due to falling natural gas prices, a company official said.

The monthly bill for a typical Houston home that uses 10,000 cubic feet (shown on bills as 100 ccf) in the winter will fall from \$134.64 in January to \$121.53 beginning in February. Actual bills will vary depending on how much gas customers use and taxes. Gas fell to its lowest point in more than two years Wednesday, closing at \$4.97 per million British thermal units, down 4.1 percent for the day.

Rick Zapalac, CenterPoint's vice president of gas operations for Texas, said the gas cost adjustment the company is making now doesn't reflect that drop because much of the gas purchased for this heating season was bought during the summer highs.

"During the second half of 2008, as the economy slowed and the financial crisis gripped the country, wholesale natural gas prices dropped dramatically. As a result, next month's natural gas bill will reflect a blend of the current lower wholesale natural gas prices and last summer's record-high prices," Zapalac said in a story for Wednesday's online edition of the Houston Chronicle.

The gas cost adjustment is based in part on the average price of natural gas futures over the next 12 months, as quoted through the New York Mercantile Exchange during the past five days, CenterPoint spokeswoman Alicia Dixon said. Other factors include pipeline transportation and storage costs and the effect of price hedges.

CenterPoint raised rates in September and usually makes two fuel price adjustments per year.

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Pampa Harvest Cheerleaders (left to right, back) Chandler Talley, Keisha Crowell, Karlie Novian, Ashley Williams, Teysha Parker (front) Cindy Meza, Robin Fernuik, Cali Gibson, Payton Alvey are part of the team that went to perform at the Alamo Dome halftime performance in San Antonio in late December.

Cheer

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Melody Youree, fellow cheer sponsor, and the team were sent a DVD with choreography to learn to music that the high school bands would play at the performance. Even with knowing the necessary moves, there was still a lot of work needed before game time.

"I told the girls that this is a professional choreog-

rapher who has a reputation to hold and put on the best show possible. We had to work until it was the best it could be," Stokes said. Mainly, the PHS cheerleaders and other performers worked on knowing stage positions and learned how to work as a much larger unit than they are used to.

Even with the hours of practice and planning and fund-raising that was required before going, Stokes said the trip was worth it. "It was an awesome experience. It is one

of those experiences that they will look back on and get to tell their kids some day. They had a blast doing it. It was well worth it." Stokes only wishes there would have been time for a little more sight-seeing in the travel itinerary, although she and the girls did get to see the River Walk.

Before leaving for the Alamo Dome, Stokes and the team were responsible for raising \$10,000, which she says would have been impossible without the Pampa community.

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staff, as well as special events with VIP's. They also will take place in the traditional ceremony of the Inauguration itself, as they witness the official swearing-in of the President, and view the inaugural parade as the President, Vice President and their families make their way from the U.S. Capitol to the White House.

Other activities include an opening night reception, private access to the Smithsonian Institution on the National Mall, viewing the inaugural parade over lunch at the historic Marriott Wardman Park Hotels as the President and Vice President's motorcade travels from the United States Capitol Building down Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House, explore the National Mall's monuments and museums with fellow Inaugural Scholars

and wind up the activities with the Gala Inaugural Ball.

The Junior Presidential Inaugural Conference is held every four years in January following the presidential election.

Blodgett and Gordy are in eighth grade and from White Deer. They will leave for the Inaugural Conference on Jan. 17 and return on Jan. 21.

"Congratulations Kye and Kyler in this prestigious honor," Lynch said.

Session

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Williams, R-The Woodlands, to modify internal rules. Though it normally takes a supermajority — 21 of 31 total senators — to allow any bill to make it to the floor, Williams proposed an exception.

When it comes to voter identification laws — a subject of intense partisan debate — Williams says a simple majority should suffice, and he proposed a resolution changing internal rules to that effect. Williams said eliminating the so-called "two-thirds rule" on the voter ID legislation was the only way to move the bill forward.

The voter identification debate — essentially, the requirement that voters present an ID before being allowed to cast a ballot — has sparked deep partisan tensions in Texas. Democrats say current laws suffice and claim the requirement would discriminate against the elderly, the disabled and ethnic minorities.

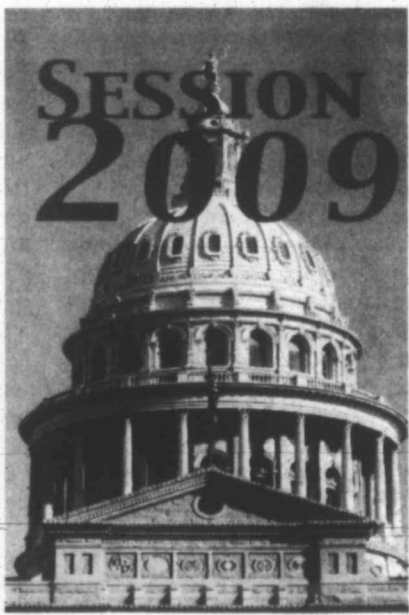
Republicans say stopping voter fraud should be a top priority and want the Legislature — which deadlocked on the issue two years ago — to pass a voter ID bill as a handful of other states have done.

"There is nothing more sacred to us than as a body and as a country than to protect the ballot from fraudulent activity," said Williams. "It is fundamental to our way of life."

The proposal sparked a series of denunciations from Democrats, who warned against changing their long-standing rules regardless of the issue. But

with a 19-12 majority and a Republican lieutenant governor presiding over the chamber, Republicans had little trouble beating back challenges to Williams' proposal.

Democrats tried to amend the rules maneuver



with measures that would allow their own pet initiatives — including children's health insurance programs and insurance rate cuts — to get the same majority-vote treatment. Those challenges failed along strict party lines as the debate dragged on Wednesday afternoon.

The two-thirds rule has been a hallowed tradition in the Senate. Because of those rules giving protections to the minority party, senators are all but forced to forge compromise and avoid partisan gridlock to pass most legislation because.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, the Republican who presides over the state Senate, tried to take a hands-off approach to the proceedings Wednesday. But as the presiding officer, Dewhurst, who has made no secret about his

desire to run for higher office, had to play the role of umpire.

At one point, Dewhurst provoked an uproar when he dismissed a challenge by Democrats who argued that the chamber was operating under rules adopted two years ago — and therefore under the two-thirds rule — until they were formally changed.

"We have no Senate rules at this very moment," Dewhurst said. "We do not have rules."

Sen. Mario Gallegos, D-Houston, said if there were no rules there was no requirement for senators to stick around.

"If we don't have any rules, then we don't have to be here," said Sen. Mario Gallegos, D-Houston. "We can walk." Later, another Democrat, Sen. Eliot Shapleigh of El Paso, said if there

aren't any rules then Dewhurst doesn't have any power to preside over them — and he put that in a formal measure challenging the lieutenant governor's rule.

Dewhurst briefly recessed the chamber to take that motion under consideration, but when they came back he simply overruled Shapleigh and the Senate approved the controversial measure. Dewhurst predicted a bipartisan tone would soon return to the chamber.

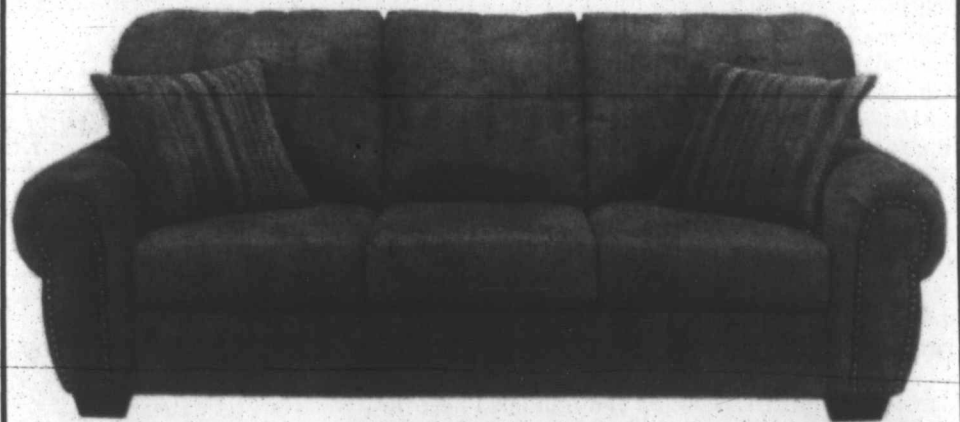
"We'll be back hugging each other," Dewhurst said.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Jan. 15, the 15th day of 2009. There are 350 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1535 - King Henry VIII assumes title of "Supreme Head of the Church" in England.

1559 - England's Queen Elizabeth I is crowned in Westminster Abbey.

1649 - French court leaves Paris at outbreak of Fronde Rebellion.

1777 - The people of New Connecticut declare their independence. The tiny republic later becomes the state of Vermont.

1877 - Austria agrees to remain neutral in event of Russo-Turkish War.

1892 - The rules of basketball are published for the first time, in Springfield, Massachusetts, where the game originates.

1919 - Pianist and conductor Ignace Jan Paderewski becomes the first premier of newly created Republic of Poland.

1922 - Irish Free State is established under Michael Collins.

'I refuse to accept the idea that the 'is-ness' of man's present nature makes him morally incapable of reaching up for the 'ought-ness' that forever confronts him.'

— Martin Luther King Jr.

1967 - The first Super Bowl is played in the United States as the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League defeat the Kansas City Chiefs of the American Football League, 35-10.

1973 - U.S. President Richard Nixon announces the suspension of all U.S. offensive action in North Vietnam, citing progress in peace negotiations.

1976 - Sara Jane Moore is sentenced to life in prison for her attempt on the life of U.S. President Gerald Ford in San Francisco.

1989 - Riot police in Prague, Czechoslovakia, use water cannon and dogs to disperse at least 2,000 people who defy ban on independent rallies.

1999 - Some 45 ethnic Albanians, including children and old men, are killed and mutilated near the Kosovo village of Racak, Yugoslavia, apparently by Serb forces.

2002 - Both Pakistan and India refuse to pull their troops back from their tense border, where up to one million troops are massed in their biggest mobilization in 30 years.

2004 - Pentagon auditors request an investigation of possible criminal wrongdoing after U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney's former company Halliburton picks a high-priced Kuwaiti supplier for gasoline in Iraq in just one day after considering bids from only three companies.

2008 - British Airways shows off its new terminal at Heathrow Airport, a five-story building with marble floors, 112 shops and restaurants and windows with a distant view of Windsor Castle.

Today's Birthdays:

Jean Baptiste Moliere, French dramatist (1622-1673); Franz Grillparzer, Austrian author (1791-1872); Pierre Joseph Proudhon, French political philosopher (1809-1865); Martin Luther King, American civil rights leader (1929-1968); Mario Van Peebles, U.S. actor/director (1957-); Chad Lowe, U.S. actor (1968-).

Sen. Hutchison addresses VA priorities, supports Shinseki

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX), Texas' senior Senator, has committed to support Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary-designee, General Eric Shinseki, and praised his service as Army Chief of Staff. Specifically, Sen. Hutchison raised three urgent priorities facing the Department.

Sen. Hutchison specifically addressed the average six month delay in processing VA claims, a persistent problem which she has often raised in previous Congressional hearings.

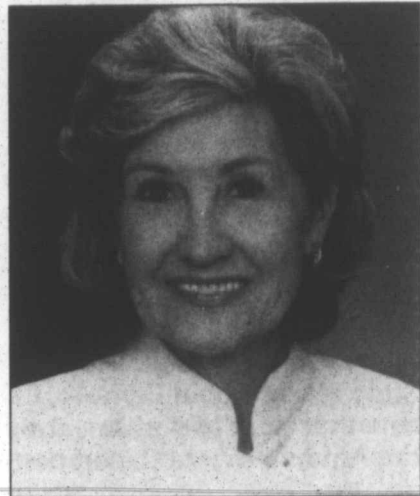
"The six month wait for processing the claims of our soldiers transitioning from active duty to Veteran status is unacceptable and will require General Shinseki's urgent attention," said Sen. Hutchison.

Sen. Hutchison also encouraged the VA to work with the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) on electronic medical records, which decrease medical errors and cut

costs. "We need a seamless transition of electronic medical records from the DoD to the VA," said Sen. Hutchison.

Finally, Sen. Hutchison praised General Shinseki for his commitment to funding VA research for injuries, including Gulf War Illness. During the question period, Sen. Hutchison cited the promise of research being conducted at UT-Southwestern Medical School and the promise of such efforts. Sen. Hutchison asked General Shinseki about studies that are being conducted on Gulf War Illness and other traumatic injuries.

"Senator, my impression is there's been significant money already invested in research about Gulf War Illness," said General Shinseki. "At this point, I'm more interested in research that will develop treatment for the symptoms that is clearly evident among the population of veter-



ans who went to the Gulf the first time. We may not know exactly the causes, but I think we have enough information that validates that there are symptoms that must be treated."



Geithner problems jolt Obama

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — At the end of a nearly seamless transition, President-elect Barack Obama has been buffeted by a string of embarrassing jolts within the space of two weeks.

The disclosure Tuesday that his choice for treasury secretary, New York Federal Reserve chief Timothy Geithner, failed to pay \$34,000 in taxes and employed a housekeeper without proper immigration papers was another jarring distraction just days before Obama's inauguration. It and raises fresh questions about his team's judgment, vetting procedures and political sensitivities.

It follows New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson's sudden withdrawal on Jan. 4 from consideration as commerce secretary, citing a federal investigation into how his political donors landed a lucrative transportation contract.

Senate Democratic leaders and Obama transition officials immediately voiced confidence in Geithner and called for his quick confirmation once Obama is sworn in and is able to formally nominate him. Citing the important role Geithner will play in dealing with one of the nation's severest recessions in decades.

But the delinquent-tax part of the new disclosure, in particular, is a huge liability for Geithner, given that as treasury secretary he would oversee the

Internal Revenue Service. It's also one of those issues that ordinary Americans can readily understand. At the consequences of not paying taxes properly and on time. You don't mess with the IRS.

At issue is Geithner's failure to pay appropriate Social Security and Medicare taxes when he worked for the International Monetary Fund between 2001 and 2003. He had paid some of the back taxes in 2006 after the IRS sent him a bill. When the Obama transition team discovered he owed even more back taxes, Geithner paid those additional taxes days before Obama announced his choice in November, according to the Senate Finance Committee considering his nomination.

Obama's staff told senators about the tax issues on Dec. 5. Geithner also didn't realize a housekeeper he paid in 2004 and 2005 did not have current employment documentation as an immigrant for the final three months she worked for him, according to the materials released by the committee.

As a result of the new controversy, Geithner won't be able to be confirmed in time to take office next Tuesday, when Obama will be sworn in, as Democratic leaders and Obama aides had hoped. Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., on Wednesday rescheduled a confirmation

hearing to next Wednesday after a GOP objection was lodged to his plans to hold it this Friday.

It was clearly unwanted news to a team that had prided itself on efficiency and raw talent.

Incoming White House spokesman Robert Gibbs called Geithner's missteps "honest mistakes, which, upon learning of them, he quickly addressed." But serious issues were raised about the performance of Obama's team in vetting Geithner that are not likely to go away soon.

In another jarring episode, Obama and Senate Democrats also were outmaneuvered by disgraced Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich and Roland Burris, the man he chose to fill Obama's vacant Senate seat.

Obama at first endorsed the hard line taken by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and other Senate Democrats that they never would accept an appointment from Blagojevich. But Burris, a black politician who had an unblemished reputation, made a goodwill overture to Senate Democrats. Illinois constitutional law seemed to be on his side.

"These are very smart people. But they're not reading the politics carefully," said Paul C. Light, professor of government and public service at New York University. On a less consequential matter, Obama also stumbled when he failed to notify incoming Senate

Intelligence Committee Chairwoman Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., that he was about to name fellow Californian Leon Panetta, who had been President Bill Clinton's budget director and chief of staff after a long congressional career, to the job of CIA director. Although popular and experienced as an administrator, Panetta lacked an intelligence background and the surprise selection put Feinstein in a difficult position.

The jarring bumps in the road to Obama's inauguration are "really quite stunning for a transition team that has so carefully studied everything that might go wrong, and which was faultless up until about a week ago," said Stephen Hess, an authority on presidential transitions at the Brookings Institution.

The disclosures on Richardson and Geithner are "stunning news," Hess said. "And coming so close to the inauguration, it's harder to put the pieces back together."

Geithner may have one thing going for him: The public may be more far more concerned about the economy at this point than over the would-be treasury secretary's past mistakes.

EDITOR'S NOTE—Tom Raum has covered Washington for The Associated Press since 1973, including five presidencies.

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WALK ACROSS AMERICA



Rory Fanning walks down a rural stretch of Texas Farm Road 195 Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009 just North of Paris, Texas. Fanning is walking from Virginia Beach, Virginia to Hermosa Beach, California to raise money for The Pat Tillman Foundation. Tillman was an ex-NFL player who left a 3.6 million contract to join the Army and was killed by friendly fire in Afghanistan in 2004. (AP Photo/The Paris News, Sam Craft)

Denton man expects tools, gets pot

DENTON, Texas (AP) — A Denton man expecting a shipment of tools instead received a 30-pound brick of marijuana that police say is worth more than \$10,000.

Police say the man noticed UPS had left an item on his porch.

Officer Ryan Grelle says the man, whose name was not immediately released, opened the box Monday night,

realized it contained drugs and contacted police.

The package from the Pharr area was handled by UPS in McAllen on Jan. 6, and apparently was intended for a Dallas address.

The Denton Record-Chronicle reports no such address exists in Dallas, so the package wound up at the similar address in Denton.

Former NFL player takes on duty as border agent

EL PASO, Texas— The dream career for some people would be to play football for the Philadelphia Eagles, Chicago Bears or the Washington Redskins.

For Jamaal Green, who once was a defensive end for all three teams, his dream was to one day work in law enforcement. His dream became a reality on Feb. 17, 2008, when he became a U.S. Border Patrol agent in the El Paso area.

"A lot of kids look up to professional athletes as heroes," said Green, who currently works at the Border Patrol checkpoint on Montana Avenue heading toward Carlsbad. "Me, I looked up to law enforcement officers as heroes."

Green, who was born and raised in Camden, N.J., said it was never his childhood dream to play football. He started playing football during his junior year at Woodrow Wilson High School at the urging of one of the team's coaches.

"He saw I had some kind of athletic ability and he saw how big I was," said the 6-foot-3-inch former athlete. "I picked up the game pretty well."

Green was so successful on his team, he was named to the New Jersey All-State first team. His success also earned him a full scholarship to the University of Miami, where he led his team in sacks and helped win a national championship in 2001 during the Rose Bowl game against Nebraska.

But after he was picked during the fourth round of the 2003 NFL draft by the Philadelphia Eagles, he was plagued by a rash of preseason injuries.

"I was five minutes away from where I grew up. It was my hometown team and everybody was excited," Green said. "During my third preseason game, I broke my right fibula and I tore a ligament. I have a plate and seven screws in my leg right now. That injury caused me to miss my whole first season in the NFL."

Green was heartbroken but determined to come back in time for the next season, but was injured again during the preseason.

"I was fortunate enough to come back and have three good games in a row," Green said. "I was projected to be one of the starters (in the next year)."

Those expectations were shattered when Green was injured again during the preseason. After earning an NFC Championship ring with the Eagles, he was released and picked up by the Chicago Bears, but after yet another preseason injury, he was released and joined the Washington Redskins.

It was during a home game with the Redskins that, during a pregame show, Green discovered the U.S. Border Patrol. "The Border Patrol was at the game

doing a pregame show with the National Anthem. They were saluting at the game, and that was the first time I've ever seen the Border Patrol," Green said.

Green, who majored in criminology at the University of Miami, said his wife, Nailah, knew about the agency and once thought about applying there.

"I looked up the Border Patrol and found out what they wanted to accomplish," Green said.

After growing up in Camden and seeing first-hand how drugs and gangs could destroy families, Green said he could make a difference in combating those problems by becoming a Border Patrol agent.

"It's one thing to be talking about it, and another thing to do something and prevent it," Green said.

Moving to El Paso has also given the Green family a better opportunity at a safer upbringing. Green and his wife have two children, a son Jahaan, 2, and a daughter Jahzara, 1.

"It's great being a lot further away from places like (Camden) to raise kids," Green said. "It's a good thing to be able to move out here to a safer city and have a better chance at a decent life. It's a lot better."

At least three Camden natives have had the same idea. Green said he's run into three people in El Paso who also attended Woodrow Wilson High School.

Many of Green's coworkers have asked Green why he gave up the glamorous life of an NFL player to become an agent. While at the Border Patrol academy, Green said he received calls from the Oakland Raiders and the Houston Texans with offers to join their respective practice squads, but Green declined.

"They (co-workers) said 'That's crazy that you would do that, leave your dream to come to the Border Patrol,'" Green said. "I tell them that was never my dream. It was a quick way for me to earn a free ride to school. I stayed in football long enough to get out of there safe. In my position (as defensive end), it's so brutal that by the age of 45 you might not be able to walk straight. My health is more important than the extra money."

For the most part, Green has been welcomed with open arms by his fellow agents and his superiors.

"Agent Green is representative of our expanded recruitment efforts that continue to be conducted throughout the nation," said El Paso Sector Chief Patrol Agent Victor M. Manjarrez Jr. "His background speaks highly of the quality of our employees and the varied work experiences that support our national strategy of protecting our nation's borders."

Some new relief as Americans file 2008 taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — If you're a first-time home buyer, victim of a natural disaster, or if you installed a small wind turbine in your backyard to generate electricity, you could find some tax relief when you file your 2008 return.

There also are new incentives to save for retirement, and some popular tax breaks have been renewed.

Start filling out your taxes, in fact, and you might find, "The IRS really gives me an opportunity to save some money this year," said Jeff Schnepfer, MSN tax expert and author of books on taxes and finance.

Knowing what to look for is key. "The tax code is convoluted, complicated, and even the tax pros aren't sure," he said.

The Internal Revenue Service makes this suggestion: "Just make sure you're not overlooking anything," said Terry Lemons, senior spokesman for the agency.

Some of the changes this year are aimed at helping homeowners, and stimulating the economy during what some analysts say could become the longest recession since the Great Depression.

First-time homebuyers are eligible for a maximum credit of \$7,500. But there's a catch: The credit is actually an interest-free loan that must be paid back over 15 years. If you take the full credit, you will have to pay back \$500 a year. If you sell the house before the 15 years is up, the full amount will be due.

To qualify, taxpayers cannot have owned a home in the previous three years and must use the property

as their principal residence. The home must have been purchased between April 8, 2008 and July 1, 2009.

Like many tax credits, this one is phased out at higher incomes. Use Form 5405 to file.

A homeowner who doesn't itemize will be able to get an additional standard deduction up to \$500, or \$1,000 for joint filers, for state or local real estate taxes. Before, you could only take a deduction for these taxes if you itemized. This is expected to help the elderly and others who have paid off their mortgages and no longer have mortgage interest to deduct. That deduction often is the kicker for itemization.

If you were the victim of a federally declared natural disaster in 2008, you also can increase your standard deduction by your net loss.

For all taxpayers, the standard deduction is increasing, from \$5,450 for single filers, \$5,450 for married couples filing a joint return, \$5,450 for single filers, and \$8,000 for heads of household.

The value of a personal exemption also is rising: to \$3,500, up \$100 from 2007.

The higher standard deduction and personal exemption were put in place to account for inflation.

For those saving for retirement and covered by a plan at work, there was an increase in how much you can earn and still take a deduction for IRA contributions.

If your modified adjusted gross income is less than \$63,000, \$105,000 if you're married filing jointly, you may be able to

deduct an IRA contribution of up to \$5,000, or \$6,000 if you were 50 or older by the end of last year. That's up from \$62,000, \$103,000 on joint returns, in 2007.

In 2009, the income limits increase again, to \$65,000 or \$109,000 on a joint return.

Last year, more than 155 million individual tax returns were filed. More than half were filed electronically, either by a software preparer or from a home computer. The average refund was \$2,429.

The IRS expects e-filing to increase this year, especially as it expands its Free File program and providers of tax preparation software drop fees. To be eligible for Free File, you must have an adjusted gross income of \$56,000 or less. The program in essence interviews you and helps walk you through filing.

However, there's another option if your income is above that. Free File Fillable Tax Forms are basically paper tax forms on the computer. You put in the data on your own and the program does the basic math. You can file it electronically regardless of income.

"It may be just right for those who are comfortable with the tax law or those who use electronic software to prepare their returns but file using paper forms," the IRS says.

Electronic filing, experts say, has a couple of key advantages: more accurate returns and quicker refunds. The IRS says the system safeguards a taxpayer's personal information, a view echoed by Bob Meighan, vice president of Intuit Inc.'s Consumer Tax Group. The company pub-

lishes the tax-preparation software TurboTax.

MSN's Schnepfer says he's "less than secure with the system." Still, he says, "e-filing is the wave of the future."

In any case, he advises, keep good records. "What I tell my clients is get receipts for everything that's deductible," he said. Although you don't have to submit them to the IRS, you need a check or written receipt for every charitable contribution.

And don't rush, says Lemons. "Your tax return is an important financial document and you want to do it right," he says.

Keep an eye out for credits you may be entitled to, especially given the economic turmoil. "We could see people who qualify for those who wouldn't in previous years," says Lemons.

Consider the Recovery Rebate Credit. Most people probably know it as the stimulus checks distributed last year, based on income reported on 2007 returns.

People who lost their job or otherwise took a financial hit in 2008 may be eligible for the rebate now, even if they weren't last year. Or, if they received less than the full rebate, \$600 for an individual, \$1,200 for married people filing jointly and \$300 for each child, they may be able to collect the remainder.

The IRS will figure the rebate for you, or you can do it yourself, using the Recovery Rebate Credit Calculator on the IRS Web site or the worksheet included in instructions for Form 1040.

"Instead of getting a separate check, it will be a refundable credit on your return," says Jackie

Perlman, senior tax researcher at H&R Block, Inc.

More people also could end up qualifying for the Earned Income Tax Credit, which is designed to offset the cost of Social Security contributions for low- and moderate-income workers. The credit is refundable. "If you still can get it even if you owe no tax. The IRS has estimated that a quarter of those eligible for the credit don't take it. The maximum credit has increased, to \$4,824, as has the maximum amount you can earn and still be eligible: \$41,646. Both figures apply to those with two or more children.

There's also a tax break for people who lost homes to foreclosure. It used to be that the debt forgiven by the bank was taxed as income. Like last year, however, forgiven mortgage debt up to \$2 million is not taxable.

Another credit has disappeared, for one year only. You can no longer get a credit for energy efficient water heaters, furnaces, windows or other items. However, if you installed a small wind turbine, solar panels, fuel cells or a geothermal heat pump to generate energy you may be able to get a credit for part of the cost. Wind-produced energy was added for 2008 to the alternative energy sources under the Residential Energy Efficient Property Credit.

For the middle-class taxpayer, Congress once again has approved a patch for the Alternative Minimum Tax, raising the exemption to \$69,950 for a married couple filing jointly, and \$46,200 for singles and heads of households. The AMT was designed to

make sure that the wealthiest Americans pay taxes, but ended up hitting middle-income taxpayers as well. Without the patch, which adjusts for inflation, more people would have been hit.

Those who try to shelter investment by putting it in their children's names should beware. There's a change in the kiddie tax. Previously, only children under age 18 were affected. That was expanded this year to affect children under 24. See Form 8615 for more information.

Information about 2008 taxes, deductions and credits is available on the IRS Web site, www.irs.gov.

Forms can be printed out at <http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/index.html> or can be ordered by calling 1-800-829-3676. If you're using tax-preparation software, be sure to follow the links for updated forms.

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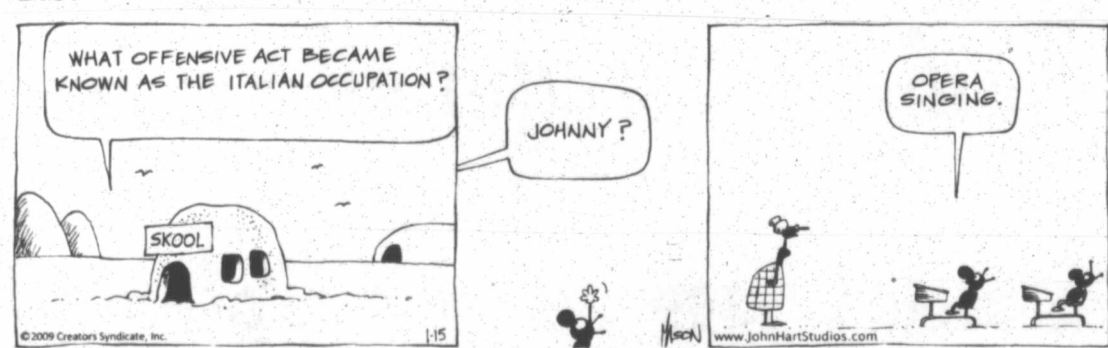
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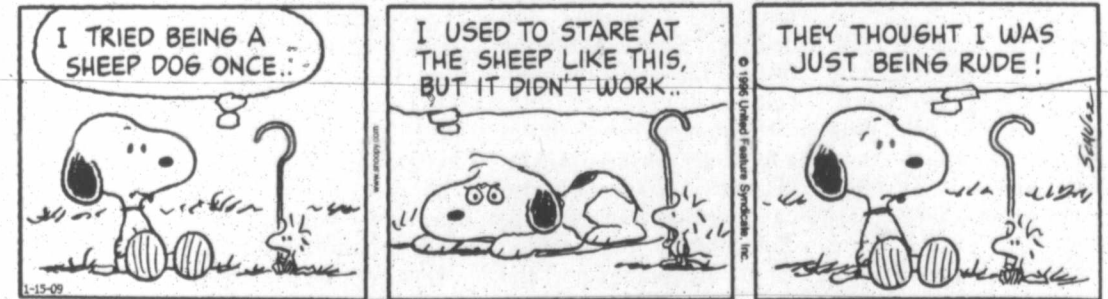
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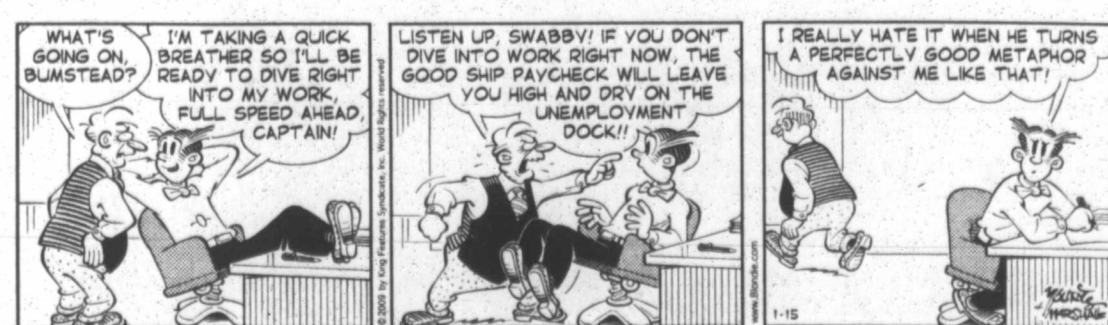
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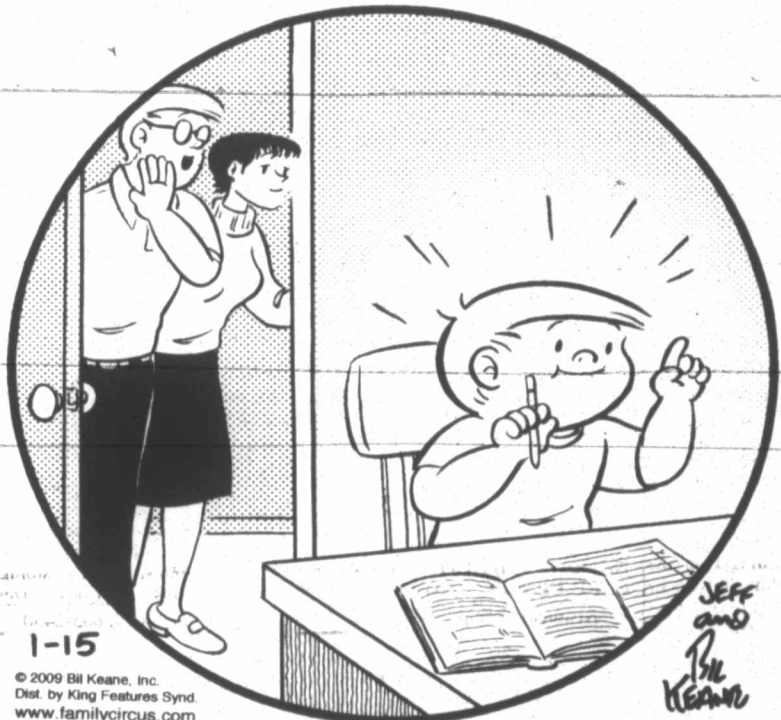


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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a physician and mother of a toddler who understands "New Mom in Las Vegas" (Nov. 4), the woman who is concerned because she finds playing with her 8-month-old tedious. While postpartum depression should be ruled out, it is not uncommon for an adult woman to be bored by endless hours of playing with blocks and rattles. Raising a child is the most rewarding, loving and, yes, sometimes boring job a person can take on. Suggesting that women are good mothers only if they are constantly enthralled with children's activities sets them up for feelings of failure and inadequacy.

Getting out of the house for any activity, such as a walk or a trip to the library or store, helps relieve the tedium. Most experts urge new mothers to take personal time away from their children as a way to maintain their sense of individuality and perspective. If reading or going online recharges "Mom," it should not be considered an unhealthy escape. A final word: The new dad should help his partner feel appreciated and practice his own parenting skills by giving her a break from child care. -- **HAPPY MOM IN CHESTER, VT.**
DEAR HAPPY MOM: Thank you for mentioning that fathers are an

important part of the equation. "New Mom," and others like her, will appreciate your letter of support. **Read on:**
DEAR ABBY: Every mother is different. Some of us were meant to be stay-at-home moms, others need the challenge of a career and the company of other adults. This doesn't make someone a bad mom. Perhaps "New Mom" should consider returning to her career earlier than she had planned. Although being a working mom is a tough balancing act, it may provide her with what she needs as both a mother and as a woman. -- **NEW MOM WITH A PLAN**
DEAR ABBY: I'm a 75-year-old mom of four boys, all born 18 months apart. I was bored silly playing with babies, but found a way to make it work for me. I would pack up my babies and walk outside in the morning and after nap time. We walked for miles observing nature

while I got some much-needed exercise. I had the healthiest babies in town and looked pretty good myself! I can't remember "playing" with my boys, but we all have fond memories of hours at the park, walking in the rain and snack time at the convenience store. -- **OLD MOM IN TEXAS**
DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of two nearly grown girls. I never felt it was my responsibility to be their playmate. When they were babies and toddlers, they played while I pursued my interests, hobbies and chores. While I sewed, they played with fabric and ribbons. While I cooked, they played at my feet with pots, pans and spoons. While I did yard work, they played in the sandbox. It's important for our children to see us as individuals who are more than "their" parents. Finding a playgroup is always a good idea. Seeking therapy may be necessary,

too. Completely abandoning the person you were before becoming a parent is unhealthy for both parent and child. -- **MARGIE IN ROCHESTER, N.Y.**
DEAR ABBY: I enjoyed caring for my children, but there were times when I thought if I had to drive one more toy car across the carpet making car noises with my mouth, I would literally fling myself out the window. I woke up with the Barney theme song in my head and couldn't stop cutting all food into bite-size pieces. How many games of peek-a-boo can you play before you wonder if the liquor store delivers? No one prepares you for this type of job. Things will change as her child gets older, and she can benefit from the support of other moms if she finds a playgroup. Please tell her not to feel guilty! -- **BEEN THERE, DONE THAT (WITHOUT ALCOHOL)**

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DAILY HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Jan. 16, 2009:
This year, you will not lack energy, however, funneling your high-voltage enthusiasm and drive could become a major issue. If left unharnessed, you could find that snappiness or irritation emanates from you. With so many possibilities, it would be sad not to employ some self-discipline. Others could be very serious. Might that be the result of your being a little wilder than usual? If you are single, you barely will have time to pursue others, as so many people will be chasing you! Ask yourself what you want in a relationship as you explore different bonds. If you are attached, let your sweetie dominate a little more as you become a back-seat driver — as hard as that might be! LIBRA has the same issues as you but could be quite challenging.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
**** Communicate when someone seeks you out. A friendship will build if you remain open. You need to put in the extra work to complete a project as expected. Investigate and remain open to a tough boss or associate. Tonight: More comes out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** A slow and easy pace makes a difference. Investigate what others think, but at the same time, when something doesn't work for you, get past the immediate issue. Reach out to an expert or two. Tonight: Let your spirit soar.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Your creativity and playfulness emerge when you handle a problem. If you find yourself in a disagreement with an associate or key loved one, attempt to get a more neutral opinion. Tonight: Togetherness works.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Others can be difficult without intending to. You might feel discouraged when you make an effort to make peace but a problem ensues. Communication feels off. Tonight: Mosey on home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Your ability to hold a conversation allows you to gain new insight. Realize what you want from a situation, and help others focus on the long-term results. If you're feeling overly energetic, take a walk. You will chill. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** Be aware of your spending and what is going on. You know you have a lot to accomplish in order to stabilize your funds. Say no to a high risk; be smart and stay anchored, knowing the basics. Tonight: Be a fiscal conservative.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** You are in prime shape and ready to handle anything that comes your way. Laughter and caring earmark your relationships. Others catch on to your fun energy. A roommate could be difficult anyway. Tonight: Add sparkle into your night.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** Take care of yourself, as others could demand more than you can give. Don't take another's beliefs or opinions personally. Indulge a family member. Let more caring flow here. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** Reach out past the obvious. You could see a situation far differently from the way you did in the past. Though you might want to rush into a situation, it might be smarter to detach and think. Your perspective will change. Tonight: Yap up a storm.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** Take a stand and stay on top of your game. Your willingness to get past an immediate issue comes across as aggressive on your part. Making a statement like "whatever" could put others off. Tonight: A guest show.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Make a point not to get caught up in a situation that could be most uncomfortable. Your way of dealing with this matter would be to detach and gain a more complete picture. Empathize with someone; understand where people are coming from. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** A partner dominates plans and what goes on. You'll gain a perspective with ease as long as you work to walk in another's footsteps. Your empathy adds caring and trust to your bond. Tonight: Go with another's choice.

BORN TODAY
Tire mogul Andre Michelin (1853), talk-show host Laura Schlesinger (1947), singer, actress Ethel Merman (1908)

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Lefors team makes history, receives honors

Sixman team goes the distance in playoffs

by Bob Ericson
Special to The Pampa News

Going farther than any Lefors sixman team in history. The Lefors Pirates season ended with a heartbreaking loss to Silverton in the Sixman Division II State quarter-final game in November, but the rewards for a great season keep coming. Sixman All District, All Region and All State Team selections were recently released with many of the Pirates receiving honors. Lefors represents Sixman Division II, District I, Region I.

1st Team All Region selections;

Keenan Lott- Offensive MVP. Lott threw for 2607 yards with 54 TDs and also rushed for another 1154 yards and 16 TDs. Defensively he contributed 6 interceptions.

Payton Johnson- Running Back. Johnson caught passes for 21 TDs. Also his efforts on defense contributed largely to the Pirates success this season. Payton led the team in quarterback sacks.

Trevor Czubinski-Tight End. Trevor had 465 receiving yards with 9 TDs and 438 rushing yards and 5 TDs. Trevor will be returning to the Pirate squad next year as a senior bringing the leadership needed to be suc-

cessful once again.

Brandon McBee-Wide Receiver and Punter. McBee made several spectacular catches throughout the year resulting in numerous TDs. Punting is rare in Sixman but McBees attempts lead to his election as 1st Team Punter.

Dustin Forsyth-Nose Guard. Forsyth's massive size at 6'5" and 265

early in the season. Even with being sidelined for a few games, his stellar performance in the remaining season earned him a spot. He too will be missed.

Wakley Pairsh- Special Teams. Pairsh made numerous tackles and assist helping the Pirates keep their opponent's average score at 28 points per game.

All State Team Junior Keenan Lott also made the All State Team ballot as 2nd Team Spread Back. His statistics place him 3rd in the state in the Sixman category only being edged out by Division I Senior Landon Jackson of Ropes and Senior Jason Hughes of Zephyr. Lott was among the highest rated High School passers in the state with 54 passing TDs. His rushing attempts landed him within the top 25 sixman rushers in the state. Having so many offensive and defensive weapons as the Pirates did, helped contribute to his selection to the All State team.

Pirates receiving honors

- All District Team:
Dustin Forsyth- Player of the year
Keenan Lott- Offence MVP
Payton Johnson- Defense MVP
Coach Joey Czubinski- Coach of the Year
1st Team All District selections:
Trevor Czubinski-Tight End, DefensiveLine
Brandon McBee:Wide Receiver, Punter
Dustin Forsyth-Center, Nose Guard
Payton Johnson-Running Back, Defensive line
Nick Hess- Full Back, Linebacker
Keenan Lott-Spread Back, Safety
Wakley Pairsh-Special Teams, Cornerback
2nd Team All District Team;
Seth Fry-Tight End
Cody Hess- Special Teams, Safety

makes him a force to be reckoned with. He was a devastating blocker and both sides of the ball. As a senior this year he will be missed.

2nd Team All Region selections
Nick Hess-Full Back. Hess suffered and injury

Also receiving All State Honorable Mention: Payton Johnson Running Back, Trevor Czubinski-Tight End, Dustin Forsyth-Nose Guard, and Brandon McBee-Punter.

Congratulations to all of the Lefors Pirates, Coaches, and students.

FURRY FUN



Jessica Baggerman will be one of the many Gray County 4-H members participating in the Gray County LiveStock Show and Sale this weekend.

The Gray County Livestock Show and Sale will be returning to Pampa this weekend on Jan. 16 and 17.

4-H and FFA are two locally time honored and family oriented organizations in Pampa. These organizations have longstanding history in Gray County with many youth involved with projects that teach them values no other organization offers. The youth involved and their families spend countless hours each week for most of the year raising, feeding and training these animals for livestock show and exhibitions all over the State.

Locally the youth have several opportunities to exhibit their projects, the Gray County Livestock Show and Sale returns to Pampa on January 16 & 17th at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion near the Rodeo Grounds in Pampa.

The FFA Project Show will be on Friday the 16th. This show is set aside

for our Pampa High School FFA and the Junior FFA Members to compete among their fellow club members. Saturday begins a full day of exhibits at 8am with multiple breeds of goats, lambs, steers and pigs being shown by students from all over Gray County. The exhibitors are rewarded for best in class with Plaques and Ribbons.

Families finance such projects through the sale which will be on Monday January 19th at the M.K. Brown Auditorium at 5:30 starting with dinner \$5.00 a person, buyers and exhibitors eat for free. Local and area Buyers will bid in a live Auction to donate money to each exhibitor to reward and pay for the cost of these projects. It is the buyers that make it possible for these kids to continue having projects year after year and the support they offer these organizations is priceless to the families involved.

Everyone is welcome to come out and support the youth and these two organizations. For show, buyer information or to make a donation please contact

New playground for Wilson Elementary



Second graders Alyssa Hart (left) and Jacqueline Vaquera enjoy the newly purchased playground at Wilson Elementary last week. The playground was purchased through local support. Thanks to the following people and businesses: Wilson Booster Club and parents of Wilson who helped their child sell in the fundraisers that made this possible to purchase, A&T yard service and Pampa ISD maintenance for putting it all together.

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Level: Intermediate

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