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Friday 13th fire claims home



Fire Chief Kim Powell directs firefighters as they attack the structure fire a 1421 Charles Street Friday afternoon. The department responded to the call at 1:48 p.m.. Three people were treated at the scene and one firefighter was taken to PRMC for treatment of smoke inhalation and released.

Coney Island manager's home burns for the second time

by Betsy Phillips
editor@thepampanews.com
"I believe I'm going to have to have to move."
As Linda Austin stood in front of her still-burning home Friday afternoon, she displayed a plucky sense of humor that not many could rally while watching all their belongings go up in smoke.

Even with the destruction, there were some things lucky about the Friday the 13th fire. Austin's daughter and granddaughter, a two month old baby girl, were among those inside the home when the fire started. They were treated at the scene for smoke inhalation, along with a family friend, Brad Green. According to Austin's sister, Brenda Donelson, Green had to return to

PRMC for further treatment Friday night, but is expected to be released today. He helped save Austin's dogs when the fire broke out. One firefighter was also taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center for treatment of smoke inhalation. He was released after treatment. This is the second time
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Guardian EMS and Pampa fire personnel attend to smoke inhalation victim Brad Green at the fire scene Friday, February, 13. Green helped save Austin's pets.

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY TIME



photo by Rachel Stennett
Dylan Booth, first grade student in Kelly Groves' class, enjoys icecream during the Valentine's Day parties Thursday at Travis Elementary.

Report details water challenges

By BETSY BLANEY
AP Agriculture Writer
LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Reliable sources of clean water are the key to a successful economic future for Texas and without them the state and businesses could suffer billions in losses.
That was the dire message in a recent report from the office of state comptroller Susan Combs, a longtime West Texas rancher familiar with the agricultural difficulties that come from too little water.
"The water wolf is lurking right outside the door," Combs told The Associated Press. "This could actually cost the state a whole lot of money."
In the report, "Liquid Assets: The State of Texas' Water Resources," Combs' office projected that insufficient water supplies could cost Texans about \$9 billion next year and more than \$98 billion by 2060.
The state also stands to lose tax revenues — about \$466

million next year and more than \$5 billion by 2060 — if its water needs are not met, according to the report.
Among the reasons cited were Texas' rapidly growing population and ongoing drought across much of the state.
Texas' population is expected to double to over 46 million by 2060, boosting the water demand by about 27 percent, the report states. More than 95 percent of the state is in some stage of drought, according to the most recent U.S. Drought Monitor's map.
Because Texas does not have enough sources of water to meet its future needs, the report said new management and strategies will need to be crafted.
The Texas Water Development Board, which oversees the state's water resources, estimates that groundwater accounts for
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday |
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| High 53 Low 33 | High 61 Low 40 | High 71 Low 37 |

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 27. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west northwest.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 53. Wind chill values between 20 and 30 early. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. Wind chill values between 25 and 30. East northeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south southeast. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.
Presidents' Day: Partly sunny, with a high near 61. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.
Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 40. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 71. West southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.
Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 37. West wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Jack Hefley, 78

Wheeler, TX— Jack Hefley, 78, died February 11, 2009 in Wheeler, TX.
 Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday February 13, 2009 at the Church of Christ in Wheeler, Texas with Dr. Shawn Johnson, Pastor of Church of Christ, officiating.
 Burial was in the Mobeetie Cemetery, Mobeetie, Texas under the direction of Wright Funeral Home.
 Jack Hefley was born September 27, 1930 in Gageby, Texas, to Farmer and Opal Hefley. He attended school in Briscoe, and Mobeetie, Tx. He graduated from Mobeetie high school in 1950. Jack married Bernice Carter on August 12, 1950. Jack served our country in the U.S. Army in 1954, stationed in El Paso, Tx. and Germany. Jack and Bernice lived in Gruver, Tx and Wheeler Tx, before moving to Mobeetie, Tx. in 1968. Jack owned a feedmill, the first feed lot in Wheeler County, he farmed and ranched until his retirement in 1992. Jack was a member of Church of Christ in Wheeler, Texas, he also served as a member on the Mobeetie school board for nine years. Jack received the first Pioneer Farmer and Rancher award of Wheeler County in 2008.
 Survivors include his wife Bernice Hefley of Mobeetie, Tx., son Mark and his wife Darla Hefley of Elk City, Ok., daughter Melissa and husband Timm Rodgers of Miami, Tx., brother Richard and wife Dorothy Hefley of Brownwood Tx., grandchildren Tiffany and Bryan Johnson of Lubbock, Tx., Michael and Courtney Hall of Camp Le June, N.C., Justin and Brittney Hefley of Elk City, Ok., Dustin Hampton of Wheeler, Tx., Tamara and Chris Gallagher of Amarillo, Tx., Heather Hampton of Lubbock, Tx., Vanessa Trent and Randie Zims of Clinton, Ok., Jonathan Cornelsen of Weatherford, Ok., and Gabriel, Nikki, and Allison Rodgers of Canadian, Tx. Ten great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews, and family and friends.
 He was receded in death by his parents Farmer and Opal Hefley.
 Please sign online guest book at www.wrightfuneraldirectors.com
 Memorial Requests: Mobeetie Cemetery in care of the First State Bank of Mobeetie, Texas and The Alzheimer Association, Star chapter 415 West 8th Ave., Amarillo, Texas 79101-2215.

For the record

Obituaries

William H. "Bill" Dorsey

Mannford, Oklahoma — William H. "Bill" Dorsey, 79, died February 9, 2009 in Mannford, Oklahoma.
 Mr. Dorsey was cremated and will be buried in the Groom Cemetery at a later date.
 Mr. Dorsey was born April 22, 1929 in Groom to W. H. and Tassie Dorsey. He was a former resident of Groom and White Deer, and was the owner of an air-condition-

ing company in Florida for many years. He loved to fish. He was a veteran of the U. S. Marine Corps, serving during World War II in China and bases in the U. S. He was preceded in death by his wife: Retha Dorsey in 2006; a brother: Leroy Dorsey; and an infant sister: Irma Joyce Dorsey.
 Survivors include one son; Ronald Dorsey of Florida, three daughters; Sherri Rainey and Terri

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McCalister, both of Florida, and Michelle Dorsey of Brownwood, one brother; Jerry Dorsey and wife JoLean of Pottsboro, three sisters, Arvella Himebaugh of Surprise, Arizona, Norma Slagle and husband Frank of Pampa and Lavada Finney and husband Tom of Greeley, Colorado, special friend; Juanita

Ausbrook of Mannford, Oklahoma; and a host of family and friends.

MEMORIALS: American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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

Leona Blanche Ray, 79

Pampa, Texas— Leona Blanche Ray, 79, went to be with her Lord on February 12, 2009 in Pampa, Texas
 Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, February 16, 2009, at Memory Gardens Mausoleum, with Corey Searl, her grandson, who is with Victory Life ministries from Seguin, officiating.
 Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Robert Ray; 2 daughters: Karla Cho and Julie Vinson; 1 son: Hank Vinson; 1 sister: Nello Beth Willoughby; and her parents: Aram and Mary White.
 Survivors include six sons; Steve Vinson and Scott Vinson, both of Amarillo, Tracy Vinson and Jimmy Vinson and wife Shirley, all of Austin, David Vinson and wife Tracey of Seabrook, and Jeff Vinson of Pampa, three daughters; Cheryl Vinson, Terry Searl and husband Danny, all of Pampa, and Kelly Richey and husband Charles of Amarillo, one daughter-in-law; Pam Brown of Austin, 21 grandchildren: Andrew Vinson, Ashlee Vinson, Jeffrey Vinson, Sierra Vinson, Jaycob Vinson,

Tracie Jolic, Brent Noble, Christy McCollum, Corey Searl, Bryan Vinson, Stephanie Vinson, David Gruber, Lindsey Cho, Matthew Cho, Amanda Richey, Allison Richey, Ryan Richey, Terry Lynn, Stephanie, Brian Vinson and David Vinson, 16 great grandchildren; Peyton Vinson, Emily Vinson, Gregory Vinson, Tessa Noble, Joshua Noble, Gracie Noble, Haley Jolic, Layla Jolic, Alexandra Jolic, Hannah McCollum, Hope McCollum, Kelly Gruber, Michael Gruber, Thomas Vinson, Chloe Vinson and Haylie Vinson, one sister; Doris Dando and husband Jim of Springfield, Missouri, two brothers; Ernie White of Houston and Irvin White and wife Lou Ann of



Ray Temple.
 The family will be receiving friends at 1200 N. Wells #12.
MEMORIALS: BSA, Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79065, or the Harvest House, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa, Texas 79065.
 Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Sandra Brown Norton, 56

Pampa, Texas — Sandra Brown Norton, 56, Sunset for Mrs. Brown was February 10, 2009 in Pampa, Texas.
 Memorial services will be held at a later date. Cremation and arrangements are under the direc-

tion of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.
 Sunrise for Mrs. Brown was August 14, 1952 in Pampa where she had been a lifelong resident. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1971. She married Harold Norton on

January 14, 1992 in Pampa. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints.
 Survivors include her husband: Harold Norton of Pampa, one son; Corey Dwayne Jones of Austin, two sisters; Patricia Ann

Murry and husband Tommy, and Toni Marie Brown, all of Pampa and one brother; Owen Travis Brown of Pampa.
 Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Rosemary Elva Shiver, 82

Keller — Rosemary Elva Shiver, 82, went home Wednesday, February 11, 2009.



A Home-Going Celebration, will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church of Keller.
 The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Lucas Funeral Home of Keller.
 Burial will be at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday, at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas.
 Survivors include her daughters; Peggy Joanne McGrew, Phyllis Ann Johnson, Barbara Jean Dale and Becky Williams,

three sons-in-law; seven grandchildren, four great grandchildren; one great-grandchild, numerous nieces, nephews and a large extended family.

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CORRECTION
 In last week's school board story, we reported that flooring in the classrooms at the new junior high would be concrete and cost \$4 to \$5 more per square foot. The PISD board actually voted to install tile at no extra cost.

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Home determined a total loss

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within the past five years that the Austin home has burned.

Last time, according to Austin, a candle somehow ignited the carpet in the home. After that fire, the home was renovated.

This time, the house has been determined to be a total loss.

The State Fire Marshall's office will conduct an investigation to determine the cause of the

fire.

Austin said at the scene Friday, she believed it started in the laundry room.

When Pampa firefighters arrived at 1421 Charles Street just after 1:45 p.m., heavy smoke was pouring from the home. The heat and smoke were so intense in the front of house, firefighters had to make their initial attack through the rear of the house, according to PFD Captain Jesse

Hanes.

Firefighters were on the scene for just over three hours.

A Red cross worker on the scene was visibly moved, "She's done so much for us over the years, please let everyone know that if they now want to help her, to contact us." The American Red Cross chapter in Pampa is located, 108 N Russell, 669-7121.

Austin is the manager of Coney Island restaurant. Donations can also be dropped off at the there. Donelson said Austin's daughter wears size four or six clothing and size nine shoes. Clothing items are also need for a 10-year-old boy, (tall, but a size 10) and baby Jazmine, who is two months old and growing.

Report says water resources decreasing

Water— cont. from page 1

about 60 percent of all available fresh water. Surface water amounts to about 40 percent.

Both sources are decreasing; groundwater is being pumped from the state's numerous aquifers faster than they can be recharged and sediment accumulations is robbing reservoirs of surface water capacity.

Other threats to Texas' water supplies also loom, the report found. For example, a drought would leave about 85 percent of the state's population 2060 without enough water.

The report suggests more tax dollars may be needed going forward to help plan for the state's water needs.

Amy Hardberger, an attorney with The Environmental Defense Fund in Texas, disagreed with parts of the report, saying it relied on the "status quo" for its projections.

"The underlying assumptions are wrong and not what they should be,"

she said. The report "assumes for the most part that we're going to be using water in the same way we're using it now, and I think that's a mistake. That does not really need to be our future. We don't sort of march forth and not learn from our past."

Combs said she knows future water usage will change, but that the report "simply pointed out what might happen."

She said the state should focus first on conservation, including preventing "a sizable number" of gallons now being lost due to leaky municipal water delivery systems.

"A lot of this is invisible," Combs said. "That's not sexy or dynamic or exciting but it's really water. It's in the state's interest ... to assist cities to ensure water is making it from pipe to pipe."

A committee of Texas House and Senate members has been meeting

since the 2007 to review options for planning for the state's future water needs, the report states. Among the possibilities are a sales tax on water and sewer services provided by public water supply systems; a water conservation and development fee on customers' utility bills and increasing the water rights fee currently paid by water rights holders.

Other options include a fee on each water connection in the state and a sales tax on bottled water.

The money would help provide links between water development projects and end users, the report said. About \$2.4 billion in state funding will be needed to support \$30.7 billion in local projects identified in the current water plan.

The comptroller's report also said all communities must make an effort to conserve existing water supplies. It suggested stronger oversight and

accountability to make sure state money goes only to water projects that are truly needed and meet certain criteria, including adequacy, equity, affordability, simplicity and conservation.

Hardberger, the environmental lawyer, said Texas' water woes need to be looked at systemically and using a multidimensional approach.

"We can no longer continue to look at things in separate categories," she said. "The focus should be on what can we do differently, better, smarter. It will take some creative solutions and people working together."

Report: "Liquid Assets: The State of Texas Water Resources," www.window.state.tx.us/special-rpt/water

Betsy Blaney has been the AP's Lubbock correspondent since 2001 and regularly reports on agricultural, water and drought issues.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. Friday.

Thursday, Feb. 12
Officers conducted 13 traffic stops.

A total of 14 calls and/or stops concerning animals were made.

A motor vehicle accident was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A runaway was reported in the 1200 block of East Francis.

Theft was reported in the 1300 block of North Coffee, where a cable was reportedly stolen with an estimated value of \$50.

Cash Five Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 8-20-3-25-18. Number matching five of five: 0. Matching four of five: 111. Prize: \$358. Matching three of five: 3,105. Prize: \$9. Matching two of five: 29,729. Prize: \$2. Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

Forgery was reported in the lobby of the PD.

"Disorderly conduct" was reported in the 2400 block of North Charles, the 700 block of North Sumner, the 500 block of East Francis, and the lobby of the PD.

Criminal trespassing was reported in the 200 block of South Miami.

One alarm was investigated.

An assault was reported at Pampa High School, 111 East Harvester.

Two attempts to serve papers were made.

A threat was reported in the 800 block of North Wells.

Public intoxication was reported in the 800 block of South Municipal Drive.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 100 block

of South Lowry.

A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of Barnes and Albert streets.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1800 block of North Lynn.

A welfare check was made in the 700 block of West Wall.

Burglaries were reported in the 800 block of North Hobart, and the 400 block of Pitts, where a TV stolen with an unknown estimated value.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of East Frederic.

Friday, Feb. 13
Officers conducted three traffic stops.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Starkweather and Tyng

streets, and from the 600 block of South Hobart.

A burglary was reported in the 1100 block of Neel.

A gas drive-off was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart, where gas was reportedly stolen in the amount of \$25.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 1400 block of North Hobart and the 400 block of Rose.

Two attempts to serve papers were made.

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Pampa ISD Events for the Week of February 16-21

Watch this space every Sunday for a weekly listing of non-athletic events from every campus in our school district

Pampa High School

February 16 • All Night Party Meeting • 7:30 pm • Cafeteria
February 17 • 11th Grade Pre-Enrollment
February 17 • 9th-11th Grade Parent Meeting • 7:00 pm
February 18 • 10th Grade Pre-Enrollment
February 19 • 9th Grade Pre-Enrollment
February 19 • Report Cards
February 20 • Sr. Scholarship Assembly
February 21 • Choir Solo/Ensemble

Pampa Junior High School

February 16 • Cheerleader Meeting for 7th Grade Parents • 4:00 pm
February 17 • Student Council • 7:30 pm • Auditorium
February 19 • Report Cards
February 20 • Celebration #4 • 1:30 pm

Lamar Elementary

February 17 • Kid's Cafe • 5:30-6:30 pm
February 19 • "Havin' a Good Time" Line Dancing • 6:00 pm • Gym

Travis Elementary

February 17 • Class and Individual Spring Pictures
February 18 • Report Card Day
February 20 • Award Assembly • 8:15 am

Wilson

February 16 • Kid's Cafe • 5:30-6:30 pm
February 17 • Booster Club Meeting • 6:00 pm • Library

February 19 • School Board Meeting School Board Appreciation PHS

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**Pantex Federal Credit Union
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**Tuesday February 17, 2009
7:00 p.m. at the Borger
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Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Saturday, Feb. 14, the 45th day of 2009.
There are 320 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:
1540 - Holy Roman Emperor Charles V enters Ghent, in Belgium, and executes leaders of revolt.
1663 - Canada becomes royal province of France.
11893 - United States annexes Hawaii by treaty.
1899 - U.S. Congress approves, and U.S. President William McKinley signs, legislation authorizing states to use voting machines for federal elections.
1920 - The League of Women Voters is founded in Chicago.
1929 - Seven hoodlums, rivals of the Al Capone gang in Chicago, Illinois, are murdered in what becomes known as the "Saint Valentine's Day Massacre."

1943 - Soviet forces recapture Rostov from Germans in World War II.

1946 - The first all-electronic computer is introduced at the University of Pennsylvania.

1956 - Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev denounces Joseph Stalin's policies at Soviet Communist Party conference.

1958 - Union of Kingdoms of Iraq and Jordan into Arab Federation with King Faisal as head of state.

1962 - U.S. first lady Jacqueline Kennedy conducts a televised tour of the White House.

1972 - U.S. trade restrictions against China are relaxed, putting China on same basis as Soviet Union.

1978 - U.S. government announces plans to sell billions of dollars worth of arms to Egypt and Saudi Arabia as well as to Israel, saying that will maintain military balance in the Middle East.

1992 - Nearly half of the former Soviet Republics vow to form separate armies.

2002 - Researchers at the U.S. Texas A&M University in College Station successfully clone a cat, making it the sixth species to be cloned.

2005 - A powerful bomb assassinates former prime minister Rafik Hariri and 13 other people, devastation that harked back to Lebanon's violent past and raised fears of new bloodshed in the bitter dispute over Syria, the country's chief power broker.

2008 - Rival factions in Kenya's political crisis agree to write a new constitution, a move that could allow for power-sharing as part of a deal aimed at ending weeks of violence.

Today's Birthdays:

Domingo F. Sarmiento, Argentine president 1868-1874 (1811-1888); Israel Zangwill, English author (1846-1926); Jack Benny, U.S. comedian (1894-1975); Gregory Hines, U.S. actor/dancer (1946-2003); Florence Henderson, U.S. actress (1934--); Ken Wahl, U.S. actor (1957--); Meg Tilly, U.S. actress (1960--); Rob Thomas, U.S. singer (1972--).



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Honoring Our Nation's Presidents

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Throughout Texas this coming Monday, children will enjoy a day off from school. Although the federal government honors "Washington's Birthday" each year on the third Monday of February, Texas goes one step further by concurrently observing "Presidents' Day," a state holiday that celebrates all of our past Presidents.

Our forty-four presidents have included men who have been a carpenter (James Garfield), a cloth maker (Millard Fillmore), a star athlete (Gerald Ford), a launderer (Herbert Hoover), a mail room clerk (Harry Truman), a shoeshine boy (Lyndon Johnson), an insurance salesman (Warren Harding), a toymaker (Calvin Coolidge), an actor (Ronald Reagan) and a school principal (Chester Arthur). Ten presidents were farmers before reaching the White House; seven were diplomats; and twenty-six were lawyers. Their diverse perspectives strengthened the quality of our nation's leadership and inspired foreign nations to embrace democracy.

In the nineteenth century, half a dozen presidents were born in log cabins, including one whose bicentennial we celebrate this week. Abraham Lincoln — the eloquent small town lawyer who helped set our nation on the path toward the "more perfect union" that our Founding Fathers envisioned — continues to inspire our leaders today. Former President George W. Bush chose to hang Lincoln's portrait in the Oval Office and drew inspiration from Lincoln's fortitude in perilous times. President Barack Obama paid tribute to his home state predecessor by retracing Lincoln's path to the White House on a train ride from Philadelphia to Washington before his inauguration last month.

The democracy and entrepreneurial spirit at the core of our American identity have propelled our nation from a relatively small federation with fewer than four mil-

lion citizens to the world's economic and political superpower. As Americans, we can take great pride in the many individual contributions of ordinary citizens, but it is also fitting that we pay tribute to those national leaders who courageously established our freedoms during the earliest years of our nation.

George Washington, the commander of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, was the first of twelve generals who went on to serve as president. After refusing a royal title, he became our country's only leader to be re-elected unanimously. As our Chief Executive, he established customs regarding interaction with Cabinet members, the negotiation of treaties, and the use of the presidential veto on legislation from Congress. He appointed our first federal judges, helped implement the American currency and banking system, and chose the location of our nation's capital.

Our next two presidents, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, worked together to draft the Declaration of Independence. In the White House, President Adams used his considerable diplomatic skills to avert further strife with European powers. President Jefferson enlarged our nation through the Louisiana Purchase and encouraged Lewis and Clark's explorations of the West. Mr. Jefferson also was the first president not to powder his hair and to establish casual handshakes instead of deep bows as the preferred mode of greeting in the White House. Coincidentally, these two great men, lifelong friends and political rivals, passed away 500 miles apart on the very same day, July 4th, 1826, the fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

During later eras in American history, Texas contributed four outstanding presidents. General Dwight Eisenhower, who was born in Denison, ended the Korean War and built our current highway system. Lyndon Johnson, from Stonewall, championed civil rights legislation and education reform.



George H. W. Bush represented the seventh district of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives before entering the White House, where he led a successful effort to liberate Kuwait from the clutches of a tyrannical dictator. And George W. Bush brought his strong leadership from Texas' state capital to the White House, where he protected our country after the attacks by terrorists on September 11, 2001.

Today, as our military forces fight abroad in defense of our freedom, we more fully appreciate the heroism of several of the best of our wartime presidents. I especially admire President Ronald Reagan for his steadfastness toward the end of the Cold War. His careful diplomacy with our country's allies, combined with his firm hand with Communist leaders, helped topple oppressive dictatorships throughout Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. Today, many of these nations benefit from constitutions that were inspired by our own. Our Founding Fathers' vision continues to resonate and provide hope. Let us take this opportunity to honor our presidents for their fortitude in upholding our freedoms for over 200 years.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas.

Other editors say

San Antonio Express-News on redistricting reform in Texas:

After years of unsuccessful attempts, it feels slightly naive to be optimistic about redistricting reform.

But, dare we say it; this year reformers report reason to be optimistic.

"I am much encouraged that we finally have got the stars aligned properly to get this done," said Sen. Jeff Wentworth the San Antonio Republican who has waged the battle for reform since 1993.

The Senate has passed Wentworth's legislation twice, but it was derailed

in the House when Rep. Tom Craddick was speaker.

Now, the bill's main roadblock is out of the way, and a more reasonable speaker, Joe Straus, is in charge.

Wentworth's bill would create an congressional redistricting commission. Lawmakers from each party would pick four members, who would then pick a non-voting presiding officer as the ninth member.

The commission would take the Legislature out of the process and make it possible for Texas to have congressional districts

based on communities of interest rather than incumbent protection and partisanship.

When the Legislature draws the lines the party in power takes the spoils.

A lack of competitive districts means that the extremes of both parties are represented in Congress, and the views of average voters are more often ignored.

Districts that could produce competitive general election contests would increase voter turnout, which is reduced when all the decisions are made in party primary elections.

Redistricting is the most

partisan of all legislative activities, and the commission could bring significant improvements.

Of course, Texans would be better served if lawmakers created a commission to redraw state legislative lines as well. But Wentworth is enough of a pragmatist to know that fight would be virtually impossible to win, so he is focused exclusively on congressional lines.

We urge Straus to give the legislation a fair shot and getting to the House floor. And lawmakers should support this important step toward improving our democracy.

Amarillo Symphony offers imaginative journey

The Amarillo Symphony will take audiences on a journey through the imagination in its Feb. 27-28 concerts.

The concert weekend features Modest Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, a vivid saga that is one of the most popular works in the classical canon. Also featured is world-renowned pianist Jeffrey Biegel on Serge Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 3, essentially, a battle to the finish between the pianist and orchestra.

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. in the Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets normally run from \$18 to \$56 (\$16 for students and seniors), but by taking advantage of the Fly Standby with the Symphony offer, many

audience members will get their seats for \$15 each in some of the best seats in the house. For these limited standby seats, call the Symphony office at 376-8782 or visit www.amarillo-symphony.org. Otherwise, patrons can purchase tickets through Panhandletickets through its several outlets, via phone at 378-3096 or its Web site, www.panhandletickets.com.

The concerts open with Gabriel Faure's *Pavane*, a lush, intimate work that sets the stage for the explosive music that follows.

Prokofiev composed his third piano concert during an extended visit to Chicago, and though it was coolly received, it has since emerged as his most popular.

"I appreciate it for the



rhythmic dynamism with which Prokofiev represents America," said Kimbo Ishii-Eto, the Symphony's Music Director and Conductor. It had an enormous impact and really displayed the highest skills of piano work. It requires a piano player of the highest caliber, and Jeffrey certainly fits the bill." Ishii-Eto and Biegel last

worked together more than 10 years ago, during Ishii-Eto's tenure at the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra in Ithaca, N.Y.

Biegel said he first learned Prokofiev's concerto as a 17-year-old student of Juilliard piano teacher Adele Marcus, who heard the debut performance with the composer at the keyboard at a concert in 1921.

"I remember her saying that since then, everyone is been playing it too fast. She said that she could never get the sound of his playing out of her head, and she taught me to really arch the hand and point the fingers to draw out that sound from the instrument," Biegel said.

Biegel won the 1989 Marguerite Long International Piano

Competition with Prokofiev's third concerto and performed it in Paris with l'Orchestre Philharmonique de Radio France. Since then, he has toured the world with the piece.

The concert closes with Ravel's orchestration of Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, a piece originally written for piano that brings to life the composer's tour through an art show in Russia.

"It's truly a journey through the imagination," Ishii-Eto said. "And it's a phenomenal translation by Ravel. On the piano, it's great, but Ravel really made it come to life when he adapted it for the orchestra. He put more color on the canvas, so to speak."

The concert weekend is

exclusively sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Pool.

Since 1924, the Amarillo Symphony has been filling audiences with an unbridled enthusiasm for the performance and discovery of great orchestral music. As the only professional orchestra in the Panhandle area, the Symphony employs 85 skilled musicians to perform for more than 2,300 subscribers each year. In addition to its regular concerts, the Symphony offers an array of successful education programs, from youth orchestras to specialized music programs for underprivileged children, bringing the gift of music to thousands of young people throughout the Texas Panhandle each year.

Texas Independence Day celebration slated Feb. 28-March 1

Texas Independence Day Celebration Slated Feb. 28-March 1 at Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site

WASHINGTON, Texas - The 173rd anniversary of the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence will be commemorated Feb. 28 and March 1 at Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site. The free, two-day celebration, held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, brings to life the early 1800s Republic of Texas era.

The two-day celebration at the 293-acre park along the Brazos River transports visitors back to the time when Texas was a sovereign nation. Costumed re-enactors and members of the Texas Army, along with skilled craftsmen and talented musicians, fill the park as Texas commemorates its inception. Re-enactors portraying statesmen of the era, such as Sam Houston, Stephen F. Austin and Anson Jones, will be on hand to explain the importance of Texas independence. On both days, vendors will be selling a variety of festival foods and drinks.

The Washington-on-the-Brazos Park Association's new Web project, the Spirit of Independence, will be previewed at the park's Visitors Center. The interactive Web site is being constructed to allow teachers and students access to the historic site's wealth of information and primary sources. The Spirit of Independence project is designed to increase awareness of the unique place Washington-on-the-Brazos holds in Texas history.

Also on Independence Day weekend, the Star of the Republic Museum at

Need a lift?

LA MARQUE, Texas (AP) — An allegedly intoxicated couple stopped at a police station to try to catch a lift home.

La Marque Police Chief Richard Price says the woman collapsed in the lobby. Her 22-year-old boyfriend was arrested after marijuana was found in his shoes.

Price told The Associated Press on Friday he believes the two were under the influence of narcotics and "thought they needed to get a ride home."

Price says the woman, who received medical attention, recovered and will be cited for public intoxication. Her name was not released.

Michael Carl Bell of Texas City was jailed on a marijuana possession charge. A Galveston County jailer, who declined to allow her name to be used, said bond was \$2,592.

Washington-on-the-Brazos will open a new exhibit titled "Texas Transformed: Early Maps of Texas." On display will be the largest map of Texas, measuring roughly eight feet square, on loan from the Texas General Land Office.

Charles W. Pressler, who worked for GLO for 50 years, drafted the map in 1879. The Pressler map will be exhibited through March 22. Other rare maps, including the first to identify "Tejas" as a place, will be on display through Aug. 31.

At 11 a.m. on Sunday, the park association and the Ron Stone Foundation will dedicate a marker and rose garden to the late Ron Stone, an ardent supporter of Washington-on-the-Brazos. The Antique Rose Emporium will unveil Ron's Vision, its newest

yellow rose.

Dr. Stephen L. Hardin, professor of history at Victoria College, author, and widely acclaimed expert on the Texas Revolution will be the guest speaker at 2 p.m. Sunday in the park amphitheater. Following will be a performance by the Tanner Family Minstrel Show. In keeping with the celebration's tradition, a Texas-sized birthday cake will be served to concert-goers with the help of the Washington County Historical Society Heritage Belles.

Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site features three attractions that are open year round: Independence Hall, the Star of the Republic Museum and the Barrington Living History Farm. Admission fees to

all attractions will be waived during the celebration weekend thanks to support from the WOB State Park Association, Exxon/Mobil Corporation and Bluebonnet Electric Co-op.


Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site is located between Brenham and Navasota off State Hwy. 105 and FM 1155, approximately one hour northwest of Houston.

For directions or more information, call (936) 878-2214.

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Harvester JV VS Palo Duro • 6:00 pm at Palo Duro
Harvester VS Palo Duro • 7:30 pm at Palo Duro

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Masheed potatoes, spinach, beets, beans
Slaw, tossed, Jello salad
Coconut creme cake or chocolate sundae cups
Hot rolls or cornbread

Tuesday.... Oven baked chicken/dressing or ham/fruit sauce

Mashed potatoes, yams, turnip greens, blackeyed peas

Slaw, tossed, Jello salad
Caramel cake or lemon icebox pie

Wednesday.... Roast beef brisket/borwn gravy or cook's choice

Mashed potatoes, yams, turnip greens, blackeyed peas

Slaw, tossed, Jello salad
Chocolate cake or coconut creme pie

Hot rolls or cornbread

Thursday.... Chicken strips or hamburger steak
Tator tots, California blend, mac and tomatoes, beans

Slaw, tossed, Jello salad
Angelfood cake or butterscotch pie

Hot rolls and cornbread

Friday.... Catfish and hushpuppies or tamales/chili/cheese

Potatoe wedges, cheesy hominy, beans

Slaw, tossed, Jello salad
Caramel brownies or tapioca cups

Garlic breadsticks, hot rolls, cornbread

Pampa Meals on Wheels

Monday, Feb. 16

Chicken Spaghetti
Garlic bread
Mixed vegetables
Pineapple

Tuesday, Feb. 17

Sausage/rice casserole
Green beans/tomatoes
Pears

Cornbread salad

Wednesday, Feb. 18

Oven-friend chicken
Mashed potatoes
Green Beans
Jello

Thursday, Feb. 19

Swedish meatballs
Over noodles
Lima beans
Carrots

Applesauces

Friday, Feb. 20

Ham/dressing/gravy
Sweet potatoes
Green Beans

Cranberry salad

Southside Senior Citizens Center

Tuesday Feb. 17

Menu
Roast
Buttered potatoes
Greens
Cornbread

Beets

Dessert

Briarwood Kids Cafe

Baked Chicken

Mashed Potatoes

Black-eyed peas

Dessert

Drink

Wilson Kids Cafe

Feb. 16

Ham

Mashed Potatoes

Corn

Dessert

Drink

Lamar Kids Cafe

Feb. 17

Meat Loaf

Mashed Potatoes

Corn

Dessert

Drink

Pampa Independent School District

Menu Feb. 16 - Feb. 20

Monday

Mini corndogs or pizza

Green beans

Sliced carrots

Pineapple tidbits

Breakfast: biscuits, gravy

Tuesday

Macaroni and Cheese or chicken nuggets

English peas

Tossed salad

Pears

Hot roll

Breakfast: french toast sticks

Wednesday

Barbeque on a bun or pizza dippers

Baked beans

carrot sticks

mixed fruit

Breakfast: cinnamon toast

Thursday

Chicken teriyaki or beef and cheese nachos

Corn

Brocoli florets

Applesauce

Rice Pilaf

Breakfast: Waffle sticks

Friday

Chicken fajitas or hot dog

Refried beans

Carrot and celery sticks

Spiced apples

Spanish rice

Breakfast: Cereal, toast

PHOTOS FROM THE ATTIC



Do you remember?

This undated photo is from a box found in the attic of The Pampa News. The only identification, written on the back, is "Irish." If you remember where the event was, when it took place, or the names of these lovely young ladies, contact Betsy Phillips, editor@thepampanews.com. We will run more of our "finds" from time to time as space permits. Your help is appreciated.

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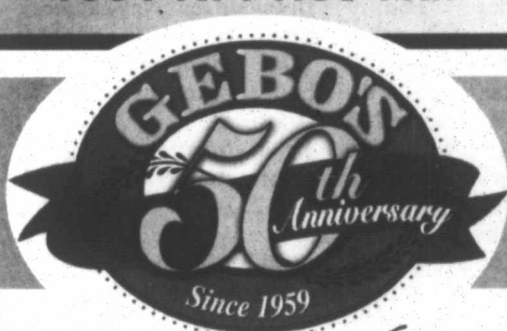
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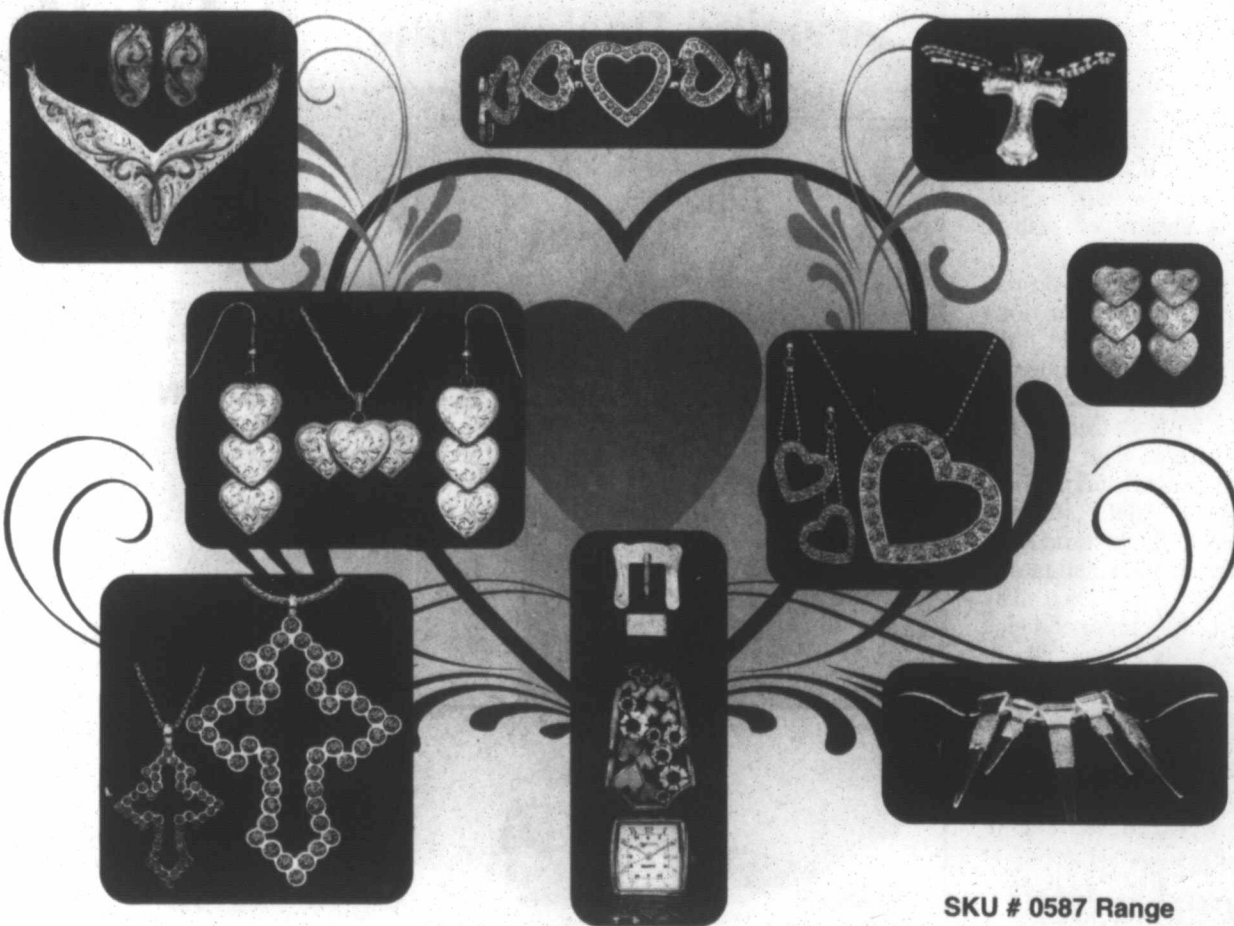
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Assault victim who gave birth while in coma dies

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Round Rock woman who gave birth to a daughter while in a coma caused by a beating with a 10-pound dumbbell has died at a San Antonio nursing home.

Dana Conley, 40, died Thursday after spending two years in a coma.

She was pregnant in February 2007 when her estranged husband, Julius Conley, a Travis County corrections officer, beat her in her Round Rock home as she packed her belongings to move to California. Her friend, 38-year-old Quincy Van Johnson, was helping her pack. He was also beaten with the dumbbell and later died.

Julius Conley received two life sentences and must serve at least 30 years.

"I have never seen a more violent, just horrible domestic violence case than this one," Williamson County District Attorney John Bradley said.

Dana Conley went into a coma after the beating and gave birth to her daughter six months later at University Medical Center at Brackenridge in Austin. She was then transferred to a nursing home in San Antonio, where she remained in a coma until her death.

Her parents, who are raising her daughter and two sons at their California home, told the Austin American-Statesman that they didn't know the cause of her death.

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Harvesters clinch district playoff spot

The Pampa Harvesters clinched a playoff spot after beating the 10th ranked team in the state Friday night.

The top four teams in the district go to the playoffs, Harvesters Basketball Coach Dustin Miller said. Pampa's 59-56 win over the Randall Raiders Friday night in McNeely Field House assures the Harvesters either the third or fourth slot in the district playoffs.

Although the Raiders drew first blood, the Harvesters came back with a vengeance and led at the end of the first period 17-14.

With four seconds left in the first half, Randall tied the game 26-26, but a second left, Harvester Alex

Clendening ripped the cords to leave Pampa in, charge 28-26 as the buzzer sounded.

At the end of the third quarter, Pampa led 43-40 in a tight battle, but the Harvesters held on to their three point lead as the game ended.

Hayden Skinner was the high point man for the night with 20 points. He scored six two-point baskets and one three pointer. He was five for eight from the free throw line for the night.

Clendening was close behind with 17 points. Clendening hit eight two-point baskets and was one for one from the foul line.

Alex Torres put 12 points on the scoreboard Friday night, mostly the

hard way. He made three three-point shots and one two-point basket. Torres was one for two from the foul line.

Heath Skinner had five points for the night. He had a basket in the first period and was three for five from the free throw line.

Blake Sieck made only one basket during the game, but it was a big one. He made a three-point shot in the second period.

Travis Hagerman made a two-point basket in the second quarter to round out the Harvesters' scoring.

The Harvesters travel to Amarillo Tuesday night to face the Palo Duro Dons for their final game of the regular season.



staff photo by David Bowser
Harvester Hayden Skinner, 10, splits the defense as he goes into score against the Randall Raiders in Pampa's victory over Randall, 59-56, Tuesday night in McNeely Field House.

LADY PIRATES END SEASON



photo submitted by Lendi Jackson

Valerie Miller (12) puts the play into motion during the Lady Pirates final game of the season Friday night. The Lady Pirates fell to Hedley 22-52. Miller and Emily Jackson each had six points to lead Lefors.

Pirates shoot their way to playoffs

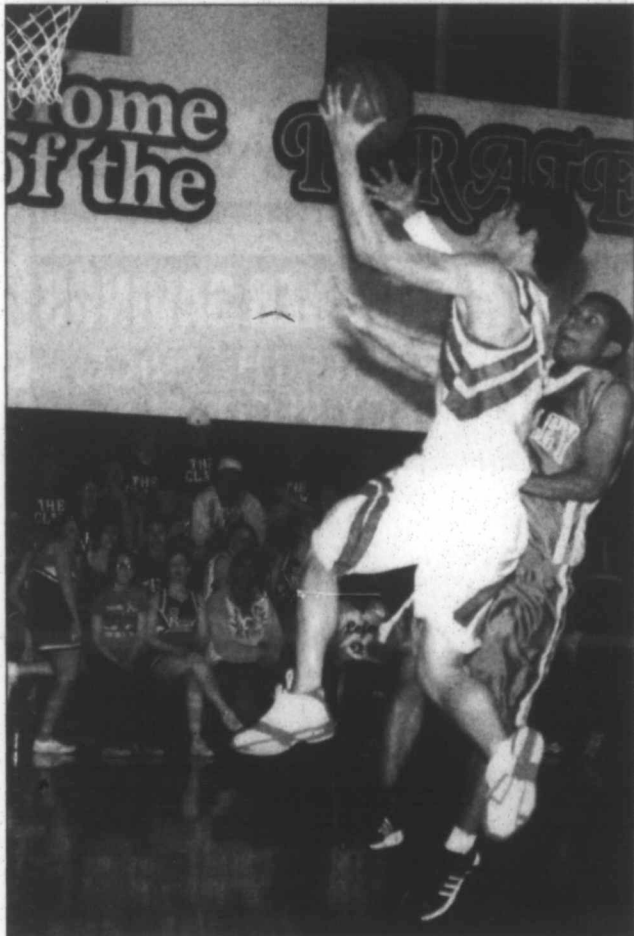


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Brandon McBee goes up for two of his 24 points as the Pirates defeated Hedley 92-80 Friday night. The victory clinched a playoff berth for Lefors. Two other Pirates also scored more than 20 points, Dustin Forsyth with 28 and Keenan Lott with 23. Playoffs will begin this week.

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Lady Harvesters ready to try for four-peat

The Lady Harvester softball team is hunting for their fourth straight district championship this spring.

They have been district champs for the past three years. For the last two years, they have been undefeated.

"The girls we have now," said Softball Coach Bobbi Gill, "haven't seen anything but that."

The coach said this year's team should be a good one. Most of the players from last year's championship team are

returning.

They lost two of last year's seniors to graduation, Gill said. The rest of the team is back.

"They work hard," Gill said, "and they get along well."

The varsity season opener will be 11 a.m., Feb. 21, in Pampa against Vernon.

The Lady Harvesters will take to the road Feb. 26 and 27 for a tournament in Midland then head to Burkburnett for a tournament March 5 through 7.

They play in a tournament in Arlington March 12 through 14.

The Lady Harvesters play Randall at 4:30 p.m., March 16, in Pampa.

They take on Levelland at 4 p.m., March 17, in Levelland and Palo Duro at 1 p.m., March 19, at Palo Duro before traveling to Plainview to play the Lady Bulldogs at 3 p.m., March 21.

The Lady Harvesters play Dumas at 5 p.m., March 27 in Pampa.

They're back on the road March 28 to play Caprock

at 1 p.m. at Caprock.

The Lady Harvesters are at home to play Hereford beginning at 5 p.m., March 31.

They play Canyon April 3, in Canyon.

At 5 p.m. on April 7, the Lady Harvesters play Randall at Randall.

They play Palo Duro at 5 p.m., April 9, in Pampa before going on the road to play Dumas at 5 p.m., April 14.

The Lady Harvesters play Caprock at 1 p.m., April 18, in Pampa.

They play Hereford at 5 p.m., April 21, in Hereford.

The Lady Harvesters finish the regular season at

home against Canyon at 5 p.m., April 24, and 5 p.m., April 25, against Perryton.

The junior varsity opens their season against at 4:30 p.m., Feb. 17, in Pampa against Childress.

Pampa will host a junior varsity tournament Feb. 26 and 27 at Recreation Park and the Pampa High School Softball field.

On Feb. 27, the junior varsity plays Bushland at 4:30 p.m. in Pampa.

On March 5, the junior varsity plays McLean at 4:30 p.m. in Pampa.

The junior varsity travels to Bushland March 13 and 14 for a tournament.

They play Randall at 6

p.m., March 16, in Pampa; Levelland in Levelland at 2 p.m., March 17; Palo Duro at 11 a.m., March 19; Plainview at 1 p.m., March 21, in Plainview; Dumas at 6:30 p.m., March 27 in Pampa; Caprock at 3 p.m., March 28 at Caprock; Hereford at 5 p.m., March 30, at Pampa; Canyon at Canyon on April 3; Randall at 5 p.m., April 6, at Randall; Palo Duro at 6:30 p.m., April 9, at Pampa; Dumas at 5 p.m., April 13, in Dumas; Caprock at 3 p.m., April 18, in Pampa; Hereford at 5 p.m., April 20, at Hereford; and Canyon at 6:30 p.m., April 24, in Pampa.

LAMAR HOT SHOT CONTEST



The third grade winners for the Lamar Hot Shot Contest are: Salvador Jimenez Lopez-first place-Lamar, Moses Avila-second place-Lamar, Tyler McCarn-3rd Place-Travis, London Lowrey -first Place-Lamar, Jacey Steel- second place-Lamar, Chelsea Dewey-third Place-Travis.



The Fourth Grade winners for the Lamar Hot Shot Contest are: Fourth Grade Winners are Nicole Juarez - third place-Austin, Lauren Littlefield - second place-Lamar, Jennifer Leal - first place-Travis, Zach Wilson - second place-Austin, Brandon Woelfle-first place - Lamar, Jared Lake-third place - Travis.



Fifth Grade winners of the Lamar Elementary Hot Shot Contest are: Nathan Furgason - second place-Travis, Marcheenan Hair - first place-Lamar, Michael Hughes-third place-Tavis. Baile Johnson- first place-Travis, Fernanda Lozoya - second place - Wilson, Ana Chavez-third place-Lamar.

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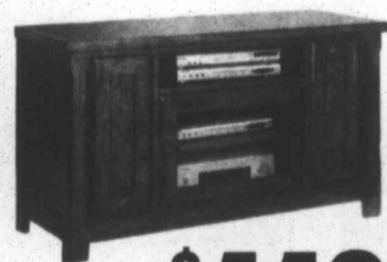
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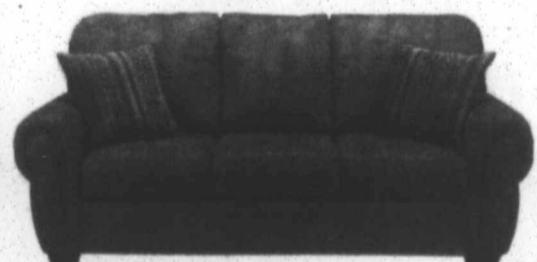
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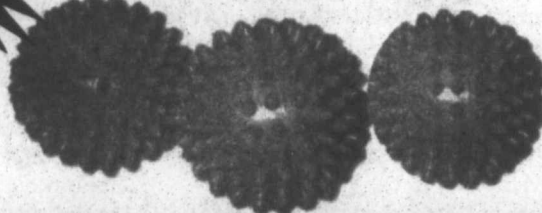
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Sailing ship Elissa undergoing repairs

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — The iron-hulled vessel, the pride of the Galveston Historical Foundation and the official tall ship of Texas, came through Hurricane Ike with relatively minor damage considering the forces it encountered, but the fierce winds shredded one of its most important sails.

Only about a half-dozen traditional sailmakers exist in the country with the skill to make a replacement for the Elissa's fore lower topsail, and Jim Brink is one of them.

Brink, 54, will use the experience gained over 30 years of sailmaking to craft a new 630-square-foot fore lower topsail, also known as a storm sail and the last of the Elissa's 19 sails to be furling in a storm.

Brink began the task recently by spreading panels of sailcloth over a pattern taped to the floor of the ballroom at the 1859 Ashton Villa, one of the historic homes maintained by the foundation.

The 33 sections cut from the patterns will be sewn together at the Texas Seaport Museum at Pier 21 in Galveston Harbor, where the Elissa is moored.

The entire process of making the sail takes about three weeks, Brink said.

He is doing the job at a cut-rate price of about \$5,000, which was raised from donations by the Elissa's volunteer crew.

"I've worked for other ships, but this has always been my favorite," said Brink, who rates the Elissa as the best-maintained traditional sailing ship in the country.

From lark to profession

Brink stumbled into his line of work in 1974 when

he was a 19-year-old freshman at Kalamazoo College in Michigan.

On a lark, he took an off-campus course that involved working on the Romance, a brigantine built in the 1930s based in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Capt. Arthur Kimberly put Brink to work on his first sail, an unfinished square sail begun by someone else.

"He said, 'You better finish this, or it will never get done,'" Brink recalled. It took a month, but he finished it.

He had been on the Romance for 18 months when the captain offered him a berth as sailmaker on an around-the-world cruise.

"I was young, looking for adventure," he said. Brink accepted and in doing so stepped into a profession that preserves a skill that has all but died out in the U.S.

He spent three years on the Romance, then worked on a Danish merchant training sloop before working in Great Britain for a spell.

Tradition alive in Europe

Few traditional sailmakers remain in the U.S., he said, but Europe continues to foster the skill. Unlike the U.S., the Europeans still bestow the title of master sailmaker, he said.

Modern sailmaking lofts use computer-designed sails cut with lasers.

Brink, now based in San Diego, worked for the sail loft in Maine that crafted the first set of sails for the restored Elissa about 20 years ago and has worked on her sails ever since.

The sail work needs to be completed in time for the Elissa to make its first scheduled outing for a day

trip into the Gulf with a volunteer crew on March 20.

Big plans for museum

Although the damage to the Elissa was relatively light, the storm severely damaged the workshop needed to keep it in repair and wrecked the pier so badly that it must be replaced, foundation executive director Dwayne Jones said.

The museum was filled with 4 feet of water, damaging the exhibits.

Jones said the foundation wants to build a better museum as it repairs the damage.

Repairs and enhancements will cost from \$2.5 million to \$3 million, he estimated.

The foundation still is waiting to hear from its insurance companies and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which may or may not lend financial assistance, Jones said.

The museum won't reopen for at least a year, he said, but when it does, it will feature a redesign by student architects at the University of Houston who donated their time.

A donor, whom Jones declined to name, has commissioned a work of public art by the Mary Miss Studio in New York to commemorate the immigrants who entered the U.S. through the port of Galveston. The artwork, which is still being designed, will be based at the Seaport Museum but could have pieces in other parts of the island, he said.

ONE HORSE TOWN



Owner Jack Scott watches as Kelly Anderson leads Peter Rabbit away from the only acreage the 32-year-old Morgan-quarter horse crossbreed has ever known Thursday, Feb. 5, 2009. The Scott's property was recently annexed into the small community of Hickman, Neb., and an ordinance prohibiting farm animals being kept inside those city limits was upheld by the city council, finally forcing the Scott family to find another location to board the family horse. (AP Photo/Bill Wolf)

Higher tuition, higher pay for top UT execs

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Executives at the University of Texas at Austin saw their take-home pay rise sharply along with steep tuition increases, with some salaries increasing by 30 percent or more in four years, according to an Associated Press analysis.

The flagship Texas school abruptly froze the salaries of its top executives last week amid growing calls for fiscal discipline among state agencies and universities.

But before that, top administrative salaries had generally been going up at

a steady clip, from the office of the president down to the department deans, records analyzed by the AP show.

The budget for administrative jobs that paid at least \$200,000 or more at some point between 2004 and 2008 rose from \$5.9 million to \$8.2 million, or 40 percent.

The increase came at a time when tuition and fees at Texas colleges and universities rose dramatically. At UT, the cost of education per semester, counting tuition and fees, rose 57 percent, from \$2,721 in 2003 to \$4,266 in 2008,

officials said. Officials stressed that 20 percent of the increased revenue went back into student grant money.

"For executive salaries to go up a lot right now while students are finding it tougher and tougher to afford college is unfortunate," said Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-San Antonio, vice-chairman of the House Higher Education Committee. "I think it's a good idea to look into it, and I would hope that the executives themselves are understanding about that and that they would be willing to do their part."

Teacher Retirement System chief forgoes incentives

AUSTIN (AP) — Following legislative outrage over investment bonuses at some state trust funds, the chief investment officer of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas will forgo nearly \$168,000 in incentives due to him based on the trust funds performance last year.

Britt Harris, who oversees the investment of the \$81 billion pension fund, offered Friday to give up the incentives.

Also, the retirement system Board of Trustees decided in a 6-to-2 vote that payment of the \$2.5 million in incentives due to more than 80 other

employees in the investment division will be deferred until the fund generates a positive return, the Austin American-Statesman reports in its Saturday online editions.

System policy already delayed all incentive payments until 2010 because the fund balance had declined about 27 percent last year with the downturn in the economy.

Harris said that as chief investment officer, he should forgo his incentive pay because he must bear a greater responsibility for the fund's recent decline than the other investment employees.

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For millions, digital deadline is now

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Isidro Diaz surfs channels on his old TV about three hours a night in the trailer he rents for \$350 a month. Come Tuesday, his limited choice of programs will be much more limited.

Although the government delayed the mandatory shutdown of analog TV signals by four months to give people with older TVs more time to prepare, that's small comfort to Diaz and other people who live in cities where some broadcasters are switching to all-digital broadcasts Tuesday, as they had originally planned.

Because it is costly to keep broadcasting analog signals, nearly 500 stations intend to make the transition Tuesday rather than June 12. The Federal Communications Commission has told 123

stations they might have to reconsider, so no city loses all its analog network broadcasts. But either way there will be an odd patchwork of programming for millions of Americans who still rely on analog TV signals.

To deal with the change, they need a digital converter box or a new TV with a digital tuner, or cable or satellite service.

Diaz, a 63-year-old Mexican immigrant who was laid off a month ago by a garden nursery that paid \$10 an hour, figures he will eventually muster \$200 for a digital television; the least expensive model on Best Buy Co.'s Web site costs \$130.

He recently shopped at an electronics store for a digital converter box for the \$40 used Sony TV he bought from a newspaper

classified ad four years ago. But the \$60 converter box didn't seem worth it because he can get a new TV for a little more.

Subscribing to cable or satellite TV is out of the question.

"There's no work right now, \$40 a month is very difficult," Diaz said while scarfing a dinner of beef tacos at a stand in San Diego's Barrio Logan neighborhood.

The Obama administration sought the delay in the analog TV shutdown after the government ran out of money for the \$40 coupons that subsidize digital converter boxes. The program has a waiting list of 4 million coupons; each household can get up to two.

According to research firm MRI, 17.7 percent of Americans live in households with only over-the-air TV. The Nielsen Co. said last week that more than 5.8 million U.S. households, or 5.1 percent of all homes, were not ready for the analog shutdown.

However, officials at stations that plan to make the switch Tuesday believe that the transition will mainly go smoothly, and that the delay will confuse consumers.

"They've had two years to get ready is our feeling," said Larry Patton, general manager of KSWO-TV, an ABC affiliate in Lawton, Okla. "We feel there's always going to be a few people who are going to wake up on the morning of Feb. 17, or June 17, or whenever it is, and not be ready."

Bryan Frye, marketing director at KAKE-TV, the ABC station in Wichita, Kan., said he was half-joking when he described fears about the analog shutdown as "a little like Y2K."

"We are going to pull out all the stops, we are going to have everybody on board, you know, full alert," Frye said. "It is going to happen and everybody is going to go, 'Hmmm, OK.'"

In Jackson, Miss., Ashley Lewis, 25, said she

has visited an older neighbor several times to help with her digital converter box. Lewis bought a new antenna Thursday for the neighbor, thinking that might make the box work better. In most cases digital signals, which are more efficient, come in better than analog, but some older antennas aren't well suited.

"She can barely walk," Lewis said. "Her knees are so bad sometimes and she is on a fixed income, and I don't think it is fair for elderly people."

A Radio Shack store in Casper, Wyo., where the ABC and CBS stations switch next week, has found that the converter boxes confuse some consumers, said assistant store manager Dorothy Durda.

"Normally, they come in and we draw them a little diagram or whatever of how to do it and that seems to fix their problem for them," Durda said.

Major San Diego stations have twice flashed warnings to TV screens on analog signals, telling anyone who sees the message to call a toll-free number for more information, said Jeff Block, manager of KGTV-TV, an ABC affiliate.

After a warning in December, the toll-free number got 359 calls. A warning in January yielded 510 calls.

Diaz didn't call the number but said Tuesday's switch comes as no surprise. The stations he watches have advertised the change for about three months.

He'll still be able to get Spanish-language news broadcasts, which he watches about three hours each weeknight. And he can still enjoy boxing on Saturday nights and soccer matches on weekends. But starting Tuesday he'll have a puny selection of English-language programs.

Diaz said he might browse again for TVs this weekend but isn't sure when he'll buy one.

"I can wait a little longer," he said.

Court finds BNSF responsible for Montana cleanup

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — BNSF Railway is responsible for cleaning up pollution at the Kalispell site of a former oil refinery, a state judge ruled in a decision that could hit the company with a cleanup bill estimated at \$32.5 million.

The decision by District Judge Jeffrey Sherlock of Helena came in the first Superfund hazardous-waste case that the Montana Department of Environmental Quality had taken to trial.

The ruling Thursday defines how Fort Worth, Texas-based BNSF or other parties with stakes in Superfund sites are responsible for cleanup, DEQ lawyer Cynthia Brooks said.

"I'd hope this (ruling) means responsible parties like BNSF will recognize the liability, and rather than choose to deny it they will accept that liability, clean up the site quickly and not draw the process out," she said.

BNSF on Thursday indicated strong disagreement with the ruling. The company said it already has spent \$5 million on cleanup at the Kalispell site and "never owned or leased the refinery property."

In a statement, railroad spokesman Gus Melonas said that "BNSF is reviewing the decision and is considering its options in light of the (Montana) court's reliance on a (related) case presently pending before the U.S. Supreme Court. BNSF is committed to being a good corporate citizen. It has worked and will continue to work closely with Montana Department of Environmental Quality to perform remediation."

The state and BNSF went to trial last March over whether the railroad is responsible for cleanup of the property used for an oil refinery from the 1920s to 1963. Soil and groundwater are polluted from the dumping of petroleum products, dioxin and other hazardous material, according to court records.

The polluted area includes the Reliance Refinery site, the former Kalispell Post and Timber Co. yard and the former Yale oil yard, which has been cleaned up by Exxon Mobil under a settlement agreement. The court already has ruled that BNSF is liable for cleanup at the timber yard site, which is near the Stillwater River in Evergreen, a community next to Kalispell.

Sherlock said that BNSF shares at least some of the responsibility for the pollution at the Reliance Refinery site because its rail cars transported oil within the site to where it was dumped on the ground. The railroad also "owned or operated part of the facility where the hazardous or deleterious substances were disposed of," he wrote.

Under Superfund law, a "responsible party" such as BNSF can be found liable for the entire cleanup at a site, even if it only shared in the ownership or actions that contributed to the pollution.

Brooks said BNSF has denied responsibility for the Reliance Refinery site for 14 years.

The company has done cleanup on part of the property, but the state estimates \$32.5 million worth of work remains, to remove polluted soil and cleanse polluted groundwater.

"We don't want the taxpayer to have to pay to clean up these sites," Brooks said.

DA says man to plead guilty in death of girl

CORSICANA, Texas (AP) — A man charged with capital murder in the slaying of a 6-year-old girl who was sexually assaulted and hanged in her garage will plead guilty Friday, attorneys in the case said.

The Navarro County district attorney and the attorney for Shaun Earl Arender, 21, said Friday that the plea deal will trigger a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole. Arender's attorney, Mark Griffith, said his client would testify about the details at the hearing.

District Attorney Lowell Thompson told the Corsicana Daily Sun that he had discussed the deal with the family of Hanna Mack, and they agreed that life in prison was acceptable. The sentence for capital murder in Texas is life in prison or death.

"As the district attorney, it is my sole decision to seek the death penalty or life without the possibility of parole," Thompson said. "My main concern is to see that justice is served for Hanna Mack and the citizens of Navarro County."

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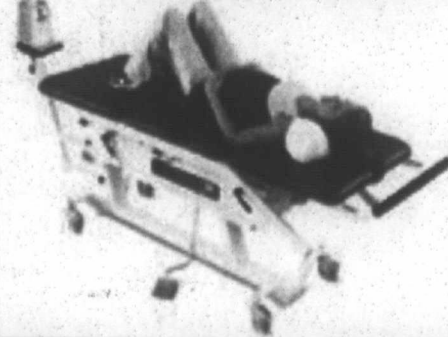
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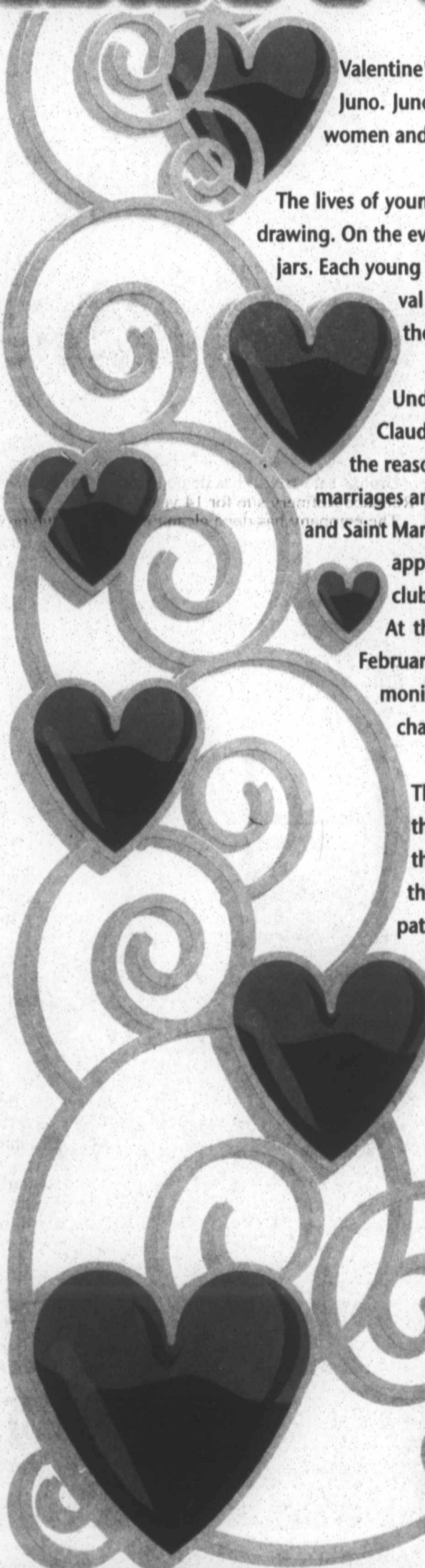
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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



Valentine's Day started in the time of the Roman Empire. In ancient Rome, February 14th was a holiday to honor Juno. Juno was the Queen of the Roman Gods and Goddesses. The Romans also knew her as the Goddess of women and marriage. The following day, February 15th, began the Feast of Lupercalia.

The lives of young boys and girls were strictly separate. However, one of the customs of the young people was name drawing. On the eve of the festival of Lupercalia the names of Roman girls were written on slips of paper and placed into jars. Each young man would draw a girl's name from the jar and would then be partners for the duration of the festival with the girl whom he chose. Sometimes the pairing of the children lasted an entire year, and often, they would fall in love and would later marry.

Under the rule of Emperor Claudius II Rome was involved in many bloody and unpopular campaigns. Claudius the Cruel was having a difficult time getting soldiers to join his military leagues. He believed that the reason was that roman men did not want to leave their loves or families. As a result, Claudius cancelled all marriages and engagements in Rome. The good Saint Valentine was a priest at Rome in the days of Claudius II. He and Saint Marius aided the Christian martyrs and secretly married couples, and for this kind deed Saint Valentine was apprehended and dragged before the Prefect of Rome, who condemned him to be beaten to death with clubs and to have his head cut off. He suffered martyrdom on the 14th day of February, about the year 270. At that time it was the custom in Rome, a very ancient custom, indeed, to celebrate in the month of February the Lupercalia, feasts in honor of a heathen god. On these occasions, amidst a variety of pagan ceremonies, the names of young women were placed in a box, from which they were drawn by the men as chance directed.

The pastors of the early Christian Church in Rome endeavored to do away with the pagan element in these feasts by substituting the names of saints for those of maidens. And as the Lupercalia began about the middle of February, the pastors appear to have chosen Saint Valentine's Day for the celebration of this new feast. So it seems that the custom of young men choosing maidens for valentines, or saints as patrons for the coming year, arose in this way.

Gradually, February 14 became the date for exchanging love messages and St. Valentine became the patron saint of lovers. The date was marked by sending poems and simple gifts such as flowers. There was often a social gathering or a ball.

In the United States, Miss Esther Howland is given credit for sending the first valentine cards. The town of Loveland, Colorado, does a large post office business around February 14. The spirit of good continues as valentines are sent out with sentimental verses and children exchange valentine cards at school.

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EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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• **Valentine's Day, Feb 14**, Cowboy Poetry Breakfast begins at 8 a.m. at the Big Texan Steak Ranch. Headliners Charlie Sinclair and Buck Werbein are both well-known from appearing at many area community events. Charlie was the first president of the Southwest Cowboy Poets Association, he's especially noted for heart-warming and hilarious poems. Buck has been a cowboy in this area for many years. Musicians Charlie Bell and Ivan Cates open the program. Members of SWCPA will follow the headliners with their cowboy/girl poetry, skits, tall tales, and maybe some Valentine poems.

• **Lovett Memorial Library** will present free classes: Microsoft Powerpoint: Tuesday, February 17, 1:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. and Tuesday, February 24, 1:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. For more information call the library, 669-5780.

• **Gray County Genealogical society** will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month, except for Decembr. Visitors are welcome.

• **Members of Crowley, Texas, High School Class of 1989** are organizing a class reunion. For more information, e-mail chs89reunion@gmail.com or contact Nancy Dodgen Dyess (817) 994-0969 or Misty Shewmaker Hollis at (817) 991-8090.

• **"Live On Stage" Community Concerts** of Pampa's final performance planned for the current season will be "Pianafiddle," a combination of familiar tunes by pianist Lynn Wright and violinist/fiddler Adam DeGraff improvising to get toes tapping and hands clapping. Their performance is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. March 6 in M.K. Brown Auditorium.

• **Pampa Book Club** will meet at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Texas Room of Lovett Memorial Library. The 2009 reading schedule is as follows: Feb. 11, "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and Davie Relin; March 11, "Home: A Memoir of My Early Years" by Julie Andrews; and April 8, "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls. The May 13 book for review will be announced at a later date. Public welcome.

• **Confidential heart health screenings** are being offered free of charge from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, February 20, at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart, by Accolade Home Care as part of Heart Health month, a national initiative of the American Heart Association. Accolade screenings take roughly five to ten minutes and will include a five panel screening that will measure: blood pressure, O2 saturation, weight, cholesterol and BMI. Each screening is administered by a qualified healthcare professional and the results from the screening will be made available to participant. Accolade will also

provide individuals with informational sheets explaining their numbers from the screenings.

For information, call Accolade Homecare in Pampa at 806-665-9700.

• **USS Maddox Destroyer Association Reunion** is slated Sept. 9-13 in Phoenix, Ariz. To find out more, call (337) 616-8450 or e-mail cwgilles45@aol.com.

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• **Manhattanville My Soldier** is seeking volunteers to "adopt" a deployed United States Serviceman. To find out more, visit www.mysoldier.com on-line or write to: Manhattanville College My Soldier Department, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase, NY 10577.

• **T.O.P.S. Club**, a weight loss group, is seeking new members. The club meets from 5:30-6:30 p.m. each Monday at 513 E. Francis. New members welcome.

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Wild horse funds drying up

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — Nevada's wild horses benefited for decades from money left to them by a Californian whose relatives said he was insane. Those funds finally are being used up, but state lawmakers have been told the horses have another deep-pockets benefactor.

There are nearly 19,000 horses roaming vast stretches of open Nevada land — two-thirds of all the wild horses scattered over 10 Western states. About 33,000 other horses have been captured in those states and are now in holding pens and corrals.

"It's kind of a whole nightmare situation" for horses that remain in the holding areas and aren't "adopted," Assemblywoman Kathy McClain, D-Las Vegas, said Friday during a joint Senate-Assembly budget hearing.

The horses are "one of our few Old West traditions any more," McClain added during the lawmakers' review of the Nevada Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses, started with money willed to the animals by the late Leo Heil, of Sunnyvale, Calif.

Cathy Barcomb, who heads the commission, said that what began as a \$500,000 bequest from Heil, who died in 1972, will be gone by mid-2010. The budget proposed by Gov. Jim Gibbons provides no new funding to keep the protection effort going.

"We all knew this day was coming. The Heil trust fund would not last forever," Barcomb said. But she added the horses will be helped by groups such as the Mustang Heritage Foundation, which was started with Heil funds, and by individuals such as Madeleine Pickens, wife of billionaire Texas oilman T. Boone Pickens.

Heil's will stated his \$500,000 bequest, which generated far more in interest earnings over time, was "for the preservation of wild horses in Nevada."

Legislators were told that Pickens is looking for about 1 million acres of land, possibly in eastern Nevada, where most or all of the horses and burros now being kept at the federal holding areas could be turned loose.

Pickens, who says she's always had a love for the West and for wild horses, came up with the idea after hearing that the U.S. Bureau of Land Management was considering euthanizing some of the animals to control the herds and protect the range.

But even if Pickens moves ahead with what she sees as a big attraction for tourists who view the horses as iconic symbols of the American West, state Sen. Dean Rhoads said there still may be high government costs for keeping horses that Pickens doesn't get.

"They just have to change their policies somehow, because we just can't continue spending millions and millions of dollars on horses that nobody wants," said Rhoads, R-Tuscarora, a rancher.

Regarding the nearly 19,000 horses on the Nevada range, Barcomb said the BLM is trying to reduce that number by about 6,000, to about 13,000.

"I hate to see this go away, especially with all the publicity with the way the BLM treats wild horses," McClain said. "And then I hear the stories of people, because of the economy, turning loose domestic horses. They're not going to make it."

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Artist creates sculpture of former first lady

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — Scott Sustek said he usually “works with some pretty crusty characters”: war veterans, musicians, cowboys, “old guys with wrinkles.”

So when the San Angelo artist was asked to create a life-size sculpture of former first lady Laura Bush for a new library near Austin, he gave the job serious thought. “I think it’s much easier to sculpt Mark Twain than Shania Twain,” he said.

Creating a likeness of such a popular public figure is particularly tricky, the 38-year-old former Austin teacher added.

“She’s such a familiar and well-loved person, especially in Texas.”

In order to get the sculpture right, he knew he would have to meet with the president’s wife in person.

He contacted Mrs. Bush through a friend who had gone to high school with her.

The first lady’s secretary e-mailed him: “Washington or Crawford?”

She also told him he would have exactly one hour on the busy schedule.

Scott loaded his equipment and headed to the presidential ranch near Crawford on a cool, cloudy day last August.

After a check by Secret Service security, he drove up to the ranch house.

“President Bush came out to greet me, walked me up to the house and introduced me to Laura. He was excited that I lived in West Texas. I was living in Wall then, and he asked me a lot of questions about the gin and the cotton crop.”

Scott spent the next hour measuring, photographing and observing the former Midland librarian on the ranch house porch.

“I told her, ‘Do whatever you normally do today and let me work and observe you.’”

What did he notice?
“The angle in which she holds her head; the way she holds her shoulders; all of that is important in creating a likeness.”

“She’s a very beautiful person. The way she carries herself is very elegant and gracious.”

Was an hour enough time to capture her?
“My mission was to get in there, get all the information I could in the short time I had, and be on my way. Once I have the measurements with my caliper, that’s all I really need. That and a couple of good profile pictures.”

Back in San Angelo, he created a likeness of Mrs. Bush from clay. He stayed in weekly contact with the first lady and her staff, e-mailing photographs of the work in progress and asking for their feedback.

The result?
She is sitting on what will be a limestone boulder, holding a book, the one she and her daughter Jenna co-wrote.

A short stack of her favorite books rests beside her: “Bridge to Terabithia,” “Secret Garden,” “Little House in the Big Woods,” “Old Yeller,” “Charlotte’s Web” and “Goodbye to a River.”

Across from her, a small, barefoot girl, also created from clay, listens to the woman read.

Scott designed the sculpture so that other children can curl up next to Mrs. Bush and read their own books.

“She wanted to have a piece where kids could sit with her, sit in her lap,” he said.



San Angelo, Tex. sculptor Scott Sustek puts the finishing touches on a life-size sculpture of former first lady Barbara Bush that will end up in front of a new library set to open in Austin early this spring, Jan. 22, 2009. The full piece will feature Bush reading a book to a young girl sitting on a rock. (AP Photo/Brian Connelly, San Angelo Standard-Times)

That’s fine with him.
“My sculpture traditionally has been work people can touch. Kids can get on it. We engineer it so it can’t really be hurt. You’re not going to mess it up.”

Will children in an Obama age recognize the former first lady?
It doesn’t matter, he said.

“I hope that kids who don’t know who she is will see her as a friendly lady who wants to read them a book.”

On a late January visit, the finished clay sculpture sat in his large, airy studio just east of San Angelo.

The next day, he drove it to a foundry near Austin where the process of casting it in bronze began.

The bronze will be unveiled at a dedication ceremony

in Austin this summer.

Scott’s work can also be seen in San Angelo. He created “The Fiddler,” a bronze bust that, until recently, was on display in the San Angelo Regional Airport terminal building.

He also carved the stone owl perched next to the Sunken Gardens along South Abe Street.

Current projects include two life-size western sculptures that will be displayed outdoors in San Angelo.

Scott, who also does welded steel and glass sculpture for galleries, said he hopes to eventually offer art classes.

“It’s therapeutic for people to create,” he said. “It’s fun. It’s play.”

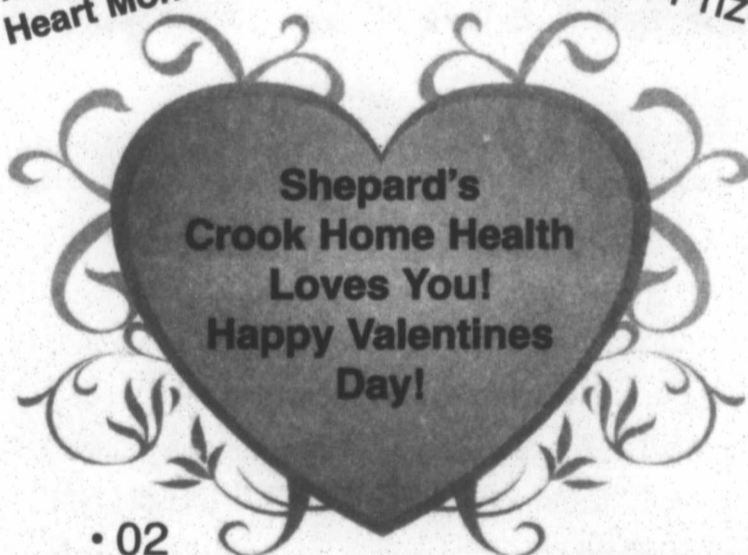
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Son is reunited with his father

By GABRIELA MUNOZ
Hobbs News-Sun

HOBBS, N.M. (AP)— Sitting at a library table, Eric James Garcia browsed through a small stack of photographs featuring his father, Wayne Wolfe.

In one photo, a young Wolfe wearing a Navy uniform stared back at him. Until last month, it was one of the few images 29-year-old Garcia had of the father who disappeared from his life years ago before he reached his first birthday.

"Over the past few years, I had been wanting to meet my father," Garcia said. "I was just scared to do it."

In December, encouraged by friends and staff members at the University of the Southwest, where he is a student, Garcia decided to visit Wolfe for the first time.

He took out a student loan and booked a flight to Chicago where Wolfe, his wife and two sons live. Needing moral support during his personal journey, Garcia invited his friend of four years, Adolfo Acosta, to join him.

"It was a big fear," Garcia said of making the trip alone. "I'm going hundreds of miles away to meet a guy I don't even know, who is pretty much a total stranger."

On Dec. 13, Garcia left Hobbs to meet the father he had never met before.

Garcia remembers being pulled out of school one day when he was in grade school in Tucumcari. The mischievous fifth-grader immediately thought he was in trouble.

His parents took him to a nearby restaurant and Garcia's confusion only deepened, until his parents sprang some startling news on him.

"My dad told me, 'I'm not your father and I would like to adopt you,'" Garcia recalled.

Garcia was stunned mostly because his stepfather, whom he had believed to be his biological father all his life, had occasionally mistreated him. The revelation caused mixed emotions for him at the time. Relief

because the man whom he had a deep disdain for was not his blood relative, anger because of the mistreatment and acceptance that his stepfather had been present while his biological father had not, he said.

"I kind of wanted to tell him off right there," Garcia said about his stepfather. Still in shock, Garcia agreed to let his stepfather adopt him.

For years, especially as an angst-ridden teenager, Garcia had no desire to meet the father he believed had abandoned him.

Even so, Garcia was curious to see Wolfe's face. He would visit the Tucumcari library and look through old yearbooks, hoping to see his father's picture. Both Garcia's father and mother grew up in Tucumcari.

"There was a lot of anger," Garcia said, "but I still wondered, you know, 'Do I look like this guy? Do I act like him?'"

Garcia pushed the idea of meeting his father aside and was soon going down a destructive path. By the time he was in eighth grade, Garcia had dropped out of school. Before long, gang involvement and drug-dealing were at the forefront of his life.

"Those were definitely my dark years," Garcia said.

In his mid-20s, he moved to Hobbs. And after a second brush with the law, Garcia decided to make some changes and enrolled at New Mexico Junior College.

A mature and reformed Garcia began to wonder about his biological father again, particularly when his mother told him she was responsible for Wolfe's absence.

"It wasn't until my mother heard me badmouthing him," Garcia said, "and she said ... he offered to help."

After discovering his paternal grandmother's contact information online this summer, Garcia called her and told her who he was.

"She hung up on me," Garcia recalled with a laugh.

He wasn't discouraged, however. The following day, she called him back and told him Wolfe was ecstatic

to hear he was looking for him. "He knew my name and everything," Garcia said. "She gave me his phone number and told me he was living in Chicago."

A reluctant Garcia held on to the number for a couple of weeks before he mustered up the courage to call.

Standing outside his mother's house in Hobbs, he dialed the number and heard Wolfe's voice for the first time.

"I was happy as heck," Wolfe said of hearing his son's voice on the other line. "He's decided he wanted to find me and that was fine with me."

Wolfe explained that leaving Garcia was never his choice. Shortly after Garcia's birth, he joined the Navy and upon returning, he discovered Garcia's mother had wed somebody else, and his place as Garcia's father was taken by the new husband.

"I didn't want to intrude," Wolfe said of not contacting Garcia himself. "Growing up he had only known one man as his father and I didn't feel like it was my place to turn his world upside down. ... I wanted to be there for him growing up."

Wolfe, who resided in Hobbs for a year in the '80s, felt remorse when Garcia recounted his relationship with his stepfather.

Wolfe said he was thrilled when Garcia asked if he could come and visit Wolfe and his family. Garcia spent more than a week with his newfound family. The reunion was virtually tearfree until he had to leave, he acknowledged.

"Spending the week in Chicago and getting to know him was like finding a piece that was missing," Garcia said, "and getting to know what he is like and the similarities between us and meeting my two little brothers."

"It was definitely the best Christmas present I could have ever gotten," Wolfe said of finally becoming part of his son's life.

Peanut butter scare changes lunchbox rituals

• CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — The nationwide salmonella outbreak has left many parents in a situation as sticky as peanut butter itself: Should they pack their kids' lunches with PB&J or stay away from the old standby?

Jarred peanut butter sales were down significantly last month compared to the previous year, suggesting that many children are going without their favorite sandwiches even though leading brands of jarred peanut butter have not been recalled.

Other parents are taking a more moderate approach, sticking with the jarred stuff and avoiding everything else, or carefully combing through the recall lists before shopping.

In Seabrook, Texas, Dayna Steele is more worried that her 9-year-old son will become sick if he doesn't eat peanut butter. After years of trying to get him to eat other foods, his pediatrician said, "He's fine. Let him eat all the peanut butter he wants. When he meets a girl, he'll start eating something else."

Steele, a former rock deejay turned motivational speaker, has been holding her breath every time another recall notice pops up online, but she is confident for now that the tubs of Kroger-brand peanut butter her son favors are safe.

"Maybe it's my rose-colored glasses, but I do want to believe that if a company like Kroger, who stands to lose a lot, felt like there was any danger whatsoever with their jarred peanut butter, that there would be an immediate announcement," she said.

The salmonella outbreak has sickened some 600 people in 43 states and is being linked to nine deaths. More than 1,900 products have been recalled, and the company at the heart of the recall — Peanut Corp. of America — is under FBI investigation. Leading brands of jarred peanut butter are not affected, but some parents aren't taking any chances.

"Americans feel that they trusted officials to monitor a lot of things that they clearly did not monitor carefully enough. So no surprise, federal assurances are not going to make all the fear go away."

Government assurances also tend to get lost in a sea of media coverage, said David Urban, professor of marketing at Virginia Commonwealth University. The message that comes through is "peanutsunsafe."

"It's a good example of what gets through to consumers and what doesn't," he said. "The big negative headline that has any connection to one's children is really going to stick."

There are plenty of parents, however, who aren't reacting with an all-or-nothing approach. In Bow, N.H., Eleana Walsh has thrown out any processed products that contain peanuts or peanut butter, including items that haven't been recalled. But Walsh, a mother of two boys, also hasn't given up jarred peanut butter.

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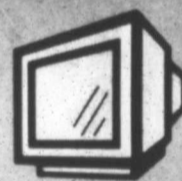
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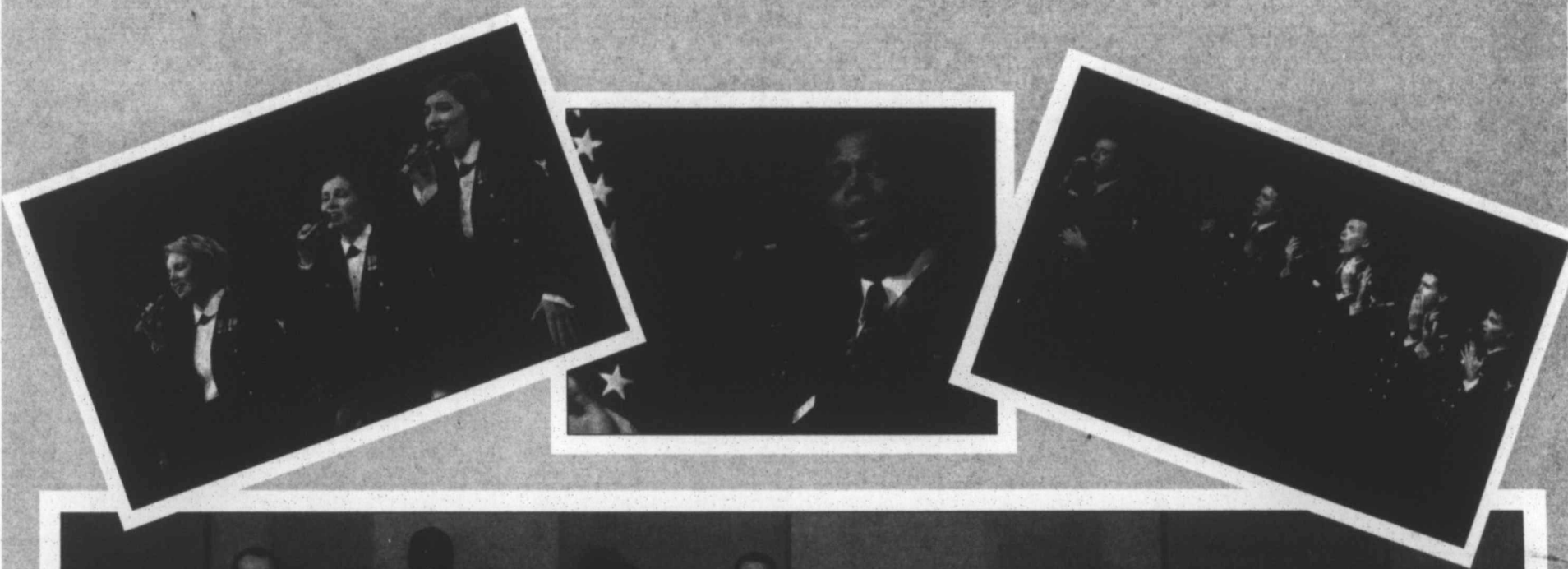
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MONDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING

FEBRUARY 16, 2009

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING

FEBRUARY 17, 2009

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING

FEBRUARY 18, 2009

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING

FEBRUARY 19, 2009

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| KACV | Big World | Barney | Sit-Be Fit | Fine Art | Curious Sid | Arthur | WordGirl | Fetch! | Ruff Cyberchase | Mays | Martha | News-Lehrer | The This Old House Hour | Spain-On Road | Globe Trekker | Iran | C. Rose | | | | | |
| KAMR | Days of Our Lives (N) / Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | The Bonnie Hunt Show | Rachael Ray | Ellen DeGeneres Show | News (N) | NBC News | News (N) | Entertain | Bones (N) / (PA) / Entertain | Friends / Two Men | Survivor: Tocantins (N) | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | |
| KCTI | Judge Mathis (N) / Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | The People's Court | Divorce Ct. | Young Judge | Judge | Judge | Malcolm | King of Hill | Lopez | Raymond | Friends / Two Men | Survivor: Tocantins (N) | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | |
| KFDA | News (N) | Bold | As the World Turns (N) | Guiding Light (N) / (E) | Dr. Phil (N) | Dr. Phil (N) | Dr. Phil (N) | Inside Jeopardy! | Jeopardy! | News (N) | CBS News | Millionaire | Survivor: Tocantins (N) | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | |
| KVII | News | Paid Prog. | One Life to Live (N) | General Hospital (N) | Judge Judy | Judge Judy | Judge Judy | Oprah Winfrey | Oprah Winfrey | News | ABC News | News | Fortune | Ugly Betty (N) / (E) | Grey's Anatomy (N) | Grey's Anatomy (N) | Grey's Anatomy (N) | Grey's Anatomy (N) | Grey's Anatomy (N) | Grey's Anatomy (N) | Grey's Anatomy (N) | |
| A&E | The First 48 (E) | The First 48 (E) | The First 48 (E) | The First 48 (E) | The First 48 (E) | The First 48 (E) | The First 48 (E) | The First 48 (E) | The First 48 (E) | The First 48 (E) | The First 48 (E) | The First 48 (E) | The First 48 (E) | The First 48 (E) | The First 48 (E) | The First 48 (E) | The First 48 (E) | The First 48 (E) | The First 48 (E) | The First 48 (E) | The First 48 (E) | |
| AMC | Story | Movie *** "The Untouchables" (1967) | Kevin Costner | Movie *** "The Godfather" (1972, Crime Drama) | Marlon Brando, Al Pacino, James Caan | Movie *** "The Godfather, Part II" (1974, Crime Drama) | Al Pacino, Robert Duvall | Movie *** "The Godfather, Part III" (1978, Crime Drama) | Al Pacino, Robert Duvall | Movie *** "The Godfather, Part IV" (1983, Crime Drama) | Al Pacino, Robert Duvall | Movie *** "The Godfather, Part V" (1988, Crime Drama) | Al Pacino, Robert Duvall | Movie *** "The Godfather, Part VI" (1993, Crime Drama) | Al Pacino, Robert Duvall | Movie *** "The Godfather, Part VII" (1998, Crime Drama) | Al Pacino, Robert Duvall | Movie *** "The Godfather, Part VIII" (2003, Crime Drama) | Al Pacino, Robert Duvall | Movie *** "The Godfather, Part IX" (2008, Crime Drama) | Al Pacino, Robert Duvall | Movie *** "The Godfather, Part X" (2013, Crime Drama) |

FRIDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING

FEBRUARY 20, 2009

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| KACV | Big World | Barney | Garden | Paid Prog. | Curious Sid | Arthur | WordGirl | Fetch! | Ruff Cyberchase | Mays | Martha | News-Lehrer | Wash Wk | NOW | Bill Moyers Journal (N) | Time Goes | Summer | C. Rose | | | | |
| KAMR | Days of Our Lives (N) / Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | The Bonnie Hunt Show | Rachael Ray | Ellen DeGeneres Show | News (N) | NBC News | News (N) | Entertain | Bones (N) / (PA) / Entertain | Friends / Two Men | Survivor: Tocantins (N) | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | CSI: Crime Scn | |
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| A&E | (10:30) Miami "Fate Out" | Crossing Jordan | The Sopranos | American Justice: Spree | Cold Case Files | Cold Case Files | CSI: Miami "Fate Out" | CSI: Miami "Rush" | CSI: Miami "Burned" | Criminal | CSI: Miami "Apollo 13" | CSI: Miami "Hank" | CSI: Miami "The Last Day" | CSI: Miami "The Last Day" | CSI: Miami "The Last Day" | CSI: Miami "The Last Day" | CSI: Miami "The Last Day" | CSI: Miami "The Last Day" | CSI: Miami "The Last Day" | CSI: Miami "The Last Day" | CSI: Miami "The Last Day" | |
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SATURDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING

FEBRUARY 21, 2009

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| KAMR | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Action Sports | From Lake Tahoe, Calif. | Gymnastics American Cup | From Chicago, Ill. | Gibbons | NBC News | Kingdom | Paid Prog. | Kingdom | McLaughlin | Law Order: CI | Law & Order: SVU | Law & Order: "Sweetie" | News (N) | News (N) | News (N) | News (N) | News (N) | |
| KCTI | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | |
| KFDA | College Basketball: Army at Navy or Tenn. at Ky. | PGA Tour Golf Northern Trust Open - Third Round | (Live) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| KVII | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Race to March Madness | College Basketball North Carolina at Maryland | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A&E | The Best "Nadia" | The Best "E" | The Best "H" | Movie *** "Fight Club" (1999) Brad Pitt, Edward Norton | Movie *** "The Last Samurai" (2003, Adventure) Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe | Movie *** "The Last Samurai" (2003, Adventure) Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe | Movie *** "The Last Samurai" (2003, Adventure) Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe | Movie *** "The Last Samurai" (2003, Adventure) Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe | Movie *** "The Last Samurai" (2003, Adventure) Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe | Movie *** "The Last Samurai" (2003, Adventure) Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe | Movie *** "The Last Samurai" (2003, Adventure) Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe | Movie *** "The Last Samurai" (2003, Adventure) Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe | Movie *** "The Last Samurai" (2003, Adventure) Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe | Movie *** "The Last Samurai" (2003, Adventure) Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe | Movie *** "The Last Samurai" (2003, Adventure) Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe | Movie *** "The Last Samurai" (2003, Adventure) Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe | Movie *** "The Last Samurai" (2003, Adventure) Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe | Movie *** "The Last Samurai" (2003, Adventure) Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe | Movie *** "The Last Samurai" (2003, Adventure) Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe | Movie *** "The Last Samurai" (2003, Adventure) Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe | Movie *** "The Last Samurai" (2003, Adventure) Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe | Movie *** "The Last Samurai" (2003, Adventure) Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe |

Starting a Household Budget -- and Sticking to It

Starting a household budget and sticking to it is analogous to living a health-conscious lifestyle. Just as exercise and a good diet are needed to stay physically healthy, wise spending and living within your means are needed to stay financially healthy. With a bit of discipline and an eye to keeping records, you'll find it easy to live on a budget.

Expenses such as rent or mortgage payments, car payment, utilities, insurance (which may be annual or biannual), food and entertainment. Make sure you include everything that is considered a need in your family budget, which are the things you just can't live without. Total up the needs and mark that number down. Now take the time to add up your expenses and see what you're really spending each month. If you primarily use debit or credit cards for your daily expenses, you'll want to go over these carefully and make note of where your money is going. If you like to use cash, buy yourself a tiny notebook and take it with you for the next month to write down everything you spend.

You may be surprised when you add up all the little expenses from the month. Determine how many of those little expenses were really needs and add that number to the "needs" column. Record the amount spent on "wants" or extras in another column and total up how much your family is spending on wants. Your target budget will consist of numbers from both columns.

If your income is greater than the wants and needs columns combined, you may decide you want to leave things as is. If you decide you need more cash flow in your budget, you will have to change something up. Think of the needs column as wholesome foods and the wants column as snacks and junk foods. Living healthy means saying no to sweets, and living on a budget may be as simple as reducing your monthly spending on wants.

Getting more income is another way to live on a budget. Ask yourself if you are making the most you can for your skill level and experience. Is it time to start looking for a new job that pays better? When was the last time you discussed your salary with your boss? Is there a side business or second job you might enjoy doing for extra cash? Consider your options and see if there might be a way for you to increase your income without decreasing your expenses.

Burn Off That Junk Spending
 Be inventive as you look for ways to stay on your budget. Holidays and family events are obvious budget-busters if you spend to excess, but there are also little things you can do every day to trim your spending.

- Instead of expensive dates out, try staying in and renting movies, cooking together and inviting friends over to play cards or relax. If you have children, trade babysitting services with a friend or relative who also has children.
- Do your own hair, nails and facials at home or at low-cost salons until your budget allows for such indulgences.
- Bring your own beverages -- buying coffee or a soda while you're out is much more expensive than bringing your own from home.
- Pack your lunch at home and reduce budget-breaking lunches out.
- Use the library instead of buying CDs, DVDs and books.
- Do your best to anticipate what big expenses will be coming up and plan your budget accordingly. Wait until you actually have the cash on hand to purchase expensive splurges, such as a new game system for the kids or a new lawn mower for yourself.
- Pay off your credit cards, starting with the cards that charge the highest interest rates. Make payments on time so you don't waste money on late charges. If you're carrying a balance on more than one credit card and you pay one off, apply that money to the balance on the next card so that you're reducing principal and minimizing the amount you pay in interest.
- Reward Yourself for Meeting Budget Goals
 Identify your financial goals, and remind yourself and your family of these goals often. You can use charts and rewards such as celebrating with a special meal or indulging in a treat once you reach a financial milestone.

Count Your Financial Calories
 You may need to slash your spending to stay on budget. The only way to accomplish this is by doing some adding and subtracting, tracking your expenses and your income. Many people prefer to track their finances online or using specialized budget software, but a simple spreadsheet on your computer or a pad of paper and pencil will do just as well. List all of the big, monthly



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I clearly remember my first Valentine's Day. I was in first grade. A few days before, my mom asked how many kids were in my class, and we went to a store and bought large packages of valentines -- one for every child in the class. The cards were all the same size and said, basically, the same thing. When I arrived at school, each classmate had a small box on his or her desk. At some point during the day, I went around the room and gave each child a valentine. There was one for the quiet one in the back, the most popular girl in class, the prettiest and even the boys. This was long before society taught me that such a show of affection had to exclude people of the same gender as me. By the end of the day, everyone had a full box of valentines to take home. One desk, one box ... the love of a child. As I grew older, society taught me to narrow my offering of affection, picking only those I chose to be special or worthy. Eventually, I was taught to limit my valentines to only one person. More time went on, and then a card was not enough. To show that really special person what she meant to you, you needed to send flowers, candy and jewelry. Apparently, as we grew older it took more and more to fill those boxes. Now we absolutely could not give to more than one person. People hire detectives to make sure that the person isn't filling anyone else's. And if you had no one to send you anything, you were saddened by your big, empty box filled only with sadness and despair. Today, I am taking back from society what it has taken from me. I'm counting how many people play a role in my life, and I am buying "virtual" packages of cards. I have one for every single one of you -- man or woman, young or old, straight or gay, married or single. Each card is the same size, they all say the

same thing -- that I appreciate who you are and what you have to contribute to each other. I invite each and every one to do the same, so that no box is empty and the shy ones, the pretty ones, the popular ones and those who are less so go home tonight with a full box of valentines. One virtual desk, one virtual box, and the love of a child at heart. I wish you all a happy Valentine's Day. -- ERIC IN LOS ALAMITOS, CALIF.

DEAR ERIC: Your letter touched me -- and I am sure that everyone who reads it wishes the same for you.

DEAR ABBY: I'm being married in a few weeks -- my third marriage, his first. We live together and keep our finances separate, which works for us. We intend to keep things that way after the wedding. My problem is I want to keep my maiden name, and my fiance wants me to adopt his. Having been divorced twice, I speak from experience when I say what a pain it is to change one's name on checking accounts, credit cards, etc. I love my fiance and believe he's the man I'll grow old with, but I would like to keep my name. Am I being selfish, or have you any thoughts as to how I can keep "me" on paper and still make my future husband happy? -- HAD IT WITH ALIASES IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR HAD IT: Believe me, I do sympathize with your dilemma. However, I have a question: Which is more important to you -- the hassle you'll go through one more time, or your fiance's feelings? Let the answer be your guide.



Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Advanced

DAILY HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Feb. 16, 2009:
 This year, be smart: Avoid getting caught up in the details with bosses or those in charge. You will need to shoulder more responsibility than in the past, and you will do it quite successfully. Aim for more networking, socializing and enjoying the good times. Don't lose sight of your goals, and you will be pleased with the end results. Friendships expand and, at the same time, you might meet a whole new crowd. If you are single and you want to be with someone, you will. Remember, this year you can have what you want. If you are attached, the two of you will be much happier if you socialize more. Team up for an important goal. **SAGITTARIUS** is a true friend.

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)
 ***** When others are confused, you are clear and direct. Try to help them understand what is happening. You might want to indulge a loved one or special person in your life. Detachment works much better, as there is a crossfire of emotions. Tonight: Put on a favorite piece of music.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** Though you might have planned to do this or that, you could have little chance of actually doing it, as there is an overload of calls, requests and people looking for you. Stop the onslaught by screening your calls and closing doors. Tonight: Talk with one person at a time.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 *** Dive into your work or errands

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009:
 Be willing to risk and take a giant step forward. If you get past some fear or concern, you could be delighted by the end results of blazing a new trail. In many ways, you set a new standard. Be willing to set a new precedent. If you are single, you might meet someone special when out and about. You feel many responsibilities weighing on your shoulders. If you are attached, relating as a friend is your specialty. Perhaps add more friendship to your significant relationship. **SCORPIO** pushes you into the limelight.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ***** Plan a special day with a beloved friend, family member or partner. You don't always get along 100 percent, yet you have a great time. Serious moments infuse laughter. Let it all happen. Tonight: Continue the duo theme. This Week: Your mind often wanders. Grand thoughts come to you often. Try harnessing them.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** Your happiness often stems from good company. Many people appear available to romp and play. With all the activity, you might need some quiet time at some point. Don't hesitate to spoil one special person. Tonight: Live it up.
 This Week: Focus on one person at a time. Others prove to be highly responsive.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** Accomplishment marks your activities. Whether planting some bulbs, raking some winter away or playing a tough game of Scrabble, you enjoy yourself. Remember to give a child the edge. Tonight: Start thinking about work.
 This Week: Others come forward; listen to their suggestions. A talk is necessary Thursday.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)

knowing that somehow, someone could stop you dead in your tracks. You will want to share with a key person who often adds insight and new ideas. Brainstorm away together. Tonight: Sort through an offer.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** Plug your creativity where it counts. Emphasize key priorities in your daily life. If you enjoy day-to-day occurrences, you will be a happier person. Make time to schedule a doctor's appointment. Tonight: Work as late as you can.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** Though you might be slow to get going, trust that you will pick up speed. In fact, your *joie de vivre* comes out full force, perhaps making you unstoppable once you get going. Others finally seem to be ready to open up. Tonight: So what if it is Monday?
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Express yourself directly and with determination. Sometimes others test your thinking by asking odd questions. Listen to what is really being said. If you can, cut out of your workday to spend time with family, or just head home. Tonight: Anchored at your pad.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** Your possessive side emerges when dealing with a child, loved one or a high-risk situation. Communication flourishes later in the day. Someone expresses his or her caring in a meaningful way. You might not believe everything you hear! Tonight: Out and about. Sniff the flowers.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
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***** Your imagination plays a significant role in plans. Your friends tap into your wild side. Play with a child, but don't continue to treat him or her like a child. Communication abounds within your immediate circle. Tonight: Ever playful.
 This Week: Pace yourself. You have a lot of ground to cover.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** Be clear to others as well as yourself. You want to spend some time alone. Stay in touch with friends through texting on the phone. Kick back. Look at an investment carefully. You don't want a backfire. Tonight: Order in.
 This Week: Express your innate ingenuity and creativity. Others will want to share more as a result.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Others do their best to lighten your mood. Do you realize how serious you can become? Live for now, not tomorrow; don't go over the past. A talk and relationship will take on a new tone if you can change your attitude. Tonight: Visit with friends.
 This Week: Keep opinions close to the chest. Open up Thursday, especially to someone you see as creative and dynamic.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** You might feel a bit out of sorts, despite yourself. Relax as the unexpected revitalizes your mood and plans. Go with the flow. Isolate yourself, and you might not be as buoyant or easygoing. You could make a big deal out of a situation, but why? Tonight: Time to treat yourself.
 This Week: Speak your mind. Schedule appointments. Others want your impressions.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** You are all smiles. Others clearly would like to monopolize your time, if not your entire day. Creativity and romance will bubble forth if you are open. No matter what phase of life you are in, you smile from ear to ear. A dear friend touches base. Tonight: The world is your oyster right now!
 This Week: Take a hard and realistic look

Maintaining your budget might more double when you allow yourself a treat or two. Tonight: Treat time!
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** Become more present with those in your life. Whether it means starting your day late, having a long-overdue discussion or something else, don't hesitate. As the day gets older, you'll accomplish more. Tonight: All smiles.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** The earlier you get going, the better your day will be. Your energy and ideas peak; you could clear out much of your to-do list. Don't allow others to slow you down or cause a problem. Tonight: Review your budget! Pay bills.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** Clear out your must-dos in the earlier part of the day. Responsibilities keep dropping on you, wherever you are. Take time to organize a get-together or go to a meeting. Don't be surprised when business turns into pleasure. Tonight: Where the action is.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** You have a wonderful imagination that carries you to yonder lands and experiences. Use your finely tuned ingenuity and mind to knock an issue out of the ballpark. You will know you are on a winning track. Tonight: A must appearance.

BORN TODAY
 Actor LeVar Burton (1957), ventriloquist Edgar Bergen (1903), singer, politician Sonny Bono (1935) ***

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COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSAL FOR PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL ROOF REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT PAMPA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PAMPA, TEXAS

Sealed proposal for furnishing all labor and materials for the roof removal and replacement of the Pampa High School building belonging to the Pampa Independent School District will be received no later than March 10, 2009 at 4:00 p.m., at the Pampa ISD Administration Building, 321 W. Albert, Pampa, TX.

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and / or other documents may be requested by contacting: Ms. Vickie Crenshaw, PE, Crenshaw Consulting Group, LP, 414 North Turner, Hobbs, New Mexico, (575)393-0073 C-26 Feb. 13, 15, 2009

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2-14 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

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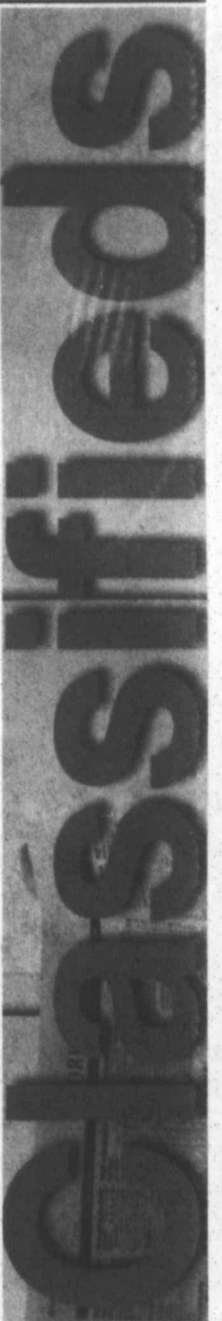
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: LET US BE OF GOOD CHEER, REMEMBERING THAT THE MISFORTUNES HARDEST TO BEAR ARE THOSE WHICH NEVER HAPPEN. — J.R. LOWELL

at your budget. Then act accordingly.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** Do a vanishing act. Perhaps you are overdue for some private time, which could be contributing to a less-than-great mood. How you handle a changing situation depends on the advice you get. Start considering who to have this talk with. Tonight: Early to bed.
 This Week: Use your power days of the week well. Others respond to your energy. Get going!
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** Zero in on what you want, instead of what others want. Bringing friends together for a hike, picnic or a movie adds to your happiness. Be sensitive to your budget; you don't want to do any collateral damage. Tonight: Consider taking Monday off.
 This Week: Think, reflect and lay low. Thursday, come out of your cocoon.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** Many eyes look to you. You prefer to be independent and on your own. Accept the compliment of being a role model, but consider an escape! Tonight: Start thinking "work."
 This Week: You are on top of your game. Stay centered, and you could hit one home run after another.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** Your ability to read between the lines makes a huge difference. Note what is happening with a partner or friend. Though you cannot pry this person open, you can be receptive to his or her cues. Tonight: Watch a movie.
 This Week: Pressure builds and builds. Make a point of taking mini breaks. Thursday, you start feeling better.

BORN TODAY
 Astronomer Galileo Galilei (1564), comedian Chris Farley (1964), actress Jane Seymour (1951) ***

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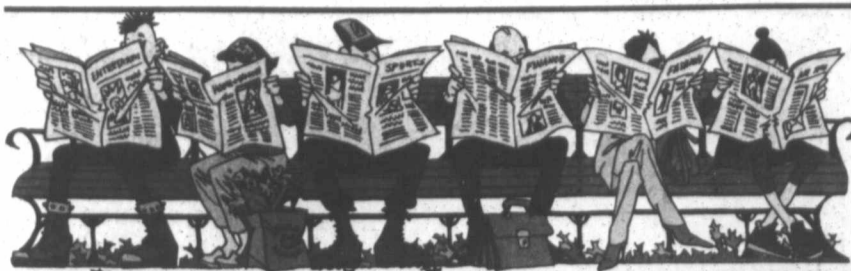
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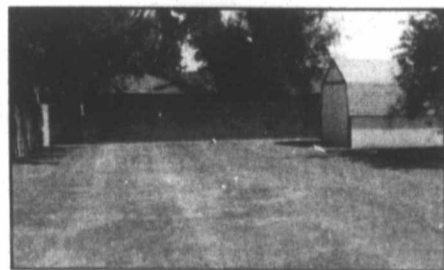
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- Are you a licensed mortgage broker or loan officer in Texas?
- Is your company a mortgage banker or a mortgage broker? (A banker lends its own funds; a broker searches mortgage sources and arranges for you to receive financing from the lending entity.)
- What is the name, phone number, and e-mail address of the person who will actually be processing my loan application? How accessible is that person?
- Tell me about all loan fees. What fees must I pay up front? What fees will I have to pay at closing?
- How can you assure me I won't pay unnecessary "add-on" fees?
- Do the costs you are quoting include the lender origination fee?
- Are there loans available with no origination fees? No closing costs? Reduced closing costs?
- What are your interest rates?
- Is there a fee to lock in my interest rate? How long can I lock in the rate? If interest rates go down, can I relock at the lower rate? If so, will there be a fee for that?
- What information must I provide to get a mortgage loan?
- What documentation will I have to provide?
- Will you require current tax returns? (Take note of this especially between Jan. 1 and April 15 if you haven't prepared your return yet.)
- How long will it take to get complete and unequivocal loan approval and be ready to close?
- I plan to stay in this house for ___ years. Can you show me the breakdown of any ARM loans you offer vs. fixed-rate loans to see which could save me the most money in my situation?
- What is private mortgage insurance? Other than a 20% down payments, how can I avoid the private mortgage insurance?
- In the last three months, how many loan applications have you taken and how many have you been unable to close?
- Can you give me names and phone numbers of two or three people for whom you've funded loans in the last two months?

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WATCH FOR OPEN HOUSES COMING SOON

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OPEN HOUSE TODAY
2:00 TO 4:00
1525 N. DWIGHT
PRICED AT \$129,5800
ROBERTA BABB - AGENT

2206 CHESTNUT- Cute three bedroom home in the Austin school area. Living room has hardwood floors, large country kitchen, covered patio, nice back yard with a 13'X19' pool room complete with a pool table. Storage building is 16'x12'. Double garage. MLS 08-8168

CRANE STREET- Three new homes on new developed street. Pick your carpet and colors. Each have three bedrooms, woodburning fireplace. Formal dining areas. Open floor plan. Granite countertops in kitchen and baths. Lovely homes.

N. RUSSELL- Cozy home on a corner lot. Large living room with fireplace. Exterior has vinyl siding for low maintenance. 3 bedrooms with 1-3/4 baths, basement, double garage. MLS 08-8150

COMANCHE- Spacious 4 bedroom with new carpet and paint. New dishwasher and microwave. Open living area and kitchen. Tile entry, kitchen and utility room. Covered patio and workshop in back. Sprinkler system and double heated garage. MLS 08-8141

DOGWOOD -Very nice home that has been redone. New carpet, hardwood floors, new paint, new cabinet tops. Open living, dining and kitchen areas. Woodburning fireplace, nice built-in. Large isolated master has a large bath and closet. All bedrooms have walk-in closets. Large utility room, large back yard with nice trees. MLS 08-8138

TERRY- Nice 3 bedroom home with siding. Glass doors in kitchen with center island. Bath has been updated with new tile tub surround. Single garage. MLS 08-8182

GRAPE- Lovely executive home with great curb appeal. Custom-built with extra large master suite and setting room. Master bath has tub and shower with 2 walk-in closets. Utility with pantry, covered patio, storage building, nice game room, kitchen has ash cabinets and large breakfast bar. MLS 08-8181

N. CHRISTY- Nice 3 bedroom home with 1-3/4 baths. Storm cellar is 8' X 14'. Also included is a garage and workshop in back yard. Dining area is in kitchen. MLS 08-8174

WILLOW- Nicely decorated home with three bedrooms. New paint and carpet throughout. 2 baths. The kitchen has been completely remodeled. Home is totally electric. Double garage. MLS 09-8217

N. ZIMMERS - Spacious two story home with 3 bedrooms, with open floor plan for comfortable family living. Small formal living area, large spacious sunroom off den. Nice office and utility room, fresh paint and some new carpet, laminate flooring and tile. Double garage. MLS 08-8186

CHRISTINE- Two story colonial home with 5 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, sprinkler system, 2 living areas, basement, parquet floors and new carpet upstairs, woodburning fireplace, security system, formal living and dining rooms, master has wonderful dressing area and full bath. Double garage. MLS 08-8104

CHEROKEE- Very nice home that has been updated within the past two years with new tile & countertops in the kitchen. Large utility room with good pantry. French doors leading to covered deck. Master has walk-in closet and 3/4 bath. 12'x24' storage building with electricity. Beautiful fireplace covers one wall. MLS 08-8104

BRADLEY - Nicely decorated two bedroom with vinyl flooring in living, kitchen, and utility. Hardwood floors in bedrooms, new gas lines under house. Large storage building, patio, carport in front. MLS 08-8101

COMANCHE- Four bedroom home with 2 living areas and a woodburning fireplace. Neutral colors and very well-kept. Isolated master, new heat and air, new fence, 1-3/4 baths, storm windows, storage building, and a double garage. MLS 08-8131

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May Apply

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DATE February 16-21st, 2009

Doug Boyd Customer

\$ 500⁰⁰

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Five hundred & 00/100

DOLLARS

**Must Present Prior to Test Drive in order to be valid. Cannot be used as part of or any down payment. Cannot be used as a payment for a previously purchase. The 500⁰⁰ will be applied to the purchase price only Good only at Doug Boyd Motor Co. Feb 16-21s 2009.

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Not a Valid Check

2003 Toyota Highlander



\$15,495

2005 Chevrolet Colorado



\$14,995

2003 Chevrolet S10



\$12,995

2007 Nissan Sentra



\$15,995

1998 Toyota P4V4



\$6,995

2007 Chevrolet Silverado



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\$11,995

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\$11,995

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\$21,995

2005 Chevrolet Aveo



\$7,995

2006 Chevrolet HHR



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| P1694 | 2006 | Buick LaCross | Sandstone | \$14,995.00 |
| P2008 | 2000 | Cadillac Escalade | Tan | \$11,995.00 |
| P2066 | 2007 | Chrysler PT Cruiser | White | \$10,995.00 |
| P2088 | 2004 | Chrysler Sebring | Grey | \$7,995.00 |
| P2081 | 2007 | Dodge Nitro | Black | \$1.00 |
| P1972A | 1999 | Chevrolet S10 | Blue | \$5,995.00 |
| P2094 | 2002 | Saturn L Series | Silver | \$5,995.00 |
| P1946A | 1999 | Toyota Camry | Pewter | \$3,995.00 |
| P2095 | 1998 | Toyota Celica | White | \$8,995.00 |
| P2068 | 2002 | Toyota Tacoma | Pewter | \$12,995.00 |
| P2091 | 2004 | Chevrolet Impala | Maroon | \$9,850.00 |
| P2092 | 2003 | Cadillac CTS | Pewter | \$12,995.00 |
| P1971 | 2002 | Chevrolet Impala | Brown | \$8,995.00 |
| P1976 | 2008 | Chevrolet Monte Carlo | Pewter | \$12,995.00 |
| P1804 | 2000 | Chevrolet Suburban | Red | \$10,495.00 |
| P1818 | 2006 | Chevrolet Uplander | Silver | \$12,495.00 |
| P1903 | 2005 | Chevrolet Suburban | Maroon | \$18,995.00 |
| P1904 | 2008 | Chevrolet Silverado | Black | \$21,995.00 |
| P2063 | 2009 | Mitsubishi Eclipse | Blue | \$20,995.00 |
| R1961 | 2003 | Mazda 6 | Yellow | \$9,850.00 |
| P2082 | 2006 | KIA Spectra | White | \$8,995.00 |
| R2073 | 2004 | Ford Mustang | Blue | \$8,995.00 |
| P1890 | 2002 | Ford Excursion | Gold | \$18,995.00 |
| R1954 | 2002 | Dodge Ram Pickup | Black | \$15,995.00 |
| P1687A | 2006 | Dodge Magnum | Pearl | \$15,995.00 |
| P1682 | 2006 | Ford Explorer | Tan | \$15,495.00 |
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