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Community welcomes LifeStar

Chopper to be based at PRMC

Pampa Regional Medical Center CEO Todd Lorenz called the addition of a LifeStar medical helicopter to the PRMC campus, "A new era of health care" in our community.

Hundreds of people gathered Friday afternoon at PRMC to welcome LifeStar here.

88th District Representative Warren Chisum was flown from Amarillo on the chopper and quipped that while he appreciated that he got the first ride—he hoped it would be his last.

"What a day for Pampa," Chisum told the crowd. "This helps make us a major health care center."

PJ Lemons, assistant director of lifestar said, "This could cut the time in half—from time of call to the hospital."

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staff photo by Betsy Phillips

Personnel from LifeStar were on hand Friday to answer questions and show off the medical helicopter that will be based in Pampa through the efforts of hospital and elected officials in partnership with Northwest Texas Healthcare System and LifeStar. More photos of the welcoming ceremony are on page 8.

Revamped water proposal goes to individual districts

AMARILLO—Members of Groundwater Management Area 1 will be returning to their individual groundwater district boards with another proposal concerning how much water they want to retain in the aquifers beneath the Texas Panhandle for future generations.

In December, Groundwater Management Area 1 board members voted to send a proposal back to its member groundwater districts that would keep 40 percent of

the water in storage in 50 years in Dallam, Hartley, Sherman and Moore Counties on the western side of the panhandle.

The proposal would allow Hemphill County on the eastern side of the panhandle to keep 90 percent of their water in storage for 50 years, while the remaining 13 counties—Gray, Carson, Wheeler, Roberts, Randall, Armstrong, Donley, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hutchinson, Potter and Oldham Counties—would have 50 percent of their

water left in storage in 50 years.

In action taken at their meeting here Friday afternoon, the Groundwater Management Area 1 board, which consists of representatives of the White Deer-based Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District (the groundwater district in which Pampa resides), the Dumas-based North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, Lubbock-based High Plains Underground Water District and Canadian-

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greater pampa area chamber of commerce
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2009 annual banquet

Texas health department takes over recall

DALLAS (AP) — The Texas Department of State Health Services is taking over the recall of products shipped from a peanut processing plant that shut down amid nationwide salmonella fears.

The state agency is stepping in because the Peanut Corp. of America plant in Plainview has been unresponsive, state officials said Friday.

The Lynchburg, Va.-based Peanut Corp. of America filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy Feb. 13.

The day before, Texas health officials ordered an initial recall of all products ever shipped from the Panhandle plant after inspectors found dead rodents, feces and bird feathers in a crawl space above a production area.

"When you order a recall and don't get a response you've got to do something to protect the public," Doug McBride, a spokesman for the Texas Department of State Health Services, said Friday. "They weren't going to do it, so we are doing it."

State health safety workers are now notifying manufacturers, distributors and retailers believed to have received products from the Plainview plant and asking them to take appropriate action to protect consumers.

Some companies who did business with PCA have already issued recall notices in response to news coverage last week. Notices are also posted online at www.fda.gov.

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FRESH FISH



photo by Rachel Stennett

1,150 Rainbow Trout were dumped into Recreation Lake Thursday afternoon (Feb. 19). The fish were put into the lake by the Texas Department of Wildlife services for strictly fishing purposes, according to Ryan Rogers, biologist.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
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High 65 Low 37	High 66 Low 40	High 69 Low 45
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Tonight: Clear, with a low around 31. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.
 Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 65. Wind chill values between 22 and 32 early. Windy, with a south wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.
 Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 37. South wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
 Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 66. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east.
 Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 40. East southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.
 Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 69. Calm wind becoming southeast around 5 mph.
 Tuesday Night: Clear, with a low around 45. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Cash Five Texas results

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 9-11-8-37-21.
 Number matching five of five: 0.
 Matching four of five: 100. Prize: \$372
 Matching three of five: 3,256. Prize: \$8
 Matching two of five: 31,749. Prize: \$2
 Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

Police: Girl kidnapped from Texas found in Ohio

WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, Ohio (AP) — Authorities say a 5-year-old girl kidnapped from Texas was found safe in the parking lot of a central Ohio truck stop.
 Sheriff's deputies found the girl Friday morning and arrested her parents. Authorities say they not have legal custody of the child and had driven with her from Texas in an 18-wheel semitrailer after taking her from a supervised visit.
 Forty-six-year-old Angela Williams and 57-year-old Carl Forlano, both of New Hartford, N.Y., are being held in the Fayette County Jail on fugitive of justice and kidnapping charges pending extradition proceedings. Neither has a lawyer listed in jail documents.
 The girl was taken to Fayette County Children Services pending her return to Texas.

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For the record

Marjie Holland, 78

Pampa, Texas — Marjie Holland, 78, died February 18, 2009, in Tomball, Texas.
 Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, February 23, 2009, at First United Methodist Church, with Dr. Lewis Holland, nephew and retired Methodist minister, officiating.
 Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.
 Mrs. Holland was born March 15, 1930 in Sapulpa, Oklahoma. She attended the University of Texas at Austin, and attended St. Anthony's School of Nursing in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma where she became an RN. Marjie married Bennie

Holland on February 6, 1955 in Kellerville. He preceded her in death on November 14, 1981. She was a nurse for 42 years, the last 20 of which she served as an area nurse for the Texas Department of Health. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Koinonia Sunday School class and the Chancel Choir. She was a member of the Pampa Art Club and volunteered as a reading mentor for Pampa ISD.
 Survivors include one son, Cliff Holland and wife Wendy of Stanley, North Carolina, one daughter, Marsha Baumann and husband Chris of Cypress, one grandson, Erik Baumann of Cypress, two sisters; Zelda McClellan of McLean and June

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Holland

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Holcombe of Midland and numerous nieces and nephews. Marjie was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest Clifford and Mabel Simpson West and a brother, Ernest West.
MEMORIALS: First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, Texas 79066-1981, or American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, Texas 79065.
SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Sunday, February 22, 2009, from 6:00-7:00 PM.

Luis Ernesto "Cheto" Granillo, 50

Pampa, Texas — Luis Ernesto "Cheto" Granillo, 50, died February 19, 2009, in Lubbock, Texas.
 There are no local services scheduled. Burial will be in Mexico. The body will be available for viewing at his home at 945 Barnard until Tuesday morning, February 24,

2009. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.
 Mr. Granillo was born October 2, 1958 in Gran Morelos, Chihuahua, Mexico. He had been a resident of Pampa most of his life. He worked for Cabot for several years and

was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church. He was a good son, brother and friend.
 Survivors include his mother, Ramona Castillo of Mexico, four sisters; Irene Granillo, Elva Granillo and Elsa Granillo, all of Mexico and Maria Granillo of Pampa, two

brothers; Mario Granillo of Denver, Colorado, and Jose Granillo of Pampa. Ernesto was preceded in death by a brother, Humberto Granillo.
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NASA delays space shuttle launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA delayed the launch of space shuttle Discovery for a fourth time on Friday amid valve concerns, and managers are uncertain when the flight will take place.
 Following a 13-hour meeting at Kennedy Space Center, shuttle managers decided against launching next week. The launch had been targeted for no sooner than Feb. 27; no new date was set.
 Officials said they believe they have a realistic shot at launching

Discovery to the international space station before mid-March. After that, the shuttle would have to get in line behind a Russian Soyuz launch with a new space station crew, and the next opportunity for Discovery would be after April 6.
 NASA originally hoped to send Discovery to the space station, with one final set of solar wings, on Feb. 12. But extra tests were ordered for the valves that control the flow of hydrogen gas into the external fuel tank during liftoff. One of those valves

broke during the last shuttle launch in November.
 Shuttle program manager John Shannon said "we were really, really close" to approving the launch. But some of the test data were not available until late in the week and did not allow for full scrutiny, and a few small mistakes were found in the data.
 "There was just a sense of unease that we did not quite have the rigor that we typically expect for a question like this," Shannon told reporters late Friday night. "It's a very complicated problem."

He said more tests will likely be needed.
 NASA wants to make sure if another valve breaks, Discovery and its seven-man crew will be safe. Officials said they're still not certain why the valve, cracked on the last flight.
 The three valves are located in the shuttle engine compartment and route gaseous hydrogen into the fuel tank to keep it pressurized properly.
 Only nine space shuttle flights remain.

Woman blames copter maker and operator for son's death

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — A woman whose son was killed when a helicopter headed to an oil platform crashed in the Gulf of Mexico is suing two companies in the death.
 Gayle Spikes filed a lawsuit against helicopter transportation company Rotorcraft Leasing Co., LLC and Fort Worth, Texas-based Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc., the craft's manufacturer.
 Her son James Cody Smalts, 23, of Conroe, was one of five men who died Dec. 11 when the air taxi helicopter they were in crashed south of Sabine Pass.
 According to the lawsuit, Smalts' he had been in the water for about 4 1/2 before his body was found. He

died from asphyxia due to drowning, with complications from hypothermia, the Beaumont Enterprise reported.
 Before the helicopter crash, snow fell over Southeast Texas for the first time in decades. The lawsuit said "the helicopter sat outside, uncovered, in an ice and snowstorm and was covered with ice and snow" before the flight left.
 The lawsuit alleges that Bell Helicopter was negligent by designing the helicopter to be "susceptible to engine failure caused by ingestion of snow and ice." Rotorcraft was negligent in the maintenance and operation of the helicopter, the suit contends.

A man who answered the telephone at Rotorcraft on Saturday declined to comment. Bell Helicopter did not return a message left by The Associated Press on Saturday.
 A preliminary report from the National Transportation Safety Board said pilot Joseph Laugelle of Quincy, Mass., filed a flight plan with the company's communication center. But it did not receive a status report 15 minutes later, which was company policy.
 Spikes seeks to recover funeral and burial expenses plus damages for the mental anguish and pain and suffering her son experienced while waiting to be rescued.

Poor records, repairs contributed to accident

AUSTIN (AP) — The fatal capsizing of a Texas A&M University sailboat last June was due in part to the school's inability to keep adequate records and examine and repair its fleet, according to a report prepared by the U.S. Coast Guard.
 Texas A&M spokesman Jason Cook told the American-Statesman that the university would need to review the Coast

Guard's findings as well as the university's own investigation, which is ongoing, before reaching any conclusions about the incident.
 The Cynthia Woods capsized when its keel and a portion of the hull surrounding it broke off during a race in the Gulf of Mexico. Safety officer Roger Stone drowned. Five other crew members spent 26 hours in the water until they were rescued.

The 52-page report provides a more detailed look at the Texas A&M fleet than a summary of the Coast Guard's findings released in December, according to the newspaper.
 "Vessel's hull failed after multiple groundings, improper storage of the

vessel on its keel in the marina and inadequate repair to known damage," the report stated.
 Only 15 of the 65 boats at the Texas A&M-Galveston campus survived Hurricane Ike, and those vessels are still grounded, Cook said.

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 The Sandra Jo Norton Family

Water districts meet

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based Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District, changed the proposed water storage amount, or desired future condition of the aquifer, for Hemphill County from 90 percent to 80 percent.

The new resolution has been sent back to the member districts for their boards approval or disapproval before a public meeting of GMA1 on March 13, to decide the desired future condition of the aquifer and submit that decision to the state for water planning purposes.

The decision to lower the amount of water in storage in Hemphill County was made following a computer model report from the Texas Water Development Board that indicated if the counties surrounding Hemphill County all pumped 50 percent of their water, Hemphill County could not pump any water if they were to meet their 90 percent goal.

Richard Smith, who ran the computer model for the Texas Water Development Board, said if the sur-

rounding counties pumped 50 percent of their water over the 50 year period, Hemphill County could have 80 percent of their water remaining and still produce 55,000 acre-feet of water per year for that half century.

The numbers are of particular importance to water marketers and exporters. The amount each groundwater district wants to keep in the ground will affect the amount that exporters can pump and ultimately the value of the water rights in the area.

Mesa Water, which is seeking buyers for the some 200,000 acres of water rights it holds in three different groundwater districts in the panhandle, has complained to state lawmakers and the Texas Water Development Board over the differing desired future conditions across the Groundwater Management Area.

Mesa said that the landowners in Hemphill County are being prevented from pumping and selling their groundwater at a rate equal to other

landowners in the panhandle.

At the same time, at least one lawsuit has been filed because the North Plains district has a policy of allowing the western portion of their district — Dallam, Hartley, Sherman and Moore Counties — to pump up to 60 percent of their water while restricting the eastern counties — Ochiltree, Hansford, Lipscomb and Hutchinson Counties — to pumping only 50 percent of their water resources.

With the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, of which Pampa is a member, negotiating to buy some of Mesa's water rights, including some in Ochiltree, Lipscomb and Hemphill Counties, the value of that water and the amount that can be pumped could be crucial to Pampa's future water supply.

In December, Gray County rancher John R. Spearman, president of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District and member of the GMA1 board, voted

against the proposed differentiated desired future conditions, saying that the Groundwater Management Area's decision should be uniform across the region.

Spearman will present the new proposed desired future condition to the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District board when they meet March 4, in White Deer.

The other districts will also review the proposed desired future condition of the aquifer when they meet in early March.

The different representatives of the water districts will bring their boards' directions back to Groundwater Management Area 1 when it meets at 1:30 p.m., Friday, March 13, in Amarillo.

Danny Krienke of Perryton, president of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District and president of GMA1, indicated Friday that he expected the GMA representatives to vote for a final desired future condition at their March meeting.

Jackson: GOP governors "posturing" on stimulus

ATLANTA (AP) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson accused GOP governors who are considering turning down some money from the federal stimulus package of "political posturing" and said such a move would hurt everyone, especially the South.

Though none have flatly rejected the money available for education, health care and infrastructure, the governors of Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alaska, South Carolina and Idaho have all questioned whether the \$787 billion bill signed into law this week will help the economy.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry said earlier this week he would accept the money available under the package and South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford said being against the plan doesn't preclude taking the money.

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal said Friday he doesn't want his state to tap into \$98 million in stimulus money for expanding unemployment benefits for thousands of people who wouldn't normally be eligible to receive them. He

said accepting the money would require a permanent change in state law that would force businesses to pay higher unemployment taxes once the federal dollars run out in a few years.

U.S. Rep. James Clyburn, D-S.C., was especially critical of southern Republican governors who might reject stimulus funds, calling such a move "slap in the face of African-Americans." Clyburn, the highest-ranking black congressman, said Texas, Louisiana and South Carolina "are in the proverbial black belt" and for the governors of those states to decline dollars would hurt black residents.

Those governors have rejected Clyburn's comments as absurd and divisive.

On Friday, Jackson, head of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, said the poor — who are disproportionately located in the South — cannot afford to be left out of the stimulus plan.

"It would be hurtful to the region," Jackson said. "The governors themselves are living quite comfortably, living in public housing. They should

put their interest for people over any kind of ideology or political dispute."

Jackson said the governors should follow President Barack Obama's example of bipartisanship.

"People in the South and in the rest of the country need the money," he said. "To say you don't want the money, but to receive it is to posture. The stimulus will help all Americans. The governors should welcome that gladly."

Sanford spokesman Joel Sawyer said South Carolina officials are reviewing the bill to determine whether to reject part or all of the money. He took issue with Jackson's comments, saying rampant spending under the stimu-

lus bill will devalue the dollar, hurting the poor.

"We would certainly challenge the premise," Sawyer said. "We think this bill is ultimately going to hurt the very people Mr. Jackson's talking about."

Kyle Plotkin, Jindal's press secretary, also dismissed Jackson's comments.

"Nonsense," he said. "The governor was elected to serve the people of Louisiana and he's fulfilling that obligation by taking a close look at the bill to see what strings are attached to any funds coming to Louisiana."

LifeStar here

Chopper — cont. from page 1

Bringing the chopper base to Pampa was no small feat and was accomplished through the partnerships of Northwest Healthcare services, LifeStar staff and PRMC.

County Judge Richard Peet told the crowd of the work DR. James Hall put in on the project. "He has worked night and day—this is his passion and we would not be here today without him."

A hangar and crew quarters will be installed behind PRMC in the near future.

Peanut recall

Peanuts — cont. from page 1

The Plainview plant operated unlicensed and uninspected for nearly four years.

Andrew Goldstein, the bankruptcy attorney for the peanut company, did not immediately return a phone message left by The Associated Press.

Federal investigators last month identified a Georgia peanut processing plant operated by Peanut Corp. as the source of the salmonella outbreak that has sickened more than 600 people and been linked to nine deaths.

More than 2,000 possibly contaminated consumer products have already been recalled in one of the largest product recalls ever.

At the Texas plant, inspectors found a ventilation system was pulling debris from the infested crawl space into production areas. The plant, which voluntarily closed Feb. 9 after preliminary tests showed possible salmonella contamination, was also ordered by the state to stop producing and distributing food products.

McBride said he did not know the volume of peanut products produced by the Plainview plant since its opening in March 2005.

State officials said they will try to force Peanut Corp. to pay for the cost of the recall.

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Pampa High School
 February 23 • Early Dismissal • 1:00 p.m.
 February 27-29 • Band UIL Solo/Ensemble
 February 28 • One Act Play Workshop • Bushland

Pampa Junior High School
 February 23 • Early Release • 1:15 p.m.
 February 23 • Moms Involved • 6:00 p.m. • Room # 16
 February 26 • Academic Pep Rally • 2:00 p.m.

Austin Elementary
 February 23 • Early Release • 1:15 p.m.

Lamar Elementary
 February 23 • Early Release • 1:00 p.m.
 February 24 • Kid's Cafe • 5:30-6:30 p.m.







Travis Elementary
 February 23 • Early Release • 1:15 p.m.

Wilson
 February 23 • Early Release • 1:00 p.m.
 February 23 • Kid's Cafe • 5:30-6:30 p.m.
 February 25 • BUGSZZZ presented by 1st Grade • 2:00 p.m.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, Feb. 21, the 52nd day of 2009. There are 313 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 21, 1965, black Muslim leader and civil rights activist Malcolm X, 39, was shot to death inside the Audubon Ballroom in New York by assassins identified as members of the Nation of Islam.

On this date:

In 1885, the Washington Monument was dedicated.

In 1916, the World War I Battle of Verdun began in France as German forces attacked; the French were able to prevail after 10 months of fighting.

In 1947, Edwin H. Land publicly demonstrated his Polaroid Land camera, which could produce a black-and-white photograph in 60 seconds.

In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon began his historic visit to China as he and his wife, Pat, arrived in Beijing.

'Just as a tree without roots is dead, a people without history or culture also becomes a dead people.'

— Malcolm X (1925-1965)

In 1975, former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and former White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman were sentenced to two to eight years in prison for their roles in the Watergate cover-up.

In 1989, the future president of Czechoslovakia, playwright Vaclav Havel, was convicted for his role in a banned rally and sentenced to nine months in jail. (He was released in May 1989.)

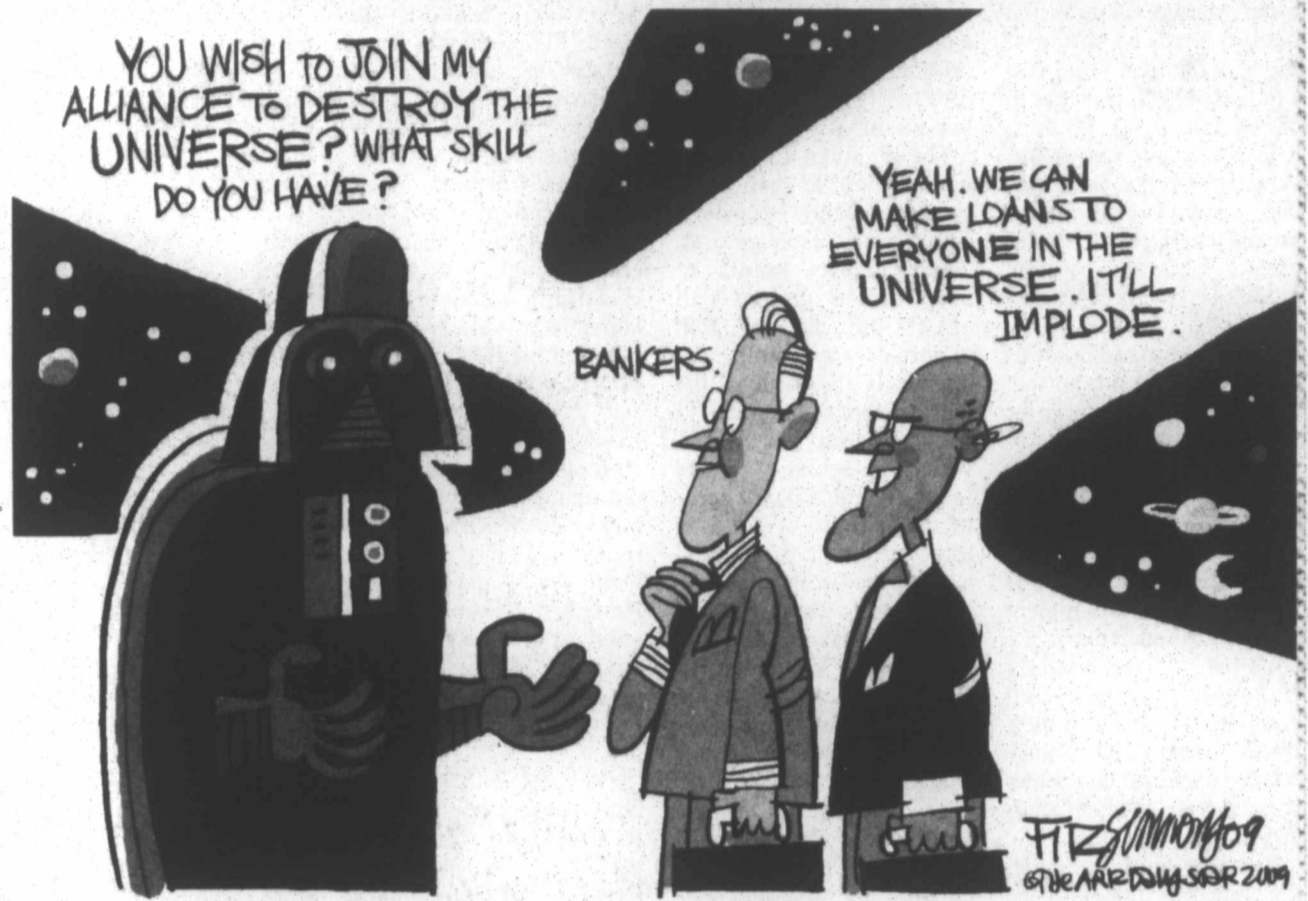
In 1995, Chicago adventurer Steve Fossett became the first person to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean in a balloon, landing in Leader, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Ten years ago: Secretary of State Madeleine Albright reported little progress toward a Kosovo peace settlement during talks in Rambouillet, France.

Five years ago: The International Red Cross visited former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, who was in U.S. custody.

One year ago: Serb rioters broke into the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade and set fire during protests against Western support for an independent Kosovo. President George W. Bush concluded his six-day African tour in Liberia, where he offered help to lift the country from years of ruinous fighting. A Venezuelan plane crashed in the Andes, killing all 46 on board. Author Robin Moore, who wrote "The French Connection" and "The Green Berets," died in Hopkinsville, Ky., at age 82. Former Arizona Gov. Evan Mecham, who was removed in a 1988 impeachment trial, died in Phoenix at age 83.

Today's Birthdays: Fashion designer Hubert de Givenchy is 82. Movie director Bob Rafelson is 76. Actress Rue McClanahan is 74. Film/music company executive David Geffen is 66. Actor Alan Rickman is 63. Actress Tyne Daly is 63. Actor Anthony Daniels is 63. Tricia Nixon Cox is 63. Sen. Olympia J. Snowe, R-Maine, is 62. Actor Kelsey Grammer is 54. Country singer Mary Chapin Carpenter is 51. Actor William Baldwin is 46. Rock musician Michael Ward is 42. Jennifer Love Hewitt is 30. Football player Braylon Edwards is 26. Singer Charlotte Church is 23. Actress Ellen Page (Film: "Juno") is 22.



Democrats hit ethics pothole

by Larry Margasak
Associated Press Writer

AP - The Obama administration and the new Congress are rapidly giving Republicans the same "culture of corruption" issue that Democrats used so effectively against the GOP before coming to power.

Democrats' ethical issues are popping up at a dizzying pace, after less than two months of party control of both the White House and Congress. Freshman Sen. Roland Burris, D-Ill. is only the latest embarrassment.

The only consolation is timing: It's nearly two years until the next congressional election, giving Democrats a chance to stop the bleeding in time.

Republicans know all about bad timing on ethics issues. Their scandals developed over a longer period. But they were hurt most by a scandal that broke shortly before the 2006 election.

It was revealed that then-Rep. Mark Foley, R-Fla., wrote suggestive notes to former teenage male pages, and several Republican lawmakers and officials failed to act when they learned of the situation.

The Democrats stepped up their campaign theme of a "culture of corruption," and it resonated all the way to the voting precincts. Democrats then regained

control of the House.

Senate Democrats were blindsided by Burris, because they believed what he told them, that he was clean. Burris now acknowledges that he tried to raise money for Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who authorities say sought to sell President Barack Obama's former Senate seat.

"The story seems to be changing day by day," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said Wednesday.

The political mess for the Democratic Party, however, isn't Burris' conduct alone; it's the pattern that has developed so quickly over the past few months:

- The chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., is the subject of a House ethics investigation. It's partly focused on his fundraising practices for a college center in his name, his ownership financing of a resort property in the Dominican Republic and his financial disclosure reports.
- Federal agents raided two Pennsylvania defense contractors that were given millions of dollars in federal funding by Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., chairman of the House Appropriations defense subcommittee.

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• Blagojevich was arrested Dec. 9 on federal charges, including allegations that he schemed to sell the Senate seat to the highest bidder.

• Tom Daschle, the former Senate majority leader from South Dakota, abandoned his bid to become health and human services secretary and the administration's point man on reforming health care; and Nancy Killefer stepped down from a newly created position charged with eliminating inefficient government programs. Both Daschle and Killefer had tax problems, and Daschle also faced potential conflicts of interest related to working with health care interests.

• Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner was confirmed to his post after revealing he had tax troubles.

• Obama's initial choice for commerce secretary, Bill Richardson, stepped aside due to a grand jury investigation into a state contract awarded to his political donors.

• While the Senate voted overwhelmingly to confirm William Lynn as deputy defense secretary, Obama had to

waive his ethics regulations to place the former defense lobbyist in charge of day-to-day operations at the Pentagon.

The No. 2 Senate Democrat, Richard Durbin of Illinois, expressed anger about the Burris case Wednesday while he was on an official visit to Greece.

"I do believe that the public statements made by Mr. Burris to this point have raised questions ... as to the nature of his relationship with the former governor and the circumstances surrounding his appointment," Durbin said. Reid said in Nevada, "Now there's some question as to whether or not he told the truth."

Where to go next? Reid had no answer.

"What I think we have to do is just wait and see," the Senate leader said.

Senate Democrats now may be trapped in their own ethics system. Disciplinary action against a senator usually requires a long investigation by the Senate's ethics committee.

While a preliminary inquiry on Burris is under way, that's only the first step. And, with ongoing criminal investigations in Illinois, the committee probably would have to postpone any action - as it usually does - to avoid interference.

The optimistic Me Generation

by Martha Randolph Carr

Sometimes it appears that the scariest thing human beings can do is to keep on moving forward. This is one of those times. We're experiencing as a nation an economic jolt that is so large everyone has gotten swept up inside of it. That doesn't actually happen all that often. Even with a recession approximately every eight years since the Great Depression, there have always been sectors who appeared insulated from the whimsies of a free market system.

Magazines and talk shows were full of lists that let us in on where we could live now or what we could do for a living that would be termed safer. That was code for recession-proof.

That is no longer true. Those lists are gone and have been replaced by tours through foreclosed mansions in different parts of the country that could be had for a song. In New

York City there was even a long profile about a CPA who advertised his resume on a sandwich board that he wore downtown for almost a year until he landed a new job. We admired his moxie where before we might have questioned his need for drama.

It's been a shock to the system to watch so many people with some sizeable cha-ching be reduced to common folk over such a short period of time.

That tends to give some credence to the idea that it's all an illusion anyway. An idea like that will lead some people to give up completely and retreat to their couch, Cheetos firmly in hand. However, that same thought will give some Americans the mental permission they've needed to head out on their own.

Reports about an uptick in new business start-ups in the U.S. are supporting the latter and in what might be a surprising age group. The baby boomers who are now over fifty are leading

the pack and have decided once again they can do it themselves. Frankly, that fits the demographic but it may be surprising to everyone else who thought we might be ready to relax.

A better term for the generation that brought flower power and a run-up on Wall Street, which may sound contradictory at first, would be The Optimistic Me Generation. A new kind of OMG.

There has never before, and maybe never again, been such a large bunch of people who have consistently believed that things could be better and they can help make it that way. Sometimes it had led us down a narcissistic path and probably had a lot to do with our love of plastic surgery but it's also created a generation who give more of their time and money to charities.

Boomers love a challenge and believe in the common good. It's a powerful mix. We are constantly looking for balance but with the idea that life is



Martha Carr

supposed to be enjoyed. Hence our foibles but that also means we eventually figure out when we've gone too far and start looking for the balance again.

The next generations appear to be more pragmatic, including the new president and that's probably a good reaction to what they've witnessed in their parents. They may even be the generation that figures out a careful plan to walk us out of the current economic quagmire and onto a saner monetary platform.

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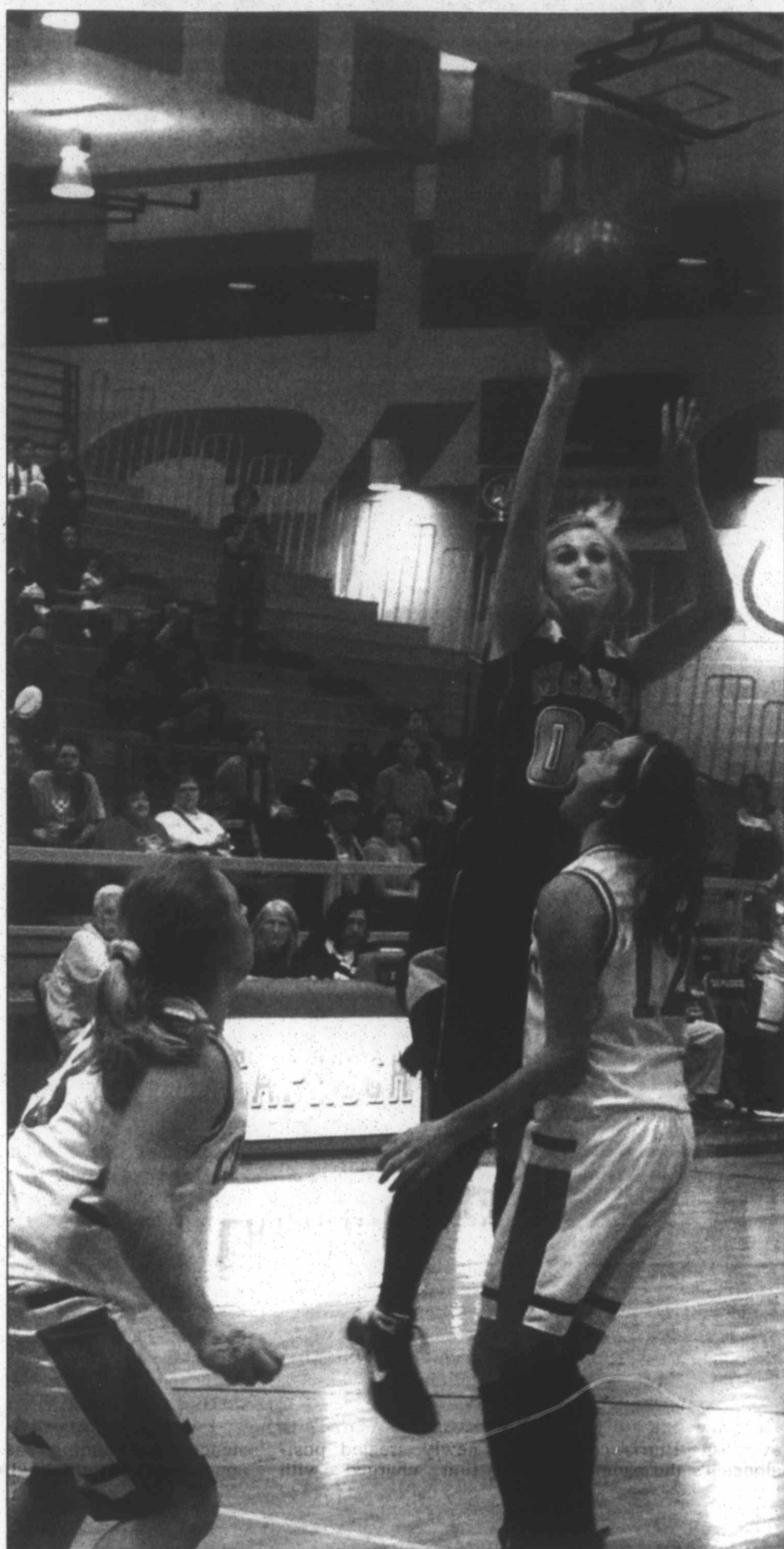
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McLean defeats Channing for area trophy



by Mike Haynes
The McLean Lady Tigers held off a late rally by Channing to win the area trophy in Class 1A Division II basketball Friday night in Amarillo.

After holding big leads in the first half, McLean defeated Channing 53-51 to advance to the next round. The Lady Tigers will play Fort Elliott at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Wheeler.

Alexis Menefield led McLean with 14 points against Channing, followed by

Sheri Haynes and Ashley Byron with 11 each. Nancy Castillo had 8 points.

McLean led 18-8 after one quarter, 29-18 at the half and 39-35 after three quarters in the game, played at Caprock High School.

The Lady Tigers had beaten Channing 55-51 in overtime on Jan. 6.

Tuesday's game with Fort Elliott also will be a rematch. McLean won the first game 56-49, in overtime on Nov. 20, scoring the last 20 points of the game.

Rangers sign right-hander Kris Benson

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Right-hander Kris Benson, the first pick in the 1996 draft by the Pittsburgh Pirates, signed a minor league contract Saturday with the Texas Rangers.

Benson reported to camp as a non-roster invitee. The Rangers, who are looking to add depth to their rotation, worked out Benson earlier in the week.

Benson, 34, last pitched in the majors in 2006, going 11-12 with a 4.82 ERA for Baltimore. He has a career record of 68-73 with a 4.34 ERA with the Pirates, Orioles and Baltimore Mets.

He missed the 2007 season after having surgery to repair a torn right rotator cuff. He was 14 with a 5.52 ERA in 11 starts for Lehigh Valley, the Philadelphia Phillies' Class AAA affiliate, last year. The Phillies released him on Aug. 30.

With the addition of Benson, the Rangers have 32 pitchers in camp.

photo by Mike Haynes
McLean's Ashley Byron (00) shooting, also against Adriana Vasquez (12) of Channing. Byron had 11 points.

Arrest in deaths of Curry ex-girlfriend, her baby

CHICAGO (AP) — Police said Saturday they had arrested a suspect in the slayings of the former girlfriend of New York Knicks' player Eddy Curry and her infant daughter.

Police spokeswoman Laura Kubiak confirmed Saturday that one person was in custody. She said charges were pending.

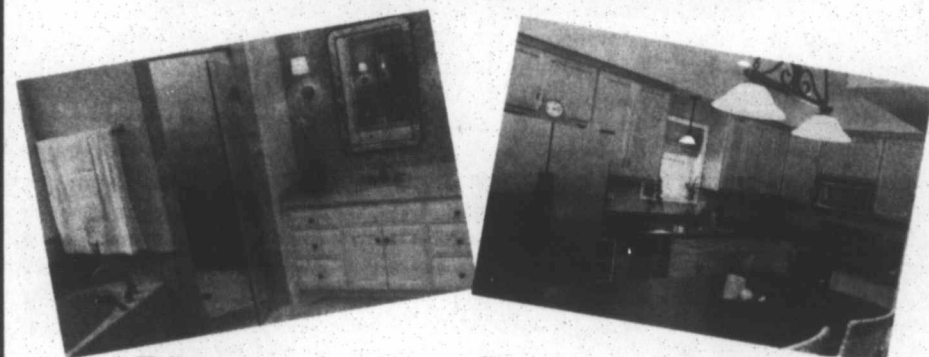
Kubiak said police believe the person under arrest killed Nova Henry, 24, and her 9-month-old daughter, Ava, who were found dead of multiple gunshot wounds in their apartment on Jan. 24.

Henry was the mother of ex-Chicago Bulls player Curry's 3-year-old son. The boy was found unharmed at the scene.

Knicks spokesman Jonathan Supranowitz said by e-mail to The Associated Press that Curry had no comment.

Kubiak said she could not confirm details of the arrest. The Chicago Tribune reported Saturday that Henry's mother, Yolana Henry, said a detective informed her after midnight that a Chicago man, a more recent boyfriend of her daughter's, was in custody.

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Dad, 81, to Allen Stanford: "Do the right thing"

MEXIA, Texas (AP) — Stanford Financial Group, which federal regulators say is involved in a massive investment fraud, has described members of its board of directors as seasoned financial minds overseeing the bank's executive team.

In fact, two of those members who live in this dusty Central Texas town are octogenarians who live in quiet retirement. One of them is a stroke victim who hasn't communicated with anyone in almost nine years.

The other is James Stanford, the 81-year-old father of the central figure in the alleged fraud, R. Allen Stanford. The elder Stanford keeps a small office in Mexia (pronounced Muh-HAY-uh) with a sign that says "Stanford Financial Group" outside but who readily acknowledges he just uses it as a place to "hang out."

James Stanford said he couldn't believe the allegations against his son and would be heartbroken if they were true. But he added his advice: "Do the right thing."

Allen Stanford, who has an offshore banking empire, is accused of perpetuating an \$8 billion fraud by luring investors with promises of high returns. James Stanford, who uses a walker and has difficulty moving his neck, said he was blindsided by the allegations: "I have no earthly knowledge of it," said Stanford, who ran a small insurance company from this town of 6,600 about 100 miles south of Dallas.

While they are not named in the civil complaint from the Securities and Exchange Commission, regulators said that Allen Stanford was helped in running the Antigua-based operation by his father and another Mexia resident described on the company's Web site as being an "active investor and cattle rancher."

But that man, O.Y. Goswick, 85, had a stroke in 2000 and has been unable to communicate, said his son, Richard, 63.

"Carrying on a conversation is nonexistent,"

Richard Goswick Sr. said. And the Texas cattle ranch, whose description conjures up images of vast acreage with thousands of heads of cattle, was about 40 acres and a handful of livestock.

Even before the elder Goswick's stroke, Richard Goswick said neither his father nor James Stanford had the financial knowledge to understand what would have been happening in the company.

"These two gentlemen were so far out of place," he said.

Employees and clients of Stanford Financial were told a different story. Besides the imagery of a gentleman cattle rancher, a 2008 letter to shareholders said the directors, "most of whom have been with the bank for most of its 22-year history, have been instrumental in our prior success and will continue to play a vital role in the bank's future."

Goswick said the men were given positions on the board in its infancy and were kept on through the years.

A bank's board of directors is responsible for overseeing management's stewardship of deposits and investments. But only two people on the board — Stanford and James Davis, his college roommate — knew how the money was invested, the SEC alleges.

Richard Goswick said he has never had a business relationship with Allen Stanford, but did see him socially on occasion, mostly many years ago.

In contrast to his son, who is a knight in Antigua and lived an opulent lifestyle with homes in several countries, James Stanford and his wife have a small white frame home

with black shutters. He declined to discuss the contrast between his lifestyle and that of his son's, except to say that he and his wife "choose to live modestly."

"I don't have anything to hide," said James Stanford, who said he would participate in board meetings via teleconference.

James Stanford said the first inkling he had that his company was troubled was when his son called him last week and told him to look at a weekend edition of The Wall Street Journal.

"I was totally surprised," he said.

But Allen Stanford has faced hundreds of millions of dollars in federal tax liens going back to 2007, so it's likely he already was aware of the problems.

His father doesn't believe his son committed fraud. "I would be totally surprised if there would be truth to it. And disappointed, heartbroken," James Stanford said of his billionaire son.

James Stanford said his son, whom he hopes has done nothing wrong, should talk to investors. As of Friday afternoon, he had not spoken with his son since the prior week.

"I don't want to see anybody lose their money," said Stanford, who was dressed neatly in a suit as he spoke in his office Thursday, a nearby photo showing a smiling father and son.

In the early 1980s, James Stanford said he and his son bought distressed properties in Austin and Houston during the oil industry bust and the S&L crisis in the 1980s, when prices were precipitously low, upgraded them and sold them when the market got better.

Allen Stanford was born in Mexia, but left at the age of 9 when his parents divorced. He went to high school in Fort Worth.

Local businessman Dick Flatt said that Allen Stanford is not well-known in Mexia.

"I doubt that a handful of people know who Allen was, older people know James," said Flatt, who owns Flatt Stationers downtown and gained brief fame when then-Sen. Phil Gramm said he considered his constituent Flatt's needs when making decisions in Washington.

Several people around Mexia expressed respect for the elder Stanford, who Flatt said was "a pillar of the community."

"James has got a very good reputation. He's a good guy," he said. "It's just a sad deal," Flatt said.

Goswick said his mother told him that the elder Goswick wanted to resign, but Allen Stanford wouldn't let him because Goswick deserved the income.

"That is a statement of generosity," he said. He declined to discuss how much his father was paid, but noted his father is not wealthy.

"My parents have a very modest income," he said. "They don't have a \$1 million retirement account," he said.

Billie Stanford, 73, Allen Stanford's stepmother, said that townspeople had been

kind as news broke. A Baptist preacher who they didn't know stopped by and said the church's congregation was praying for them.

Mexia is surrounded by the wide-open Texas countryside. Several storefronts in its fading downtown seem abandoned, one full of junk and many with so much dust on them people have written in it. A store called "Mexia's Bridal & More," sells soccer jerseys and cowboy hats as well as gowns.

The town gained notoriety when the late Playmate Anna Nicole Smith claimed it to be her hometown even though she only lived there a few years as a teenager.

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“Storm Stories” returns for spring season

By **FRAZIER MOORE**
AP Television Writer

Button up your overcoat. Keep your umbrella within reach. Now you're ready for "Storm Stories," which returns for a new season on the Weather Channel, and will help keep things stormy during the network's special Tornado Week.

The series, which chronicles true stories of survivors and rescuers battling extraordinary weather events, begins with the tornado that slammed Windsor, Colo., last spring. It airs Sunday at 8 p.m. EST.

More new episodes air at the same time Monday through Thursday, featuring the deadly tornado that struck Parkersburg, Iowa, last year; the Greensburg, Kan., tornado that wiped out the entire town in May 2007; the "Super Tuesday" tornadoes that cut a swath over a wide area of Arkansas, Kentucky and Tennessee in February 2008; and the "Boy Scouts Tornado" that hit the Little Sioux Scout Ranch in western Iowa last June.

Along with "Storm Stories," the Weather Channel will introduce other programming to mark the start of tornado season. Programs include "Tornado!," which delves into the danger and unre-



In this image released by The Weather Channel, destruction from a tornado is shown in Windsor, Colo., on May 22, 2008. The storm will be part of "Storm Stories," which chronicles true stories of survivors and rescuers battling extraordinary weather events, airing Sunday at 8:00 p.m. EDT on The Weather Channel.

dictability of tornadoes (airing Monday at 9 p.m. EST) and "Super Outbreak," a new episode of "When Weather Changed History" that revisits April 1974, when 148 tornadoes tore through the Midwest and South, killing 335 people (Wednesday at 9 p.m. EST).

On-air meteorologist Jim Cantore is host of "Storm Stories."

Other shows to look out for:

- It started with heated words exchanged between

a field hand named Pete Hernandez and his employer in the tiny town of Edna, Texas, in 1951. Things got out of hand, and Hernandez murdered his boss. The case went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, where a band of underdog Mexican-American lawyers successfully challenged routine judicial discrimination against Mexican Americans. The documentary "A Class Apart" tells the story of this landmark legal case, Hernandez vs. Texas,

which held that Mexican Americans were "a class apart" and did not neatly fit into a legal structure that recognized only blacks and whites. It addressed not Hernandez's guilt, but whether he could receive a fair trial with an all-Anglo jury deciding his fate. This "American Experience" episode airs Monday at 9 p.m. EST on PBS (check local listings).

• On the premiere of "The Chris Isaak Hour," country superstar Trisha Yearwood starts things off with a song accompanied by Isaak and his band, Silverstone. Only then does Isaak sit down with his guest for a cozy chat. That's the format for Isaak's new talk-and-music series, airing Thursday at 10 p.m. EST on the Bio channel. Singer-songwriter-actor Isaak previously starred in the Showtime comedy "The Chris Isaak Show" and has released nine albums. On his new series, he intersperses talk and performance for a well-rounded visit with each guest. In future weeks they include Stevie Nicks, Smashing Pumpkins, Chicago, Glen Campbell, Michael Buble and Yusuf Islam (formerly Cat Stevens).

- The nation's flawed system of foster care provides the backdrop for a

new Lifetime movie, "America," starring Rosie O'Donnell. Based on E.R. Frank's book of the same name, the film centers on 17-year-old America, a withdrawn and troubled boy who has been in foster care since infancy (played by newcomer Philip Johnson). He's the newest patient of Dr. Maureen Brennan (O'Donnell), who's a therapist at a residential treatment facility for foster kids on the cusp of "aging out" of the system. Ruby Dee plays the elderly nanny to the foster family with whom

America found a brief measure of stability as a child. But now, after years in cruel limbo, a tormented, suicidal America is under the care of Brennan, whose support gives him a last chance to reclaim his life. "America" premieres Saturday at 9 p.m. EST.

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HOUSTON (AP) — As her spending habits, wardrobe choices and overall behavior became fodder for the media and the public, the young princess became the object of gossip, backbiting and derision that ultimately led to her gruesome downfall.

Sex, lies, but no videotape for Marie Antoinette, the legendary French queen seen by Houston Ballet Artistic Director Stanton Welch as an 18th-century version of modern-day celebrities stalked by paparazzi and splashed across supermarket tabloids.

"I thought it was an interesting parallel," he said of the title character in his new ballet "Marie," which holds its world premiere this week in Houston. "She died for the sins of France and all the kings and queens that had gone before her. It wasn't necessarily for her. She was a victim."

While arts companies around the country are cutting productions, laying off staff and even closing, Houston Ballet is readying the three-act story ballet about the life and death of the woman at the center of the French Revolution.

The production already was on the drawing board and contracts signed before the money crunch hit nationwide, prompting companies like the Sacramento Ballet to cancel the rest of its season, the New York City Ballet to shorten its summer season and the Miami City Ballet to eliminate its live orchestra and trim its dancer roster.

But C.C. Conner, Houston Ballet's managing director, said the nation's fourth-largest ballet routinely provides for new productions in its annual budget.

"We're not one of the companies that only does it if we can go raise specific money for a specific ballet," he said. "It's philosophical for us to know we're going to do new productions on an ongoing basis."

He also noted Houston Ballet, with 54 professional dancers, a \$20 million budget this year and a \$60 million endowment, has a tradition of staging big full-length ballets with original stories.

"Marie" could cost \$1 million, Welch said. The production is scheduled for six performances beginning Feb. 26 at Houston's Wortham Theater. Then the cast hits the road for New Orleans where "Marie" on March 27 was to be the first dance performance at the newly renovated Mahalia Jackson Theatre.

Welch acknowledges the subject matter isn't without risk, but sees ballet often falling into a habit of marketing the easy sell of "anything Walt Disney did."

"But we're not a kid's art form," the choreographer said. "We deal with entirely adult subjects, although every now and again we might have a child-oriented thing."

Melody Herrera, Houston Ballet's 25-year-old principal dancer, has the lead role, playing Marie beginning at age 13 when she learns she's being sent to France until she is executed at age 38.

"To see things like ballets and operas and art can be an enriching experience and certainly Marie Antoinette is a large figure in history," she said. "It's a very emotional story. It's a very complicated story."

Being a new work can be an advantage, she said, "as far as making things your own, making things fresh, making it unique."

"But it's also a little bit more pressure because no one's ever seen it." At the guillotine, Marie "dies with her dignity, that she served her purposes and stayed strong," Herrera said. "I really like that part."

The music of Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich, politically persecuted by Stalin, provides the score arranged by Ermanno Florio.

"The melodies are very beautiful, but there's always this harmonic undercurrent of tension and stress," Florio said. "And so the music fits very well."

Almost two years in the making, London-based designer Kandis Cook created the sets and more than 150 costumes ranging from tattered garments for rowdy Parisian revolutionaries to Antoinette's royal wedding gown.

"It's very exciting," she said. "It's an honor to be doing pieces of this scale. It's very rarely done."

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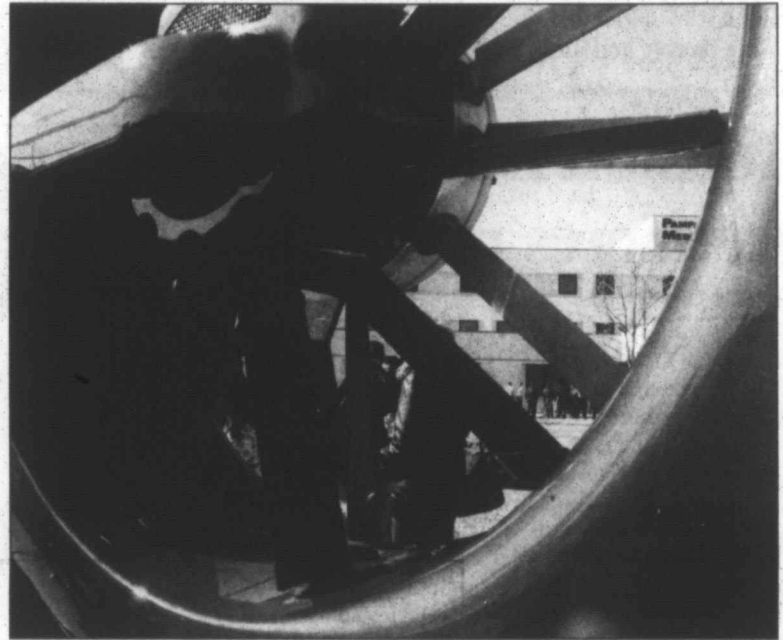
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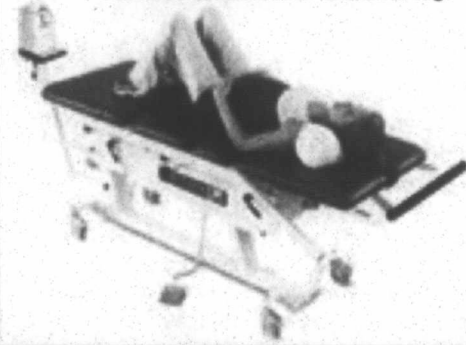
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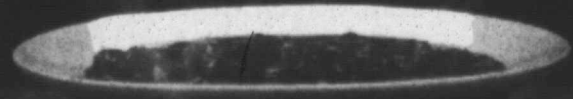
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Octuplet mom and doc benefited from alliance

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Long before she gave birth to her octuplets, Nadya Suleman delivered for her fertility specialist.

Like clockwork, she had babies every year but one between 2001 and 2006. The six children she had during that period accounted for a big share of the success stories at Dr. Michael Kamrava's clinic. And Kamrava touted his feats with Suleman on the local news.

But that track record — together with the birth of the octuplets on Jan. 26 — has raised eyebrows among doctors and ethicists who wonder whether Kamrava disregarded professional standards and used Suleman to boost his stats and improve his standing in the highly competitive and lucrative field.

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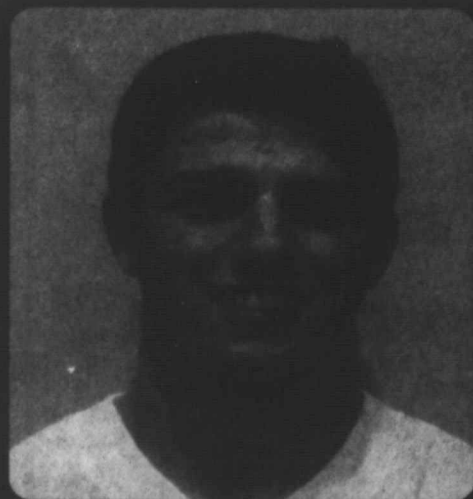
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CALLED TO SERVE

Dallas cardiologist reflects on military service

DALLAS (AP) — Within days of the 9/11 attacks, Jerrold Grodin responded in a way thousands of other Americans did: He marched into an Army recruiter's office and enlisted.

But Grodin wasn't your typical fresh-faced recruit. He was a 50-something doctor, a board-certified cardiologist with a long-established group practice at Baylor Hamilton Heart and Vascular Hospital. And he had three college-age daughters and a wife of 26 years, whom he hadn't yet told of his plans to enlist. At a time when his peers were thinking ahead to retirement, Grodin was about to trade in his blue scrubs for green Army fatigues.

Now, approaching the end of his commitment with the Army Reserve, he is being called a hero for his service, which included two tours in Iraq as an internist and critical care doctor.

But eight years ago, his decision caught even those closest to him by surprise. His family thought he was heedlessly putting his life at risk. Friends and colleagues wondered if he was having a midlife crisis.

What would cause a doctor, with a prestigious and lucrative practice, a family man with deep roots in his community, to willingly turn his life upside down and throw himself into the most dangerous place on earth?

The decision brought a feeling of release from an old burden: Grodin was finally answering a calling avoided for decades. The only thing he wasn't certain of was how the Army would react.

"I wasn't sure they would take a 52-year-old guy," he said. "And I wasn't in the best shape."

His calling

To understand Jerry Grodin's calling, you have to know where he and his family come from.

His grandfather, David Kaplan, was born in Poland. He studied to become a rabbi. But he repeatedly got in trouble for reading U.S. history instead of doing his lessons. He'd read the Federalist Papers and other books by American political thinkers, hiding them inside his Talmud, a collection of texts on Jewish law.

Kaplan arrived in El Paso in the 1930s after fleeing Poland to escape the Holocaust. Turned away from Ellis Island because of immigration quotas, he came ashore at Veracruz, Mexico, made his way to Juarez and crossed the Rio Grande into El Paso.

During World War II, Grodin's grandfather took in Jewish soldiers from nearby Fort Bliss, offering home-cooked meals. "They called it Kaplan's USO," Grodin said.

Grodin's father, from Brooklyn, N.Y., met his mother, one of Kaplan's daughters, over one such meal. Irwin Grodin fought in World War II, flying a B-29 bomber on missions over Guam.

Jerry was born in El Paso in 1949, the oldest of six children. After synagogue, Jerry often walked home with his grandfather, listening to his stories. The old man would talk about how he felt the day he crossed the Santa Fe Bridge from Mexico into downtown El Paso to become a U.S. resident. "He'd say that to everybody else, the streets of El Paso may be just dust and mud. But to him, they were streets of gold!"

Grodin still treasures a book that his father, who died in April, gave him — "Brave Men," by legendary war correspondent Ernie Pyle. "That book

molded me. We'd look at photos of my dad during the war, shirtless, standing by his plane. Brave Men was my Dad," Grodin said.

Grodin said he's always "felt a debt of obligation to repay this country for keeping our family from being made into soap by the Nazis." And he felt that military service was the definitive way to repay that debt.

His first chance to serve was during the Vietnam War. He was in medical school, however, and a high lottery number in the draft allowed him to finish his studies. "I never felt well about that," he said.

His second chance came during the first Gulf War in late 1990. Again, Grodin thought about enlisting. But his children were too young.

That was that. Until Sept. 11, 2001.

Time to choose

Grodin's second daughter, Shoshana, was a senior at New York University and lived three blocks from the World Trade Center. After the second plane struck the Twin Towers, the Grodins could not get through to her. Anxious hours passed until Shoshana called. She had escaped by foot across the Brooklyn Bridge.

The next day, just weeks after celebrating his birthday, Grodin called a recruiter who told him to report to the Federal Building in downtown Dallas.

Grodin showed up at the appointed hour, 5 a.m., waiting in line with kids more than half his age to undergo a battery of tests and physical exams. At the registration desk, he recalled, a sergeant asked: "Are you here about your son?"

"No," Grodin said, flustered. "I'm here to serve my country."

For several weeks, he didn't tell anyone about his visit to the Army office. He knew his wife, Julee, would be angry, and he didn't want to tell her until he was certain the Army would take him.

When he finally broke the news, Julee let him have it.

"I was not happy," she said on a recent Sunday afternoon at the Grodins' home in North Dallas. "I was in shock and devastated and, 'How dare you do something like this big without consulting me? This is a family thing, and for you to do this without, you know, talking to the family about it.' I was very angry and resentful. It took a while to get over that."

Others were mystified. "I'm sure some people thought, 'Is he crazy? What the heck is he doing?'" said Dr. John Schumacher, a founding partner with Grodin of Cardiology Consultants of Texas. "I'm sure people were going, 'My God, what's he thinking?'"

Schumacher, however, saw something in the impulsive move by his longtime associate that made sense.

"Jerry has always been a very passionate man and always very patriotic and very committed to his Jewish faith," he said. "It isn't surprising to me that he would run out and do this."

Grodin didn't see his act as impulsive, but a long time developing.

Just as Pyle's "Brave Men" had influenced him, Grodin had been inspired as an adult by Theodore Roosevelt, often re-reading the famous speech called "The Man in the Arena."

He memorized the quote in which Roosevelt describes a man "whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly ... who spends himself in a worthy cause" and who, "if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly."

Another favorite quote was one attributed to Rabbi Hillel, a Jewish leader who lived around the time of Christ: "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am not for others, what am I? And if not now, when?"

In the aftermath of 9/11, Grodin said, "I was very aware that I was at a crossroads, that if I was going to do this, I had to do it now. There was no question there was a national emergency. I knew in terms of my age that I was pushing the envelope (and) that they might not even take me. And I knew that if not now, then when?"

He was commissioned a major on Dec. 23, 2001, and assigned to the 807th Medical Brigade, in Seagoville, southeast of Dallas. By the time he was activated, the war on terror had shifted to Iraq, mired in a bloody insurgency.

Operating under fire

In early 2004, Grodin deployed to Kuwait and then transferred to the 67th Combat Support Hospital at Forward Operating Base Diamondback in Mosul, Iraq. That spring saw a violent uprising among the Iraqi Shiite population.

His first night in camp, Grodin awoke to explosions and a loud voice over the base intercom shouting: "Bunkers! Bunkers! Bunkers!"

In the dark, as he staggered into the concrete bunker, he stubbed his foot and fell. "Who's that?"

someone asked, shining a flashlight and revealing a shelter crammed with nurses and doctors. "Oh, that's the new guy, Major Grodin," someone answered. He realized with a jolt that he was the only one stripped down to his skivvies.

The heaviest action came the nights of April 8 and 9, 2004. A stream of casualties came into the hospital. Because of nearby sniper fire, the medical staff was in "full battle rattle," wearing body armor and helmets and carrying weapons.

Grodin triaged the wounded and provided post-operative care. He worked 48 hours straight. Most of the casualties were American soldiers, but the medical staff also treated Iraqi locals and enemy combatants.

"You're talking about combat trauma, which is primarily high-velocity projectiles, gunshot wounds, very destructive," Grodin said. "You're talking about blast injuries from mortars and rockets. You're talking about burns."

In one case, his cardiologist training helped save a life. A special forces soldier had been shot through the back and the bullet had

deflated his lung. What the medical staff didn't know was that the bullet had also nicked his heart.

Noticing the soldier's bulging neck veins, Grodin realized the sac around the heart was filling with fluid — squeezing the heart and causing pressure to back up into his jugular veins. He quickly drained fluid in the sac, lowering the blood pressure, and sent the soldier into the operating room. He survived his wounds.

"It was a good thing he had a cardiologist working in the ER that day," Grodin said.

After Grodin returned from his first deployment, his wife noticed a difference. "He had a hard time relating to the simple, everyday things, like going to a movie, going to lunch, going out to dinner, the things I was used to doing," she said.

Grodin said it was hard to leave the war behind at first. After treating soldiers with gaping chest wounds, routine tasks like tracking his patients' cholesterol levels seemed almost superfluous. "It's very hard when you leave your men and women behind in your units and you know they're still doing all that."

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Ryan's influence on Rangers evident after year

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — When Nolan Ryan became president of the Texas Rangers, he promised an extensive evaluation of the organization that has never won a playoff series.

Only after that would he start making changes.

A year later, there still has been no drastic overhaul of the roster. Both the general manager and manager still have their jobs. And Texas had its eighth losing season in nine years.

Yet under Ryan's influence these really don't seem like the same old losing Rangers.

The Hall of Fame pitcher known for toughness and an unmatched work ethic during his 27 seasons emphasized harder offseason workouts for every pitcher, from youngsters in the low minors to veterans in the major league rotation. Then, on the first day of spring training this month in Arizona, they all threw live batting practice.

Ryan endorsed the plan the team already had in place to build from a minor league system recently tabbed by Baseball America as the best in baseball, a ranking certainly boosted by several top pitching prospects.

And Ryan helped smooth things with Michael Young, the five-time All-Star shortstop who initially demanded a trade when told of the team's plan to switch him to third base and make room for a 20-year-old prospect.

Ryan still isn't predicting when the Rangers will win again (their last playoff appearance was in 1999), but what he's seen in a year on the job has given him confidence that they will.

"I'm convinced we're going to get there," Ryan said. "I couldn't say that last year because I hadn't seen enough to make me feel that way."

Everybody knows that for the Rangers to become playoff contenders, they will have to depend on the development of pitching. Texas led the majors in scoring and batting average last season, but had the highest ERA (5.37) and most overworked bullpen.

The 62-year-old Ryan, who threw a record seven no-hitters with 5,714 career strikeouts, still looks fit enough to take the mound. But his role is much different from what it was when he ended his playing career with the Rangers (1989-93).

Now Ryan shares his knowledge and experience while providing quite an example to follow.

"If anybody's got credentials and credibility, it's Nolan," said Mike Maddux, the new Rangers pitching coach.

The Rangers had two offseason pitching camps, mostly for up-and-comers. Among those in the second one last month, with Ryan closely watching, were hard-throwing 20-year-old Neftali Feliz and four of the team's first-round picks since 2004.

"When you see the caliber of kids that are here and where they are in their development, you feel pretty good," Ryan said. "That still doesn't equate to a winner. They have to execute once they get here, but I feel good about where they are and what I'm seeing."

Those are the future arms. The Rangers expect to go into this season with a familiar rotation: led by Kevin Millwood and Vicente Padilla, with Scott Feldman, Matt Harrison and Brandon McCarthy.

Texas tried to add free agent right-hander Ben Sheets, but a two-year deal with the NL starter in last year's All-Star game fell through because of a torn flexor tendon in his elbow.

"We signed the best pitcher out there, and he flunked the physical," Rangers owner Tom Hicks said. "I saw Nolan recruit him. Nolan was a big part of why Ben Sheets wanted to come here. Hopefully that will be true when he's healthy."

The pitcher known as the Ryan Express for his 100 mph-plus fastball knew there couldn't be any quick fixes as team president.

Pitchers need time to develop, and not all of them are flame-throwers. Ryan still wants them to approach the game the same way he did.

"We are at the point now where we have some arms and we want to make sure that we develop these arms in the proper manner and teach the things that it takes to be a winner out there," manager Ron Washington said. "And that's what Nolan brings."

While easy to characterize Ryan's approach as old school, player development director Scott Servais prefers to call it a baseball mentality.

"It's about winning," Servais said. "It's about having a feeling for what

goes on in a player's mind. What's happening in the dugout, the clubhouse, watching and getting a feel for the competitiveness of our players. He has very good takes on our players."

Ryan's most important offense move may have been dealing with Young, the face of the franchise and longest-tenured player going into his ninth season.

Young was upset when general manager Jon Daniels told him before Christmas that the Rangers wanted to move him to third base so they could promote Elvis Andrus, who has never played above Double-A.

When Young's trade demand became public in January, Ryan called him and they talked several times. Within a few days, Young announced he would make the move even though he still didn't agree with it.

"My conversations with Nolan were especially productive because I think he knew where I was coming from," Young said.

Ryan agreed with Daniels' assessment that

Andrus was ready to get his chance. But there was a difference in Young hearing that from Ryan, who won 324 games in the major leagues. Daniels never played and is still the youngest GM in the majors at 31, a year shy of Young.

There was admittedly a learning curve for Ryan when he became Rangers president, even though he has helped run two minor league teams, owns a bank and cattle ranches and has his own line of beef.

The timing of his hire, just before spring training last year, prevented Ryan from having much influence on the start of the

2008 season. Plus, he was initially more involved in the business side than the pitching staff, something that he changed this off-season.

Ryan showed early patience last season, not making a managerial change when Texas was 7-16. The team then won seven straight series and was six games over .500 in early August.

In the front office, however, Ryan made several key hires.

Longtime Rangers catcher and fan favorite Jim Sundberg, former baseball Hall of Fame president Dale Petroskey and former

Astros and Tigers executive Rob Matwick became executive vice presidents working closely with Ryan.

"Nolan's changed our culture, which is one of the things I knew we needed," Hicks said. "We had gotten away from kind of a baseball culture for lots of reasons. ... The team he's brought in, our management team, they love baseball and they understand the game. That was an important step."

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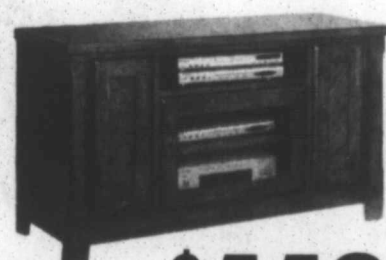
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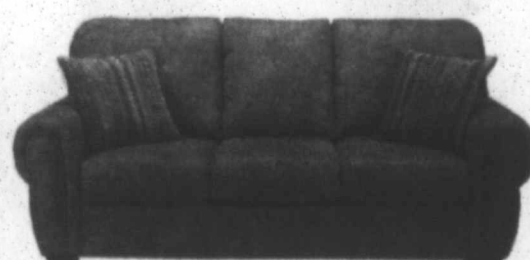
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• **St. Matthew's Episcopal Church** of Pampa sponsors their annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24 in the Parish Hall of St. Matthew's, 727 W. Browning.

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• **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: March 11, "Home: A

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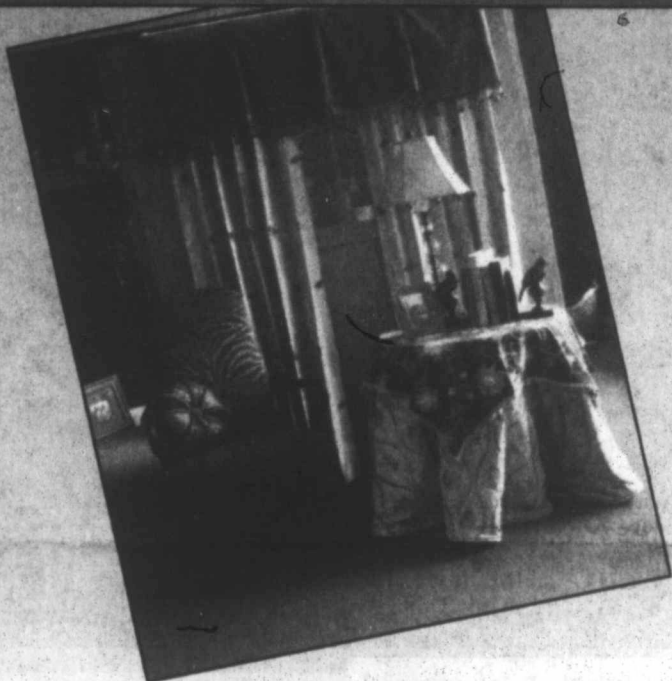
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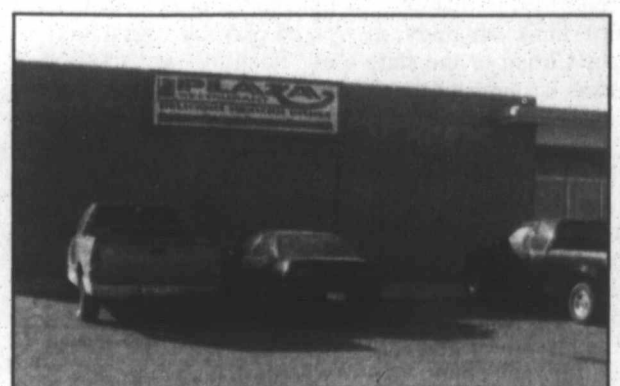
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Pampa resident cast in production of b'way classic 'Chicago'

Miami, Okla. (Friday, February 20, 2009) — A Pampa resident has been cast in Theatre NEO's production of the Broadway classic 'Chicago.' Ashley Price, a freshman theatre major, has been cast among those in The Company.

Set during the prohibition era in Chicago, this musical tells the tales of a chorus girl named Roxie Hart, a lawyer named Billy Flynn and a vaudeville entertainer named Velma Kelly. Velma is in jail for murdering her husband and sister. When Roxie is sent to jail for the murder of her nightclub lover, Velma becomes jealous of the publicity she receives. The fact that Roxie is making a move on Billy Flynn, who is Velma's lawyer, complicates the situation even more.

Chicago made a huge splash on Broadway and won six Tony Awards in 1997, including the award for best musical revival. The music is timeless and gives

audiences the opportunity to fondly look back at vaudeville entertainment, said Barbara George, chair of the Theatre Department.

'Chicago' will run Thursday, March 5 through Saturday, March 7 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 8 at 2 p.m. All performances will be held in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and students. NEO students, faculty and staff are admitted at no cost. Reservations may be placed by calling George at (918) 540-6302.

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Texas fundraiser receives 10 years probation

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A South Texas Democratic fundraiser convicted of impersonating a lawyer dodged prison time Friday when a jury sentenced him to 10 years of probation.

A day after convicting Mauricio Celis, 37, of 14 counts of falsely representing himself to be a lawyer, the jury deliberated for an hour before returning the sentence, which included the 10-year suspended prison sentence and a \$10,000 fine.

Celis' family and friends applauded when the verdict was read as Celis hugged his defense team. Later, he tearfully embraced his wife, Rosa, before posing for a photograph with lead defense attorney Tony Canales.

In his closing argument Friday, Canales had asked jurors what good it would do to send Celis to prison and requested probation.

"You think anybody in Corpus Christi or the state of Texas is going to touch Mauricio Celis?" Canales said. "This was not a crime of violence. This was not a crime of passion."

But Nueces County District Attorney Carlos Valdez asked the jury to send a message with the maximum of 10 years in prison for each count.

"This is a crime of greed — unlimited, insatiable greed," Valdez said. "Anyone who tampers with the judicial system tampers with the most serious thing we have."

After the sentence, Valdez said he was not disappointed.

"Any time you have a jury decide a case, then justice is done," he said.

He suggested a poorly drafted state law created

enough confusion for the jury to lead to the original conviction on only 14 of 22 counts.

Celis did not comment, but co-defense counsel Hector Canales called the sentence "just and fair."

"We're happy that Mr. Celis is going to be able to be with his family tonight," Canales said.

Earlier Friday, Bishop Edmond Carmody, head of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi, testified that Celis was a generous man who had given \$100,000 toward opening a Catholic high school serving underprivileged children.

"He would do the right thing because it was the right thing to do," Carmody said. Sending him to prison "would be of no benefit to society."

That testimony contrasted with prosecution witnesses Thursday who painted Celis as a hot-tempered playboy with a habit of flashing an expired reserve law enforcement badge when confronted by police.

Celis plans to file an appeal of his conviction as early as next week, Hector Canales said.

That could create the sticky situation of landing Celis in front of judges who took his political contributions.

Two justices on the 13th Court of Appeals, a six-justice panel that hears appeals from 20 counties including Nueces County, received campaign contributions from Celis.

Justice Linda Yanez, who accepted a \$2,000 contribution from Celis in 2004, said through her secretary she could not comment Friday.

"She's not able to talk

because the case could possibly come up in her court," Sandra Benavidez said.

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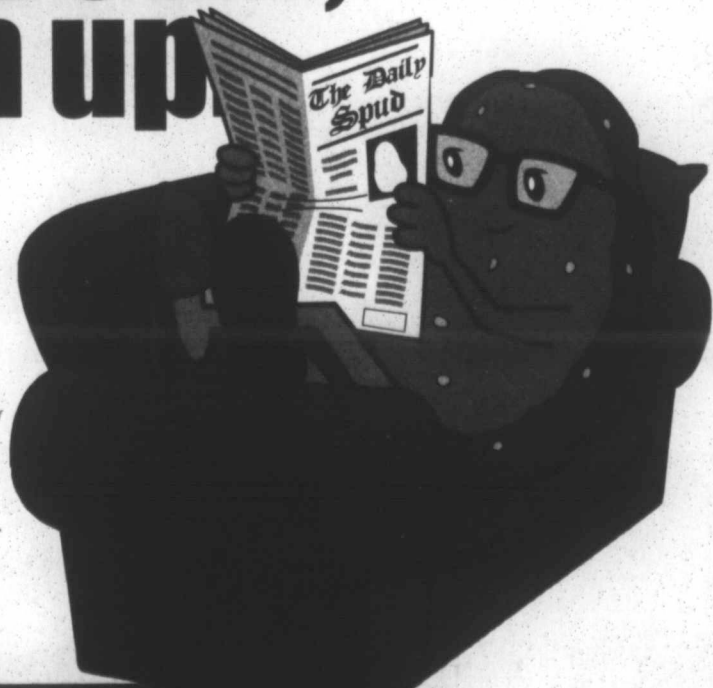
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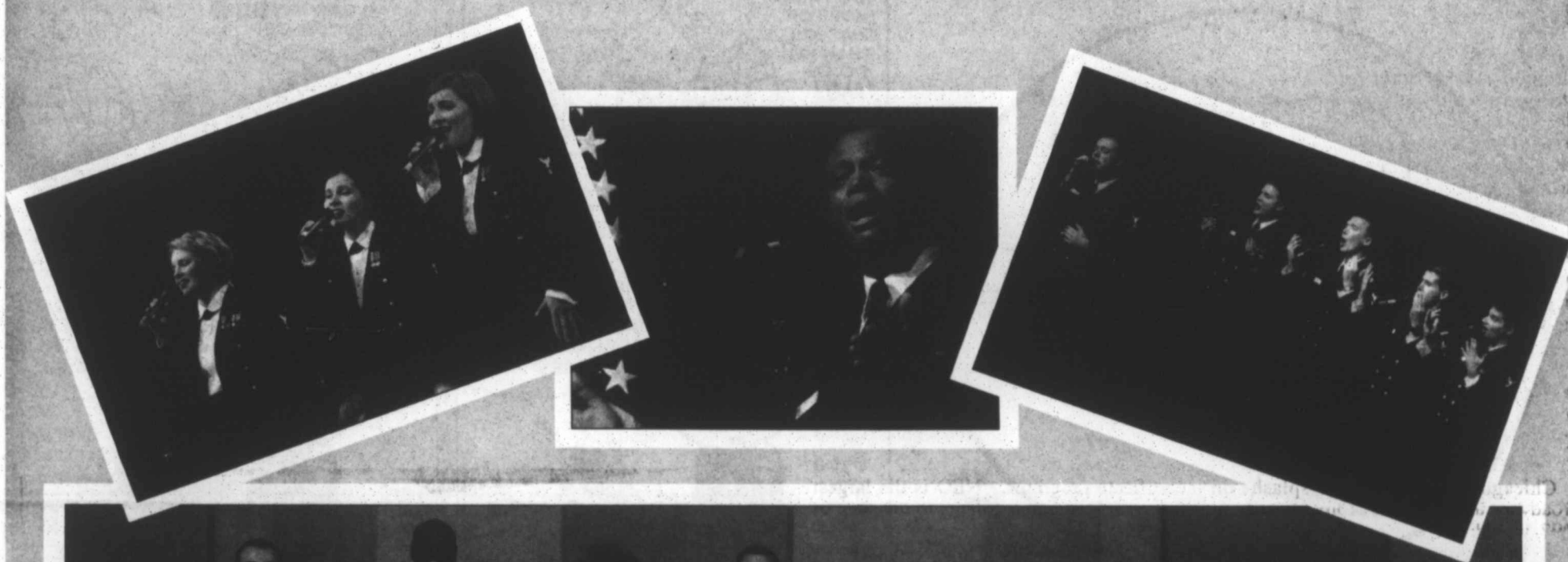
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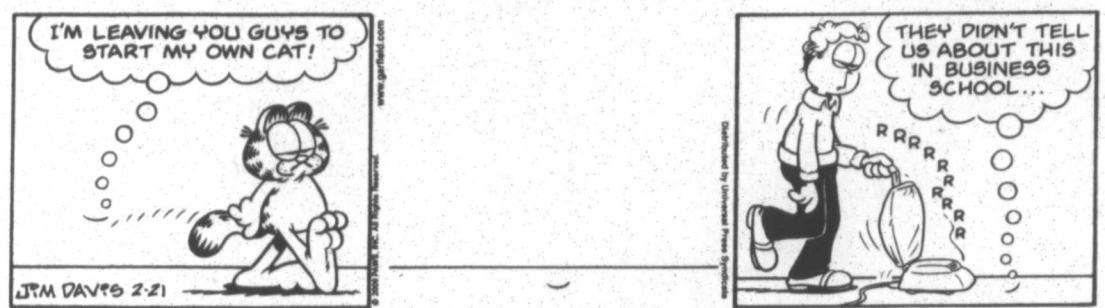
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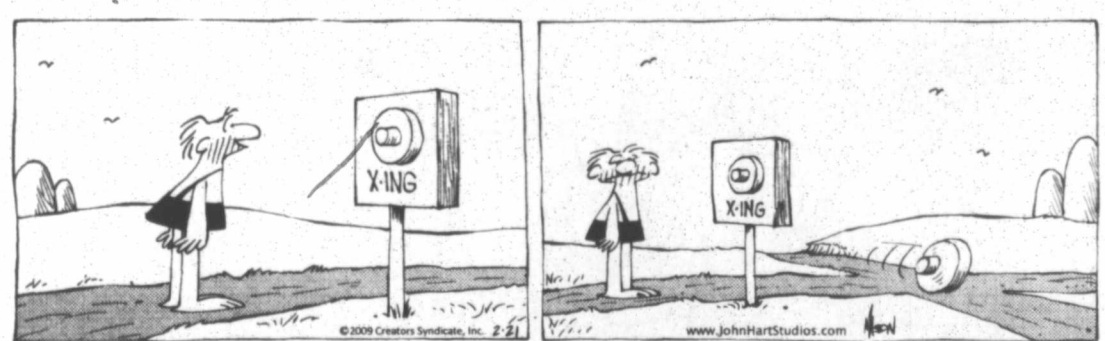
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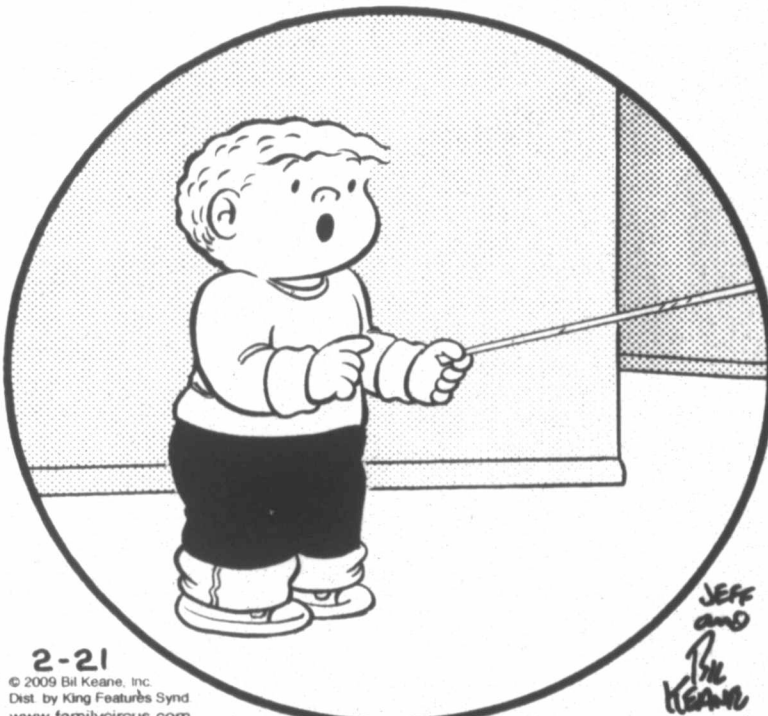


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AP writers pick 'Slumdog' to win best picture

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Associated Press movie writers David Germain and Christy Lemire would like to agree to disagree more often so they could make fun of each other's Academy Awards picks, but they're in general consensus this time.

Among the top six categories, they diverge only on one: best actor.

Here are their predictions, with both sounding off on best picture and actor, Lemire offering their take on director and supporting actress, and Germain giving their opinion on best actress and supporting actor.

BEST PICTURE
Nominees: "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," "Frost/Nixon," "Milk," "The Reader," "Slumdog Millionaire."

GERMAIN:
"Slumdog Millionaire" is a wildly different story than "Trainspotting," one of my favorite modern films, yet both showcase director Danny Boyle's remarkable ability to present equal parts humor and horror on screen and deliver an energy-burst of a movie that people walk away feeling good about.

I confess I doubted the instant best-picture buzz surrounding the movie after it debuted on the film-festival circuit six months ago.

I get paid the big bucks to be wrong. "Slumdog" has steamrolled through awards season, dominating at virtually every Hollywood honor that matters, while steadily climbing toward \$100 million hit status.

The movie has four worthy opponents. In some parallel universe where "Slumdog Millionaire" went straight to DVD (as it nearly did in our world), "Frost/Nixon" or "Milk" easily could have emerged as the film to beat. "The Reader" is a high-class drama in every sense, while I admire the technical prowess that went into "Benjamin Button," even though it smothered the story.

But the breathless drive and romance of "Slumdog Millionaire," with its no-name ensemble and unshakable optimism in the face of terrible hardship, will carry it through to one of the great diamond-in-the-rough triumphs ever at the Oscars.

LEMIRE:
It's not the best movie of the year. It didn't even make my top 10 list, my choice for the year's best film, "The Wrestler," sadly is not among the best-picture nominees. But "Slumdog Millionaire" is the unlikely, undeniable juggernaut. And so, after winning every other top prize week after week throughout awards season, "Slumdog" will win the Academy Award for best picture.

What's intriguing about "Slumdog," though, is that it's not the most traditional best-picture pick. Not by a long shot. That would be "Benjamin Button," a huge technical achievement with both sweeping scope and intimate heart. In its own small, vibrant way, though, "Slumdog" is exceptionally well made.

BEST DIRECTOR
Nominees: David Fincher, "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button"; Ron Howard, "Frost/Nixon"; Gus Van Sant, "Milk"; Stephen Daldry, "The Reader"; Danny Boyle, "Slumdog Millionaire."

LEMIRE:
"Slumdog" wins and Danny Boyle wins. The story, based on the novel "Q&A" by Vikas Swarup, is set in the slums of Mumbai but the result on screen is very much in keeping with the British director's tradition of



Dev Patel, left, and Anil Kapoor are shown in a scene from "Slumdog Millionaire." The film was nominated for an Academy Award for best picture. The 81st Oscars will be presented Feb. 22 in a ceremony airing on ABC from Hollywood's Kodak Theatre.

blending graphic images with unexpected hope. "Frost/Nixon" is probably Howard's strongest work but he's won a best-director Oscar recently for 2001's "A Beautiful Mind." Van Sant managed to make a biopic ("Milk") that's rich and full and never feels like a paint-by-numbers depiction of a famous person's life, but this unfortunately isn't his year. Daldry has made a prestigious picture in "The Reader" but doesn't have a shot against Boyle.

BEST ACTOR
Nominees: Richard Jenkins, "The Visitor"; Frank Langella, "Frost/Nixon"; Sean Penn, "Milk"; Brad Pitt, "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button"; Mickey Rourke, "The Wrestler."

LEMIRE:
A ha, finally the category on which we differ. I love Rourke in "The Wrestler" but, admittedly, much of the allure of his performance comes from the art-imitating-life nature of it. As physically demanding as the role obviously was, Penn did something more difficult from the inside with the transformation he underwent to play slain gay rights leader Harvey Milk. He deeply loses himself in the part, there's a charm and softness to it that makes you forget you're watching an actor whose off-screen brashness is as well known as his on-screen intensity. And actors, the largest voting bloc in the academy, may find that more impressive than Rourke's moving comeback.

Langella is, of course, completely great as Richard Nixon. He very easily could have lapsed into caricature in playing such a widely parodied figure and he never does, instead presenting a multifaceted portrayal of the disgraced former president. Pitt's performance is wide-ranging but "Benjamin Button" is primarily a technical feat. And so, after winning for 2003's "Mystic River," Penn should win the best-actor prize again.

GERMAIN:
I never thought I'd say it, but I'm voting for Nixon. Yes, Penn is enormously deserving as another fallen '70s political leader. His Harvey Milk is arguably the warmest character Penn has created (save for party dude Spicoli in "Fast Times at Ridgemont High"). And Penn very well might walk away with his second Oscar.

But Frank Langella has crafted a monumental per-

formance as Richard Nixon, a role he manages without a trace of caricature. His Nixon is everything you imagine the man was, brilliant, fumbling, two-faced, autocratic, terrified, terrifying.

Now that Langella has one, it's a short step for his peers to seize the opportunity to give him the highest film prize, since you never know when he'll come off the stage and do another movie again.

BEST ACTRESS:
Nominees: Anne Hathaway, "Rachel Getting Married"; Angelina Jolie, "Changeling"; Melissa Leo, "Frozen River"; Meryl Streep, "Doubt"; Kate Winslet, "The Reader."

GERMAIN:
Kate Winslet has the Sean Penn thing going. All that finest-actress-of-her-generation talk. Nominated a bunch of times but never won an Oscar. And now she has two films back-to-back ("The Reader" and "Revolutionary Road") that could have gotten her a nomination.

Penn was in the same boat five years ago when he had "21 Grams" and "Mystic River" out, winning best actor for the latter.

But as with Penn, the Winslet back-story amounts to talking points. He deserved to win, and so does she.

SUPPORTING ACTOR:
Nominees: Josh Brolin, "Milk"; Robert Downey Jr., "Tropic Thunder"; Philip Seymour Hoffman, "Doubt"; Heath Ledger, "The Dark Knight"; Michael Shannon, "Revolutionary Road."

GERMAIN:
It would be one of the biggest shocks in Oscar history if Heath Ledger did not win for his final completed role. Everything about "The Dark Knight" raised the bar on the superhero genre, but Ledger's reinvention of Batman adversary the Joker seemed to come from a place of true madness and chaos.

This was not just a comic-book villain; this was an Olympian force of evil whose bad makeup job accentuated the fact that a real demon lurked beneath. Ledger made this repellent madman magnetic, enthralling, even perversely joyous.

The Joker was a force of nature, and as revealed here for the first time in a career that had been spiraling steadily upward, so was Ledger.

The question we'll never be able to answer is

whether the raves for his performance would have been quite so strident if Ledger had not died on Oscar nominations day a year ago.

But the amazing buzz on the performance began long before his death, and were Ledger alive today, he'd likely be heading on stage Sunday to collect his Oscar.

If only.

SUPPORTING ACTRESS
Nominees: Amy Adams, "Doubt"; Penelope Cruz, "Vicky Cristina Barcelona"; Viola Davis, "Doubt"; Taraji P. Henson, "The Curious Case of

Benjamin Button"; Marisa Tomei, "The Wrestler."

LEMIRE:
The radiant Cruz is a force of nature in "Vicky Cristina Barcelona," wildly beautiful and self-ish, volatile and vulnerable, sexy and funny. She steals her every scene in Woody Allen's Spanish romp, no small feat when you're playing opposite Scarlett Johansson and Javier Bardem.

Tomei allows herself to be just as stripped down, literally and figuratively, and her nomination proves that the supporting-actress Oscar she won for "My Cousin Vinny" was no fluke. Adams brings an

engaging softness to the otherwise heavy-handed "Doubt," and Henson provides an understated sweetness to the enormity of "Button."

The only other actress who may have a real shot at beating Cruz is Davis, whose few powerful scenes opposite Streep in "Doubt" give the film a much-needed sense of perspective and complexity. She changes everything in just a few minutes, and considering Judi Dench's win for a brief appearance in "Shakespeare in Love," a win for that kind of performance wouldn't seem unprecedented, or unmerited.

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DAILY HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Feb. 23, 2009:
This year is one of completion, thought and luck. You might be quieter, or you might hold more inside than usual. Use caution as to whom you confide in, as not everyone is your friend, even though they might appear to be. If you are single, you'll want to carefully check out each person you would like to get involved with. Suitors often don't reveal their true self. This is a year in which much will be questioned; learn to let go of what isn't functioning any longer in your life. If you are attached, the two of you often disagree. Learn to agree to disagree and honor each other's differences. **AQUARIUS** makes a good healer.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***** No one can curb your desire to express yourself, though fatigue could be a factor. Sometimes you must express your dreams and march to a different drummer. Opportunity surrounds those willing to lasso it in. Tonight: Settle in; touch base with friends.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Be aware that being a good leader means being a good listener. You will blaze a new path quickly in the near future. Listen to your options. Decide to take one of the opportunities that are offered. Tonight: Make new decisions. Accept responsibility once more.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Do needed research behind the scenes and be open to dynamic ideas, and perhaps indulge someone's seemingly

staid comments. It is by looking at the total picture that you will rise above a problem. Tonight: Let your mind wander to a great piece of music.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** A partner might whisper too much in your ear. Act on the moment. It could take the remainder of the day to sort through what are wishes, facts and possibilities. Look at all as options. Tonight: Continue a tête-à-tête discussion.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** You could feel that you are giving away your power, or that others are draining you. If you were counting on a quiet day alone, you can cancel those plans. Others need you and seek you out, but they also want to call the shots. Know that true power cannot be taken away. You have nothing to prove. Tonight: Say yes to an invitation.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** While others run around, once more you come through and focus on the job at hand or what must be done. Know that even if you are not always acknowledged for your steadiness, you certainly do make a difference. You are the oil that makes the wheels of life run. Tonight: Put your feet up. You deserve it.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Listen to and sort through information. Ideas will pop if you are relaxed and centered. Start sharing and brainstorming. It is from this base that tremendous creativity is unleashed. Tonight: Funnel this energy into the personal realm.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** Basics demand your attention. You could choose to feel efficient rather than weighed down by details.

Remember that how you frame an event, relationship or problem determines your attitude. Unhappy? Reframe. Tonight: Play it low-key.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** We are often told that communication is pivotal. Once more you have an opportunity to demonstrate the power of language. Sharing a wonderful idea or feeling warms others. Tonight: Have a dream? Start brainstorming.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*** You combine practicality with wisdom. This duo can be and often is unbeatable. Use your innate gifts to sort through a money matter in order to see what won't work or to understand a subtle deception. Tonight: Someone might ask for help reading a contract. Give it. Know that true power cannot be taken away. You have nothing to prove. Tonight: Say yes to an invitation.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** All eyes look to you and wonder what is going on. You have ideas, optimism and energy. Though clearly an intellectual sign, you embody a new dynamic energy. Use this opportunity well. Tonight: Only as you wish.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** Listen well, even if you don't agree. Your final words or ideas might not have evolved fully yet, though certainly you do have a knee-jerk reaction. Sit on the reaction and go for the response. Tonight: Relax with a movie.

BORN TODAY
Author W.E.B. DuBois (1868), actor Peter Fonda (1939), heir to the Japanese throne Crown Prince Naruhito (1960)

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Six years ago, my best friend asked me to be godmother to her beautiful little daughter, "Sharona." At the time she made it clear that if I accepted, she and her husband would name me as Sharona's guardian in their will. I was deeply touched that they would trust me with such an important responsibility and was happy to accept.
As she has grown, Sharona and I have developed a close bond, and I love her as if she were my own. Her parents have since had two sons, and although I am not the boys' godmother, they have now asked me if they can name me as guardian for all three.
I love the children, but I am 27, single and live 1,500 miles from my family. I cannot financially, physically or emotionally take on the task of raising three children. If anything were to happen to my friends, I couldn't bear the thought of anyone other than me raising Sharona. Would it be terrible if I turned down the request to also be guardian to the boys? -- **GODMOTHER TO ONE IN CALIFORNIA**
DEAR GODMOTHER TO ONE: No, it would not, because your reasons are valid. However, your friend and her husband may want to ensure that their children would all be raised together if anything were to happen to them -- which it probably won't. So be prepared in case they decide they want to make other arrangements for Sharona.

DEAR ABBY: Could you please remind your readers that Hawaii is part of the United States? You would be shocked at how many times tourists have asked me, "Have you ever been to America?" And when I visit the mainland, people ask me if we have cars in Hawaii, if we live in grass shacks and can I dance the hula.

A great way to get the word out that Hawaii is a wonderful, up-to-date place that happens to be the 50th state in the union would be a "reminder" from you. I am proud to be an American, and I find these questions to be insulting. -- **CHERI-ANN IN HONOLULU**
DEAR CHERI-ANN: Please don't take offense. The questioners are not trying to be insulting. Obviously, these people were absent (or distracted) on the day that their class in modern history covered the fact that Hawaii went from being a U.S. territory to a state on Aug. 21, 1959. When you are asked these kinds of questions, tell the person to go to Google.com and search on the word Hawaii.

DEAR ABBY: I have a housekeeper who comes once a week for five hours. My family is calling me an ogre because I expect them to pick up their stuff before she arrives.
Abby, I want that woman's full five hours spent cleaning -- not picking up after everyone so she can get started. Whatever she doesn't get done will most likely have to be finished by me. I work full time, plus I am the one who runs errands and helps with homework. I don't need another chore added to my list.
Am I being unfair? -- **FULL PLATE IN ELIZABETH CITY, N.C.**
DEAR FULL PLATE: Not from my perspective. Insisting that your family learn to pick up after themselves and care for their clothing is doing them a favor. In years to come, when they are out on their own, those lessons will have become second nature and maybe they won't need a housekeeper.

DAILY HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009:
Much goes on behind the scenes this year. You might not always choose to share your thoughts and feelings. You are ending an 11-year cycle. Think back to where you were 10 years ago. What started then that is still in your life? Do you need to change or move in a new direction? Look to 2010 for new beginnings, but you might need to clear an obstacle or two. If you are single, check out anyone who enters your life with care, as they might be emotionally unavailable. If you are attached, the two of you gain by spending more private time together. **AQUARIUS** reads you cold.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***** Zoom in on what you deem positive. You might be revising your crowd of friends as a result. Though you like to help others, put yourself around non-needy, easygoing people. Note others' reactions. Yes, you have charisma. Tonight: This weekend doesn't end early. This Week: Use Monday to the max, as you close down Tuesday on. Use that period for research and thought.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Take a stand. An older relative or friend could play a big role in your plans. What might be said in haste is not meant to hurt your feelings. Look for other interpretations. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow. Start a to-do list. This Week: You get a new beginning; choose where it would make a difference. Accept your spot in the limelight.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** You take off and feel very happy. Suddenly, you are overwhelmed by what is going on, as you do have a lot on your plate to consider. Detach and decide. You don't have to act on everything all at once. Tonight: A friend has an imaginative idea. This Week: Your research and reflection will make a big difference ultimately. Expect others to follow your lead.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Work with a partner directly. Consider what is happening with a key loved one or friend. Take time with this person today, and help him or her connect. You naturally beam as you move through the day. Tonight: Togetherness needs to continue. This Week: A partner still has more to share. Once you feel you have all the information, find an expert.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Others want center stage. Let them have it. You might be surprised by everything that happens if you step back. Don't forget someone at a distance who cares a lot about you. Tonight: Sort through your options. This Week: Others dominate the scene; let them have the stage -- and the responsibility.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Sunday might not always be a day of rest, but use it that way. Whether starting your taxes, snoozing or just reading the Sunday paper, you will recharge. You'll relax when you decide to say no to an invitation. Tonight: Make it easy. This Week: Get as much done as you can Monday, Tuesday on, you might want to hear others' opinions.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Express your creativity in an appropriate manner for you. Discover the difference between the frivolous use of your imagination (though that might be OK) and charging it into a relationship or project. Tonight: You add zip wherever you are. This Week: Listen to feedback, especially if it comes from someone you consider resourceful.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** You are full of high energy, but might decide to funnel it into a project, painting a room or early spring cleaning. Start thinking about how you want to look this summer. Is it time for some dieting and exercise? Tonight: Stay close to home. This Week: Play it low-key until you come up with the right solution. Your creativity flourishes as well.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Keep a dialogue going, even if you feel overwhelmed. Many people seek you out. Your mind keeps coming up with ideas, and you have so many calls to make. Just start and don't make it a big deal. Tonight: Visit over munchies. This Week: Keep communication flowing. If you need some privacy in order to reflect, close your door rather than cut others off.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Balance your checkbook before making a major money commitment. You might be eyeing more funds, but until they are there, act as if you have nothing. A family member beams with your attention. Tonight: Order in, or treat someone to dinner. This Week: Balance your checkbook; know where you stand. You could be buying a new item out of the blue.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** You are all smiles, and for good reason. Act on what you want, and make sure you follow through. Think as if you are carrying a magic wand in your pocket. What would you go for? What do you really want? Tonight: The world really is your oyster (for now). This Week: Charge into Monday feeling like the power you are. Study a financial matter carefully.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** Be more in tune with your needs. Though you can buzz around very busy, slow down and take some time to think and relax. A personal day where you baby yourself is very different and helps you ultimately. Tonight: Whatever makes the Fish flip. This Week: You feel like a new person, not Monday but, Tuesday, when you hit your power days. Act like a force as well.

BORN TODAY
First U.S. President George Washington (1732), Sen. Edward Kennedy (1932), actress Drew Barrymore (1975)

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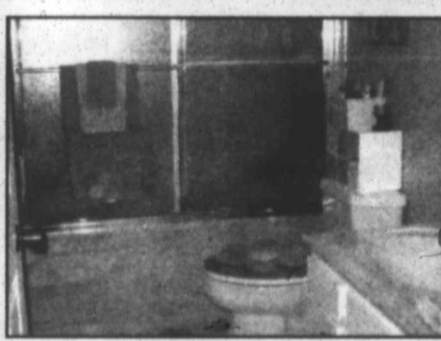
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 1. Take your vehicle to a state inspection station. You can find a list of what types of inspections are required in your county and an inspections-station locator at www.txdps.state.tx.us/vi. When you go, make sure you take your driver's license and proof of insurance. If your insurance policy wasn't issued in Texas, you may need to show proof that you carry the minimum coverage required by the state: \$20,000 bodily injury or death to one person; \$40,000 bodily injury or death to two or more persons; and \$15,000 injury or destruction to other property.
 2. When your vehicle passes inspection, the inspection station will give you a verification form to bring to the county tax assessor-collector's office. This is where you obtain a Texas vehicle registration sticker and license plates. You'll need proof of ownership, such as registration or title from your previous home state, as well as proof of insurance. Again, you may need to show that you carry minimum coverage amounts.
 3. Apply for a Texas driver's license at the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) office in your area. To find the location nearest you, visit www.txdps.state.tx.us. Bring an ID, proof of Social Security number, proof of liability insurance, and proof of Texas vehicle registration. Expect to provide a thumbprint and surrender any valid out-of-state license you currently have.
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Price: 72,500

Property Type: Residential
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Total Bathrooms: 1.5
Total SqFt. (+/-): 1722
Garage Stall: 1 Stall
Garage Remarks: Detached



List #09-8215

Address: 721 S. Barnes St, Pampa, TX 79065
Price: 35,000

Property Type: Residential
Area: Lamar
Total Bedrooms: 2
Total Bathrooms: 1
Total SqFt. (+/-): 790
Garage Stall: 0 Stalls



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Price: 275,000

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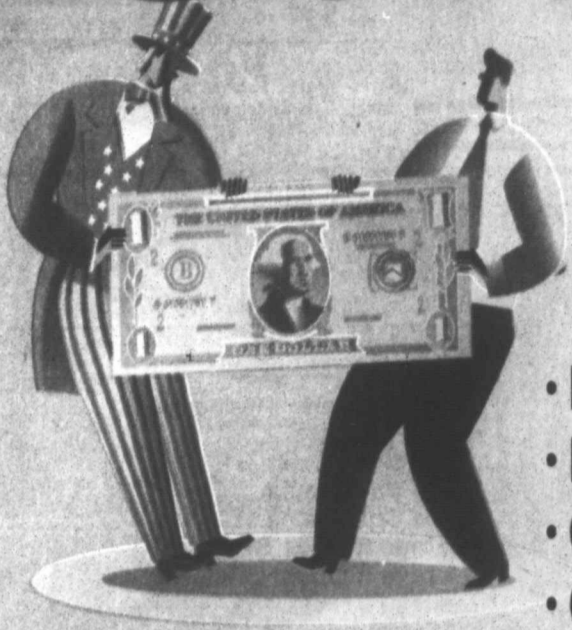
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