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## Flu season picking up

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Flu season has been mild so far but more cases are showing up, and health officials say you should consider getting immunized against the disease if you haven't already been.

Last month, the state Department of Health confirmed the first six flu cases for the season in Bernalillo, Curry, Taos and Sandoval counties. By Friday, New Mexico was one of 13 states rated as having regional outbreaks of flu, said Joan Baumbach, a medical epidemiologist for the state Department of Health.

The CDC said influenza activity generally has been low in the United States but is increasing, which is typical for this time of year.

The latest statistics show the nearby states of Arizona, Colorado and Texas are reporting widespread flu activity, Baumbach said.

## CITY MEETING POSTPONED

The regular meeting of the Pampa City Commission, scheduled for 4 p.m. Tuesday, February 24, will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday. Most of the commissioners are attending Panhandle Days in Austin Monday and Tuesday.

## Swimmers state bound

by Kathy White  
 On February 27-28, Pampa's Swimming Harvesters will send four boys to compete in the 2009 Texas Swimming and Diving Championships to be held on the University of Texas campus in Austin.

Seniors Colby Dennis, Cole Guyer, Dustin Neef and junior Kelly Stoffle will compete as a relay team in both the 200-yard and 400-yard freestyle relays.

Neef will also compete individually in the 50-yard freestyle race. Juniors Christian Hinkle and Ethan Addy will accompany these four as alternates.

Swimming assistant Tammy Henthorn says the boys' drive is what has made them so successful as a team this year.

Coach Ed Garvin added that all four began swimming in junior high or earlier. This prepared them for success in high school.

Colby said he began swimming when he was seven. His elementary school put on a mock Olympics and he won with,



staff photos by David Bowser  
 Above, Lady Harvester Carlyn Tiechmann, 2, connects with a pitch to send one over the wall in the Pampa softball opening day game Saturday at home against Vernon. Vernon won 13-5. At right, City park and recreation department's, Jimmy Logan and Christino Peno relocate the pitcher's mound at Recreation Park in preparation for the softball season.



photo submitted by Stewart Stoffle  
**PHS swimming relay team psyched for a race. Pictured front to back: Cole Guyer, Colby Dennis, Dustin Neef and Kelly Stoffle.**

a strong freestyle. Cole also began swimming around age seven and began competing in eighth grade. Kelly competed for Pampa Aquatic Club when he was in the third grade and returned to competition in the eighth grade. Dustin remembers his dad taught him to swim when he was little.

They all love swimming, Guyer commenting that "Swimming keeps me in great shape," and Neef believing "because the outcome relies on me." The hardest part, according to Stoffle is, "trying to get yourself to want to swim everyday when practice will be really hard." Guyer agrees that the workouts are hard; but he added it was also challenging to have three different coaches in four years.

They all agree that doing well in their meets, becoming faster and faster, drop-

## One speaker's gone, but Dems complaining

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — It's only been a few weeks since Texas Democrats helped end the career of the first Republican speaker since 1871. Now many are upset with the second one.

The grouching began almost immediately after newly minted Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, announced his leadership team.

"He had a shorter honeymoon than Britney Spears," joked Matt Angle, a top Texas Democratic strategist.

Though far from universal, the complaints illustrate the limits of power sharing and the continued dominance of the Republican Party in Texas politics.

The GOP has won every presidential election here since 1980 — and every statewide election since 1998. There is no large and ethnically diverse state, nor even neighboring states, that has seen its Democratic Party sink so low and stay down for so long in the modern era.

In November, with Barack Obama driving up turnout in the urban centers and money pouring in from the late wealthy trial lawyer Fred Baron, Democrats seemed to be on the verge of winning back the Texas House. It didn't happen.

They fell two seats short, and Baron's sudden death from cancer last year cast a cloud over the Democrats' financial future. But they did achieve one

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
		
High 72 Low 40	High 73 Low 45	High 68 Low 36

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. Wind chill values between 32 and 41 early. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.  
**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 40. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.  
**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 73. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.  
**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. Southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.  
**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.  
**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 36. East southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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**Grain prices**

The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of White Deer. Prices quoted are for the close of the last market day.

Wheat.....	\$4.51
Milo.....	\$4.47
Corn.....	\$6.08

**Winning Lotto Texas numbers**

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:  
 Winning numbers drawn: 5-8-16-54-10-45.  
 Number matching six of six: 0.  
 Number matching five of six: 21. Prize: \$2,493.  
 Number matching four of six: 1,556. Prize: \$49.  
 Number matching three of six: 33,285. Prize: \$3.  
 Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$21 million.

**Cash Five Texas results**

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:  
 Winning numbers drawn: 34-4-31-21-9.  
 Number matching five of five: 0.  
 Matching four of five: 65. Prize: \$612  
 Matching three of five: 2,669. Prize: \$11  
 Matching two of five: 28,364. Prize: \$2  
 Next Cash 5 drawing: Monday night.

**Amarillo College president dies**

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Amarillo College President Steven Wayne Jones has died at the age of 56 after a lengthy battle with cancer.  
 College spokesman Joe Wyatt said Jones died Sunday afternoon.

Jones was named the 12th president of the college in October 2003. He relinquished many of his duties last year because of his illness. Paul Matney, vice president and dean of instruction, has been interim president.

As president, Jones had made it a priority to develop a strategic plan to modernize the college's technology, the Amarillo Globe-News reported in its online edition. A \$68 million bond issue in 2007 called for construction of two new buildings and renovation of classrooms.

He is survived by his wife, Tommye Lou; two daughters and his mother.

**Gunmen attack governor's convoy**

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Gunman have attacked a convoy carrying the governor of a violence-wracked border state, killing one of his bodyguards and wounding two other agents.

It was not clear if the attackers were targeting Chihuahua Gov. Jose Reyes Baeza, but he canceled a trip Monday to meet with federal officials in Mexico City about security problems in his state, where hundreds have died in drug-related violence in recent months.

Baeza said gunmen in two cars fired high-powered weapons at a vehicle two cars behind his in a convoy in the state capital, Chihuahua city, on Sunday night. The two wounded agents were in stable condition on Monday and one of the attackers was hospitalized with a gunshot to the head. The other attackers fled.

But rich, heavily armed gangs battling for turf on the doorstep of the U.S. narcotics market have increasingly challenged the government on all levels, even ambushing troops sent to battle the cartels.

The convoy attack came two days after the police chief of Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua's biggest city, bowed to crime gang demands to resign because they threatened to kill at least one of his officers every 48 hours.

Reyes Baeza asked federal officials to investigate because the assailants fired high-powered weapons that Mexican law says can only be used by the military.

**For the Record**

**Emergency Services**

**FIRE**

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

Friday, Feb. 20  
 7:56 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2600 block of Seminole on a first responder.

Saturday, Feb. 21  
 9:06 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of Hamilton on an order investigation.

11:42 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1900 block of Coffee on a first responder.

Sunday, Feb. 22  
 6:46 a.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 600 block of East Craven on a smoke scare.

1:56 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 1100 block of Prairie on a grass fire.

7:20 p.m. — Two units and seven personnel responded to the 1200 block of South Sumner on a smoke investigation.

Monday, Feb. 23  
 6:35 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1000 block of Bond on a med assist.

**SHERIFF**

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests.

Saturday, Feb. 21  
 Cody Allen Hollon, 18, of Pampa was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for no valid driver's license, and failure to appear.

Enrique Guerra Calvillo, 38, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for violation of probation, driving while intoxicated third or more in Willbarger County.

Aaron Lee Hink, 19, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Kenra Shipley Henderson, 29, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD on warrants.

Michael Dewayne Hodd, 24, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for possession of marijuana.

Sunday, Feb. 22  
 Michael Lee Ellis, 22, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for reckless driving.

Julio Lopez Soto, 49, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for driving while intoxicated third or more.

**PAMPA PD**

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

Friday, Feb. 20  
 Officers conducted 18 traffic stops.

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

Welfare checks were made in the 1000 block of East Foster, in the intersection of Tyng and Miami streets, and the 700 block of Locust.

Two alarms were investigated.

Found property was reported in the 300 block of Sunset, where a bicycle was found, and the 1500 block of North Russell.

Motor vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Cuyler and Foster streets, and the intersection of Hobart and 21st streets.

Thefts were reported in the 600 block of South Reid, where a firearm was stolen with an estimated value of \$200, and the 400 block of North Lefors, where a bicycle was stolen with an estimated value of \$120.

One attempt to serve

papers was made.

Sexual assault was reported in the police department lobby.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of East Albert, and the 400 block of Yeager.

Traffic complaints were reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 2200 block of North Hamilton, and the 1500 block of North Russell.

A burglary was reported in the 300 block of Sunset, where the window of a house was busted out and clothing and firearms were stolen with an estimated value of \$960.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

One building was checked.

A suspicious person call was received from the 1000 block of North Terry.

Saturday, Feb. 21

Officers conducted 10 traffic stops. Stops in the intersection of Ward and Wall streets, the 1500 block of North Faulkner, the 400 block of North Starkweather, and the 200 block of East Brown resulted in arrests.

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

Four alarms were investigated.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Ford and Gray streets.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the intersection of Somerville and Sumner streets, and the 2500 block of North Duncan.

Burglaries were reported in the 900 block of South Hobart, the 1900 block of North Dwight, the 1500 block of Dogwood, and the 600 block of South Cuyler.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1400 block of East Francis, the 2200 block of North Nelson, and the 1100 block of East Foster.

Theft was reported in the 2800 block of Charles.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of East Frederic, and the intersection of Starkweather and Kentucky, and the 1100 block of North Wells.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of North Nelson.

Phone harassment was reported in the lobby of the PD.

A prowler was reported in the intersection of Harvester and Red-Deer streets.

Sunday, Feb. 22

Officers conducted 11 traffic stops. Stops in the 300 block of North Hobart, and the intersection of Foster and Starkweather streets resulted in arrests.

Disorderly conducted was reported in the 1000 block of South Wells, and the 800 block of East Browning.

A prowler was reported

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in 2700 block of North Hobart.

An assault was reported in the 500 block of North Lefors.

A suspicious person call was received from the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 2800 block of North Hobart, and the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

Three alarms were investigated.

Welfare checks were made in the intersection of Sumner and Boyd streets, the 2400 block of North Charles, and the 1100 block of East Kingsmill.

Traffic complaints were received from the 2800 block of North Charles, and the intersection of Gwendolyn and Hobart streets.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

A civil matter was reported in the lobby of the PD.

Motor vehicle accidents were reported in the 500 block of North Hobart, and the 1000 block of East Kingsmill.

Monday, Feb. 23

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Crawford and Neel, the 1100 block of West Coronado, the intersection of Hobart and the underpass, and the 12000 block of East Frederic.

Officers conducted two traffic stops. Stops in the 700 block of North Christy, and the intersection of 23rd and Hobart

streets resulted in arrests. Guardian EMS ambulance service reported the

**AMBULANCE**

following calls between 7 a.m. Friday to 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Feb. 20  
 7:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2600 block of Seminole. No patients were transported.

1:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Terry and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

3:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Nelson. No patients were transported.

9:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of South Hobart. No patients were transported.

Saturday, Feb. 21  
 10:35 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of Sumner and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Yeager and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a local nursing facility.

Sunday, Feb. 22

4:13 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

**Federal judge pleads guilty**

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge accused of groping two of his former female court employees and trying to force them to perform sex acts pleaded guilty on Monday to obstruction of justice in exchange for prosecutors dismissing sex crimes charges against him.

U.S. District Judge Samuel Kent also retired Monday, effective immediately, thereby avoiding possible impeachment by Congress.

Kent's guilty plea came as jury selection in his trial was set to begin.

The jurist, who once shouted in court that he would bring "hordes of witnesses" in his defense, spoke barely above a whisper as he pleaded guilty to lying to a judicial committee investigating the sex-related charges. He and his lawyer, Dick DeGeurin, told the presiding judge that he was taking medication for depression and anxiety as well as diabetes and was under the care of both a psychiatrist and a psychologist.

"Judge Kent believes this compromise settlement was in the best interests of all involved," DeGuerin said in a statement after the hearing. "A trial would have been embarrassing and difficult for all involved."

Kent, 59, had been facing six charges — five related to federal sex crimes and the obstruction charge, a felony that alone carries a maximum sentence of up to 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

Kent was the first federal judge charged with a sex crime and would have been one of only a handful to be tried.

If he had been convicted of the most serious federal sex crimes charges against him, Kent could have received a sentence of up to life in prison.

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# Swimmers head to state Wednesday Homebuyers encountering contamination

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ping time and setting records are the most rewarding parts of swimming.

When asked how they psyche themselves up for their races, several said they listen to music and Dennis added that he tells himself, "No one can touch me."

While Colby's biggest inspiration is beating teammate Dustin, and Dustin and Kelly both admire Michael Phelps, Cole says his dad inspires him. For Kelly, the chance to swim in college is also a strong motivator.

The boys cited family and friends as their biggest

fans. Stoffle added that they are also each other's fans as well as biggest competition. They each try to beat the other's times on a daily basis and are happy when the others drop time.

Dustin believes the reason he is going to State in the 50-meter this year is that he is serious and focused this year.

According to Guyer, teamwork and Coach's hard workouts were the keys to their accomplishments.

Stoffle feels the key was the realization, "that this year was (their) last year together and (their) chance

to go to State in [their] relay."

Coach Garvin said the boys all get along well and even have several classes together. He also said they have fun and enjoy swimming but without dedication and hard work, [they couldn't] win.

The boys will swim Friday in the preliminaries against fifteen competitors. The top eight finishers in each race will advance to the finals. The bottom eight will continue to the consolation race. Although the boys are not seeded above fifteenth in any races, Coach Garvin thinks, "the top eight is not

out of reach."

When asked what it would take for the boys to advance, Garvin replied, "The boys will need to step up a notch, but they have for the past two meets already." He believes they can do it again.

Wednesday, February 26, the bus will leave from Pampa High School at about 8 am. PHS Wrestlers Steven Botello and Jeremy Maxwell who are traveling to the State Wrestling Tournament will join the swimmers on the bus. The public is encouraged to come out and send these State bound athletes off to victory.

## Honeymoon's over for Straus

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goal: the Democrats effectively ended the reign of controversial Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, by promising to support anybody in any party except him.

Some aren't thrilled with what they got in return, even though Democrats now chair 16 of 34 committees, up from 12 under Craddick. But Democratic critics say they didn't get many plum assignments, and some have been appointed as figure-heads of committees with solid GOP majorities. Key panels such as Calendars, which determines what bills are heard, and Appropriations, which controls how state money gets spent, remain firmly in Republican hands.

It's far too early in the legislative session to say what impact, or political future, Democrats will have. They still control almost half the seats in the House, so their votes will matter when the Legislature is slicing up the state's portion of feder-

al stimulus package, overseeing environmental changes and considering changes to social policy and education.

But Ross Ramsey, editor of the political newsletter Texas Weekly, said nobody should be shocked that Straus used his power in a way that will help prop up his Republican base.

"To think that they (Democrats) were going to control the House from the minority position — politics doesn't work like that."

To be sure, not all Democrats were upset, and not all Republicans were happy.

But many members felt slighted, and operatives are increasingly nervous about Democrats' prospects in 2010, a pivotal election year that will determine who gets to draw the new district boundaries for the Legislature and Texas members of the U.S. Congress.

"Disappointed," is how Rep. Jim Dunning of Waco, the top House

Democrat, described his reaction to Straus' committee assignments.

"Experience and proven ability appear to have taken a back seat to partisan goals," said Dunning, a Straus backer who now chairs a special committee to oversee the state's portion of the federal stimulus package.

It was a far cry from the vision of bipartisanship and power-sharing that Democratic leaders were promising fellow members when they signed up with Straus.

"It appears that the crude Craddick meat-ax approach has been replaced with a more subtle, but just as partisan and harmful, Straus-scalpel approach which undermines fair Democratic participation in policy decisions," Angle said.

Rep. Harold Dutton, a Houston Democrat who did not support Straus, said Democratic leaders simply got suckered. He said they hated Craddick so much they were willing to cut

any deal, even a bad one, to get him out — leaving Republicans with the plum assignments and Democrats wondering what hit them.

"They got the pig and everybody else got the oink," he said.

Straus and his allies say the gripes would blow over.

"I feel great about it," Straus said. "It was the hardest thing I've ever done. I tried to be fair and I think I was. I think most people perceived it that way."

Some Democrats agree. Rep. Jim McReynolds, D-Lufkin, said he couldn't stop "grinning ear to ear" after being tapped by Straus to chair the Corrections Committee, which oversees the state's vast prison industry.

"In my wildest dreams I never expected to be on the Corrections Committee. Now I'm chairing it," he said.

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Homebuyers are increasingly encountering unexpected problems — methamphetamine contamination — that may lead to changes in state law.

Experts say meth contamination of apartments, hotel rooms, houses, storage sheds and even cars is more common than people may imagine. Meth-making or heavy use can leave chemicals in carpets, air ducts and attics. And without proper cleanup, experts say, the chemicals linger and expose people to health risks.

"We get calls once a week from people who are the innocent victims — who have nothing to do with drugs or dope," said Kirk Flippin, owner of Texas Decon, a New Braunfels company that tests for meth labs and does cleanups.

Although Texas home sellers are required by law to disclose knowledge of a house being used as a meth lab, experts said the law is not strong enough to protect buyers.

Flippin said Texas needs laws requiring complete disclosure of places contaminated by the manufacture of meth or heavy use. Experts said Texas also needs clearer guidelines on cleanup.

House Bill 23, introduced this session by state Rep. David Leibowitz, D-San Antonio, would require landlords to disclose previous use of leased premises for manufacture of methamphetamine, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported in Sunday editions.

The Rodriguez family in North Texas knows all too well about problems with the state law.

On the seller's disclosure notice for the three-bedroom home in Grapevine the Rodriguezes bought in October, "no" is marked next to a question about knowledge of previous use of premises for manufacture of methamphetamine. It's listed in the same section that asks for disclosure of wood rot, termites and fires.

But just weeks after they moved in, their dog Bruin started having seizures and had to be euthanized. After the dog's sudden death, they began to hear rumors that methamphetamine may have been used in their house. The couple hired a company to check the house for chemicals and discovered traces of meth contamination.

While the cause of the dog's death was not determined, the couple believe the house is not safe to live in. "We wouldn't have bought it had we known," Francisca Rodriguez said.

The Rodriguezes, who have three children, moved out in December and are now renting another house while they figure out what to do with the 1,430-square-foot house, which is under foreclosure.

Under Texas law, if buyers suspect improper disclosure, they can file a complaint with the Texas Real Estate Commission, and the issue can be investigated. The Texas Property Code also requires the seller's real estate agent to disclose any significant defect.

Making methamphetamine involves mixing substances that can be explosive and highly toxic, experts said. Even when meth is not cooked on a stove top, experts have found contamination from heavy meth use.

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The 2008 "Pride" photo contest winner was this photo of one-year-old Emma Grace Searl, sent in by Linda Searl.

## PHOTO CONTEST



The Pampa News' annual amateur photo contest will feature two categories this year - "Family and Friends" and "Gray County Scenes."

### Family and Friends

Photos should be non-posed snapshots of people doing things together. They can also be individual shots, but the key is to make them candid photos that show a slice of life in Gray County. The photos that "tell a story" will also be given a higher rating.

### Gray County Scenes

Send us your best shots of local scenery. Photos may be sunsets, storms, old buildings, cityscapes, wildlife or domestic animals.

**The deadline for entries is 5 p.m. Friday, March 6.**

Winners in each category will be selected by our editorial staff. The top photographers in each category will receive \$100 and their photos will be published in the newspaper's annual "Pride" issue to be published in March. Second place winners in each category will receive \$50. Third Place winners in each category will receive \$25.

Any photos submitted to the contest must be taken by the person submitting them and must have been taken in Gray County since Jan. 1, 2008. The photos cannot have appeared previously in any other publication or contest.

You can submit as many photos to the contest categories as you like.

The best way to submit your photo is to send them via E-mail, as an attachment, to editor@thepampa.com. The photos should be in a .jpg format, preferably shot on the "fine" setting on a digital camera or higher.

Do not edit the photo. We need to make changes in resolution to run photos in the newspaper. If you are entering more than one photo, please send them individually as an E-mail attachment.

Include your name, address, telephone number for verification and a description of the photograph. Identify the people in the photo if possible. Any photo without this information included will be disqualified.

If you would rather submit your entries as prints, send them with the information to: Photography Contest, The Pampa News, 403 W. Atchison Avenue, Pampa, TX. If you wish the prints returned, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your entry.

The Pampa News will publish the winners and many of the other submissions in a special section of our annual Pride issue in March.

# Viewpoints

## Today in History

By The Associated Press  
This is Monday, Feb. 23, the 54th day of 2009. There are 311 days left in the year.

- Highlights in history on this date:  
1573 - Irish rebellion is crushed with surrender of James Fitzmaurice; pacification of Perth ends fighting in Scotland between Regent and supporters of Mary Queen of Scots.  
1574 - Fifth War of Religion breaks out in France.  
1660 - Sweden's King Charles IX executes leaders of pro-Polish party for treason.  
1820 - Cato Street conspiracy to murder British cabinet minister is discovered.  
1836 - Siege of the Alamo begins in U.S. state of Texas against Mexican attackers.  
1861 - American President-elect Abraham Lincoln arrives secretly in Washington to take office after an assassination plot was foiled in Baltimore.

*'Love is the chain whereby to bind a child to his parents.'*

— Abraham Lincoln, American President

- 1905 - The Rotary Club is established in Chicago.  
1927 - U.S. President Calvin Coolidge signs a bill creating the Federal Radio Commission, forerunner of the Federal Communications Commission.  
1933 - Japan begins occupation of China north of the Great Wall.  
1938 - First oil discovery in Kuwait.

- 1942 - Japanese submarine shells oil refinery near Santa Barbara, California.  
1945 - U.S. Marines plant flag on Mount Suribachi, Iwo Jima, but it will be another three weeks until all Japanese defenders on the island are defeated.  
1954 - The first mass inoculation of children against polio with the Salk vaccine begins in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.  
2000 - Preston King, a black man who refused induction into the Army in the 1960s because the all-white draft board wouldn't address him as "Mr.," returns to the United States for the first time in 39 years after receiving a presidential pardon.  
2007 - Forty-six countries sign a declaration in Oslo pushing for a global ban on cluster bombs, a move activists hailed as a major step forward despite opposition from major powers the U.S., Russia, Israel and China.

2008 - A B-2 stealth bomber plunges to the ground shortly after taking off from an air base in Guam, the first time one of the aircraft has crashed, but both pilots ejected safely.

**Today's Birthdays:**  
George Frederick Handel, German composer (1685-1759); Sir George Frederick Watts, English artist (1817-1904); Constantine Caramanlis, Greek president (1907-1998); Peter Fonda, U.S. actor/director (1940—); Brad Whitford, guitarist for Aerosmith (1952—); Howard Jones, British singer (1955—); Kristin Davis, U.S. actress (1965—).



## Guantanamo closure is premature without plan for detainees

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

On September 11, 2001, the United States peered into the face of evil when 19 foreign terrorists brought the violence of Islamic extremism onto our soil, claiming the lives of nearly 3,000 Americans. That day changed the course of history, delineating the post-9/11 era from the days that came before. In the eight years since, America and its allies have boldly waged the Global War on Terror in an effort to prevent terrorism from ever reaching America's shores again and to protect free nations across the world. This conflict has presented our nation with unique operational challenges for which there is no wartime precedent, such as where and how to detain captured terrorists, including the self-confessed mastermind of 9/11, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed.

Since shortly after 9/11, enemy combatants have been detained at a prisoner facility at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba. Now, the Guantanamo Bay detention facility has become a point of contention. Just two days after President Obama's Inauguration, he issued an Executive Order

to close the Guantanamo Bay terrorist detention facility within a year. I believe this action is premature, and I am extremely concerned about the fast-approaching deadline, particularly when no viable alternative for housing these dangerous terrorists and enemy combatants has been outlined.

President Barack Obama's Executive Order states that the closure, which would require the release or transfer of nearly 300 detainees, should be practicable and consistent with national security interests. This cannot happen without a full discussion and thorough plan for the detention of these enemy combatants. The policy contemplates five scenarios for handling current detainees: hand them over to their home countries for incarceration; transfer them to a neutral country; transfer them to prisons on U.S. soil; send them to U.S. facilities abroad; or release them outright. Unfortunately, all of these alternatives heighten the threat to the lives of Americans at home and abroad.

Without question, the worst of these options is to send Guantanamo prisoners to domestic prisons in the United States. Vice

President Biden (then-Senator of Delaware) was among the 94 Senators opposing transfer of the prisoners to the U.S.; President Obama (then-Senator of Illinois) was not present for the vote.

Alternatively, transferring enemy combatants to prisons in foreign states or releasing them to their home countries is also a dangerous proposition. In January, it was reported that former Guantanamo detainee Said Ali al-Shihri, who had been released into the custody of Saudi Arabia, has subsequently resurfaced as a terrorist operative. Today, he is al-Qaeda's deputy leader in Yemen and is charged with planning and executing acts of violence against the U.S. and its allies. And al-Shihri is not the exception. According to the Pentagon, as many as 61 enemy combatants released from Guantanamo have since reconnected with terrorist networks and renewed their commitment to destroying America and our way of life.

Clearly, a viable alternative to Guantanamo has not yet been identified. Expediting closure of this detention facility without absolutely ensuring American lives won't be



endangered would place misguided foreign policy goals above the protection of our homeland. Moreover, it signals a dangerous return to the pre-9/11 mindset.

On February 11, 2009, I sent a letter to the President, urging him to reconsider his Executive Order and to reject any option that could land terrorists in Texas or anywhere else on American soil. Before setting a deadline to close the detainment camp at Guantanamo Bay, the American people must first be assured that the transfer or release of detainees will not increase the risk of harm to American citizens at home or abroad. As it stands, the administration cannot give that assurance today.

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

## Even military split over pullout

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama faces split opinions within the military on whether to make the speedy withdrawal from Iraq he championed on the campaign trail.

Obama's top generals in Baghdad are pressing for an elongated timetable, while some influential senior advisers inside the Pentagon are more amenable to a quicker pullout.

Although Obama has yet to decide the matter, his announcement last week that he is sending thousands more combat troops to Afghanistan implies a drawdown of at least two brigades from Iraq by summer.

That does not answer the question that has been dangling over Iraq since he took office in January: Will Obama stick to his stated goal of a 16-month pullout or opt for a slower, less risky approach?

Gen. Ray Odierno, the top American commander in Baghdad, favors a longer timetable for leaving Iraq. He sees 2009 as a pivotal year, with parliamentary elections set to be held in December; he does

not want to lose more than two of the 14 combat brigades that are now in Iraq before the end of the year.

Odierno's boss at U.S. Central Command, Gen. David Petraeus, leans toward Odierno's view.

Gen. David McKiernan, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, has steered clear of the debate over withdrawing from Iraq, but he sees his battlefield as an increasingly urgent priority, not just for additional combat troops but also for Iraq-focused surveillance aircraft and more civilian support.

There are now about 146,000 U.S. troops in Iraq, compared with 38,000 in Afghanistan. Obama has directed 17,000 more to head to Afghanistan, including Marines and soldiers who had been in line for Iraq duty.

At the Pentagon, a more mixed view prevails. The uniformed service chiefs see Iraq as a strain on their troops and, more broadly, a drain on their resources. The Marines, in particular, are in the tough position of having a foothold in both major U.S. wars, Iraq and

Afghanistan. As a relatively small service, the Marines would prefer to concentrate more fully on Afghanistan, if only they could get out of Iraq.

Neither Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, nor Defense Secretary Robert Gates has said publicly whether he supports a 16-month withdrawal timeline. "There's a very clear understanding of what is at stake here," Mullen said Feb. 10. "That's not unusual. It's very natural for Gen. McKiernan to say, 'I need more.' And so that's the tension. We don't have an infinite pot (of resources and deployable forces)."

In internal discussions, the emphasis appears to be on getting out responsibly rather than quickly, several officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity because no decisions have been made.

It boils down to this: How much more effort is the Iraq war worth? What is the risk of leaving too soon?

Is the 16-month timetable too short, given the uncertain state of stability and political recon-

ciliation in Iraq and the potential cost of seeing the country slide back into widespread sectarian war?

And is anything substantially beyond 16 months too long, given the call for still more troops in Afghanistan, where Obama himself has said the battle against extremists is going in the wrong direction?

Peter Mansoor, a retired Army colonel who was the executive officer for Petraeus when the general was in Baghdad overseeing the "surge" of U.S. forces in 2007-08, said he thinks it probable that Obama will pull at least four combat brigades out of Iraq by the end of this year. He hopes the president does not insist on getting all 14 brigades out within 16 months.

"If the president orders it, the military can do it, but whether it's advisable or not is a different story," he said in a telephone interview. "Quite frankly, I don't think it is, given the risk you would incur to potentially upsetting the political situation" inside Iraq.

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# Army charity hoards millions

FORT BLISS, Texas (AP) — As soldiers stream home from Iraq and Afghanistan, the biggest charity inside the U.S. military has been stockpiling tens of millions of dollars meant to help put returning fighters back on their feet, an Associated Press investigation shows.

Between 2003 and 2007 — as many military families dealt with long war deployments and increased numbers of home foreclosures — Army Emergency Relief grew into a \$345 million behemoth. During those years, the charity packed away \$117 million into its own reserves while spending just \$64 million on direct aid, according to an AP analysis of its tax records.

Tax-exempt and legally separate from the military, AER projects a facade of independence but really operates under close Army control. The massive nonprofit — funded predominantly by troops — allows superiors to squeeze soldiers for contributions; forces struggling soldiers to repay loans — sometimes delaying transfers and promotions; and too often violates its own rules by rewarding donors, such as giving free passes from physical training, the AP found.

AER was founded in 1942 to soften the personal financial hardships on soldiers and their families as the country ramped up its fight in World War II.

Today, AER's mission is to ease cash emergencies of active-duty soldiers and retirees, and to provide college scholarships for their families. Its emergency aid covers mortgage payments and food, car repairs, medical bills, travel to family funerals, and the like.

Instead of giving money

away, though, the Army charity lent out 91 percent of its emergency aid during the period 2003-2007. For accounting purposes, the loans, dispensed interest-free, are counted as expenses only when they are not paid back.

During that same five-year period, the smaller Navy and Air Force charities both put far more of their own resources into aid than reserves. The Air Force charity kept \$24 million in reserves while dispensing \$56 million in total aid, which includes grants, scholarships and loans not repaid. The Navy charity put \$32 million into reserves and gave out \$49 million in total aid.

AER executives defend their operation, insisting they need to keep sizable reserves to be ready for future catastrophes.

"Look at the stock market," said retired Col. Dennis Spiegel, AER's deputy director for administration. Without the large reserve, he added, "We'd be in very serious trouble."

Navy- and Air Force-sponsored charities also are deeply intertwined with their services, but they impose controls that help safeguard their independence.

Officers in those services are expected to keep their noses out of requests for aid. Sailors should "be comfortable coming to us without any fear that the command is going to be involved," says retired Rear Adm. Jan Gaudio, executive vice president of Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

Meanwhile, civilian charities for service members and veterans say they are swamped by the desperate needs of recent years, with requests far outstripping ability to respond.

According to 2007 U.S. Census Bureau figures, 1.3 million veterans — or 6 percent — lived in poverty, with 537,000 unemployed.

"I have so many people who are losing their homes, they're behind on their mortgage payments, they're losing their jobs because of PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder) or the medication they're taking — and the Army Emergency Relief can't help them," says Outreach Director Sema Olson at U.S. Welcome Home Foundation, which finds aid for combat veterans.

While independent on paper, Army Emergency Relief is housed, staffed and controlled by the U.S. Army.

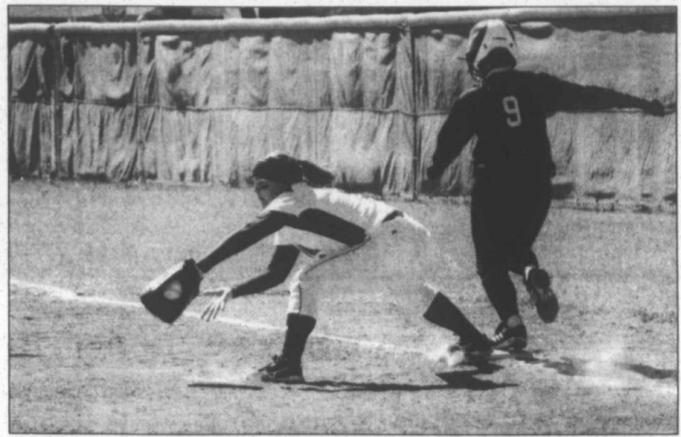
That's not illegal per se. Eric Smith, a spokesman for the Internal Revenue Service, said the agency can't offer an opinion on a particular charity's activities. But Marcus Owens, former head of IRS charity oversight, said charities like AER can legally partner closely with a government agency.

Told of AP's findings, civilian charities and watchdog groups said AER isn't acting charitably enough under the Army's sway. They challenged how fairly it fundraises and how generously it gives back.

Most charity watchdogs view 1-to-3 years of reserves as prudent, with more than that considered hoarding.

Daniel Borochoff, president of the American Institute of Philanthropy, said that AER collects money "very efficiently. What the shame is, is they're not doing more with it."

When challenged, some AER administrators



A split second too late, Stormy Phillips, 9, of Vernon beats out a throw to first just as Lady Harvester Jordan Mayhew stretches to catch the ball during opening day of Pampa softball. Vernon won 13-5.

## Lady Harvesters drop opening scrimmage

It was a clear, cold February day when the Lady Harvesters dropped their scrimmage to Vernon Saturday.

Despite a home run in the fourth inning by pitcher Carlyn Tiechmann, the Vernon bats were just too powerful as Vernon took the game 13-5.

Kelby Doughty was the first to score for the Lady Harvesters. She hit a double in the third inning and scored on an error.

Shelbie Watson hit a double in the fourth and came in on Tiechmann's homer.

Sammie Pearson scored in the sixth. Libby Dyson scored in the seventh.

The Lady Harvesters travel to Midland at the end of the week for a tournament Thursday and Friday.

The junior varsity plays Bushland Friday in Pampa.

acknowledged being overly prudent with charitable funds in the past. Still, Borochoff's organization, which grades charities, gives the Army charity an "F" because of the hoarding. "It's as if the group is more concerned about its own stability and longevity than the people it purports to serve," says Borochoff.

The AP findings include: — Superior officers come calling when AER loans aren't repaid on time. Soldiers can be fined or demoted for missing loan payments.

— Promotions can be delayed or cancelled if loans are not repaid.

— Despite strict rules

against coercion, the Army uses pushy tactics to extract supposedly voluntary contributions, with superiors using language like: "How much can we count on from you?"

— The Army sometimes offers rewards for contributions, though incentives are banned by program rules.

— AER screens every request for aid, peering into the personal finances of its troops, essentially making the Army a soldier's boss and loan officer.

It's "offensive" to raise funds this way, says Rich Cowles, executive director of the independent

Charities Review Council of Minnesota.

Neither the Army nor Sgt. Major of the Army Kenneth Preston, an AER board member, responded to repeated requests for comment on the military's relationship with AER.

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Menu  
Pampa Independent  
School District  
Feb. 23 through Feb. 27  
Feb. 23  
PBJ Uncrustable (only available at Travis) Grilled Cheese  
Sliced Potatoes  
Sliced carrots  
Mixed fruit  
Breakfast-toasts  
Feb. 24  
Spaghetti or chicken nuggets  
Green beans  
Tossed salad  
Fresh fruit  
Garlic toast  
Breakfast- French toast  
Feb. 25  
Popcorn shirmp or chef salad  
Corn  
English peans  
Pears  
Hot roll  
Breakfast- Breakfast pizza  
Feb. 26  
Mini twin cheeseburgers or cheese nachos  
Western beans  
Broccoli florets  
Pineapple tidbits  
Breakfast- Biscuit, sausage patty  
Feb. 27  
Breaded chicken patty on a bun or hot dog  
French Fries  
Vegeterian beans  
Peaches  
Gelatin  
Breakfast- Cereal  
Briarwood Kids Cafe  
Feb. 26  
Checken Noodle  
Asparagus  
Salad  
Dessert  
Drink  
Wilson Kids Cafe  
Feb. 23  
Pigs in a blanket  
Pork n' beans  
Tator tots  
Dessert  
Drink  
Lamar Kids Cafe  
Feb. 24  
Tator tot casserole

English peas  
Salad  
Dessert  
Drink  
Southside Senior Citizens Center  
Feb. 24  
Philly Cheese Steak  
Sandwich  
French fries  
Salad  
Coke floats  
Pampa Meals on Wheels  
Monday, Feb. 23  
Chicken sandwich  
Tator tots  
Lettuce/tomatoes  
Applesauce  
Tuesday, Feb. 24  
Stew  
Cornbread  
Peaches  
Wednesday, Feb. 25  
Roast  
Mashed potatoes  
Green beans  
corn  
banana bread  
Thursday, Feb. 26

Chicken chow mein  
Egg roll  
Rice/oriental veg.  
Jello  
Friday, FEB. 27  
Salmon  
Macaroni/cheese  
Pickled beets  
Apricots  
Pampa Senior Citizens  
Monday... Chicken fried steak or chicken enchiladas  
Mashed potatoes, Italian Green beans, beets, pinto beans  
Slaw, tossed, Jello salad  
Orange strusel cake or banana pudding  
Hot rolls or cornbread  
Tuesday... Chicken salad or moch filet mignon  
Cheese potatoes, peas, carrots, northern beans  
Slaw, tossed, Jello salad  
Marble cake or butterscotch icebox pie  
Hot rolls or cornbread  
Wednesday... Roast beef

brisket/brown gracy or cook's choice  
Mashed potatoes, fried squash, cabbage, butter beans  
Slaw, tossed, Jello salad  
German chocolate upsidedown cake or lemon pie  
Hot rolls or cornbread  
Thursday... Chicken strips or liver n' onions  
Scalloped potatoes, spinach, creme corn, pinto beans  
Slaw, tossed, Jello salad  
Tomato spice cake or cherry creme pie  
Hot rolls or cornbread  
Friday... Catfish and hushpuppies or spaghetti and meatballs  
Potato wedges, winter blend, beans  
Slaw, tossed, Jello salad  
Triple chocolate cake or tapioca cups  
Garlic breadsticks, hot rolls, cornbread

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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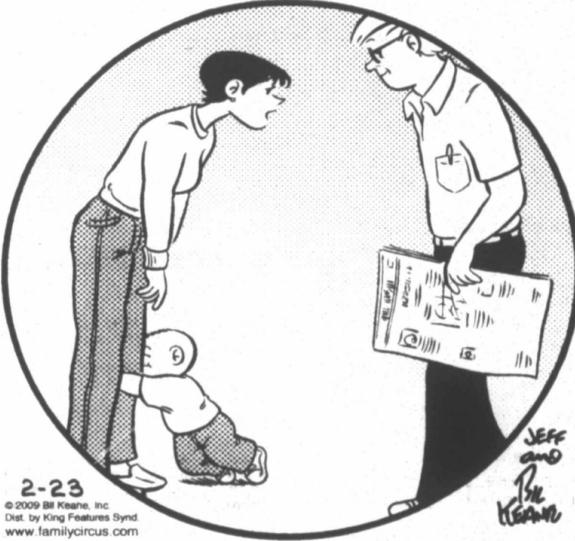
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"She seems to know you from somewhere."

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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"I'm not so sure it's affection. I think he's just wiping his nose."

## Daily Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

#### ACROSS DOWN

- 1 Dance moves
- 6 On the up-and-up
- 11 Settle the bill
- 12 Un-escorted
- 13 Sports setting
- 14 Grimace
- 15 Beach crawler
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- 18 How some corn is served
- 22 Skin feature
- 23 Bright-billed bird
- 27 Licorice-like herb
- 29 Scoundrel
- 30 Madagas-car mammals
- 32 Ship staff
- 33 Business graph
- 35 Fido's foot
- 38 Story
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- 41 Narnia lion
- 45 Singer Patsy
- 46 Hotel offering
- 47 Ambitious personality type
- 48 Velocity

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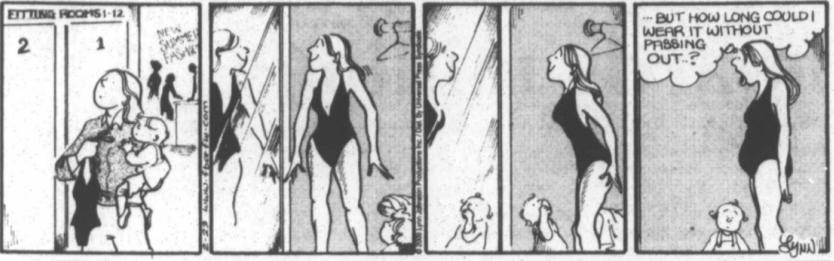
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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My father recently began treatment for cancer. He has radiation daily and chemo once a week. Mom and Dad spend many hours sitting in the hospital for these treatments.

Several families from church have asked what they can do to make my parents' lives easier at this time. I have asked that instead of offering to make meals (Mom and Dad are both on restricted diets), donating puzzle books, meditation books

and crossword puzzles to be enjoyed at the hospital would be a better idea.

I also plan to assemble some "boredom-buster bags" for my parents each week, so they won't get antsy waiting around for the procedures to be finished. -- TRISHA IN MOORESVILLE, IND.

**DEAR TRISHA:** That's a terrific idea. However, if the church members would like to become more involved, ask them

to consider saving their fashion, sports and political magazines and deliver them on a regular basis to the chemotherapy center. That way they will not only help your parents, but also other patients who are undergoing treatment there. I'm sure the donations would be greatly appreciated.

**DEAR ABBY:** I recently graduated from college, but aside from that, I can't seem to finish anything I start. I am a creative and talented designer, but because I no longer have deadlines, I don't see any of my projects through to completion.

I have tried giv-

ing myself personal deadlines to no avail, because I know there will be no consequences. Then I become angry and frustrated with myself, and the piles of uncompleted work get larger and larger. It seems like I am easily bored or stressed -- that's when I stop working. I long for a sense of accomplishment and pride in my abilities. Could I have a disorder? -- NEEDS HELP FINISHING TH ...

**DEAR NEEDS HELP:** Not unless being disorganized and not a self-starter is a disorder. Your inability to abide by personal deadlines will have serious "consequences" if you plan to have a career in

design, because if you can't complete a project, you will have nothing to show potential clients. If you have nothing to show, you reduce the chances of being hired. So stop the self-indulgence and get moving!

**DEAR ABBY:** A few years ago, my husband and I had beautiful wood floors installed in our home. My problem is my two sons, ages 20 and 21, who constantly track dirt through the house. I have asked many times that they please wipe their feet or remove their shoes. They do it only if I am in the living room and can see them when they walk in.

I would like to tack a sign on the front door that says, "Wipe your feet or remove your shoes before entering." My husband thinks it would be rude, but he's not the one who has to constantly clean the floor.

Would it be rude to put up a sign? Or must I just continue to sweep and mop daily? -- TIERED OF MOPPING IN DENHAM SPRINGS, LA.

**DEAR TIERED OF MOPPING:** If your sons are the only offenders, hanging a sign should not be necessary. In your absence your husband should enforce the rules. And if he doesn't, then HE should do the mopping.

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**2-23 CRYPTOQUOTE**

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EVVU TZTFKCMV ZJ WGUH

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2236 Christine	\$162,000	3/25/1 - 2326 SF/GCAD
1819 Evergreen	\$157,900	4/1,75,75/2 - 2315 SF/GCAD
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2520 Charles	\$87,000	3/1,75/2 - 1290 SF/GCAD
1535 N Russell	\$83,000	2/1/2 - 1624 SF/GCAD
1414 N Williston	\$82,500	3/1,75/2(1att)del - 1577 SF/GCAD
1602 N Charles	\$69,500	3/2,50/2 - 1947 SF/GCAD
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1605 N Summer	\$89,900	3/1,75/2 - 1277 SF/GCAD
2233 N Wells	\$85,000	4/2/2cpt - 1540 SF/GCAD
2137 N Foulkner	\$82,000	3/1,75/1 - 1475 SF/GCAD
1101 Seneca	\$80,000	3/1,75/1 - 1192 SF/GCAD
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1145 Seneca Lane	\$65,000	3/1/1 - 1369 SF/GCAD
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# Daily Horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009:

New beginnings become possible this year, but only after you decide on your priorities. A friendship transforms this year as you also greet a new social or professional circle. You'll view people differently by the end of the year. Your personality melts barriers. Do be careful not to become too self-centered. If you are single, you'll meet people with ease, especially through a professional or personal commitment. You might be delighted by your options. If you are attached, you could tend to be overly merited. Remember, a partnership is made up of two people. A fellow PISCES is a soul mate.

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

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) \*\*\* You have a strong idea of where you want to head. It might be wise to say less, and share only with a trusted confidant. New beginnings are possible if you don't fight change. Know when to be quiet and say little. Tonight: Just for you. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\*\* Someone recently conferred his or her support upon you. Deal with others, meetings and a decision that comes from much thought — the result of breaking past mental filters. Tonight: Find your friends. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\* Early morning information allows you to assume the helm of your ship. Others respect your ability to accept what is going on and what might appear

to be a new beginning. Work with others directly. Tonight: Could be late, as you burn the midnight oil.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*\* Work as a team and grow with a partner. Brainstorming together opens Pandora's box. You might be surprised by all the different opportunities that could knock on your door. Remain open, and you could be delighted. Tonight: Answer e-mail before you relax. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\* Continue to accept that you are not in a power position — and you might not want to be, either. Through accepting the inevitable and being more upbeat, you break past a problem and understand an important partner. Tonight: Be with a favorite person. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\* Defer to others and let them take the lead. You feel as if you can kick back and relax once you see someone's competence. A new beginning becomes a possibility. Let creativity flow and open up doors. Others appreciate your ideas. Tonight: Say yes. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\* A dream or waking thought might have much to offer. Emphasize work and getting the job done. You could be overwhelmed by all your options. Funnel your energy into one project at a time. Remain centered. Tonight: Time for exercise, and then head home. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\* You might want to question a decision more carefully that involves a child or loved one. Your libido energies soar, and if you're creative, you could be a bubbling brook of endless ideas. Let it flow, for goodness' sake! Tonight: Fun

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