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## King, 26, is accused of parole. Sheriff appeals to citizens to join in crime fight

Responding to the increased number of citizens wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against Don Sheriff crime. Copeland today announced that Gray County Citizens are being invited to Associate Members of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas.

by David Bowser

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team was in Missouri earlier this week interviewing

mitigation witnesses.

Levi King's defense

There are some 30 to 50

witnesses that could poten-

tially have to be brought to

Pampa and housed for

King's trial, defense

lawyers said, but an affi-

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court record sheds some

light on a proposed plea

agreement.

Membership invitations will go out in the mail over the next several weeks. Associate Member funding allows the Sheriffs' Association of Texas to provide critical training, technical resources, and legislative support on key criminal justice issues to law enforcement officers across the state.

used to support crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, fight drug abuse, provide additional training for sheriffs and their deputies, and provide scholarships for children of law enforcement offi-

Contributions to the Sheriffs' Association of Texas are tax-deductible.

"The Associate Membership Drive helps

Pampa and Interstate 40 in the predawn hours of Sept. 30, 2005. He pleaded guilty last April in Missouri to the Sept. 29, 2005, murders of

at their home between

Orlie McCool, 70, and McCool's daughter-in-law, Laura Dawn McCool, 47, in exchange for a life sentence in prison without

killing Brian Conrad, 31; In March, 2006, a Gray his six-month pregnant County grand jury indicted King on four counts of wife, Michell Conrad, 35 and her son Zach Doan, 14, murder.

Mitigator: King willing to plead

guilty if death penalty waived

King was returned to the Texas Panhandle in July where he is being held in the Hemphill County jail.

Initially, King's trial in Pampa was set for January, but at a January hearing, 31st District Judge Steven Emmert granted a continuance at the request of lead defense attorney Joe Marr Wilson, who was appoint-

Citing affidavits filed in the case by Cynthia Short, a Missouri mitigation specialist, and Bruce Tiffin, the defense investigator, Wilson said the defense needed more time, although last year Wilson had filed a motion request-

motion. The affidavit filed by Short in January said that King is willing to plead guilty to all charges in the

ing a speedy trail. Judge

Emmert denied that

"He is willing to enter pleas of guilty to each capital charge," Short said in her affidavit, "in exchange for the state's waiver of the death penalty.'

She said that King is willing to waive all appeals in Texas and Missouri to provide the necessary assurance to both communities that he will live his life inside

Short said that to date, as King-cont. on page 3

In addition, dues will be

provide the funding which

is vital to our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work, and play," said Sheriff Copeland.

The Membership Program was created to provide citizens with an opportunity to lend their support to more effective law enforcement and to better help local Sheriffs protect the lives and property of citizens.

"During these economic times, the need for building stronger public-private law enforcement partnerships continues to escalate, and programs such as this continue to grow in imporsaid Sheriff tance." Copeland. "I encourage every citizen receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an Associate Member. It is a valuable investment in our future."

Citizens not receiving a membership appeal or desiring more information can contact the Sheriffs' Association of Texas at: 1601 S. IH-35, Austin, Texas 78741 or www.txsheriffs.org. Founded in 1874, the Sheriffs' Association of Texas is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit pro-

Appeal - cont. on page 3

## McGruff and friends



photo by Rachel Stennett

Officer Stormy McCullar fingerprints Blas Ruiz, a pre-K student at Community Christian School. The travelling fingerprinting equipment was purchased with funds raised through the McGruff Crime Prevention fund raiser in which the community donated over \$5,000 for a new McGruff costume and the equipment. The fingerprints are printed for the families of students, but not stored by the police department.

Agreements reached

in six area cases

## Deputies seize 30 pounds of pot

by Rachel Stennett

rstennett@thepampanews.com A traffic stop was made yesterday (Feb. 25) on Interstate 40, which lead to the seizure of over 30 pounds of marijuana by the Gray County Sheriff's Office.

At about 5:30 p.m., Deputies Hudson and Baker stopped a vehicle on a traffic violation on mile post 144.

The deputies made con-

er gave deputies consent to search the vehicle, at which point they found a substance believed to be marijuana.

Andrew Esaul Gomez, 26, of Auburn Ala., was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana greater than five pounds, but less than 50 pounds. Bond was set for Gomez at 20,000 and as of Thursday morning he remained in Gray County Jail. The value of the marijuana has yet to be determined,

five years. Hutchinson was given a \$2,500 fine. Josh Guadalupe Magana was found guilty of the crime evading

by Rachel Stennett

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reached in the 223rd and

31st Judicial District Court

between Feb. 13 and Feb.

Cody Wade Hutchinson

was placed on deferred

adjudication for evading

arrest with a vehicle.

Hutchinson was sentenced

to serve 24 months at the

Texas Department of

Institutional Division. The

sentence of confinement

Hutchinson was placed on

community supervision for

suspended and

Justice,

Criminal

The disposition of the following cases was

arrest with a vehicle on April 10, 2008. At that time, Magana was sentenced to serve 18 months in TDCJ and pay a fine of \$1,000. The sentence of confinement was was suspended and Magana was placed on probation. Probation was revoked from Magana on Feb. 23. Magana then plead guilty to the felony and was placed on the terms of probation previously assessed in the case. Magana was also ordered to confinement in Gray County Jail for 60 days, and fined reimbursement fees. An amount has not be deter-

Bruce Kenneth Vanderburg was found guilty of possession of marijuana on Jan. 3, 2006.

mined.

At that time, Vanderburg was sentenced to confinement at TDCJ for five years, pay a fine of \$5,000, and pay restitution in the amount of \$140. The sentence of confinement was suspended and the Vanderburg was placed on probation. On Feb. 23, the court found Vanderburg had violated his terms of probation, which was then provoked. Vanderburg then plead guilty to the crime and was placed on the terms of probation previously assessed in the case. Vanderburg was also ordered to confinement in Gray County Jail for 30 days, and ordered to reimburse Gray County for fees paid to Cecil Biggers, court-Court - cont. on page 3





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#### PAMPA FORECAST

Friday

Saturday









High 57 Low 28 Low 29

Low 25 Friday: Sunny, with a high near 57. Wind chill values between 25 and 35 early. East northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts

as high as 20 mph. Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29. Wind chill values between 19 and 24. North northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph,

with gusts as high as 25 mph. Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 47. North northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with

gusts as high as 25 mph. Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 28. North northeast wind around 10

mph becoming south southeast. Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 59. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 34. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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#### Grain prices

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of White Deer for the close of the last open market day.

Wheat.								4.61
Milo						٠.		4.71
Corn								

## Baseball change

There has been a change in the baseball schedule for Friday. The Pampa Harvesters now plays Bushland at noon and Palo Duro at 4 p.m.

#### Mega Millions jackpot now \$171 million

ATLANTA (AP) — There has been another rollover in the grand prize for the multistate Mega Millions lottery to \$171 million.

The rollover occurred because no player matched all the winning numbers from Tuesday night's drawing. The next Mega Millions drawing will be Friday night.

Although there was no grand prize winner, 13 players won second prizes of \$250,000 apiece. Two of those tickets were sold in Michigan. Another 61 players, including five who bought a ticket in Michigan, won third prizes of

The winning numbers from Tuesday night's drawing were: one, 27, 28, 35 and 40. The Mega Ball number was

#### Cash Five Texas results AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing

Wednesday night:

- Winning numbers drawn: 37-6-29-15-10. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$25,789
- Winning ticket purchased in: Amarillo Matching four of five: 69. Prize: \$168
- Matching three of five: 2,504. Prize: \$10
- Matching two of five: 25,880. Prize: \$2
- Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

#### Winning Lotto Texas numbers

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

- Winning numbers drawn: 26-53-32-11-20-50. Number matching six of six: 0.
- Number matching five of six: 18. Prize: \$2,594.
- Number matching four of six: 1,168. Prize: \$59.
- Number matching three of six: 25,557. Prize: \$3 Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$22

#### Correction

Tuesday's story on the Community Plan falsely stated thats Pampa ISD's Parent University events are educational opportunities are for teen parents, when in fact they are for parents of students in their respective schools, not teen parents.

To clarify further, Pampa ISD officials are looking at special pre-kindergarten programs for children born of

## DPS seizes drugs on I-40

Groom - Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 12:01 p.m. on I-40 in Carson County near the city of Groom DPS Troopers stopped a 1995 Ford F150 for a traffic violation.

During the stop troopers became suspicious of the Driver. The Driver 30 year old Richard Calderon of Oak Lawn, IL gave troopers consent to search his vehicle.

Troopers discovered 20 bundles of white powder wrapped in gray duct tape. The bundles were concealed in the front fenders, and the cowling at the base of the

The white powder was identified as cocaine. The bundles totaled 6000 grams, worth an estimated street value of \$438,000. The origin of the cocaine was Los Angeles, Ca; the destination was Chicago, IL.

## For the Record

## **Obituaries**

## Celia Polnac Donnell, 72

Celia Polnac Donnell passed away peacefully on February 23, 2009 in Athens, Texas. She was born Celia Miller on October 31, 1936 in Pampa to the late Viron Printess and Margaret Ollie Dalby Miller. She was in the Pampa High School graduating class of 1955. Shew as a member of the First Assembly of God Church and was employed by Cabot Oil and Gas until moving to Houston in October of 1974. After retiring in 1998, she moved to Athens.

Surviving members of her family include her husband, Glenn Donnell, Athens; daughters, Vanes sa Polnac, Friendswood, Melinda Polnac Hunter and husband Richard, Houston; son Monty Pol nac and wife Dianna, Katy; stepson, Damon Donnell, Athens; grandchildren, Joey Heap, Alli son and Payton Polnac; sister, Olean Miller Whit comb and husband Mike, Wiley; brothers, Robert Miller and wife Dee, Newport, Oregon, Larkin Miller and wife Donna, Irving; and many nieces,



nephews, aunts, cousins.

Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26 at Carroll-Lehr Funeral Home, 1910 Highway 31 East, Athens. Burial will follow in Walnut Creek Cemetery. Family visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funerral

If desired, memorials may be made to Crescent Height United Methodist Church, 13497 FM 753 Athens, Texas 75751 or The University of Texas M



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Anderson Cancer Center, PO BOX 4486, Houston, Texas 77210-

## Rose Marie Keys, 54

Gardens

Pampa, Texas — Rose Marie Keys, 54, died February 24, 2009 in Amarillo, Texas.

Vigil services will be at 5:30 PM Thursday, February 26, 2009, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, and services will be at 10:00 AM Friday, February 27, 2009, at Memory Gardens Mausoleum, with Rev. Joseph Ravi, associate pastor of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, officiating.

Cemetery under the direcof Carmichaeltion Whatley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Keys was born

December 5, 1954 in Menlo, Iowa. She grew up and attended schools in Garden City, Kansas. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1977. Rose married Marshall Keys on April 24, 1987 in Pampa. She was a homemaker. She will be remembered for a generous heart. Rose Burial will be in enjoyed life, fishing and

spending time with family and friends. She will be missed by everyone.

Survivors in clude her husband, Marshall Keys of the home; two daughters; Joyce Keys and Bobby Keys, both of Canyon; one son, Cody Keys of Canyon, three sisters, Mary Cruz and husband Luke of Dodge City, Kansas, Kathy McMillan and husband Sam of Garden City, Kansas, and Christine Parker and husband Brock of Pampa, two brothers; Leo Francis

McMahon, Jr., and wife Angie of Amarillo, and Stephen McMahon and wife Delores of Pampa. Rose was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, a sister, Teresa Woodward, and a nephew, Charlie Cruz.

MEMORIALS Odyssey Hospice, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, Texas 79106

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## **Emergency Services**

#### PAMPA PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following calls.

Tuesday, Feb. 24 Officers conducted nine traffic stops.

A total of 18 calls and/or stops concerning animals were made.

Two alarms were investigated on Highway 70

A suicide attempt was made in the 1600 block of West McCullough street.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 2100 block of North Faulkner.

An assault was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Traffic complaints were received from the 900 block of West Kentucky, the 1600 block of Highway 60, the intersection of Duncan and Harvester streets, and the 900 block of West Kentucky.

Motor vehicle accidents were reported in the lobby of the police department, the 1000 block of East Browning, and the intersection of Duncan and 23rd.

Civil matters were reported in the lobby of the

A buglary was reported in the 500 blck of North Starkweather, where a window pane was damaged and tools stolen, estimatedd value \$285.

Agency assistanc was rendered in the 500 block of West Cook.

A welfare check was made in the 400 block of South Cuyler.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of Highway 60.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 800 block of North Lefors.

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

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1600 block of East Highway 60, and the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 200 block of East Brown. Phone harassment was

reported in the 500 block of North Ward. Driving while intoxicated was reported in the

1300 block of North

Hobart. Wednesday, Feb. 25 Officers conducted seven traffic stops.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Tyng and and Gillespie streets, and the 2200 block of North

A burglary was reported in the 2200 block of North Hamilton.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 2800 block fo Perryton Parkway. Wednesday, Feb. 25

Officers conducted 11 traffic stops. A stop in the intersection of Lincoln and Nelson resulted in at least one arrest.

A total of 17 calls and/or stops concerning animals were made.

One attempt to serve papers was made.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 100 block of East Foster, and the 1300 block of North Coffee.

A burglary was reported in the 1200 block of South

Agency assistance was rendered in the 700 block of East McCullough.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1800 block of North Hobart.

Theft was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart, where a ladder valuedat \$100 was stolen; and the 1100 block of West Wilks where a rottweiler puppy was stolen, valued at \$500.

A violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 700 block of South Ballard.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2400 block of North Charles, and the 1300 block of North Coffee.

Harassment was reported in the 1100 block of South Neel, and the lobby of the PD.

A narcotics violation was reported at Pampa High School, 111 East Harvester.

Welfare checks were made in the intersection of Kentucky and Sumner, the 600 block of North Dwight, and the 800 block of East Browning.

An assault was reported in the 500 block of North

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart. Phone harassment was

reported in the 1100 block of North Starkweather. Agency assistance was rendered in the 200 block

of North Russell. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1200 block of South Sumner.

SHERIFF

#### Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests.

Stehpanie Marie Dorsey, 21, of Amarillo was arrested by GCSO and sent to County Residential Treatment Center in Lubbock for theft in Potter

Paul Thomas Gerik, 52, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for theft of a

firearm. Diaz, 28, of Rosa Pampa was arrested by the PPD for warrants and no valid driver's license.

of Amarillo was arrested by the PPD for driving while intoxicated. Kenneth Kristopher Smith, 21, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD on

Aaron Glenn Riago, 23,

#### warrants for driving while intoxicated.

**AMBULANCE** Guardian EMS ambulancce service reported the

following calls. 7:26 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient to North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

9:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:33 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Duncan and transported a patient to PRMC. 1:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 12000 block of County Road G and transported a

3:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMc.

patient to PRMC.

5:17 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of Brown and transported a patient to PRMC. 5:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

Wednesday, Feb. 25 10:13 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of Somerville. The

call was cancelled in route. 4:22 p.m. — A mobile ICu responded to the 1100 block of Hobart and transported a patient to PRMc.

Thursday, Feb. 26 3:18 a.m. — A mobile

ICU responded to the 3000 block of Perryton Parkway and transported a patient to PRMC.

#### FIRE

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls.

9:38 a.m. - One unit five personnel and responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner on a med assist

6:41 p.m. - One unit personnel two responded to the Pool Hall, where a vehicle fire call was reported. The fire was

out upon arrival. Wednesday, Feb. 25 10:11 a.m. — One unit three personnel responded to the 1400

block of West Somerville on a med assist. 1:29 p.m. — One unit three personnel and responded to PRMC on

LifeStar standby. 4:28 p.m. -- One unit three personnel and responded to PRMC on

LifeStar standby. 7:08 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 2600 block of North Hobart on a BBQ pit

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## Critics say tuition relief Headline like this could hurt schools

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The idea of cutting college tuition has sparked a political grassfire at the Texas capitol. Two out of three senators are for it. Students are staging rallies. And overflow crowds are expected once the legislative hearings

But every populist cause has its naysayers, and in this case the critics say putting the brakes on tuition could cause a big drop in university budgets and ultimately degrade the quality of the diplomas they give out.

The central complaint is that state lawmakers are talking a lot about delivering relief to middle-class parents but are saying precious little about how they'll keep paying for faculty salaries and fund research if tuition dollars start drying up.

"On the one hand they want to cap tuition, and on the other hand they want to starve the institution," said Kevin Hegarty, the chief financial officer at UT Austin. "Something's got to give."

Students are planning to rally Thursday at the capitol before fanning out to lawmakers' offices to drum up support for a tuition freeze. The group has coalesced behind Senate Bill 105, which would put a moratorium on tuition increases for two years, peg future hikes to the cost of living and require that most fee hikes be approved by a majority of students.

Though 22 of 31 senators support a temporary freeze on tuition increases, some influential ones are warning of potentially severe financial fallout. Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, who chairs the Senate Higher Education Committee, is one of three Democrats who haven't caught the tuition moratorium fever.

"The unintended consequences of not funding higher education adequately and of not providing different sources of revenue will be mediocrity and inadequacy and that's not acceptable," Zaffirini said.

"The state has a responsibility to fund higher education at a higher level, not lower.'

Direct state assistance from the Legislature for institutions of higher education has continued to decline in real terms in recent years.

At UT, the state's flagship university, annual state support for the academic budget, when adjusted for inflation, has decreased by 1 percent since 1990, figures provided by UT show. It's a similar story at Texas A&M University, where direct assistance from state tax dollars amounted to 44 percent of the school's operating budget in 1993 but only 26 percent in 2007.

Tuition and fees, meanwhile, are rising in importance as a source of revenue growth. It represents nearly half of the revenue used to fund UT's core budget, for example. The cost of education per semester at UT, counting tuition and fees, rose 57 percent, from \$2,721 in 2003 to \$4,266 in 2008.

Facing an ever-higher financial burden, students and parents alike have begun to push back.

"It's time for a change," said Andy Jones, spokesman for the University Democrats at UT Austin. "Nobody should be priced out of higher education. This is the civil rights issue of our generation."

It's also a hot-button political issue. Jones' group has teamed up with the rival UT College Republicans and others to launch a publicity campaign they're calling "Tuition Relief Now!"

The group is behind Thursday's rally, and backing the Senate bill.

The bill would reverse a decision the Legislature made in 2003. Facing a historic \$10 billion shortfall, lawmakers that year allowed universities to raise tuition on their own.

#### Flying metal chunk maybe just machine part

DALLAS (AP) — The 6-pound chunk of metal that fell from the sky and tore a hole through the roof of a Dallas home might have some rather routine earthly origins.

Police are still investigating but said Thursday they were leaning toward the theory it was a tooth from a tree-mulching machine.

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"It may be part of a bit

that just shot out," said Dallas Police Sgt. Gil Cerda, noting that a tree mulching business was nearby. No one was home when the metal, with two holes drilled in it, crashed through the roof Tuesday evening. It left a baseballsize hole in the roof and the second floor of the home. No injuries were reported.

Radioactive tests were negative. Several state agencies were notified but none offered a theory about what happened.

Max Corneau, vice president of the Texas Astronomical Society of Dallas and a senior Army space operations officer, told The Dallas Morning News it didn't look like it came from space.

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"My position from the beginning has always been that the state is seeking the death penalty," Switzer said. 'I have never wavered from that position."

Switzer said that the statements in Short's affidavit could prove to be a problem in the case, but Wilson said he doesn't think Short's comments concerning his client's guilt prejudices his case.

"I've found to some degree that pretrial publicity doesn't get as deeply into the populace as you think that it does," Wilson said. "Also, we believe that the citizens of Gray County will be fair to Mr. King.

Wilson said this case would revolve around punishment.

The defense attorney said that because of the horrific nature of the crime, Judge Emmert doesn't have any choice other than to allow sufficient resources for the defense. Not too, could cause problems in an appeal and that could end up costing taxpayers even

Gray County, as of Feb. 13, has spent \$198,805.05 on defense attorney fees, fact investigator fees, mitigation investigator fees and expert witness fees since Feb. 28, 2007.

"The position from Joe Marr does not surprise me," Switzer said. "They are attempting to use the media to influence the public."

Switzer said that Judge Emmert was not happy with the issue of a plea being put into the affidavit.

"It is my understanding that he told the defense attorneys he was not happy with them doing that,' Switzer said. "It was completely inappropriate. Plea issues are not public record and should never be discussed outside the case." murder defense attorney, said that death penalty Wilson said his client cases take a toll, emotionwould like to resolve the matter in a way that causes ally and economically. "If she gets a death the Conrad family and the related families the least penalty," Wilson said of Switzer, "she's just ensuramount of trauma, stress ing that her victims' famiand trouble and that does

it has. "He's going to be in prison the rest of his life," Wilson said, "even under

not cost the citizens of

Gray County any more

time, effort or money than

the best case scenario." Wilson, a veteran capital

## Sheriff

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the preservation of peace and the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of Texas. Mr. Westbrook Steve M. serves as the Executive Director. Headquarters are located in Austin, The Sheriffs'

Association of Texas does not make solicitations by telephone. If you receive a phone call from someone who uses the Sheriffs' Association of Texas name, please report it to your local Sheriff or County/District Attorney.

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#### Agreements Court - cont. from page 1

appointed attorney in the amount of \$250.

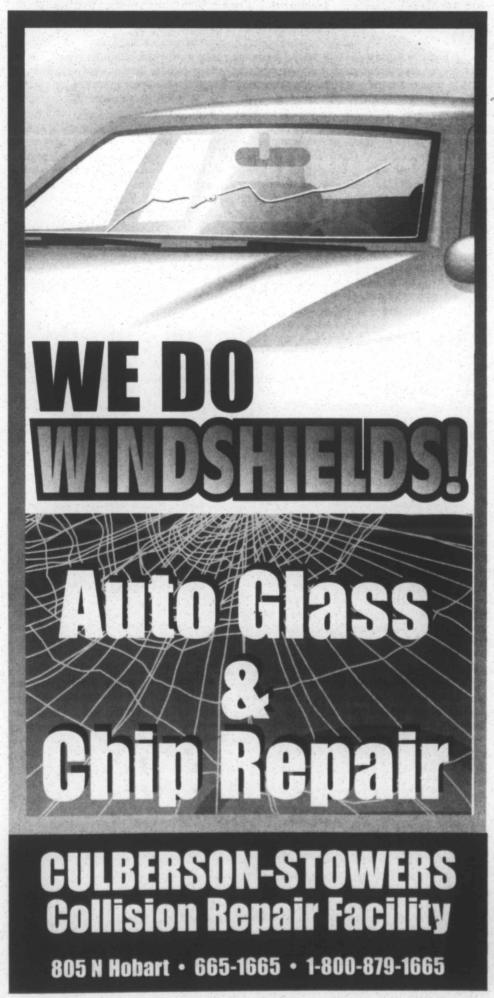
Stacy Adam Stone was found guilty of criminal mischief on Feb. 24. Stone was sentenced to serve nine months at the TDCJ, state jail division. Stone was also ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine and \$500 restitution to the victim of the crime. The original judgement for Stone's case was reformed. Originally, Stone was ordered to serve a year in confinement at TDCJ, state jail division probated three years and

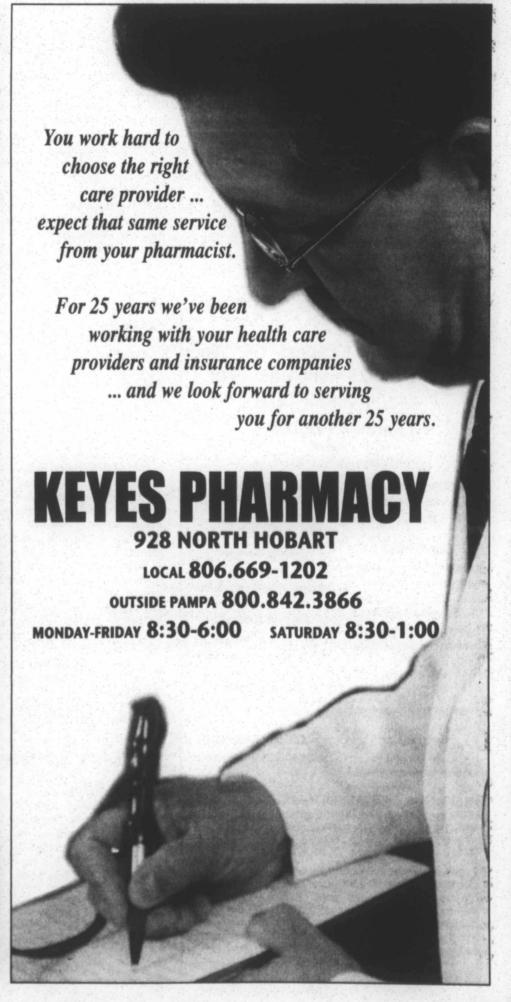
given a fine of \$1,000. Misty Dianne Moman was placed on deferred adjudication for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver in a drug-free zone, a firstdegree felony. Moman was sentenced to serve five years of deferred adjudica-

tion probation with a \$1,500 fine and \$140 in restitution in exchange for a guilty plea.

Richard Vera Rodriguez was found guilty of aggravated sexual assault on Feb. 24. Rodriguez was sentenced to serve 25 years at TDCJ, institutional division and pay a \$2,000 fine.







# Viewpoints

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Feb. 26, the 57th day of 2009. There are 308 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 26, 1870, an experimental air-driven subway, the Beach Pneumatic Transit, opened in New York City for public demonstrations. (The tunnel was only a block long, and the line had only one car.) On this date:

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from exile on the Island of Elba in Italy.

In 1907, Congress created the Dillingham Commission to examine the impact of immigrants on America. (The panel later recommended curtailing immigration from southern and eastern Europe.)

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson signed a measure establishing Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

'Nothing is more frightful than laughter when it comes to jealousy.'

> - Françoise Sagan, French author

In 1929, President Calvin Coolidge signed a measure establishing Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming.

In 1940, the U.S. Defense Air Command was created.

In 1945, a midnight curfew on night clubs, bars and other places of entertainment was set to

go into effect across the nation.

In 1952, Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that Britain had developed its own atom-

In 1987, the Tower Commission, which probed the Iran-Contra affair, issued its report, which rebuked President Ronald Reagan for failing to control his national security staff.

Ten years ago: President Bill Clinton, outlining foreign policy goals for the final two years of his administration, urged continued American engagement in the quest for peace and freedom abroad during a news conference in San Francisco.

One year ago: A power failure later blamed primarily on human error plunged large parts of Florida into darkness. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, visiting Beijing, won a verbal assurance from Chinese officials to use their influence to jump-start the stalled process of dismantling North Korea's nuclear programs. Former Israeli military chief Dan Shomron, the paratrooper who commanded the famed 1976 hostage rescue at Entebbe airport in Uganda, died in Tel Aviv at age 70.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Fats Domino is 81. Political columnist Robert Novak is 78. Countryrock musician Paul Cotton (Poco) is 66. Singer Mitch Ryder is 64. Rock musician Jonathan Cain (Journey) is 59. Singer Michael Bolton is 56. Actor Greg Germann is 51. Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine is 51. Bandleader John McDaniel is 48. Actress Jennifer Grant is 43. Rock musician Tim Commerford (Audioslave) is 41. Singer Erykah Badu is 38. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rico Wade (Society of Soul) is 37. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kyle Norman (Jagged Edge) is 34. Rock musician Chris Culos (O.A.R.) is 30. Rhythm-and-blues singer Corinne Bailey Rae is 30. Country singer Rodney Hayden is 29. Actress Taylor Dooley is 16.



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## Analysis: In Texas, will gambling raise its head?

NEW ORLEANS (AP)— Don't look now, but the recession may be about to take an unexpected bite out of Louisiana's gambling business.

For the second time in recent years, a serious drive is afoot in the Texas Legislature to legalize casino wagering, a move that, if successful, would mean trouble for riverboats and race track casinos that dot Shreveport-Bossier City and Lake Charles. They've cashed in on Texas gamblers since the 1990s.

Last week, some Texas lawmakers proposed establishment of up to 12 casinos, the kind designed to attract players from afar, with retail, meeting and entertainment venues. The measure also would allow slot machines and horse and dog racing tracks in Texas along with casino gambling on Indian reservations.

"It would be devastating to the Louisiana gaming market," said Wade Duty, head of the Casino Association of Louisiana, an industry and lobbying group. "About 70 percent of the revenue comes from the Shreveport and Lake Charles markets. Louisiana would have to make significant realignments if those markets are lost.'

The Texas appeal mirrors the recent shift in casino backers' tactics from the idea of attracting out-ofstaters, used in Louisiana 20 years ago, to keeping in-state gambling money within the state, the sort of argument that led to slot machine legalization in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

changed in two decades, big tax revenue projections that, charitably speaking, might be bordering on the ludicrous, along with the appeal of new jobs in a recession.

Texas backers estimated that 12 state-licensed casinos would pull in \$3 billion to \$4.5 billion per year in state and local tax money. That's an impressive figure, provided it would ever pan out. According to the American Gaming Association, casinos in the 12 states where they are legal, pulled in \$5.8 billion in taxes in 2007, with \$3.7 billion of that coming from five states: Nevada, New Jersey, Louisiana, Indiana and

"They are really deluding themlves about the revenue projections. Three to 4.5 billion a year? That's just a fantasy," Duty said. "Texas is an intriguing state but I don't see them neutralizing the entire gaming industry nationwide."

Although the recession might increase the appeal of legalizing casinos in Texas, the downturn also is making it difficult for the industry. In some states, excluding Louisiana thus far, revenue is declining. Nationwide, though, it's the lockdown of the credit markets, and the virtual lockout of the casino busi-

At least three major casino building projects have been halted in Las Vegas, representing about \$33.5 billion, while \$11.6 billion in projects outside of Las Vegas have been put

But something apparently hasn't on hold. The New Jersey casino group once owned by Donald Trump is in bankruptcy protection for a third time, buried in debt.

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Pinnacle Last month, Entertainment Inc., which says it's bullish on Louisiana, won delays from the Louisiana Gaming Control Board on development schedules for riverboat casino-hotels in Lake Charles and Baton Rouge. Pinnacle officials said that even if they could find credit, it likely would cost the company 15 percent to 18 percent in interest.

"You can't make a casino go with that," Duty said.

Whether Texas will jump on the casino bandwagon remains to be seen. Stout opposition has been promised by Baptists and social conservatives, who killed an earlier move toward casinos. Gov. Rick Perry seems cool to the idea, which would have to be approved by a public vote on a constitutional amendment. And splits have emerged between casino and race track inter-

But money projections aside, even if Texas decides to just put its toe in the water with, say, race track casinos, Louisiana border gambling establishments will feel the pinch.

With constant competition from Mississippi, full-blown casinos in Texas could reduce Louisiana gambling, and its tax revenue, to business patronized almost exclusively by local residents.

## Saab needs a break but Sweden offers no sympathy

STOCKHOLM (AP)— Sweden's reluctance to rescue Saab from the junkyard may seem out of character for a welfare state with a long history of meddling in the private sector.

Especially when other European governments, not to mention the U.S., are coming up with costly plans to bail out their auto makers.

But Stockholm's attitude is in line hands-off-business the approach that Sweden adopted when Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt's center-right coalition ousted the leftleaning Social Democrats in 2006.

Barely in office, the four-party government launched a major privatization effort, and has already sold government stakes in Nordic bourse operator OMX, telecoms firm TeliaSonera and the maker of Absolut vodka.

Still, General Motors was hoping for special treatment for its lossmaking Saab unit.

Even though it's smaller and less well known than Volvo, the other

Swedish-based car maker owned by Ford, Saab and its suppliers employ about 15,000 workers in Sweden.

It also represents decades of Swedish car-making history, and the Saab brand remains closely associated with the Scandinavian country, even after GM took full control in

Would Reinfeldt's government allow all that to perish?

The answer, so far, has been "ja." The government insists that Saab's future is GM's responsibility and has rejected the U.S. automaker's request for \$600 million in loan guarantees.

Stockholm says the problem is that GM, facing its own problems at home, wants to get out of Saab by the end of the year.

"The basic problem is that they've set an exit date for their ownership without identifying who will take over," Reinfeldt told Swedish news

agency TT on Monday. The government says GM must

find a buyer, because it doesn't want to get stuck with the break-up costs if Saab goes bankrupt.

Saab last week went into bankruptcy protection in a court-managed reconstruction process that aims to disentangle the brand from GM and make it more marketable. But even if the spinoff is successful, Saab is not likely to get very far as a tiny player in a shrinking global auto market.

"It doesn't have the economies of scale or the deep pockets," said Stephen Pope, Chief Global Market Strategist for Cantor Fitzgerald

Europe.

Industry Minister Maud Olofsson, once a Saab owner, has asked GM to present a new business plan for Saab, insisting she will not let taxpayers assume responsibility for the struggling brand.

"It would be very risky to promise to take over a car maker that not even the biggest car maker in the world is ready to put money into," Olofsson

#### Letters to the editor

Letter to editor,

It is my belief that the reason we are in financial problems brought on us citizens is the federal government, senators and representatives and free trade legislation.

Kenneth Williams, Pampa

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Ford Family Chiropractic of Pampa's professional staff Dr. Jacqueline Weaver, Dr. Samantha Ford, Physical Therapist Josh Link and Dr. Mark W. Ford, Jr. will be pressenting \$600.00 to Oklahaven Children's Chiropractic Center Of Oklahoma City, OK. Oklahaven is celebrating its 47th year of nonprofit service to chronically ill children via natural drug free health care. Ford Family Chiropractic's Team Members and patients made donations during Oklahaven's "Have A Heart 2009" Campaign during Valentine Week.

#### Texas needs to spend money on water

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) -Gov. Rick Perry says it's time for Texas to put some money into water.

The Republican governor told the Texas Water Conservation Association on Wednesday that lawmakers should spend \$260 million to help speed the building of water reser-

The 2007 Texas state water plan projects that population and the demand for water will increase dramatically over the next 50

Building new reservoirs to handle that demand is projected to cost billions. Perry said the \$260 million would help buy land to get those projects going.

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: In this day of massive cutbacks and layoffs, please remind your readers that people who have recently lost their jobs need their friends now more than ever.

Having found myself in this situation, I know firsthand that people I thought were my friends truly are not. The phone calls and emails stopped almost immediately when word got out that I was laid off. Being treated as if I have some sort of contagious disease has been as bad as losing my job. I know what happened to me is a sign of the times and no reflection on me.

So -- to all of you who have chosen to no longer communicate with me because of my employment status: I am fine. I have a positive attitude. This will not keep me down. I realize that my possibilities are endless. However badly you treat me now, when you are in the same situation, I will be there for you.

To the wonderful man in my life, thank you for standing by me and giving me daily encouragement. To my family, whom I worship beyond belief, thank you for your understanding and continued support. You have made me the person I am, and because of you, I will succeed. -- UNEMPLOYED NOT DOWN AND OUT

DEAR NOT DOWN

AND OUT: Thank you for so eloquently pointing out that people who have lost their jobs should not be abandoned, and that the support of friends and family is crucial.

Although family relationships are our primary source of emotional support, the relationships we form at work and our work-related contacts can become like an extended second family.

If these relationships are treated as expendable, it can often be as traumatic as the death of a loved one. When a death occurs, there can be as many as five distinct stages of grief. These are anger, denial, bargaining, depression and acceptance. However, when it comes to job loss, there is also the added element of

This is why I am appealing to you, my readers. No one can ignore the fact that times have grown uncertain. Millions of good, hardworking individuals have lost their jobs through no fault of their own. More bad news may be on the way.

Now is the time for all of us to reach out a hand to encourage and help one another. People who are unemployed should not be made to feel they have been discarded. There is strength in numbers. We will all be stronger if we stand together and observe the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have

them do unto you. --LOVE, ABBY

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are occasionally invited out to eat at expensive restaurants by a couple with whom we are friendly. The problem is the wife never fails to complain about the food. It's the wrong meal, it was prepared incorrectly, it wasn't what she ordered, etc. Even after her demands have been catered to, she continues to complain throughout the entire meal.

It is embarrassing to see the wait staff treated this way. We have become hesitant about joining them, but out of fear of hurting their feelings, we go. Then we regret having had to spend so much money and having been embarrassed once again.

What should we say the next time we are invited? Should we tell the truth or make up an excuse? --**EMBARRASSED** 

OHIO DEAR EMBAR-RASSED: The next time you are invited to join them, tell the woman you have "other plans." (It's true. You "plan" not to be embarrassed again.) If, after repeated refusals, the woman asks if there is "something wrong," tell her exactly what you have told me. Her behavior is boorish and a bid for atten-

Having an event? E-mail your group's news to editor@thepampanews.com

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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

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@thepampanews.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.

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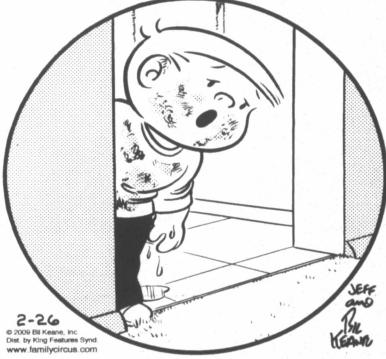
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#### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Did you say wash my hands AND my face?"

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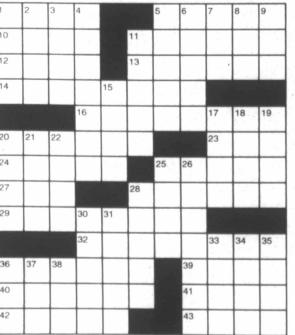
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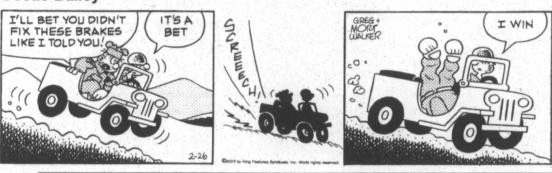
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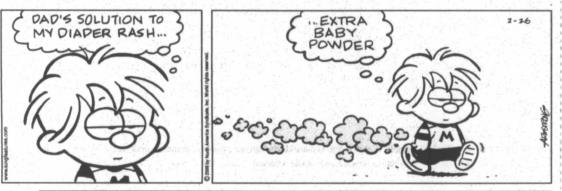
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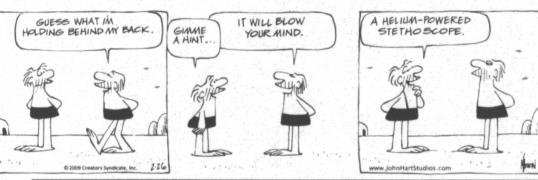
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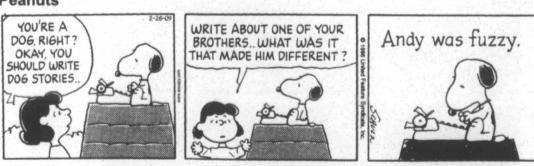
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popularity but your entire year. Know

clearly your priorities and what works in

your life. Kiss what is no longer func-

tional goodbye. Your instincts play a big

role in your next year. If you are single,

you will greet new friends, but be careful

who you choose. This person might not

be all that he or she projects. Be aware. If

you are attached, the two of you benefit

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coming to terms with an offer that's too

good to be true. Know when to say

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energy could put the final touches on

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er. You don't need to know everything.

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**CRYPTOQUOTE** 

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## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

•PAMPA WAL-MART BLOOD DRIVE. ALL **BLOOD TYPES ARE** CURRENTLY NEED-ED! 3 to 7 p.m. Monday, March 2, 2009.

The need is real. There is no substitute for blood. It can only come from volunteer blood donors. Please support the patients of the High Plains Region-Give the Gift of Life! Every eligible donor will receive a Thank You T-Shirt! For an appointment please call 1-877-574-8800.

Soccer Pampa Association spring season registration will begin February 16 and close March 9. The fee is \$55 and includes a uniform. Returning players do not need to register again. You will be placed on the same team as in the fall season. Practices begin March 16. Games wil begin in April. For more information: http//pampasoccerassociation.googlepages.com or

call 486-1646. County Gray Genealogical Society will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month, except for Decemebr. Visitors are welcome.

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

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

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

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

• Fawn Lake Press is offering free "Proud to be an American" flag decals to anyone sending a selfaddressed stamped envelope to Fawn Lake Press, 54 Fawn Lake Rd., Durango, CO 81301. Active servicemen and women need not send a SASE to receive the free 2 x 3-inch color decals. Fawn Lake will pay their postage.

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

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

· T.O.P.S. Club, a weight loss group, meets at 11:30 a.m. at noon each Monday at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 511 N. Hobart.

Seniors Scramble Hidden Hills Golf Course

Feb. 18, 2009 1st Place (59)

R. Parnell J. Davis M. Allison J. Gray

2nd Place (61) B. King H. Wells M. Driver

G. Owens

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4th Place (63)

**Hidden Hills results** 

D. Adams L. Morris J. Magrey D. Clendenen

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## **CLUB NEWS** Beta Sigma Phi

Beta Sigma Phi held a Sweetheart Pat Kindle was Pampa Country Club on Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m. The Chapters preceptor Chi Preceptor and Preceptor Theta Iota honored their sweethears for the 2008-2009 year. Preceptor Chi's Sweetheart Moreen Greer was crowned by Teresa Hinds.

Valentine Banquet at escorted by her husband Bill Kindle and crowned by Barbara Benyshek. Tammy May presented the program in song.

Beta Sigma Phi met Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Ann Franklin, president, presided. Nancy Brogdin, recording secretary took role and read minutes from Preceptor Theta Iota's the previous meeting,

which were approved as read. Janice Hubbard, treasurer, gave treasurer's

Correspondence was heard. Committee reports were given. Social Feb. 14 for couples at Red River Steakhouse in McLean. Nancy Brogdin gave program. Secret sister gifts for Valentines were exchanged.

## Twentieth Century Club of Pampa

the home of Nancy Coffee, hostess, with Dorothy Stowers, president presiding. Twelve members

Twentieth Century Club local events, cultural arts, of Pampa met Feb.24 in modern science and technology. Myrna Orr gave the program on China, its geography, culture and place in today's world.

10 in the home of Ruth Riehart.Edna Hickman and Mary McDaniel will give the program on fashion.



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