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## Will lighter coffers lead to county layoffs?

by David Bowser  
dbowser@thepampanews.com

With Celanese gone and dropping oil prices, Gray County tax coffers could be a little lighter the next few years.

County Auditor Elaine Morris asked the Gray County Commissioners Court during their meeting Monday to keep that in

mind when they begin their budgeting process later this year. With an estimated 75 to 90 percent of the cost of county government related to personnel, that could translate into fewer jobs around the courthouse.

While County Judge Richard Peet said he hoped any personnel cuts could

be made through attrition, Commissioner Joe Wheeley said that county employees needed to be aware of the budget tightening.

The situation struck Wheeley in particular. He has one person that's retiring after more than 20 years and the commission, during their regular meet-

ing Monday, approved replacing the retiring employee.

Wheeley pointed out that he's already cut the Precinct 1 equipment operators from five to three during his terms as a county commissioner.

In other business, the commission approved the crossing of a gas pipeline

for irrigation purposes at county roads Acker and McCracken.

They also approved the purchase of a 2002 Mack truck for Precinct 2 from Longview Truck Center in Longview for a bid of \$28,586.77. The only other bid was for a 2006 Kenworth for \$66,000.

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## Mayor files for re-election

by Rachel Stennett

Incumbent Mayor Lonny Robbins has filed to run in the May 9 election. A win would mean a decade of service in the position.

"I want to make Pampa a good place for citizens to live in," Robbins said of his reasoning for running for mayor. Robbins, who is Senior Pastor of Trinity Fellowship Church in Pampa has been mayor since 2003.

He is opposed by Monty Danner, who also also ran against him in 2003.

Robbins was born and raised in Pampa has been actively involved in the community for many years.

Robbins explained his reasons for running again as two-fold. "Despite the recession, I believe Pampa is in a strategic time economically," Robbins said.

Specifically, the future of wind energy in Pampa, which he considers "economic growth on the horizon."

"Wind is still a major factor for this area. You develop relationships in leadership, I want to keep that momentum going."

Robbins also explained his love for Pampa and it's citizens as his second reason for running for mayor, which only pays \$20 a month. "I love Pampa and I want to see it grow and

prosper for future generations."

Robbins discussed Pampa's economic struggles during the past 25 years, including the oil bust in the 1980's.

The mayor is just one player in making the city a successful team, according



Robbins

to Robbins. "I'm really pleased with the city staff, all levels, who work hard to do the best and make Pampa a great place to live."

Robbins said he juggles his mayoral and pastoral duties as effectively as anyone else would with two jobs would. "I have a lot of other responsibilities, I do this because I

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## Pampa Wind Project moving cautiously

Dallas, TX, March 2, 2009 – Mesa Power Group, LLC announced today that it has renewed 77 leases covering more than 100,000 acres in the Pampa, TX area and that the company is proceeding ahead with Phase One of the Pampa Wind Project, which will deliver 1,000 megawatts of wind energy.

In general, the property that Mesa Power is targeting for development of the wind project is north of Pampa, Texas, and west of Miami, Texas.

"We have studied wind in the Pampa area for the past 18 months and evaluated our plans based on the current economy, the credit markets and the opportunities to deliver wind power," said Ray Harris, president and CEO, Mesa Power Group, LLC. "At this time, we are focused on taking delivery of wind turbines and implementing only Phase One of the Pampa Wind Project. Pampa has a great wind resource and we are hopeful that when the economy improves we can further capitalize on this to deliver even more than 1,000 megawatts in the future."

Consistent with its previous statements regarding the credit markets and impact of the economy on the plans for the Pampa Wind Project, Mesa Power has also terminated 120 leases in the area.

## SIGNS OF SPRING



staff photo by Rachel Stennett

Spring is springing up all over Pampa, including these daffodils on Chestnut Street, and will continue with record high temperatures in the 80s until Friday.

## Highlights from the Texas Legislature

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — House Democratic leader Jim Dunning said Monday the state transportation department may have violated federal law by not giving priority to economically distressed areas in the adoption of maintenance projects that will get economic stimulus money.

TxDOT spokesman Chris Lippincott suggested Dunning did not fully

understand the federal legislation and said the department complied with the law when adopting \$500 million in road and bridge maintenance projects last week.

Dunning read a portion of the federal stimulus bill, signed by President Barack Obama on Feb. 17, that stipulated economically disadvantaged areas "shall" be given priority in

spending. He asked Texas Department of Transportation Executive Director Amadeo Saenz whether economically disadvantaged areas were a factor. Saenz said they weren't.

"We are subject to being charged back this money if y'all don't spend it in compliance with statute," said

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## It's Square Root Day

Today is a perfect day to pause and chuckle just because it's March 3, 2009, also known as square root day.

March 3 is unofficially square root day, the day in which the number of the year is the square of both the day and the month.

Square root day will not come for another seven years on April 4, 2016

(4/4/16). The last square root day occurred on February, 2, 2004.

Although square root day may not be an official holiday on the calendar, it is fun to take a second and realize the peculiarity of the day, which most Americans have only witnessed two of in their life time so far (median age for

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**PAMPA FORECAST**

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 83 Low 47	High 83 Low 49	High 74 Low 44

**Wednesday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 83. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 83. Windy, with a west southwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 49. West southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Friday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 74. West wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

**Friday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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**Correction**

In the article "Agreements reached in County Court" published in the Friday February 27, issue of the Pampa News, Apryl Marie DeLeon was listed as being sentenced for possession of marijuana, which was false. DeLeon was sentenced for driving while intoxicated, 40 days.

**Cash Five Texas results**

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:  
 Winning numbers drawn: 6-17-19-34-35.  
 Number matching five of five: 2. Prize: \$13,738  
 Matching four of five: 96. Prize: \$129  
 Matching three of five: 2,554. Prize: \$11  
 Matching two of five: 28,637. Prize: \$2  
 Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

**Texas 2 Step results**

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:  
 Winning numbers drawn: 6 - 13 - 32 - 35. Bonus Ball: 9.  
 Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Prize: \$1,350,000  
 Number matching four of four: 19. Prize: \$1,423  
 Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 54. Prize: \$61  
 Number matching three of four: 1,982. Prize: \$22  
 Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1,357. Prize: \$22  
 Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 9,529. Prize: \$7  
 Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 17,188. Prize: \$5  
 Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$1.6 Million.

*Emergency Services*

**AMBULANCE**

Guardian EMS ambulance service reported the following calls.  
 Monday, March 2  
 12:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Somerville and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.  
 12:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo.  
 5:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.  
 Tuesday, March 3  
 12:02 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Baptist St. Anthony's hospital in Amarillo.

**PAMPA PD**

Pampa Police Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today.  
 Monday, March 2  
 Officers conducted a total of 20 traffic stops. A total of eight calls and/or stops concerning animals were made. One attempt to serve papers was made. Burglaries were reported in the 500 block of West Brown, where a garage door was damaged and tools were stolen, valued at \$2,550; the 300 block of North Wynne, where a television, leather jacket, and consumable goods were reportedly stolen, valued at \$490, and the 400 block of North Frost. Civil matters were

**For the Record**

*Obituaries*

**Sandra Chumley, 55**

Pampa, Texas — Sandra Chumley, 55, died Sunday, March 1, 2009 in Pampa. Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Cremation and arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Chumley was born on Dec. 15, 1953 in Pampa and was a 1972 graduate of Pampa High School. She married Mart Chumley on Aug. 4, 1972, in Wellington. She worked as a rural mail carrier in the Skellytown area. Sandra liked to play slot machines and she loved her cats. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Survivors include her husband: Mart Chumley of the home, a sister Pat Donaldson of Mineral Wells, two nephews Kevin Donaldson and Chris Donaldson, both of Austin, sister-in-law Alecia Cleveland and husband Steve of Pampa, numerous friends and other relatives. She was preceded in death

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**Helen Focht Reeburgh, 93**

Pampa, Texas — Helen Focht Reeburgh, 93 died on Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009 in Pampa. Memorial services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 2009, at the First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Kenny Rigoulot, pastor, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Helen Focht Reeburgh was born June 26, 1915 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She attended the University of Oklahoma and Lamar University in Beaumont where she earned degrees in English and Studio Art. She married Scott Leverett Reeburgh, Jr. on April 4, 1936 in Oklahoma City. He preceded her in death on Dec. 18, 1954. She had been a resident of Port Arthur from 1936 until 2003 when she moved to Pampa. Mrs. Reeburgh was truly a Renaissance woman of her time in the way that she raised and educated her three children and partici-

pated in their activities. She was a communicator, serving as a correspondent and then a columnist to the Beaumont Enterprise and later to the Port Arthur News. Her columns are archived in the Texas Library System chronicling 30 years of civic history of Southeast Texas from the 1960's through the 1980's. She was an elder in the former Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Port Arthur and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Pampa. She was honored as the 1963 Department Club Mother of the Year and as the 1982 Quota Club Woman of the Year in Port Arthur. Helen was a 75-year member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority and was a P. E. O. in Port Arthur and in Pampa. In her later years, she expressed her creativity in watercolors and enjoyed specializing in painting rooftops. She also loved her travels. Mrs. Reeburgh was also preceded in death by her parents, Ferdinand

and Lillian Hamilton Focht, and a sister, Laura Focht Morgan. Survivors include one son, Dr. William S. Reeburgh and wife Carelyn of Irvine, Calif., two daughters; Margaret R. Williams and husband Robert of Pampa and Dr. Laura R. Keller and husband Dr. Thomas Keller of Tallahassee, Fla., seven grandchildren; Scott Reeburgh and wife Lori of Vancouver, Wash., Nancy Bacon and husband Scott of Boring, Ore., Peter Reeburgh and wife Cheri of Golden, Colo., Laura Williams McCavit and husband Todd of Dallas, Richard Williams and wife Mamie Broadhurst of Oak Park, Ill., Sarah Haney and husband Matt of Jacksonville, Fla., and Steven Keller of Tallahassee, Fla., nine great grandchildren; Jack and Claire Reeburgh of Vancouver, Wash., Jonathan and Nicholas Bacon of Boring, Ore., Bryce and Torrey Reeburgh



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of Golden, Colo., and Ava, Luke, and Tessa McCavit, all of Dallas, nieces Lillian Morgan Cox of Oklahoma City, Elizabeth Morgan Reece and husband Forest of Tulsa, Okla., and other nieces, grand nieces, and grand nephews.

**MEMORIALS:** First Presbyterian Church Book of Remembrance, 525 N. Gray, Pampa, TX 79065 or Meredith House, 812 W. 25th St., Pampa, TX 79065. Sign the online register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

**Melvin N. Clark, 84**

Pampa, Texas — Melvin N. Clark, 84, died on March 2, 2009 in Pampa. Memorial services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday, March 4, 2009, at Trinity Fellowship with Pastor Lonny Robbins, pastor, officiating. Body was donated to Texas Tech Medical School at his request, under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral directors.

Mr. Clark was born December 9, 1924 in Cisco, Texas. He was a Navy veteran serving in WW II. He married Evanelle "Sue" Frieden on November 1, 1946, she passed away on September 26, 2008. He owned and operated Pampa Tent and Awning from 1948 until 1979. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church for 30 years and was currently a member of

Trinity Fellowship where he was involved in the Prayer Ministry and the Jail Ministry. Survivors include one son, Kent Clark of Pampa, one daughter, Cindy Graves and husband Carl of Pampak, three grandchildren; Susan Roberson and husband Keith of Lefors, John Graves and wife Melanie of Enterprise, AL, and Tami Wright and hus-

band Trae of 29 Palms, Calif., and seven great grandchildren. **MEMORIALS:** Trinity Fellowship, Box 2929, Pampa, Texas 79066 or Harvest House, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa, Texas 79065. Sign the online register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com)

*Emergency Services*

reported in the lobby of the PD. Welfare checks were made in the 1300 block of North Coffee, the 800 block of East Frederic, and the intersection of Starkweather and Browning streets. A traffic complaint was received from Pampa High School, 111 East Harvester. Criminal mischief was reported at Super Playground, 1020 North

Frost, where a section of a fence was removed, valued at \$100, and the 800 block of East Browning. Fraud was reported in the lobby of the PD. Theft was reported in the lobby of the PD, where a laptop was reportedly stolen valued at \$400; and a driver's license and social security card were reported stolen; the 2800 block of North Charles where a thermometer was stolen, valued at \$27, the

1300 block of North Hobart, Taylor Mart, where two 30 packs of beer were stolen, valued at \$36, and the 300 block of East Brown where unknown objects were stolen. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 900 block of South Wells, and the 1400 block of West Somerville. A motor vehicle acci-

dent was reported in the 1000 block of South Sumner. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of East Frederic. Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 1200 block of South Wilcox, and the 800 block of East Locust. A prowler was reported in the 600 block of West Kingsmill.

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# Commissison meets

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The commissioners approved the sale of tax delinquent property in Lefors for \$50 to Michael Young. Judge Peet said the City of Lefors and the Lefors school board had already approved the bid on the property.

The commissioners court deferred action on a maintenance agreement with Warren Cat out of Amarillo to maintain the emergency generator at the courthouse until county officials could explore an alternative, less costly, solution.

They also discussed combining maintenance contracts for the heating and air conditioning systems at the courthouse and jail in a cost saving move. Dennis Criswell with Carrier Commercial Services, who has the maintenance contract, said he would have a proposal for the court at their next meeting.

The commission renewed computerized weather briefing system at the airport.

Gray County Treasurer Scott Hahn reported to the

commissioners that 67.6 percent of the counties funds were in the state's investment fund Texpool. It's now paying 0.75 percent interest. About 27.5 percent of the funds are in certificates of deposits, and about 4.85 percent are in cash.

Hahn said the 90-day certificate of deposit rate is now 0.583 percent, although the county still has some money in a certificate of deposit the county bought last August that is paying 4.3 percent.

# Legislative highlights

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Dunnam, chairman of the House Select Committee on Federal Economic Stabilization Funding.

TxDOT is scheduled to vote again Thursday on how to spend the bulk of Texas' transportation money from the stimulus — \$1.2 billion.

After more than an hour of questioning from members of the committee, Saenz agreed to "check to make sure we have complied with the federal mandate."

## REDISTRICTING-COMMISSION

State Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, is trying again to pass legislation that would give a bipartisan committee the job of drawing congressional districts every decade.

The Senate State Affairs Committee held a hearing on the bill Monday. Similar measures by Wentworth have failed in the past.

Redistricting is a partisan struggle in the state. In 2003, Democratic lawmakers left the state to deny a quorum to the new Republican majority that wanted to push a GOP congressional redistricting proposal through.

"We don't need to see one-third of Democrats camped out in New Mexico, and the rest of us sitting around at night watching Jay Leno making fun of Texas," Wentworth was quoted as saying in The Dallas Morning News' online edition. Wentworth is proposing having House and Senate Republicans and Democrats appoint people

to an eight-member redistricting board that would have five months to draw congressional maps. If they deadlocked, the chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court would appoint a tie-breaking ninth member.

Similar redistricting boards operate in 12 other states. The measure would not affect the redrawing of the Legislature's own districts.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We're just saying we're all for abstinence. What we don't want is an abstinence from education." — Democratic Sen. Rodney Ellis of Houston on his proposal to expand Texas' sex education curriculum to include medically accurate information about contraception and disease prevention.

# 3 face hate-crime charges after attack at gay bar

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Three suspects are facing hate-crime charges after allegedly throwing a rock and other items into a gay bar in an attack that injured two men, police said.

According to witnesses, one man held open the door to Robert's Lafitte bar Sunday night while the other two grabbed a 4-pound rock and other door stops and hurled them into the bar.

A 57-year-old Navy veteran was treated at a hospital for a gash on the back of his head. Another man was hit in the jaw but refused treatment.

Witnesses chased the three men after the attack and provided descriptions to police. Arrests were made after a sweep of the neighborhood, police said.

Lawrence Henry Lewis III, 20; Lawneil Henry

Lewis, 18; and Alejandro Sam Gray, 17, all of Galveston, were being held Tuesday in the Galveston County jail on two counts each of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Bond was set at \$120,000 apiece. A jail official said no attorney information was available.

The district attorney's office authorized the hate crime enhancement for each suspect because the motive was to harass and

the intent was to randomly assault the victims based on their sexual preference, Galveston police spokesman Lt. D.J. Alvarez told The Galveston County Daily News.

"It's sad that this type of behavior occurred in our city. It was good police work" to make the arrests quickly, Alvarez said.

# Square Root Day

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Americans is 30.) On square root day, people are encouraged to drink rootbeer out of square glasses, square dance, get things squared away, root for the underdog, tie a square knot, eat a square meal, and even travel on Route 66.

On the Feb. 2, 2004 square root day, over 100 students gathered at Sequola High School and form the symbol for the square root of four, as part of a nation-wide challenged by square-root enthusiast Ron Gordon, a high school teacher at Redwood City high school.

# Mayor files

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care about the city. It's not a problem anymore than someone else who has another job."

As for his opponent, Robbins said that Monty will be elected if Pampans see they change they want for the city in him. "If the citizens of Pampa want a change, and Monty is that person, that's the choice of the citizens."

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

By The Associated Press  
Today is Tuesday, March 3, the 62nd day of 2009. There are 303 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
On March 3, 1931, President Herbert Hoover signed a measure making "The Star-Spangled Banner" the national anthem of the United States.

On this date:  
In 1845, Florida became the 27th state.  
In 1849, the U.S. Department of the Interior was established.

In 1887, Anne Sullivan arrived at the Tuscomb, Ala., home of Captain and Mrs. Arthur H. Keller to become the teacher for their blind and deaf 6-year-old daughter, Helen.

In 1894, British Prime Minister William Gladstone submitted his resignation to Queen Victoria, ending his fourth and final premiership.

In 1918, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, the Ottoman Empire and Russia signed the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk, which ended Russian participation in World War I.

In 1945, the Allies fully secured the Philippine capital of Manila from Japanese forces during World War II.

In 1959, the United States launched the Pioneer 4 spacecraft, which flew by the moon. Comedian Lou Costello died of a heart attack in East Los Angeles, Calif., three days before his 53rd birthday.

In 1969, Apollo 9 blasted off from Cape Kennedy, Fla., on a mission to test the lunar module.

In 1974, a Turkish Airlines DC-10 crashed shortly after takeoff from Orly Airport in Paris, killing all 346 people on board.

In 1991, motorist Rodney King was severely beaten by Los Angeles police officers in a scene captured on amateur video. T

Ten years ago: The Supreme Court ruled that public schools had to finance one-on-one nursing care for some disabled students throughout the school day.

One year ago: A gunman opened fire inside a Wendy's restaurant in West Palm Beach, Fla., killing a paramedic who'd gone back to fetch a missing meal tray for his child; the gunman wounded five others before turning the gun on himself.

Today's Birthdays: Socialite Lee Radziwill is 76. Movie producer-director George Miller is 64. Actress Hattie Winston is 64. Singer Jennifer Warnes is 62. Actor-director Tim Kazurinsky is 59. Singer-musician Robyn Hitchcock is 56. Rock musician John Lilley is 55. Actress Miranda Richardson is 51. Radio personality Ira Glass is 50. Actress Mary Page Keller is 48. Olympic track and field gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey is 47. Football player Herschel Walker is 47. Rapper-actor Tone-Loc is 43. Rock musician John Bigham is 40. Actress Julie Bowen is 39. Country singer Brett Warren (The Warren Brothers) is 38. Actor David Faustino is 35. Singer Ronan Keating (Boyzone) is 32. Rapper Lil' Flip is 28. Actress Jessica Biel is 27.

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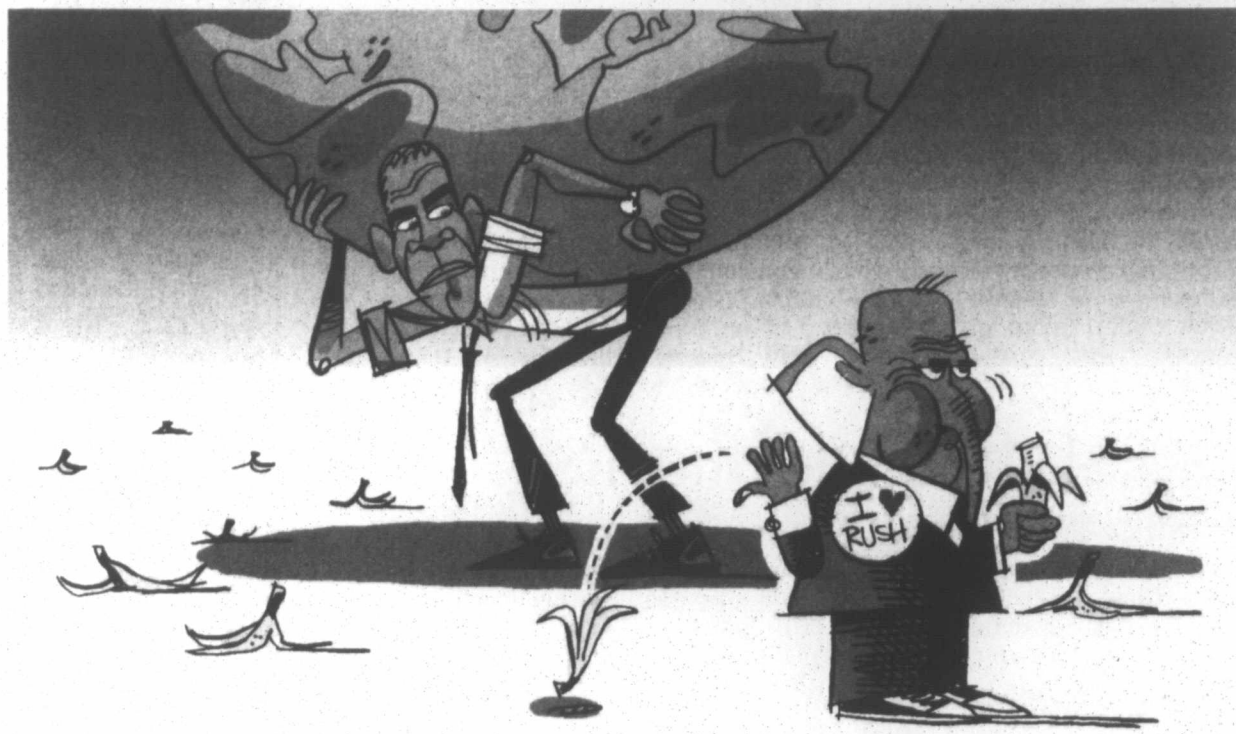
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## On saving Detroit and muscle cars

By Tom Purcell

Before we let them supervise anything, we should make them drive Donny Krieger's '69 SS Chevelle.

Maybe I better explain. There was an interesting report on CNN recently about the demise of the classic American muscle car. I speak of the heart-stopping works of art that Detroit built in the '60s and early '70s.

Chevrolet's 1969 SS Chevelle was one of the era's masterpieces. So, too, was the SS Camaro, the Pontiac GTO, the Ford Shelby Mustang and the Plymouth Road Runner. Motor Trend's Car of the Year in 1969.

The country was packed full of young, optimistic baby boomers then. Detroit produced affordable muscle cars to appeal to them and, boy, did the boomers respond.

They spent hours of pleasure, to borrow from Henry Ford, burning rubber in God's great open spaces -- until oil prices soared and gas-guzzling muscle cars gave way to dinky compacts.

I was saddened to learn that, then, that GM, in response to its cost woes, is disbanding its high-performance-vehicle division.

Here's why: If American carmakers need to do anything to win back consumers, they need to stop making bland, dinky, egg-shaped Japanese knockoffs.

They need to get back to building distinctly American cars that reflect American creativity, ingenuity, confidence and optimism.

I worry that isn't going to happen. According to The New York

Times, President Obama has established a presidential panel for the auto industry to "supervise" the \$17.4 billion in government loan agreements we've already given to GM and Chrysler.

But, according to the Detroit News, most of the 18 panel members don't have a whit of passion for automobiles.

Sure, Joe Biden drives a '67 Corvette, another member drives a Lexus and another a Mini Cooper, but two panel members don't even own a car and the others tool around in vehicles that would embarrass a teenager.

One drives a 1995 Mazda Protege, three drive Honda minivans, another drives a Subaru station wagon and another drives a Volvo -- now there's a car that gets the blood pumping.

Worse, one panel member drives a French car, one a lawnmower-sized hybrid and another a 1998 Chevy Cavalier -- a car so uninspiring, George Clooney couldn't get lucky in it.

And this group of uninspired individuals is going to "supervise" GM and Chrysler? God help us.

If there is anything that is needed to save Detroit, it is passion -- the passion I got to know the very first time I drove a car, Donny Krieger's '69 SS Chevelle.

I was only 15 then -- I didn't even have a license -- but Donny let me drive. We were coasting down Horning Road in first gear when he told me to floor it.

The nose of the car shot upward. The rear wheels began to spin. The motor exploded into a loud, angry

growl, as though the heavens were bursting loose.

I shifted into second and floored it again and was rewarded with more screeching tires, more explosive growling and an adrenaline rush that only the American muscle car could produce.

American automakers have many problems to solve, to be sure. But if they want to win back the American consumer, they need to recapture our hearts. They need to produce cars that reflect our spirit, optimism and love of the open road.

We don't care how they do it. Power the cars with batteries or hydrogen or vegetable oil. Invent something new. Just be innovative, stylish and bold. Be American, for goodness' sakes!

But now that GM and Chrysler have accepted billions from Washington -- now that they've signed a pact with the devil -- I fear it will be harder than ever for them to be authentically bold, innovative and stylish.

I fear that the government panel members will push their own notion of boldness, innovation and style -- a notion that will lead to cars that are even dinkier, duller and less likely to sell.

As I said, we ought to make them drive Donny Krieger's '69 SS Chevelle before we let them begin supervising anything.

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## Other editors say

Austin American-Statesman on the Texas Legislature's ultrasound bill:

State Republican leaders are making sure that the culture wars continue to rage. First came the spurious voter identification bill in the Senate that opened this year's legislative session. Now comes an intrusive bill mandating that pregnant women seeking an abortion be forced information designed to humiliate them.

State Sen. Dan Patrick, the Houston Republican and one of the state's leading culture warriors, is behind the anti-abortion bill. He, Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst brag that Senate Bill 182 requiring an ultrasound before an abortion advances the right-to-life cause.

An ultrasound already is performed on every woman seeking an abortion because it's medically necessary. What actually thrills the GOP leadership so much is the provision that anti-abortion information be read to the woman before the procedure, that the ultrasound image be described in detail and that the heartbeat be audible.

Texas already requires abortion providers to misinform women that there is

the possibility of an increased risk of breast cancer from an induced abortion. Extensive medical research has found no correlation.

Here's what the National Cancer Institute says about a report from 100 of the world's leading experts who have studied the issue: "They concluded that having an abortion or miscarriage does not increase a woman's subsequent risk of developing breast cancer." The American Cancer Society also states there is no "cause-and-effect relationship between abortion and breast cancer."

What's different in Patrick's bill is that women could no longer refuse the anti-abortion information. Instead, the physician must describe to the woman what the ultrasound shows, including dimensions, heart activity and limbs, and make the heartbeat audible.

The doctor also must display the ultrasound images and present the printed material, though the bill says the woman doesn't have to look at it. "A pregnant woman may avert her eyes from the ultrasound images required to be provided and reviewed with the pregnant woman."

How humane.

The bill is popular with the anti-abortion activists because the required reading and images puts them right there in the clinic, shaking their collective fingers at the woman. It is an incredibly invasive requirement forced on women, many already traumatized by an unexpected pregnancy and the decision to have an abortion.

Texas is notorious for its draconian approach to abortion and for its lack of concern for children after they're born. Perry and the Republican leadership are grudging when it comes to extending insurance to children of the working poor, for instance.

On the same day this week that Perry, Dewhurst and others crowded about a bill that attempts to shame pregnant women out of an

abortion, another bill was filed that aims to prevent teen pregnancies. The Prevention Works Act was authored by Sen. Kirk Watson and Rep. Mark Strama, both Austin Democrats.

Watson and Strama intend the act to reduce unplanned teen pregnancies by letting parents know what students are learning about sex. Senate Bill 1100 and House Bill 1694 requires schools to notify parents in writing what is being taught in sex education classes.

With one of the highest teen birth rates in the nation, Texas could save millions of dollars by preventing teen pregnancies. That's also the best way to reduce the number of abortions. Education is more effective than humiliation.

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# Amish mantle and miracle invention help home heat bills hit rock bottom

Miracle heaters being given away free with orders for real Amish fireplace mantles to announce the invention that helps slash heat bills, but Amish craftsmen under strain of Winter rush force household limit of 2

Save money: only uses about 8¢ electric an hour; so turn down your thermostat and never be cold again

By MARK WOODS  
Universal Media Syndicate

(UMS) Everyone hates high heat bills. But we're all sick and tired of simply turning down the thermostat and then being cold.

Well now, the popular HEAT SURGE® miracle heaters are actually being given away free to the general public for the next 48 hours starting at precisely 8:00 a.m. today.

The only thing local readers have to do is call the National Distribution Hotline before the 48-hour deadline with their order for the handmade Amish Fireplace Mantle. Everyone who does is instantly being awarded the miracle heater absolutely free.

This is all happening to announce the HEAT SURGE Roll-n-Glow® Fireplace which actually rolls from room-to-room so you can turn down your thermostat and take the heat with you anywhere. That way, everyone who gets them first can immediately start saving on their heat bills.

Just in time for winter weather, portable Amish encased fireplaces are being delivered directly to the doors of all those who beat the deadline.

These remarkable fireplaces are being called a miracle because they have what's being called the 'Fireless Flame' patented technology that gives you the peaceful flicker of a real fire but without any flames, fumes, smells, ashes or mess. Everyone is getting them because they require no chimney and no vent. You just plug them in.

The Fireless Flame looks so real it amazes everybody because it has no real fire. So what's the catch? Well, soft spoken Amish craftsmen who take their time hand building the mantles have a process that forces a strict household limit of 2 to keep up with orders.

"We can barely keep up ever since we started giving heaters away free. Now that it's really cold outside, everyone's trying to get them. Amish craftsmen are working their fingers to the bone to be sure everyone gets their delivery in time to save a lot of money," confirms Timothy Milton, National Shipping Director.

"These portable Roll-n-Glow Fireplaces are the latest home decorating sensation. They actually give you a beautifully redecorated room while they quickly heat from wall to wall. It's the best way to dress up every room, stay really warm and slash your heat bills all at the same time," says Josette Holland, Home Makeover Expert.

And here's the best part. Readers who beat the 48-hour order deadline are getting their imported hi-tech miracle heaters free when encased in the Amish built real wood fireplace mantles. The mantles are being handmade in the USA right in the heart of Amish country where they are beautifully hand-rubbed, stained and varnished.

You just can't find custom made Amish mantles like this in the national chain stores. That makes the oak mantle a real steal for just two hundred ninety-eight dollars since the entire cost of the miracle heater



■ GENUINE AMISH MANTLES MADE IN THE USA: Everyone wants to save money on heat bills this winter, so entire Amish communities are working from the crack of dawn to finish. These fine real wood Amish made fireplace mantles are built to last forever. The oak mantle is a real steal at just two hundred ninety-eight dollars because all those who beat the order deadline by calling the National Hotline at 1-800-236-6545 to order the fireplace mantles are actually getting the imported hi-tech Fireless Flame HEAT SURGE miracle heaters for free.

is free.

This free giveaway is the best way to slash heating bills and stay warm through the dead of winter. The HEAT SURGE Roll-n-Glow Fireplace gives you zone heating and all the beauty and warmth of a built-in fireplace but rolls from room-to-room so it can also save you a ton of money on heating bills.

Even people in California and Florida are flocking to get them so they may never have to turn on their furnace all winter. And since it uses only about 8 cents of electric an hour on the standard setting, the potential savings are absolutely incredible.

"We are making sure no one gets left out, but you better hurry because entire communities of Amish craftsmen are straining to keep up with demands. For now, we are turning away all dealers in order to let readers

have two per household just as long as they call before the deadline," confirms Milton.

It's a really smart decision to get two right now because for only the next 48 hours you get both miracle heaters free. That's like putting five hundred bucks right in your pocket and you can save even more money on your monthly heating bills.

"Everyone's calling to get one but those who really want to save a lot of money are surprising the whole family by getting two. So

when lines are busy keep trying or log onto [amishfireplaces.com](http://amishfireplaces.com). We promise to get to every call. Then we can have a delivery truck out to your door right away with your beautiful Heat Surge Roll-n-Glow Fireplace," Milton said.

"You'll instantly feel bone soothing heat in any room. You will never have to be cold again," he said. ■

On the worldwide web:  
[www.amishfireplaces.com](http://www.amishfireplaces.com)

## How to get 2 free heaters

The National Toll Free Hotlines are now open. All those who beat the 48-hour order deadline to cover the cost of the Amish made Fireplace Mantle and shipping get the HEAT SURGE miracle heater free.

A strict limit of 2 per household has been imposed. Since some home woodworkers want to build their own mantle piece, they are letting people get the imported miracle heater alone for just \$249. Or, with the Amish made mantle you get the miracle heater free.

Use the map below to locate the weather zone you live in and call the Hotline number for your zone.



■ ON THEIR WAY: Winter rush orders have turned country roads into pipelines to the big city delivery system. Everybody wants a fireplace that comes fully assembled with a handmade Amish mantle in oak or cherry finish and gets delivered by truck right to your door. All you do is plug it in.

### HEAT SURGE® Fireless Flame

**How It Works:** The HEAT SURGE miracle heater is a work of engineering genius from the China coast so advanced, you simply plug it into any standard outlet. It uses only about 8¢ of electric an hour on the standard setting. Yet, it produces up to an amazing 5,119 BTU's on the high setting. So watch out, a powerful on board hi-tech heat turbine silently forces hot air out into the room from the vent so you feel the bone soothing heat instantly. It even has certification of Underwriters Laboratories coveted UL listing. It also comes with a limited full year replacement or money back warranty plus a 30-Day Satisfaction Guarantee.



■ JUST ANNOUNCED: The Heat Surge miracle fireplace has earned the prestigious Good Housekeeping Seal. The product has earned the Seal after evaluation by the Good Housekeeping Research Institute.

Rolls anywhere to throw an instant heat wave with no chimney, no vents, no wood and no smoke



■ EASILY ROLLS ANYWHERE: This is the portable Roll-n-Glow® Fireplace that easily rolls from bedroom to living room to keep you warm. No vents, no chimney and no tools. Just plug it in.



■ SAVES ON BILLS: Everyone can get low bills and stay warm and cozy. The new Roll-n-Glow Fireplace saves a ton of money and makes your front room look like a million bucks.



■ SAFE FLAME: The Fireless Flame looks so real it fools everyone but there is no real fire. That makes the flame window safe to the touch under the watchful eye of a parent. It's where the kids will play and the cat and dog will sleep.



■ FREE: Get this \$249 miracle heater free. It is being given away free to all who beat the 48-hour order deadline for your choice of the oak or cherry finish Amish Mantles. The free heater comes already encased.

# BLM says Pickens deal for wild horses flawed

RENO, Nev. (AP) — An offer from the wife of Texas billionaire T. Boone Pickens to establish a sanctuary for 30,000 wild horses is "problematic" and not viable as proposed, a federal land management official said Monday.

Nonetheless, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management is willing to continue talks with Madeleine Pickens, said Ron Wenker, the agency's state director for Nevada.

"We tried to thank her politely" and leave the door open, he told the National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board.

Pickens last fall proposed establishing a wild horse sanctuary after the BLM said it was considering euthanasia as a way to stem escalating costs of keeping animals gathered from the open range in long-term holding facilities.

She said she was looking for about 1 million acres, or 1,500 square miles, to establish the refuge.

About 33,000 wild horses roam in 10 Western states, about half in Nevada. The horses and burros are managed by the BLM and protected under a 1971 law enacted by Congress.

The agency, which set a target "appropriate management level" of 27,000 horses in the wild to protect the herd, the range and other foraging animals, rounds up excess horses and offers them for adoption. Those that are too old or considered unadoptable are sent to long-term holding facilities, where they can live for decades.

There are now about as many animals in long-term care as remain in the wild.

Wenker, who recently

served two months as acting national BLM director, said there are two problems with Pickens' offer.

One is the \$500 per head, per year — or \$15 million annually for 30,000 horses — she was asking to take the animals now in long-term holding facilities off the government's hands.

Pickens last week told The Associated Press the stipend would be used to finance a nonprofit foundation that would care for the animals.

"You've got to get some kind of break from the government," she said. "We need help from them." She estimated her plan would save the government as much as \$700 million in costs otherwise spent for long-term holding by 2020.

BLM officials project holding costs in 2009 at \$10.3 million for horses in

long-term care and \$22.6 million for those in short-term facilities, where they are readied and made available for adoption.

The government pays ranchers about \$475 per animal, per year, to provide long-term care for federally owned horses on private land. Most of those facilities are in the Midwest, where natural forage is more plentiful than in the arid West.

Pickens could apply for a similar contract, Wenker said, if her sanctuary was confined to private property.

The other problem with Pickens' proposal, Wenker

said, involves use of public lands.

He said government land Pickens has considered for the sanctuary is ineligible because federal law restricts horses to areas where they existed when the Free Roaming Horses and Burros Act was enacted nearly four decades ago.

"Because the BLM grazing allotments under consideration by your foundation did not have wild horse herds in 1971, wild horses cannot now be placed there," Wenker wrote to Pickens in a Feb. 20 letter obtained by the AP.

"At this point, two options seem most plausible," Wenker wrote. "The BLM could contract with your foundation to care for wild horses strictly on private land. Alternatively, your foundation could own and care for the horses without compensation from the BLM, as you first proposed."

The BLM has said it would not implement killing healthy wild horses this fiscal year that ends Sept. 30 while it seeks other alternatives to controlling populations.

## Journalist shield law argued

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Legislation to protect Texas journalists from revealing confidential sources in court went before the House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee on Monday as lawmakers took up the issue for the third straight session.

No vote was expected Monday, and the bill remains in the judiciary committee.

Similar shield law legislation was taken off the table after significant changes in 2005, and was killed on a parliamentary technicality in 2007. Proponents of the legislation have said they believe the House's new leadership puts the bill in a stronger position this year.

Three versions of the legislation have been filed this session, one in the Senate and two in House.

"There's a few groups that believe we should have already done this, there are a few who think we already had this, and there's a few who just think this is the right thing to do," said Democratic Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer of San Antonio, author of House Bill 670,

which was heard Monday.

Supporters of the bill argue that a shield law is necessary to encourage whistle-blowers to come forward and to protect news organizations from being used as an alternate to investigation by prosecutors. Opponents argue that the bill would hinder prosecutors' ability to gather evidence.

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"You can't tell a source you're going to keep it confidential if you don't know what the standard is," said Joel White, a media lawyer and former president of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas.

Supporters also argued that the bill gives a qualified privilege, and creates a framework for journalists to be subpoenaed if it can be proven they are the only source of information.

But district attorneys speaking against the legis-

lation said the requirements for proof are too difficult.

"We certainly recognize the need for a confidential source privilege, but when it comes to physical evidence or documentary evidence such as a videotape, we need to be able to get that in to court," said Clifford Herberg, a Bexar County assistant district attorney who spoke against the legislation.

Herberg and other the district attorneys said they object to the difficult standard the bill would require for getting access to materials other than confidential sources.

Opponents of the legislation also argued that the shield law could require prosecutors to divulge information about their investigations in order to prove that they had exhausted other resources.

Proponents of the bill say current versions of the bill are virtually the same as the 2007 version that passed through the Senate and the House judiciary committee, but was shot down over a problem with the legislative bill analysis.

## Jury awards \$3 million in tasered man's death

HOUSTON (AP) — A Harris County jury on Monday awarded \$3 million to the mother of a mentally ill man who died after he was shocked 18 times with a Taser gun and hogtied during an arrest four years ago.

Shirley Nagel sued four deputies with the Precinct One Constable's Office after they arrested her schizophrenic son, Joel Don Casey, in 2005 on a mental health warrant and he died.

Casey's death was later ruled a homicide. An autopsy concluded he died of psychotic delirium with physical restraint associated with heart disease.

The jury found three of the four deputies used unreasonable and excessive force during the arrest, the Houston Chronicle reported on its online edition Monday.

Nagel, 74, wept after the jury's verdict was read.

"The jurors were listening," she said. "We need a policy change. They really need to outlaw hogtying."

Assistant Harris County Attorney Frank Sanders said the deputies were not trying to hurt Casey, 52, or violate his constitutional rights. The county planned to appeal the verdict.

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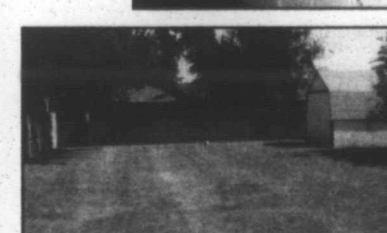
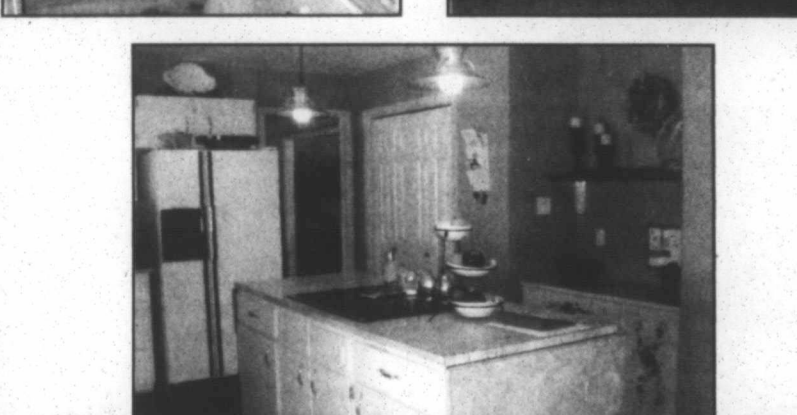
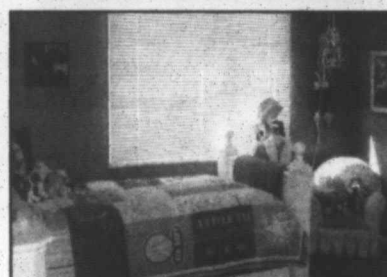
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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
★★★★ Optimism and high energy will prevail over obstacles, allowing you to become more of a doer than a follower. A sudden insight launches your mind. Pick yourself up and keep on going. Tonight: A discussion is inevitable.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★ Curb a tendency to be possessive. You might want to rethink a personal matter, but the timing is off for decision-making. You could be overwhelmed by everything that goes down, and feeling as if you have no control. Evaluate a change involving a friend. Tonight: In the thick of things.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★ You will move through a problem with clarity and direction. Choose to do nothing halfway. Your personality moves a problematic situation.

Listen to others if you're unsure about which way to go. Tonight: Only as you like it.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★ You might want to do something very different, but the door to the path might not be open just yet. You'll gain more and more insight the more you mull over different ideas. You could be withdrawn because you are tired. Tonight: Just for you.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★ Meetings prove to be more important than in the past. You could be delighted by what comes up if you relax and lose certain expectations. Investigate new possibilities with an unforeseen openness. You could be stunned by the net results. Tonight: Where the action is.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★★ Defer to others, making sure you are on the same page. A boss might be demanding, pushing you into a corner or an uncomfortable position. Others seem downright unpredictable. Tonight: A must appearance.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★ Reach beyond the obvious. What you observe could stun you, but also allows you to grasp a situation more completely than in the past. Think positively, and you could be delighted. Learn to reframe more often. Let your mind wander. Tonight: Express your dynamic ideas.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ Work with others, and finally you'll get dynamic and different results. Realize what is no longer possible. Investigate a new potential business deal. You could be surprised by what evolves once you let go of having to have things a certain way. Tonight: Dinner for two.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ Defer to others with a smile and happiness. Not everything is as you see it. If you are on top of your game, you'll come out flying. Communication flourishes, as everyone now appears more open than in the past. Tonight: Use your sixth sense.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★ You might want to rethink a personal matter more carefully. Your ability to move forward and work hard distinguishes you from others. A shock or nasty comment could force you to rethink. Be in touch with a friend who can be cantankerous. Tonight: Easy does it.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★ Your imagination often takes you places where others have difficulty traveling. Your thoughts can be avant-garde and a bit off-the-wall. Investigate an alternative more carefully than in the past. Doors are opening. Tonight: Let your creativity speak.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★ You deliver a harder jolt than you realize. What seems natural to you seems impossible or difficult to others. A partner or key person in your life might be unusually touchy. You cannot change this person no matter what. Tonight: Mosey on home.

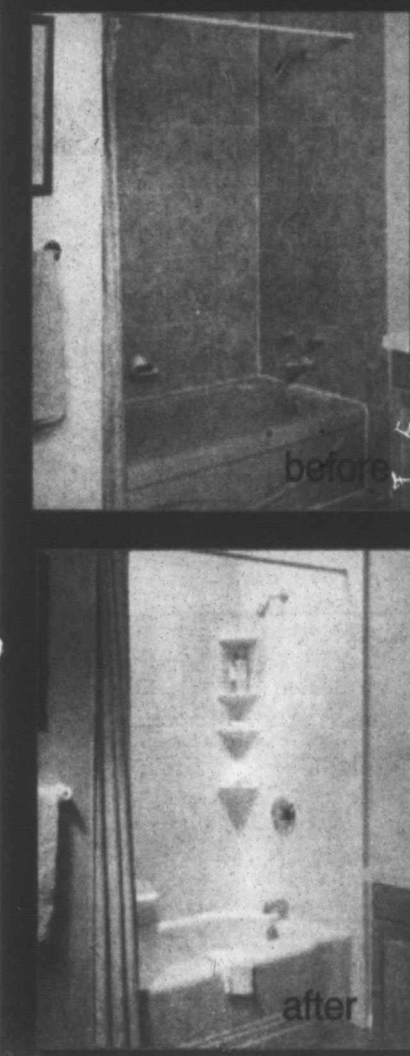
**BORN TODAY**  
Composer Antonio Vivaldi (1678), musician Emilio Estefan (1953), soccer player Landon Donovan (1982)

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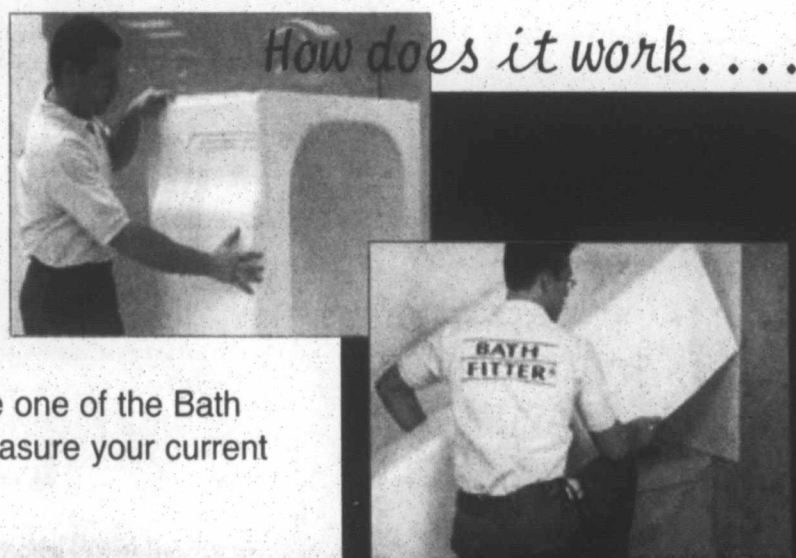
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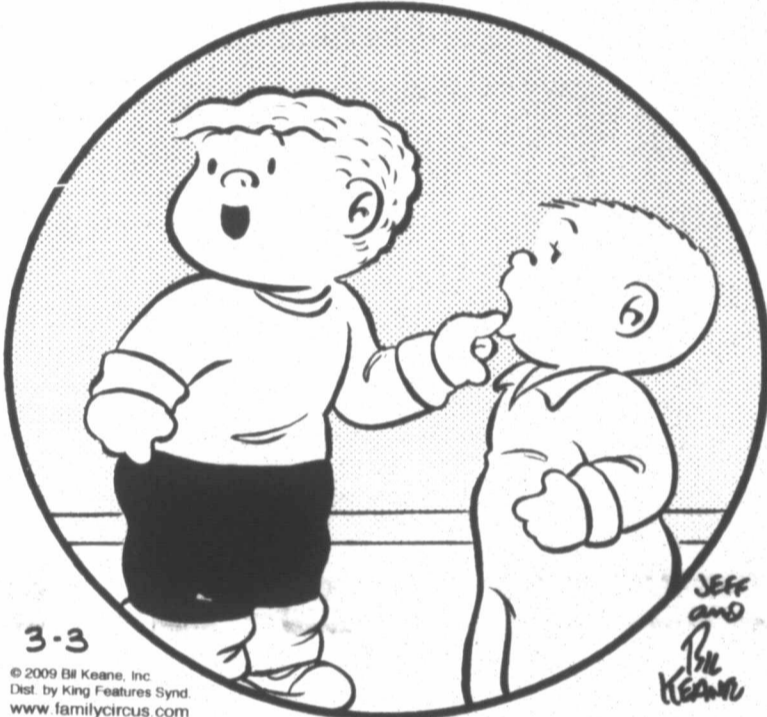
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"When he disappears like that, it seems like he isn't there, but he actually is... understand?"

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Mommy, guess what? PJ's building another downstairs tooth."

### Daily Crossword Puzzle

#### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Errand runner
  - 6 Port setting
  - 11 Limber
  - 12 "Tomorrow" singer
  - 13 Slushie-drinking pain
  - 15 Filming site
  - 16 Soaking spot
  - 17 Marry
  - 18 Evita's last name
  - 20 Gourmet
  - 23 Explosive stuff
  - 27 Pride member
  - 28 Well-behaved
  - 29 Former French coin
  - 31 Ring up
  - 32 Marina sight
  - 34 Lend a hand
  - 37 Postal oath word
  - 38 Play division
  - 41 Puzzle
  - 44 Role for Phil Silvers
  - 45 Tolerate
  - 46 So far
  - 47 Writer Ken
- DOWN**
- 1 Yaks it up
  - 2 Storybook monster
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  - 5 Flat occupant
  - 6 Diamond maker
  - 7 Wallet bill
  - 8 Fresh
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  - 10 Started a hole
  - 14 Stole material
  - 18 Bit of change
  - 19 Sleep time
  - 20 North Pole worker
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  - 25 Director Howard
  - 26 Exalted poem
  - 30 Is unable to
  - 31 Phone system
  - 33 Barracks bed
  - 34 "Mamma Mia" group
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  - 42 Presidential nickname
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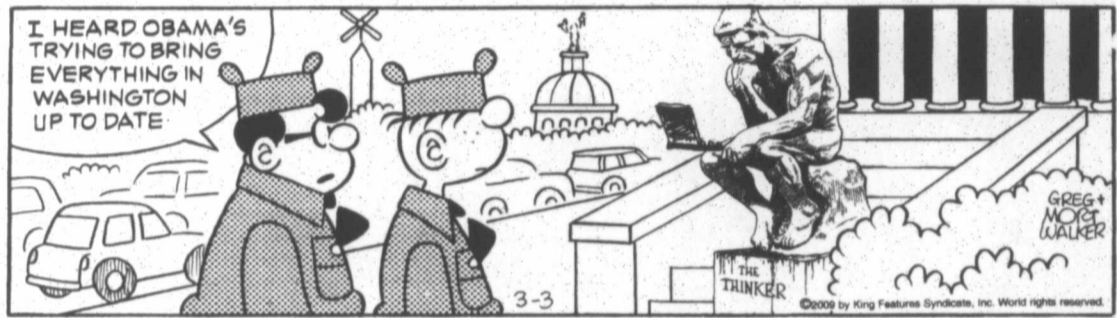
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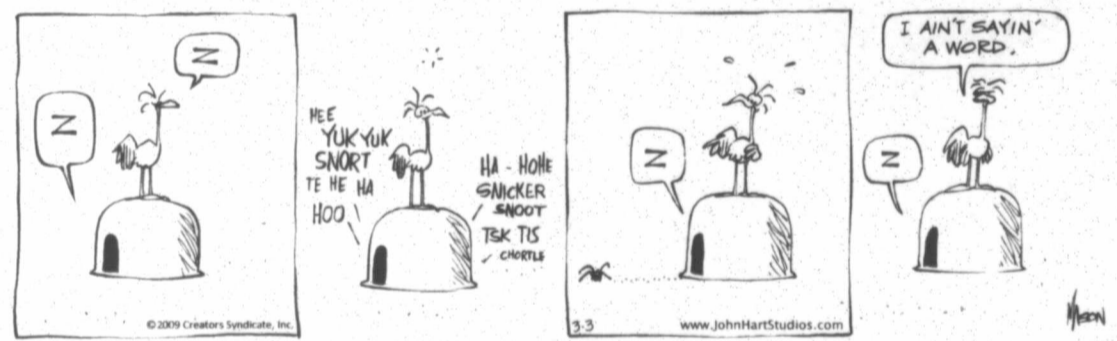
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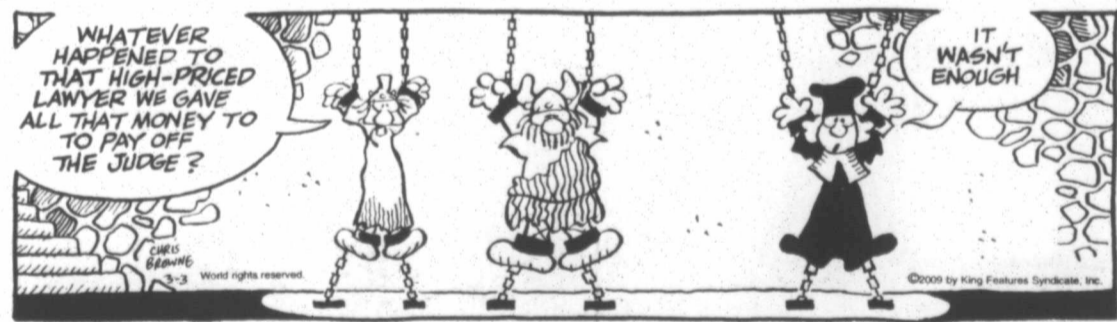
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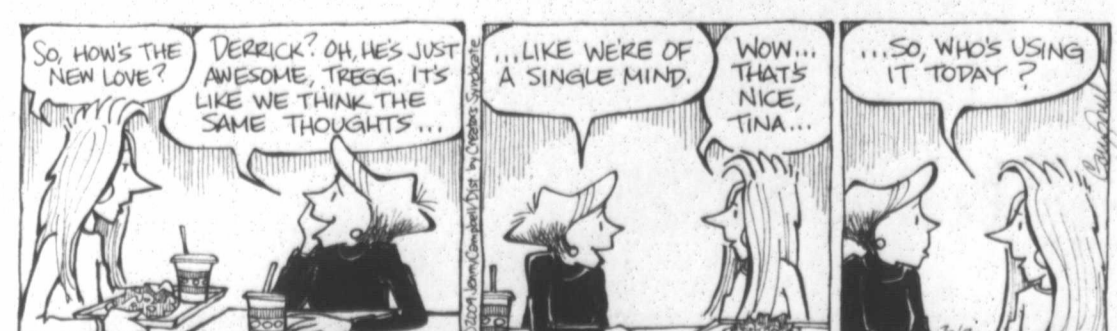
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David Moore plays in a singles match on Friday in Canyon, at the Canyon Open. photo submitted by Synda Foreman

## Tennis team competes in Canyon Open

The Pampa Harvesters played in the Canyon Open tournament Friday and Saturday, February 27 and 28. Coach Sarah Corse said the team didn't play as well as expected on Friday but played better on Saturday. We're looking forward to this weekend to see if we can play better we play in Amarillo tournament, she said. Lauren Couts placed second in girls #6 singles, James Vaid placed first in boys #8 singles. Holly Gage/ Lauren Couts were second in #1 girls doubles and Myles foreman/ Alyssa Hoelting grabbed second place in #2 mixed doubles.

## McLean falls to Happy

The McLean Tigers fell to Happy, 63-53, Friday night in an area basketball playoff game at Claude. With Chase Bohlar in early foul trouble, McLean trailed the Cowboys 18-11 at the end of the first quarter but had cut the margin to 31-25 at halftime. The game remained close, with Happy leading 45-41 entering the fourth period, but the Cowboys pulled away in the final minutes when McLean was forced to foul. John McAnear led the Tigers with 17 points, followed by Trent Darsey with 16. McLean ended its season with a 13-12 record.

## Wrestlers meet strong competition at state

by David Bowser  
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Two Pampa High wrestlers acquitted themselves well over the weekend at the state meet in Austin against strong competition.

Steven Botello, a Pampa High School junior, wrestling in the 130-pound class, won his first match, 8-3, against a wrestler from Arlington, but ran into trouble in his second match.

Up against Erik Spjut from The Woodlands, who's already signed a letter of intent to wrestle for Virginia Tech, Botello lost 17-1.

"Steven fought long and hard," said Pampa wrestling coach Scott Lewis, "but he lost in a technical fall."

Spjut went on to win his class at the state meet and was voted Outstanding Wrestler by the coaches at the meet.

Botello won his first match in the consolation bracket, 10-6, against a wrestler from El Paso.

The Pampa wrestler again ran into some stiff competition in his second match of the consolation bracket. He faced Billy Montgomery, the regional champion who had defeated Maxwell in an earlier match in El Paso, but this time Botello was the victor of their meeting.

Botello won 2-0. Lewis said the official came over after the match and said their meeting was a college quality match. The official said both wrestlers were intense and neither made a mistake.

While Botello lost his

next match 5-2 against a wrestler from Houston, the Pampa junior defeated an Arlington wrestler 12-10 for the fifth place medal at the state meet.

Lewis said that he's expecting big things from Botello next year, his senior year.

"We're hoping for a return trip to state," Lewis said.

Pampa High School senior Jeremy Maxwell, who wrestles in the 160-pound class, got off to a rough start at the meet.

"He started real slowly," Coach Lewis said. "He had a bad first period."

Maxwell fell behind 4-0

in the first period and fell further behind in the second period, losing to a wrestler from Carrollton.

Lewis said Maxwell appeared nervous at his first trip to state.

"At one time he was down 8-3," Lewis said.

While Maxwell rallied in the final three minutes of the match, it wasn't enough. He lost 8-7. The Carrollton wrestler, Parker Owen, went on to win fifth place.

In the consolation bracket, Maxwell led his competition, Joe Yetter from Klein, but Yetter managed a flurry at the end and won 10-9.

### Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

1	3	8	5	6	7	4	2	9
4	6	9	1	2	8	5	7	3
2	5	7	3	9	4	8	1	6
7	8	1	4	5	9	6	3	2
9	4	6	2	8	3	7	5	1
5	2	3	6	7	1	9	8	4
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Level: Beginner

## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I would like to comment on the letter from "Once a Mechanic ... in Arizona" (Dec. 24), who still dreams about his job even though he is now retired. I once worked in the customer service department of a major retailer. During one Christmas season, a recurring dream would interrupt my sleep each night. In my dream, my bedroom door would open and a stream of customers would file in and line up next to my bed, their arms loaded down with purchases or returns.

After many frustrating nights of restless sleep, I finally figured out a solution. I envisioned a flashing neon sign on my headboard that read: "Lane Closed." The following night when the customers began filing in, I took control. I sat up and pointed to the flashing sign above my bed. The customers turned around, walked out the door, and my sleep wasn't disturbed again.

"Mechanic" needs to acknowledge that it is only a dream and direct it on a different path, as you suggested, by thinking about his hobbies or his family. Dreams are a part of our subconscious, but that doesn't mean we can't control their content. -- DREAM WEAVER IN MANITOWOC, WIS.

DEAR DREAM WEAVER: Thank you for sharing your solution for achieving peaceful slumber. Allow me to offer another: Each night before I fall asleep, I say my prayers and count my blessings, one by one. "Sweet dreams are made of these ..." Read on:

DEAR ABBY: A rich and blessed

retirement sounds wonderful. If the dreams of "Mechanic's" lifelong trade persist and he finds he really misses working, there is a way to honor that gift while still enjoying his retirement. He should check around to see if there are any mentoring programs in his area offered through social services. I'm sure many teens and young men would appreciate knowing someone with his skills. -- JAN IN SPRING, TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: I have a master's degree in physics and have been known to solve calculus problems in my dreams. "Mechanic" should understand he is not alone, and probably was very good at his job. -- A.J. IN LITTLETON, COLO.

DEAR ABBY: I used to work in several demanding areas at a manufacturing plant, and I would often dream about being unable to keep up with production. Finally, I learned to relax and say, "Let the night shift do it!" Then I would be able to move on to a better dream. Now that I'm retired, I still dream occasionally about going back -- but only to visit, never to work. -- DAYDREAMER, OLIVET, MICH.

DEAR ABBY: Because "Mechanic" enjoys doing transmission repairs even though he is retired, perhaps he could make some sort of arrangement to offer his expertise to low-income families who have cars in need of repairs. It would be a way of helping people with a need while doing what he did for so long and misses. -- A FELLOW ARIZONAN

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