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Just passing through, living a dream

by Rachel Stennett rstennett@thepampanews.com

Modern day cowboy John Wayne Haynes is making a lot of friends as he travels from Michigan to New Mexico with two horses, two dogs, and a dream.

Monday his journey led him to Pampa.

Haynes, 55, decided to take the trek when he returned to work as a butcher after three months of recovering from an

Travelling across the county on horseback has been a long-standing dream for Haynes.

"I went back to work in July, and realized I was ready to make this happen," Haynes explained. So he quit his job.

He spent the period from July to September preparing for his trip and buying necessary equipment including a saddle pack and a three-year-old appaloosa horse named Misty

Haynes left Michigan on October 2 and has been travelling across the coun- Traveler- cont. on page 3

ty since, entering Pampa last night (March 22) after a 12-hour ride, which has been one of the longest on his journey.

Travelling Mobeetie, Haynes said he decided to keep riding to Pampa because he knew there were rodeo grounds

"I kept seeing signs for Pampa, so I pushed on," Haynes said.

Joe Johnson, of Pampa, happened to be driving with his son when he passed Haynes on the road, and stopped out of curiosi-

After Haynes explained what he was doing, Johnson made an effort to provide for Haynes and his animal companions. Johnson arranged for Haynes to stay at the rodeo grounds, took him to breakfast and on a tour of Pampa, including the Woodie Guthrie Museum.

Haynes has encountered most people on his journey in this exactly way, he explained. Residents



staff photo by Rachel Stennett

John Wayne Haynes is a modern cowboy travelling from Michigan to New Mexico on horseback. Haynes travels with his horses, Misty and Harley, and dogs, Rudy and Sheila. He stopped in Pampa and stayed at the rodeo grounds on Monday (March 23).

Proposed tax break elimination could hurt the panhandle

by David Bowser dbowser@thepampa news.com

AMARILLO - With the price of oil and gas off their highs from last summer, rigs are being stacked and exploration is down. Proposals now in Congress could make the likelihood of a comeback remote any

If proposals eliminating tax breaks for the oil and gas industry make it past Capitol Hill, the head of a regional oil and gas organization said Monday it could devastate the indus-

"We've got big problems nationally," said Wayne Hughes, executive vice president of the Panhandle Producers and Royalty

Owners Association. Since the 1930s, the oil and gas industry has enjoyed a tax incentive called the indirect drilling cost (IDC) tax break.

"Indirect drilling costs are everything that occurs on a drilling operation that is not human related," the

White Deer native said. There's a shopping list of items that qualify such as the amount of drilling mud

and the amount of pipe used, he said.

"Under current law," Hughes said, "we are allowed to expense indirect drilling costs in the year in which it occurs."

If there is \$1 million in indirect drilling cost in a well, which is not uncommon, investors can write that off the year it occurs.

"The advantage is that it is an inducement for investors to put money into a drilling program," Hughes said

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try and the panhandle. **Gray County awarded** federal emergency funds

Gray County has been to receive \$7,762.00 to supplement emergency food and shel-

ter programs in the county. The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal **Emergency Management** Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; The Salvation Army; United Jewish Communities and, United Way of America . The Local Board was charged to distribute funds approexpand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

The Local Board made up of Gray County Judge, Pampa United Way, Tralee Crisis Center, The Salvation Army, Pampa Meals On Wheels, Southside Senior Citizens Center, Good Samaritan Christian Services, Harvest House, City of Pampa Representative, American Red Cross, and Catholic Charities or other Catholic These organizations. organizations will determine how the funds awarded to Gray County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local

service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the

program. Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) be eligible to receive federal funds, 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and / or shelter pro-

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Highlights from the Legislature

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) A shield law to protect journalists from revealing confidential sources may be one of the earliest bills voted on in the Texas House, Speaker Joe Straus said Monday.

The House is expected to begin passing substantive legislation in the next few days, and Straus told the Texas Daily Newspaper Association that he suspects the shield legislation will be

among the initial bills up for a vote.

The proposal, known as the Free Flow of Information Act, would establish a qualified privilege for journalists from revealing confidential sources and notes in court. News industry officials say such a law would encourage whistleblowers to come forward and share information that could expose corrup-

"I understand that steady progress has been made," Straus said, adding that some "important accommodations" on the bill have been reached. "I hope this issue can be resolved at long last and in this session we can actually pass legislation."

Late last week, news industry representatives and officials with the Texas District and County Attorneys' Association met and reached a compromise so that prosecutors will no longer oppose the bill, said Laura Prather, a media law attorney and

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PEDC open house slated Wednesday

The Pampa Economic Development Corporation invites the community to a reception at the location of the new office located at 106 N. Cuyler.

The reception will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on

Wednesday, March 25. "We sent out invitations to the entire community because we feel like this is the community's EDC and we belong to the city. We are happy we are here and this is a nice facility. We want the city to be able to share it with

us," PEDC secretary Kathy Cota said. Refreshments will be served at the reception.





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(Ending on Sunday, March 29, 2009)

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PAMPA FORECAST

Wednesday

Thursday





High 66 High 62 Low 32 Low 38



High 38 Low 29

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 62. Wind chill values between 29 and 39 early. East northeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south southwest. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 38. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 66. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: A slight chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Friday: A chance of rain and snow before noon, then a chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 38. Windy, with a north northwest wind around 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29. Windy, with a northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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Grain prices

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

Wheat	.\$5.04
Milo	\$5.28
Corn.	\$6.85

Cash Five Texas results

AUSTIN (AP) - Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6 - 14 - 26 - 30 - 37 Number matching five of five: 0 Matching four of five: 70. Prize: \$569 Matching three of five: 2,358. Prize: \$13 Matching two of five: 25,395. Prize: \$2 Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Texas Two Step results

AUSTIN (AP) - Results of the Texas Two Step draw-

ing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2 - 7 - 15 - 18. Bonus Ball:

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1.

Number matching four of four: 7. Prize: \$1,972.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 36. Prize: \$47

Number matching three of four: 1,267. Prize: \$18.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 867.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 5,392. Prize: \$7

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 9,508. Prize: \$5. Estimated jackpot for xxxday night drawing:

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Obituaries

DB Jameson, Jr., 81

DB Jameson, Jr., age 81 passed away Saturday, 2009 in March 14, Birmingham, Ala. He was born in Pampa, TX in 1927 as the first born to Ruth Gilliland and DB Jameson, Sr. He served his country honorably in the United States Navy during WWII and was one of the original members of the Blue Angels in 1946. DB was honorably discharged in October, 1948.

DB graduated from the University of Texas with a Chemical Engineering degree in 1956. worked in sales for many engineering construction firms including the Rust family of companies, MW Kellogg, Brown & Root, Fluor Daniel and AG McKee. After retiring he worked for BioEnergy Brazil.

active member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church where he served in many capacities including the Vestry, the "Holy Biscuit Group", the Menis Group and many other committees. DB was also a member of the Caledonian Society of Alabama, Rust Alumni "Liars Club" and the Alumni Club at the University of Texas "Hook

wife of 22 years Margaret Billups Jameson, sister Nancy (Jim McDowell),

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sons Blake (Cynthia), Lance (Ginger), "Hunter (Jennifer), Sean (Paula) and one nephew raised as a Mike Hammer (Robin). His grandchildren are Zachary, Zoe, Katie, Quinn, and Mike's son, Christopher.

DB will be sorely missed by his family and many, many friends.

DB is preceded in death by his wife Ruth iKatieî Hammer, father DB Jameson Sr. and mother Ruth Gilliland.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Thomas Episcopal



Jameson

Church, 2870 Acton Road, Birmingham, AL 35243.

Memorial Service will be held at 2 p.m., April 5, 2009 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

Charles "Buddy" Cauthorn,83

Pampa, Texas - Charles "Buddy" Cauthorn ,83 died on March 23, 2009 in Amarillo, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Emergency Services

PAMPA PD

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

Monday Officers conducted three traffic stops.

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

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block North Hobart. Coronado Center, where two windows were broken, value \$1,200.

A suicide attempt was reported in the 2600 block

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Harvester and Russell streets, and the 100 block of Sunset.

one attempt to serve papers was made. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000

block of South Prairie. Motor vehicle accidents were reported in the intersection of Gwedndolyn and Hobart streets, the intersection of Kentucky and Hobart, the 700 block of north Dwight, and the intersection of Sumner

and Kentucky streets. Sexual assault was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Fraud was reported in

the lobby of the PD. Lost prperty was reported in the 1900 block of West Gwendolyn, where keys were lost.

Civil matters were reported in the lobby of the PD, and the 700 block of East Malone.

Traffic complaints were received from the 700 block of North Dwight.

Assaults were reported

in the 800 block of North Wells, and the 100 block of West 30th. A suspicious vehicle

call was received fromt he 2700 block of North Aspen. Disorderly conduct was

reported inb the 700 block of North Wells. Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 800

block of West Foster. Tuesday Officers conducted four

traffic stops. Suspicious person calls were received froj the 200

block of East Foster, and the intersection of Wilks and Huff. A suspiciou svehicle call was received from the 1200 block of North

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests.

Christy Joann Blaylock, 33, of McLean was arrested by GCSO for violation of probation and warrants for driving while license invalid, no adult seatbealts, two counts, and allowing an unlicenced person to drive.

Monte Wade Smith, 42, of Skellytown was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for possession of marijuana less than two ounces in a drug free zone, and warrants in Hutchison County for possession of a controlled substance.

Steven Vaughn Bracewell, 26, of Pampa was arrested by the GCSO for violation of probation, and warrants for failure to maintain financial respon-

sibility, no valid driver's license, and failure to Rebecca Ann Covalt,

26, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for allowing an unlicensed driver to drive vehicle.

Misty Diane Moman,

25, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for no valid driver's license, warrants on expired motor vehicle insurance, failure to report change of address/name, failure to appear, and displaying expired registration.

Stephen Orin Stokes, 45, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for warrants on insufficient bond and forgery of a financial instrument.

of Skellytown was arrested by GCSO for no valid driver's license.

Willy Boyd Ballard, 27, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for warrants on no valid driver's license.

Nehemias Rodriguez, 18, of Memphis was arrested by the PPD for possession of marijuana, less than two ounces, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Early Franklin Knotts, 27, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for warrants on insufficent bond and possession of a controlled substance.

AMBULANCE

Guardian EMS ambulance service reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today.

Monday

9:21 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2600 block of Navajo and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center 9:44 a.m. — A mobile

OPTIMIST

ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported a patient to PRMC. 10:32 a.m. — A mobile

ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Baptist St. Anthony's hospital in Amarillo.

11:36 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Helton road and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Graham. No patients were transported.

2:09 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 black of North Nelson and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a local nursing facility.

7:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Cinderalla and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

11:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to NWTH.

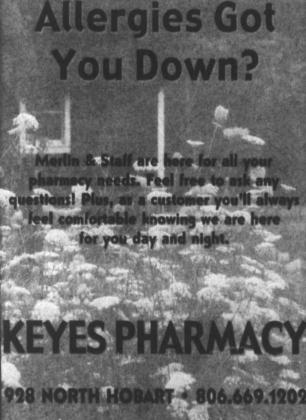
FIRE

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

Monday 9:36 a.m. — One unit five personnel responded to the 1000 block of South Russell on a med assts.

12:06 p.m. — Two units four personnel responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky on a medical call.

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BASEBALL/SOFTBALL **TRYOUTS** March 23-25 5:30 - 7:00 at the Optimist Park (annual player draft March 25-27). Players who did not play in Pampa last year and players moving up to a new league must attend 2 of the 3 tryouts. For more information Contact Kevin Davis at 664-2542 Late Registration March 23-25 5:30-7:00

iving out a dream

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curiosity, and most extend a helping hand to him on his way through their town.

"People pull over and introduce themselves to me, and then say, 'hey, I've got a place for you to stay.' They connect me to others they know in cities I'm traveling through—it's the domino effect.

Some people offer Haynes a place to stay for the night, others offer him food. Some have even offered him priceless mementos, like a John Wayne commemorative knife and old BB gun for protection.

Haynes has even picked up a passenger on his journey. Rudy, a small spotted stray dog, who rides his 23 year-old pack horse Harley, another Appaloosa. Sheila, Haynes other dog, walks along beside Misty every day of the journey.

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Weather has been Haynes' biggest challenge overall. He initially planned to travel through Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Mississippi, and Kansas, but extreme cold turned Haynes south to Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and now, Texas. Haynes has been a part of severe weather across the nation,

tornadoes in Oklahoma. But, he knew he had to leave when he did.

"If I didn't do it then, I would have never done it. The timing was right." There are upsides to winter travel though. Haynes said he has hasn't had to deal with bugs or snakes, and he believes the worst of the weather is over.

During his travel, Haynes has had to revamp his packs by "lightening his load" and using UPS to send pounds of equipment and clothes to his brother.

"I started the trip with

everything but the kitchen sink," Haynes explained. "First, I had to shed 14 pounds of cold weather clothes, which I sent to my brother. Then, later on, I lightened again and sent 85 pounds to him." What Haynes was left with was 'the bare minimum" which doesn't include an Atlas. He now travels with the clothes on his back, two sleeping bags, horse shoeing equipment, dog food, a lantern, and some pictures and mementos he has been given. Haynes buys his food along the way, and people frequently supply him with food for him and

his animals. "I had no idea that peo-

including ice storms and ple would be that friendly or receptive to what I'm doing," he said.

> Haynes is apparently leaving a mark beyond horse shoe prints in the cities he travels through.

If you Google Haynes, numerous blogs, photos, and articles appear about people who have met him along his journey and have been impressed by his character and his journey. People have posted entries from many states saying that they feel privileged to meet Haynes and pledge their support of his travels.

Some people have grown so attached that they call him weekly on his cell phone, given to him by his children to keep in touch. Haynes said he now has 300 to 400 phone numbers of people he has met along the way.

"I've met so many nice people. This has been a lot of fun."

If weather permits, Haynes plans to be in Santa Fe in four weeks, which is another 300 miles of riding. He has already ridden about 1600 miles

Once he reaches his final destination in Santa Fe, N.M., where his brother and sister-in-law live, he plans to permanently relo-

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grams, and 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Gray County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with Pampa Meals On Wheels, The Salvation Tralee Crisis Center, Southside Senior Citizens Center, Good Samaritan Christian Services, and the Harvest House participating. agencies were These responsible for providing 5,224 meals and 226 nights of lodging.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency

Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Local **Board Chair Captain Mark** Martin, 665-7233, of The Salvation Army, or Katrina Bigham at the United Way office 669-1001 for an application. The deadline for applications to be received is March 31.

Tax break elimination

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indirect drilling costs, each investor will have to pay one-tenth of the indirect drilling costs, but they get a tax credit for it.

"If the Obama administration is successful in doing away with expensing the IDC," Hughes said, "the tax code says that you can amortize those kinds of expenses over a five year basis."

That means that instead of taking all of that million dollars of the indirect drilling costs off in one year, it will have to be done at \$200,000 a year for five years.

That first year, investors get to write off 20 percent of those million dollars, and they have to pay taxes

and a million dollars in on the remaining 80 per- economy."

cent, Hughes said.

That scenario repeats itself the next year with the investor writing off 20 percent and paying taxes on the remaining 60 percent of the initial indirect drilling costs the second year, writing off 20 percent and paying taxes on 40 percent the third year, and so on, Hughes said.

"It drives investors away," he said.

Without investors, there will be little or no drilling, Hughes insisted.

"I can't emphasize too strongly what this does not only to those of us who are in the drilling end of the business," Hughes said, "but to the disappearance of big segments of the

If the indirect drilling cost tax break is repealed and other tax breaks for the oil and gas industry disappear, Hughes said it doesn't make sense for anyone in the industry to be in business.

"The smaller communities that survive on taxes we pay," he said, "will have to fold."

He said Pampa would suffer, as would Miami, Wheeler and Canadian.

"Look at the build up that's gone into Canadian the last two years," Hughes said. "The number of hotels and motels that have gone in there, the new home construction. That's all directly attributable to oil and gas activity."

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Texas legislature

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DOCTOR RECRUITING Medical school debt may keep graduates from going into family medicine and

dentistry, causing Texas to fall short by more than 500 primary care physicians, according to some law-

makers A bill proposed would use state money from a

modified tobacco tax to help some general care doctors pay back student loans. Advocates Monday put their support behind

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Today in History

Today is Tuesday, March 24, the 83rd day of 2009. There are 282 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 24, 1989, the supertanker Exxon Valdez ran aground on a reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound and began leaking 11 million gallons of crude

In 1765, Britain enacted the Quartering Act, requiring American colonists to provide temporary housing to British soldiers.

In 1882, German scientist Robert Koch announced in Berlin that he had discovered the bacillus responsible for tuberculosis.

In 1909, Irish author and playwright J.M. Synge ("The Playboy of the Western World") died in Dublin at age 37.

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill granting future independence to the Philippines. In 1944, in occupied Rome, the Nazis executed

"Man must cease attributing his problems to his environment, and learn again to exercise his will, his personal responsibility in the realm of faith and morals.'

> — Albert Schweitze Nobel laureate

more than 300 civilians in reprisal for an attack by Italian partisans the day before that had killed 32 German soldiers. 1955.

In Tennessee Williams play "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" opened on Broadway.

In 1958, Elvis Presley was inducted into the Army in Memphis, Tenn.

In 1976, the presi-

dent of Argentina, Isabel Peron, was deposed by her country's military.

In 1980, one of El Salvador's most respected Roman Catholic church leaders, Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, was shot to death by gunmen as he celebrated Mass in San Salvador.

In 1995, after 20 years, British soldiers stopped routine patrols in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Ten years ago: Thirty-nine people were killed when fire erupted in the Mont Blanc tunnel in France and burned for two days. The National Transportation Safety Board concluded that Boeing 737 rudder problems caused two fatal airline crashes and nearly triggered a third.

Five years ago: Former top terrorism adviser Richard Clarke, testifying before the federal 9/11 Commission, accused the Bush administration of scaling back the campaign against Osama bin Laden before the attacks and undermining the fight against terrorism by invading Iraq. The European Union slapped Microsoft with a \$613 million fine for abusively wielding its Windows software monopoly.

One vear ago: President George W. Bush pledged to ensure "an outcome that will merit the sacrifice" of those who have died in Iraq, offering both sympathy and resolve as the U.S. death toll in the five-year war

Today's Birthdays: Fashion and costume designer Bob Mackie is 70. Actor R. Lee Ermey is 65. Movie director Curtis Hanson is 64. Rock musician Lee Oskar is 61. Singer Nick Lowe is 60. Rock musician Dougie Thomson (Supertramp) is 58. Comedian Louie Anderson is 56. Actress Donna Pescow is 55. Actor Robert Carradine is 55. Actress Kelly LeBrock is 49. Rhythm-and-blues DJ Rodney "Kool Kollie" Terry (Ghostown DJs) is 48. TV personality Star Jones is 47. Country-rock musician Patterson Hood (Drive-By Truckers) is 45. Rock singer-musician Sharon Corr (The Corrs) is 39. Actress Lara Flynn Boyle is 39. Rapper Maceo (P.A. Pasemaster Mase) is 39. Actor Jim Parsons is 36. Actress Alyson Hannigan is 35. Colts QB Peyton Manning is 33. Rock musician Benj Gershman (O.A.R.) is 29.

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Presidential memoirs not known for self-criticism

NEW YORK (AP) former President George W. Bush works on his memoir, his detractors are doubting the candor of an unpopular leader famous for giving himself the highest of approval rat-

Bush has signed with Crown Publishers for "Decision Points," a survey of fateful choices from running for president to invading Iraq. The book is scheduled for 2010, and while Bush said recently that "absolutely, yes," he would question some of his decisions, he added that he would make clear the difficulty of circumstances and the ease of hindsight.

So don't expect harsh self-appraisals about his response to Hurricane Katrina or the collapse of the economy or the failure to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. But don't be surprised, for no chief executive has written a book in order to say he

"It's unfair to jump on Bush for not writing a selfflagellating memoir," says presidential historian David Greenberg, whose books include "Nixon's Shadow" and a biography of Calvin Coolidge. "It's a genre, a political genre, and it has different standards, needs to be read differently from other kinds of memoirs.'

The planned structure of Bush's memoir is unusual, but not the author's expected generosity to himself. The presidential book has not only been distin-

guished by its lack of literary merit — Ulysses Grant excepted — but by the absence of any self-criticism beyond the most expected remorse, as in "My Life" and Bill Clinton's already oftexpressed apology for his Monica affair with Lewinsky.

Memoirs are written for money, for revenge, for glory, for the first and perhaps last word. If we saw the world only through presidential eyes, the Great Depression would be Europe's fault, not Herbert Hoover's; liberals and other scoundrels were to blame for Richard Nixon's

In the history according to presidents, achievements are inflated (or imagined) and defeats mentioned only to fault others - Europe, political opponents, or that eternal failure to get one's message across. Jimmy Carter, beaten decisively by Ronald Reagan in his race for a second term, recalled a final cabinet meeting in which members tallied the achievements of the unloved Carter administra-

The most disliked presidents were capable of the most prolonged defenses. Nixon wrote book after book after his resignation. Hoover needed three volumes, not only to absolve himself of the Depression, but to tear down the New Deal and its beloved, martyred creator, Franklin



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My exwife has been spending every weekend visiting her fiance, who is in prison. It is a five-hour round trip from where she lives, so she stays the night in a hotel due to the long drive. If she has our 6-year-old daughter, "Emma," on the weekend, the child goes with her. My ex knows I don't want Emma in a

The only way I have to prevent my little girl from having to go is to keep her with me every weekend. My wife is supportive, but she is concerned because we never have a night to ourselves. She says we are enabling my ex's poor choices by taking Emma every time my ex wants to shirk her parental responsi-

Is my wife right? Are we enabling my ex? Is it more important to keep my daughter away from the prison or take my wife out on a date once a month? Any advice would be greatly appreciated. DAD IN GEORGIA

DEAR DAD: This is a subject you should discuss with the lawyer who handled your divorce. I seriously doubt that when custody was awarded the judge would have agreed that accompanying her mother to a prison every weekend to visit her fiance is "quality time."

If you and your wife would like to go out on a date, your daughter's presence shouldn't prevent it.

DEAR ABBY: Last night, I went to the movies and took an aisle seat in the back row. Two different couples came in late, and each one asked me to move over so they could sit together. I said, "I got here early, and I like this seat." I did not go on to

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stretch my leg. They became upset and were very rude. If the seats were so important, they could have arrived early or

explain that I have a torn

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on time. Abby, my husband died in an airplane crash many years ago. I would give anything to have my husband in the same theater, the same city, the same planet! Couldn't those peorated by one seat from their spouse? -- MARSHA IN SAUSALITO, CALIF.

DEAR SHA: Please accept my sympathy for the tragic loss of your husband. Sometimes it isn't what you say to people, but the tone in which it is said. Perhaps if you had been less terse in your reply to the couples who asked you to move over, they would not have become hostile.

DEAR ABBY: The oldest of the cousins in our family is being married in July. My aunt told me over the holidays that because I am now an adult (I will graduate from college in June), I would be receiving my own invitation rather than be included with my

My invitation arrived today and enclosed with it was a personal note from my cousin encouraging the attendance of boyfriend, who she says would be welcome as well. I believe that because I received my own invitation and will be bringing a guest, I should arrive with

my own gift rather than

sign my name to the gift my parents bring. My mother, however, says I am being "silly" and that it's not necessary. What do you think? -- JENNIFER IN SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIF.

DEAR JENNIFER: I think your cousin is thoughtful and gracious, that you are an equally courteous guest and that you should follow your

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DAILY HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, March 25, 2009

This year, you are able to clear out some major issues, if not problems. You discover that other opinions might not be as necessary as you originally thought. Rather, it is your perspective or how you reframe issues. Touch base with what works for you, and honor those areas of your life. Don't hesitate to zero in on what you want. If you are single, take a full year before you decide you are even in a relationship. People change with holidays and birthdays. The person you like or choose might not be what he or she seems. If you are attached, the two of you benefit from dinners for two and other such romantic dates and weekends. PISCES makes an excellent healer or doctor.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** Continue the process of reflecting and receiving more information. Don't hesitate to find an expert and get another perspective. A decision made from an excess of information will be better than "just enough." Schedule a meeting as late as you can. Tonight: You feel revived.

TAUKUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Use the daylight hours to the max. Surprises reveal that much more is going on than you anticipated. Work with leaking facts and understand what is happening within your immediate circle. Curb making decisions until later on. Tonight: Make it early.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Take a stand with a work-related matter. Your ability to move past the issue helps you understand what is going on with those in your immediate circle. Stay focused, and you will have much to

celebrate. Tonight: A must appearance. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Read between the lines during conversations. Your best bet is to distance yourself. In that position, you will gather more facts and be able to make a stronger decision. News or an insight could be uncomfortable - work with it. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** A partner wants to pull you in. However, you could discover that the lay of the land might not be exactly as you thought. Negativity could float through business and personal dealings. Reach out for others' perspectives. Tonight: Plan a vacation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Defer to others and listen. Stay centered on your goals, but not necessarily the method to get there. This type of thinking empowers you. Others might have many opinions. Let their ideas play out. Note another's unpredictability.

Tonight: Dinner for two. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Dig into your must-do list. Be aware that you might want to incorporate a different approach or style. Listen to news that heads in your direction involving a partner, boss or key person in your life. How you deal with the situation will determine the result. Try a positive outlook. Tonight: Chill.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Your imagination always adds the salt and pepper to any situation. Be aware of what might be going on around a friend or loved one. Your imagination bubbles up with solutions, as well as farout ideas. Tonight: Let your inner child

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Center on the fundamentals, and you will be much happier than you originally anticipated. How you deal with someone and what you might do could change your direction before you know it. Stop and think about the implications.

Tonight: Happy at home. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Initiate conversations and move forward. How you deal with someone impacts much more than you realize. Be aware of the words and the direction you choose. Your inner thoughts could have you on overload. Tonight: Hang out. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

** Spending remains critical to a balanced budget. You must maintain a steadiness and a reserve for emergencies. Presently, you will see the consequences of ill-planning. Fatigue surrounds you, no matter what you do. Tonight: One more solid look at your budget. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Your popularity continues to speak. However, others do have strong reactions to your quirkiness or unpredictability. If you could be more verbal about the thoughts before a reverse turn, others would relax more. Tonight: A sure-bet winner

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Singer Elton John (1947), singer Aretha Franklin (1942), actress Sarah Jessica Parker (1965)

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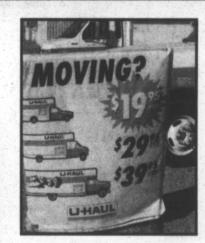
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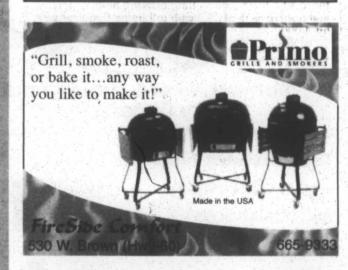
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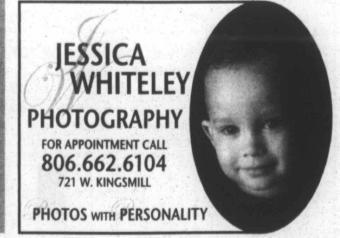
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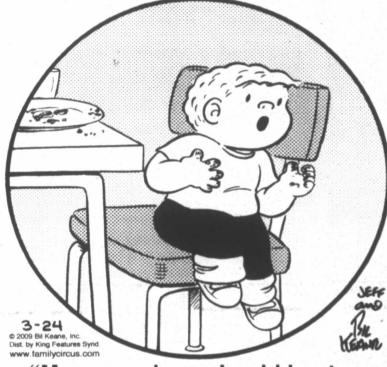
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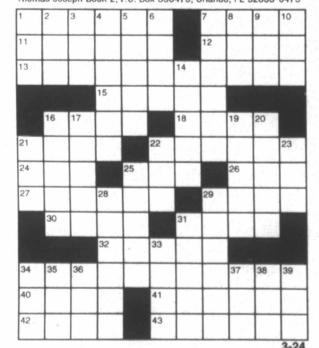
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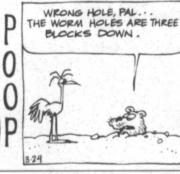






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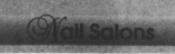
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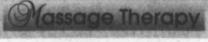
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Jr High girls win Dumas track meet

The Pampa Junior High 2400 meter run with a time Girls track teams competed in the first track meet of the year in Dumas last Friday.

The eighth Grade girls dominated the competition by winning two relays and four individual events. They won the meet with 124 points, followed by Perryton with 97.

Other teams entered in the meet were Borger. Dumas, Dalhart and San Christian Jacinto Academy.

Leading the eighth grade with a gold was the 400 relay team made up of Kellie Taylor, Kassidy Winegeart, Kristen Ladd and Claire Hopkins with a time of 56.78. The 800 relay team also took gold with a time of 2:03.81. Taylor, Winegeart, Ladd and Hopkins made up the 800 relay team.

In individual performances, Pampa was led by eighth-grader Madison Fatheree. Fatheree dominated the jumping events and the 100 hurdles and took away four gold medals. She placed first in triple jump with a jump of 30'11", first in the high jump with 4'8", first in the long jump with 14'4" and first in the 100 hurdles with a time of 17.33.

Silver medal winners for Pampa were Calli Brewer in the Shot Put with a throw of 30'3", Destaney Vasquez in the

of 10:11.67 and Jessica Kenney in the 400 mmeter run with a 1:15.77. MaKayla Hampton won a bronze in the 100 hurdles with a 18.71 and Kristen Ladd in the 100 meter run with a 14.27. Also earning points for Pampa were Sanya Couts, who won fourth place in the discus, 63', Elizabeth Woody won fifth place in the 2400 with a 10:31.88, Claire Hopkins earned sixth place in the triple jump, 28'0', and Allison Ceyanes won sixth in the 400 run with a time of 1:22.28.

The girls seventh grade track team took second place with 113 points behind Dumas, who had 139 points. The team was led by first place finishers Jessie Dixon in the 2400 with a time of 10:02.07 and Savannah Hulsey in the 100 hurdles with a 17.34.

The 400 Relay team of Jazmyn Hair, Alexa O'Brien, Savannah Hulsey and Kylee Metts won a silver medal with 57.24 and the 800 Relay team of Bailey Wichert, Alexa O'Brien, Savannah Hulsey and Kylee Metts earned a silver with a time of 2:13.15. Individuals earning silver medals for Pampa were Krysten Miller in the discus, 62í5î, Madison Joyce in the triple jump, 26'8", and Taylor Giles in the 100 hurdles,

Winning bronze medals were Taylor Giles in the long jump with a jump of 12'9", Bailey Wichert in the high jump with 4'2", and Madison Joyce in the 100 hurdles with 18.52. Also earning points for Pampa's 7th grade were Bailey Wichert, fourth place in the discus with

58'10", Charissa Cline, fourth place in the 2400 with 10:44.33, Bella Leal, fourth in the 800 with 3'04.07, Alexa O'Brien, fourth in the 100 with 14.54, Mayra Tinajero, fifth in the 400 with 1:26.25, and Alexis Arreola, sixth in the High Jump with 3'10".

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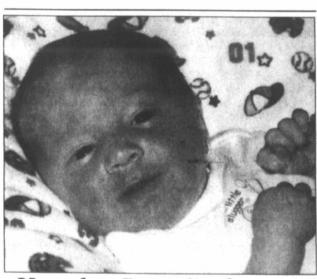


Pampa High School drama presented the 2008-2009 Spotlight Award to Mr. Mike Stovall, assistant principal at PHS. PHS Drama gives this award annually to members of the community who contribute in a positive way to the students of Pampa High School. Recipients of the award are considered to be of good character and work ethic. This is the second year the award has been presented. Last year's recipient was Mr. Mike Ehrl of KGRO/KOMX in Pampa.

Cancer support group meets tonight

Harrington Cancer Center's Pampa support group will meet at 6:30 tonight, March 24, in the second floor classroom of Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Officer Stormy MCullar of the Pampa Police Department will present the program: Safeguards from identity theft and scams. All survivors and supporters are

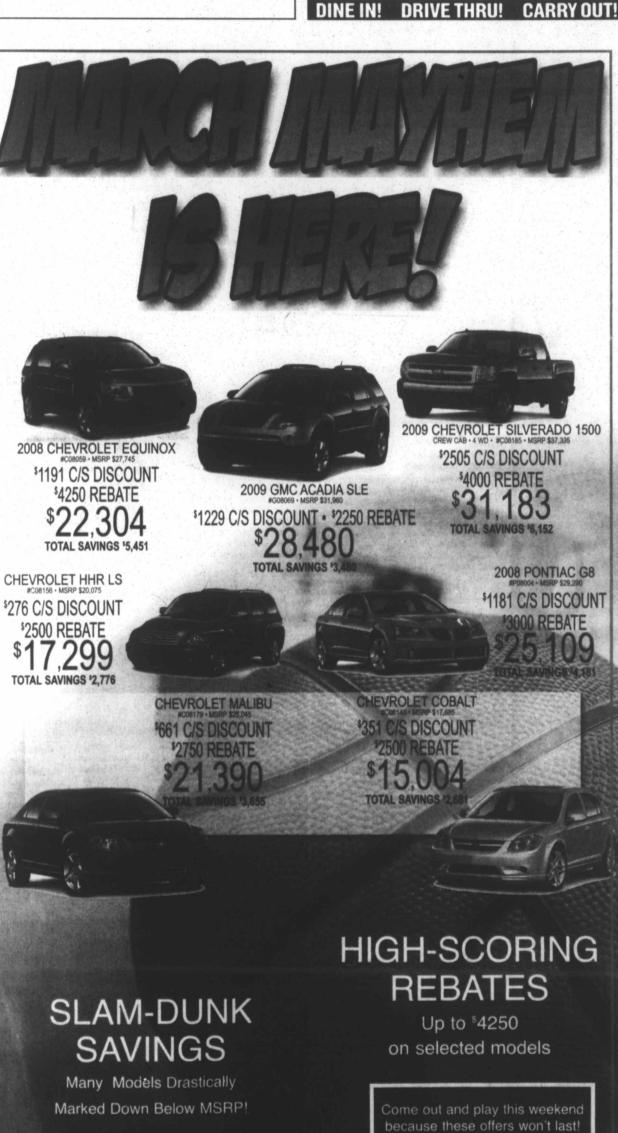


Kamden Ross Snelgrooes

Kamden Ross Snelgrooes was born to Kaleb and Becky Snelgrooes at 5:53 a.m., March 10, 2009 at Pampa Regional Medical Center. He weighed 6 pounds 15.8 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth.

Kamden is welcomed by grandparents Pat and Nita Aderholt and Steve and Alicia Snelgrooes, all of Pampa and great grandparents Ethel Morgan, Nathan and Nelda Lancaster and Shirley Sweeney, all of Pampa and Ray and Evelyn Aderholt of Fritch.

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