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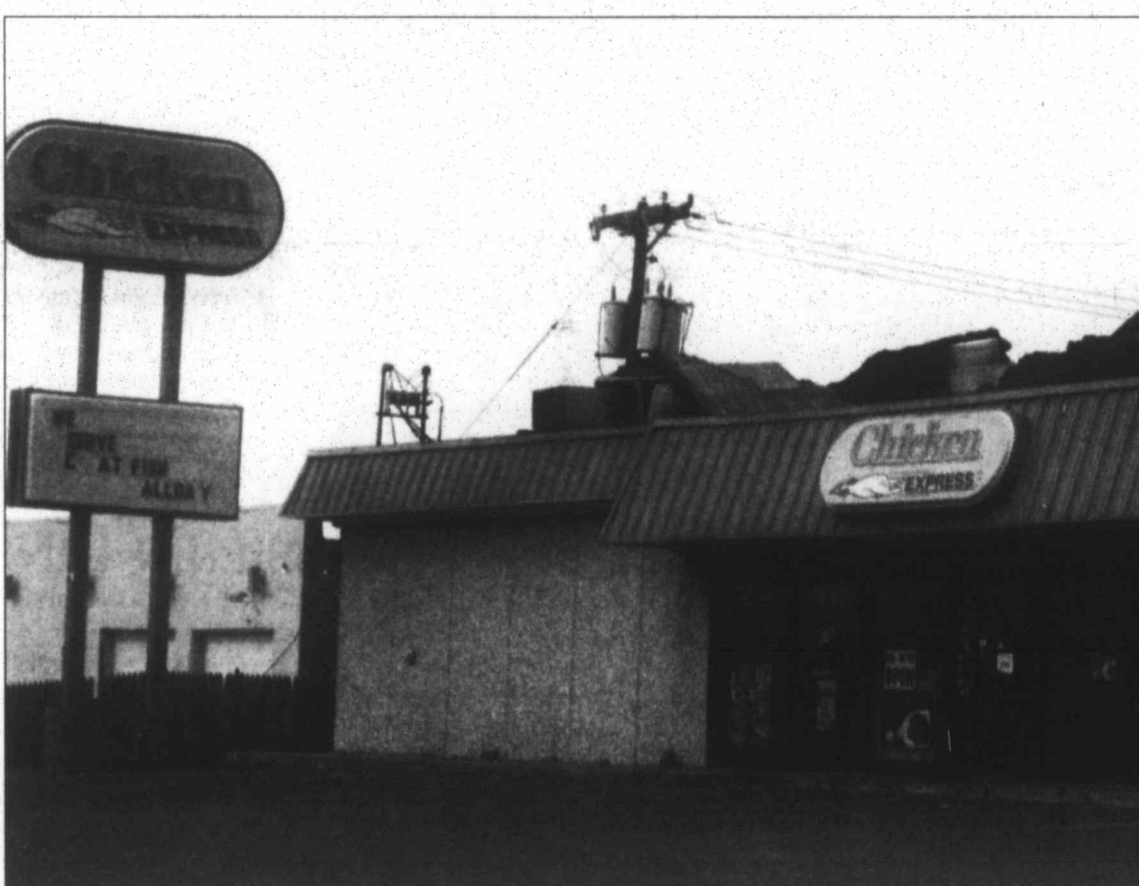
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WINDS CAUSE DAMAGE, OUTAGES



The metal frame is all that is left of this green house on Hobart Street after high winds once again ravaged Pampa Thursday.

by Rachel Stennett and Betsy Phillips
 Wind gusts topping 65 mph caused damage and power outages Thursday for the second time in the past week.
 During the worst of the winds, law enforcement officials reported extremely low visibility, down to about a quarter of a mile, due to blowing dust.
 Traffic had to be temporarily diverted on Hobart Street near Pampa Regional Medical Center while low hanging wires were repaired.
 The roof of the Chicken Express building was so heavily damaged that city officials had to shut the business down until repairs can be made. There were six employees in the restaurant at the time and about eight customers. Luckily, no one was hurt.
 "We were right in the middle of lunch," said Chicken Express Manager Alice Short. "It was like a micro burst." She said it felt like the roof just raised up and then slammed back down.
 All the restaurant's heating, cooling and ventilation equipment is on the roof. Sixteen people work at Chicken Express, including owner Jay Gist. It was not known as of Thursday evening, when they will be able to re-open.
 A nursery/green house on Hobart Street was also stripped to its frame by the high wind. There were reports of damage to other roofs and outbuildings in the Pampa area.
 The winds caused power outages throughout the panhandle Thursday. Early in the afternoon, about 1,000 people in Pampa and Amarillo were without power and 730 people in Borger were without power, according to Wes Reeves of Excel Energy. Most of the outages had been restored near 3 p.m., although pockets of outages were still reported in Pampa, Borger, and Dumas Thursday evening.
 In total, there were 5,000 people in the Panhandle without power due to the winds. By Friday morning, the out-



Extensive wind damage was sustained Thursday to the roof of the building housing Chicken Express on Hobart Street. The restaurant was forced to close until repairs can be made.

County may extend burn ban for 90 days

by David Bowser
 dbowser@thepampanews.com
 Dry weather and recent fires have prompted the Gray County Commissioners Court to consider extending the county's burn ban for another 90 days.
 When they meet Wednesday, the commission will also consider a resolution that would allow the county to enter private property in emergency situations to clear any roads blocked by extreme weather conditions so long as they have permission from the property owner and the property owner has signed a release.
 The commission will also consider a road-crossing request by Charles Bowers and Taylor Properties about one-half mile south of the intersection of T. Pit

Highlights from the Texas Legislature

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Republican Gov. Rick Perry joined a group of lawmakers Thursday in speaking out against the federal government and for a Texas House resolution that supports states' rights in the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.
 "I believe that our federal government has become oppressive. I believe it's become oppressive in its size, its intrusion into the lives of our citizens and its interference with the affairs of our state," Perry said. He said Texas has economic strength, while Washington has a "federal budget mess."
 Perry's anti-Washington remarks have been heating up lately, in his race for re-election against U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, a fellow Republican, and in his rejection of \$550 million of federal economic stimulus money for unemployment insurance. Perry said the unemployment money comes with mandates from the federal government that the state change the way it runs its unemployment system. He contends Texas employers would be left paying that bill long after the federal money runs out.
 Answering a question from a news reporter, Perry suggested that Hutchison is part of the federal government's expansion.
 Hutchison's campaign

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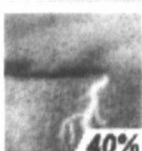

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| High 59 Low 43 | High 56 Low 46 | High 69 Low 48 |

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 59. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
Saturday Night: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Cloudy, with a low around 43. Southeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.
Sunday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 56. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming northeast. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.
Sunday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 46. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 69. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48. Calm wind becoming south southeast between 5 and 10 mph.

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Cash Five Texas results

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 24-31-17-14-34.
 Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$26,442
 Winning ticket purchased in: Arlington
 Matching four of five: 106. Prize: \$112
 Matching three of five: 2,439. Prize: \$11
 Matching two of five: 24,399. Prize: \$2
 Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

Texas Two Step results

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 18-2-20-15. Bonus Ball: 5.
 Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
 Number matching four of four: 9. Prize: \$1,317.
 Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 40. Prize: \$36.
 Number matching three of four: 954. Prize: \$20.
 Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 641. Prize: \$20.
 Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 4,267. Prize: \$7.
 Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 7,312. Prize: \$5.
 Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$200,000.

For the Record

Obituaries

Chester Lee Moore, 79

HEDLEY — Chester Lee Moore, 79, died on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 in Amarillo, Texas.
 Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 10, 2009 in the First Baptist Church in Hedley with Rev. Bruce Howard, Pastor, and John Hall, officiating.
 Inbterment will be at Rowe Cemetery in Hedley.
 Arrangements are being made by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.
 Chester was born March 1, 1930 in Hall County to Joe Riley and Francis Josephine Moore. He had been resident of Hedley most of his life. He loved all kids especially his kids & grandkids. He would help anyone he would come in contact with. He was a Baptist.
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 -Survivors include two sons, Gary Moore of Clarendon, and Dallas Moore of Lelia Lake; three daughters, Shirley Brooks of Claude, Kim Goldsmith of Pampa, and Holly McCleskey of Hedley; two sisters, Rene Bada of Oklahoma City, and Mildred Parker of Amarillo; 20 grandchildren; 44 great grandchildren; and one great great grandchild.
MEMORIALS - The family request memorials be to BSA Hospice or Rowe Cemetery Association.
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Emergency Services

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. today.
 Thursday
 Rusty Lee Hazelwood, 46, of Stinnett was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for motion to revoke probation on driving while intoxicated in Hutchinson County.
 Antonio Garcia Galaviz, 46, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for possession of a controlled

substance, failure to identify, and bond surrender on harboring a runaway.

AMBULANCE

Guardian EMS reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. today.
 9:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Garland. No patients were transported.
 10:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Garland and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Craven and transported a patient to Odyssey Hospice in Amarillo.

1:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Doyle and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Helton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

Friday
 2:46 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Nelson and transported a patient to PRMC.

FIRE

City offices were closed today for the Easter holiday. Pampa Fire Department emergency calls are not being printed today. The calls will be printed in Monday's issue.

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Wildfires kill 2, devastate 2 small Texas towns

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Wildfires that have killed two people and destroyed dozens of homes continued roaring through thousands of acres of drought-parched Texas on Friday, but the high winds that had whipped the flames were expected to diminish.
 More than 90,000 acres have burned across the state the past two days, and a Montague County sheriff's dispatcher confirmed Friday that two people had died when fire overtook their home.

WFAA-TV of Dallas-Fort Worth quoted family members identifying the dead couple as former WFAA reporter Matt Quinn and his wife, Cathy. The station reported their son, Chris, was in fair condition with burns at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas.

The National Weather Service said there was a high fire danger in the North Texas area Friday due to dry conditions and wind gusts up to 25 mph. That's down considerably from the 60-mph gusts that fanned the flames Thursday and created an extreme danger of fire.

The towns of Sunset and Stoneburg in Montague County were devastated Thursday. Several dozen homes were destroyed, with only a heap of debris and ashes remaining. The fires

that swept through Sunset and Stoneburg were among a total of 25,000 acres of fires in the county that prompted the evacuations of Montague, Saint Jo and Bowie about 65 miles northwest of Fort Worth.

Texas Forest Service spokeswoman Jeanne Eastham said no containment was shown on the Forest Service board Friday morning, but the raging winds had eased by Friday morning.

In nearby Clay County, 20,000 acres and 12 structures burned near the town of Bellevue on Thursday, Eastham said. The high winds in most areas precluded aerial firefighting effort, but because winds died down during the evening, the aerial attack was to resume Friday, Eastham said.

In West Texas, a 35,000-acre fire in Young and Jack counties had destroyed at least seven homes and 35

other structures, Eastham said Friday.

A more than 5,000-acre wildfire near Electra destroyed one agriculture company's buildings and warehouses, Wichita County Sheriff David Duke said. Thick, black smoke from burning debris inside the buildings as well as the grass prompted authorities to shut down a few miles of U.S. Highway 287 for several hours, Duke said

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Perry and Bell lawyers clash in court

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Lawyers for Gov. Rick Perry's campaign and his former Democratic challenger Chris Bell clashed in court Thursday over \$1 million in contributions Perry received late in the 2006 election.

Bell claims the Perry campaign misrepresented the source of the funds and violated state election law. Although he has dropped claims of a conspiracy, he is still suing for damages.

Lawyers for Texans for Rick Perry and the Republican Governor's Association said any filing errors were unintentional and did not break the law.

They asked state District Judge John Dietz to dismiss the lawsuit, calling the errors minor problems that did not draw fines from the Texas Ethics Commission.

Neither Perry nor Bell attended the hearing, which included no testimony from witnesses. Dietz said he won't rule before April 30.

Bell's campaign says the Republican governors group got \$1 million from Houston homebuilder Bob Perry, who is no relation to Gov. Rick Perry, and then donated \$1 million to the Perry campaign.

Bob Perry has been one of Perry's biggest donors and is a major contributor to Republican political causes. He donated \$16 million to conservative campaigns in 2006. He gained national attention by financing Swift Boat Veterans for Truth and its attacks on Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry in 2004.

About the same time Bob Perry was donating to the governors group and Rick Perry was receiving the campaign donations, Perry's campaign was also criticizing Bell for accepting a \$1 million contribution from Houston trial lawyer John O'Quinn.

Bell attorney Buck Wood argued the governor's association was an out-of-state political group and not allowed to make the donations. And

because of the way Perry's campaign reported the contribution, the public had no way to see the sources of the contributions to the governor's association, Wood said.

"It's about letting the people know where the money is coming from," Wood said.

The governor's association claims it was allowed to make the donations.

Perry's lawyers noted that even with the reporting errors, the donation was still clearly identified as from the Republican Governor's Association. The group's quarterly findings with the Internal Revenue Service are available to the public and would have shown more than \$1 million from Bob Perry during 2006.

"They're not trying to hide some organization that could not make a contribution," said Stephen McConico, a lawyer for the Perry campaign.

Wind damage

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ages were restored and only 25 people were without power.

Strong storms moved through portions of East Texas Thursday night, downing trees in Harrison County and dropping nickel-sized to quarter-sized hail in Upshur County.

"It was nerve-racking around here, but we got through it," said Upshur County dispatcher Rodney Davis. No injuries were reported in either county.

Winds gusting up to 55 mph knocked over a gasoline pump in Odessa on Thursday. Chevron District Supervisor Thomas Quintela said in a story for Friday's Odessa American that the pump had a built-in automatic shut-off switch. No injuries were reported.

Skies were expected to be sunny on Friday with highs in the 70s and overnight lows near 50 in North Texas. Winds were expected to calm down, with a northerly wind between 10 and 15 mph possible around Dallas and Fort Worth.

In the Panhandle, sunny skies were expected on Friday with wind gusts up to 20 mph. Highs in the 60s and overnight lows in the 40s were possible.

Representatives take long weekend

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spokesman, Hans Klingler, responded, "Texans know Kay Bailey Hutchison works tirelessly for our great state. Unfortunately, this is another example in a long history of Rick Perry choosing the political low road."

The House resolution for states' rights is by Reps. Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe; Ryan Guillen, D-Laredo; Leo Berman, R-Tyler; Bryan Hughes, R-Mineola; and Dan Gattis, R-Georgetown. Perry joined lawmakers at a Capitol news conference.

SALES TAX TROUBLE

Texas' largest source of state money continues to decline, Comptroller Susan Combs reported Thursday.

Combs announced that sales tax revenue to the state declined 3.8 percent in March compared to the same month in 2008. She cited continued weakness in several important sectors, including retail trade, mining and construction. Combs noted that sales tax revenue is up about 2 percent year to date, but said further declines are expected.

The news comes a week before the Texas House plans to take up the next two-year state budget. Combs' office said the decreasing sales tax is not yet severe enough to lower the projected revenue estimate for the budget being drafted.

FOOD STAMP DELAYS

Rising demand for food stamps has the state halting expansion of a social services computer system blamed for a backlog in food stamp applications, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission said Thursday. The commission said further rollouts of the Texas Integrated Eligibility and Redesign System are on hold indefinitely.

Stephanie Goodman, a spokeswoman for the commission, said the delay was needed because an uptick in food stamp and Medicaid applications since the first of the year has dragged down both the new and the old system.

The new Web-based TIERS was meant to help those in need get better access to welfare benefits like food stamps and Medicaid by cutting costs and the time in the application process. Instead, some lawmakers, the Texas State Employees Union and welfare advocates have called the system to task for failing to meet federal requirements that 95 percent of food stamp applications be processed within 30-days.

Rep. Abel Herrero, D-Robstown, filed legislation calling for the commission to review operations, figure out staffing needs and prove the system is functional before it can expand.

GUNS ON CAMPUSES

The House Public Safety

Committee voted 5-3 on Thursday to send to the full House a proposal allowing those licensed to carry concealed handguns to do so on college campuses.

Supporters say the bill could help prevent another massacre on the scale of what happened at Virginia Tech and another mass shooting last year at Northern Illinois University.

Texas issued 73,090 concealed gun licenses in fiscal year 2008. The state requires applicants to pass a training course, pass a criminal background check and be at least 21 years old. Texas campuses are gun-free zones.

The college campus measure by Rep. Joe Driver, R-Garland, has been retooled to allow private colleges to opt out of the proposed law. Sen. Jeff Wentworth, a San Antonio Republican, is pushing a similar proposal in his chamber.

WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS

A proposal by Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon, D-San Antonio, to create a commission to investigate and prevent wrongful convictions has been approved 8-3 by the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.

The commission would be named the Timothy Cole Innocence Commission in honor of the Army veteran who served 10 years of a 25-year sentence after being

wrongfully convicted of a sexual assault he did not commit. Cole died in prison in 1999, before he was cleared.

LASER HUNTING

The House approved legislation Thursday that would allow hunters who have vision problems and aren't able to use a traditional firearm sighting device to use a laser sighting device.

Disabled hunters using the artificial light must be assisted by a non-disabled hunter and have a doctor or optometrist statement certifying the extent of the sight disability. The measure goes next to the Senate.

VEGGIE LEGISLATION

The House gave final approval Thursday to a bill intended to improve the safety efforts of Texas packers and producers of fresh fruits and vegetables. The proposal now goes to the Senate.

The measure by Rep. Tracy King, D-Eagle Pass, establishes the Texas Department of Agriculture as the lead agency in charge of setting up food safety education programs for Texas farmers.

IDS FOR THE DEAD

Everybody knows that death and taxes are unavoidable. Now the requirement to carry ID could also follow Texans to the grave.

Under legislation unani-

mously passed by the Texas Senate on Thursday, SB1539, all caskets would have to contain the name, date of birth and date of death of the deceased. The bill is aimed at ensuring caskets and bodies can be reunited in the events of floods and hurricanes, when coffins sometimes float to the surface.

THEY'RE OUTTA HERE

House members decided to give themselves a little extra time — until Tuesday night — to file proposed amendments to the House budget bill, scheduled to be debated later next week. That allows legislators and their staff members to take some time off during the Easter weekend, instead of having to write budget amendments that initially were due Monday.

Both the House and Senate are taking a long holiday weekend and will return Tuesday.

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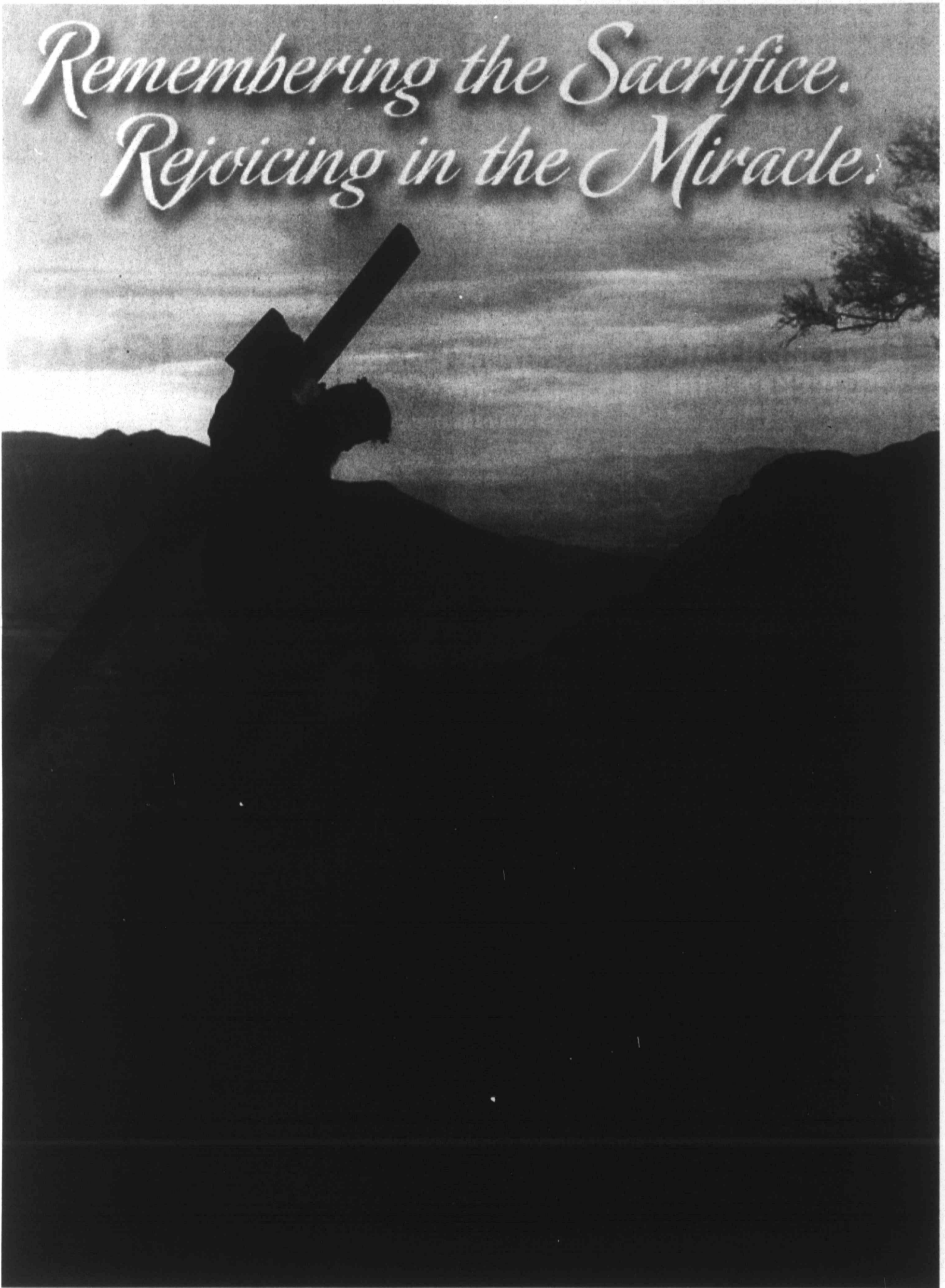
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Grammy award winner to sing at Briarwood

Grammy award-winning singer Larry Ford will be leading the morning worship service for Briarwood Church at 10:45 a.m. on April 12.



Larry Ford

In recent years many invitations have been extended to Larry as a result of his participation in Bill and Gloria Gaither's Homecoming videos. Larry is often a featured soloist and has become closely associated with the songs; Little is Much When God is In It, Sing of My Redeemer, Follow Me and O, What a Savior.

Larry Ford is a Grammy award winning tenor who has committed his life to singing the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Larry's music career began when he climbed up on a chair at five years old at his home church in Levelland, Texas. Accompanied by his mother, he sang his first solo, How Great Thou Art.

Fifty three years later, Larry is still singing. Larry's music ministry has taken him to all fifty states and to twenty eight foreign countries. He has sung in English, Spanish, Swedish, Russian, Italian, Hebrew, and Norwegian.

Larry's training is in classical music, having studied privately and at Eastern New Mexico University on a music scholarship.

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Gospel Singing Sunday at Pentecostal Holiness Church

A special event will take place Easter Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock.

An Easter sing-along will provide an opportunity for those who enjoy singing or playing inspiring music, or just who enjoy listening to it, to come together for two hours and share the good news musically.

The Gospel Singing, a community-wide interdenominational event, has been held the second Sunday of the month for a number of years. It includes a lot of congregational singing, with everyone invited to join in. special songs and instrumental arrangements are also featured. The emphasis this Sunday will be to worship our risen Lord with Easter music.

Everyone is encouraged to share this special time of worship and praise.

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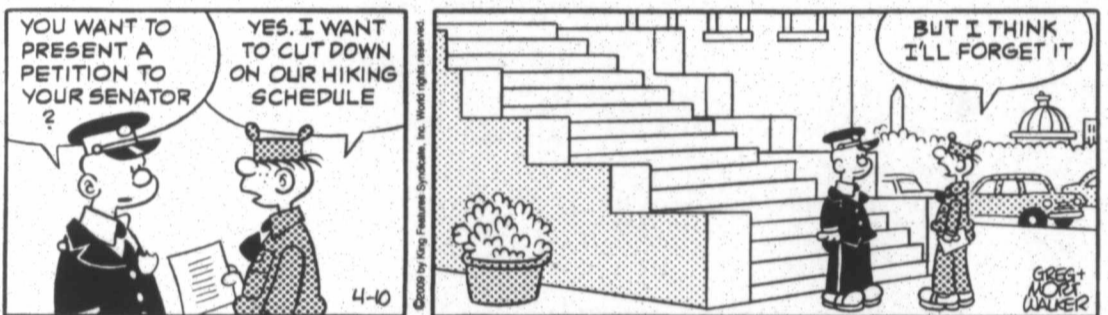
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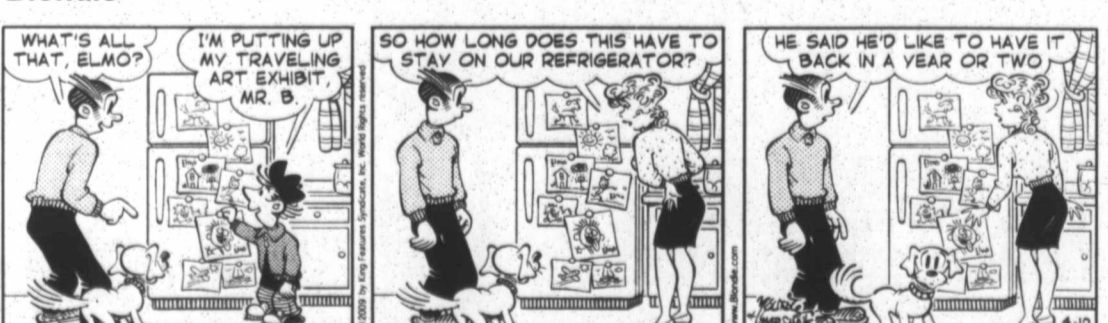
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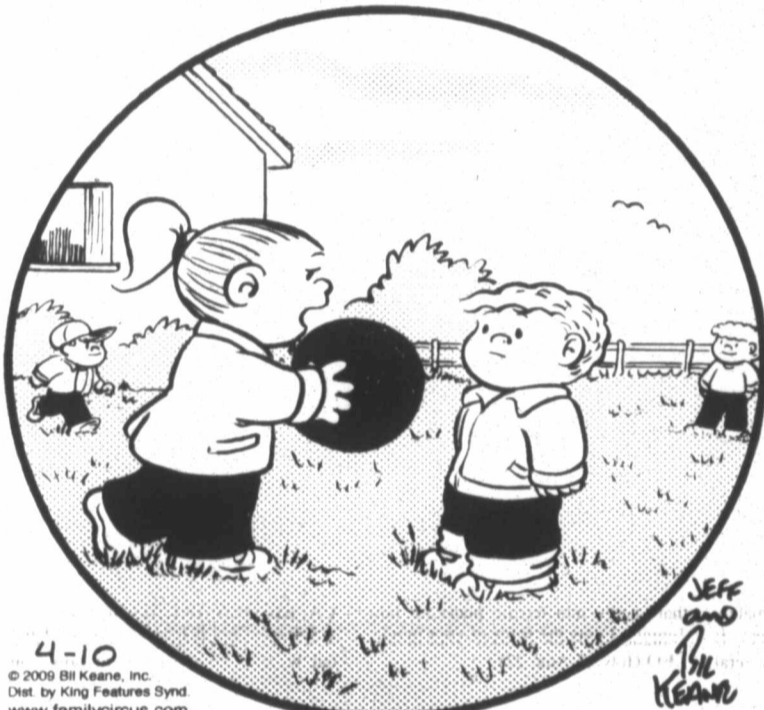


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Daily Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Energy ability
 - 6 Rice dish color
 - 11 Bring together
 - 12 Chum direction
 - 13 "John Brown's Body" poet
 - 14 Woven seats
 - 15 Diner treat
 - 16 Candle count
 - 18 Cut off
 - 19 Hoopla
 - 20 Auditor's org.
 - 21 Pindar poem
 - 22 Charity fundraiser
 - 24 Miles off
 - 25 Scrap
 - 27 Tankard fill
 - 29 Contaminate
 - 32 Sprite
 - 33 Outlaw
 - 34 That woman
 - 35 Female rabbit
 - 36 Indivisible
 - 37 Soda serving
 - 38 Cant
 - 40 Many new drivers
- DOWN**
- 1 Inferior
 - 2 New York lake
 - 3 Military front
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 - 5 Sells
 - 6 Duel count
 - 7 "— Believer"
 - 8 Ancestry
 - 9 To-do list
 - 10 Cow chow
 - 17 Like some
 - 23 Fragrant tree
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