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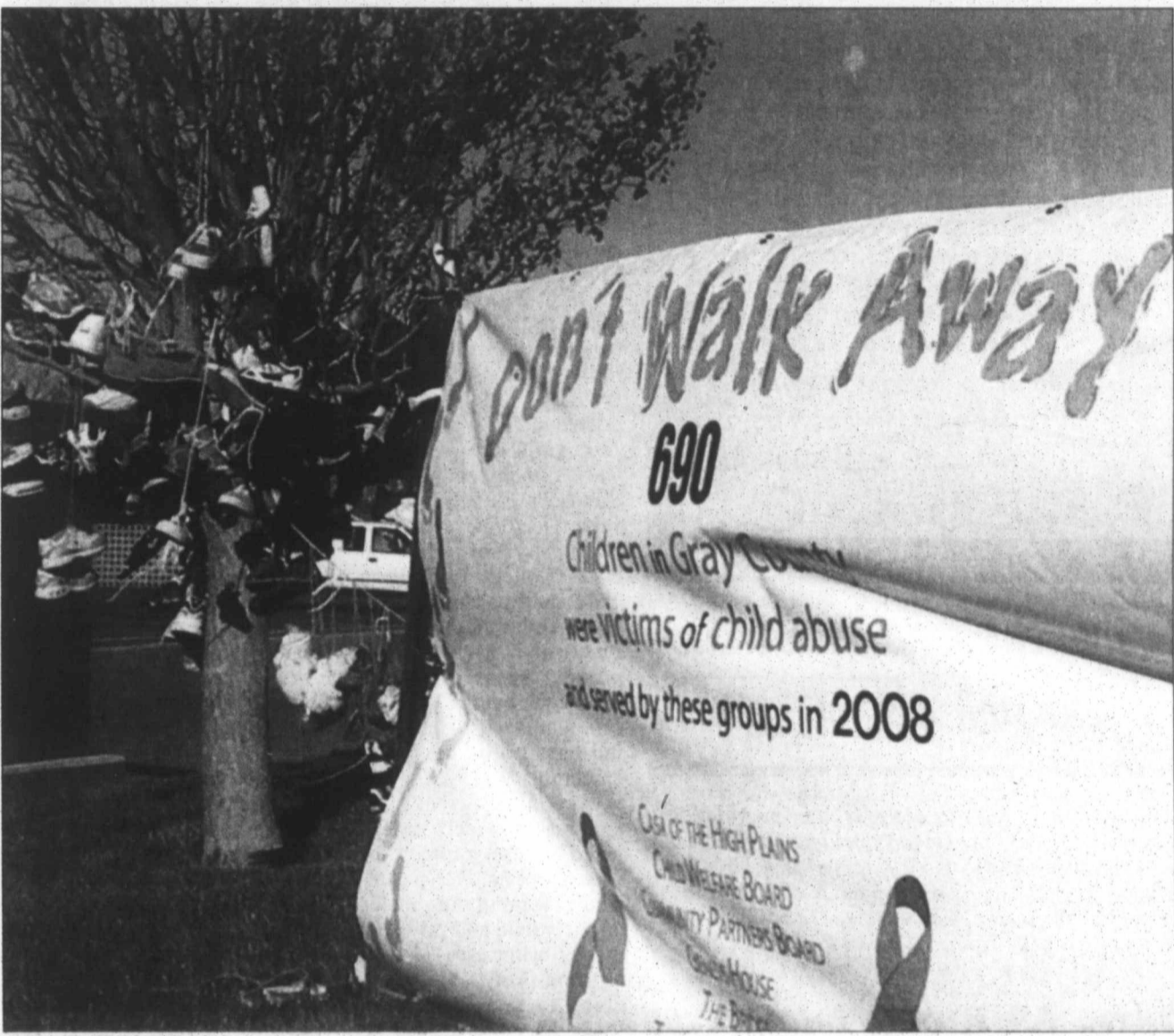
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## CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS

Shoes hang from the trees in front of United Supermarket Tuesday to bring awareness to the number of children who have been victims of abuse. As part of Child Abuse Awareness Month, events were held in the parking lot of United and a banquet Monday night honored 37 volunteers and CASA of the High Plains 'Stars' for the year. See related story on page 5.



staff photo by Betsy Phillips

## No screeching please... City addresses reckless driving, rezones property

by Betsy Phillips  
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The Pampa City Commission passed an ordinance at their regular meeting Tuesday night that tackles the issue of tire noise in the city.

After publishing the ordinance, officers may issue tickets for tire noise. The ordinance states: "It is unlawful to operate a motor vehicle in such a manner as to cause or allow to be emitted, squealing, screeching or any other excessive sound from the tires in contact with the ground because of rapid acceleration or or excessive speed around corners or other such rea-

son; provided that sound from emergency braking to avoid imminent danger shall be exempt..."

The commission declared a list of city property to be surplus and approved it for sale at an upcoming auction.

The Pampa School District has invited the city to join them in their auction to be held June 6. All items available, from an old metal ballot box to a backhoe, will be listed in the auction's promotional material.

The commission voted to rezone property owned by Trinity Fellowship Church from Single Family 2 and Commercial

to Office and Commercial.

The currently undeveloped property is behind Walmart (off Hobart) and north of 25th Avenue. The commission excused Mayor Lonny Robbins from two previous meetings where the rezoning issue was discussed because of his affiliation with Trinity Fellowship Church. Mayor Robbins abstained, with permission of the commission, from attending meetings that included discussion or a public hearing on the matter. He was excused from last night's meeting before a vote was taken.

According to discussion  
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## Girl Scouts together

By Rachel Stennett  
 rstennett@thepampanews.com

Three best friends have Girl Scouts to thank for the past eight years of their friendship, and hopefully, many more.

Since entering Daisies together at five years old, Lacey, Nikki, and Ashlee have been earning badges and helping the community as a threesome best friend team.

Their Girl Scout experiences include helping Meals on Wheels, picking up trash in the city, helping out at local elder care facilities, and have made and sent cookies to military troops overseas.

"It's fun to see what you do make a difference," Lacey explained of their community efforts. "You feel really good about it."

The Girl Scouts is helping the girls with more than just community service, they are also learning how to evaluate themselves and others through the right self image.

To earn the "Self Image" badge, Cadets (the current level of scouting the girls are in) held discussions about self worth.

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## Highlights from the Texas Legislature

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Speaker Joe Straus said Tuesday he's got a positive outlook heading into the House budget debate later this week and that he's hopeful the spending bill can be tackled in one day.

"It might be a long day," he added.

The House takes up its version of the state budget on Friday and could meet into the weekend. Straus said he expects there will be lively debate on some issues, including use of billions of dollars in federal economic stimulus

money. He said he doesn't view the budget debate as a litmus test on his new leadership in the almost evenly divided chamber.

"It's a litmus test for the whole House, and I feel very good about where we are," he said.

House leaders decided against dipping into the Rainy Day Fund for the supplemental spending bill to cover the rest of the 2008-09 budget cycle, including the costs of Hurricane Ike. The decision against using the Rainy Day Fund seemed to

please Gov. Rick Perry, and any talk of the governor calling a special session on that issue dissipated, Straus said.

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD**

Some conservative members of the Texas House said Tuesday a controversy over Planned Parenthood clinics in San Antonio may lead them to try to cut state funding for the low-income health care provider.

The 10 members of the Texas Conservative

Coalition in the state House of Representatives announced that four clinics had been ordered by the Department of State Health Services to stop providing unlicensed abortion services.

"That potentially carries criminal violation which should be investigated by the Bexar County Attorney's Office," said Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford.

Planned Parenthood immediately responded, saying it had fully complied with the state cease

and desist order. Officials also said a state licensing official told the San Antonio office in October 2004 that the clinics didn't need the license as long as they only offered the abortion pill.

"If they'd told us to do something else, we'd have done something else," said Jeffrey Hons, CEO of Planned Parenthood in San Antonio. "We had a question. We asked it. They gave an answer. We followed the answer."

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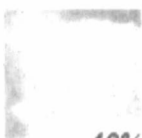
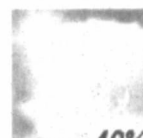

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**Thursday Night:** A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44. Southeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Friday:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 64. East wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south southwest. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

**Friday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 45. West southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Saturday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 62. North northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43. North northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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**Mega Millions jackpot now \$109 million**

ATLANTA (AP) — The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery game is now worth \$109 million. The grand prize amount rolled over after no player matched all the winning numbers in Tuesday night's \$92 million drawing. The next drawing is Friday. Though there was no big winner on Tuesday, five players won second prizes of \$250,000 apiece. None were in Texas. Twenty-six tickets matched enough numbers to win \$10,000 third prizes, but none were sold in Texas. The winning numbers from Tuesday night's drawing were: 4, 11, 22, 48 and 50. The Mega Ball number was 42.

**Cash Five Texas results**

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:  
 Winning numbers drawn: 4-24-13-22-9.  
 Number matching five of five: 0  
 Matching four of five: 93. Prize: \$360  
 Matching three of five: 2,708. Prize: \$8  
 Matching two of five: 26,071. Prize: \$2  
 Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

**Smoking ban debate heats up**

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Medical and anti-smoking groups butted heads with bar owners and civil libertarians Tuesday over whether to ban smoking in bars, restaurants and public places statewide. It is not a new debate but one that has caught new fire as more cities and towns across Texas implement local smoking bans. A weakened version of a statewide smoking ban passed the House in 2007 but was never considered by the Senate. Public health experts say it's a matter of reducing lung cancer and other diseases. Bar owners and civil libertarians say a ban infringes on private property and the rights of adults to choose to work or play in places that allow smoking. Tuesday's hearing before the Senate Health and Human Services Committee drew dozens of smoking ban supporters and opponents to testify. The smoking ban bill is sponsored by Sen. Rodney Ellis, a Houston Democrat. According to the Smoke-Free Texas coalition, which

includes the American Cancer Society and the Lance Armstrong Foundation, secondhand smoke kills 53,000 nonsmoking Americans every year and is a known cause of lung cancer, heart disease, low birth weight and chronic lung ailments. "Every day, I see the devastating effects of smoke and second-hand smoke," said Joel Dunnington, professor of radiology at M.D. Anderson cancer center. "Texans inhale about 68 million of these toxic waste dumps every day." Twenty-five states — South Dakota was the latest last month — have already enacted some smoke-free laws with more than a dozen others considering them, the group says. While many cities around Texas have passed some sort of smoking ban, efforts at a statewide crackdown have failed in recent years. Armstrong, a cancer survivor and seven-time Tour de France champion, has championed the effort in Texas even though he did not attend Tuesday's hearing.

**For the Record**

*Obituaries*

**Anne Canno, 70**

Pampa, Texas — Anne Canno, 70, died on April 14, 2009 in Pampa, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Canno was born January 21, 1939 in Clovis, California. She married Jesse Cannon on February 14, 1990 in

Madera, California. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1992. Mrs. Cannon retired as assistant manager at Peggy's Place. She was an avid bingo player. Survivors include her husband, Jesse Cannon of the home; four daughters, Charlotte Nord of Springfield, Missouri,

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**John Edward Neslage, 62**

John Edward Neslage died in Houston, Texas, on Monday, the 13th of April 2009, at the age of 62. He was born in Pampa, Texas on the 13th of August 1946, to the late Frederick Joseph Neslage and Dorothy Rita Neslage. Mr. Neslage is a graduate of New Mexico Military Institute, Class of 1966 (Second Lieutenant). He received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1969 from Texas Tech University where he was a member of Beta Sigma Pi. He received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Houston Bates College of Law in 1972 and was a member of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity. Mr. Neslage proudly spent his entire legal career at the law firm of Baker Botts L.L.P., joining the firm on the 1st of December 1972. He became a partner in 1980 and was a widely recognized pension attorney for over 35 years. He specialized in representing major publicly held and privately owned businesses, as well as non-profit and tax-exempt organizations on

the employee benefits issues attendant to public offerings, mergers and acquisitions and related reorganizations. He also represented public pension funds and collectively bargained multiemployer pension funds. Before joining Baker Botts, Mr. Neslage served as First Lieutenant with the 101st Airborne Division of the United States Army. For many years, Mr. Neslage devoted his time and talents to the United Way of Greater Houston, including terms as Chairman of the Finance Committee and a member of the Board of Directors. In his leisure time, he enjoyed running and golfing with his best friends, hunting and fishing with his brothers and sons and traveling and hiking with his wife and children. He leaves behind his loving wife, Christi Neslage, son, John Edward Neslage II and wife Ashley Neslage of Houston, Texas, son, Luke Joseph Neslage of Los Angeles, California, daughter Anne Marie McLeod and husband Stewart McLeod of

Dallas, Texas and daughter Jenna Elizabeth Neslage of Houston, Texas. Other survivors include his three grandchildren Claire Elizabeth Neslage and John Edward ("Jack") Neslage III of Houston, Texas and Kylie Anne McLeod of Dallas, Texas as well as his ten brothers and sisters and many nieces and nephews. The family wishes to extend their sincere thanks to Mr. Neslage's team at The M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, especially Doctors Martin Raber, Morris Groves and Alan Valentine, and gratefully acknowledges the staff of Houston Hospice, whose warmth and wisdom in guiding him through his battle with cancer encouraged and inspired all. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family to be held from five o'clock in the afternoon until nine o'clock in the evening on Thursday, the 16th of April, in the Jasek Chapel of Geo. H. Lewis & Sons, 1010 Bering Drive in Houston. A vigil service shall commence at seven

o'clock that evening conducted by Rev. Don Schwarting. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at ten o'clock in the morning on Friday, the 17th of April, at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Parkway in Houston, where Rev. Don Schwarting and Rev. Lawrence Jozwiak will serve as concelebrants. The Rite of Committal will be conducted at three o'clock that afternoon at Oak Bluff Memorial Park, 101 Block Street in Port Neches, Texas, where Rev. Benny Patillo will serve as officiant. In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that contributions in John's name be directed to The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, P.O. Box 4486, Houston, Texas 77210-4486 (or <https://www3.mdanderson.org/devoffice/>) or to Houston Hospice, 1905 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030-4123.

*Emergency Services*

**PAMPA PD**

Pampa Police Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today.  
 Monday  
 Officers conducted 13 traffic stops.  
 A total of 11 calls and/or stops concerning animals were made.  
 A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 600 block of Magnolia.  
 Two alarms were investigated.  
 Theft was reported in the 400 block of North Wynne, where a jigsaw, two skill saws, and an orbital sander were stolen.  
 Motor vehicle accidents were reported in the intersection of Mary Ellen and Harvester.  
 An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 300 block of Jean.  
 A burglary was reported in the 400 block of North Perry, where eight movies and two chairs were stolen.  
 Traffic complaints were received from the lobby of the PD, the 1000 block of East Kingsmill, the 22000 block of North Nelson, and the 1100 block of North Duncan.  
 Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 1000 block of Terry.  
 Disorderly conduct was reported in the 11000 block of North Starkweather.  
 A threat was reported in the lobby of the PD.  
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of West Montagu.  
 A welfare check was made in the 1000 block of South Christy.  
 One open door was checked.  
 Suspicious person calls were received from the 400 block of Crawford, and the 1100 block of Huff.  
 Tuesday  
 Officers conducted 20 traffic stops.  
 A total of nine calls and or stops concerning ani-

mals were made.  
 Suspicious person calls were received from the 300 block of South Cuyler, the 500 block of West Brown, the lobby of the PD, the 400 block of East Frederic, and the 700 block of East Frederic.  
 An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 2800 block of West Kentucky.  
 Motor vehicle accidents were reported in the intersection of Hobart and Wilks streets, and the 100 block of West 30th.  
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of North Ballard.  
 Two alarms were investigated.  
 Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of North Dwight, and the 800 block of East Francis.  
 Theft was reported at Walmart, 2801 North Charles, where a purse and it's contents were stolen; the 2200 block of North Dogwood, and the 1300 block of Garland where several check books were stolen.  
 Criminal trespass was reported in the 400 block of North Perry.  
 Traffic complaints were received from the 1800 block of North Hamilton, the 1000 block of South Prairie, the intersection of Hobart and Francis streets, and the intersection of 17th and Duncan streets.  
 A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1400 block of North Russell.  
 A burglary was reported in the 300 block of Sunset.  
 A welfare check was made in the 1000 block of South Nelson.  
 A threat was reported in the 900 block fo East Francis.  
 Wednesday  
 Officers conducted three traffic stops.  
 A prowler was reported in the 2400 block of Rosewood.  
 A suspicious person call was received from the 300 block of North Hobart.

**FIRE**

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. Wednesday.  
 Tuesday  
 12:26 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the intersection of Highway 60 and Highway 70 on a motor vehicle accident.  
 2:23 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 100 block of South Russell on a smoke scare.  
 3:46 p.m. — One unit and eight personnel responded to the 1400 block of North Hobart on a fire prevention program.

**SHERIFF**

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests.  
 Atziri Arit Murgado, 18, of Pampa was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for four civil warrant charges.  
 John Hardy King, 57, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for driving while intoxicated, third or more.  
 Derrick Leon Eldridge, 46, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for assault causing bodily injury to a family member.  
 Christopher Schorr Keough, 20, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for evading arrest, and racing on a highway.  
 Donna Beth Pyle, 47, of White Deer was arrested by the Department of Public Safety, driving while intoxicated/open alcoholic container.  
 Raul Gutierrez-Marquez, 27, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for no driver's license, no insurance, no valid driver's license, and failure to appear.  
 Jason Todd Vance, 28, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for possession of drug paraphernalia.

**AMBULANCE**

Guradian EMS ambulance service reported the following call between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. Wednesday.  
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# Scouts helps self esteem

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"We talked about what you think about yourself, peer pressure and stress, and the image we have for ourselves inside," Nikki said.

Other badges help prepare the Cadets for the professional world, like the "Marketing" badge they recently received, which required the girls to make a radio commercial, and a newspaper ad for the cookie sale.

Along with helping the community, the three girls are also creating memories and some of the best experiences of their lives so far.

Lacey loves horses riding with the scouts while Ashlee's favorite memory has been going to San Antonio and visiting Sea World, and Nikki is a more traditional scout and loves

camping. "We learn how to cook while camping," Nikki said of her favorite scouting activity. "We make cobbles on campfires, and have to eat them, for a badge."

"We get to do things we don't get to do at school," Lacey added.

Even though the girls won't likely be making cobbles in their seventh grade Pampa Junior High classes, they are learning other things that help them at school, like being respectful and not talking in class unless asked to, rules they have to observe during scout meetings. Nikki, who is home schooled with her brother, uses her scout knowledge to help her brother during lessons.

Lacey and Ashlee are both helping the community outside of their scouting experiences too. They volunteer with the Lovett Memorial Library's summer reading program. Nikki volunteers with her family with Meals on Wheels once a month and helps deliver food with her parents and brother.

Through all the experiences, Lacey, Nikki, and Ashlee have all gained a friendship and valuable life lessons, Denise Dodson, troop coordinator, said.

"Several of these girls have been in since the first grade. They are there for each other through the good and bad. They take up for one another," Dodson said.

# City rezones

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during city meetings, the property will possibly be sold to a developer who has plans for an assisted living center on part of the land that could eventually employ 15-25 people. Future plans could include an apartment complex, but those plans are tentative at this time.

The city sent letters to all affected property owners and only a very few of them objected to the rezoning.

Most of the objections were to increased traffic. However, the commissioners did not think that the facility planned would significantly increase traffic in the area. No residents appeared before the commission to object or encourage rezoning.

In other business: Ann Davidson addressed commissioners requesting some consistent funding for White Deer Land

Museum. The commission approved an Interlocal Agreement with Gray County for the 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. If approved by the county Commission today, the city and county would each receive \$29,283.50 that will be used for law enforcement equipment upgrades.

# Legislature highlights

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spokesman for the Department of State Health Services, said there may have been a miscommunication and law requires all facilities that provide any form of abortion to be licensed.

David L. Lahey, commissioner of the state health department, said in an April 6 letter to the Texas Conservative Coalition that the state is further investigating the four clinics. It is also investigating a licensed Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in San Antonio.

State law prevents the state from giving any money to abortion providers. The roughly \$10 million Planned Parenthood gets from the state each year can only be used by clinics that do not provide any abortion services.

The issue could come up on Friday when a House version of the state budget for the next two years is debated on the House floor.

"I can tell you from my perspective, this casts a great cloud over any funding for Planned Parenthood," King said.

Planned Parenthood representatives said anti-abortion advocates were using the incident as an excuse to attack them and cut their funding.

"They always do this and I hope they fail, because if they win, it's not the Planned Parenthood that gets hurt. Individual Women who rely on these clinics for their birth control and their pap tests and their cervical cancer screenings — that's who gets hurt," Hons said.

**SCHOOL FUNDING**  
A House committee took testimony Tuesday on legislation to update a 3-year-old school funding overhaul.

Lawmakers and school officials testified that the system adopted by lawmakers under court pressure in 2006 is quickly reaching capacity.

The overhaul was designed to shift the school tax burden away from local property taxpayers, replacing a portion with revenue from a revised business tax and higher cigarette taxes, among other things.

But school districts argue that the system has

built inequities into the system and reached capacity.

"The current school finance system no longer meets constitutional standards," said Rep. Diane Patrick, R-Arlington, who filed legislation to increase funding for schools and increases the way the state distributes money for schools.

"We can't afford to wait," Patrick said.

### LIABILITY DISPUTE

The House Business and Industry Committee voted unanimously to approve a bill by Rep. Helen Giddings, D-DeSoto, on Tuesday that would change the language of the workers' compensation law to more clearly define who can be sued by injured workers.

The proposal stems from a Texas Supreme Court decision that a "premises owner" cannot be sued by injured employees of a contractor. In the case, turbine mechanic John Summers was injured in a 2001 accident while repairing a generator leak at an Entergy Gulf States plant in Bridge City.

Entergy covered his injury with a workers' compensation policy that protected the company from being sued. Some state legislators have said they never meant for the workers' comp law to apply to contractors.

Giddings has said most Texas House members believe the Texas Supreme Court overstepped its bounds and ignored legislative intent.

### CLEAN AIR

The Texas Senate gave final approval to a sweeping clean-air bill Tuesday that would give Texans rebates when buying energy-efficient appliances and plug-in hybrid cars.

The legislation, which passed 22-8, also would set higher standards for efficiency in building codes and provide financial incentives for emissions-reducing technologies and the use of clean energy.

The bill, which now moves to the House, would use more than \$300 million from the Texas Emissions Reduction Program, funded by vehicle title transfer fees, offi-

cial aid.

The legislation calls for providing \$4,000 rebates for the purchase of plug-in hybrid vehicles. The appliance incentive would apply to used air conditioners and refrigerators, and consumers would have to retire their old equipment to get the rebates.

The bill contains \$100 million for incentives that qualifying Texans could get to replace old, polluting vehicles.

### TRANSPORTATION BILL

Voters in at least 19 Texas counties could impose taxes on themselves to build road, bridge and rail projects under a bill approved Tuesday by the state Senate.

The proposal, which could not take effect until statewide voters sign off on it, would allow county gasoline taxes and other assorted fees on parking, drivers' licenses and vehicle registrations. It also would allow for a "Texas new resident roadway impact fee" of up to \$250 on vehicles that were previously registered out of state.

The bill, which passed the Senate on a 21-9 vote, now moves to the Texas House.

All the money-raising proposals and the transportation projects would have to be approved by local voters. Harris County, where Houston is located, is exempted from the bill, which sparked heated discussions in the Senate Wednesday night.

Bexar County, where San Antonio is located, would be included in the legislation but could only raise gasoline taxes to pay for projects.

### COLLEGE VISITS

High school students trying to make decisions about higher education could get up to two days of excused absences for making visits to colleges or universities under a measure tentatively approved in the House on Tuesday.

The proposal by Rep. Rob Eissler, R-The Woodlands, leaves it up to school districts to adopt policies to determine how to verify the student's college visit.

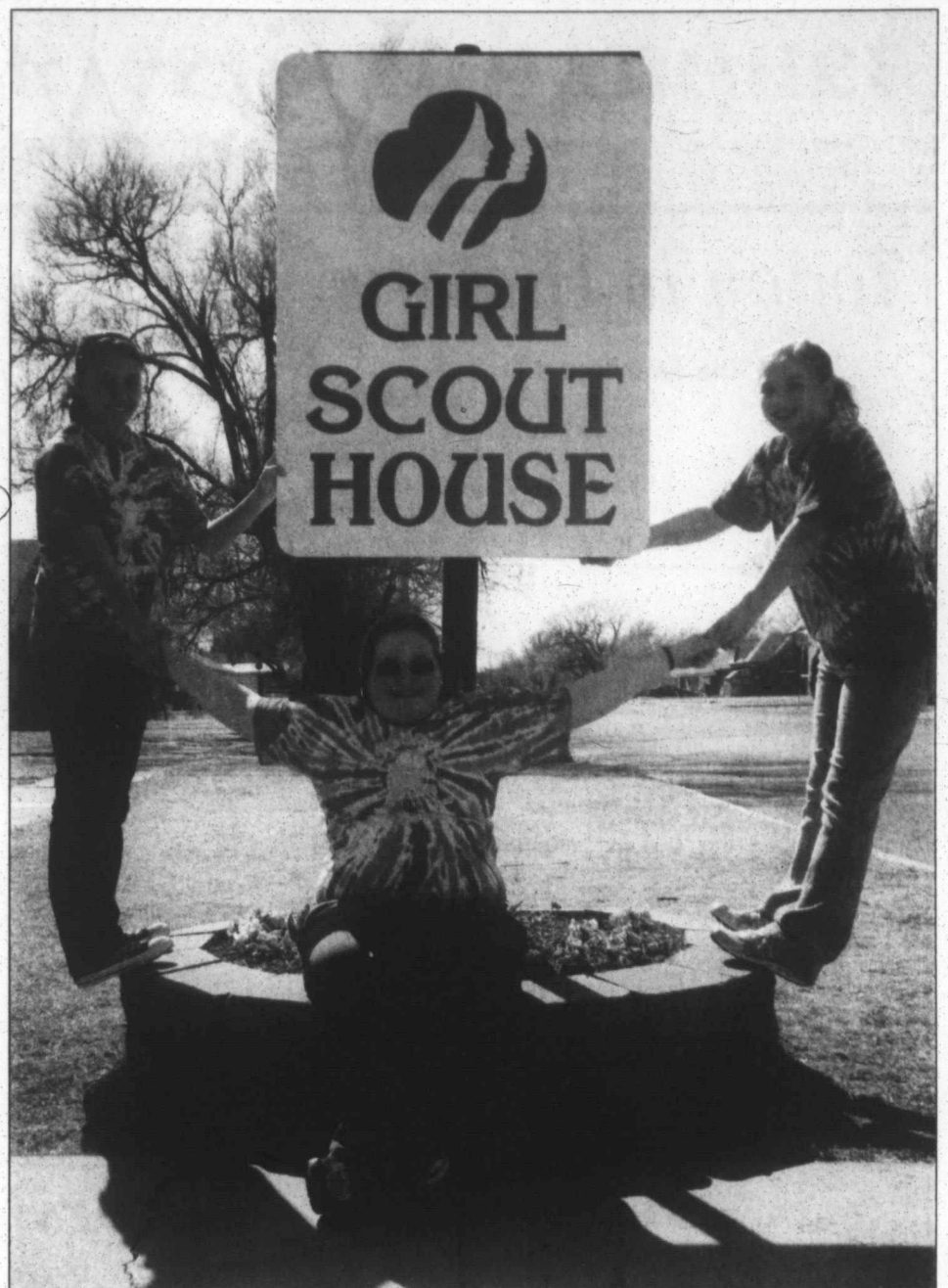


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Lacey, Nikki, and Ashlee are all best friends who have been in Girl Scouts together for eight years. They helped plant this garden outside the Girl Scout House.

# Twentieth Century Club news

The Twentieth Century Club met Tuesday, April 14, in the home of Edna Hickman with Dorothy Stowers, president, presiding. Eleven members attended.

Reports were given by officers and committee chairs. Under the direction of the president, members discussed community activities, education and

home life, arts and literature, world reports, science and technology. Louise Bailey reported that a book had been selected to give Pampa Lovett Library in memory of Mildred Laycock, a recently deceased member.

Chleo Worley presented a program on the history of communications beginning with the Pony

Express and continuing with telegraph, telephone, newspapers, Wall Street, radio, television, computers and related present day forms of communication.

The next meeting on April 28, will be held in the parlor of the First Baptist Church with Faye Harvey as hostess. Pat Terry will present the program.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, April 15, the 105th day of 2009. There are 260 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

In the early hours of April 15, 1912, the British luxury liner RMS Titanic sank in the North Atlantic off Newfoundland, less than three hours after striking an iceberg. Some 1,500 people died.

On this date:

In 1817, the first American school for the deaf opened in Hartford, Conn.

In 1850, the city of San Francisco was incorporated.

In 1865, President Abraham Lincoln died, several hours after being shot at Ford's Theater in Washington by John Wilkes Booth. Andrew Johnson became the nation's 17th president.

In 1945, during World War II, British and Canadian troops liberated the Nazi concentration camp Bergen-Belsen.

In 1947, Jackie Robinson, baseball's first black major league player, made his official debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers on opening day. (The Dodgers defeated the Boston Braves, 5-3.)

In 1989, 96 people died in a crush of soccer fans at Hillsborough Stadium in Sheffield, England.

*'History would be an excellent thing if only it were true.'*

— Leo Tolstoy, Russian author

Students in Beijing launched a series of pro-democracy protests; the demonstrations culminated in a government crackdown at Tiananmen Square.

Ten years ago: A gunman opened fire at the Mormon Family History Library in Salt Lake City, killing two people and wounding four others before being shot to death by police.

Five years ago: In a videotape, a man identifying himself as Osama bin Laden offered a "truce" to European countries that did not attack Muslims, saying it would begin when their soldiers left Islamic nations. Iraqi militants freed three Japanese hostages after holding them about a week. In the finale to the first edition of the NBC reality show "The Apprentice," Donald Trump "hired" Bill Rancic over Kwame Jackson during a segment that was telecast live.

One year ago: Pope Benedict XVI stepped onto U.S. soil for the first time as pontiff as he was greeted at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington by President George W. Bush, first lady Laura Bush and their daughter Jenna. Bombings blamed on al-Qaida in Iraq tore through market areas in Baghdad and outside the capital, killing nearly 60 people. Actress Hazel Court, who'd costarred with Boris Karloff and Vincent Price in horror movies of the 1950s and '60s, died near Lake Tahoe, Calif., at age 82.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Michael Ansara is 87. Country singer Roy Clark is 76. Rock singer-guitarist Dave Edmunds is 65. Actress Lois Chiles is 62. Writer-producer Linda Bloodworth-Thomason is 62. Actress Amy Wright is 59. Columnist Heloise is 58. Actress-screenwriter Emma Thompson is 50. Bluegrass musician Jeff Parker is 48. Singer Samantha Fox is 43. Rock musician Ed O'Brien (Radiohead) is 41. Actor Flex Alexander is 39. Actor Danny Pino is 35. Actor-writer Seth Rogen is 27. Actress Alice Braga is 26. Rock musician De'Mar Hamilton (Plain White T's) is 25. Football player Antonio Cromartie is 25. Actress Emma Watson is 19.



## Editors around Texas

### The Dallas Morning News on the Senate's clean-air plan:

Sen. Kip Averitt has shown himself to be well suited to the job of chairing the Natural Resources Committee, laying out forward-looking plans to protect the state's environment. He has filed smart legislation to protect our air and to finance the Texas water plan.

The Waco Republican deserves high marks for his efforts. But his colleagues have earned only half-credit, moving ahead with clean-air legislation while stalling out on water.

The Senate gave tentative approval last week to SB 16, a sweeping bill that would make needed changes to Texas' approach to energy and the environment. The legislation tackles both micro and macro issues, from upgrading the appliance in our homes to preparing for federal carbon regulations.

And while a single bill can't make all the needed reparations to the state's lax environmental laws, this would move the ball forward on several key fronts:

The legislation would require new buildings to be more energy-efficient. Dallas is ahead of the curve with its own green building codes, but this would bring the rest of the state up to speed.

It would close a gaping loophole in the permitting process for power plants, finally forcing regulators to consider the cumulative impact industry has on air quality, instead of awarding each permit in a vacuum.

Rebates would be offered for plug-in hybrid vehicles an idea pushed by Gov. Rick Perry. And a program that takes polluting clunkers off the road would be continued.

Grants would be available to Texans who replace old air conditioners and refrigerators.

Notably, the bill also would require state agencies to prepare for federal regulation of global warming gases. So far, Texas has been more of an obstructionist than a participant in this process.

Averitt managed to include something for almost everyone in this multifaceted clean-air plan, which has won support on both sides of the aisle. He addresses consumer issues as well as industry regulations, including a number of carrots as well as a couple of sticks.

The Senate's budget already includes money to fund projects in SB 16. So, once the legislation gains final approval in the Senate, the onus will be on the House to ensure that Texas' air is protected. URL: <http://www.dallasnews.com>

### Fort Worth Star-Telegram on TCU's decision to provide designated on-campus housing for gay, lesbian and transgender students:

A college campus should be a community that provides a true learning environment, not just in academics, but in human interaction and personal growth.

It can be, and most often is, a place where people of different backgrounds racial, national, religious, economic, gender and otherwise can come together in a microcosm of the larger society and learn to understand the importance and the unique advantages of diversity, cooperation and inclusion.

In that context, TCUs recently announced decision to provide designated on-campus housing for gay, lesbian and transgender students (and their non-gay supporters) is both commendable and disturbing.

The decision is laudable because the university is showing sensitivity to the desires expressed by some students seeking a common

and supportive "community." But it also is bothersome because it suggests that the larger university cannot provide that support without resorting to segregation as a solution.

When any minority group fights hard for integration and acceptance, why would it then seek any institutionalized separatism?

It was difficult to understand when black and Hispanic groups at several college campuses in the past demanded separate dorms and student unions.

While some gay and lesbian activists argue that certain all-gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender institutions like the new Harvey Milk High School in New York can benefit students who sometimes suffer discrimination, we can't help but wonder if such arrangements are more crippling than helpful.

Certainly there are still segregated pockets of our society, and without a doubt there are bigots among us who will continue to discriminate against people who are different from them, but we must not give in to those backward ideas or the people who support them.

TCU offers a number of Living Learning Communities (LLCs) made up of students with common interests in particular topics.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, noted in an e-mail to TCU supporters that last year those included Green House, Health and Wellness, Honors House, Language and International House and Leadership and Strengths.

"In addition to DiverCity Q, other new LLCs proposed for next year include Patriotism, Marine Life, Creativity and the Arts, Christian Perspectives and Service and Community Service and Teamwork,"

Mills said.

"LLCs provide an opportunity for students to examine, discuss, and share opinions about topics that they certainly will encounter once they leave TCU," he said. "To that end, these living learning communities ultimately prepare students to better understand our diverse, global world."

That can be advantageous when the communities center on academic subject matter or intellectual interests. But because non-heterosexuals have struggled for acceptance in the larger community, it would seem that sexual orientation is the kind of "special-interest" criteria that would warrant more emphasis on inclusion rather than separation.

Perhaps what the university has done will prove to be a bold and encouraging move that's valuable to the students who volunteer for this housing community.

We hope so. But we also look forward to the day when our increasingly multifaceted society will no longer feel the need to continue categorizing (and segregating) people based on their differences, including sexual orientation. URL: <http://www.star-telegram.com>

### Houston Chronicle on new citizens and voting:

Despite our troubles, this country continues to be a magnet for legal immigrants seeking U.S. citizenship. In 2008, a record 1 million new citizens were sworn in. That was up 54 percent from 2007. No surprise: The single largest bloc almost half was Latinos.

We join in welcoming all of these new Americans. With their decision to pledge allegiance to the United States, they become part of a long and honorable tradition. We are strengthened and renewed by their choice.

## Letters to the editor

As demonstrations around the country are being held to protest further tax increases by local, state and federal authorities Pampa citizens remain mum. I guess we are pleased with having some of the highest taxes (and water rate increase 20% plus) in the panhandle with little to show for them. Certificates of obligation are easy to slip by the voters but they are still required to be repaid by taxes. Sales tax returns are still tax payers dollars and should be accounted for whether the EDC or city blows them. It is the voters responsibility to let our elected officials know their

concerns. After all, they are supposed to represent "us". Most of our local officials like the "status quo" and the reason our taxes continue to increase is "well, everything else goes up". Good reason ??

Maybe it is time for change in Pampa and some accountability.

ps: why can't the county commissioners let the people vote on the tax freeze for citizens over 65 or disabled without another peti-

tion? They had no problem with the Clarendon College request for a vote with out a petition.

Jim Brashears  
Pampa, Texas

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# CASA honors volunteers at banquet

By Marilyn Powers  
Special to The Pampa News

Three CASA Star Awards for 2009 were awarded at CASA of the High Plains' annual banquet held Monday evening at the Stokes Ranch east of Pampa.

Ronnie Terry, known as "RT the DJ", received an award for providing his services at fund-raising events. Miles and Rita Cook, owners of T-Shirts and More, received a star for contributing merchandise. Troy Newton, store director of United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart, accepted a CASA Star on behalf of the supermarket for its contributions including hosting CASA events at its store.

CASA's 37 adult volunteers were recognized by Executive Director Janet Watts. Sponsors who contributed to the organization during the past year were also recognized.

Jane Adams presented gifts to each of the junior CASA volunteers, who raised \$4,000 for the organization during the past 12 months through activities such as dances and a garage sale.

Judge Phil Vanderpool, who presides over child abuse and neglect cases in 21 Texas Panhandle counties, was guest speaker.

"CASA volunteers give the child choices, and that gives the child hope," Vanderpool said.

Dave Yirak, show director, and William V.

Anderson, executive director, of the TEXAS musical drama held each summer at Palo Duro Canyon, spoke on the value of volunteering and presented a program on the musical drama.

"Volunteering is the greatest gift people can give because it comes from the heart," Anderson said. "It is probably the greatest thing we can do."

CASA of the High Plains is a chapter of the CASA, or Court Appointed Special Advocates, non-profit organization. Through the organization, volunteers are trained and supervised to act as advocates for children who have been identified as victims of abuse and neglect.



photo submitted by Marilyn Powers  
**Ronnie Terry, known as "RT the DJ", received a CASA Star Award at the organization's annual banquet Monday evening. Shown with Terry is his wife, Jean.**



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**Miles and Rita Cook, owners of T-Shirts and More, received a CASA Star Award Monday evening.**

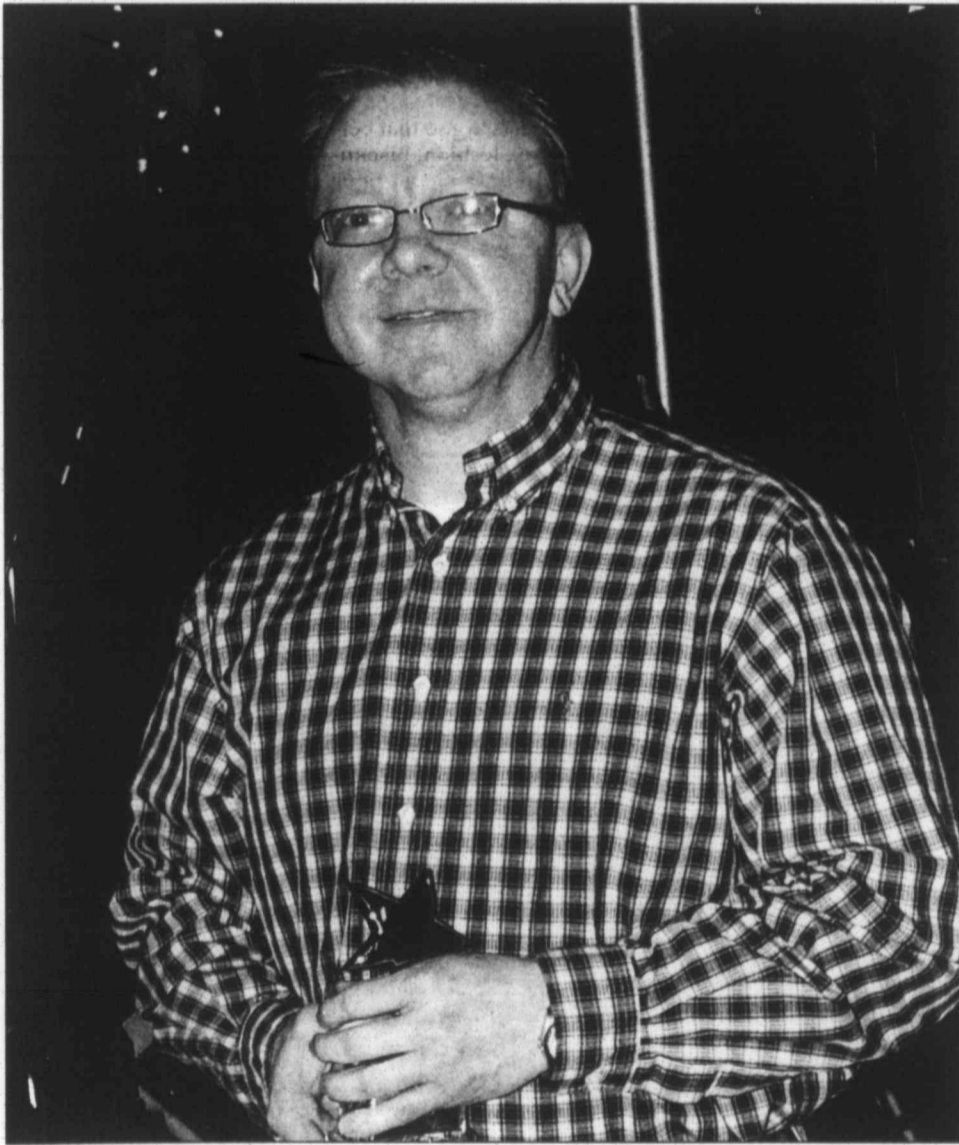


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**Troy Newton, store director of United Supermarkets' Pampa store, accepted a CASA Star Award on behalf of the store.**

**AXYDLBAAXR  
IS LONGFELLOW**

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

**4-15 CRYPTOQUOTE**

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**FYJN GIM. — PKPN GISF**  
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: HOW WONDERFUL IT IS THAT NOBODY NEED WAIT A SINGLE MOMENT BEFORE STARTING TO IMPROVE THE WORLD. — ANNE FRANK

## DAILY HOROSCOPE

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, April 16, 2009:  
This year, you need to be more aware of your image and the direction of your career. You have worked long and hard to achieve what you have during the past few years. Revise your path. Dealing with higher-ups allows for a new type of thinking. Realize when you are heading down a negative path. Learn the art of reframing. If you are single, you could meet someone because of your visibility. If you are attached, open up different avenues of communication. Accept feedback, and share more of your fears. CAPRICORN tosses you into the limelight.

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

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
\*\*\* Take a stand, and recognize just how much you need to do. Once you get the ball rolling and get others to do their share, you'll feel much better. Be aware of how much you can accomplish if you just go for it. Sometimes thinking too much can be as bad as acting too fast. Tonight: A must appearance.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
\*\*\*\* Think past the obvious. Ask yourself how much your views and beliefs are coloring what is happening. The smart move is to pull out and try a different perspective. Pretend you are a different person, someone you know. What would this person think of the same circumstances? Tonight: Brainstorm away.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
\*\*\*\*\* Work with others and realize each person's uniqueness. Surprises sur-

round an offer. You look around and see people for who they are, perhaps for the first time. Excitement surrounds your work and destiny. Tonight: Easy does it.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* Defer as much as you can. The ball really isn't in your court, no matter how you look at the situation. You will get some interesting feedback and ideas. You can decide what is what in your due time. Tonight: Anything goes, if you can relax.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
\*\*\* Your energy needs to be plugged in where it can and will make a difference. You could be a little tight or serious-minded. Trust that this attitude will keep you from any radical or unworthy decisions or risks. Unexpected developments around a partnership could have you shaking your head. Tonight: Put your feet up.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
\*\*\*\* You flourish when commanding your ship. Knowing you are A-OK could make all the difference in your security and attitude. Observe what is going on with different people. Many are acting out or expressing odd behavior. Tonight: Say yes.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
\*\*\*\* How you say what you need impacts others' responses. Build greater security through open talks. Consider a home office or working from home more often. You could be much harder on yourself than in the past. Tonight: Order in.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
\*\*\*\* Speak your mind in reference to a mutual goal. Others could be so negative that they cannot see a way out. The unexpected occurs with a child or loved one. As a result, you seem to open up

more, at least in finding solutions. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
\*\*\*\* Accepting more on your plate might be unavoidable and hard. Learn to delegate more if you can. Listen to facts, especially those that impact your check-book. Be smart. Make key decisions accordingly. Tonight: Your treat.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
\*\*\*\* Your attitude sets a precedent for others. Look honestly at the long term, and your willingness to incorporate new ideas. Reach out for others and for more feedback. The unexpected forces you to renew your thinking. Tonight: As you like it.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
\*\*\* Clearly you need to gather more facts. Listen to what you are hearing from a key partner. Understand what is happening and decide where you can make a difference. A radical financial decision could be too costly of a risk. Tonight: Take some much needed private time.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
\*\*\*\* Understand the impact of your expectations. Others could be extremely negative and difficult. Co-workers have much to share. Listen well. Many ideas could sprout in this environment, especially if you are open. Tonight: Join friends.

**BORN TODAY**  
Composer Henry Mancini (1924), silent-film star Charlie Chaplin (1889), singer Bobby Vinton (1935). \*\*\*

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## Marmaduke



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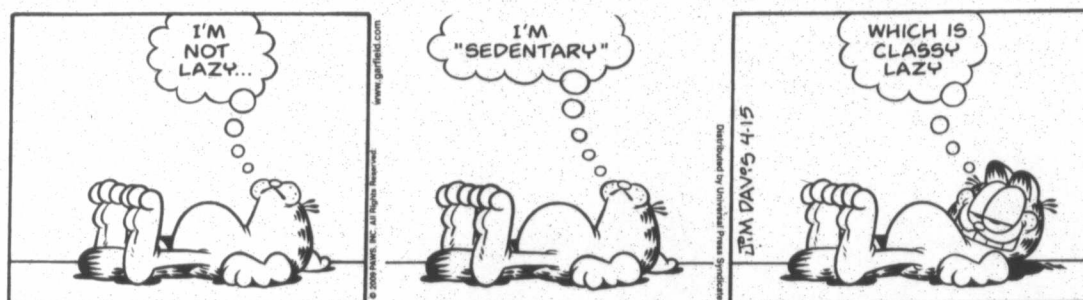
## For Better Or Worse



## Zits



## Garfield



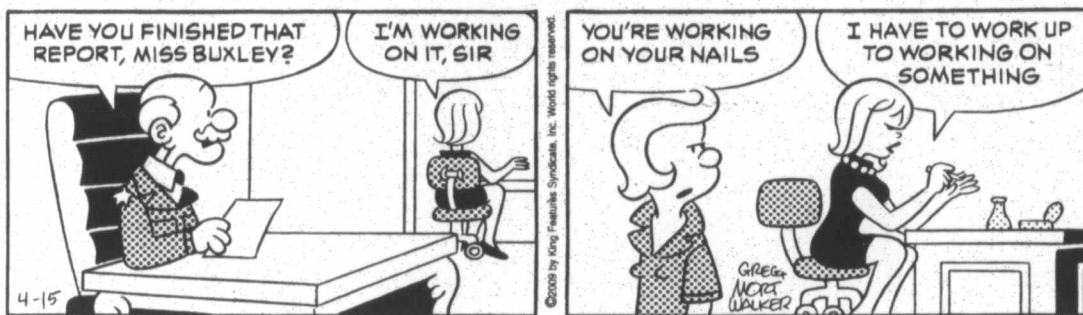
## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"We gotta be quiet 'cause Daddy's doin' homework for our Uncle Sam."

## Beetle Bailey



## Marvin



## B.C.



## Hagar The Horrible



## Peanuts



## Blondie



## Flo & Friends



## Daily Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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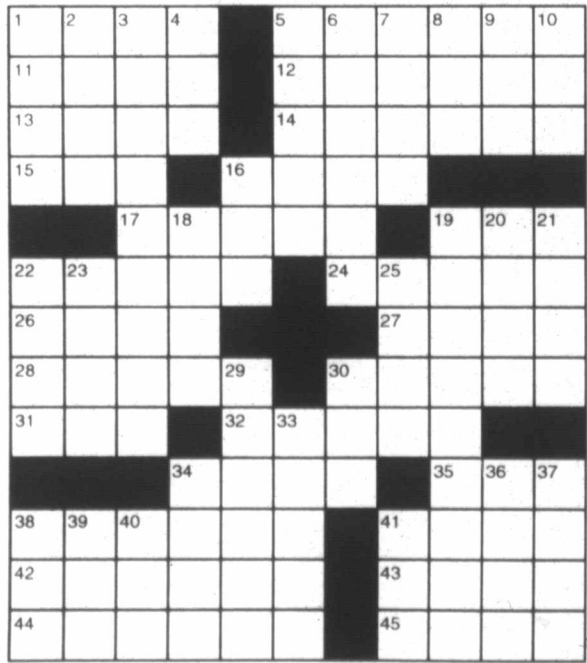
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- **PHS Show Choir** will be performing Grease, on April 18 (2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.) and 19 (2:30 p.m.) in the PHS Auditorium.
- **Texas Department of Health Services** will conduct an immunization clinic Pampa from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and from 1-3 p.m. April 15. For more details call 806-665-4752.
- **Fourth Annual Hunting Heritage** banquet, hosted by Pampa's Top of Texas Longbeard Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will be held April 18, 2009 at the Chamber of Commerce, 200 N. Ballard St. Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7:30 p.m. Reserve tickets by calling Richie or Heather Thompson at 806-669-7032.
- **Gray County Genealogical Society** will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month, except for December. Visitors are welcome.
- **Members of Crowley, Texas, High School Class of 1989** are organizing a class reunion. For more information, e-mail chs89reunion@gmail.com or contact Nancy Dodgen Dyess (817) 994-0969 or Misty Shewmaker Hollis at (817) 991-8090.
- **Pampa Book Club** will meet at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Texas Room of Lovett Memorial Library. The 2009 reading schedule is as follows: April 8, "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls. The May 13 book for review will be announced at a later date. Public welcome.
- **USS Maddox Destroyer Association Reunion** is slated Sept. 9-13 in Phoenix, Ariz. To find out more, call (337) 616-8450 or e-mail cwgilles45@aol.com.
- **Fawn Lake Press** is offering free "Proud to be an American" flag decals to anyone sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Fawn Lake Press, 54 Fawn Lake Rd., Durango, CO 81301. Active servicemen and women need not send a SASE to receive the free 2 x 3-inch color decals. Fawn Lake will pay their postage.
- **Manhattanville My Soldier** is seeking volunteers to "adopt" a deployed United States Servicemember. To find out more, visit www.mysoldier.com on-line or write to: Manhattanville College My Soldier Department, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase, NY 10577.
- **T.O.P.S. Club**, a weight loss group, is seeking new members. The club meets from 5:30-6:30 p.m. each Monday at 513 E. Francis. New members welcome.
- **T.O.P.S. Club**, a weight loss group, meets at 11:30 a.m. at noon each Monday at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 511 N. Hobart.



"Patches," from the Pampa Fire Department was on hand to entertain and educate children at United Supermarket Tuesday afternoon, April 14, during events for Child Abuse Awareness Month, sponsored by CASA of the High Plains.

staff photo by Betsy Phillips



### Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am trying hard to rebuild my marriage. My husband and I have three young children. Four months ago, I met a man (I'll call him "Jack") who made me feel like I haven't felt in a long time. We have not slept together. We tried several times to stop seeing each other, but unfortunately, my attraction to him was too strong.

This week my husband and I separated. I saw Jack this morning. Before things went too far I told him that I had herpes. Abby, he practically had a heart attack -- and ended it on the spot!

The thing is, what I said wasn't true. I just could not think of another way to make him stop being available so I could concentrate on my marriage. I feel like such a coward, and I am heartbroken. Not only do I miss Jack terribly, I also can't bear the thought that someone who made me feel so happy would just turn his back on me.

Would there be any point in telling him that I lied, or did I do the right -- albeit cowardly -- thing? -- WAVERING IN THE SOUTH

DEAR WAVERING: I can see absolutely nothing positive to be gained by approaching Jack again. While I would never recommend lying, yours exposed the man's truth. If he truly cared about you, he would have stuck by you instead of heading for the exit. Consider yourself lucky to have learned the truth while there was still time to save your marriage.

DEAR ABBY: I am concerned about my younger brother. I'll call him "Freddie." Freddie is 18 and very lazy. His girlfriend lives with him at my moth-

er's house. Our mom is always cleaning their room. She does all the cooking and sometimes even launders their clothes. Mom tells me everything, and she's bothered by this. I live with her, too, but I do my share. I pay half the rent.

How can we let them know we are not their housekeepers, but in a nice way? -- TOUCHY SUBJECT, LAS VEGAS, N.M.




DEAR TOUCHY SUBJECT: I, too, am concerned about your brother. It is time your mother realized that by allowing this arrangement, she has done her son no favors.

The girlfriend should not be living in his room rent-free. (Where the heck are her parents?) If she is a student, she should have a part-time job and contribute something -- and so should Freddie. If he is old enough to have a live-in companion, he should be mature enough to clean up and do a load of laundry.

Your mother should convene a "family council" meeting and start assigning chores. Until and unless she becomes assertive enough to draw the line, she will continue to be taken advantage of. It's not about being mean or nasty. It's about encouraging Freddie to grow up and lessen his dependence upon her.

DEAR ABBY: I am asking this question in all seriousness. While I am using a restroom in a public place, I'm not sure how to respond when someone knocks on the door to see if anyone is there. What's the appropriate answer? -- GOTTA GO IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR GOTTA: The correct response is, "Occupied!"

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8	9	2	7	6	1	3	5	4
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4	1	9	3	2	7	5	8	6
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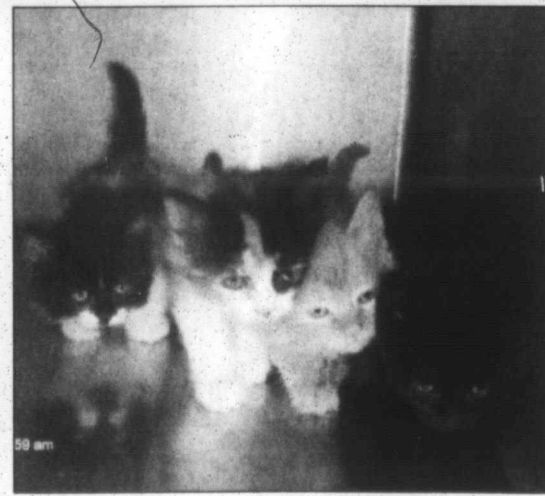
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