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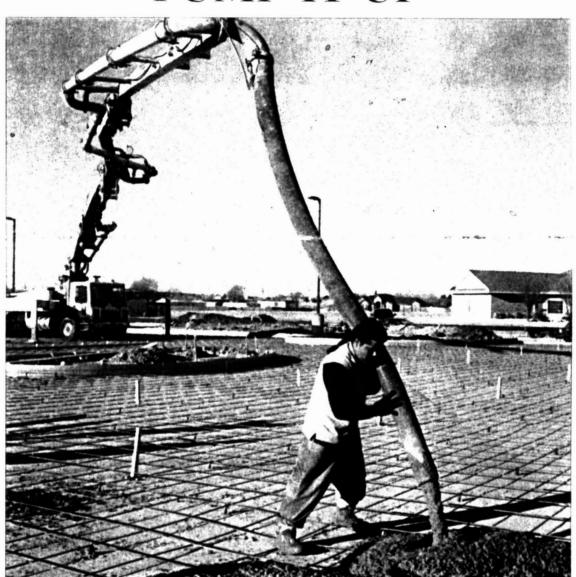
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County commissioners approve utility line proposal

DAVID BOWSER

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of county rights of way along counin roads by utilities

Willoughby noted that, under state law utilities could run lines no less than 24 inches deep from the lowest point of a ditch along side a road. The commissioner's court unanimously approxed Willoughby's proposal to make utilities bury their lines at least to mehes below the deepest point of the ditch and put the lines from the COUNTY cont on page 5

center of the ditch to the side of the

Hie commission also made it mandrops that utilities companies contast the county when they install or repair lines along county roads

Willoughby said that he's had sexeral instances recently when utility Commissioner Gary Willoughby companies have not notified him of proposed a policy clarifying the use work not met state guidelines concerning the depth of the lines. Some lines have been buried only tour or tive mehes deep, he said, and then the utility company gets upset when county road crews accidently cut the lines while working on the roads or

> They are not in compliance with state or federal law." Willoughby



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Gray County Judge Richard Peet discusses and a second seco with Commissioner Gary Willoughby during the man sioner's court meeting today at the Gray Count,

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An Evening with Laura Bush

Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 6:15 p.m. Pampa High School Commons Advance Ticket Sales Only! Call Pat at 806-663-1795 for tickets or info.

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"We were on standly thregory said. "We knew that the conditions were right and we were going to be on high aleit to we had people ready Sunday morning

With Sunday's blazes coming two weeks before the anniversary of the big 2006 wildfires, Enegoty said that the Red Cross placed emphasis on preparation in firelikely conditions like the week end -

"That sithe main thing," (negoas and "To be prepared. We don't for twant to push preparation out there for the community. We want he prepared ourselves, to set of a simple We had the sacks it the ready. We had the shelter on standby

We did learn quite a bit (from 2006). You never want to go through that again, but you never know around here, so it pays to Carn.

Gregory said that the Red Cross is currently seeking financial contributions to help defray the cost of Sunday's emergency outreach.

"Unfortunately, all that work costs money," Gregory said. We'll gladly take any donations to help us out "

Because of the extent of the fires and the continuing likelihood of wildfire danger, the Eastern Texas Panhandle Pampa and Borger branches of the Red Cross have decided to postpone a "Murder Mystery Night" fundraiser origi-

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nally set for Saturday evening. Gregory said that a new date for the mystery night has not yet been finalized, though it will likely be in late April or early May. Tickets for the event, which includes a meal and entertainment, are available at either chapter office, 108 N. Russell in Pampa or 614 Weatherly in Borger.

For information on the fundraiser or to make a donation, contact Gregory at 806-669-7121 or 806-

Obituaries

Faith Barnes

LatteBarnes was stillborn Lebruary 23, 2011, in Borger Charleside services will be at 9 am. Wednesday, March [61] Lat Lauryiew Cometery, with Pastor Steve Cox of 55 Paul Frated Methodist Church, officiating

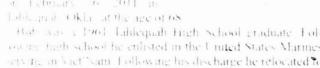
a survivor include her mother. Kimberly Barnes of the Grome sister Bailey Barnes of the home, grandparents. Derreil and Marie McCathern of Pampa, aunt, Melanie Speticet of Pampa

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.

Robert Lee Briggs, 68

Sinces for Robert Lee Brown are 10 am Wednes tay March 2 2011 in the form Chapet Officiating white Chaplan Kevin Web ster. The family well receive therds from Juesday eve and 6 Spm

Robert Lee, Briggs was orn Linuxy 16, 1943, in Broges, Okla, to Farl Briggs est Mattie Dimple (Calico) driggs. He passed away at Lebitairs to 2011 in



owing bath school he enlisted in the United States Marines serving in Vict Nam. Following his discharge he relocated to 2-mps, where he met and married Anne Silcott in 1970. Bob - employed by Mapeo He rater returned to Tablequah. He emoved music, spend-

and time on the river and his tannels and many friends. has the post the war array at collect and coached his sons cream life date a ports writer and did commentary

activatimes tourne in Lablequah been presented in death by and ricphess. Matthew I dwards

maxiving Bob are Anne Briggs of Pampa, children, Stan at and wife Gail of Houston, Steve Organ and wife Jad Pamp i. Jolea Herring and husband John of Farming-1618, N.M. and Angel Wheeler and husband Jason of Pampa; as grandchildren, his mother Dimple Woods of Tahlequah;

three sisters. Velta Edwards and husband Harold; Jeanne Hobson and husband Fred, and Linda Webster; a brother, Leon Briggs; special friend, Jane Danielson; many nieces, nephews and loved ones.

Bob was a devoted father and grandfather and will be greatly missed by many.

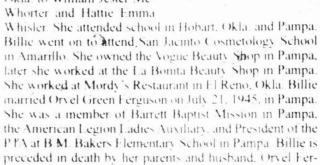
Online condolences may be left at tahlequahfuneral.com.

Billie Laverne Ferguson, 84

Church services will be held Wednesday, March 2. 2011, at 2:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Wheeler, with Rev. Larry Mitchell officiating. Burial will be in the

Mobeetie Cemetery, Wheeler, under the direction of Wright Funeral Home, Wheeler.

Billie was born on October 2, 1926, in Hobart, Okla, to William Jester Mc-



Billie is survived by two daughters. Diana Kay Tinsley of El Reno, Okla., Pamela Gay Tindol and husband Cole of Mobeetie, two sons Gene Ferguson and wife Vicki of Wheeler, Randy W. Ferguson and wife Jana of El Reno. Okla., two sisters Claudine Melton and husband Jack of El Reno, Okla., Pat Dyer of El Reno, Okla., 13 grandchildren,

The family has requested in lieu of flowers, memorials be sent to Odyssey Hospice 7201 Evans Blvd. Amarillo, TX 79106, American heart Association 2404 West 7th Amarillo. IX 79106 or Parkview Hospital and Home Health 901 S. Sweetwater, Wheeler, TX 79096.



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N. Hobart.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests over the toxication. weekend.

Saturday, Feb. 26

Keenan Mark Goodson. 27, was arrested by police on charges of driving

while intoxicated. Joshua John-Michael Feltner, 24, was arrested by deputies on charges of public intoxication.

Timothy Daon Reming-

ton, 34, was arrested by police on charges of driving with an invalid license.

Jobias Jajaun Rich, 30 A prowler was reported was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated and having an open container.

Sunday, Feb. 27

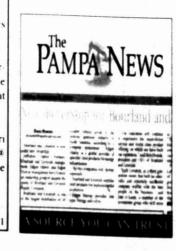
Neri Fernando Martinez. 46, was arrested by police on charges of public in-

An individual was arrested by the fire marshall

on charges of arson. Monday, Feb. 28

Michael Joseph Renteria, 20, was arrested by police on warrants in connection with charges of not valid driver's license. failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear, unrestrained child under four years old, running a stop sign, no child safety seat, second offense, and displaying an expired registration.

Betsy Amanda Crossman, 26, was arrested by police on charges of disorderly conduct - language and a warrant in connection with charges of non payment of court cost or





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- Public Meeting Notice -**Texas Department of Transportation**

The Texas Department of Transportation will conduct a public meeting on March 10, 2011 from 5.00 to 1.00 p.m. at the TxDO1 - Lubbock District Training Center, Building D. 135 Slaton Road, ubbook. Texas 79404. The purpose of this meeting is to allow public input to the FY 2011 No. ember. February Revisions to the 2011-2014 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) The STIP is a mechanism used by TxDOT and FHWA to fund projects for the next four years and includes all federally funded projects. The FY 2011 STIP amendment for November/ February 2011 may be viewed online at http://www.txdot.gov/business/governments/stips.htm or any TxDOT Dis trict Office prior to the meeting. Locations of these offices can be found at http://www.txdot.gov/ ocal_information.

The meeting will be informal and all interested citizens are invited to attend and express their views

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aides or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, large print or Braille are requested to contact Betty Gonzales. (806) 748-4578 five (5) days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made

Written comments may be submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation. Attention: Lori Morel, 118 E. Riverside Dr., Bldg. 118, Austin, Texas 78704-1205, or by email at Lori.Morel@ txdot gov. To be considered, a 10 day public comment period to submit written comments will close at the Lubbock District Office by 5 00 p.m. on Monday, February 21, 2011

March 1, 2011

preceded in death by her parents and husband. Orvel Fer-

29 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

AFTERNOON RUSH

Students urged to avoid Mexico

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas Department of Public Safety is advising students on spring break to avoid drug violence-plagued Mexico.

A DPS statement Tuesday cited the continued violence and also urged boaters to stay on the U.S. side of Falcon

AU.S. drug agent was shot and killed Feb. 15 in Mexico. The victim was Immigration and Customs Enforcement Special Agent Jaime Zapata.

A missionary, Nancy Davis, was fatally shot on Jan. 26 in Mexico.

David Hartley was fatally shot on Sept. 30 while sightseeing on Falcon Lake.

DPS Director Steven McCraw says while drug cartel violence is most severe in northern Mexico, it's prominent in other parts of the country, including resort areas such as Cancun and Acapulco.

Bill would spend Rainy Day fund

AUSTIN (AP) The chairman of the Texas House budget committee filed a bill late Monday proposing to spend \$4.3 billion from the state's Rainy Day Fund to make up for the current budget deficit, a move many conservatives oppose.

State Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, introduced the legislation to pay for the current deficit in the 2010-2011 budget. That would free up \$4.3 billion he could then spend in the next two-year budget. By law, Texas legislators must balance the budget.

Pitts, who heads the House Appropriations Committee, drafted the 2012-2013 budget that calls for \$27 billion in cuts to government services. After weeks of hearings, Pitts and many other lawmakers have begun to publicly discuss tapping the state's \$9.4 billion contingency fund to avoid painful cuts to education and health care.

To spend the fund to make up the current deficit, the bill will require support from three-fifths of the lawmakers present during the vote. Gov. Rick Perry would also need to sign the bill.

Residents assess wildfire damages

Regina Newby approached the kennel where her dogs had been staying while she was out of town, she realized that the building was burning, set ablaze by one of several wildfires that have roared through parts of Texas, destroying at least 75 homes, in recent days

Firefighters and workers at the kennel just north of Amarillo rescued some of the animals, but had to set others free in their haste to flee the building.

"I know a lot of people lost a lot," Newby said, referring to homes and other property. "It's a small thing (to lose our pets), but it's devastating to us.

Stunned and weary residents of some of the Panhandle and West Texas communities hardest hit by Sunday's wildfires were allowed to return to their homes Monday after fire-

name and I contacted her.

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for the entire community

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AMARILLO (AP) - As fighters contained the blazes that scorched some 190 square miles in the state.

> Residents of rural Mesilla Park north of Amarillo spent Sunday night in a shelter and waited in their cars at a roadblock Monday until authorities gave them the all-clear to return home to survey the damage. The town lost 30 homes to the

> Carla Smith said she had already been told that their double-wide trailer home of 20 years in Mesilla Park was destroyed in the blaze, which burned about 30,000 acres, or 46 square miles, around Amarillo.

> "We had just enough time to get out," said Carla Smith, 59. "My husband's got cancer, and we got away with his medicine."

> Firefighters tained the Panhandle and West Texas wildfires by Monday, after the winds died down

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Uncertainties can't quash the bulls

TERRY SAVAGE Creator's Syndicate

ORLANDO, Fla. - Every year the huge MoneyShow takes place here in February. A huge exhibit hall is packed with investment opportunities and advice. Exhibitors range from mutual fund giant Fidelity to small gold mining companies and gold coin dealers, who are ready to encourage you to invest in their prod-

You can get trading lessons from TD Ameritrade (parent of Chicago-based Think or Swim) and you can talk to famous investment newsletter writers or attend their workshops

James Stack of Investech Research headlined the opening session, setting the tone for the conference. Two years ago, in February 2009, as the market was reaching its bottom (though not apparent at the time), Stack electrified the conference by telling investors it was time to buy stocks, even in the midst of all the gloom. I wrote a column about it at the time.

This year Stack was no less bullish, pointing to the fact that the stock market is still climbing the proverbial "wall of worry" with plenty of nay-sayers makin headlines about an oncoming decline. Stack thinks this rally has a lot longer to go - to be just an "average" duration bull market.

It's not as if advisers and investors here in Orlando are ignoring the uncertainties and dangers facing both the global economy and the markets. I moderated a panel titled "Finding Opportunities in an Uncertain World." Polling the audience, we agreed on the following "uncertainties" that could derail global growth:

Global banking system weak-

· China - either excessive growth and demands for resourcThe Savage on money

es, or a slowdown.

· Continued job woes in the U.S. economy causing a move back into recession.

· Unrest in the Middle East, spreading from Egypt's situa-

Strangely, despite this litany of potential economic disasters, the audience and the panelists were not paralyzed. Instead, they were focused on finding investment opportunity. And there were plenty of suggestions.

As might be expected, many were predicting that gold prices would move even higher -- along with a strong bias toward agriculture and food and basic metals, all of which would be impacted by growing global demand even if there should be a slowdown in China.

Nicholas Vardy, of Global Guru Capital, picked an ETF that represents "soft" agricultural commodities -- an ETF linked to the Rogers International Commodity Index Agriculture Total Return (symbol: RJA). It's already up 57 percent in the past 12 months!

But stock picks were not limited to natural resources - unless you agree with me that chocolate is a basic global necessity. Wellknown global investment adviser Adrian Day picked Nestle stock, which only trades in European markets

Jack Ablin of head of Harris Bank investment strategy wanted to place a conservative bet on the appreciating Chinese currency, so he suggested a money fund denominated in Yuan — the Wisdom Tree Dreyfus Chinese Yuan Fund (symbol CYB).

Louis Navellier, editor of a group of highly rated newsletters, including Blue Chip Growth, and the free online stock rating tool PortfolioGrader com, was bullish on global technology companies, suggesting that even Apple is a good buy at the current high prices. He also had a few picks for smaller companies that supply fiber optic cable to cell towers in the U.S. and China - a necessity for the coming 4-G cellular service:

Michael Tian, senior equity analyst and strategist at Morningstar.com. included health care stocks among his picks - a popular choice with many advisers. His favorite: AMN Healthcare Services, a staffing company that provides nurses to hospitals.

Legendary investment adviser Robert Stovall was still bullish on IBM, as well as a reconstituted Tyco International Ltd. And Randall Ely likes large cap, dividend-paying companies like AT&T and Chevron.

Confused? It's easy to lose prospective amidst a smorgasbord of investment recommendations for advisers with top track records. That's why mutual funds were invented - to take the work out

of stock picking But if you'd like to hear more from these advisers, go to MoneyShow.com - where many of the presentations can be seen in coming days on streaming video. Sure, researching stocks is a nerve-racking and expensive hobby. But then, so is golf!

And that's The Savage Truth.

Terry Savage is a registered investment adviser and is on the board of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. She appears weekly on WMAQ-Channel 5's 4:30 p.m. newscast, and can be reached at www.terrysavage.com. She is the author of the new book, "The New Savage Number How Much Money Do You Really Need to Retire?"



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: This is ETT, WASH for both of them at a day spa where trained cosme- hairy tologists could "pluck, should it matter? primp and pretty" them could actually tell Franmay cost a few dollars, but it could be an effec- her work. tive solution. - ROWE-NA IN KANSAS

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The writer mentioned both up with a new look. that her friend is in shape That way, someone else and dresses well, so it isn't as if she strolls into nie what to do to improve the office looking unher appearance, and the kempt. The real issue friend can feel she has here is that Frannie's been tactful while still co-workers judge her on making a difference. It something that has absolutely nothing to do with

I applaud Frannie for being confident enough DEAR ROWENA: about who she is not to wheelchair sports," Pingel said. "We saw the show on "Frannie's Friend" de- modify herself to meet scribed her as wearing other people's shallow. no makeup, sporting a standards. Our society has huge unibrow and wear- become a vapid, aesthetiing sandals that expose cally demanding place her hairy feet. I also ad- that values appearance vised the services of a over merit. - CAITLIN

DEAR ABBY: When males - vigorously dis- a woman has excessive agree with us. Read on: facial hair and hair on the DEAR ABBY: I'm toes and feet, it can be a a male who is put off symptom of an endocrine particularly too much emphasis on polycystic ovary disease. Frannie should visit her I appreciate women who OB/GYN to make sure are real and have enough she doesn't have an unself-confidence not to get derlying medical prob-PESHTIGO,

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DEAR ABBY: would not say one word about the appearance of any person in the work-

of beauty. Your response place. I have worked tail bars and strip joints.

- JIM IN GALVESTON

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community event. "And we want to not only reach out to Pampa, but also Amarillo, Perryton, Canadian - wherever there's a need, I want them to be a part of it."

is 'Extreme Makeover: Home Edition,' and one day,

there was a show with people that were involved in

Sunday, and on Monday morning, I found the lady's

Wheel Times, Inc., finalized its Texas corporation

status last week and is currently awaiting confirmation

as a 501(c)3 nonprofit group. It has already organized its

first sporting event, an indoor wheelchair soccer game

set for 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 3, at Briarwood Full

Interested children do not have to know the rules of

Also, Pingel said, kids do not have to own a wheelchair

to participate. Kids on crutches, walkers and canes are

encouraged to play, with Pingel saying that Wheel Times

currently has a few extra wheelchairs for the kids to use.

The group aims to later expand into other sports,

including baseball, softball and track. The Wheel Times

website also projects other activities such as play produc-

Pingel said that he hopes to make the organization's

events a focal point not only for disabled youth, but also

"I want siblings to come out, too," Pingel said. "Any

friends, family, everyone. Later on, when we have our

track meet, we're going to have special deals like dads

vs. dads, involving the whole family, that kind of thing.

Our goal is not to exclude anyone. We want this to be a

wheelchair soccer, Pingel said, instead stressing active

participation and adding that Wheel Times volunteers

Wheel Times is currently looking for volunteers as well as donations of funds and wheelchairs, both manual We love women with and power, Pingel said. If interested, contact Pingel at 806-440-1863.

"I'm really hoping that this is something that the community can get into," Pingel said. "It's something that can be really good for a lot of kids."

Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, March 1, the 60th day of 2011 There are 305 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 1, 1961, President John F. Kennedy signed an executive order establishing the Peace

On this date:

In 1790, President George Washington signed a measure authorizing the first U.S. Census.

In 1809, the Illinois Territory came into exis-

In 1811, in what became known as the Massacre of the Citadel, hundreds of warriors known as Mamluks were slain in Cairo by forces loyal to Ottoman governor Muhammad Ali

In 1867, Nebraska became the 37th state.

In 1872, President Ulysses S. Grant signed an act creating Yellowstone National Park

In 1931, Memphis, Tenn., held its first Cotton Carnival In 1932, Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., the 20-month-

old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh, was kidnapped from the family home near Hopewell, N.J. (Remains identified as those of the child were found the following May.)

In 1954; Puerto Rican nationalists opened fire from the gallery of the U.S. House of Representatives, wounding five congressmen.

In 1971, a bomb went off inside a men's room at the U.S. Capitol; the radical group Weather Underground claimed responsibility for the predawn blast

In 1981, Irish Republican Army member Bobby Sands began a hunger strike at the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland; he died 65 days later.

Ten years ago: Afghanistan's ruling Taliban, defying international protests, began destroying all statues in the country

Five years ago: President George W. Bush, en route to India and Pakistan, made a surprise visit to Afghanistan to show U.S. support for the country's fledgling democracy

One year ago: Wartime Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic, defending himself against charges of Europe's worst genocide since the Holocaust, told judges in his slow-moving trial that he was not the barbarian depicted by U.N. prosecutors, but was protecting his people against a fundamentalist Muslim plot.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Robert Clary is 85 Singer Harry Belafonte is 84.

Actor Robert Conrad is 76. Rock singer Mike D'Abo (Manfred Mann) is 67. Rock singer Roger Daltrey is 67. Actor Dirk Benedict is 66. Actor Alan Thicke is 64. Actor-director Ron Howard is 57. Actress Catherine Bach is 57. Actor Tim Daly is 55. Singer-musician Jon Carroll is 54. Rock musician Bill Leen is 49. Actor Maurice Bernard 48. Actor Russell Wong is 48. Actor John David Cullum is 45. Actor George Eads is 44. Actor Javier Bardem is 42. Actor Jack Davenport is 38 Rock musician Ryan Peake (Nickelback) is 38 Actor Mark-Paul Gosselaar is 37. Actor Jensen Ackles is 33. TV host Donovan Patton is 33. Rock musician Sean Woolstenhulme is 30. Pop singer Justin Bieber is 17

Thought for Today: "An essential aspect of creativity is not being afraid to fail." - Edwin H Land. Imerican investor thorn 1909, died this date in 1991)



Broun pathetic for not condemning remark

Congressman Paul Broun (R-Ga.) now says he was stunned after an elderly man at a town hall meeting said, "Who is going to shoot Obama?

Broun was so stunned that it took him three days to finally issue his own statement on the comment, which was reported in the Athens (Ga.) Banner-Herald. Broun now says the comment was so offensive that he didn't want to even "dignify it with a response.

"Therefore, at that moment I moved on to the next person with a question," Broun said in his statement. "After the event, my office took action with the appropriate authorities. I deeply regret that this incident happened at all. Furthermore, I condemn all statements made in sincerity or jest -- that threaten or suggest the use of violence against the president of the United States or any other public official. Such rhetoric cannot and will not be tolerated.

I'm sorry, folks, this is simply utter BS, and Broun's statement isn't worth the paper it was released on.

You would think that a sitting member of the House of Representatives would not take kindly to anybody -- young, middle age or elderly -- making a joke about shooting an elected official after that body, and the nation, was stunned at the attempted assassination of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords on Jan. 8 as she met with her constituents.

In his statement, Broun said such comments "cannot and will not be tolerated."

But he did tolerate it. Just imagine what the story would have been had Broun manned up and looked that elderly man in the eye and said, "Sir, how dare you? I don't care if you disagree with the policies of President Obama: I don't care if you are a Republican and he's a Democrat; that man is the president of the United States, and you or

anyone else should be ashamed of making light of shooting OUR president. This nation suffered greatly after the tragic assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and we fervently prayed for the health of President Ronald Reagan when he was

seriously wounded. Sir, I ask you to apologize right now to me, to the people in this room and to the president. If Broun had made that kind of tough

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statement, there is no doubt that he would have been applauded for showing some conviction and denouncing - on the spot -- any hateful comments. Instead, Broun stood there like a wimp.

And according to blog commenter Mark Fermer, Broun laughed along with the audience to the question. So, what did Broun say in response to the question?

"The thing is, I know there's a lot of frustration with this president," according to the Athens Banner-Herald. "We're going to have an election next year. Hopefully, we'll elect somebody that's going to be a conservative, limitedgovernment president ... who will sign a bill to repeal and replace Obamacare."

"There's a lot of frustration?" Broun essentially tied shooting the president of the United States to those not happy with President Obama's policies.

It's this kind of hateful rhetoric that should anger the American people. And conservatives and Republicans should be outraged that one of their own would. even utter such a comment. If this comment had been made at a town hall. meeting of a democrat under President George W. Bush, and a House democrat responded with a similar meek response, the right wing would rightfully be up in arms for the lack of an immediate denunciation. It's perplexing to me why folks are just unwilling to set an audience straight for nonsense.

In 2008, while speaking at an election forum in Houston, a fellow speaker made a comment about the work being done by President Bush in Africa, especially as it related to malaria and HIV AIDS. The mostly black audience of 1,000 essentially said nothing.

I grabbed the microphone and scolded them for their silence. I said it was shameful that their dislike of President Bush would allow them to not be thankful for the billions he earmarked for the Motherland to eradicate the deadly diseases. Then, and only then, did the audience begin to clap in approval.

It would have been wrong for me to not say anything at that time. Giving credit to good deeds in Africa doesn't even compare to a fool joking about shooting the president, but we can't be so impotent in not challenging our supporters, friends or family for their ridiculous behavior.

Rep. Broun, shame on you for not setting that elderly man straight; shame on the others there who didn't immediately stand up and chastise him for the comment. And shame on that man whose ignorance knows no bounds. Clearly, he has no respect for this nation and the office of the president of the United

Whether you voted for him or not, if you're an American, President Barack Obama is OUR president. And he deserves the proper dignity and respect we expect of all those who have held

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With Republicans on the rise, so is Texas' clout

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WASHINGTON (AP) When President George W Bush left office in 2009, taking his Texas twang and sagging poll numbers with him, skeptics said he took something else: the state's

political clout Without a Texan in the White House, the logic went, and with Democrats in control of Congress, the Lone Star State would lose some luster. Gone, for sure, were decades of Texans like House speakers Sam Rayburn and Jim Wright or Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson ruling the roost. In Washington there was talk of Texas fatigue and new power centers.

Turns out, it was a little

premature. After three years and a midterm *election sweep by the GOP, Texas is once again a force in the nation's capital. Texans lead key committees in the House of Representatives. They run the GOP's campaign arms in the House and the Senate. They are ascending the ranks of leadership in both chambers. And soon, thanks to a U.S. census report that shows surging growth, there

Tally it all up and it's clear Texas' footprint is growing in Washington, not shrinking.

will be more of them here.

"After President Bush left the White House there was this notion that somehow Texas had faded," said Sen. John Cornyn. "I think people's judgment was a little premature.'

Cornyn, who is serving his second term, leads Texas' resurgence in the Senate. As chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, the national fundraising arm for Senate campaigns, he helped recruit and financially back the GOP's newcomers. He is reprising his role as Republicans eye flipping the Senate in 2012 when 23 Democrats will defend their seats. Cornyn also recently announced he would seek the GOP's No. 2 spot in the Senate in 2012, when Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., retires

next year. In the House, a new Republican majority has meant much more influence

for Texas. counterpart Cornyn's in the House is Rep. Pete Sessions, a Dallas-area congressman who will also reprise his role in charge of House Republicans' campaign efforts ahead of 2012 elections. Other Texans are also moving up the ranks: Rep. Jeb Hensarling was elected by his colleagues as the GOP Conference chairman, the fourth ranking member in House leadership, earlier this year. Texas Reps. Ralph Hall and Lamar Smith serve as chairmen of the House Committees on Science, Space and Technology and Judiciary,

respectively. "Whatever disenchantment with the state might have emerged in the past, it doesn't have much of a shelf life when you get down to the realities of political real-

ities," said Bruce Buchanan, a political science professor at the University of Texas

at Austin. Size matters, it words, and Texas is getting bigger. Earlier this year the U.S. Census Bureau announced that Texas would gain four congressional seats in 2012, a development that will not only increase Texas' power, but diminish the clout of some of its larger state rivals in the House.

"It's another byproduct of our growth. People vote with their feet," Cornyn

If the state is fully ascendant now, Texas certainly plowed some lows in recent years. It began in 2005 with the resignation of Tom DeLay as House majority leader after he was indicted - and later convicted - on felony charges related to corporate campaign donations. Democrats swept to power in 2006, shoving much of the state's GOP congressional majority out of power.

Then, as Bush prepared to leave office in 2008, something more peculiar happened. For the first time since 1972, four years after President Lyndon Johnson left office to go home to Texas, none of the state's renowned breed of ambitious politicians - bar a quirky, longshot in Rep. Ron Paul - mounted a realistic bid for the presidency or was on either party's

Texas had not only lost a large measure of its power, but seemingly some of its renowned swagger in Washington.

That could never last for long, Buchanan said.

"Texans constantly get in one kind of trouble or another, but they always bounce back," he said, "It has to do with its ambitious political culture and the laws of large numbers."

Texas' power has not returned to its pre-DeLay, pre-Bush heights, never mind years gone by when Johnson kept an iron grip on the Senate or Rayburn presided over the House. But the state's influence is growing again IÇö and so is its bravado.

"You could never keep Texas down very long,' said Matt Mackowiak, a GOP political operative who has run various races and worked for members in the delegation. "By virtue of its size and commerce and all of that, Texas is a leader and it always will

Or, as Cornyn puts it: We're a state of 25 million people in a country of 300 million. The fact of the matter is Texas has always sort of been pulling the wagon.'

Beyond the sheer numbers, observers say there is something else about the state -a certain irrepressibility in its character.

'You never really get tired of Texas," said John Pitney Jr., a former Republican congressional aide and a professor of American politics at Claremont McKenna college in California.

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He said that a phone cable was cut recently because it was buried too shallow and the prison east of town was without phone service until crews could repair the line.

"These are the issues I'm having in my precinct," Willoughby said.

In other business:

· The commission extended the countywide burn ban, noting that Gov. Rick Perry first put it into place in December and renewed it in January and February.

Wildfires, fanned by high winds, spread across Potter and Hutchinson Counties over the week-

Judge Richard Peet said that the National Weather Service projected dry weather and high winds this week and requested that burn bans be implemented across the Panhandle.

County Emergency Coordinator Joe Milligan reported that another grass fire had already been reported this morning on the Campbell Ranch north of Pampa.

Commissioner Haley reported the pastures in the southeastern quadrant of the county had a high fuel load.

· The commission approved road crossings at Boydston and Deep Lake Road, Gray I and Gray 5, and County Road 2.

· The commission also recognized Veteran Service Officer Robert Dixon for his continuing education hours.

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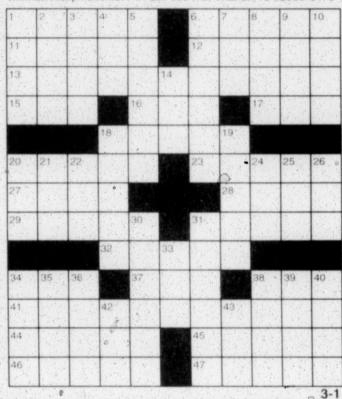
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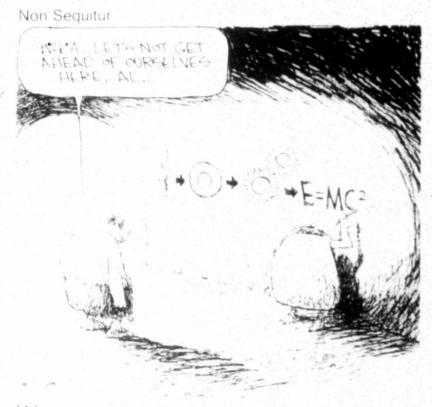
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have 5-Dynamic: 4-Positives. d-Average 2-50- P. J Difficult

ARIES (March 21 - April 19)

**** Keep roaming through pos abilities with others. Being open can only solidity an idea, whereas a publish could present itself and you won't see it if you don't test it out. Someone from a distance makes a stern appraisal of a situation Tonight Where the action is

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)

*** Make sure you handle different segments of a problem. Dealing with one facet is not the answer. Note fatigue Think about a visit to the doctor, or perhaps establish better sleep, exercise and eating patterns, as boring as it might seem Tonight A must appearance

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)

**** Your ability to read between the lines, detach and observe singles you out as an astute intellect when dealing with people Sometimes it might be smarter not to let on about your perceptions. A child or loved one is closed. down Tonight Ever playful, act on an

CANCER (June 21 - July 22)

*** Revel in the moment Understand where a partner or associate is coming from Instinctively, you might want to pull back and rethrnk a situation because of feeling vulnerable. Curb a tendency to cover emotional issues with intellectual logic. Root out the real issue. Tonight: Think about taxes, if you haven't already. LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)

*** Others want to assume a g greater role and might not relate to your ideas. Establish new boundaries. Others will listen when they get that you are for real. Cut some of the charm! Tomeht: As

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) ** Stay tooused on the task at hand

You might want to rethink a decision you made recently, especially if it causes you discomfort You are coming from a solidpoint of view Examine the costs of this stance Tonight Do tonight what you

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

**** Your innate skills come torth You might be more negative than you realize, creating a somber perspective Let in the feedback of others, open up to trusting. Get past a present bout of pessimism. Tonight. Add spice to your

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) . 8

*** Listen to your sixth sense. with amily member or real estate issue You might not be in the mood to act on any issue right now, which could be smart. Gather more information and deolde what is happening Tonight Close

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

**** Expressing your ideas naturally is excellent, though someone might misunderstand your words. You will know when this happens immediately because there will be a chill or coldness emanating from that person. Tonight: Tell it like it is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

**** Thoughts about money preexcupy and color a decision. You might teel negative about your job or role in the community Realize what is happening here, but refuse to make any speedy decisions today. Check in on an older friend or relative Tonight. Run errands on the way home

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 . Feb. 18)

**** You bloom in the present atmosphere. Someone you seek information from could seem to be withholding something. He or she simply might not be in the mood to talk or elaborate: Deal with a legal matter quickly. Tonight: Let your imagination rock and roll.

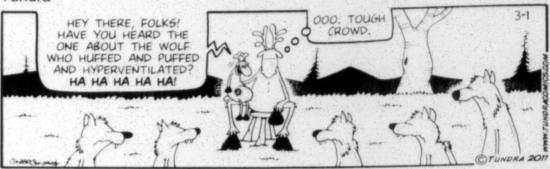
PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20)

*** Say less and listen more than normal. A partner might be holding back but comes through anyway. You will know what ails this person if you stop and reflect. Joint projects in general could be touchy Tonight: Your last chance for some extra R and R. You will need it!

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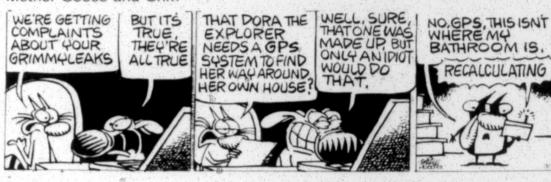
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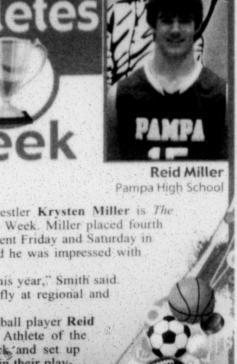
Krysten Miller

Pampa High School Pampa High School freshman wrestler Krysten Miller is The Pampa News Female Athlete of the Week. Miller placed fourth in the UIL State Wrestling Tournament Friday and Saturday in Austin. Head coach Billy Smith said he was impressed with how Miller competed.

"She didn't get a lot of mat time this year," Smith said. "She basically had to learn on the fly at regional and

Pampa High School junior basketball player Reid Miller is The Pampa News Male Athlete of the Week. Miller came up with a block and set up Latigo Collins for the game-winner in their playoff victory over Midland Greenwood Friday.

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