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PEDC to hold hearing to address land purchase

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The Pampa Economic Development Corporation will hold a public hearing March 17, concerning the purchase of the old Celanese Plant west of town by the economic development group.

The PEDC board is expected to appear before the Pampa City Commission at the commission meeting next Tuesday to outline its plan for the old chemical plant and other PEDC projects.

The city commission must approve the PEDC's purchase of the plant.

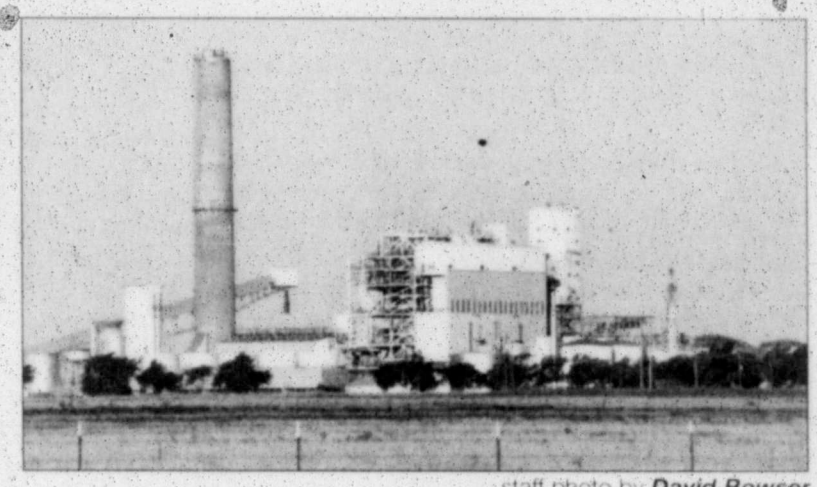
Clay Rice, executive director of the PEDC, said today that the PEDC plans to spend a total of \$3.6 million on the project.

He said that the PEDC will put down \$500,000 on the purchase of the facility and borrow \$2.5 million from local lenders. The PEDC is also asking the city commission to allow them to use \$600,000 for maintenance.

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Rice



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The PEDC plans to spend \$3.6 million on the purchase of the old Celanese plant.



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John Watson (left) of Pilots N' Paws, introduces his passengers, Parker and Nutmeg, to Jera and Josh Salazar and the two Basset Hounds they've been caring for, the Low Riders, on the apron of the runway at Perry Lefors Airport. The four hounds are headed for an Albuquerque animal shelter that will adopt them out.

Hounds fly to Pampa en route to shelter

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Parker and Nutmeg flew all the way from Dallas to meet the Low Riders.

Together, they left Wednesday afternoon to drive to Albuquerque.

After some medical treatment, they are expected to be adopted.

Parker, Nutmeg, Low Rider I and Low Rider II are Basset hounds.

Pampa's Josh and Jera Salazar, who have been taking care of the Low Riders, gave the Basset hounds their distinctive monikers.

John Watson, the pilot with Pilots 'n' Paws, flew Parker

and Nutmeg from Addison in suburban Dallas to Perry Lefors Airport Wednesday.

"These dogs are going to All Ears Basset Rescue in Albuquerque," Watson said of the two dogs he flew from the Dallas area.

Watson said they would meet up with two more Basset Hounds in Pampa.

"All four are being driven from Pampa to Albuquerque," said Watson, a pilot who lives in Dallas and is part of the organization that does volunteer rescue flights.

Parker had been shot with a BB gun and has trouble moving his hind legs.

"He's going to have a little surgery in Albuquerque,"

Watson said.

Nutmeg had a non-contagious type of mange. She will also be treated in Albuquerque.

After medical treatment, Chris Doud with All Ears Basset Rescue and her staff will find them new homes.

"This rescue organization is real good about finding permanent homes for them," Watson said, nodding toward the dogs.

Within minutes, Kay Smith, a volunteer with PAWS (Pampa Animal Welfare Society) arrived at the airport, followed by John and Faustina Curry with PAWS and Monty Montgomery head of the Pampa Animal Control Department.

"Behind them came the

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Two indicted by Hemphill County jury

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CANADIAN — Two people have been indicted by a Hemphill County grand jury.

Justin Shea Davis, 38, was indicted in 31st District Court on charges of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury, a second-degree felony.

According to court documents, Davis is accused of pulling Douglas Atkins off a piece of equipment and hitting him last Sept. 29.

Taylor Anthony Adkins, 26, was indicted on charges of assault of a family member with a previous conviction.

Adkins is accused of hitting Jennifer Lee Adkins in the head with bottles on Nov. 7, last year. Adkins was convicted of family violence in July, 2009, in Hemphill County.

TEXAS WILDFIRES Fires burned nearly 191K acres in 2011

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AMARILLO — The Texas Forest Service says wildfires so far this year have burned nearly 191,000 acres and destroyed more than 130 structures statewide.

That's nearly twice the acreage burned as in all of 2010.

Efforts continue to assess the damage from wildfires since Sunday that have scorched parts of West Texas.

Texas Forest Service spokesman Lewis Kearney on Thursday told The Associated Press that 121,000 acres have burned this week and the "fire danger is still high."

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PAMPA FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 56 Low 31	High 53 Low 29	High 58 Low 33

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 40. South southeast wind around 10 mph becoming north northwest.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 56. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: A slight chance of rain before midnight, then a slight chance of rain and snow. Cloudy, then gradually becoming partly cloudy, with a low around 31. Wind chill values between 22 and 27. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 53. Breezy, with a north northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29. Breezy, with a south southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. Windy, with a south wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Study says sex down among U.S. youths

ATLANTA (AP) — Apparently, fewer teens and young adults are having sex, according to a federal study which offers numbers but doesn't examine the reasons.

Some experts say an emphasis on abstinence may have played a role in the decrease. Some say concern about sexually spread diseases may have been a factor — perhaps instilled by parents who watched the AIDS crisis unfold. Still others suggest this is a generation of kids who are less inclined to experiment with drugs and sex than their predecessors.

The study, released Thursday, is

based on interviews of about 5,300 young people, ages 15 to 24. It shows the proportion in that age group who said they had had some kind of sexual contact dropped in the past decade from 78 percent to about 72 percent.

There are other surveys of sexual behavior, but this is considered the largest and most reliable. "It's the gold standard," Albert said.

Health scientist Anjani Chandra of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention described the decline in sex as small but significant. She declined to speculate on the reasons. It's difficult to look for a trend earlier

than 2002 because previous surveys did not gather as much detail about various types of sex, she added.

However, data over the years on vaginal intercourse among never-married adolescents shows a steady decline since 1988. That seems to be in sync with other CDC studies showing an overall drop in teen pregnancy.

That the trend began in the late 1980s seems to undermine the idea that abstinence-only sex education is the explanation, Bill Albert, chief program officer for the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy said.

PEDC

and repairs through this fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30.

The PEDC board of directors approved a resolution to buy the plant and remaining assets, including the rail facility, 4,000 acres of land and 5,500 acres of water rights.

The purchase must now be approved after two readings of the ordinance proposing the purchase by the Pampa City Commission.

Rice said that the PEDC had originally approached Babcock and Brown, an Australian company that owns the facility, about buying the part of the plant site with the rail connections to BNSF, but Babcock and Brown said it was interested in selling only the whole facility.

Rice said that other companies had also shown an interest in the old plant, which includes a coal-fired electricity generation operation, but no one was prepared to buy the entire facility.

The remaining plant facility, Rice said, includes heavy capacity bulk liquid storage tanks and spheres and over 40 medium to large buildings, including laboratories, office space, crane-served manufacturing facilities and warehouses.

Rice said the main 47,000 square foot administrative building includes about 30,000 warehouse and shop space.

The facility also includes about five miles of rail service and rail car storage, he said.

Rice said the PEDC has been looking for a rail-served industrial park facility.

"This site will provide an excellent opportunity to attract a wide range of commercial development and employment to our immediate area," Rice said.

He said he hopes that the facility will become one of the finest industrial parks in the area.

"The PEDC has already been contacted by several

groups interested in immediate commercial development at the site," Rice said.

He said that several industrial businesses in Pampa are growing and converting the old Celanese plant into an industrial park should help in the business growth of the area.

"Manufacturers, oil and gas manufacturers in particular, their demand is increasing," Rice said, "and those companies are growing."

The PEDC plans to close on the purchase of the former Celanese plant in early May.

"We're very anxious to move forward with this process," Rice said.

He said the process includes approval of the city commission.

There is a 60 day period, which begins Friday, Rice said, before they can close on the property.

"We have to go to the city commission twice," he said. Next Tuesday, we'll be at the city commission to present this as well as some other projects we've been looking at, too."

Rice said he had already spoken with some members of the city commission. The economic development corporation, he said, has been considering the purchase of the plant since the end of December.

There is a need for an industrial park in Pampa, Rice said.

He said it's premature at this point to say whether any of the land or facilities will be sold off or who might take leases at the proposed industrial park.

"Right now," Rice said, "we are looking at all options."

He said the PEDC's desire is to provide opportunities to local businesses and to those who may want to come to Pampa.

"This provides an industrial site that has infrastructure in place," Rice said.

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Obituaries

Ricky L. Moore, 51

Ricky L. Moore, 51, died March 1, 2011, in Pampa.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, March 4, 2011, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Dallas Stringer, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Moore was born April 29, 1959, in Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School in 1977. Ricky was an outstanding football player for the Pampa Harvesters, setting several football records. He was offered a full scholarship to the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque. He worked as an electrician in the construction field, working in many cities in the United States, including Las Vegas, Nev. and Baton Rouge, La. He returned to Pampa in 2007, working for O.M.I. In his spare time, Ricky liked to fish. He enjoyed cooking outdoors with the grill and smoker. He was the life of the party and was a very giving person, always helping others.

Survivors include his sister, Kim Hinds of Pampa; brother, Terry Moore of Arlington; brother-in-law, Randy "Poddy" Hinds of Pampa; niece, Jennifer Hinds and boyfriend Ryan Newman, both of Tucson, Ariz.; two nephews, T. J. Moore and wife Nikki and Leo Moore and girlfriend Samantha Humphreys, all of Arlington; uncle,



Moore

Gayle Trollinger of Pampa; two aunts, Clorene Moore of Amarillo and Irene McAlese of Whittier, Calif.; many cousins; and special dog, Rose. He was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Dolores Moore.

Memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd, Pampa, TX 79065

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Evelyn (Edwards) DeWoody

Evelyn (Edwards) DeWoody passed away February 24, 2011 in Aurora, Colo. while surrounded by her family.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, March 5, 2011 at 11 a.m. at Memory Gardens, Pampa.

Evelyn graduated from Pampa High School in 1961. She worked as a medical secretary for forty years, first in Pampa, then in Tulsa, Okla., and then in the Denver area after moving to Colorado in 1972.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her father, A.J. and mother, Dorothy Edwards of Pampa.

Survivors include daughters, Jennifer Aftn and Julie Marie of Colorado and their father Thomas DeWoody of Dallas. Evelyn is also survived by her sister, Barbara Smith of Tulsa and brother, Raymond Edwards of Pampa.



DeWoody

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents over the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Police reported 39 traffic-related incidents and one accident.

Animal control officers reported five animal-related incidents.

Pampa EMS reported three medical-related incidents.

The Pampa Fire Department reported one structure fire.

Wednesday, March 2 Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1700 block of N. Hobart.

An alarm was reported in the 1900 block of N. Hobart.

A welfare check was conducted in the 300 block

of N. Warren.

An information call was reported in the 100 block of E. Harvester.

Criminal mischief was reported twice in the 2800 block of N. Rosewood Ln.

Officers completed a special assignment in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

An alarm was reported in the 600 block of E. Frederic.

Officers completed a court assignment in the 200 block of N. Russell.

Harassment was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 2800 block of N. Charles.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1400 block of N. Williston.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of N. Dwight.

An information call was reported at Banks and 18th.

A threat was reported in the 300 block of S. Finley.

A prowler was reported in the 300 block of N. Perry.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Crawford and Sumner.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1300 block of N. Banks.

Theft was reported in the 700 block of E. 16th.

An information call was reported in the 1600 block of N. Zimmers.

An information call was reported in the 1800 block of N. Fir.

A prowler was reported in the 400 block of E. Louisiana.

Thursday, March 3 An information call was reported in the 100 block of Sunset Dr.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of N. Wells.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1400 block of E. Browning.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, March 2 Lydia Joy Rheams, 21, was arrested by police on charges of theft by check.

Nicholas Craig Littlefield, 26, was arrested by police on fugitive warrants in connection with charges of burglary and aggravated burglary.

Christopher Rheams, 23, was arrested by deputies on charges of theft of property by check.

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AFTERNOON RUSH Texas mulls Arizona-style immigration law

Average gas price jumps 22 cents

IRVING (AP) — Retail gasoline prices have jumped 22 cents this week across Texas in the biggest hike since Hurricane Katrina hit in 2005.

AAA Texas on Thursday reported the average price at the pump was \$3.30 a gallon. Nationwide gasoline prices rose 20 cents, amid unrest in the energy-producing Middle East and rising crude oil prices, to reach \$3.43 a gallon.

The highest previous Texas gasoline price spike recorded by the travel group was between Aug. 31 and Sept. 5, 2005, in the days after Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans. Retail gasoline prices then rose 40 cents in one week in Texas and 35 cents nationwide.

Amarillo has the least expensive gasoline in Texas this week, at \$3.26 per gallon. Drivers in El Paso are paying the highest price, averaging \$3.36.

Balanced budget debate to begin

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House will begin debate on a resolution calling for a federal balanced budget amendment.

The State Sovereignty Committee will consider five different versions of the resolution on Thursday.

Gov. Rick Perry and allies have said the federal government should operate the same way the Texas government does—without deficit spending.

The legislation is part of a list of emergency items Perry put on the fast track for action early in this session.

Service cuts won't solve deficit

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas comptroller told the House Appropriations Committee that she can't imagine solving the current budget crisis through cuts in services alone.

Susan Combs addressed a meeting that appeared engineered to be a reality check for conservatives who think cutting state services will solve the problem. The current two-year budget cycles that ends Aug. 31 is \$4.3 billion short. The Texas Constitution requires all debts to be paid at the end of every two years.

The state is facing another projected \$27 billion shortfall in the next budget.

Combs said lawmakers have three options: continue cuts, defer paying bills or tap the Rainy Day Fund. She said cutting \$4.3 billion from the budget by August would be virtually impossible. The state could only save \$2 billion through deferrals.

Suspect targeted U.S. troops

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — The suspect in the slaying of two U.S. airmen at Frankfurt airport has confessed to targeting American military members, a German security official said Thursday as investigators probed what they considered a possible act of Islamic terrorism.

German federal prosecutors took over the investigation into Wednesday's shooting, which also injured two U.S. airmen, one of them critically. They are working together with U.S. authorities, who said Thursday the suspect was not on any American watch list.

Hesse state Interior Minister Boris Rhein told reporters in Wiesbaden that the suspect, identified as a 21-year-old ethnic Albanian from Kosovo, was apparently radicalized over the last few weeks. Relatives in northern Kosovo identified him as Arid Uka, whose family has been living in Germany for 40 years.

He lived in the same building as a man with links to the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, said an official speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk with the press about the matter.

Homeless to move from tents

LUBBOCK (AP) — An agreement has been reached for about 20 homeless people living in tents in Lubbock to move from city land to a ministry's property.

Volunteers and the homeless on Thursday were expected to transform an old office building into an area including showers, toilets and other basic needs. The move is expected within the next two weeks.

Les Burrus with Link Ministries last week offered the fenced private property that the nonprofit group had received as a donation.

City representatives, religious leaders and some residents of the tent city met Tuesday night and agreed to the move.

Skydivers killed near Houston

ROSHARON (AP) — Two men have died in a skydiving accident in Southeast Texas.

The Brazoria County Sheriff's Office identified the victims of the accident, which happened around 11:40 a.m. Wednesday, as 27-year-old Scott James of Houston and 63-year-old Arthur Bill of Spring. A sheriff's office statement says the two were skydiving when they flew into each other and their parachutes became tangled and deflated. That resulted in a free-fall of from 100 to 200 feet.

James was dead at the scene. Bill was pronounced dead after being airlifted to Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston, about 30 miles north of the accident site.

FOLLOW-UP

Red Cross 'mystery night' scheduled for April 9

The "murder mystery night" fundraiser being held by the Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross is now scheduled for April 9.

"The Red Cross has been actively involved in the recent wildfires that not only affected Hutchinson, Carson and Roberts counties but also fires in Lipscomb and Wheeler counties," said Jana Gregory, executive director of the Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter. "Red Cross has been very busy with preparedness and response activities in February. We want this event to be a successful fundraiser for us and for the attendees to have an evening of entertainment, so we decided to postpone."

"Your support of this event strengthens the Red Cross and we apologize for any inconvenience."

For more information, contact Gregory at 806-669-7121.

AUSTIN (AP) — State and local police officers would be allowed — but not required — to help enforce federal immigration laws under a compromise plan working its way through the Texas Legislature.

The bill is a far cry from some of the harsh crack-downs some lawmakers proposed, but it still sparked often emotional testimony in a House committee Wednesday night. Dozens of supporters and detractors packed a hearing room outside the Texas Capitol, eager for a chance to air their views despite the late hour.

Supporters generally said the legislation would help police identify illegal immigrants who commit crimes in Texas. Critics said it would lead to racial profiling, detract from real police work and give license to rogue agents who want to harass immigrants.

The bill's author, Republican Rep. Burt Solomons, said it would prohibit so-called "sanctuary cities" and law enforcement entities from adopting policies that keep police and criminal investigators from providing immigration enforcement assistance. Republican Gov. Rick Perry put the issue on the fast track at the Capitol after making it a major theme of his 2010 re-election campaign.

Unlike Arizona's new immigration law, parts of which are being challenged in court, the legislation known as House Bill 12 does not require police officers to inquire about immigration status or enforce federal laws when people are detained. But the bill would not allow any law enforcement agency from adopting policies that prohibit them from doing so. Solomons said his proposal would establish a "uniform consistent policy" across the state.

"There's nothing in this bill that requires a police officer to ask one question that they don't think they

need to ask," Solomons said. "We're not mandating anything."

It would allow police to ask about immigration status, maintain records of it and work with federal agents on immigration matters when people are "lawfully detained for the investigation of a criminal offense or arrested." Other legislation similar to the Arizona law was also proposed, but Perry's office has been working with Solomons on the compromise bill. The legislation was left pending in a House committee Wednesday night, but other bills were being debated, including one that would make English the official language and create a state database of illegal immigrants arrested in Texas.

An estimated 1.6 million illegal immigrants are in Texas, according to the Pew Hispanic Center in Washington. Nationwide, their numbers declined between 2007 and 2009, from 12 million to 11.1 million, the first significant drop after two decades of growth. But their combined population in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana went up by a statistically significant 240,000, the center reported last month.

Immigration curbs have caught fire nationwide. In 2010, a record number of laws and resolutions were passed by state legislatures, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, which calculated that 46 states and the District of Columbia had passed 346 measures, with an additional 10 having

fallen from gubernatorial vetoes.

Former Houston police officer Rick Salter, who was shot in the face by an illegal immigrant in 2009 and who now speaks through paralyzed vocal chords, was among those urging lawmakers to pass HB 12 Wednesday night. His wife, Sue Salter, broke down in tears when it was her turn to speak.

"We're not worried about the safety of our own citizens in our wonderful State of Texas," she said. "You won't know that until you're slapped in the face by something that happens to you by an illegal immigrant."

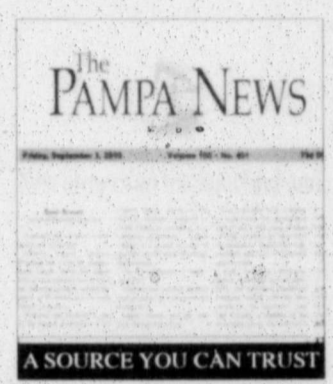
Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo, arguing against the legislation, said he sympathized with victims of crime by illegal immigrants. But he said local police already are helping federal officials prosecute and deport illegal immigrants without getting mandates from the state.

"We are leading through emotion and politics instead of good public pol-

icy," Acevedo said.

Other critics said the bill could allow local police agencies, including those run by school districts and college campuses, to become de-facto immigration enforcement agents. Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, said the legislation would let rank-and-file police officers spend all the time they want enforcing immigration laws even if their supervisors don't want them to.

"This officer ... is given the authority to say to the police chief, to the mayor, to the City Council: I don't care how much time it takes, you can't stop me from doing this," Turner said.



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Today in History

Today is Thursday, March 3, the 62nd day of 2011. There are 303 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 3, 1931, President Herbert Hoover signed a congressional resolution making "The Star-Spangled Banner" the national anthem of the United States.

On this date:

- In 1845, Florida became the 27th state.
- In 1849, the U.S. Department of the Interior was established.
- In 1894, British Prime Minister William Gladstone submitted his resignation to Queen Victoria, ending his fourth and final premiership.
- In 1911, actress Jean Harlow was born in Kansas City, Mo.
- In 1940, Artie Shaw and his orchestra recorded "Frenesi" for RCA Victor.
- In 1945, the Allies fully secured the Philippine capital of Manila from Japanese forces during World War II.
- In 1961, King Hassan II acceded to the throne of Morocco, following the death of his father, King Mohammed V.
- In 1969, Apollo 9 blasted off from Cape Kennedy on a mission to test the lunar module.
- In 1974, a Turkish Airlines DC-10 crashed shortly after takeoff from Orly Airport in Paris, killing all 346 people on board.
- In 1991, motorist Rodney King was severely beaten by Los Angeles police officers in a scene captured on amateur video. Twenty-five people were killed when a United Airlines Boeing 737-200 crashed while approaching the Colorado Springs airport.

Ten years ago: The foot-and-mouth scare made its way from Britain to mainland Europe with the discovery of blisters on the snouts of three pigs in northern Belgium, sparking drastic measures.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush arrived in Pakistan to meet with top officials, including President Gen.

One year ago: Greece announced painful new austerity measures, cutting salaries for government workers and raising sales taxes as it tried to snuff out a financial crisis threatening Europe's economy.

Today's Birthdays: Bluegrass singer-musician Doc Watson is 88. Socialite Lee Radziwill is 78. Movie producer-director George Miller is 66. Actress Hattie Winston is 66. Singer Jennifer Warnes is 64. Actor-director Tim Kazurinsky is 61. Singer-musician Robyn Hitchcock is 58. Actor Robert Gossett is 57. Rock musician John Lilley is 57. Actress Miranda Richardson is 53. Radio personality Ira Glass is 52. Actress Mary Page Keller is 50. Olympic track and field gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey is 49. College Football Hall of Famer Herschel Walker is 49. Rapper-actor Tone-Loc (lohk) is 45. Rock musician John Bigham is 42. Actress Julie Bowen is 41. Country singer Brett Warren (The Warren Brothers) is 40. Actor David Faustino is 37. Singer Ronan Keating (Boyzone) is 34. Rapper Lil' Flip is 30. Actress Jessica Biel is 29. Rock musician Blower (aka Joe Garvey) (Hinder) is 27.

Thought for Today: "America is a tune. It must be sung together." — *Gerald Stines, Exe. American clergyman and author, 1862-1944.*



This isn't mere duplication; it's unbridled idiocy

Uncle Sam is spending a lot of your tax dollars on programs that do the exact same thing as other federal programs, and you are paying the tab, a shocking new report shows.

According to a report by the watchdog Government Accounting Office (GAO), Uncle Sam hosts 47 job-training programs, 44 of which do the same things. The federal government also runs 80 programs for what it calls the "transportation disadvantaged." Count 'em: 80 — paid for by your tax dollars.

The report cites a total of 82 other programs spread across 10 separate agencies that are supposed to improve what it calls "teacher quality" — something of concern to local school districts and not Uncle Sam. It's a classic example of the left hand not being aware of what the right hand is doing, and it's costing us, the taxpayers, untold billions of our tax dollars.

I agree with penny-wise Republican Rep. Eric Cantor, R-Va., who was outraged by the scandals uncovered in the report and has vowed "to get our fiscal house in order" saying "Now again, we have said enough is enough."

An equally outraged Oklahoma GOP senator, Tom Coburn, said the report "confirms what most Americans assume about their government. We are spending trillions of dollars every year and nobody knows what we are doing. The executive branch doesn't know. The congressional branch doesn't know. Nobody knows."

The GAO report was mandated

by Congress the last time it raised the debt limit in January 2010. Coburn said the report "makes lawmakers look like 'jackasses.'"

"We don't know what we're doing," Coburn said.

It's about time they knew. This is the money we earned by the sweat of our brow and they're squandering it as if it were their money, not yours and mine.

Think about it: How long would we survive if we spent our money over and over again on the same things at the same time? We'd be in the poor house — which is where Uncle Sam lives these days while acting as if he is living in a huge mansion and waited upon by his servants, the taxpayers.

This scandal is the result of an inexcusable inattention by the Congress, which in recent years has acted as if it had the power to spend money the U.S. doesn't have, much of it on worthless programs, and passing the bill on to future generations.

Republicans won control of the House of Representatives in the 2010 Congressional elections by pledging to trim the government's sails, seeking out wasteful programs and eliminating them. Republicans plan to cut a whopping \$61 billion from the current fiscal year's budget.

That should be just the beginning. The GAO report pinpoints the areas

where some of the cutting can and should be done. The report shows Congress where a lot of the waste can be found, advising: "Reducing or eliminating duplication, overlap or fragmentation could potentially save billions of taxpayer dollars."

The duplication is staggering, with some 33 areas loaded down with what it calls "overlap and fragmentation" in the federal government, including 56 programs across 20 agencies that deal with something called "financial literacy," whatever that is. There are more than 2,100 data centers — from only 432 a little more than a decade ago — among 24 federal agencies. The GAO says Uncle Sam could save up to \$200 billion over the next 10 years simply through consolidation.

There are 20 programs among seven agencies that deal with homelessness. The GAO found \$2.9 billion spent on the programs in 2009. "Congress is often to blame" for fragmentation, GAO wrote, explaining that potential participants often have access problems as a result of the duplication.

Moreover, there are 82 "distinct" teacher-quality programs in 10 different agencies, many having "duplicate sub-goals." Nine of them address teacher quality in math, science and related areas. There are 15 agencies in charge of 30 food-related laws. "Some of the oversight doesn't make any sense," according to the report.

"...Doesn't make any sense." I couldn't have said it better myself.



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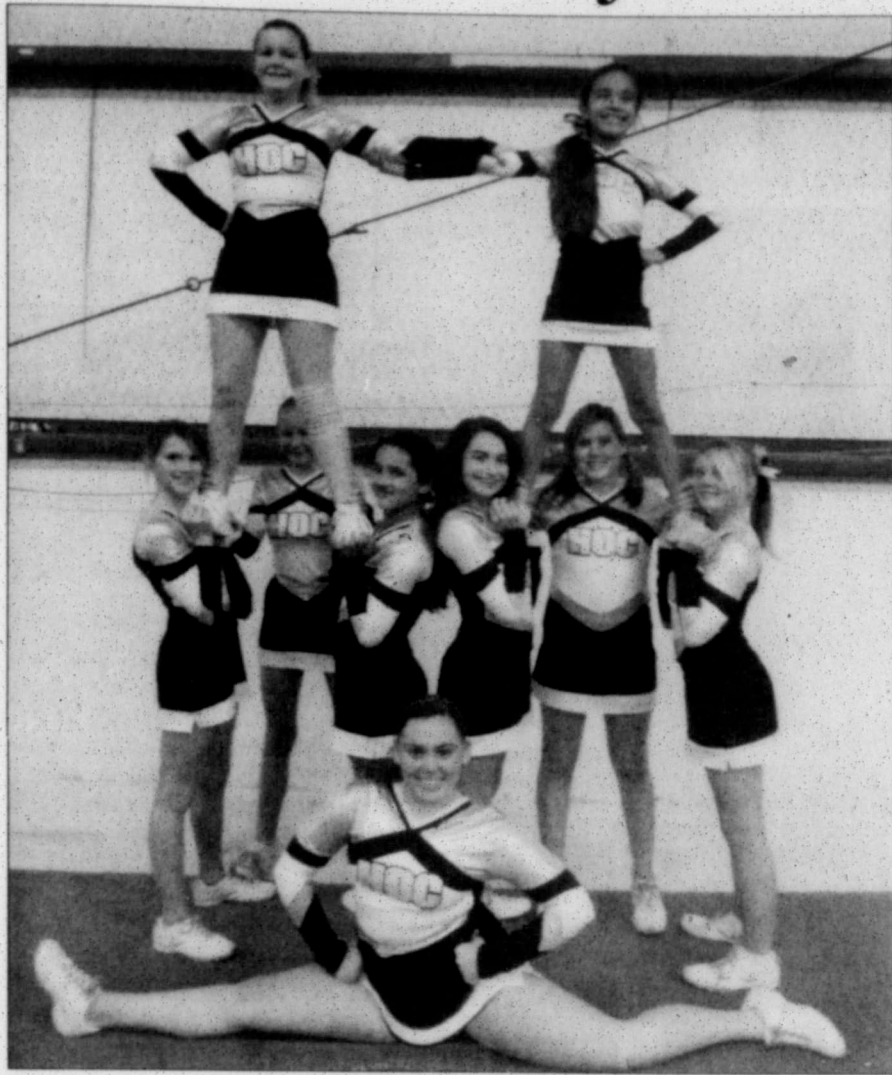
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Bush back in Washington to unveil Frist portrait

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tap-tap-tap went George W. Bush's feet under his chair in the Old Senate Chamber Wednesday as he waited through a speech by his longtime friend, heart surgeon and one-time majority leader Bill Frist. The former president, invited for the unveiling of Frist's Senate portrait, shifted in his chair. He crossed his legs. He fidgeted. "I'll speed it up, Mr. President," Frist said over his shoulder. Bush joined the distinguished crowd of current and former senators, Cabinet secretaries and aides in a knowing laugh about his famous impatience with official Washington events, even those for friends. But the former president and the physician share more than political party and a policymaking history in Washington at a time of

war, terrorist attacks and pitched partisan warfare. The two could not wait to leave the place — Frist voluntarily in 2007, Bush at the end of his second presidential term, in 2009. "It takes a really good friend to get me to come back to Washington," Bush told the crowd. That they were, sons who followed their fathers in their choice of work. Frist Bush in politics and Frist in medicine. Elected to the Senate in 1994 from Tennessee, Frist, 59, was the Bush administration's preferred successor to Majority Leader Trent Lott, who stepped down from his post under fire for comments he had made at Sen. Strom Thurmond's birthday party. And in his memoirs, "Decision Points," Bush wrote that he spent weeks exploring, then rejecting the possibility of replacing Vice

President Dick Cheney with Frist on the 2004 presidential ticket. Bush and Frist know about harboring presidential ambitions. Bush's ambitions produced two terms in the White House from 2001 to 2009, while Frist in 2006 declined to run for president and announced he would return to an already stellar career as a heart surgeon who was also a humanitarian. Both weathered political storms during their time in Washington. For Bush, there were questions over the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, harsh interrogations and how his administration was hunting for terrorists on American soil. For Frist, there was Terri Schiavo, the brain-damaged Florida woman whose feeding tube was removed. Frist viewed a videotape of the woman, then publicly questioned the diagnosis of her doctors. An autopsy later confirmed their judgment, not his. There were victories, too. Frist on tax cuts, late-term abortions and nuclear non-proliferation. Both men found Washington exasperating. By the time Frist delivered his farewell speech on the Senate floor, he had long been showing signs of burnout from the haggling and high drama of the unpredictable Senate. He urged his colleagues to ask themselves a few questions: "What is it really all about?" Frist said sternly. "Is it about keeping the majority? Is it about red states versus blue? Is it about lobbying attacks in some way across the aisle? ... Is it about war rooms whose purpose is not to con-

trast ideas but to destroy? "Or is it more?" More, Frist told the audience. The oil portrait, painted by fellow Tennessean Michael Shane Neal, shows Frist leaning on a stately fireplace. Frist told the audience that it really represents an era in the history of an institution that keeps "the pulse of democracy" beating. But it's a better place populated by people who have lived adult lives, serve as legislators for a time and resume their lives, he said. After Congress, Frist taught at Princeton and Vanderbilt universities. Bush wrote his book. And the two worked together again when Frist was named to the board of directors of the Clinton Bush Haiti Fund helping the Caribbean country recover from a massive earthquake last year. In Washington Wednesday, the faces of the Bush-Frist era peppered the crowd. Cheney was there. So was Donald H. Rumsfeld, the defense secretary Bush fired when the war was going badly. The event was a reunion. But Bush and Frist made clear they're glad to cede business to the current crop of policymakers. At one point, Frist invited the crowd to gaze upon Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., who are locked in a fierce budget battle. "The president and I were over there smiling and (having) a good time, while they look kind of sad," Frist said. "They represent the present," Bush said, grinning widely. "And I represent the past."

ICE intelligence chief suspended

WILL WEISSERT
Associated Press

EL PASO (AP) — A top U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement intelligence officer has been suspended amid allegations he helped a subordinate file bogus travel expense reports and took some of the cash they generated, an FBI agent testified in a Texas courtroom Wednesday. James M. Woosley was ICE's deputy director of intelligence at headquarters in Washington until he was placed on administrative leave Feb. 4. His suspension came the same day the FBI raided the El Paso home of Ahmed Adil Abdallat, a supervisory ICE intelligence analyst, and seized at least 29 boxes of evidence. Abdallat is accused of using a diplomatic passport to make eight personal trips to Jordan since October 2007, and receiving about \$123,000 in reimbursements from phony travel expenses. He is also the subject of a larger money laundering investigation after he made three wire transfers worth a combined \$570,000 to Jordan over a six month period, according to the FBI. Authorities also linked Abdallat to an additional \$1.2 million in Jordanian bank accounts. Abdallat, 63, is a naturalized U.S. citizen originally from Jordan. He appeared at a federal detention hearing in El Paso that stretched well into the evening. Magistrate Judge David C. Guaderrama did not immediately rule late Wednesday on whether he would be eligible for bail.

Woosley was Abdallat's supervisor for "over 10 years." He said Abdallat mailed Woosley checks, wired him money, paid his utility and mortgage bills, and sometimes even traveled to Washington to leave his boss cash in drawers. The FBI agent said scrutiny of Abdallat's personal e-mails revealed evidence that Woosley tried to arrange for an official trip to Jordan for Abdallat "around 2009," after Abdallat's mother died. That trip was not approved, and Abdallat ended up paying his own way. Abdallat's attorney, Mary Stillinger, said after the hearing that her client was facing "worst case scenario, a couple years in prison." She said he had cooperated fully during interviews with FBI investigators - most of which focused on Woosley. She said there has been no discussion about lessening the punishment Abdallat might face for cooperating in any larger investigation.

Abdallat was issued a diplomatic passport between 2005 and 2007 after being detailed to the ICE attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Enochs said. About 10 FBI agents raiding his home found 31 stamps in a diplomatic passport that was still valid, and Enochs said that while he didn't know how many of those stamps might have represented authorized travel, Abdallat never got clearance to travel to Jordan on official business. Authorities also seized a personal U.S. passport that had no entry stamps or visas in it, and two expired Jordanian passports, Enochs said.

Enochs said Abdallat admitted to investigators that he had produced fake receipts as part of the expense-report scheme. But he also said Abdallat became "very evasive" when investigators asked about national security concerns that sending so much money abroad might raise. Abdallat had secret security clearance but had been denied past requests for additional access because ICE authorities determined he had made misstatements during past routine background checks, including about how he ended his service in the Jordanian Air Force, Enochs said.

During the hearing, FBI Special Agent Shannon N. Enochs said determining how Abdallat obtained the money in Jordan is "a priority," saying "the only thing we're sure of is there is more than \$1 million waiting for him in Amman," that country's capital. "We have no idea how he got that much money," said Enochs, though he noted that Abdallat had until recently been receiving an annual salary of over \$100,000 at ICE. Enochs testified that Woosley approved Abdallat's phony travel expenses and that he and another federal official who worked for Woosley were paid about \$58,000 as part of the scheme. He said

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ANNE MCCOLLAM

Q: Enclosed is a photo of a porcelain serving dish with a handle. I put it in my yard sale last summer, but my daughter rescued it. She told me that I would be sorry I sold it when the holidays arrive. She was right. She also told me that I should research its history. On the back in gold marking, there's a star and the words: "All the Trimmings — Holly — Japan — 6283."

I hope you can provide some information of its vintage and value.

A: Located in Japan, Royal Gallery China produces a variety of fine porcelain that is exported to the United States. "Holly and Berries" is the name of your pattern, and it was available in complete dinnerware sets and matching accessory pieces. "6283" is the design number. The dishes were distributed through large department stores from 1986 to 1988.

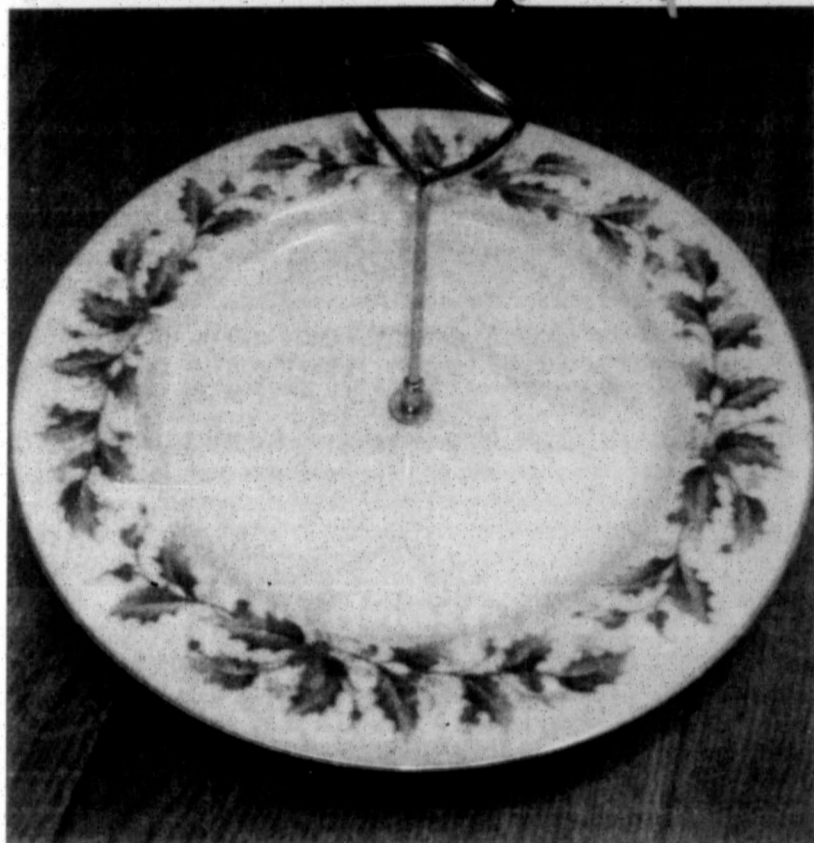
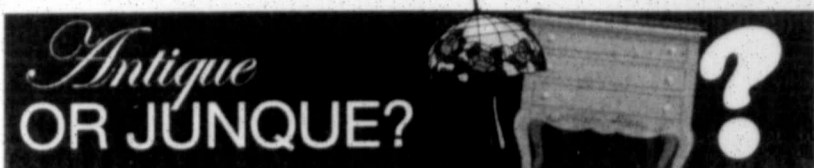
Your serving dish with handle would probably fetch \$25 to \$30 in an antiques shop.

Q: This mark is on the bottom of my pottery vase. Standing 8 inches tall, the vase is decorated with flowers and leaves against a matte green glaze. It is in mint condition.

I haven't found any information on my vase, and I would like to know its age, manufacturer and value.



Charles Volkmar made art pottery from 1903 to 1914.



Royal Gallery China exports fine china to the United States.

A: Charles Volkmar Pottery used the mark you enclosed. He, along with his son Leon, established the pottery company in Metuchen, N.J. in 1903. Specializing in oil painting, Charles was an accomplished artist whose talent was often evident in his pottery. As a rule, his vases and bowls were finished with matte glazes. The pottery closed in 1914.

Your vase would probably be worth \$2,000 to \$2,500.

Q: I would like some information on my serving bowl. Decorated with a Western saddle and cowboy boots against a tan background, it is 12 inches in diameter. Marked on the back, you will see the words: "Wallace China — Los Angeles, Calif."

A: The Wallace China Co. made your bowl. It was located

in Vernon, Calif., from 1931 to 1964. Created by Western artist and cowboy, Till Goodan, the pattern is "Boots and Saddle," "Boots and Saddle," "Pioneer Trails" and "Rodeo" were three of his most famous patterns. His signature can usually be found somewhere in the designs.

Buyer beware! Some of his designs have been reproduced. New pieces do not include "Wallace China" or "California" in the mark.

Your bowl is circa 1940s, and it can be seen selling in antiques shops for \$240 and up.

If you have any antique inquiries, address your questions to Anne McCollam, P.O. Box 247, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Items of a general interest will be answered in this column. Due to the volume of inquiries, she cannot answer individual letters.

Obama, Calderon reach trucking pact

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama and Mexican President Felipe Calderon on Thursday are announcing Thursday a plan to open up U.S. highways to Mexican trucks, removing a long-standing roadblock to improved relations between the North American allies.

An Obama administration official said the two leaders have agreed to a phased-in plan that would authorize both Mexican and U.S. long-haul carriers to engage in cross-border operations, provided that the Mexican trucks meet U.S. safety standards. Both countries were given this authority under the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement, but the U.S. has refused to allow Mexican trucks access amid concerns over their ability to meet America's stringent safety and environmental standards.

Mexico has placed higher tariffs on dozens of U.S. products in response to the unresolved dispute. The official said Mexico will agree to lift those tariffs in phases, with all tariffs lifted once the first Mexican carrier receives authorization to travel on U.S. roads.

Negotiating teams are still working out final details of the plan and are expected to send an agreement to Congress this spring, said the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity in order to discuss the plan ahead of Obama's public statement.

Obama and Calderon were meeting privately Thursday to discuss a wide range of issues before speaking to reporters. The meeting comes three weeks after U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent Jaime Zapata was shot to death in northern Mexico with a gun smuggled in from the United States. The incident raised questions in the U.S. about Mexico's ability to control border violence on the Mexico side.

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Dogs

Salazars and the Low Riders, the dogs ready to be transported to their new homes.

Curry said that one of the Pampa Basset hounds was scheduled to be euthanized when word came that the Albuquerque rescue shelter would take her.

Watson said Parker and Nutmeg did well on their flight to Pampa. He said they were barking as he taxied out at Addison, but once the four seater Grumman Tiger was air born, the two dogs settled down.

Parker went to sleep. Nutmeg wanted to be scratched behind the ears, Watson said with a laugh.

"Almost always," he said, "the dogs are nervous when we first put them in the plane."

The Low Riders aren't the only dogs ready to see some new scenery. Curry said the Pampa animal welfare organization has arranged for dogs to go to a number of rescue shelters, including the Great Pyrenees Rescue

of South Texas, the Austin Boxer Rescue Shelter, the Greyhound Rescue out of Tulsa and the Dalhart Animal Welfare Group Shelter (DAWGS).

"The Humane Society of West Texas has taken cats to Lubbock," Curry said.

Amid sniffing, barking and wagging of tails, the four low-slung, four-legged passengers were loaded in a van driven by Geno Griego, who will take the Basset Hounds to Albuquerque and their new homes.

Josh Salazar kneeled beside one of the Low Riders to quietly say goodbye.

Smith said the flight was originally scheduled for February, but it had to be delayed because of the snow that blew into Pampa.

"We have one going to California in a couple of weeks," she said of another dog scheduled to fly out of Pampa.

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Fire

Kearney says forecasters believe next Monday and Tuesday will have the potential for more wildfires, mainly due to predicted strong

winds and dry conditions. He says low humidity is another factor.

Emergency management personnel in Randall and Potter coun-

ties estimate this week's wildfires caused nearly \$13 million in structural damage, with about 70 residences destroyed.

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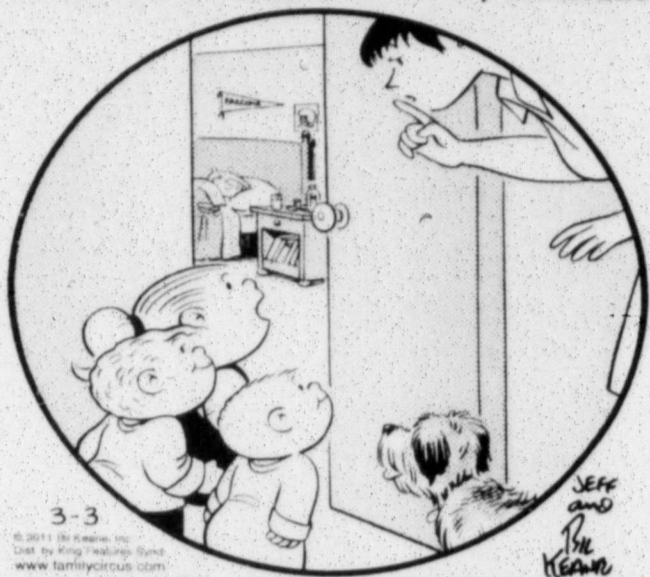
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"We just figured we would go in and give poor Billy some symphony."

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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, March 4, 2011:

Your birthday signals a new beginning. Consider which areas you might like to revitalize. You can do just that. Your creativity surges. You seem to be an endless fountain of information. If you are single, you attract many people. The issue will be choosing the right one! Date until you are sure. If you are attached, curb a tendency to be me-oriented. It takes two to make a relationship work. Be sensitive to your sweetie. Another Pisces reflects the same or similar issues as you.

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)

★★★★ The New Moon emphasizes the importance of taking good care of yourself mentally, physically and spiritually. You need to be more diligent about taking care of yourself. Make an appointment for a checkup. Tonight: Get some much-needed R and R.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)

★★★★ A new commitment or beginning finally becomes possible. You understand what is happening behind the scenes. Realize your goals by asking for support and ideas. The first step is verbalizing your desires. Tonight: Where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)

★★★★ Your ability to bypass problems emerges. Others would like you to take the lead more often. Though it is nice to have the approval of others, do you want additional responsibility? Is it worth that position in the limelight? Tonight: Celebrate the end of the week.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22)

★★★★ Reach out for new information and confirm what you believe to be fact. If you are blocked, attempt to clear your thinking and approach this same situation from a different mind-set. Break through mental rigidity. Tonight: Accept the suggestion that breaks the mold and encourages a first-time experience.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)

★★★★ Deal with a key associate directly. Clear out as much as you can in this manner. Decide on a new beginning. With the help of this person, you could have that beginning. Instrument positive changes in your daily life. Tonight: Togetherness works.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

★★★★ Let others who are trying to

dominate call the shots. Give feedback on a more creative level. Your sense of direction helps others figure out what will need to happen. Others could be a bit defiant. Work with the issues. Tonight: Follow another's lead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

★★★★ Dive into the matter at hand. You might need to make an adjustment on a personal level or in your domestic life. Let go and willingly hop on the roller-coaster ride. The end results will be much more than you visualize. Tonight: Out and about with co-workers and/or friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

★★★★ Allow greater give-and-take within an important relationship. This tie could be with a wild loved one. You might wonder if you can clear out a problem. A commitment to a new beginning could work in the long run. Make it now. Tonight: Let off steam.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

★★★★ Emphasize security, investments and a new beginning. At the same time, there could be a new start with a personal relationship if you are live-ins. If you can, clear out work early or work from home. You will accomplish more. Tonight: At home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might be thinking about a new computer, car or some other toy that helps you reach out to others. You are likely to purchase one in the near future. Don't antagonize a neighbor or sibling who always seems to occupy a lot of your time. Tonight: You don't have to go far.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

★★★★ You have made the decision to handle your finances better. Use today to initiate some changes. Yes, sometimes you have to spend money to get money. On the other hand, be careful with justifying expenditures that could be eliminated. Tonight: Show good sense. Fun doesn't have to cost.

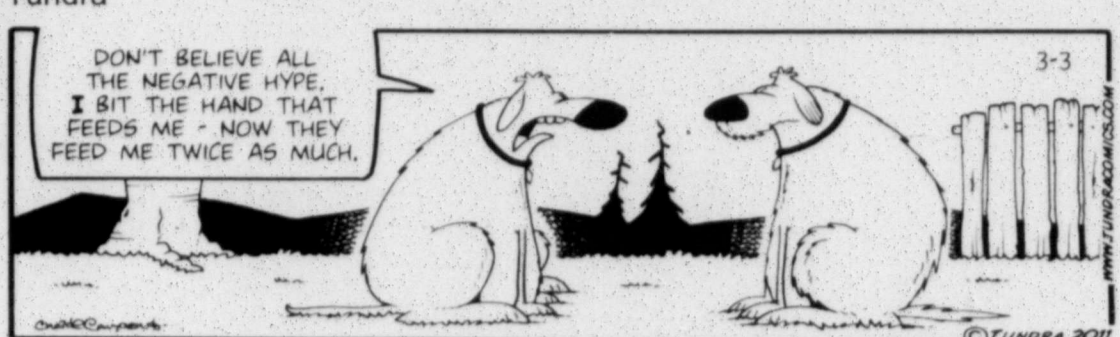
PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20)

★★★★ You cannot always count on the magic of your charisma -- perhaps today, but possibly not tomorrow. If you want to start anew in some area of your life, the time is now. Resolutions made presently are likely to stick. Tonight: Others cannot stay away.

BORN TODAY

Gay-rights activist Chaz Bono (1969), football coach Knute Rockne (1888), actress Paula Prentiss (1938)

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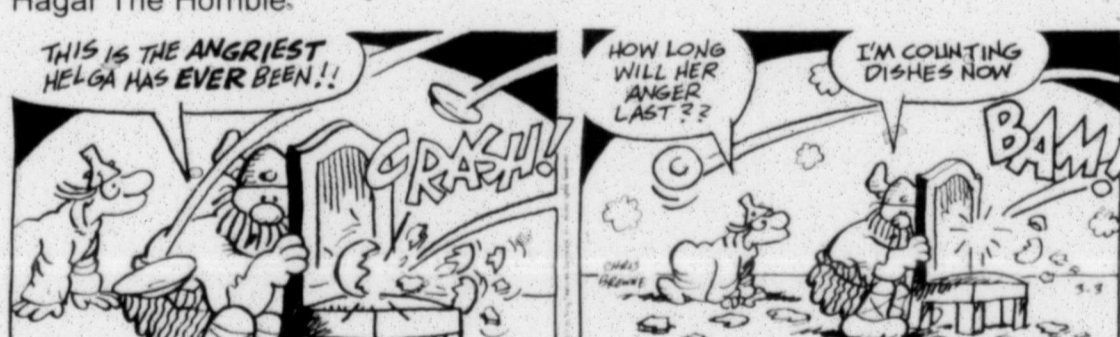
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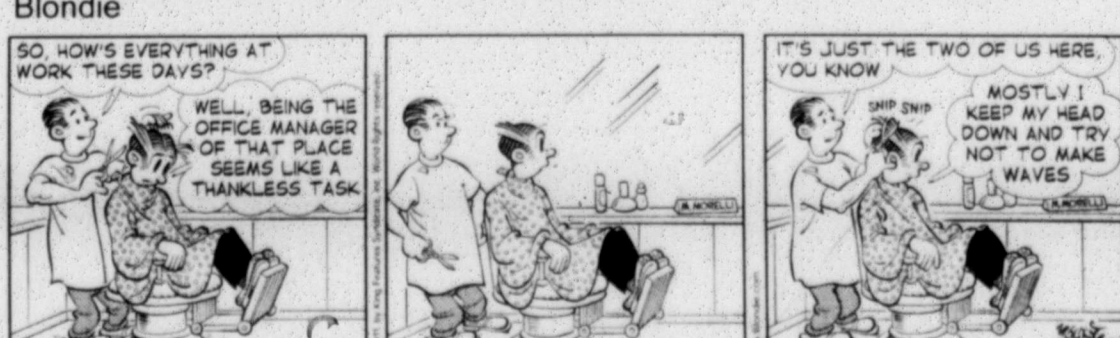
Hagar The Horrible.



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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Every year for the last six years, I have hosted a family gathering at my home. Each and every year, my cousin's wife "Jodie" does everything possible to ensure that we all know she's upset about something. She'll sit on my couch as far removed from the family as possible, grumbling under her breath to her husband. Jodie never says more than four words to me (the hostess) the entire time — none of which are "thank you" — then she feigns food poisoning! (No one else gets sick.)

This has been going on longer than the six years I have hosted this event. My question is, would it be tactless of me to ask my cousin to leave his wife home next year? I am not the only family member who is disgusted with Jodie's behavior. I think we'd all have a better time if she wasn't there. Would that be wrong of me? — **SICK OF CODDLING HER IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR SICK: For a person to repeatedly act the way you have described is not normal behavior. Your cousin's wife may suffer from some significant emotional problems. Is no one in your family close enough to your cousin to express concern about it?

While it would, indeed, be tactless to tell

him to leave his wife home instead of bringing her to a family gathering, it might be less so to mention gently that you have noticed she doesn't enjoy herself when she visits — and that her attendance isn't compulsory. Then listen to what he has to say because it may be enlightening.

DEAR ABBY: My sister "Blanche" has always depended on men to support her. She was married briefly, and after her divorce started going from one man to another. I can't count how many relationships she has been in. Her children are grown, but when they were young they had to endure their mother's lifestyle.

Blanche has just moved in with another man. She's 45, and has no job or money, but has gotten good at selling her pity story. Unfortunately, her new boyfriend, "Stanley," is an old friend of mine. Although we haven't been in contact for years, I'm concerned about his dating my sister. He's going through some hard times due to the loss of a family member. Blanche homed in on this and moved in with him to "help him grieve."

Abby, I know the damage my sister can cause. It never turns out pretty. She uses people to get what she wants, then if it turns sour, she becomes a stalker. She

has refused my recommendations for counseling. I feel obligated to let Stanley's family know about Blanche's history. She's trying to prevent me from contacting him because she doesn't want her past revealed. What do you suggest? — **FEARFUL SIS IN MISSOURI**

DEAR FEARFUL SIS: I strongly recommend that rather than telling Stanley's family your sister's history, you tell Stanley directly. To do otherwise would be interpreted as an underhanded attempt to break up his romance, would not be appreciated, and could only bring them closer.

DEAR ABBY: Help! If one spouse snores, the other can't sleep. Please print some solutions to this problem that have worked for your readers. We sleep in separate beds almost every night. — **SEEKING SLUMBER IN SANTA BARBARA**

DEAR SEEKING SLUMBER: When one spouse snores so loudly that it keeps the other awake, it could be a symptom of a serious medical problem. While my readers may be kind enough to offer home remedies, my advice is that the snorer should consult his or her physician to find out what's causing it.

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Win \$100 if your photo is selected as the "best."

The theme of our photo contest is "Life in Gray County, Texas."

Send us your non-posed photos of the people, places and things that make life worth living here on the high plains.

The photos will be judged on creativity and general appeal by members of our staff. The top submission will receive \$100.

The second-place photo will receive \$50 and the third-place photo will receive \$25.



2010 First Place in Family Fun "First Snow in Pampa" Janelle Guymon

Entry Form

(Please fill out the following form and tape or paper clip the form to the photo. Any photo submitted without this information will be disqualified.)

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* Please submit all photos by 4 p.m. Friday, March 4. Any submissions received after this date will not be judged.

Contest Rules:

All photos submitted to the contest must be taken by the person submitting it and must have been taken in Gray County since Jan. 1, 2010. The photos cannot have appeared previously in any other publication or contest. You may submit as many photos as you like. The best way to submit your photos is to send them via email to rpribble@thepampanews.com. The photos should be in .jpg format. Please include the information above. If you would rather submit your entries as prints, send them with the information to: Photography Contest, The Pampa News, 403 W. Atchison Avenue, Pampa TX 79065. If you wish the prints returned, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your entry. All entries must be postmarked or emailed by 4 p.m. Friday, March 4. Submissions after that date will not be considered. The Pampa News will publish all the winners, and many of the other submissions, in a special section of our annual Pride issue.

Sports

Football injury allows Polasek to lead on the court

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Pampa High School senior Jonathan Polasek was a junior when he suffered his sixth concussion in a September 18 football game against Perryton. The blow effectively ended his football career, but the injury turned out to be a blessing in disguise as Polasek emerged as a senior leader on the basketball court.

Head coach Dustin Miller said he was "selfishly excited" that Polasek wasn't going to be playing football.

"We've never had him for an entire off-season," Miller said. "He would always split time with football and basketball. We hated for him that he wasn't able to play (football). We were excited for us. It's being selfish, but we know what he brings as far as leadership qualities."

Polasek said he was surprised when the off-season wasn't like previous basketball off-seasons.

"What I heard from everyone is that we hadn't done anything in off-season and just scrimmaged," Polasek said. "I talked with Coach Miller before hand and he said, 'It's going to be completely different. I'm tired of losing and we're going to work.'"

During the off-season, the basketball team didn't use basketballs for a month. The team ran bleachers did frog hops and lunges. Every Friday the team ran a "Harvester mile" — five laps under nine minutes to earn the privilege to scrimmage. Miller said Polasek's leadership helped get the team to what its accomplished so far.

"He helped us establish a work ethic in the off-season that I think we are reaping some of those rewards now," Miller said.

Polasek said he had to learn to be a senior leader.

"It's different because each senior class leaves their own legacy," Polasek said. "We had to focus on what we wanted to leave these guys with. It's really nice knowing that we left these guys with momentum into next season making the playoffs."

"This season, Polasek wasn't a leading scorer or rebounder but set up his teammates to record those stats, something the senior forward said he takes joy in."

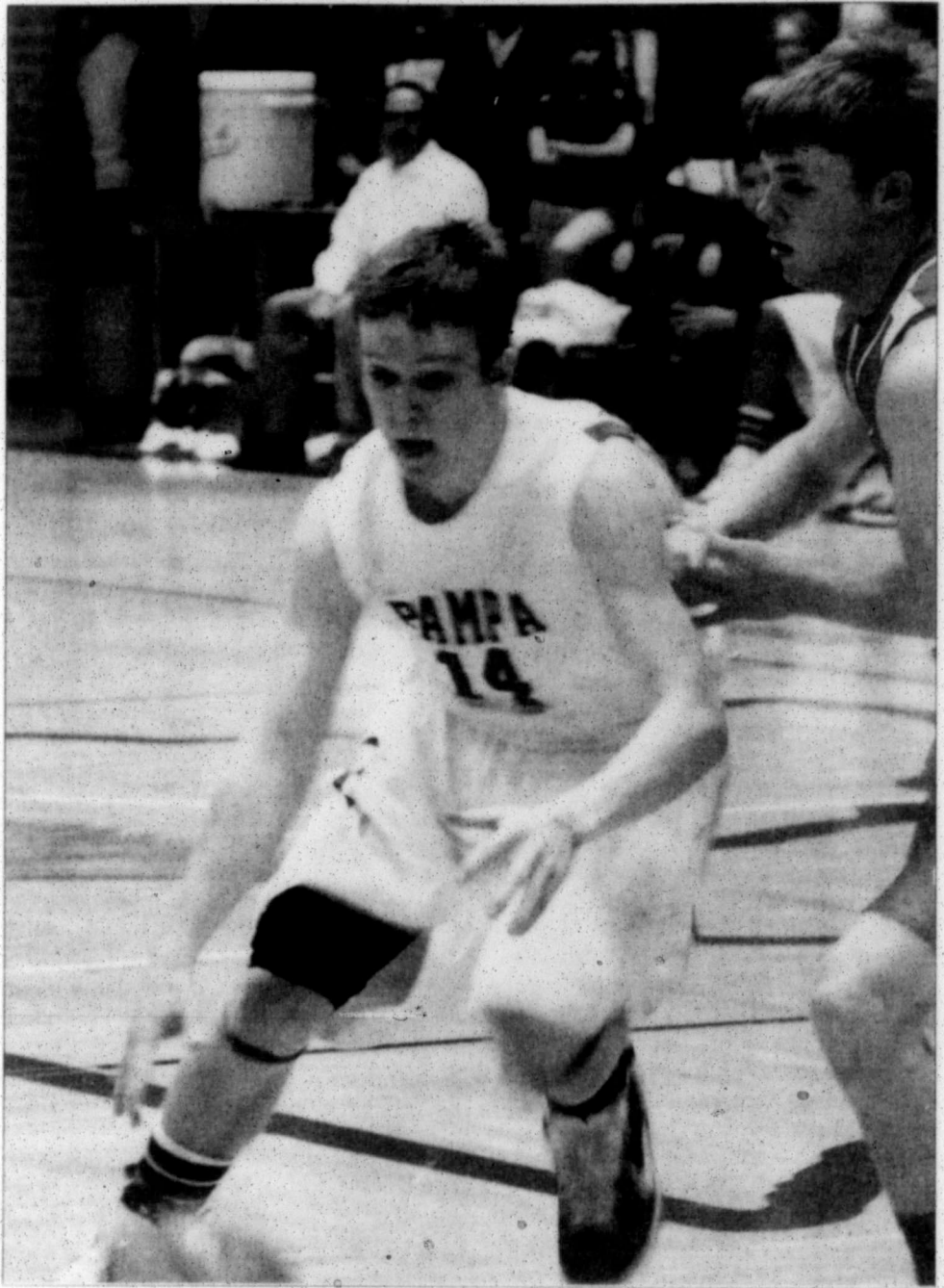
"I've learned to accept that I'm not the leading scorer or rebounder of a team," Polasek said. "I'll go out and be the best hustler for a season. That's my goal: To outwork every person, to box out and do the little things so my teammate can get a rebound and not just me. My favorite thing to do is take charges and go after loose balls."

Though he didn't play, Polasek took up a different role on the football team last season.

"I got to be beside (Coach Heath Parker) and listen to the plays he called," Polasek said. "I would write down the formation, the play and what number play that was in the half. I gave him those papers at halftime and he would make the second half game plan off those papers."

The senior forward said not playing football made him even more motivated for basketball season.

"I think (not playing) grew (my discipline)," Polasek said. "(Not playing) grew me as man just to have the discipline to watch my team and to be able to handle that. It prepared me more for basketball because I just wanted to play."



Senior Jonathan Polasek dribbles and waits for a teammate to get open against Borger Jan. 22. Polasek took pride in being a hustler and setting up his teammates. photo courtesy of Joe Murray

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