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## Local water officials attend area meeting

BY DAVID BOWSER  
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 John Spearman and C.E. Williams of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District were in Austin today along with officials from other groundwater districts in the area for a meeting with the Texas Water Development Board concerning the future of the giant

Ogallala Aquifer that lies beneath the panhandle.  
 Under the direction of the Texas Water Board, groundwater management areas across the state have outlined their plans for aquifers in Texas.  
 Last summer, Groundwater Management Area 1, the Texas Panhandle, set the Desired Future

Condition of the Ogallala Aquifer. It designated a goal of having 40 percent of the water in the aquifer at the end of 50 years in four panhandle counties, 80 percent in Hemphill County and 50 percent in the rest of the panhandle.  
 Groundwater Management Area 1 consists of Panhandle Groundwater Conservation

District, North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District and part of High Plains Underground Water Conservation District.  
 T. Boone Pickens' Mesa Water and Canadian rancher and oil and  
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## Two Amarillo men killed in plane crash



BY DAVID BOWSER  
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**AMARILLO** - Two Amarillo men were killed before dawn today when their twin-engine Piper airplane crashed into the side of a concrete building.  
 William Runyan Ellett, 59, the pilot of the aircraft, and Andrew Arnold Hanson, 57, both of Amarillo, were killed about 7 a.m. today when the 1967 Piper crashed into the side of a 50-foot tall concrete building.  
 The plane slammed into the south side, near the east end of the building, leaving part of a wing on the roof.  
 The twisted wreckage lay at the base of the building as Amarillo firefighters pulled the men's bodies from what was left of the airplane's cabin.  
 Initial reports were that the men had just taken off from Tradewinds Airport on Amarillo's southeast side and were thought  
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AMARILLO -- Two men died today when their twin-engine plane crashed into the side of a concrete building before dawn.  
 staff photo by David Bowser

## Proposals from state agencies to save 5 percent

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas leaders will review 5 percent budget cutting proposals offered by agencies as the state faces a potential 2011 shortfall of up to \$16 billion.  
 Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Straus set a Feb. 15 deadline for agencies to offer plans to trim their budgets.  
 The Texas Education Agency is proposing \$135.5 million in cuts, including science lab grants and funding for steroid testing. TEA also proposed eliminating the \$1 million it would cost to continue steroid testing for student-athletes competing in University Interscholastic League events.  
 An exemption is sought by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to allow the prison system's budget cuts to total \$50.4 million. Corrections authorities say no exemption would mean the Texas prison system would have to trim about \$294 in spending.

## Shrove Tuesday feast



Tom Auwen offers a bite to his grandson Xanber, 5, during the pancake supper at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church annual pancake supper. The pancake supper marks Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent.  
 staff photo by David Bowser

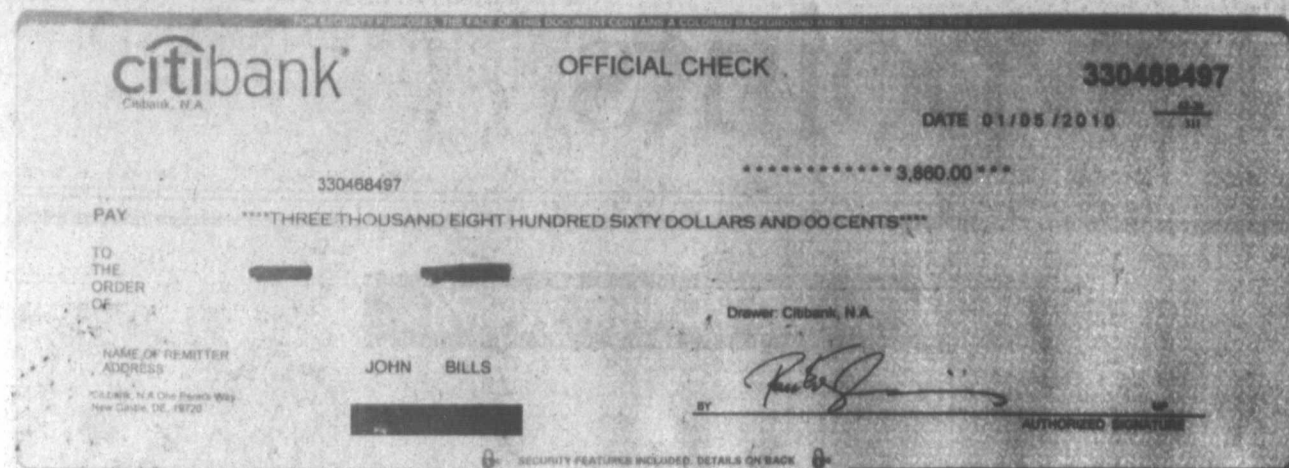
## Toyota investigating Corolla steering problems

TOKYO (AP) — Could the Corolla be next?  
 Toyota Motor Corp. said Wednesday it's looking into complaints of power steering problems with its popular compact car and is considering a recall as one option.  
 That would be another blow to the world's largest automaker grappling with a spate of safety lapses ranging from sticking gas pedals to braking problems.  
 President Akio Toyoda also said he's not going to Washington to appear at congressional hearings next week, preferring to leave that to his U.S.-based executives while he focuses on beefing up quality controls — though he would consider attending if invited.  
 "We are sending the best people to the hearing, and I hope to back up the efforts from headquarters," Toyoda told journalists at his third news conference in two weeks.  
 Eager to show that his company is taking consumer concerns  
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## Water

gas man George Arrington filed a protest over the Hemphill County plan, saying it makes groundwater in Hemphill County worthless since the restrictive pumping limitations would prohibit the sale of the water.

Arrington sold part of the water beneath his ranch to

Mesa Water. Mesa Water, in turn, has been trying to sell groundwater to municipalities downstate and more recently to the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, but they too say that Hemphill County's rule is too restrictive and would prevent the sale of

the water for which they've contracted.

The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority has indicated they are interested in buying water in the area, but not in Hemphill County.

Mesa officials and Arrington claim that essentially makes Arrington's

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water worthless.

A water board staff study, however, disagrees.

It says there are differences in the aquifer throughout the panhandle and those differences have been recognized in the different pumping levels allowed by Groundwater Management District 1.

## Toyota

seriously, Toyota promised a backup safety system in all future models worldwide that will override the accelerator if the gas and brake pedals are pressed at the same time. Acceleration problems are behind the bulk of the 8.5 million vehicles recalled by the automaker since November.

But Toyota's woes could spread.

The executive in charge of quality control, Shinichi Sasaki, said the company is examining fewer than 100 complaints about power steering in the Corolla, or of its best-selling models.

Sasaki said drivers may feel as though they were losing control over the steering, but it was unclear why. He mentioned problems with the braking system or tires as possible underlying causes of the steering problem. U.S. officials are also investigating the complaints.

He stressed that the company's internal investigation was still preliminary and no decision had been made, but that the company was prepared to supply fixes — including a recall as one possibility — if it finds defects.

The company is putting customers first in a renewed effort to salvage its reputation and will do whatever is necessary, Sasaki said. Toyota sold nearly 1.3 million Corolla cars worldwide last year.

The step suggests the

company is responding more quickly than earlier, said Ryoichi Saito, auto analyst at Mizuho Investors Securities Co. Ltd.

Analysts had mixed views about Toyota's reluctance to show up at Congress — some critical but others saying it was OK.

Toyota's top North American chief, Yoshi Inaba, will likely face a grilling next week from U.S. lawmakers over safety lapses. Inaba has little involvement in design and engineering issues handled by its headquarters in Japan.

"They want to talk to the really top guy at Toyota," said Koji Endo, managing director at Advanced Research Japan. "I also think Akio-san should be a little bit more proactive and should go to D.C. with Inaba-san."

Unlike Western chief executives, Japanese presidents are not always expected to be an authoritative figure and plays more of a team leader role in a culture that values harmony and consensus. That role is even more pronounced for Toyota, the grandson of the company's founder.

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood and NHTSA Administrator David Strickland also are expected to testify at a Feb. 24 hearing by the U.S. House Oversight and Government Reform Committee on

Toyota's gas pedal problems and one by the House Energy and Commerce Committee the next day. The Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee plans a March 2 hearing.

Toyota does plan a U.S. visit, mainly to speak with American workers and dealers, but he said details of his trip are not yet finalized.

Toyota also acknowledged his company had grown too quickly globally, and the measures in place in Japan to check on defect reports hadn't been enough to deal with "the scale" of America.

But he stressed again that he and his company have nothing to hide.

"We are not covering up anything, and we are not running away from anything," Toyota said.

The automaker said it was also dealing with questions about whether the gas pedal flaw was electronic and reiterated its investigation has not found any electronic problems.

But it has commissioned an independent research organization to test its electronic throttle system, and will release the findings as they become available.

Scrutiny of Toyota is growing. The U.S. Transportation Department has demanded Toyota hand over documents related to its massive recalls. The department wants to know how long the automaker

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knew of safety defects before taking action.

Reports of deaths in the U.S. connected to sudden acceleration in Toyota vehicles have surged in recent weeks, with the alleged death toll reaching 34 since 2000, according to new consumer data gathered by the U.S. government.

Toyota told NHTSA in January that the problem appeared in Europe beginning in December 2008.

## Crash

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to have been going to Alamogordo, N.M. The building, Glacier Ice, is located directly behind United Supermarket at Washington and 47th Street

in Amarillo. Both the Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Safety Board are investigating the crash.

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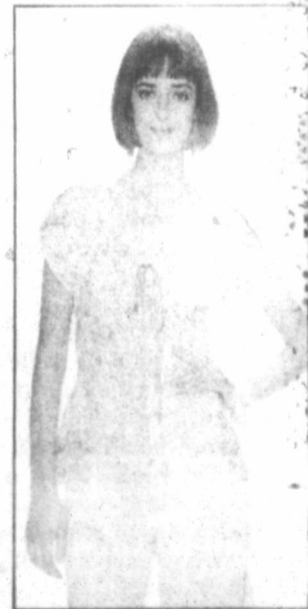
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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 17, the 48th day of 2010. There are 317 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:  
 1568 - Turkey's Sultan Selim II makes peace with Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian II.  
 1801 - U.S. House of Representatives breaks an electoral tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr, electing Jefferson president.  
 1817 - A street in Baltimore becomes the first to be lighted with gas from America's first gas company.  
 1852 - Repressive measures are adopted in France, including press censorship in the aftermath of overthrow of the constitutional monarchy.  
 1897 - Britain rejects Austro-Russian proposal for blockade of Piraeus in Greece.  
 1904 - Giacomo Puccini's opera "Madame Butterfly" is poorly received during its world premiere at La Scala.

**'The passion for setting people right is in itself an afflictive disease.'**

— Marianne Moore  
*American poet (1887-1972)*

1964 - The U.S. Supreme Court rules in *Westberry v. Sanders* that congressional districts within each state have to be roughly equal in population.  
 1965 - U.S. spacecraft *Ranger 8* is launched from Cape Kennedy, Florida, and crashes on the Moon three days later after sending back more than 7,000 pictures.  
 1972 - U.S. President Richard Nixon departs on his historic trip to China.  
 1990 - East Germany announces it will tear down a 180-meter (600-foot) section of the Berlin Wall near Brandenburg Gate, which will be first section with no official controls.

1991 - Amid the Gulf War, Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz arrives in Moscow for talks with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

1992 - U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali recommends deployment of 13,000 peacekeepers in Yugoslavia.

1993 - In a controversial move, the United Nations suspends most of its relief convoys in Bosnia, criticizing all sides in the conflict for not letting convoys through. The convoys are resumed a week later.

1994 - Serb guns pull back from positions around Sarajevo, Bosnia, ahead of a NATO deadline.

1995 - Peru and Ecuador sign a peace treaty, ending a five-week border war that killed 78.

1996 - A magnitude-7 quake strikes eastern Indonesia, killing at least 53; world chess champion Garry Kasparov beats IBM supercomputer "Deep Blue," winning a six-game match in Philadelphia.

1997 - Former copper trader Yasuo Hamanaka pleads guilty in a Tokyo court to fraud and forgery in trying to cover speculation that depressed world copper markets and lost his company \$2.6 billion.

1998 - American athletes compete in Iran for the first time since the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

1999 - Three Kurds are shot and killed trying to enter the Israeli consulate in Berlin to protest what they believe was Israeli involvement in the arrest of Kurdish rebel leader Abdullah Ocalan by Turkey.

2000 - A judge upholds the conviction of a man who cursed in front of children after falling out of a canoe, ruling that Michigan's 102-year-old anti-swearing law is constitutional.

2001 - A bomb attack on a bus kills seven Serbs and injures dozens in northern Kosovo.

2002 - Maoist rebels kill 137 people in raids on a town and an airport in the northwest of Nepal. The attacks are the worst since November 2001, when the rebels broke a peace agreement and the government declared a state of emergency.

2003 - Twenty-one people are crushed to death and some 50 others are injured when a panic-stricken crowd tries to exit a nightclub in Chicago.

2005 - A court rules the previous year's privatization of Ukraine's largest steel mill illegal, the first showdown between some of the nation's biggest businessmen and the new government.

2006 - Up to 1,800 people are killed when a farming village in eastern Philippines is swallowed whole by a wall of mud and boulders in a landslide that sweeps down with terrifying speed from a mountainside.

2007 - Tens of thousands of people march through the northeastern Italian city of Vicenza under heavy police guard to protest a planned U.S. military base expansion.

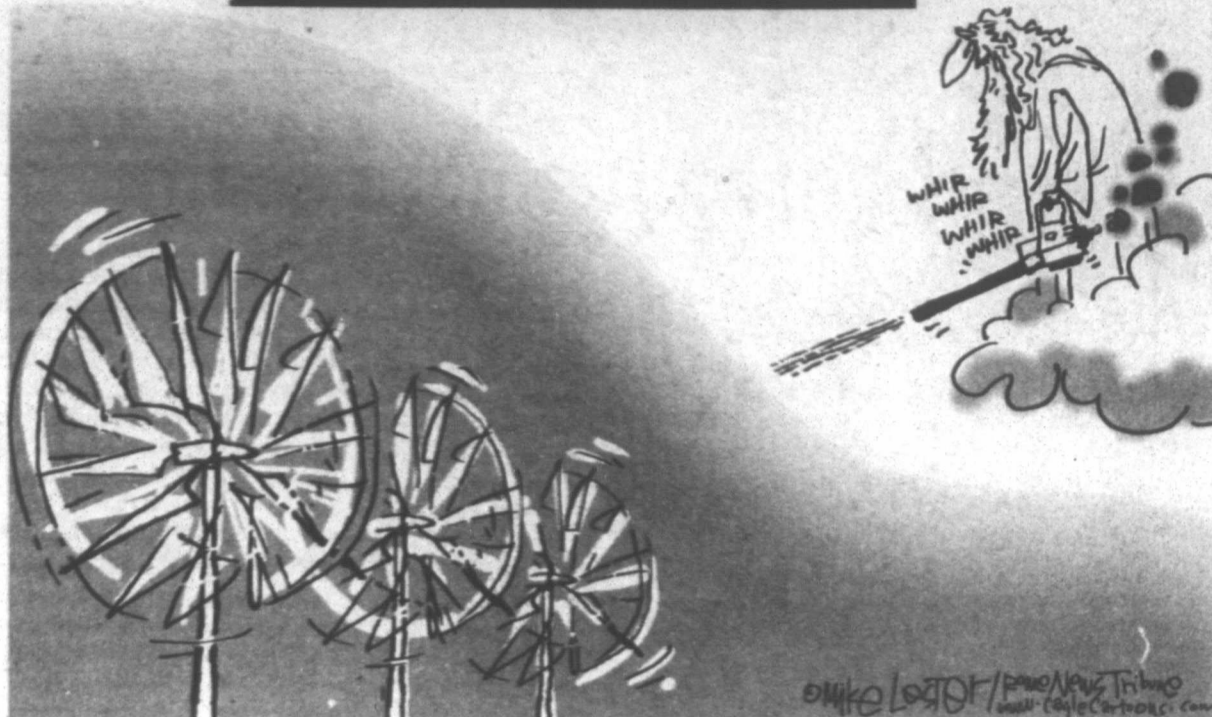
2008 - Kosovo declares independence from Serbia; Serbia immediately denounces the declaration as illegal.

2009 - U.S. President Barack Obama signs a massive \$787 billion package to revive the country's economy.

### Today's Birthdays:

Thomas Robert Malthus, English economist (1766-1834); A.J. "Banjo" Paterson, Australian poet who wrote "Waltzing Matilda" (1864-1941); Andre Maginot, French military expert and architect of Maginot Line (1877-1932); Gene Pitney, U.S. singer (1941-); Billie Joe Armstrong, U.S. singer/guitarist (1972-); Joseph Gordon-Levitt, U.S. actor (1981-); Hal Holbrook, U.S. actor (1925-); Rene Russo, U.S. actress (1954-); Paris Hilton, U.S. TV personality (1981-).

## HOW WIND POWER WORKS



## Analysis: Afghan offensive tests war plan

An AP News Analysis  
 WASHINGTON (AP) — The real test of President Barack Obama's Afghan war plan may come after the fighting stops.

With combat under way in strategic Helmand province — the first major offensive since Obama ordered 30,000 more U.S. troops to Afghanistan — U.S. Marines are meeting stubborn resistance and slower going than some expected in the early days of the offensive around the rich farming district of Marjah.

Beyond the immediate battle, it's not clear whether meaningful numbers of Taliban fighters can be scared off by U.S. firepower or bought off in a future amnesty outreach.

Ambitious plans to install a responsible local government once the fighting stops raise questions about how long the Americans intend to stay. On its face, the campaign to make Marjah independent and strong enough to resist the Taliban commits the United States and other countries to a lengthy stay in a bad neighborhood.

Obama has promised to begin bringing U.S. forces home in July of next year. He has set no deadline for ending the war outright, but military analysts assume U.S. forces will have to remain in volatile southern Afghanistan far beyond that initial drawdown.

A longtime hotbed of Taliban activity, Marjah is likely to be dominated by thousands of U.S. and Afghan forces in the short term. The U.S. military plans to remain for as long as it takes to make sure the Taliban cannot return, and commanders have set no deadlines either for the duration of the fighting or the duration of the holding operation that will follow.

Experts say that the next couple of months should reveal whether the operation worked.

"The center of gravity is the Afghan people," said Richard "Ozzie" Nelson, a

former White House counterterrorism expert now at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

"The Afghan government has to maintain security and operate on its own," Nelson said. "But the Afghan people have to accept the government" and reject the Taliban.

In a bid to try to win over the local population, U.S. officials waited to launch Saturday's operation until they had explicit permission from the Afghan government and were able to storm the town with significant numbers of Afghan forces. About 15,000 NATO and Afghan troops are taking part in the big offensive around Marjah.

Military officials say they are learning from past mistakes. The offensive is designed with an "Afghan face," meaning more and better trained Afghan soldiers and a reserve of some 2,000 trained Afghan police slated to take the lead in policing the town after shooting subsides.

Economic development will quickly follow, with military and civilian workers striving to "show a better way of life" to the town's inhabitants, White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said Tuesday.

Gibbs said the operation "demonstrates the security forces of Afghanistan in the lead, working with others as partners to make progress against the Taliban."

Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the top U.S. and NATO commander in Afghanistan, says he is ready to unwrap an Afghan "government in a box" to take over in Marjah after the Taliban are expelled as a fighting force. Police, courts and local services are at the top of the to-do list.

It's all part of the counterinsurgency theory Obama has adopted that says if people feel safe and fairly treated, they will reject the insurgents who oppress them while also providing services the ostensibly

legitimate government cannot.

Implicit in the Marjah strategy is the assumption that the Taliban cannot be defeated in a military sense, only marginalized and hollowed out. It also depends on a steady flow on international aid and development expertise that has been promised but over which the Obama administration does not hold full control.

For McChrystal, Obama's hand-picked commander, the Marjah offensive is the first large operation planned and run under his command and with his changes to military rules of engagement and mindset in place. For example, he has forbidden certain kinds of assaults on occupied dwellings that would make the Marjah offensive easier in the short run but raise the likelihood of civilian casualties and thus the likelihood of losing the support of the local population.

"What's important about

this operation is that it is the first major operation in which we will demonstrate, I think successfully, that the new elements of the strategy" will work, White House national security adviser James Jones said on "Fox News Sunday." Jones, a retired Marine general, listed economic reform and good local governance in the same breath with the security bought with military might.

"That's where I get really skeptical," said Georgetown University professor C. Christine Fair, a former U.N. official in Afghanistan.

"I don't know where they found 2,000 Afghan police who are competent" to lead security for such a large and strategic place, Fair said, and she doubts the U.S. assertion that most Taliban foot soldiers are motivated by money or expediency instead of ideology.

"Where is the data coming from to support that optimism?" she asked.

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## Applications ready for 2011 non-profit United Way finding

Pampa United Way is accepting applications for 501 (C) 3 non-profit organizations to be included in the budget allocations process April 27th. This will be for funding starting January 2011.

Organizations may pick up applications at 200 N. Ballard, suite 105, or call 669-1001 for more information on the process. Deadline for picking up the applications is February 26th. Those accepted into the budget allocations process will need to pick up another set of forms to be completed for the process.

The Admission Guidelines are as follows: (2 pages follow if you have room for it).

### ADMISSIONS GUIDELINES

Listed below are the ten most common criteria used by United Ways to determine funding eligibility of local agencies. These guidelines are broadly stated to provide maximum opportunity for United Ways to review them in a manner that will best serve the interests of their respective communities. Each criteria is followed by a brief explanation which describes issues and implications surrounding implementation:

**1. BE INCORPORATED, NOT-FOR-PROFIT AND I.R.S. TAX EXEMPT.**

Explanation: Agencies receiving United Way dollars must be not-for-profit organizations that have been declared tax exempt by the Internal Revenue Service (I.R.S.) Or have a 501 (c)3 purpose. The United Way has the responsibility to verify that the recipient organization has been ruled tax exempt by the Internal Revenue Service. Evidence of compliance with state charitable regulations should be provided, where applicable. A copy of the agency's by-laws should also be provided to the United Way.

**2. OFFERS HUMAN SERVICE PROGRAMS.**

Explanation: The United Way of America Service Identification System defines various human services and programs that may qualify for funding. Many communities may limit "human service programs" to specifically health, welfare, and youth guidance programs. United Way funded agencies should meet the tests of accessibility (e.g., location of the facility) and availability (e.g., frequency and times of operation). The entity applying must be in service for two full years.

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Explanation: The agency/program should address itself to an identifiable current need, demand, or problem in the community. Services which are supported by voluntary dollars should be clearly defined and their impact documented by the organization. They should be offered to a target population or geographic local not presently served by existing programs.

**4. NON-DISCRIMINATORY.**

Explanation: Discrimination by race, creed, color, sex, age or religion should be prohibited in programs, service, staffing and volunteer areas. A written affirmative action plan for employment of staff would reinforce compliance with the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972.

**5. HAS AN ACTIVE, ROTATING, VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP THAT REPRESENTS THE DIVERSE ELEMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY.**

Explanation: The agency's board of directors of governing body should consist of volunteers who participate in the policy-making processes, represent the diverse elements of the community, periodically

rotate off the board and meet, at least, quarterly. Members of the volunteer structure should not receive financial remuneration from the program(s) or service(s) they oversee.

**6. HAS SOUND FINANCIAL AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT.**

Explanation: Demonstrated ability to manage the finances of the programs/services in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures. The organization should provide copy of its annual audit using an independent certified public accountant or accounting firm, where feasible. A determination should be made as to the convincing likelihood that the organization can or will meet its stated program objectives.

If the above guidelines are satisfied, the United Way may be reasonable assured that the applying organization is eligible for voluntary support. Eligibility determination does not necessarily result in United Way funding. The amount of available dollars, the urgency of existing needs, and other key variables are important to the United Way budget allocation process and the final funding decision. Many United Ways require additional information from agencies as conditions for funding. These conditions are unique to the United Way funding

relationship and are often included in formalized agreements. Examples of common agreement conditions are listed below:

**7. AGREES TO SUPPORT AND COOPERATE WITH THE UNITED WAY IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:** 1. Fund raising, 1. Planning, 3. Communications, 4. Allocations.

Explanation: United Ways' relationships with agencies should be one of partnership rather than one of ownership. This relationship evolves around four primary areas: raising voluntary contributions, planning for the needs of the total community, communicating their services to the public, and allocating the funds through an equitable and effective budget allocation process.

**8. AGREES TO PROVIDE TIMELY FINANCIAL AND PROGRAM INFORMATION.**

Explanation: Agencies share the responsibility of being accountable to the community for the expenditure of voluntary dollars. Periodic reporting of financial and program data to the United Way on operating costs and income which documents agency expenditures and substantiates their validity.

**9. AGREES TO INFORM AND SEEK APPROVAL FROM THE UNITED WAY**

**FOR ALL SIGNIFICANT PROGRAM/STAFF EXPANSION OR REDUCTION.**

Explanation: The United Way should not be expected to assume financial responsibility for any expansion or discontinuation of the agency's operations or facilities, without prior approval and discussion of how this action will affect the agency's allocations, if at all.

**10. AGREES TO OBTAIN PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE UNITED WAY BEFORE ENGAGING IN ANY SUPPLEMENTAL FUND RAISING EFFORT.**

Explanation: Agencies

must obtain prior approval from the United Way regarding their capital and supplemental fund raising needs. Efforts by agencies to develop sources of income should be carried out in such a manner as to assure that:

- The United Way giving base in the community will not be adversely affected.
- Agency financing efforts are consistent with mutually agreed upon policies between the United Way and the agency.
- The United Way is fully informed and supports, in advance, special financing efforts undertaken by the agency.

## Zookeeper suspended after gorilla escape

DALLAS (AP) — Officials have suspended a zookeeper who left open a door that allowed a 180-pound gorilla to briefly escape her locked living quarters at the Dallas Zoo over the weekend.

Dallas Zoo Executive Director Gregg Hudson said in a statement Tuesday that the zookeeper failed to verify the area was empty before stepping away.

Tufani, a 19-year-old gorilla, remained in the

gorilla research center Saturday and never reached public areas of the zoo, which was closed at the time.

Tufani was tranquilized and returned to the living area within an hour.

In 2004, a 13-year-old gorilla named Jabari cleared a 14-foot wall and mauled three people before he was killed by police. After that, the zoo beefed up security measures at the exhibit.

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# Sports

## Second quarter carries Lady Bulldogs past Pampa

BY ANDREW GLOVER  
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The Pampa Lady Harvesters were shutout in the second quarter and lost 63-42 to the No. 25 Plainview Lady Bulldogs in the bidistrict round of the playoffs Tuesday at Wayland Baptist University.

The game started close with the lead changing hands several times. The Lady Harvesters hit three three-pointers in the first quarter with Shelbie Watson hitting two, and Taryn Eubank converted one. Pampa held a 9-7 lead and an 11-10 lead in the first quarter. Both teams were tied at 11 after the first quarter.

The Lady Bulldogs

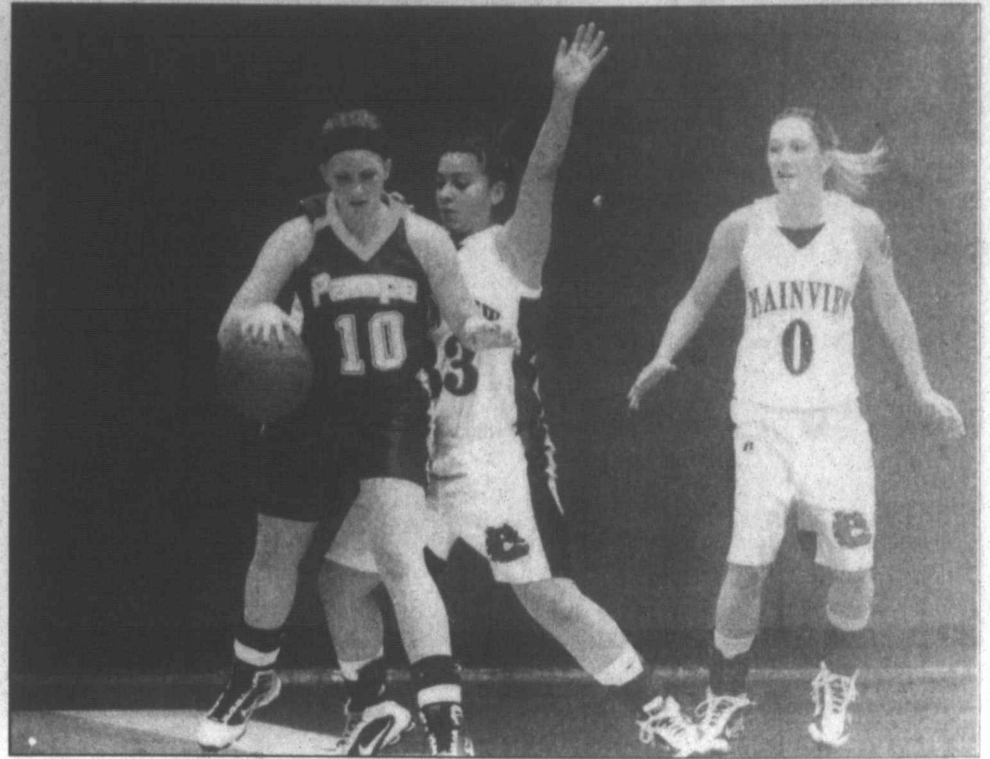
defense tightened up in the second quarter. Plainview held Pampa scoreless and forced seven turnovers. The Lady Bulldogs scored 15 points in the quarter and took a strong 26-11 half-time lead.

In the third quarter, Plainview increased their run to 19 expanding their lead to 29-11. The Lady Harvesters went on a 6-1 run to close the gap to 30-17. That would be the closest Pampa would get the rest of the game. The Lady Bulldogs went on a 12-4 run to widen the gap to 42-21. Plainview led by as many as 23 and held a 45-26 advantage after three.

At the start of the fourth quarter, Pampa went on a 6-2 run to cut Plainview's

lead to 15. The Lady Bulldogs scored the next 10 points to gain their largest lead of the game at 57-32. The Lady Harvesters outscored the Lady Bulldogs 10-6 the rest of the quarter. Eubank led the Lady Harvesters in scoring with 13 points. Watson in her final game scored eight, and Cori Cook scored five.

The Lady Harvesters finished the season with an 11-18 record. Along with Watson, Emilie Troxell and Andi Hutto played in their final games. Troxell scored four points and Hutto scored two. The Lady Bulldogs advance to the area round and will play the winner of El Paso Chapin and El Paso Riverside.



Emilie Troxell dribbles hoping to get a good look at the basket in Pampa's bidistrict game against Plainview at Wayland Baptist. Pampa lost 63-42. Photo courtesy of Richard Porter Plainview Daily Herald.

**Great job this season Harvester and Lady Harvester basketball teams!**

## No. 19 Dons down Harvesters in season finale

BY ANDREW GLOVER  
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The No. 19 Palo Duro Dons took advantage of turnovers and had easy transition baskets as they beat the Pampa Harvesters 77-41 Tuesday at McNeely Field house.

This was the final game of the season for the Harvesters (10-18, 2-10) Head Coach Dustin Miller said this game was a typi-

cal game against the Dons. "We played OK," Miller said. "It was a typical PD game with contact and pressure. We didn't handle it as well as we did at their place."

In the first quarter the teams exchanged baskets until the last third of the quarter. The lead changed hands twice with Pampa's largest lead being two twice. There were two ties.

Palo Duro led 11-10 with about three minutes left and scored the last seven points of the quarter to open an eight point advantage at 18-10.

The Dons (20-7, 11-1) increased their lead to ten making the opening basket of the quarter. But, Alex Clendening hit a three-pointer and Latigo Collins added a two to cut the Palo Duro's lead to five. That

would be the closest the Harvesters would get the rest of the game. The Dons converted their next two baskets to bring their lead to eight. Palo Duro closed the second quarter on a 17-4 run which gave them a commanding 42-19 lead at halftime.

Palo Duro outscored Pampa 20-13 in the third quarter to lead 62-32. The Harvesters largest run in the third was three points. The Dons led by no less than 24 points and by as many as 32.

In the fourth quarter the Dons won 15-9. Palo Duro's largest lead was 36 which ended up being the final margin of victory. Even with a big lead the Dons didn't let up on their full court pressure on defense and still moved the ball quickly down the court on offense.

Clendening was the leading scorer in his final game with 14 points. Travis Hagerman, Nathan Webb and Ryan Jimenez also played in their final game as a Harvester. Hagerman scored eight and Jimenez scored four. Miller said one of the positives this season was they gave themselves a chance to win games.

"The whole second half

we were in every game at the end in the fourth quarter," Miller said. "That's all you can really ask for. We weren't mathematically eliminated but the odds were still pretty long. We kept working and had a chance in every game."

The junior varsity (5-18, 0-11) lost 64-39. Pampa trailed 14-6 at the end of the first and outscored Palo Duro 12-10 in the second to trail 24-18 at halftime. The Dons took over the game in the third outscoring the Harvesters 30-11 to lead 54-29. Coach Matt Embry said that was the key to their loss.

"Our halftime adjustments did not go as planned," Embry said. "I felt like we did a pretty good job of breaking the press in the first half. We only had 11 turnovers which is still way to high. But we finished the game with 36 which meant we had 25 turnovers in the second half alone."

Brandon Chairez led the team in scoring with 13 points, and also had two rebounds and three steals. Greg Cabrales had eight points and four steals. Joseph Mechelay scored five points and led the team in rebounds with seven.



Alex Clendening shoots a three-pointer in the first half against Palo Duro Tuesday. Pampa lost 77-41. The game was the Harvesters last of the season. staff photo by Andrew Glover

## JV downs Childress in opener

BY ANDREW GLOVER  
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The Pampa Lady Harvesters junior varsity softball team won their season opener 12-6 over the Childress Lady Bobcats Tuesday at the softball fields.

Coach Jim Gill said it was great to start the season with a win.

"I'm just glad to be out here and not have eight inches of snow on the ground," Gill said.

In the top of the first Childress got off to a quick start scoring two runs and bringing seven batters to the plate. The Lady Bobcats first batter reached on a walk and the next batter reached on an error. Childress scored their first

run on a sacrifice fly and scored on an error by the first baseman. Childress led 2-0 going into the bottom of the first.

Pampa. The Lady Harvesters got going in their half of the first. After leading off the first with a strikeout, Pampa got five straight bases and scored five runs. Heather Coffee delivered the big hit for the Lady Harvesters driving in two with a triple. Caylee Steward gave Pampa the lead for good with a bunt single that scored Coffee. The Lady Harvesters led 5-2 after one.

Pampa added two runs in the bottom of the second. Bailey Beck hit a one-out triple and was driven in

by Coffee. After stealing second, Coffee scored on a groundout.

In the third inning, the Lady Harvesters increased their advantage with runs scored by Trista Strickland and Claire Hopkins to make it a 9-2 game. Pampa tacked on two more runs in the fourth and one more in the fifth. Gill said the offense did well.

"We hit the ball well," Gill said. "Even with the snow we go in and hit everyday. So our hitting has not been something that's lacking. We've just hadn't been on the field. We're a little rusty but that's OK. I'm proud of the way they played."

The Lady Harvesters (1-0) host a tournament Friday and Saturday.

### Area girls playoffs scores

- Plainview 63 Pampa 42
- Palo Duro 63 Abilene Cooper 40
- Canyon 91 Big Spring 15
- Frenship 51 Randall 39
- McLean 51 Ft. Elliot 40

**Sudoku**

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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### Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I walked into my dorm room and heard my roommate having sex in the bathroom. I promptly called my girlfriend to ask if she wanted to meet me. No sooner had I entered her number than I heard my girlfriend's ring tone coming from our bathroom. It was her.

I clicked off, left the room and stayed at a friend's for the night. Please tell me, did I do the right thing and what do I do now? -- BETRAYED IN TORONTO

DEAR BETRAYED: I'm sorry you walked out. You should have ordered a pizza and invited some (true) friends over so they could be there when the two of them emerged.

Here's what to do now: Tell your girlfriend the romance is history, and start looking for a roommate with enough character and intellect that he understands boundaries.

DEAR ABBY: I am shocked at what my young children tell me they have overheard while other "carpool moms" chat on their cell phones as they ferry children back and forth to school. Cell phones have opened up a whole new adult world to children.

My children have heard mothers bad-mouth teachers, other parents and even their classmates. They have also had to listen to adult arguments that were none of their business. In one extreme case, my son had to endure hearing the carpool mom relay the circumstances of his own father's sudden death! Can you imagine how painful that was?

Parents, please remember that little children have big ears and listen to everything you say! -- HANG IT UP IN COLUMBIA, S.C.  
DEAR HANG IT UP:

Thank you for writing. As tempted as I am to use your letter as yet another reason to discourage the use of cell phones and other electronic devices while driving, no state can legislate that its citizens use common sense. Too bad.

DEAR ABBY: Please warn all those poor trusting souls out there never to give out their passwords -- ever!

I work in an office with about 20 people, mostly middle-aged women, many of whom are going through divorces. I have noticed a disturbing trend -- cyberstalking. Several of the women use passwords provided to them in the past, when the relationships were good, to access personal data.

One woman accesses her husband's bank account so they can all have a good laugh at how he's struggling financially. Another has her ex's e-mail and Facebook passwords and delights in telling everyone about the angry messages being left by the ex's new girlfriend. The latest is the use of an ex-husband's password to spy on his online dating account.

Tell your readers out there to safeguard their passwords. Don't give them out no matter how much they trust someone. But if they do, when the relationship ends, change each and every one -- no matter how inconsequential. -- SICK TO MY STOMACH IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR SICK: I'm sure your letter will cause readers of both sexes to do a double take. No one can ever be too careful with personal information. Revealing a password is like giving someone the keys to your house, your safe-deposit box and your diary.

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# Comics

Marmaduke



"Has anyone seen my reading glasses?"

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



Daily Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 45 Meaty dish

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- 5 Redeem
- 11 La Scala song
- 12 Acropolis goddess
- 13 Collaborator with Engels
- 14 Form-fitting
- 15 Yale student
- 16 Bound
- 17 Is lacking
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- 22 Pond growth
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- 26 Destitute
- 27 Liberal study
- 28 Blow one's top
- 30 Bridge forerunner
- 31 Harden
- 32 Mermaid's home
- 34 Place for a coin
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- 43 Lot buy
- 44 Chinese-food veggie

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- 6 Finally
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- 9 Quill need
- 10 Opposing vote
- 16 Victor at Fredericksburg
- 18 Tombstone lawman
- 19 Fatiguing
- 20 Crumb carriers
- 21 Nuisance
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- 29 Ohio city
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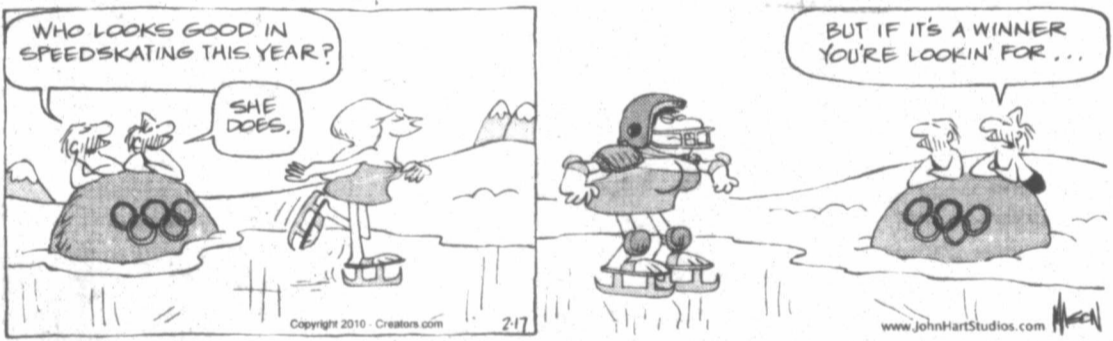
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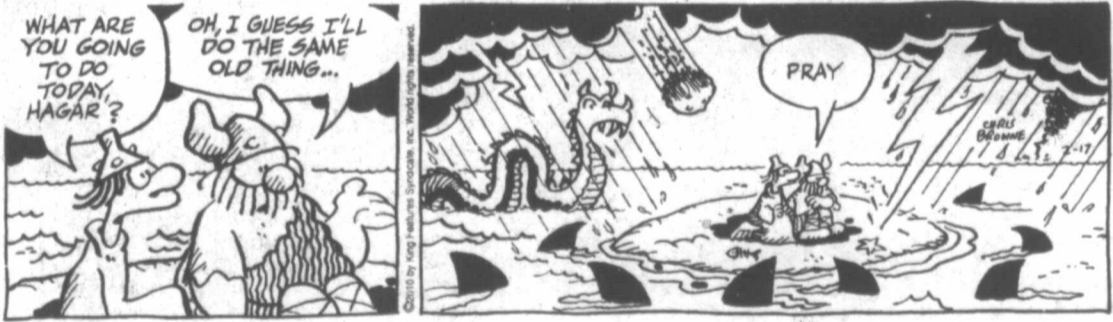
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# Sports

## Hunt signs to play baseball for Frank Phillips

BY ANDREW GLOVER  
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Braden Hunt will continue playing baseball as he signed a letter of intent Tuesday to play for Frank Phillips College in Borger.

During his high school career, Hunt lettered in football and baseball. The senior said it's great to continue playing baseball.

"This is what I wanted to do since I was little," Hunt said.

Hunt said he decided

on Frank Phillips College because head baseball coach Kaleb Snelgrooes recommended it.

"I thought it was a good fit for me," the senior baseball player said. "I got parents close to me, I have my family close to me. It's a good program."

Hunt said he will be competing for the third base position next season.

Snelgrooes said it's very special to have Hunt getting to play at the next level, especially where he

went to college.

"To get Braden Hunt signed this early that's exactly what I wanted," Snelgrooes said.

"Go to the place that I got to go. I signed with Coach Simmons his first year here (at Frank Phillips). So to get someone to go full circle that's pretty special. I have three seniors and hope to get all three signed."

Mitchell Killgo and Anthony Aleen are the other two seniors.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Braden Hunt (black) signs his letter of intent for Frank Phillips College. On his left is his father Kevin Hunt and on his right his mother Stacie Martindale. Behind them left to right assistant baseball coach Clint Allen, head baseball coach Kaleb Snelgrooes and Frank Phillips coach Gui Simmons.

## Frosh boys lose finale

BY ANDREW GLOVER  
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The Pampa Harvesters freshman basketball team ended their season Monday with a 58-34 loss to the Palo Duro Dons Monday in Amarillo.

Coach Del Smith said the game was a lot closer than the final score looked.

"This game was a

lot closer than the score looks," Smith said. "We were winning after the first quarter and handled their press easily. We got transition lay ups and were playing very well but in the 2nd quarter we started to play at their tempo and made care-less passes."

Pampa was down by nine at halftime and trailed by five after three. In the

fourth quarter, Smith said they had too many turnovers and Palo Duro pulled away.

Trey Teel led the team in scoring with nine. Tyler Powell scored seven, Nick Johnson and Ryan Smith each scored six. The Harvesters finished the season 4-15 and 2-8 in district.

## Boys soccer team falls, girls tie against Caprock

BY ANDREW GLOVER  
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The Pampa Harvesters soccer team lost and the Lady Harvesters tied against Caprock Monday at Dick Bivins Stadium.

The Lady Harvesters (1-7-3, 0-2-3) tied 1-1 with the Lady Longhorns. Olivia Stovall scored the only goal for Pampa on a penalty kick in the 65th minute. Head Coach John True said the girls played really well in tying the

game at the end.

"Bree Howard had a great game in goal," True said. "I think we are starting to figure things out a bit as a team."

The Harvesters (0-11-1, 0-4-1) lost 9-3 to the Longhorns. Caprock scored the first five goals of the game. Flavio Gonzalez of Pampa outscored the Longhorns 3-1 to cut their lead to 6-3. Colten Adams and Enrique Mier got the assists on the three goals

with Adams getting two. The Longhorns scored the final three goals of the game. True said his team is playing hard and will do everything they can to make it to the playoffs.

"We are in a tough district and are fighting our tails off but still have a ways to go," True said. "The fight for the playoffs is still wide open and we plan on giving everything we have to get in."

### Correction

In The Pampa News report of the baseball scrimmage Tuesday Brent Green was incorrectly identified as Brent Jones.

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