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Fateful Day



The tornado of April 9, 1947 destroyed several structures, as seen in this photo taken in

Pampa's Beck remembers '47 twister

DAVID BOWSER



Only one building was left in Glazier after the tornado took

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February sales tax numbers a positive sign

DAVID BOWSER dbowser@thepampanews.com

The recession may have bot-

tomed out for Pampa. If local sales tax revenues are any indication, city officials are hoping that the worst is over and Pampa's fortunes may be headed up.

The sales tax receipts for February are far more than what had been budgeted, according to Robin Bailey, the city's financial director.

She said the city's portion of the sales tax receipts amounts to \$222,067.13, which is \$11,827 more than what had been budgeted for the month. That's about 5.63 percent higher than expected.

The city had expected \$210,240. While the amount is still less than the city collected in April, 2009, the year-to-date figures are an improvement.

Presently, she said Pampa is \$45,537.97 under budget (\$45,537.97 less than what had been projected). That amounts to about 3.5 percent less than initially projected, but the trend is improv-

The numbers are still below last year in total amounts, but with the nation going into recession, the city had budgeted for less income

from sale tax receipts. In October, the city received 20 percent less than the year before. In November, it was 25 percent less, and in December is was 26

January numbers were still down, 18 percent less than the 2008-2009 figure, but the deficit appeared to be getting lower.

This month (April's figures reflect February sales tax receipts),

are only down 11 percent from the 2008-2009 fiscal year. "This is the fifth month of rev-

enue for this fiscal year," Bailey said. "In all the prior months, we have shown between 26 and 18 percent under what we had collected the prior year."

This month's receipts were only 11 percent under what was collected last year.

"We feel that's a positive," she

Compared with budget projections for this year, the amount is up 5.63 percent above what was expected and well above the minus 8.39 percent the city sales tax receipts saw last month compared TAX cont. on page 3

Ambulances, LifeStar'copters on display Saturday

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The latest in ambulance technology will be on display Saturday afternoon at the Pampa airport.

Joe Anstey with Pampa EMS said medical helicopters from LifeStar in Amarillo and AeroCare in Lubbock will be on display along with the ambulances of Pampa EMS beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday at Perry Lefors Airport.

Anstey said there would be static displays and tours of the aircraft.

"It'll be a hands on tour," he

Anstey said people can get up in the aircraft and the pilots and flight crews will be on hand to answer questions.

The helicopters will include a Eurocopter C-135 and a Bell 407 from LifeStar, he said. AeroCare is expected to bring

their new KingAir Super 200. "It's configured for two patients," Anstey said.

The KingAir, he said, can carry two patients on ventilators and heart monitors with medical flight crew.

"It can be configured for two completely separate neo-nat (neo-natal) teams," Anstey said.

The new larger helicopter from AeroCare can carry two three man medical teams and two patients.

Depending upon the weights **HELICOPTERS** cont. on page 3



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LifeStar's medical helicopters will be on public display at 2 p.m. Saturday at Perry Lefors Airport. Hands-on tours of the aircraft will be available.

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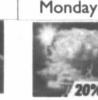
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PAMPA FORECAST



Sunday



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Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 45. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 77. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. South southeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 77. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 76. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

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Obituaries

Raymond Carl Johnson, 80

Raymond Carl Johnson, 80, died April 5, 2010 in Hobbs, New Mexico

Graveside services will be at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 10, 2010, at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, with Masonic rites courtesy of Pampa Masonic Lodge #966. Military honors are courtesy of U.S. Army, Ft. Hood, and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Johnson was Pampa. He married Doris

ceded him in death on November 21, 2004. Carl enjoyed anything mechanical. Those things became his hobbies. He was a devoted husband, father, and granddad. Carl was always there for his family. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Minnie Jeffcoat; two brothers and three sisters.

include Survivors his three sons, Ricky Johnson of Odessa, Randy Johnson and wife born March 21, 1930 in Jacque of Roswell, N.M., and Gary Gill of Hobbs,

Manry on July 26, 1952 N.M.; four grandchildren, in Clovis, N.M. She pre-Darrell Johnson and wife Melissa of Houston, Gary Johnson and wife Shanna of Odessa, Jessica Walker and husband Rus of Red Line, Pa., and Kylee Hughes and husband R. C. of Hobbs, N.M.; five great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. The body will be

available for viewing at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Funeral Home from 8:00 a.m. Saturday until service time.

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Stephen Lewis Vinson, 61

Pampa-Stephen Lewis Vinson, 61, died April 8, 2010 in Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 10, 2010, at Calvary Assembly of God, with Rev. Willard Kiper, chaplain at Texas Department of Corrections, Jordan Unit, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Vinson was born March 28, 1949 in Dalhart. He attended schools in Perryton and Odessa. He Amarillo, Tracy Vinson owned Vinson Oilfield Service for several years, was a welder for Arthur Brothers, and was a welding instructor in Edmond, Okla. Stephen was a great welder. He enjoyed fishing and was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan.

Survivors include his three sisters, Cheryl Vinson and Terry Searl, both of Pampa, and Kelly Richey of Amarillo; 5 brothers, Jeff Vinson of Pampa, Scott Vinson of

and Jimmy Vinson, both of Austin, and David Vinson of Seabrook. Stephen was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Henry A. Vinson; and two sisters, Karla Cho and Julie Vinson. Memorials may be made

to Trinity Fellowship, 2225 N. Hobart, Pampa, TX Sign the online register

at www.carmichael-what-



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EMERGENCY SERVICES

Lubbock Arts Festival starts next Thursday

Attendees at the 32nd annual Lubbock Arts Festival, April 15-18 in Lubbock, Texas, will be the first to enjoy "Art of West Texas Women: A Celebration," a book published by Texas Tech University Press and featuring 20 living artists from the Panhandle to El Paso.

In addition, a special gallery will exhibit selections of the artists' works throughout the festival, and guests attending premiere-night festivities from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday (April 15) at the Lubbock Civic Center will have the opportunity to meet with the authors and artists. Copies of the first edition will be on sale and available for autographing at selected times.

"Art of West Texas Women: A Celebration," the first survey of practicing women artists in the West Texas region, features 150 lavish color images of the artists and their works.

Following in the tradition of Georgia O'Keeffe, herself an early interpreter of the West Texas Plains, "Art of West Texas Women" celebrates women visual artists living and working in an expansive, rugged landscape - the vast western half of Texas, far from the dynamics of urban art communities and large national markets. Representing several of each artist's one-of-akind art works, the book also offers glimpses into the artists' lives and inspirations.

According to the Lubbock Arts Alliance Web site at www.lubbockarts.org, the Lubbock Arts Festival is the largest fine art and fine craft show in West Texas, drawing more than 23,000 visitors and participants each year. Admission price for all adult festival goers will be \$2 and all children age 12 and under, accompanied by an adult, will be admitted for \$1. The 32nd Annual Lubbock Arts Festival is made possible in part through a grant from the City of Lubbock, as recommended by Civic Lubbock,

PAMPA PD

Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Officer reported four traffic-related calls and six accidents

Animal control officers reported 14 animal-related

Pampa EMS reported four ambulance calls.

Thursday, April 8

Officers were assigned crossing guard duty in the 800 block of East Browning.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of Hughes. Officers attempted

to serve legal papers in the 600 block of North Russell. Officials launched a fire

investigation in the 1200 block of East Frederic. Officers had escort duty

in the 400 block of Elm. Lefors Volunteer Fire Department reported a grass fire in the 800 block

of County Line Road. Harassment was reported in the 1200 block of

North Wells. Fire officials reported a grass fire at Texas Highway 273 and Gray County Road 9.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1600 block

The Pampa Police of West Somerville. Harassment was reported to police. An alarm was reported

> in the 100 block of South Hobart. Criminal mischief was

reported in the 2400 block of North Dogwood. Lost property reported in the 1800 block

of North Wells. A fire investigation was launched in the 1200 block

of Hobart. in the 1600 block of North ed by Texas Department of

Faulkner. A fire investigation was reported in the 1400 block

of North Russell. A burglary was reported in the 1400 block of

Friday, April 9

Charles.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1500 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported at Kingsmill and Wynne. Officers checked on an

open door in the 200 block of West Brown.

Officers checked on the welfare of residents in the 800 block of North Nelson.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-period ending at an open container in his 8 a.m. today.

Thursday, April 8

Dewayne Shawne Murray, 38, of McLean, was arrested by deputies on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and possession of anhydrous ammonia.

Blair Christopher Webb, A threat was reported 42, of Higgins, was arrestPublic Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated and having vehicle.

Friday, April 9 Leeann Joyce Heard, 51, was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance. Cristan

Nicle Whittington, 28, was arrested by police on charges of disorderly con-

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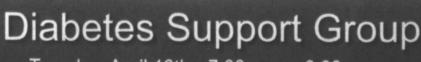
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9am-6pm Coronado Center #1B (back corner next to Hastings). Accessories, Fabric, trim, and hardware 50% - 75% off. New hours, location and services will be posted at a later date. Showroom will close April 20. Call Beth Watson 665-0983 for more information.

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LIGHTHOUSE COVENANT Fellowship is having Revival with Sandi Ballew and Marla Jackson, Sun. 10:30am & 6pm., Mon-Wed 7pm.

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Fellowship Baptist to celebrate 56 years

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Fellowship Baptist Church will be celebrating its 56th anniversary this Sunday during a 2 p.m. afternoon service. "It's a big day for us," said Gary Worden, the church's pastor. "I think it's been about 10 years since we've had an anniversary Sunday, so we want to make this one

The church was originally organized on April 4, 1954 at 119 N. Ward St. Gerald Martin was called as Fellowship

Baptist's first pastor on April 15, 1954. On April 15, 1958, the church property at 622 E. Frances was bought, with a new auditorium and gym being added later. Earl Maddox, who became pastor in 1957, helped open the new facility and would lead the Fellowship Baptist congregation for over 35 years.

To commemorate the anniversary, the church is bringing in Clarendon's Dan Hall as a special guest vocalist, and George White, father of former pastor Delbert White, will be the keynote speaker.

"We're very excited for (George)," said Worden. "He'll have some good things to say." Worden said that the enduring Christian spirit in Pampa

has helped Fellowship Baptist flourish for over half a "Pampa is a strong Christian community," Worden

said. "The faithfulness of the people here, it's great to

Helicopters

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involved, Anstey said the helicopter could carry family members as well.

The KingAir also has longer range.

"We can take that KingAir to Houston, Dallas or San Antonio," Anstey said. "It's got terrific range, terrific speed.'

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to the budgeted projections.

Citing receipts in March, which were \$67,000 under budget, she said the April figures are an improvement.

"We are currently 3.57 percent under budget for the year," she said. Bailey said it looks like Pampa's economy may have

bottomed out. She's looking forward to next month's figures for confirmation.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

sister "Carole's" husband died a year ago, and her oldest daughter passed away four months later. Carole now has her daughter's two oldest children, ages 10 and 14.

Carole has been going out with men she meets on the Internet, drinking and partying on weekends and neglecting the kids. The 10-year-old had been receiving psychological help since before her mom died and was on medication, but Carole has dropped all of this help for the child. The girl had been molested by a relative years ago, and now with her mother gone, she's not moving forward in school or in life.

Some of us are willing to take the children from her. She seems not to care what happens to them. She devotes all her attention to the next guy she can be with. She has left the kids alone all night when she was spending the night with men. I'm not supposed to know this, but my adult niece found out from the kids. What can our family do to bring Carole back to earth and help these kids?— DEEPLY CONCERNED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEEPLY DEAR CONCERNED: Bringing Carole back to earth and helping the kids may be two separate issues -- and you may not be able to accomplish both. It is possible that Carole would be open to others in the family taking in the children if you approach her as a group and "sympatheti-cally" offer her that option. Explain that you all can see the stress she's under trying to find herself as a widow and grieving moth-

It appears that she is in need of counseling -if she's open to it. Make it plain that her children would be welcome to stay with you on a temporary

or permanent basis. If she agrees, fine. However, if she doesn't, contact Childhelp USA, which can give you information about agencies that can help. Contact them by logging onto www.childhelpusa. org or calling toll-free: 1-800-422-4453.

DEAR ABBY: My son was killed in a car accident five years ago. His wife, who was pregnant at the time, gave birth to a beautiful baby boy a few months later.

Last month, I received a phone call from a woman we barely know who told me -- very politely -- that she had a "surprise" for me. She then informed me that I have another grandchild, a little girl! She claims my son got her granddaughter pregnant six years ago, and that she had the DNA checked to prove my son was the father. Needless to say, my wife and I were

floored. Abby, I don't know how to react. My wife, who is level-headed, told me not to react right now and to think things through. Do I go to this grandchild with open arms? It doesn't feel right. The child's mother has not reached out to us at all. I need your help. -MAN WITH NO PLAN IN **NEW YORK**

DEAR MAN WITH NO PLAN: Your wife is an intelligent lady. I, too, find it odd that you would be contacted -- five years after your son's death -by someone other than the child's mother. The person you should go to "with open arms" is your attorney. If there is DNA evidence, your attorney can help you determine if it's authentic and what your next move should be. Because you have not heard from the mother, you should not approach the child unless you have first made certain your attention is welcome.

Texans swarm Appliance Rebate Program

AUSTIN — With more than 38 million Web hits and nearly 39,000 rebate reservations made, Texans swarmed online and phone reservation systems to grab rebates for energy efficient appliances from the Texas Comptroller's office.

There was unprecedented response to the reservation program - approximately 2,400 Web hits per second and about 1,000 calls per minute. The Comptroller had 550 people answering calls on the reservation phone lines. Due to the overwhelming popularity of the Texas Trade Up Appliance Rebate program and the extremely high volume of traffic on the Web site www.TexasPowerfulSmart.org, the Comptroller's office worked throughout the day with the company administering the rebates to alleviate delays related to extremely high demand on the Web site, as well as the phone reservation system.

"We understand the difficulties many experienced getting into the reservation system, and we appreciate the patience of Texans who tried to call in or go online a number of times before getting their rebate reservations," said Texas Comptroller Susan Combs.

The Comptroller's office will also investigate what appears to be a Web attack that may have flooded the online reservation system early in the day, using nearly 75 percent of the available capacity.

Texans reserved 38,864 guaranteed rebates; of that total, 32,283 reservations were made online and 6,581 over the phone.

"Regrettably, we were only given approximately \$23 million to implement and administer the rebate program in a state of this size, and there were some people who were not able to get through in time to reserve a guaranteed rebate," Combs said. "We encourage everyone to take advantage of other rebates and incentives on Energy Star® products offered at the federal, state and local levels, including the state's Energy Star Sales Tax Holiday coming up over Memorial Day weekend."

Information to other rebates and incentives can be found at www.TexasPowerfulSmart.org/incentives.

Consumers have to be on the guaranteed rebate reservation list or the waitlist in order to print or receive the application forms necessary to mail in to claim rebates. Residents must mail in their rebate forms and a copy of the sales receipt, along with any other required documents, postmarked within 60 days of today's reservation date. Rebate applications mailed in from waitlist participants will be processed in the order received, pending available funds.

For further details on the program, visit www. TexasPowerfulSmart.org.

Tornado

said.

it in White Deer when I was leaving the office," he

Beck said he and Steele were leaving work for the day when they saw the funnel.

"Dudley said, 'That must be a big one," Beck said.

We never thought any more about it.' Beck went home and went to bed. At the time he lived near the railroad depot in Pampa.

'All night long there were sirens," he said. It turned out that they were from emergency vehicles going and coming from Pampa where the nearest

hospital was located. There weren't any emergency ambulances in those days, Beck said.

"At that time, the funeral home had the only ambulance," he said. "It was actually a hearse."

Beck said he woke up the next morning to radio reports of the damage.

"The radio was saying 'The little towns of Pampa, White Deer, Glazier and Higgins in the Texas Panhandle were destroyed," he said. Beck drove from Pampa northeast on U.S. Highway

"I just got in my car and drove up as far as I could drive up Highway 60," he said. "There was nothing blocked off.

He said the path of destruction went miles and miles and miles.

"It went through Miami," Beck said, "and did some damage there."

Then the tornadoes followed the railroad tracks north and east. "Nobody knew anything," Beck said. "We didn't

know what had happened.' The funnel was at times two miles wide at the base.

"It looked enormous," Beck said. When it struck Higgins, it left only the front wall of the First Christian Church there standing.

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"It just cleaned out that church," he said. Beck said there was nobody in the destroyed towns he went through.

"I never saw a person," he said.

The sky had been clear earlier in the day of the tornado, Beck said. Then it became cloudy and the storm began to brew.

There hadn't been any rain or anything," Beck said. "The sky was partly cloudy."

All of a sudden, it blew up at White Deer that after-

"It was about five o'clock," he said. "We were just leaving the office so it was about 5:15.

In 1947, there was no warning.

"No advanced warning whatsoever," Beck said. The funnel cloud passed northwest of Canadian, but 17 people were killed in Glazier. There were 51 reported deaths in Higgins.

Lipscomb County reported 36 homes flattened. Hemphill County reported 83 homes destroyed and 116 damaged.

Six people were killed by the tornado in Shattuck, Gage and Fargo, Okla.

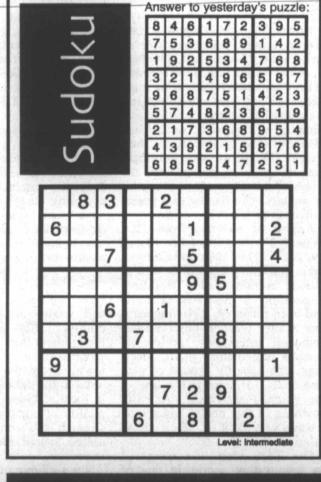
The worst damage was reported in Woodward, Okla. An estimated 107 people were killed.

"They don't know how many people were killed," Beck said.

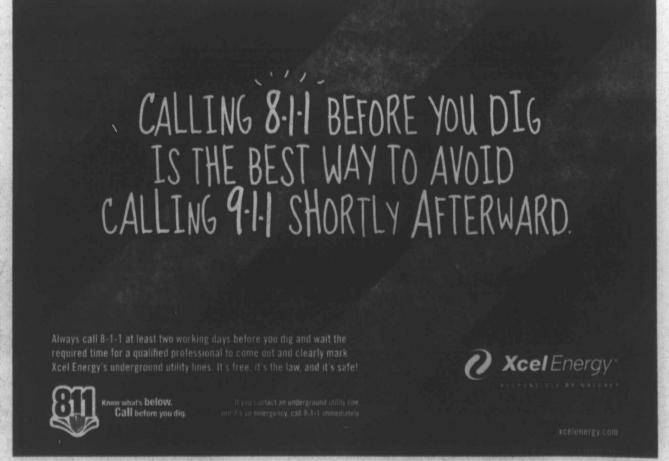
The tornado destroyed 100 city blocks in Woodward. The storm remains the deadliest in this area and the sixth deadliest in U.S. history with an estimated 181 people killed and 970 injured.

The tornadoes did over \$100 million in damage in today's dollars.

"I think it's miraculous that Pampa was saved," Beck said. "There wasn't a single bit of damage done in Pampa."







Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Friday, April 9, the 99th day of 2010. There are 266 days left in the year

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 9, 1959, NASA announced the selection of America's first seven astronauts: Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Gus Grissom, Wally Schirra, Alan Shepard and Donald Slayton.

On this date:

In 1682, French explorer Robert de La Salle claimed the Mississippi River Basin for France.

In 1865, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia.

In 1940, during World War II, Germany invaded Denmark and Norway

In 1942, American and Philippine defenders on Bataan capitulated to Japanese forces; the surrender was followed by the notorious Bataan Death March which claimed thousands of lives

In 1947, a series of tornadoes in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas claimed 181 lives.

In 1959, American architect Frank Lloyd Wright died in Phoenix, Ariz., at age 91.

In 1965, the newly built Astrodome in Houston featured its first baseball game, an exhibition between the Astros and the New York Yankees. (The Astros won, 2-1, in 12 innings.)

In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger ended its first mission with a safe landing at Edwards Air Force Base

Ten years ago: President Eduard Shevardnadze won a second term as leader of Georgia; Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori fell just shy of the majority needed to avoid a runoff for an unprecedented third term. Vijay Singh won the Masters, closing with a 3-under 69 for a three-stroke victory over Ernie Els.

Five years ago: Britain's Prince Charles married longtime love Camilla Parker Bowles, who took the title Duchess of Cornwall. Tens of thousands of supporters of a militant Shiite cleric filled central Baghdad's streets, demanding that American soldiers go home.

One year ago: North Korea's rubber-stamp parliament appointed Kim Jong II to a third term as the nation's leader.

Today's Birthdays: Playboy magazine founder Hugh Hefner is 84. Naturalist Jim Fowler is 78. Actor Dennis Quaid is 56. Humorist Jimmy Tingle is 55. World Golf Hall of Famer Seve Ballesteros is 53. Actress-sports reporter Lisa Guerrero is 46. Actor Mark Pellegrino is 45. Actress-model Paulina Porizkova is 45. Actress Cynthia Nixon is 44. Rock singer Kevin Martin (Candlebox) is 41. Rock singer Gerard Way (My Chemical Romance) is 33. Actress Keshia Knight Pulliam is 31. Rock musician Albert Hammond Jr. (The Strokes) is 30. Actor Jay Baruchel is 28. Actorsinger Jesse McCartney is 23. Actress Kristen Stewart is 20. Actress Elle Fanning is 12.

Thought for Today: "The amount of satisfaction you get from life depends largely on your own ingenuity, self-sufficiency, and resourcefulness. People who wait around for life to supply their satisfaction usually find boredom instead." — William C. Menninger, American scientist, physician, engineer (1899-1966).



TEA keeps schools' eyes on the road

Have you ever been driving down the street and suddenly you notice a police officer is driving

If you are like me, I immediately check my speedometer, my lights, get off the phone, if I happen to be on one, and hold the steering wheel with my hands at 10 and two.

In that moment, as I run through my mental checklist, I am confident that I am driving perfectly. Now, I realize that we should all drive perfectly all the time; however, life happens; we get sidetracked; we get lazy. Sometimes, we need that police car to remind us of our accountability, to bring us back to perfecting our driving

skills. Last week, our Pampa school district hosted three very important guests. Three staff members from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) arrived in Pampa to meet with staff and visit our campuses. As a district, we were notified last summer of this visit, so we had plenty of time to prepare for their arrival. While we were confident that things were going well, the stress of this visit added a wee bit of anxiety, like having that police officer in the rearview mirror.

Arrival of our trio from TEA came at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 29, 2010. They were precisely on time, and they began their visit at Carver Administration Building. A carefully orchestrated schedule had been prepared, including campus visits, teacher observations, principal interviews, review of campus and district plans, meetings with specific groups of professionals, to name just a few of the planned activities. As with anything of this nature and scope, it was a very exciting, albeit stressful, time.

The TEA visit was triggered by low testing scores in one of our sub-population groups, our Limited English Proficient students. Limited English Proficient (LEP) students are the children

in our community who, in their homes, have learned to communicate with a language other English. These students have not yet learned

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ity to communicate proficiently in English presents a significant obstruction in their quest for academic success. Our desire, as teachers, is to provide our students with the requisite tools to succeed. Teachers must work closely with their LEP students since they must have a proficient understanding of the language before they can grasp the greater lesson. During the visit from TEA, our educators were given an opportunity to show TEA what steps we have taken and what steps we will take in order to ensure academic proficiency for all of our student populations. Targeted instructional strategies centering on language acquisition have been enhanced to meet the needs of LEP students. TEA was here to monitor our progress and to ensure that no child is left behind.

By the way, our TEA visitors were welcomed by the warmth and vitality of our entire community. They felt at home from the moment they arrived, and they were warmed by the heart of our town. From the comfort of their hotel to the delicious meals served in local restaurants, from the hospitality of our friendly folk to the strength and common bond of a united school district, they were impressed.

Not a minute of their time, from point of arrival to point of departure, was empty. The three TEA staff members were busy gathering data, analyzing the data, and

drawing conclusions based on the information they had gathered. In addition to LEP concerns, part of their visit was to inspect district facilities for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. As you can imagine, with this very full schedule, TEA officials were given an in depth and multidimensional perspective about many of the exciting things going on in

During the final exit meeting, TEA staff shared many positive experiences that they had while on their visit. They identified a few issues we should address and areas to improve upon as we continue to work to meet the needs of all students.

As with many bureaucracies, it will be some time before we receive a complete written report of their findings. Rest assured. We, at Pampa ISD, will not wait for the report before we begin to take positive action. Every single day, our staff works tirelessly to do everything possible to meet the needs of our students. We understand that by ensuring a high quality education for our children, we can ensure that our community has a successful and prosperous future.

Admittedly, our TEA visit did feel a little like having a police officer in the rearview mirror – this time with lights and sirens blazing. Yet, once we pulled over, we found that TEA, like the police officer, is a silent partner. Their presence is not meant to punish but to keep us focused on the task at hand. They remind us to constantly reassess our capacity. They challenge us to perfect our skills. Most importantly, they catalyze the opportunity to take a long look at the positive and exciting methods that are already in practice and seek out those that should be.

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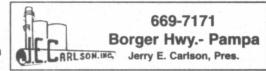
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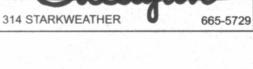


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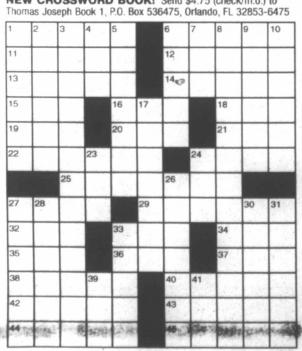
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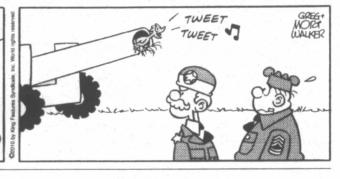






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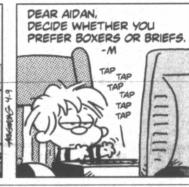




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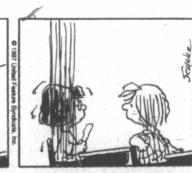




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you are attached, your relationship bene-

fits from time away together. You could

start acting like new lovers. PISCES

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** Nothing seems as clear as you

might like. Communication will excel if

you listen to your intuition. A boss could

be demanding, and your role also could

be changing. Visualize more of what you

want. A gesture comes back in multiples.

**** Zero in on what you want.

Somehow you feel powerless, which is

far from reality. Through a foreigner or

perhaps education, your perspective on

critical issues transforms. Acceptance

happens more easily. Tonight: Where the

*** Bring others together for a fun

occasion. Your sixth sense kicks in with

an older or powerful friend. You know

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time to create a fun happening, and invite

those you care about and enjoy. What

occurs could be interesting. Tonight: Let

**** A caring partner or friend

reaches out to you. Accept an invitation

from him or her. It is important to this

person to be seen with you. Of course

you might feel a little like you are partic-

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this as a gesture and nothing more.

*** Defer to others and listen. You

might not like everything that you hear

or the end results if you don't put in your

two cents. Say what you feel, but at a

moment when it is meaningful and can

make a difference. A call to someone at a

distance means a lot. Tonight: Where the

★★★ You might not be seeing the whole

picture. In a sense, you are gaining time

alone to think and process. Someone

makes it quite clear how much he or she

cares. Tonight: A gesture toward a spe-

**** Your creativity comes out in

nearly anything you get involved in, be it

a conversation with a child, making plans

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Lady Harvesters golf finish season sixth in district

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Pampa Lady Harvesters golf team finished the season sixth in district after the second round Thursday at Plainview Country Club.

Pampa shot a 426 in the second round, 13 strokes

better than their first round (439) for an overall total of 865. Randall won the district championship with a final total of 704, which was 78 strokes better than second place Hereford (782). Caprock missed qualifying for regionals as a team by one stroke with a

with a 794 and Canyon as individuals. fifth with a 796.

The top two teams and top two individuals not on a qualifying teams advance to regionals, April 19-20 in San Angelo. Randall and Hereford advance as a team and Emily Neufeld of Canyon and Taylor

Individually for Pampa, Liz Hoelting shot a 110 to bring her final total to 209. Lindsey Brown shot a 98 on the second day for a total of 211. Alison Alexander shot a 105 in the second round for a total of 220. Cori Cook shot a have 4 Freshmen girls, 2

Taylor Morgan was ill and did not play in the second round. Head Coach Alan Segura said his team has improved but still has a ways to go.

"We are a very young team and will only get better," Segura said. "I

that will all be back next year. Over the next three years we will be very competitive and should advance out of the District to the Regional Tournament."

Segura said he hopes to see his team advance to state in two to three years.

783. Dumas finished fourth Boren of Dumas advanced 113 for a final total of 227. Sophomores, and 2 Juniors McLean's oach Hausen earn honors

MIKE HAYNES

The honors keep rolling in for the McLean girls basketball team after the Lady Tigers finished second in the state in Class 1A Division II.

Senior guard Sheri Haynes was one of five girls named to the Amarillo Globe-News Super Team 2009-2010, and McLean girls coach Benji Hausen was named Girls Coach of the Year. Both honors cover all school classifications in the Texas Panhandle.

Haynes, 5-9, also was named the Class 1A Golden Spread Girls Player of the Year, and Lady Tiger Alexis Menefield was one of five players on the Class 1A Golden Spread Team. Hausen also was the Class 1A Girls Coach of the

Haynes "capped an outstanding high school career by helping the Lady Tigers reach the 1A Division II state championship game. She averaged more than 19 points and was the team's floor leader. Scored more than 30 points on a number of occasions during the season."

Hausen was named Coach of the Year based on guiding McLean to the state title game. The Lady Tigers were ranked No. 2 in the state for much of the season and compiled a 29-5 record. McLean advanced farther than any other Panhandle girls team this season.

It was Hausen's fifth year coaching at McLean.

Menefield, a 6-0 senior, "averaged more than 14 points and led the Lady Tigers in rebounding

as they reached the state championship game."

Also named to the girls Super Team were Player of the Year Nicole Hampton of Canyon; Jasmine Patterson and Brianna Taylor, both of Palo Duro; and Caitlin Wallace and Alexius Dawn, both of Amarillo High.

On the Class 1A Golden Spread team were Haynes; Menefield; Mattie Yanke of Gruver; Skylar Warrick of Wellington; and Ashlynn Knoll of Happy.

Correction

While The Pampa News knows how to write stories and take pictures, we aren't good at seeing the family resemblance in people. Yesterday's tennis photo on page eight, we identified as Brandon Gage when really it was Blake Chisum. We are running both photos again with the correct identifications. We regret the error.



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Real

McLean senior Sheri Haynes lets a shot fly against a Neches player in the Class 1A Division II state title game.



photos by Ellen Gage Top photo, Pampa Junior High's Brandon Gage returns a ball against Dumas March 27. Bottom photo Blake Chisum chases down a ball against Dumas March 27. Gage and Chisum are doubles partners. They went 1-1 against Dumas. Gage won his singles

Next Week's schedule

Monday Tennis district tournament

at Amarillo JV softball vs. Dumas 5

 JV baseball vs. Palo Duro 5 p.m.

Tuesday · Tennis district tournament at Amarillo · Varsity softball vs. Dumas

5 p.m.

Varsity baseball at Palo Duro 5 p.m.

Thursday Track district meet at Harvester Field · Boys golf district second round at Plainview Friday

Track district meet at Harvester Field Saturday JV baseball vs. Borger 11 a.m.

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