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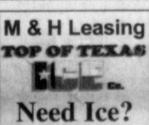






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New principals for Wilson, Pampa Junior High

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Wilson Elementary School and Pampa Junior High School will be getting new principals for the 2011-2012 school year, according to Pampa Independent School District Superintendent Barry Haenisch.

Rhonda Patterson will be taking over at Wilson, while Janet Hancock will take the reins at PJHS. The two hires are effectively immediately, said Haenisch.

Melissa True, who had been principal at Wilson for the last three years, vacated her position at the elementary school earlier this week. Her husband, former PHS soccer coach John True, is taking an assistant coaching job in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Paul Nies, the former principal at the junior high, is taking some time off for personal issues, Haenisch said.

Haenisch credited both outgoing principals with helping their respective schools progress.

"Both (True and Nies) have been valuable leaders to us at their campuses at PISD," he said. "We're very sad to see them both leave us at this point in time."

Haenisch spoke at length about True's contributions to Wilson Elementary on Monday following her decision to leave the

school, and he did the same for Nies on Friday

"(Nies) has done a really nice job on that campus," Haenisch said. "It's become a much more student-focused campus. He's done an excellent job bringing technology to the campus and integrating technology into instruction... That campus is just really ready to go forward."

Nies' replacement, Hancock, PRINCIPALS cont. on page 3

FOR ART'S SAKE



staff photo by Mollie Bryant

Pampa's Kevin Costley, a former Pampa Artist of the Year, hangs one of his paintings, "Noah's Ark in the Sea of Disbelievers," in the exhibit space at the White Deer Land Museum. RIGHT: Mona Fannon of Fritch straightens out a pair of digital photos (framed on canvas) at the White Deer Land Museum. Costley and Fannon are putting on an art exhibit at the White Deer Land Museum that will open with a reception on Sunday, Aug. 7, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The show will run through the month of August.



County jail won't switch from B&B

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After considering a contract proposal from Maxor Pharmaceuticals, the Gray County Sheriff's Department has decided to continue service with local B&B Pharmacy for fulfilling inmate prescriptions at Gray County Jail.

Don Copeland, Sheriff with Gray County, described the choice as one of accounting. "It would have caused difficulties with our JAIL cont. on page 3

City: Good response to conservation

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The city reports a favorable response to the water conservation notices sent to Pampa residences three weeks ago. "Citizens have reduced their water use quite a bit," said Donny Hooper, Director of Public Works.

Hooper said that when the pamphlets were first sent out, customers were using about 5 million gallons of water each day. "Within two days, we saw production decrease to 3.8 million gallons," he said.

On average, customers have cut WATER cont. on page 3

Minor wreck on Hobart and Somerville on Friday

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An accident involving two vehicles took place Friday morning at the intersection of North Somerville and Hobart.

A Toyota Camry driven by Brenda Dyson of Pampa was headed north of Hobart when a Buick driven by Pampa's Marcie Costley, headed eastbound on Somerville, ran a red

light through the intersection. The two vehicles sustained each some damage, but neither driver sustained any injuries from the collision.

Pampa Police Department, Fire Department and EMS were present at the scene.

Traffic on Somerville and Hobart was affected for no more than ten minutes.



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A minor accident in the intersection of Hobart and Somerville held up traffic for a few minutes on Friday morning.

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Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. Breezy, with a south wind between 5 and 15

Sunday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 97. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 71. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 98. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 70. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24 hour period ending Friday, July 29 at 7 a.m. Police reported 30 traffic

related incidents.

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Thursday, July 28

Police reported phone harassment at the 1900 block

of North Hamilton. Lost property was re-

North Nelson. A hit and run occurred at

the 900 block of South Var-

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 1900 block of North Dwight.

An accident occurred on Highway 60 East and 152.

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Disorderly conduct was reported at the 300 block of South Anne.

Friday, July 29.

A suspicious person was ported at the 1600 block of reported at the 1800 block of North Coffee.

Police investigated business check at the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Friday, July 29.

Thursday, July 28 Bryan David Kettler, 25, was arrested by deputies for possession of a controlled substance.

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OL soldier shouts '09 suspect's name

WACO (AP) - Coolly defiant, Pfc. Naser Abdo shouted "Nidal Hasan Fort Hood 2009!" as he was led out of the courtroom Friday, an apparent homage to the suspect in the worst mass shooting ever on a U.S. military installation. He condemned the attack less than a year ago, but is now accused of trying to repeat it.

Investigators say Abdo, who cited his Muslim beliefs in requesting conscientious objector status last year, was found in a motel room three miles from Fort Hood's main gate with a handgun, an article titled "Make a bomb in the kitchen of your Mom" and the ingredients for an explosive device, including gunpowder, shrapnel and pressure cookers. An article with that title appears in an al-Qaida magazine.

Abdo went absent without leave from Fort Campbell, Ky., early this month after being charged with possessing child pornography.

Police and the Army say Abdo admitted plotting an attack, but in Fuhais, Jordan, his father insisted the allegations were "all lies from A to Z."

"My son loved people no matter who they are, whether Jews or Christians," Jamal Abdo said. "Naser is not the kind of a person who harbors evil for the other people, he cannot kill anyone and he could not have done any

Jamal Abdo, 52, is a Jordanian who lived near Fort Hood in Killeen for 25 years until he was deported from the United States last year after being convicted of solic-

His 21-year-old son was ordered held without bond Friday. He is charged with possession of an unregistered destructive device in connection with a bomb plot and has yet to enter a plea. If convicted, he could face up to 10 years in prison.

It was not immediately known if he would face additional charges. "Our office will pursue federal charges where the evidence takes us," said Daryl Fields, spokesman for federal prosecutors.

In court, Abdo refused to stand when the judge entered U.S. marshals pulled him from his seat — but he answered the judge's questions politely.

On his way out, he yelled "Iraq 2006!" and the name of Abeer Qassim al-Janabi, a 14-year-old Iraqi girl who was raped that year before she and her family were killed. Five current or former U.S. soldiers went to prison, one for a life term, for their roles in that attack

He also shouted the name of Hasan, an Army major and psychiatrist who is charged with killing 13 people

Abdo's court-appointed attorney did not comment. His next hearing was set for Aug. 4. According to court documents, Abdo told investigators

he planned to construct two bombs in his motel room using gunpowder and shrapnel packed into pressure cookers and then detonate the explosives at a restaurant frequented by soldiers.

FBI Agent James E. Runkel said in an affidavit filed in federal court that police found Abdo carrying a backpack containing two clocks, wire, ammunition, a handgun and the "Make a bomb in the kitchen of your Mom" article. Such an article was featured in an issue of Inspire, an English-language magazine produced by al-Qaida in the able for rent. Weddings, Arabian Peninsula, a Yemen-based branch of the terror

The allegations and Abdo's defiance in court contrast with the words he used as he was petitioning for conscientious objector status. In an essay he sent to The Associated Press last year he said acts like the Fort Hood shootings "run counter to what I believe in as a Muslim."

He was born in Texas to a non-denominational Christian mother and a Muslim father. Jamal Abdo said they divorced in 1993.

Naser Abdo said he became a Muslim when he was 17. He said he enlisted thinking that Army service would not conflict with his religious beliefs, but reconsidered as he explored Islam further.

"I realized through further reflection that god did not give legitimacy to the war in Afghanistan, Iraq or any war the U.S. Army could conceivably participate in," he wrote in his conscientious objector application.

Abdo was approved as a conscientious objector this year, but that status was put on hold after he was charged in May with possessing child pornography. Abdo denied the charge before this week's arrest.

Abdo went AWOL during the July 4 weekend. FBI, police and military officials have said little about whether or how they were tracking Abdo since he left Fort Camp-Jamal Abdo disputed both the child pornography

charges and the bomb plot allegations against his son, and said Naser was discriminated against in the Army because of his religion. "Fellow soldiers slurred him and treated him badly. They mocked him as he prayed. They cursed him and

used bad language against Islam and its prophet," he said. "He reported these incidents, but nothing was done about it," the elder Abdo said. "Therefore he wanted to leave the Army. I always told him to be calm and to focus

on his duty and he used to tell me, 'Yes, Papa.' He said Naser never mentioned al-Qaida and that he

last spoke to his son a week ago. Abdo was arrested after a gun-store clerk told authorities he bought six pounds of smokeless gunpowder, shotgun ammunition and a magazine for a semi-automatic pistol on Tuesday — while seeming to know little about what he was buying. Killeen Police Chief Dennis Baldwin has suggested that without the tip, a terror attack could have been imminent.

Two veterans groups that supported Abdo in his bid to be a conscientious objector said they have not had direct contact with him recently.

"If any of these allegations are true, any sort of violence toward anyone goes completely against what a conscientious objector believes," said Jose Vasquez, executive director of Iraq Veterans Against the War.

Another group, Courage to Resist, said in a statement that it had removed Abdo's profile from its website. It said it has paid \$800 of Abdo's legal fees in the conscientious objector case.

Vasquez provided a copy of a statement Abdo sent to his group last year that claimed soldiers often associated terror with Islam "during routine training exercises."

"Only when the military and America can disassociate Muslims from terror can we move onto a brighter future of religious collaboration and dialogue that defines America and makes me proud to be an American," Abdo

School ratings fall under tough standards

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas school ratings plummeted Friday under tough new standards imposed by the Texas Education Agency, with the number of unacceptable schools jumping more than 400 percent.

The number of exemplary schools the state's highest rating - fell from 2,637 last year to 1,224 in 2011. The number of unacceptable schools rose from 104 to 569 this year, the agency reported. Schools and districts are placed into one of four categories: exemplary, recognized, academically acceptable and unacceptable.

This is a far more accurate look at what is happening in these schools," Scott said, while pointing out that unacceptable schools only make up 6.7 percent of the campuses in Tex-

The ratings are based on a formula that includes standardized tests, completion rates and drop-out rates. Schools that perform badly over several years can be shut down if they don't meet the state's standards. Parents may also request transfers for their children out of unacceptable

Education Commissioner Robert Scott said the lower scores reflect tougher standards imposed this year. The agency eliminated a controversial calculation called the Texas Performance Measure, which critics say allowed schools to count students who failed the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills as passing on the expectation that they would score better in the future.

The Texas House of Representatives unanimously voted to abolish the measure, but the legislation did not make it into law. Scott said he decided to drop the measure to prevent any further criticism of the school ranking system. In 2010, 62 percent of the schools that obtained exemplary status did so relying on a boost from the Texas Performance

Scott insisted that eliminating the measure from the calculation of ratings was not the only factor in the lower ratings. The state also raised the minimum test scores required for a school or district to gain a recognized or exemplary rating.

We have also raised the number of students actually taking the test, from 90 percent up to 94 percent," Scott said. The agency has also increased the number of special education students involved in the school accountability program by providing special tests for those groups.

There were similar changes on the district level, with the number of exemplary districts falling from 241 in 2010 to 61 this year. The number of unacceptable districts more than doubling from 37 to 88, or roughly 7.2 percent of the school districts in

Nationally, Texas students rank 49th in the nation on the verbal portion and 46th on the math section of the SAT college preparatory exam. During the next two years Texas

schools will face a tougher time as they cope with a \$4.8 billion cut in state financing compared to previous years, the first cut in per-student funding in Texas since World War II. Democratic lawmakers have repeatedly expressed concerns about the cuts and their impact on student achievement.

"Those dramatic cuts will make it that much harder for our schools to compete with other states and countries," said Rep. Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio. "Students, teachers. parents, and community members will have to work tirelessly to overcome the cuts handed to them by the Legislature."

The results announced Friday will remain in effect for the next two years as Texas prepares for a new standardized testing system, known as the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness, or STAAR

"Our school system on the whole is very strong and this year you can look at the ratings and there are no longer any allegations that we are artificially pumping up the numbers. These numbers are absolutely real,'

Appeals court delays inmate's execution

HOUSTON (AP) - A Texas appeals court delayed next month's execution of man convicted in the 1998 abduction, rape and killing of a 19-year-old community college student so his claims that new forensic evidence exonerates him can be reviewed.

Larry Swearingen was set to die Aug. 18 for abducting and strangling Melissa Trotter. Her body was found in January 1999 in the Sam Houston National Forest south of Huntsville, nearly a month after she was last seen leaving the meany at a suburban Houston community college.

But the Texas Court of Criminal

Appeals granted a stay Thursday, saying Swearingen's latest appeal presented new evidence of a possible due process violation. The case has been sent back to the trial court in Montgomery County.

"I think this is a great day for Texas justice. Not only was it the right decision, it is a courageous decision," James Rytting, Swearingen's attorney, said Friday.

The new evidence is a recent report by a forensic anthropologist who concluded Swearingen could not have committed the slaying, Rytting said.

Swearingen and his attorneys have long argued he was in jail c

outstanding traffic warrants when Trotter was killed.

The report was done by Harrell Gill-King, a forensic anthropologist at the University of North Texas in Denton, and Rytting said it concluded "the victim likely died within a few days of the date her body was recovered."

Trotter's body was found Jan. 2, 1999. She was last seen alive on Dec. 8, 1998. Swearingen was arrested for several outstanding traffic violations three days later after a high speed chase.

"He was in jail two to three weeks by the time she died," Rytting said.

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The Texas Department of Transportation is encouraging residents in coastal regions to be prepared before Tropical Storm Don makes landfall.

In a press statement, TxDOT noted that while evacuations are not anticipated, citizens could use this as an opportunity to review their plans and preparations for the effects of tropical weather, including reviewing evacua-

Hurricane evacuation maps are available on TxDOT website at http://www.dot.state.tx.us/travel/hurricane.

"It is important to make a safety plan and review it with family members, particularly for those residing or located in evacuation zones. Those who may be impacted by tropical weather should prepare a survival kit, make a plan and stay informed during the emergency," TxDOT

The state agency also noted that all coastal TxDOT districts and support districts are standing by with materials and personnel ready to respond in anticipation of high winds and heavy rains.

"These efforts include pre-staging barricades at lowwater crossings and other low-lying, flood-prone areas along the Gulf Coast. Personnel are also currently at work securing construction signage, cones and barricades to prevent these items from becoming projectiles in high winds," TxDOT said.

McAllen broker bilked \$50K

McALLEN (AP) — A McAllen freight broker admitted to defrauding his former company of about \$50,000 by cashing company checks for personal use.

Alejandro Mascorro, 41, pleaded guilty to wire fraud and bankruptcy fraud Friday at a hearing in U.S. District Court in McAllen.

Mascorro admitted to bilking about \$50,000 in Comcheks a money transfer system from his former employer, Doria Enterprises LLC without the company approval. He then took that money and spent it for personal use, prosecutors said.

The freight brokerage business provided money to its drivers with Comchecks, a system operated by Brentwood, Tn.-based Comdata Network Inc.

Utilities brace for storm

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Utility companies are closely monitoring the approaching Tropical Storm Don, prepared to handle potential impacts.

AEP Texas spokesman Andy Heines noted that even though the storm is not expected to gain hurricane strength, the effects of high winds and heavy rains could still disrupt power in South Texas.'

The company storm coordinator has arranged for crews from throughout AEP Texas as contract crews and neighboring utilities to provide assistance if its electric system sustain extensive damage," Heines said in a written statement.'

Because of the likelihood that the storm will cause many lines to fall, customers are asked to keep their children and pets inside during and after the storm," Heines said.

UTA to ban tobacco

ARLINGTON (AP) — The University of Texas at Arlington is going cold turkey.

Starting Monday, the campus will become completely tobacco-free. Faculty, students, staff and visitors will not be allowed to use any tobacco products on university property. Officials say violators could be subject to disciplinary action.

The policy also prohibits advertising, sale or free sampling of tobacco products. It replaces another policy established in 1991 that banned tobacco use inside buildings, prohibited its use outside within 50 feet of any building and set up outdoor smoking areas.

The American Lung Association's Web site says more than 200 college campuses nationwide have banned tobacco.

Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls went tobacco-free in January 2010. In Central Texas, Alamo Colleges have been tobacco-free since Sept. 1, 2007.

20 plead to wire fraud

McALLEN (AP) - Federal authorities say 20 South Texas residents have been convicted for their roles in a scheme to defraud the American Family Life Insurance Co.

In mid-June, 36 people were indicted on accusations they participated in the scheme designed to defraud Columbus, Ga.-based AFLAC millions of dollars by filing false claims. The Justice Department says they bought accident insurance and with the connivance of two Reynosa, Mexico, doctors filed minor injury claims thought too small to draw suspicion. In return, the bordercity doctors received small kickbacks.

This week, 20 defendants pleaded guilty to wire fraud. All 20 face a possible maximum of sentence of 20 years in federal prison without parole and a \$250,000 fine.

Federal investigators dubbed the case "Operation Sitting Duck," a play on the insurer's feathered mascot.

Computer to minister at wedding

HOUSTON (AP) - You could call it "My Big Fat Computer Geek Wedding.

When Miguel Hanson and Diana Wesley get married Saturday, they won't stand before a gray haired minister holding a Bible. Instead, they'll be looking at a 30-inch monitor. On one half of the screen, they'll see a virtual minister with an animated, square face with blue eyes and thin, oval glasses. His voice will be heard over a sound system while the text of what he's saying will

show up on the other half of the screen. Hanson, a Houston web developer and IT consultant, created the minister software program when the couple couldn't get a friend to serve as the minister at their

"I was like, you know I'm going to write my own minister," Hanson said.

Wesley, a high school sign language teacher, said she's aware of the nerd jokes that might come the couple's way once more people hear about the wedding. But the couple says being married by a computer fits who they are. They met through a website called "Sweet on Geeks" and love science fiction and fantasy.

AFTERNOONRUSH Jeffs delivers 55-minute objection speech

Warren Jeffs launched into a speech for 55 minutes arguing for the right to polygamy under religious freedom as a part of his objection to admitting documents sacred to the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. It was the first time he has spoken with the jury present. The guilt-innocence phase of the trial began Thursday afternoon.

Jeffs, 55, the FLDS leader and prophet, who faces up to 119 year in prison if convicted on both counts of child sexual assault, said the record of a person living at the FLDS Yearning for Zion Ranch meant the government was trampling on his First Amendments rights.

"You are now touching that which is sacred," Jeffs said, standing alone at the table. "Thus on these grounds we call upon this court to render justice before sacred trust is trampled upon."

Jeffs, who is representing himself, said no children were being harmed, that they were well educated and well groomed, and he complained of mockery among outsiders, saying his group is not a "fly-by-night religious society.

For the first hour Jeffs remained silent, not objecting to evidence or questioning witnesses.

He became adamant, using hand motions for the first time as he progressed in his speech.

'This must cease," he said, repeatedly

He said it was imperative that the FLDS follow the law set out for it by God.

Jeffs said the raid on the YFZ Ranch was illegal and that those who have already been convicted of sexual assault are innocent. The raid on the ranch came because of a hoax call from someone claiming abuse at the ranch, and evidence gathered from the search and seizure, including documents from the temple building, has been

used against FLDS members.

"If we do not live these laws we are damned here and hereafter," Jeffs said. "We believe in a marriage system of eternity called celestial marriage, wherein celestial means heavenly authorized, not to be intervened by government intervention."

Jeffs ended his speech with an "Amen."

After special prosecutor Eric Nichols responded to Jeffs' speech, turning to jurors and giving case law that shows U.S. courts have repeatedly ruled against polygamy and sexual assault of a child, Jeffs interrupted Nichols several times and 51st District Judge Barbara Walther herself as she recessed the court and ordered that Jeffs standby counsel advise him about keeping court decorum.

In an interview Thursday, Patrick Metze, the director of criminal clinics for the Texas Tech School of Law, predicted that Jeffs wouldn't make it through the entire trial alone, especially if he chooses to preach. He ended his 55-minute objection speech with "Amen."

"At some point, the judge will have had enough, so it's not going to be a pleasant experience and she's not just going to let him prosthelitize," Metze said.

Thursday, Jeffs was given leave by Walther to represent himself, but his defense team remains available in case Jeffs determines he needs a lawyer.

Nichols methodically began laying out his case before the jury Thursday afternoon, delivering an opening address, calling witnesses and entering exhibits. Jeffs remained mute through the process, failing to deliver an opening address and entering no objections or cross examination of witnesses

Principal

has been assistant principal at Pampa High School since June of 2007, a post she took after teaching math at the school since 1998. She was the math department chairperson from August of 2002 to May of 2007

"She's been in the district her whole teachexperience," said ing Haenisch, "and she's been assistant principal for four years. It's a big challenge, but she is definitely prepared. She has a good vision for what quality education looks like... I know she's a big team person. She depends on a lot of the people that she works with, and she makes them feel that they're listened to. She's thoughtful in that way."

Hancock said that she's already hit the ground running.

"That's such a great group of teachers at the unior high school," "I'm Hancock said. looking forward to leading them to a successful school year... I've already

been having conversations with many of the teachers from (Pampa Junior High School), asking for their input and arranging meetings. We've already been having conversations, and that will continue all year long."

She added that she believes her experience as an educator will prove invaluable as she takes the reins at PJHS.

"I am a classroom teacher at heart," she said. "I love instruction and I know good instruction... I know how to get the systems in place to get that learning we need, and how to get that mission, vision and belief system in place."

Patterson, on the other hand, has 18 years of educational experience, including seven years in Pampa (four at PHS and three at the PISD's administrative Carver Center).

"She's had teaching experience in a selfcontained classroom, she taught here in the sixth grade at the middle school and she went to McLean as the principal before she came back to us," said Haenisch. "She's had experience at every level

classroom, administrative, at the campus level, central office and now back to the campus level."

Patterson said she couldn't wait to get going.

"I am very excited to be the new principal of Wilson Elementary," she said. "I've got some tough shoes to fill... I think that I've gotten to know all of the teachers at Wilson and I've worked with all of them some in my past positions. I already have a good relationship with them and they do with me, and that's going to be a big help."

Patterson said that she sees some similarities between Wilson and the school she helmed in McLean. 'The demographic (at

McLean) is a lot the same as it is with Wilson," she said. "But also just working parents, students and teachers (as a principal), you just have to earn that experience. I'm glad that

I've had that experience

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coming in.'

Haenisch said that both hires coming from within the district will help mitigate the hurdle of the new principals getting to know their faculty and staff, though he acknowledged that there will be a transition period for the two. He added that he was confident that both Patterson and Hancock will be capable leaders in their new roles.

"We're excited to have them," he said. "I think they'll both be good fits.'

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their water usage down by over a million gallons a day,

averaging about 3.5 million gallons used each day. "We didn't know how people would receive it, but citizens have been doing a great job conserving water voluntarily--and that's the key word," said Hooper. "We're all on the same page about protecting this precious resource."

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indigent program," he said.

The decision will continue the county's relationship with local business. "We'd rather go local, so we decided not to go with Maxor at this time," said Gray County Judge Richard Peet.

Lefors ISD now accepting transfers for the 2011-2012 school year. Please contact Kelley Porter, 835-2533 for more details. Please attend our open house to meet some of the teachers and see our facilities.

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Today in History

Today is Saturday, July 30, the 211th day of 2011. There are 154 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 30, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a measure making "In God We Trust" the national motto, replacing "E Pluribus Unum" ("Out of many, one").

On this date:

In 1619, the first representative assembly in America convened in Jamestown in the Virginia

In 1729, Baltimore, Md. was founded.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union forces tried to take Petersburg, Va., by exploding a gunpowder-filled mine under Confederate defense lines; the attack failed.

In 1918, poet Joyce Kilmer, a sergeant in the 165th U.S. Infantry Regiment, was killed during the Second Battle of the Marne in World War I. (Kilmer is perhaps best remembered for his poem

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill creating a women's auxiliary agency in the Navy known as "Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service" - WAVES for short.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the Medicare bill, which went into effect the following year.

In 1975, former Teamsters union president Jimmy Hoffa disappeared in suburban Detroit; although presumed dead, his remains have never been found.

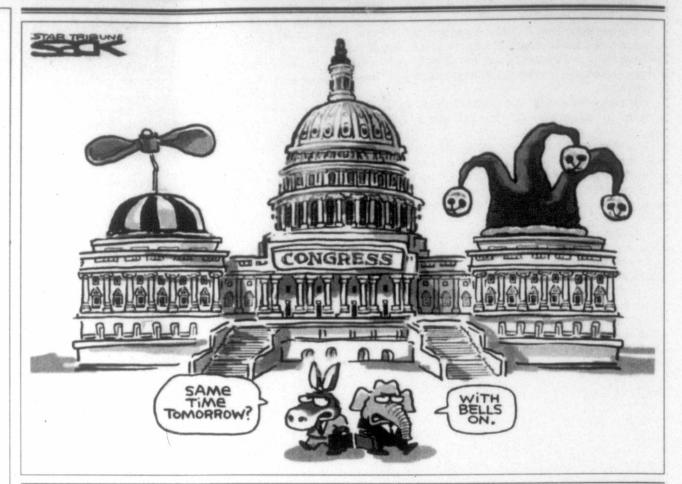
Ten years ago: Robert Mueller, President George W. Bush's choice to head the FBI, promised the Senate Judiciary Committee that if confirmed, he would move forcefully to fix problems

Five years ago: Israel agreed to a 48-hour suspension of aerial activity over southern Lebanon after its bombing of a Lebanese village that killed

One year ago: President Barack Obama toured Chrysler and General Motors assembly plants, where he offered an upbeat assessment of the U.S. auto industry a year after the big government

Today's Birthdays: Actor Edd "Kookie" Byrnes is 78. Blues musician Buddy Guy is 75. Movie director Peter Bogdanovich is 72. Feminist activist Eleanor Smeal is 72. Singer Paul Anka is 70. Jazz musician David Sanborn is 66. Former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is 64. Actor William Atherton is 64. Actor Jean Reno is 63. Blues singer-musician Otis Taylor is 63. Actor Ken Olin is 57. Actress Delta Burke is 55. Singer-songwriter Kate Bush is 53. Country singer Neal McCoy is 53. Movie director Richard Linklater is 51. Actor Laurence Fishburne is 50. Actress Lisa Kudrow is 48. Actress Vivica A. Fox is 47. Actor Terry Crews is 43. Actor Simon Baker is 42. Movie director Christopher Nolan ("Inception") is 41. Rock musician Brad Hargreaves (Third Eve Blind) is 40. Actress Christine Taylor is 40. Actress Hilary Swank is 37. Actress Jaime Pressly is 34. Actress April Bowlby is 31.

Thought for Today: "Individualism is rather like innocence; there must be something unconscious about it." - Louis Kronenberger, American drama critic (1904-1980)



What was the name of that place again?

I went to see Dr. Sieck this week about an unusual pain in my foot. (Not to be confused with an unusual Foote, who can be a pain.) While there, I started playing with a liver on the desk. It was just lying there and I couldn't figure out what it was, so I picked it up to examine it

OK, OK, it wasn't a real liver. It was a plush one that the clinic staff had received from a pharmaceutical company some time ago. By the way, the foot is much better, Doc! (The other Foote just doesn't improve any.)

"There I Go Again!"

I knew my comments about beauty shops would get some kind of reaction. Sure enough, I dropped into Madison's Closet this week (which is attached to Beauty 2000) and Mary took me to task.

Since I was bringing her a check for redeemed Pampa Bucks though, she wasn't too hard on me. And if you haven't been shopping at Madison's Closet (329 N Hobart), what are you waiting for? Lots of unique items.

How Do You Catch A Unique Rabbit? Unique up on him!

Speaking of unique... I got a call this week from a lady in Fritch who was planning on coming to Pampa to dine and shop. She wanted to know the name of that restaurant "that's only open a day or two a week and has special desserts." That's the Chamber



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Wednesdays and Thursdays for lunch. Delicious food in a homey atmosphere. asked if she would like me to email her a copy of our "Antiques and Collectibles" brochure, which lists

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a number of local stores.that deal in one-of-a-kind items. You can pick one up at the Chamber, This-N-That, Express Lane, and several other places around town.

Welcome new members!

Clear Talk cell phone service is 'wireless made simple." Stop by and chat with them at their kiosk inside United Supermarket or visit them on the web at www.mycleartalk.com.

Helping you keep cool in this hot, hot summer is Twice the Ice (Plains Ice Co). On the corner of 23rd and Hobart (as it goes behind the Catholic Church), look for the machine between Mrs. Baird's and the Cottage Collection, where you can get ice by the bag or in bulk.

For a peek at how it all works, go to www.icehouseamerica.com and click on "watch an ice vending machine in action".

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Helping people "find their place in God and having the heart of God" is the purpose of Gateway of Grace Ministry. Wondering what to say as I was writing this column, I was looking up their information to call someone when a man walked in the office. He introduced himself as Gary Snyder, pastor of...Gateway of Grace Ministry!

We had a great visit and he briefly shared his testimony with me. You are welcome to attend their meeting this Sunday from 3 to 5 in the Chamber's M K Brown Room (Kingsmill entrance), if you'd like to know more. The worship service will be followed by a fellowship with some of the PampaStock participants.

Whew!

July has been an incredibly busy month for us, and the community has really pitched in to make our events successful. Thanks to everyone who has helped. Special thanks to Chamber office assistant Lori Gyurnek for going the extra mile. and for HER assistants Eric, Erica, and Riley Byrne.

Joe Weaver is the Executive Director o. the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

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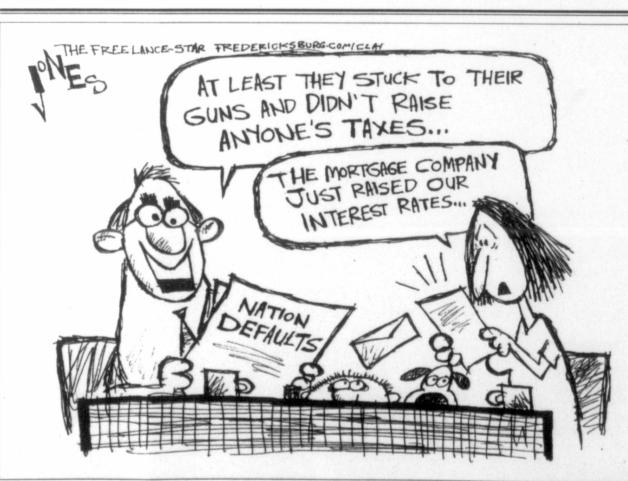
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Sunday in History

Tomorrow is Sunday, July 31, the cal issue. Israeli helicopters fired missiles 212th day of 2011. There are 153 days left in the year.

Tomorrow's Highlight in History: On July 31, 1991, President George H.W. Bush and Soviet President Mikhail

S. Gorbachev signed the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty in Moscow.

On this date:

In 1777, the Marquis de Lafayette, a 19-year-old French nobleman, was made a major-general in the American Continental Army.

In 1875, the 17th president of the United States, Andrew Johnson, died in Carter County, Tenn., at age 66.

In 1919, Germany's Weimar (VY'mahr) Constitution was adopted by the republic's National Assembly.

In 1941, Japan apologized to the United States a day after its bombers damaged the gunboat USS Tutuila at Chongqing,

In 1961, for the first time in baseball history, an All-Star Game ended in a draw, 1-1, as rain stopped the contest at Fenway Park. (It was the second of two All-Star Games played that season.) IBM introduced its first Selectric typewriter with its distinctive "typeball."

In 1964, the American space probe Ranger 7 reached the moon, transmitting pictures back to Earth before crashing onto the lunar surface.

In 1971, Apollo 15 crew members David Scott and James Irwin became the first astronauts to use a lunar rover on the surface of the moon.

In 1981, a seven-week-old Major League Baseball strike ended.

In 1989, a pro-Iranian group in Lebanon released a grisly videotape showing the body of American hostage William R. Higgins, a Marine lieutenant-colonel, dangling from a rope.

Ten years ago: The U.S. House of Representatives voted, 265-162, to ban all cloning of human embryos, casting Congress' first votes on the divisive ethiinto offices of the militant Hamas movement, killing eight Palestinians, including a senior Hamas leader and two young boys walking on the street outside.

Five years ago: Cuban President Fidel Castro temporarily ceded power to his brother, Raul, after gastrointestinal sur-

One year ago: Chelsea Clinton married investment banker Marc Mezvinsky in the upstate New York village of Rhinebeck.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Don Murray is 82. Jazz composer-musician Kenny Burrell is 80. Actor Geoffrey Lewis is 76. Actress France Nuyen is 72. Actress Susan Flannery is 72. Singer Lobo is 68. Actress Geraldine Chaplin is 67. Former movie studio executive Sherry Lansing is 67. Singer Gary Lewis is 66. Rock singer Bob Welch is 65. Actor Richard Griffiths is 64. Actor Lane Davies is 61. International Tennis Hall of Famer Evonne Goolagong Cawley is 60. Actor Barry Van Dyke is 60. Actor Alan Autry is 59. Jazz composer-musician Michael Wolff is 59. Actor James Read is 58. Actor Michael Biehn is 55. Masssachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick is 55. Rock singermusician Daniel Ash (Love and Rockets) is 54. Entrepreneur Mark Cuban is 53. Rock musician Bill Berry is 53. Actor Wesley Snipes is 49. Musician Fatboy Slim is 48. Rock musician Jim Corr is 47. Author J.K. Rowling is 46. Actor Dean Cain is 45. Actor Ben Chaplin is 42. Actor Loren Dean is 42. Retired NFL quarterback Gus Frerotte is 40. Actress Annie Parisse is 36. Actor Robert Telfer is 34. Country singer-musician Zac Brown is 33. Actor-producer-writer B.J. Novak is 32. Actor Eric Lively is 30.

Singer Shannon Curfman is 26. Thought for Today: "The trouble with the public is that there is too much of it." - Don Marquis, American journalist, poet and dramatist (1878-1937).

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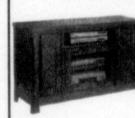


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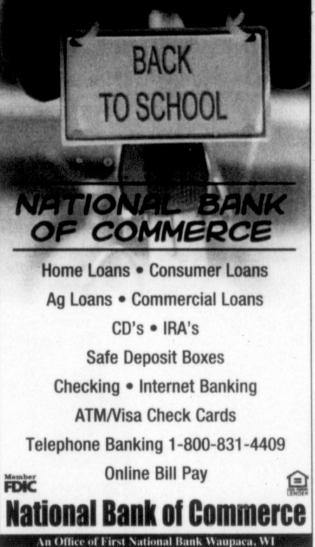


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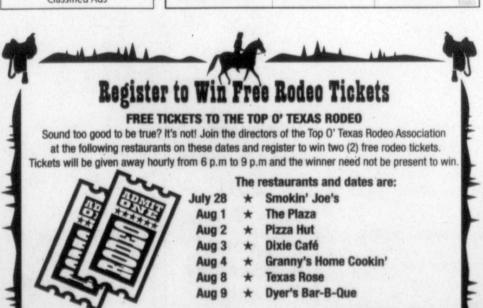
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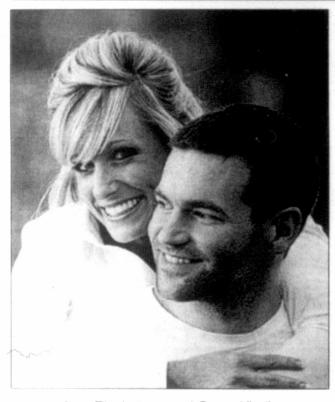
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Aryn Blackstone and Corey Kindle



Robert Knowles and Brittney Horner

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engagement and upcoming TX marriage of their daughter, Jenks, OK. His grandpar- coordinator. ents are Bill Kindle and of Pampa.

Debra for Saturday, September Blackstone of Highland 3, 2011 at Robson Ranch Village, TX announce the Country Club in Denton,

Aryn is a member of the Aryn Nicole Blackstone to Church of Christ in Denton, Corey Dan Kindle, the son and works at Trinity Title of Jeff Kindle, Beach City, of Texas as a relationship TX and Laura Dyer Baird, manager and client services

Corey is a member of the Patricia Carpenter Kindle Church of Christ in Denton and works at Denton The wedding is planned Central Appraisal District.

Horner, Knowles to wed

Garland of Amarillo 17, 2011 in Amarillo. ceremony will take place

Mr. and Mrs. Tim on Saturday, September

and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Brittney is a gradu-Horner of Amarillo along ate of the University of with Mr. and Mrs. Chuck North Texas, Denton Morgan of Pampa and and is employed by Las Mr. Robert Knowles of Colinas Physical Therapy Ft. Worth are proud to of Irving, TX. Robert is announce the engagement a part-time student at the of their children, Brittney University of North Texas, Lea Horner of Addison Denton, and employed Robert Nicholas full-time at Vandergriff Knowles. The wedding Acura of Arlington, TX.

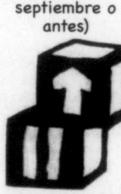
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Yesterday's Answer: RADIUM, ADMIRE, TIRADE. DETAIL, TOILED, LOOTED, OCELOT

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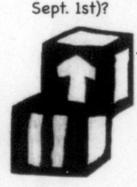
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Weekly Menus

Pampa Senior Citizens Center

MONDAY, August 1

Chicken fried steak or chicken alfredo, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, beans, slaw, tossed, jello, german chocolate cake, banana pudding, fruit cup, hot roll or cornbread.

TUESDAY, August 2

Baked tilapia filets/rice or swiss steak, steak fries, cabbage, carrots, beans, slaw, tossed, jello, carrot cake, chocolate icebox pie, fruit cup, hot roll or cornbread. WEDNESDAY, August 3

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice. mashed potatoes, green peas, california blend, beans, slaw, tossed, jello, dump cake, butterscotch pie, fruit

cup, hot roll or cornbread. THURSDAY, August 4 Chicken strip or taco salad, sour creme potatoes, green beans, cheese hominy, beans, slaw, tossed, jello, cinnamon swirl cake, coconut creme pie, fruit cup, hot

roll or cornbread. FRIDAY, August 5

Fried cod fish filet/hushpuppies or goulash, potato wedges, broccoli casserole, beans, slaw, tossed, jello, brownies, tapioca, fruit cup, garlic breadstick, hot roll or cornbread.

Southside Senior Citizens Center

TUESDAY, August 2

Roast beef with gravy, onion potatoes, turnip greens, corn bread muffins, garden salad, dessert.

Meals on Wheels

MONDAY, August 1

Corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, pork & beans, mixed

TUESDAY, August 2

Mexican casserole, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad, peaches.

WEDNESDAY, August 3

Meatloaf, potato casserole, peas & carrots, pudding. THURSDAY, August 4

Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, banana

FRIDAY, August 5 Beef tips, rice, creamed corn, baked apples, cookies.

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WEDDING BELLS

Price, Phillips wed June 20

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Price announce the marriage of their daughter, Lindsey Price to Justin L. Phillips, son of Versie Banks and Mr. and Mrs. Little Joe Castillo of Waco.

Justin and Lindsey were united in marriage in Jamaica on June 20, 2011, in a private ceremony. Their exchange of vows was witnessed by Shane and Samantha Castillo of Waco.

The Phillips will reside in Cleveland, Miss., where Justin, a former Amarillo Dilla, will be an assistant pitching coach at Delta



Mr. and Mrs. Justin Phillips

reception will be held at

the Pampa Sportsman

State University.

Lindsey will continue her occupation as a hair

On July 30, there will Club, 1435 South Barnes

be a reception/going away at 6:30 p.m. party for the couple. The

You can visit their website: www.weddingmapper.com/drza6/page/wel-

BUNDLES OF JOY



Anberlin Danielle Sanchez

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

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Anberlin Sanchez born May 6

John Sanchez and Alicia Anguiano of Pampa welcome Anberlin Danielle Sanchez to their family on May 6, 2011.

newspaper, it should be She was born at Golden Plains Hospital in Borger and weighed 7 lbs, 6 oz, not be mentioned, and and was 19 3/4 inches

long. Anberlin is also welcomed by her Grandparents Alice and Mike Winder of Graham TX, Steve and Teresa Wade and Sotero Anguiano. all of Pampa.

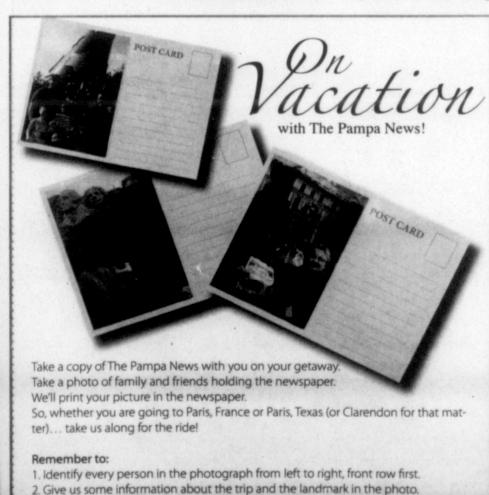
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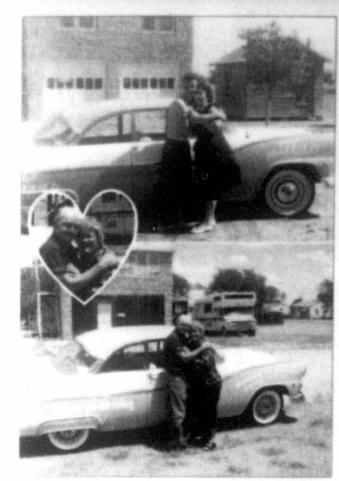
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ENDURING LOVE

VEDDING BELLS



Shaws celebrate 55th anniversary

Vinson Shaw married Barbara refurbishing antique cars. McNeill on July 27, 1956 in Pampa. They have been lifelong residents of

Vinson made his life's career as a contract welder, before retiring in 1994 and is now a craftsman in

Barbara enjoyed being a wonderful wife and mother before going to work for Kriss Cross quilting for 14 years, retiring in 2010.

They are the parents of 2 daughters, Treasa Heuston of Pampa and

Anita Tinney of Midland. They have four grandchildren and two foster grandchildren.

Vinson and Barbara are celebrating with many family members and friends at the 2011 Mobeetie Bluegrass Festival.

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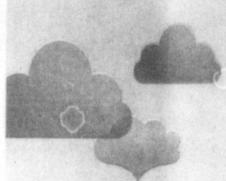
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Left - Vinson and Barbara Shaw then and now



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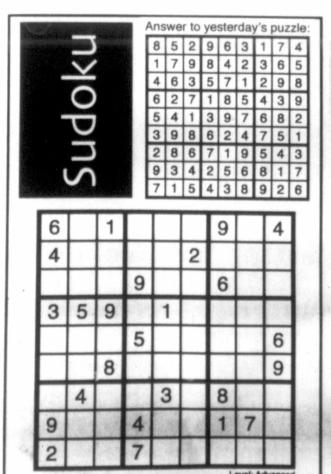
marriage of their children, groom's grandparents are Sara Elizabeth Swan of Jim and Carolyn Shook Pampa and Brodie Shawn of Pampa and Ralph and Peters of Pampa.

The wedding ceremo-Church of Pampa and was officiated by Rev. Lynn

Joe and Karen Swan Hancock. The brides of Pampa and Derek and grandparents are Marietta Feresa Peters of Pampa, Baird of Howardwick and are proud to announce the Doris Swan of Pampa. The Joyce Peters of Pampa.

After their honeymoon ny took place on June to Creede, Colo., the cou-18, 2011 at Briarwood ple made their home in





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Pampa alumni to play two games



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Jason Roark throws a pass in the Pampa Alumni team's practice Thursday at Harvester Field. The team is preparing for games against Highland Park and Borger.

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Last year, the Pampa alumni team played a thrilling game against Borger's alumni, bringing home a victory for Harvester pride. This year, the Pampa Alumni team returns with hopes of a repeat win over their rivals, with another game on the schedule for good measure.

Pampa will play Highland Park at 6:30 p.m. August 13 at Highland Park and have its rematch with Borger on October 15 in Borger. Marques Long, who played last year, said they got to play Highland Park because their opponent dropped out.

"We were willing to take on any-

body," Long said. "It will be a fun game, because we don't know what to expect.'

Quarterback Jason Roark said he is looking forward to playing again.

"It's second chance to play a couple more games at this level," Roark

This year's team has a few new players, including one who didn't play for Pampa High School: Quinn Evans graduated from Amarillo High but was invited to play with Pampa. Evans said he is excited about playing again.

"It's been eight years," Evans said. "I haven't played since high school." Evans said it's been fun playing who he played with.

"It's fun to meet new people," Evans said.

Charles Calloway graduated from Pampa in 2009 and played for the Amarillo Titans, a semi-pro team that had Jason Burklow on the sidelines as offensive coordinator. Burklow played on last year's Pampa alumni squad.

"(Burklow) told me I should come out," Calloway said.

Calloway said it's been a good experience playing with some of the members from last year's team.

"We have a good team bond," he said. "We're helping each other stay

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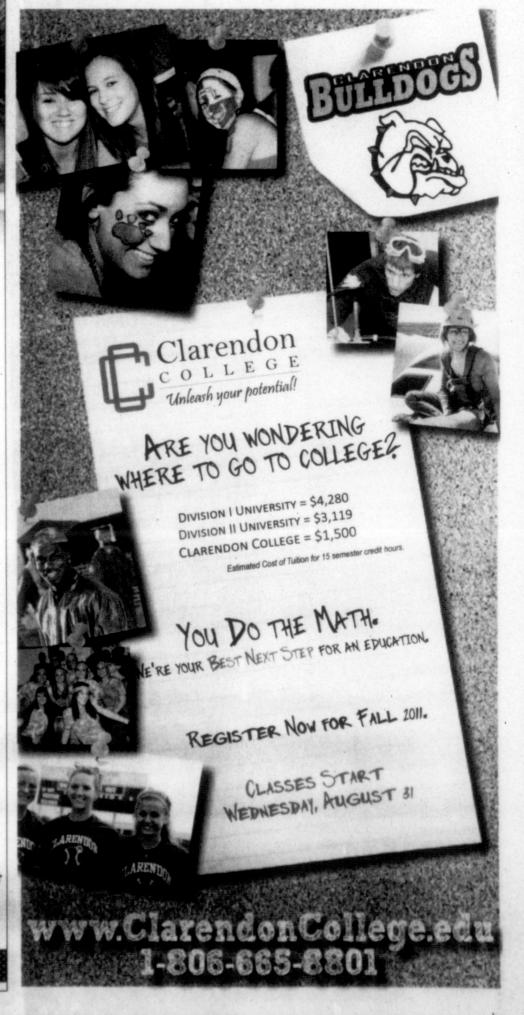


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Tennis League at youth center brings young and old

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said. "We started

getting more peo-

ple who wanted to

play and we started

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The term "youth center" still holds true for Pampa's Ken Rheams, 64, for whom age is just a number.

Case in point: He and his 58-year-old partner recently beat a 19-year-old and a 30-year-old in doubles tennis.

For the past 25 years, Rheams has been involved with a tennis league that plays at the Pampa Youth & Community Center on Monday Nights.



playing on Monday nights. Rheams said the

league plays two 90-minute sessions

Rheams said the at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., adding that people from different ages and towns league started small. "Four of us played come to play. on Wednesdays dur-

"We have players from 25 years old to 78 years old," Rheams said. "There's people who drive in from Borger and McLean to play."

Rheams said they play doubles and are able to play year-round.

"We're able to play inside the youth center, so we don't have to worry about the weather," Rheams said.

Rheams said people who are inter-

ested in playing can contact him at Rheams Diamond Shop, 806-665-2831. The jewelry store owner said that every month he develops a schedule. Rheams said the league has been able to keep going because of interest in the sport.

"We have kept it going for a long time," Rheams said. "People who haven't played in a while start playing and get used to it. We always have new tennis players. We welcome new

NBA LOCKOUT

FIBA to NBA Players: Welcome to international teams for now

If NBA stars are serious about playing overseas, basketball's governing body says they will be welcomed.

Just as long as they promise to leave

once the lockout ends. FIBA announced Friday it would clear NBA players under contract to play in its leagues during the work stoppage, provided the deals they sign come with opt-out clauses.

In a ruling that paves the way for players to earn a paycheck, FIBA agreed with NBA and players' association officials that players are free to sign anywhere but do so at their own risk of injury

"As the world governing body for basketball, we strongly hope that the labor dispute will be resolved as soon as possible, and that the NBA season is able to begin as scheduled," secretary general Patrick Baumann said in a statement.

'In view of our role to promote basketball worldwide, we support any player wishing to play the game, wherever and whenever. We do so while obviously taking the interests, rights and obligations of all parties into account."

Playing overseas has emerged as an option for NBA players during a work stoppage that threatens to last months and could even wipe out the entire season. Nets All-Star Deron Williams has a deal with Turkish club Besiktas - which is also courting Kobe Bryant - and most top players said they would consider playing overseas.

Union executive director Billy Hunter has endorsed the idea, with players believing it will pressure owners at the bargaining table if they see their players have options elsewhere, and FIBA may have been faced with a legal challenge had it denied the players.

"Our players are gratified by today's announcement by FIBA, although it comes as no surprise," Hunter said in a statement. "We have consistently advised our members that in the event of a lockout they would have the right to be compensated for playing basketball irrespective of whether they were under contract to an NBA team or not. We have encouraged all of our players to pursue such opportunities and will continue to do so."

If a player under NBA contract agrees to a deal in a FIBA-affiliated league, he first must be cleared to go by the NBA. The league will allow partial clearance, meaning it must be guaranteed the player returns to his NBA team once a new collective bargaining agreement is reached. FIBA will then give its approval once the player has signed a declaration stating he will do so.

There is still plenty of doubt that top players will head to Europe or Asia. All-Star-caliber players may not find enough money to make it worthwhile, and numerous players who have signed overseas have stories of missed or late payments from their teams there. Also, their NBA teams could void their contracts if they are significantly injured playing in another league.

Still, scoring champion Kevin Durant

of Oklahoma City said Thursday he was "about 50-50" on the idea, while Carmelo Anthony and Chris Paul both said they would consider China during a promotional tour in Hong Kong this week.

FIBA also expressed its pleasure that so many players are willing to play this summer despite the risks. Argentina Basketball Federation president German Vaccaro told FIBA.com that it had secured insurance Thursday, allowing Manu Ginobili, Luis Scola and its other top players to take part in the FIBA Americas tournament it is hosting.

France and Russia also have lined up arrangements to have their NBA players take part in Europe's qualifying tournament for the 2012 Olympics.

"We are delighted to see that, in spite of widespread doubts related to the lockout, national teams competing in this summer's Olympic qualifiers will be able to count on the participation of most of their NBA stars," Baumann said.

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Hidden Hills

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First (96): Andrea Walling SUNDAY Holes In One: Jason Marlar, #8, 6-Iron, 172 yards. Witnesses: P. Montoya, R. Baker, T. Holt, B. Kelley.

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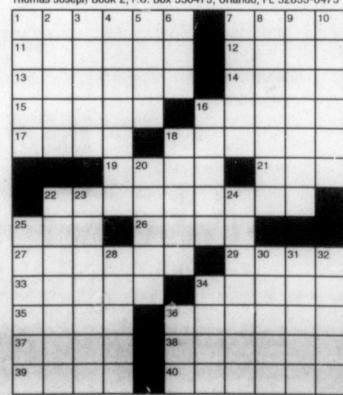
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Dylan Henley said Long convinced him to come out.

"He told me about everything they did last year," Henley said.

Burklow will coach the team this year. Roark said Burklow coaching is a big help, adding that the experience the team gained last year helped them prepare bet-

"We were able to put in a lot more plays," Roark said. "We know what to expect. We were able to communicate after last year's game and put in what we wanted to.'

Long said that Borger will be looking to avenge last year's 15-8 defeat.

"They are really going to want to beat us, since we beat them last year."

Burklow hopes the game gets as good or better of a showing as last year.

"We are hoping for full capacity," Burklow said. "We're playing when Pampa has a bye. Borger's homecoming is that week, so hopefully the town will come out to support us."

Long said the game against Highland Park will get them more prepared for

"We don't know what to expect," Long said. "We are really going after it. If we are this prepared for Highland Park, just think how prepared we will be for



Note: Bigar's Stars is iuncture **TAURUS**

based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each

sign.

A baby born today, July 31, 2011, has a Moon and Sun in Leo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for

Sunday, July 31, 2011: This year, you feel very much like your sign: dignified, empowered and desirable. Perhaps you might be a little off on certain days, but you experience the richness of being a Leo. The unexpected threads through your life when dealing with foreigners or travel. Some of you will open up to new perspectives and insights because of being exposed to different cultures. Others will have similar experiences through education or being armchair travelers. Professional growth or a great commitment to your community is likely. If you are single, you will be having so much fun, you might 22) not want to settle down. If you are attached, remember, relationships don't fly your sweetie. LEO can be demanding.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 3-Average; 2-So-so; little. 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April

19) **** Others believe your energy is a constant resource. Sometimes you want to vanish for a snooze. Make it OK to do so. Your imagination could play out as you enjoy a new pastime or activity. Tonight: It looks as if you cannot have enough fun.

fun, but is necessary at this your oyster.

(April 20-May 20)

*** Invite others over for a fun summer afternoon. You could be 22) dragging, but you'll perk choices, inevitably, everyone has a good time. Relax with the moment and flow.

night short. This Week: Creativity marks whatever you do. Just be smart wherever you

choose to apply this gift.

**** Your sense of humor makes all the difference. Where someone might misunderstand your 22) message, your humor lets this person know to stay light, as you are. Curb a tendency toward sarcasm.

Tonight: Hanging out. This Week: Getting going could be tough, and when you do, work will be of little interest. It's a great week to take off.

CANCER (June 21-July

*** You could be a big spender if you aren't careful. Under the circumsolo. Remain sensitive to stances, much is changing quickly. Realize what is drawing you to another person. How much do you think possessiveness plays 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; into it? Tonight: Relax a

> This Week: Speak your mind as if, of course, everyresults will be great.

> LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** You certainly are the epitome of person-, ality plus. Others are highly responsive, but the one you care about could be most anyone's behavior personally. Look at the situation

with spending. The less appeals to you. Tonight: commitments right now, Continue the theme. the better.

★★★ Lying back often up. No matter what your works for you. With any luck, you are completing a very restful period. You will be on center happily run the show. Still, Tonight: Don't cut the for a while. Tonight: Early to bed.

GEMINI (May 21-June Monday, and you might not unexpected. Tonight: A land for a while. You might long-overdue talk. become more practical by Thursday

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. ing to take a risk

**** You might try 20-Feb. 18) to contain others. Forget it. A key partner has en by various concerns? become more than whimsi- You really might not want Tonight: Go with the flow. This Week: Much might want.

be happening that you could choose not to dis- only go so far. You might cuss. Trust your judgment. need to take a risk! SCORPIO (Oct.

23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Understand what is too much and what is be enough. Fatigue settles not enough. You might in. You need to let others need and want a change of do what they want to do pace. The problem lies in while you follow through the slack. You are always being testy with a roomone wants to hear. The end Tonight: Curb sarcasm, Think "Monday." please.

> imagination. Enjoy the people around you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov.

22-Dec. 21)

*** You might want unpredictable. Don't take to become even more playful and impulsive. Others might not be able to keep This Week: All work as if he or she is quirky. up with you, but you and no play might not be Tonight: The world is still are ready to explore and (1527)

enjoy. The more offbeat This Week: Use caution the adventure, the more it

This Week: Take the lead VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. and move forward. You will feel as if you've hit a homerun.

> CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** A partner will stage before you know it. on some level, you might be Consider today the last a little resentful and let this restful or calm 24 hours person know it. Enough is enough. Without a second thought, you could turn in This Week: You soar into a new direction or do the

This Week: Work with others directly, yet be will-

AQUARIUS (Jan.

*** Are you drivcal, let's try unpredictable, to go along with the pro-Understand that behavior at gram. Either by supporting this point adds dimension, yourself in your desires or if nothing else. Friends through events, plans could circle you with attention. turn in another direction. Tonight: Only what you

This Week: Talk can

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

*** Enough might that someone must pick up on your desires. Avoid in the middle of events. mate or loved one. Tonight:

This Week: Once more, This Week: Dig into your others know what they want. Let them go. Now, what would you like to do?

BORN TODAY

Geraldine Actress Chaplin (1944), actor Wesley Snipes (1962), German King, Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian II



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Charles Calloway looks for the ball in the end zone during Pampa alumni team practice Thursday at Harvester Field.

SPORTS:

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Monday

- · Late Night Scramble, Hidden Hills
- Tennis League. 7 & 8:30 p.m., Pampa Youth Center
- · Recreation Kickball, games start at 7 p.m., Softball Complex
- · Football and Volleyball Two-a-days

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Tuesday

Recreation Softball Tournament, games start at 7 p.m., Softball Complex

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Wednesday

- Hidden Hills Senior Scramble, Hidden Hills
- · Recreation Softball Tournament, games start at 7 p.m., Softball Complex

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Thursday

Recreation Softball Tournament, games start at 7 p.m., Softball Complex

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Friday

Lions Club Day-Night Fundraiser 5:30 p.m.., Hidden Hills







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Johnny Cortez returns an interception for a touchdown during practice Thursday at Harvester Field. The team practices twice a week.



Sports

NFL POST-LOCKOUT FRENZY

NFL teams with new head coaches dispute disadvantage

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — The compacted training camps and abridged free agency are challenges for everyone. They could be doubly difficult for the eight NFL teams with new head coaches installing their schemes on the fly and getting their first real look at their rosters following the 136-day lockout.

A quarter of the league's 32 teams are rolling out a new coach this year: the Cowboys, 49ers, Panthers and Vikings in the NFC and the Broncos, Browns, Raiders and Titans in the AFC.

In many ways, those eight franchises are behind the proverbial 8-ball, but they all insist they're in much the same situation as everyone else navigating the free agency fire drill and training camp cramming sessions.

"I'm not going to say that we're going

to be as even as a team that has the same playbook and has the same players," Denver linebacker Joe Mays said. "I'm just saying that we're not going to be too far behind."

Two of the new coaches ,Äî Dallas' Jason Garrett and Minnesota's Leslie Frazier ,Äî shed their interim titles this offseason and may have gotten a little bit of a head-start, and two teams promoted assistants ,Äî Hue Jackson in Oakland and Mike Munchak in Tennessee, so there's some continuity there.

Richard Seymour led some three dozen of his Raiders teammates through a week's worth of detailed workouts in suburban Atlanta, but other teams with new coaches weren't really able to hold what amounted to coachless minicamps during the lockout like Drew Brees did

with the New Orleans Saints.

They simply didn't have the experienced rosters, established staffs and entrenched systems and were left to work out in a more rudimentary, haphazard fashion with pockets of players getting together to lift, run, stretch and decipher the circulating playbooks.

"Hopefully training camp catches us up," Raiders safety Tyvon Branch said. "You probably know as much about the defense as I do right now."

He's lost but certainly not alone.

"Everybody's trying to play catchup right now," said Broncos backup quarterback Brady Quinn. "Without a doubt, the rookies have it the hardest. So, kudos to them if they can get in the playbook and get on the field early. Because that would be quite a feat."

Teams might decide to hold back their

veterans when preseason games begin, especially the free agent additions who aren't even allowed to practice with their new teams until next Thursday.

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That could make for some ugly foot-ball early on.

"Do you ever not see bad football from younger guys?" said Broncos safety Brian Dawkins.

Frazier and Garrett got their first head coaching gigs with teams that faltered last year amid high expectations. Munchak took over for Jeff Fisher in Tennessee, and Jackson was promoted from offensive coordinator in Oakland, replacing Tom Cable.

John Fox left Carolina for Denver, replaced by Ron Rivera. Jim Harbaugh left Stanford to take over for Mike Singletary in San Francisco and Pat Shurmur supplanted Eric Mangini in Cleveland.

Cowboys' Romo looks to improve leadership

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A lot has changed since the last time Tony Romo threw a pass that counted.

He missed 10 games last season while dealing with a broken collarbone. Seeing the Dallas Cowboys play better without him stoked his desire, too.

He returns with a new bond to the head coach, because new boss Jason Garrett was his coordinator the last four years. His bond with teammates is stronger, too, now that they've seen him organize and run offseason workouts.

Then there's the biggest change in his life: He's a married man. Not that Romo expects it to matter on the football field.

"Maybe there's a little more dinner on the table at the house at night," Romo said, laughing. "That would be the biggest difference."

This is Romo's fifth training camp as the starter, his first trying to bounce back from a losing record. He went 1-5 last season, both the most losses and the fewest starts of his career.

Although backups Jon Kitna and Stephen McGee went a combined 5-5 in his absence, there was never a question about this still being Romo's team. It's possible he appreciates that more than ever, and is more determined than ever to live up to that responsibility.

The lockout gave him a perfect opportunity to assert himself. With no formal offseason from the club, he filled the void by coordinating offseason workouts in the Dallas area. More than 40 players attended, with Romo deciding who would do what when, and making sure everyone stuck to it.

The work itself was important. The fact everyone followed Romo's lead was, too.

"I wanted to make sure we went from one drill to the next on time; seven minutes here for stretch, got 14 plays in team, 10 in 7-on-7, things of that nature," he said. "Blow the whistle, two minutes for a water break, boom, boom, boom. These guys are professionals. They just want structure. I think that's what we were trying to provide this offseason. It was good."

Tight end Jason Witten said Romo set a tone that will carry over in camp and perhaps the entire season.

"He's always been a good leader as far as the standard he creates on the field, but I think he's let everybody know this off season what we're going to be about and that there's no time to mess around or miss an opportunity," said Witten, who is close friends with Romo. "Everybody realizes that the time's now for us."

Romo may have been the most excited to be practicing over the summer simply because he'd been away for so long.

away for so long.
His season ended with a jarring hit against the New York Giants on Oct. 25. Other than some light tosses before going on injured reserve, Romo had been away from playing football more than six months by the time those workouts began in May.



City Wide Garage Sale Weekend August 5, 6 and 7

Ads will be in The Pampa News on Thursday, Aug. 4th and Friday, Aug. 5th on special pages. Reserve your ad now! \$20 paid in advance including 1x2 box ad for 2 days. Free garage sale kit which includes 2 signs, pricing stickers, sales record form and some garage sale tips. Use only 1 address per ad. Deadline for ads on the special pages is Tuesday, Aug. 2nd, before 12 noon.

western science fiction fun

Here's a pretty simple moviegoing truth: When the movie is called "Cowboys and Aliens," you pretty much know what to expect walking in.

On that front, "Cowboys and Aliens" totally delivers. There are cowboys, and there are aliens. There's not a lot of depth in the interaction between the two, but there are a bunch of UFOs, a handful of explosions and, in general, two hours of enjoyable, no-frills summer entertainment.

"Cowboys" kicks off with Jake Lonergan (Daniel Craig), who wakes up in a field with no memories and a cauterized wound in his side. After dispatching of some bounty hunters looking to make a quick buck, Lonergan makes his way to a nearby town, where he meets the rest of the titular cowboys: A preacher (Clancy Brown), a barkeep (Sam Rockwell), a sheriff (Keith Carradine), a ranch hand (Adam Beach), a beautiful woman (Olivia Wilde) and a wealthy landowner (Harrison Ford). Just as Lonergan who, it turns out, is wanted for a litany of crimes - is about to get sent to Santa Fe to face federal law, the town is attacked by hostile spaceships that start abducting random people.

With the cowboys' six-shooters all but useless against the alien menace, our protagonists find out that the only effective weapon is the mysterious mind-controlled laser gun attached to Lonergan's wrist. Driven by vague memories of a woman he may have loved, Lonergan joins the townspeople in hunting down the aliens and rescuing their loved ones. Our ragtag band rides off into the range, resulting in more Wild West gunfights, more alien flyovers and a whole bunch of overlap between the two.

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It's certainly not "Citizen Kane," but it doesn't need to be. Director Jon Favreau, no stranger to putting together a visually impressive summer blockbuster, hits again, this time nailing the contrast between the gritty western backdrop and the eerie space baddies. Craig is instantly likeable as the amnesiac Lonergan, and it's fun to



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Beach, for one, is particularly cringe-inducing), it doesn't sink the whole thing.

get behind him as he

leads the group against

their alien adversaries.

The supporting cast is

talented and the fun they're having is con-

tagious, so while the

script is a burden at

times (the small sub-

plot between Ford and

For those who prefer more cerebral fare in their movie watching, "Cowboys and Aliens" is probably one to skip. But for the rest of us, it doesn't require a lot of thought, hits all the right action notes and features both James Bond (Craig) and Indiana Jones (Ford). What's not to like?

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"Cowboys and Aliens" Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of western/sci-fi action violence, some partial nudity and a brief crude reference...

'Cowboys and Aliens' simple, SPLIT-SCREEN 'Friends With Benefits' not a retread romantic comedy

Every once in a while the stars align and for whatever reason, Hollywood gives us two (or more) very similar movies. In the 90s, we had the year of volcanoes (Dante's Peak and Volcano) and the year of the meteors (Deep Impact and

Armageddon). This year, it's the year of the sex buddy

TIDMORE

Already this year we've seen "No Strings Attached," which saw Ashton Kutcher and Natalie Portman trying to have casual, emotionless sex while staying friends. Now comes "Friends with Benefits," which at first glance has the same basic plot, but with Mila Kunis and Justin Timberlake taking over for Natalie and Ashton.

However, first looks can be deceiving,



"Friends With Rated PG-13 for sexual content and

and anyone who skips over this one thinking they've already seen it will miss a movie that is both hilarious and touching.

Directed by Will Gluck, director of last summer's hilarious "Easy A," "Friends with Benefits" nicely balances raunchy humor and romance with a story about growing up and accepting yourself, flaws and all.

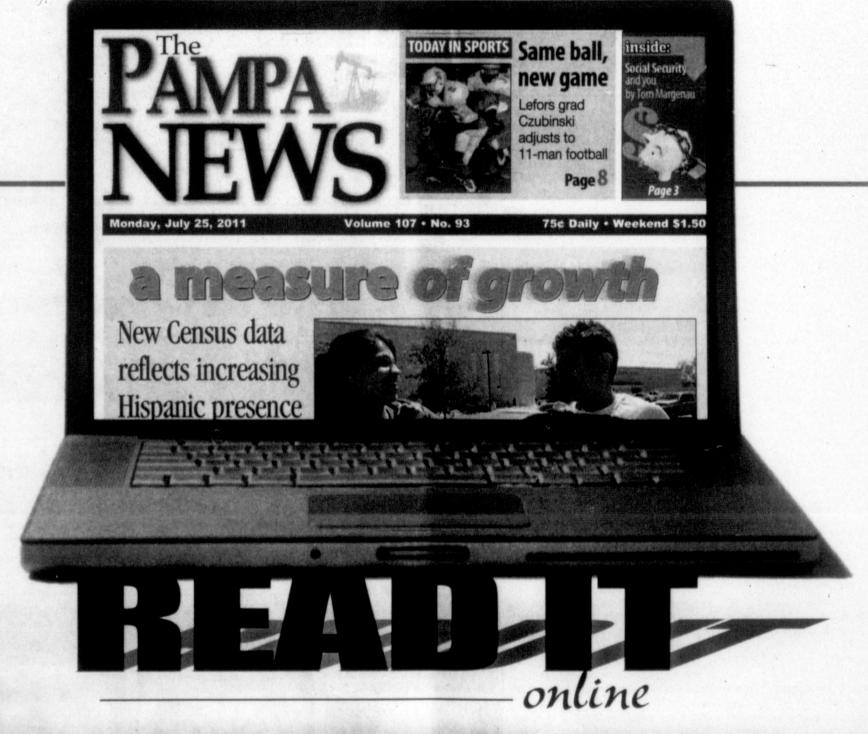
Timberlake's web designer Dylan and Kunis' headhunter Jamie meet at the airport where Jamie is picking Dylan up for a job interview. As she shows him the non-touristy side of New York, including a flash mob in Times Square, it becomes clear that the duo has chemistry. After a night of drinking and watching romantic comedies, the two come to the conclusion that sex without emotions is an activity they can partake of with each

Since this is a romantic comedy you can probably guess what happens next. They develop feelings, one of them does something stupid to split them up, and finally that person performs a grand gesture to win back their love.

What you won't be able go predict is the emotional heft the movie throws in about halfway through when we met Dylan's mentor and father, Mr. Harper (Richard Jenkins) who suffers from Alzheimer's. It's at this midway point that the characters become more human and less romantic comedy caricatures, thus drawing the audience in and demanding we care about them. By filling the film with believable supporting characters Gluck makes the two leads more flawed and more human, and thus more believable.

"Friends with Benefits" is what all romantic comedies should be, a movie with comedy and romance that's ultimately about real people that we genuinely care for, something that Gluck only achieves with his amazing supporting cast.

Local attorney Travis Tidmore reviews movies for The Pampa News as well as on his blog, www.thecinemaniac.com.



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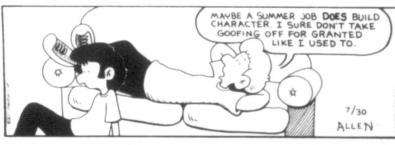
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A New Moon on your birthday points to different options. Understand what is going on in your life and opt for a new beginning where you would like one. This year, you can turn your life around in one specific area or in several areas. It is your choice. You have far more control than you are aware. If you are single, you draw admirers like honey draws bears. Know that and act like it. If you are attached, you seem to get your way even more than in the past. Remember, it takes two to tango, and it takes two to have a relationship. A fellow LEO can be quite challenging.

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)

**** Your immense creativity speaks to a different audience -- your loved ones and playmates. What a refreshing change from your work and dreary responsibilities. As you don your "let's be a kid" clothes, others affirm their joy at seeing you in this mood. Tonight: Let the fun continue.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You know what you want to do, but will you be able to do it? A realization might give you reason to pause before you act. Think positively. Invite friends over for a fun picnic and/or barbecue. Tonight: The best times happen at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Hang with friends. You might be stunned by what becomes possible as the direct result of a conversation. A new beginning in a key area appears. You have reason to relax, knowing that a situation will be eliminated. Tonight: You don't have to go far.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Use your instincts well. You know what is happening behind the scenes. Understand how to apply your knowledge. Focus on the possibilities, which are many. You can or cannot spend a lot of money getting there. The level of money involved, believe it or not, is within your control. Tonight: In the limelight. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** A new beginning becomes more than possible. You have reason to believe just that. Growth continues. You might want to stop to make sure you want to head in this direction. Tonight: All

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Tap into that hidden reservoir where you enjoy being alone or off doing something not often shared with people. Extremes mark your thoughts. Are you going to carry them into action? Tonight: Weighing the pros and cons.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ What is wrong with spontaneity? Whether you are off finding friends, deciding to move in a new direction or buying a new car, you enjoy yourself. Let go; you don't need to push so hard. Tonight: Let your spirit soar.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Others look to you and are ready to follow your lead. You still might want to drop in on a parent or older relative who might not be as upbeat as you. Note that a different quality appears in your relationship. Tonight: A must appear-

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Go for that brass ring in the sky. You know what you want. Go off and create much more fun through living out certain events and realities. You are all smiles, living life to the max being adventurous, if only mentally! Tonight: Follow the music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ A partner decides the time has come to change directions and goals. The unexpected at home could rock your foundation. You might decide to do something in another way or style because of input. You might like the end results. Tonight: Go with a fun suggestion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** You might feel as if you are at the mercy of others. You really aren't, but you are on a fun and bumpy path to make plans and get together with others. Be less rigid, and stress levels will dis-

solve. Tonight: Defer, defer, defer. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Examine the alternatives, and come to a quick conclusion. You don't want to spend today o erthinking. Go off and enjoy yourself. Ca the her hand, take advantage of a financial opportunity, but don't go overboard. Tonight: Just relax with the moment.

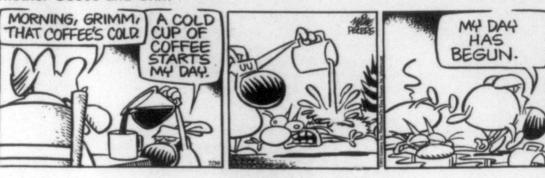
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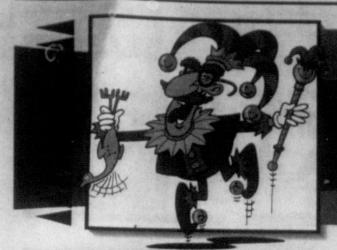




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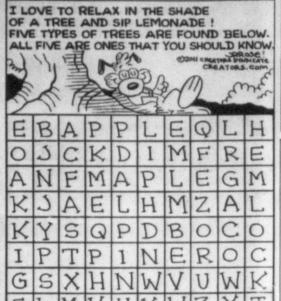
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Vision Match

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3. Cornea enter the eye 4. Pupil d. senses light in the retina

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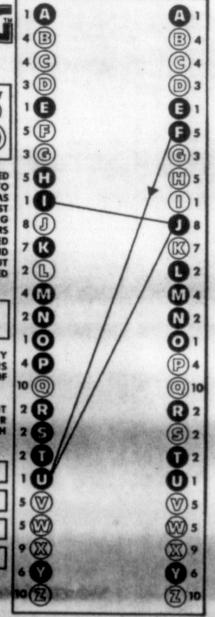
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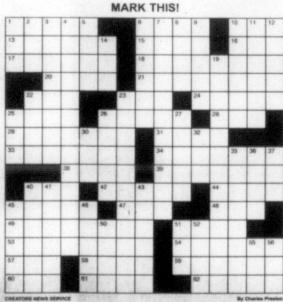


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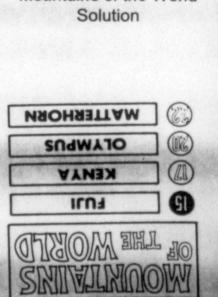
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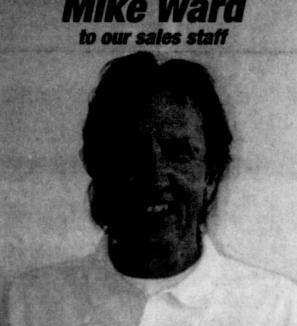
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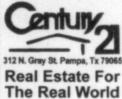
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Some pockets of dryland crops survive ongoing drought

ROBERT BURNS Texas AgriLife Extension Service

COLLEGE STATION - Though most dryland crops have failed due to the drought, there were scattered pockets of production, according to a

Service expert. "There will be some dryland crops harvested in Texas," said Dr. Travis Miller, AgriLife Extension program leader and associate department head of the Texas

A&M University soil and crop sciences department, College Station. "The best areas are going to be from Corpus (Christi) north to Victoria and along the coast a little ways; and then from Hill County north and east."

Miller predicted cotton Texas AgriLife Extension yields in the area from Corpus Christi to Victoria will be in the 350- to 400-pound-per-acre range. Sorghum yields were reported as being in the 3,000- to 3,700-pound range, while corn yields were about 35- to 40-bushels per acre.

But the situvaried ation widely not just from one region

to another, but county to county, he said.

"If you get a little farther north, say to Matagorda County, they just missed those rains, and there's some 25- to 30-bushel corn," Miller said. "Then Hill County and to the north had some pretty good rains. I think there was some 75-bushel corn, and I believe there will be 3,800- to 4,000-pound

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sorghum. With the current price scenario, they can probably do a little better than break even on that."

But for most of the state, the dryland situation was just plain dismal, he said. From Uvalde (South Central Texas) north to Spearman (the upper Panhandle), nearly all dryland crops have failed, he said. There is not going to be much of anything harvested on dryland fields in the southwest Texas area, the Edwards Plateau, the Rolling Plains and the High Plains.

It almost looks desertlike, he said.

"You can't even tell they planted anything," Miller said.

More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at http://agrilife.tamu. edu/drought/.

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

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Kerens area farmer Sonny Bancroft and his granddaughter, McKenzie, harvest grain sorghum in July Bancroft said he was seeing 3,500-poundper-acre yields, but only because he got a good rain about a month earlier that others in his area did not.

dry and windy weather continued. A few southeastern counties received some moisture in isolated areas, but accumulations weren't significant. Soilmoisture levels in most counties were very poor. Water-demand by crops was very high, and irrigators continued to divert water to other crops and

PANHANDLE: Hot, fewer acres. Corn was in poor to very poor condition. Mite populations in corn were rising because of the hot, windy conditions. Cotton was in poor to very poor condition in most counties. Rangeland pastures further and declined. Reduction of herds by producers was ongoing.

