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## One dead in wreck



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Authorities investigate the damage to the car of Barbara Franks, 25, of Pampa. Franks was killed when her car collided with a truck tractor driven by Hector Rivera Gomez, 47, at the intersection of Loop 171 and U.S. Hwy. 60.

## Pampa woman killed in two-vehicle crash

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A two-vehicle wreck on the southeast side of Pampa claimed the life of a local woman on Tuesday morning.

At 11:25 a.m., Barbara Franks, 25, of Pampa, was driving a 2003 Dodge Neon headed south on State Hwy. 171 when she attempted to make a turn east onto U.S. Hwy. 60. While turning, she was struck by a westbound

semi truck driven by Hector Rivera Gomez, 47, of Pampa.

"She had stopped at that intersection there on State Loop 171," said Corporal Jessie Cerda of the Texas Department of Public Safety. "She looked to the right, and several witnesses said she never looked back to the left and pulled out into the intersection and was struck in her left passenger side of the vehicle."

"She did make a stop at that stop sign," added Cerda. "She

didn't just flat out run it. There were witnesses that could verify that."

Franks was pronounced dead at 12:35 p.m. by Gray County Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman. No autopsy was ordered.

Authorities had to extricate Franks from her vehicle, which had most of its driver's side caved in due to the impact. Cerda estimated the time of extraction between 12:50 p.m.

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## Ag dept. offers funds to young farmers

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The Texas Department of Agriculture is currently offering \$5,000 and \$10,000 grants through its Young Farmer Grant Program. In an effort to encourage young farmers to begin or expand their operations, this grant program is offered to appli-

cants between the ages of 18 and 45 who can match funds procured through the program.

According to the 2007 Census of Agriculture, the average age of a Texas farmer is 59. Only 6 percent of farmers in the state are under 35.

The deadline for this program is Friday, September 2. Interested parties can call 1-877-428-7848 for more information.

## Roberta's Flowers in Teleflora's 'Top 2000'

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Roberta's Flowers, a Pampa business since 1954, has been honored with the Top 2000 Florist Award from Teleflora.

The award is determined by the amount of wire service each florist completes and honors Roberta's for being among the top 10 percent of all American Teleflora florists in terms of responding to wire orders.

It is a prestigious honor within the Teleflora network, which includes approximately 16,000 member florists throughout the United States and Canada and

another 20,000 outside North America.

Roberta's has been part of the Teleflora network since 1954.

Cathy Reed, owner of Roberta's Flowers, says it feels wonderful to win the award. "We're trying to keep (the store) running the same as when Roberta was alive," she said.

Reed became owner of the shop when Roberta Pugh, the previous owner, passed away in 2009.

"She always treated people more like friends than customers," said Reed.



staff photo by Sue Pribble

Joe Reed (left front) and Amy Jones hold up the Teleflora Top 2000 plaque awarded to Roberta's Flowers. Also pictured are (back row, from left) Matt Baldridge, Teleflora territory sales manager Cathy Reichsneider and Cathy Reed.

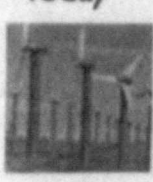
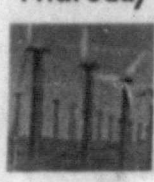
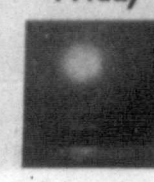
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### PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday
		
High 102 Low 70	High 98 Low 71	High 97 Low 68

**Today:** Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 102. Breezy, with a south southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98. Breezy, with a south southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 71. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind around 15 mph.

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## Inmates enroll in prison-based seminary

ROSHARON (AP) — Thirty-nine men in identical white uniforms bowed their heads, sang, laughed, clapped, cheered and prayed as they were formally installed Monday as the state's first class of seminarians studying to become ministers under a new program operating totally behind prison walls.

"Most of us in here haven't done anything good in our lives," Bible student Javier Sanchez, 33, of Houston, said. "It's life changing. It's like there's still hope."

Like his fellow seminarians assembled for a convocation at the chapel of the Darrington Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Sanchez wears the white suit of a Texas prison inmate. He has at least 10 years left on a lengthy prison term before he becomes eligible for parole, hasn't been involved in serious trouble since his imprisonment, has a high school diploma or equivalent and has shown an aptitude that he can succeed in completing the four-year program that leads to a bachelor's degree in Biblical studies.

Sanchez has been locked up since 2003 with a 45-year sentence for aggravated robbery.

Armed with his degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, he'll be assigned to a Texas prison to minister to the spiritual needs of fellow inmates.

"I think it's amazing to watch God work here in prison," Sanchez said.

The nondenominational program is modeled after a similar project in Louisiana that's credited with reducing inmate violence by 70 percent since beginning in 1995. The Texas project, an extension of the Fort Worth-based seminary, uses no state money and is financed with private donations.

"The hand of God has been in this project," said Sen. Dan Patrick, a Houston Republican who pushed the program with Houston Democratic Sen. John Whitmire after they both visited the Louisiana prison at Angola.

"I'd never seen so many people serving life sentences with smiles on their face," Whitmire said. "We were committed to taking this back to Texas."

Brad Livingston, executive director of the criminal

justice department, said it's hoped the program's success will spawn a second class next year and then continue annually.

"There will be some challenges, but I believe we've put the pieces in place for success here," he told the inmates, survivors from among 600 who expressed interest in joining the program. Each of them received a new leather-bound Bible personalized with his name inscribed on the book. "This is a tremendous opportunity. I believe this partnership is built to last."

The Darrington Unit opened in 1917, making it one of the oldest of Texas' 111 prisons. The maximum security lockup traditionally has been one of the toughest.

Livingston said it was selected because of its proximity to the Baptist seminary's resources in Houston, about an hour's drive to the north.

"This is like draft day in the NFL and y'all are first-round draft picks," Patrick told the prisoners, who cheered. "But there's more on the line than a Super Bowl. It's not about your past, it's about your future."

Paige Patterson, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, said ever since the beginning of Christianity prisoners have been considered important.

"There's always been an emphasis on the importance of transforming lives of people as best as you could," he said. "We're all in it together, studying to allow the word of God to produce fruits of spirit."

Brandon Authement, 29, of Orange, said when he saw an application for the program he prayed about it.

"God blessed me by pushing my application through," said Authement, locked up since August 2005 for a murder in Austin. "I'm hoping this will have a positive effect on society. This is really a blessing. Who would have dreamed this? This is an honor to be in the seminary."

He said he grew up "a pastor's son" who "went sideways."

Asked his father's reaction to his enrolling in the seminary, he replied: "He's ecstatic. We've become more kindred spirits. I have a lot of people praying for me."

## Obituaries

### Harold L. "Bud" Gardner, 74

PLAYAS DE ROSARITA, Mexico—Harold "Bud" Gardner of Baja California passed away at his home on Friday, August 27, 2011.

Harold was born on November 30, 1936, in Maywood, Neb., to Irvyl B. and Ruth Ione Gardner. Before he moved to Baja California, he had his own haying business but after selling that, he retired.

Harold is survived by his wife, MaryLou of the home; four sons, Randy Gardner and wife Jenny of Forsyth, Mont., Rod Gardner and wife Leola of Glenrock, Wyo.,

Steve Gardner and wife Lori of Killeen, and Bill Gardner and wife Wanda of Pampa; two daughters, Kathy Gardner of Pampa, and Pat Elkins and husband Monty Elkins of Pampa. He has numerous grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. He was also survived by one brother, Virgil and his wife Orion Gardner of Powder Springs, Ga.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters; his oldest daughter, Nanci Bergman; and MaryEllen Gardner, the mother of his children.

The services were held in Mexico on Tuesday, August 30, 2011.

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## For the record

### Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Tuesday, August 30 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 21 traffic related incidents.

Animal Control officers and Pampa PD responded to 14 animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS and Lefors Volunteer EMS responded to 9 medical calls.

Monday, August 29

Abandoned vehicles were reported at the 500 block of West 21st and the 400 block of 20th.

Harassment was reported at the 1000 block of West Alcock.

An abandoned vehicle was reported at the 1000 block of 19th.

A theft was reported at the 600 block of West Brown.

An accident was reported at the 100 block of East Randy Matson.

Found property was re-

ported at the 700 block of North Zimmers.

A gas drive off was reported at the 300 block of North Hobart.

Found property was reported.

A stolen vehicle was reported.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 2100 block of North Chestnut.

An accident was reported at the 2800 block of Perryton.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1400 block of West Harvester.

A threat was reported at the 700 block of North Banks.

A suspicious person was reported at the 700 block of North Dwight.

A narcotics violation was reported.

A domestic disturbance was reported at the 1300 block of Coffee.

A narcotics violation was reported.

A suspicious person was reported at the 700 block of East 14th.

Police investigated an alarm at the 1300 block of North Hobart.

**Tuesday, August 30**  
Police investigated an alarm at the 1300 block of North Hobart.

A burglary was reported at the 600 block of North Frost.

A theft was reported at the 100 block of South Wells.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 2100 block of North Hamilton.

### CORRECTION

In yesterday's *The Pampa News*, in the story headlined "Changes, consolidation at Pampa's Red Cross, Jana Gregory's quote should have read, "The layoffs are official, but the office is not going to close. Pampa's Red Cross office is not closing. *The Pampa News* apologizes for the error.

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# MORNINGRUSH

## Jaguar pelts lead to arrests

MIAMI (AP) - Two Texas residents are in custody for allegedly selling jaguar skins smuggled into the U.S. from Mexico.

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Miami, 52-year-old Elias Garcia Garcia and 52-year-old Maria Angela Plancarte sold pelts for \$7,000 to undercover wildlife agents in Texas and Florida and promised to sell them up to 10 more.

Garcia and Plancarte are both from La Feria, Texas. They were arrested last week in Texas and will be transferred to Miami to face federal charges of conspiring to traffic in protected wildlife and violating the Endangered Species Act. Court records did not show whether they had attorneys in Florida.

The Endangered Species Act prohibits the sale or transportation of any protected species, whether it's dead or alive.

## Jeffs moved to prison hospital

HOUSTON (AP) - Polygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs is being moved to a prison hospital for additional treatment after he became sick while fasting.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokeswoman Michelle Lyons said Tuesday Jeffs was being taken from East Texas Medical Center in Tyler, where he was admitted Sunday, to the Texas prison hospital at Galveston. Jeffs last week was assigned to the Powledge Unit near Palestine, about 100 miles southeast of Dallas.

Lyons says the 55-year-old Jeffs remains in critical but stable condition but was conscious as he began his 215-mile transport to the prison medical center about 50 miles southeast of Houston. She has said Jeffs is expected to fully recover.

Jeffs was sentenced to life in prison earlier this month after his conviction for sexually assaulting underage girls.

## Aggies replacements discussed

The Big 12 board of directors has formed a committee to discuss schools that could replace Texas A&M if the Aggies leave the league as expected.

Missouri Chancellor Brady Deaton, who serves as the board chairman, said Tuesday that the committee could also address the possibility of expanding the conference even if Texas A&M stays put.

The Aggies are interested in joining the Southeastern Conference and they received a letter from Big 12 Commissioner Dan Beebe on Monday outlining the withdrawal procedure if they decide to leave.

Deaton says the Big 12 board has not received notification that the Aggies plan to leave.

# White Swan dishes were hidden treasures

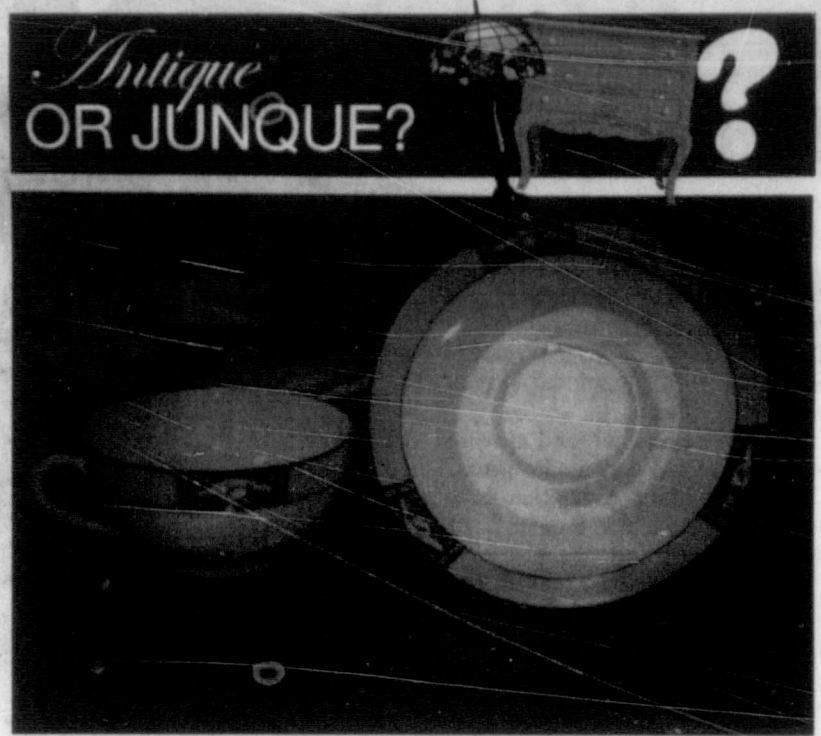
ANNE MCCOLLAM

Q: This porcelain cup and saucer were "prizes" inside a tin can of "White Swan Coffee" in 1926. On the bottom of each piece are the letter "M" in a wreath and the words "Noritake -- Made in Japan -- U.S. Design PT. Pending." When my aunt was nine-years-old she watched her mother remove them from the can of "White Swan Coffee." She thought the yellow boards decorated with white swans were so pretty and asked if she could have them. My aunt is 94-years-old this year. We would like to know a little history of "White Swan Coffee" as well as the value of their "hidden treasures."

A: In the 1920s several companies began offering a gift-with-purchase campaign to boost their sales. Some of the firms that found this practice profitable were White Swan Coffee Co., Larkin Soap Co., Jewel Tea Co., and McCormick Tea Co. White Swan Coffee was located in Dallas, Texas, in a building that was designed by Thomas Byrne and Co. and constructed in 1926. In 1978, the building was added to the National Registry of Historical Places. Today, White Swan Coffee is a subsidiary of U.S. Food Services, Inc. The letter "M" represents the Morimura Brothers, New York based distributors of Noritake porcelain made in Japan.

Your cup and saucer would probably be worth \$25 to \$50.

Q: The enclosed mark is on the back of a tea set we inherited from our great-aunt. The set includes 24 pieces and the dishes are white and engraved with her mother's initials, "WL," in gold. It was purchased by my aunt when she was a Red Cross nurse stationed in Limoges, France, during World War I. Her medical unit was quartered in a



White Swan Coffee Company was located in Dallas, Texas, in the 1920s.

Haviland china factory for a considerable time during the war. She ordered the set for her mother, had it engraved and shipped overseas as a Christmas present in 1918.



Haviland China has been in business since 1853.

She also arranged for a back stamp on the set with the words "To Mother, Merry Christmas, 1918, Love, Janella." There is a letter

along with the sales receipt from William D. Haviland, owner of the factory.

This set has an incredible sentimental value to our family. However, I would like to know its approximate value.

A: The Haviland and Co. Limoges, France, china factory was founded by David E. Haviland in 1853. William D. Haviland was his grandson. The personal back stamp, gold engraved initials and handwritten letter make your set a remarkable family treasure. Its value would probably be \$500 to \$800.

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



Dennis and Sandra Franks

## Franks Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Dennis Wayne and Sandra Jean Franks wed in Plano, TX are proud to announce the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. Reception will be on September 3rd, 6 pm at Plano's Blue Mesa Restaurant.

Sandra Jean Futch wed Dennis on August 31, 1961 in Pampa, TX at the Church of the Nazarene. They have lived in Plano for the past 31 years. Dennis retired in 2005 from General Motors. Sandra is still working for

Crump Insurance Services and has been there 22 years. They are both members at Richardson Church of the Nazarene. Their children are Dennis of Flower Mound, TX; David of Plano, TX; and Dack of Houston, TX. They have 2 grandchildren.

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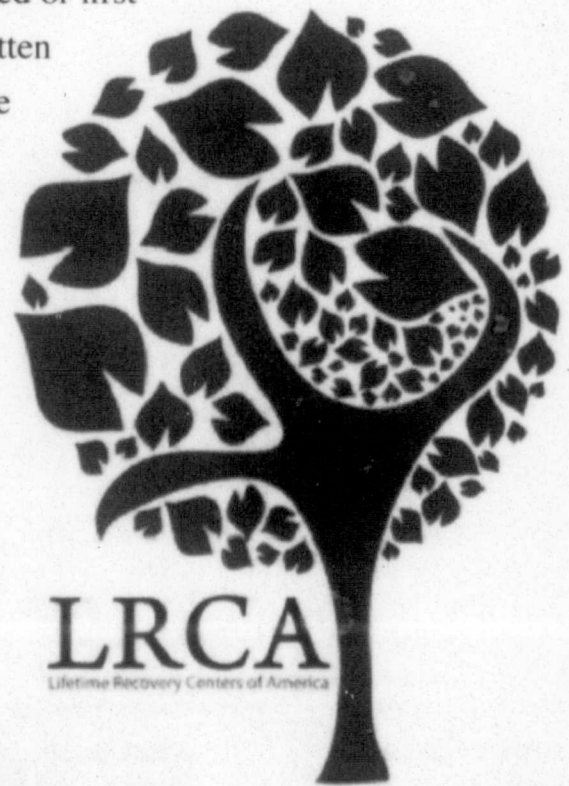
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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 31, the 243rd day of 2011. There are 122 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

**On Aug. 31, 1886, at 9:51 p.m.,** an earthquake with an estimated magnitude of 7.3 devastated Charleston, S.C., killing at least 60 people, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

### On this date:

In 1688, preacher and novelist John Bunyan, author of "The Pilgrim's Progress," died in London.

In 1888, Mary Ann Nichols, the apparent first victim of "Jack the Ripper," was found slain in London's East End.

In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an act prohibiting the export of U.S. arms to belligerents.

In 1941, the radio program "The Great Gildersleeve," a spinoff from "Fibber McGee and Molly" starring Harold Peary, debuted on NBC.

In 1954, Hurricane Carol hit the northeastern Atlantic states; Connecticut, Rhode Island and part of Massachusetts bore the brunt of the storm, which resulted in nearly 70 deaths.

In 1969, boxer Rocky Marciano died in a light airplane crash in Iowa, a day before his 46th birthday.

In 1980, Poland's Solidarity labor movement was born with an agreement signed in Gdansk that ended a 17-day-old strike.

In 1986, 82 people were killed when an Aeromexico jetliner and a small private plane collided over Cerritos, Calif. The Soviet passenger ship Admiral Nakhimov collided with a merchant vessel in the Black Sea, causing both to sink; up to 448 people reportedly died.

In 1988, 14 people were killed when a Delta Boeing 727 crashed during takeoff from Dallas-Fort Worth Airport.

In 1991, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan declared their independence, raising to ten the number of republics seeking to secede from the Soviet Union.

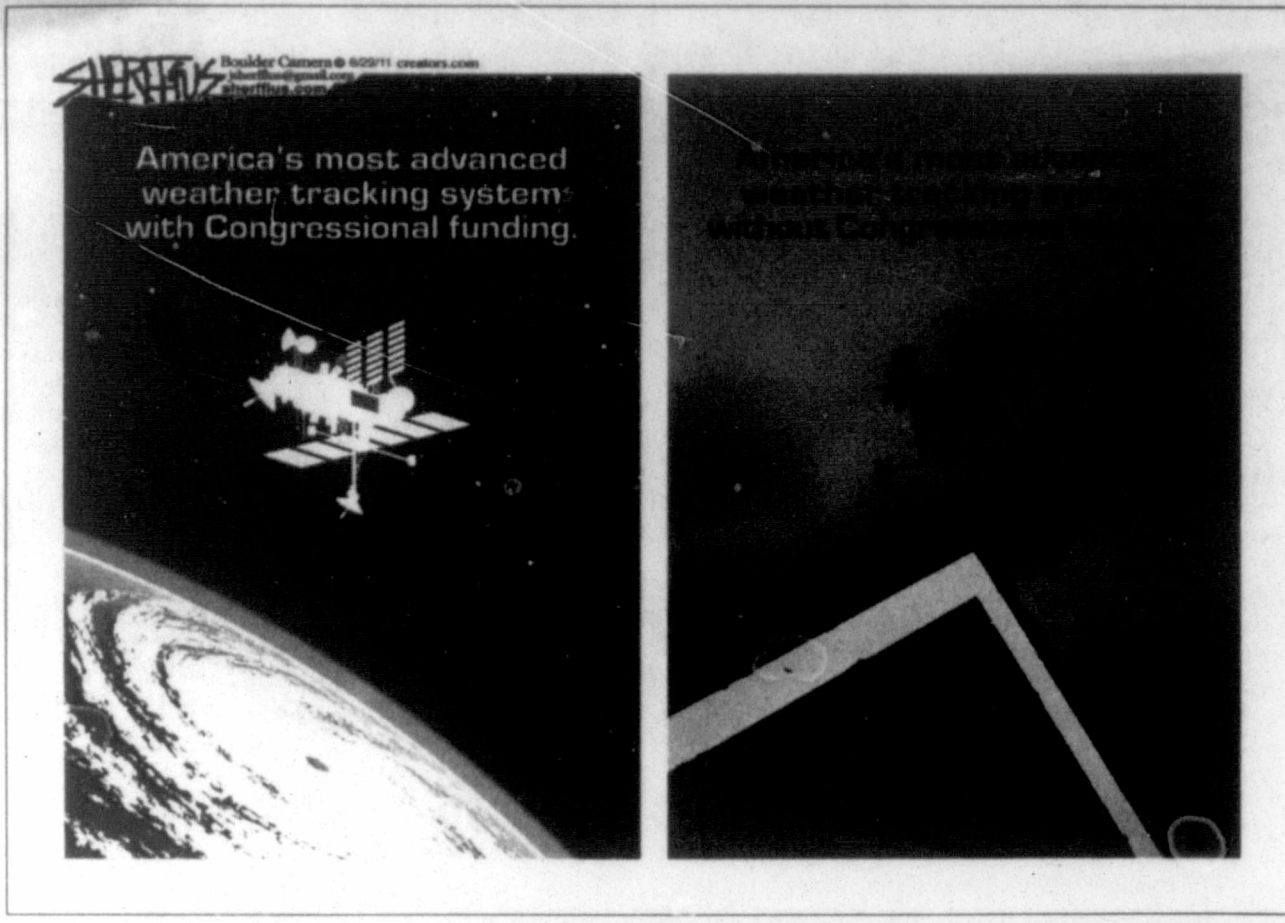
**Ten years ago:** The Middle East dominated the opening of a world conference against racism in Durban, South Africa, as Yasser Arafat accused Israel of "racist practices" against the Palestinian people.

**Five years ago:** Iran defied a U.N. deadline to stop enriching uranium.

**One year ago:** President Barack Obama ended the U.S. combat mission in Iraq, declaring no victory after seven years of bloodshed and telling those divided over the war in his country and around the world - "It is time to turn the page."

**Today's Birthdays:** Baseball Hall-of-Famer Frank Robinson is 76. Actor Warren Berlinger is 74. Rock musician Jerry Allison (Buddy Holly and the Crickets) is 72. Actor Jack Thompson is 71. Violinist Itzhak Perlman is 66. Singer Van Morrison is 66. Rock musician Rudolf Schenker (The Scorpions) is 63. Actor Richard Gere is 62. Rock singer Glenn Tilbrook (Squeeze) is 54. Rock musician Gina Schock (The Go-Go's) is 54. Rhythm-and-blues musician Larry Waddell (Mint Condition) is 48. Actor Jaime P. Gomez is 46. Rock musician Jeff Russo (Tonic) is 42. Singer-composer Deborah Gibson is 41. Rock musician Greg Richling (Wallflowers) is 41. Actor Zack Ward is 41. Actor Chris Tucker is 39. Actress Sara Ramirez is 36.

**Thought for Today:** "When you pray, rather let your heart be without words than your words without heart." - John Bunyan (1628-1688)



## Texas drought could threaten endangered species

**BETSY BLANEY**  
Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Federal officials are readying plans to evacuate a small number of endangered species in Texas as a severe drought lowers water levels and threatens the survival of rare wildlife in the state's huge ecosystem.

Months with almost no rain have caused water levels to drop by half or more in many rivers, lakes and other bodies of water, including springs in the central Texas Hill Country that are the only remaining habitat for populations of small fish, amphibians and other creatures. If the water continues to drop sharply, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials are preparing to net up large samples from the springs to take to a hatchery for preservation.

Such evacuations have been rare in the past, with one ordered in 2000 to rescue several species of mussels in Georgia. But such emergency measures could become more frequent if the drought here continues for months or years, as many forecasters predict. Texas is home to 86 endangered and threatened species.

"We're definitely concerned," Fish and Wildlife Service biologist Tom Brandt said. "I think we have moved to another step in making sure everything is ready. We're in a planning stage right now." The evacuations would begin if water levels in two declining springs drop by more than another 50 percent, after similar reductions in recent months.

Only 9.6 inches of rain has fallen on average across Texas this year, a little more than half the normal amount. Fish are dying in lakes and rivers from lack of water and low oxygen levels. Growth of vegetation for animal habitat is down dramati-

cally. "Texas flora and fauna are adapted to the harsh, extreme conditions. However, this particular drought is testing the limits of native populations," said Cindy Loeffler, a water resource expert with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The lack of rainfall is intensifying competition for scarce water among wildlife, agriculture and local users. In this case, the Edwards Aquifer, which feeds the two springs that contain the vulnerable species, also provides water to almost two million people as well as for irrigation. The state has imposed new pumping restrictions on some water users and suspended the water rights of others. Federal law bars harming threatened species.

The Comal and San Marcos springs are the largest in Texas. The San Marcos Springs are on the bottom of a 16-acre lake, percolating water up through fissures in the limestone lake bottom. Comal Springs is in a secluded area of oak and cedar trees in a park in New Braunfels.

The springs contain the only remaining populations of two small fish, the fountain darter and the San Marcos gambusia; the Texas blind salamander; the San Marcos salamander; the Comal Springs Riffle beetle, the Comal Springs Dryopid beetle, the Peck's cave amphipod, an invertebrate; and Texas wild-rice. In fact, the San Marcos gambusia hasn't been seen since the early 1980s and could already be extinct.

This week (Aug. 22), the spring flow at Comal Springs was measured at 165 cubic feet per second, down from its average of 300. The flow at San Marcos Springs was 93, down from an average of 180. If the flows begin to approach 50 in Comal Springs and 75 in San

Marcos Springs, wildlife agents and volunteers would collect large samples of the wildlife to add to small captive populations in tanks at the hatchery near San Marcos, which is about 30 miles from Austin.

Brandt said he couldn't project when the springs might approach the danger point, and hopes the water conservation efforts keep the springs viable until rains come. San Marcos Springs has never gone dry but Comal Springs went dry from June to November 1956, near the end of a seven-year drought that was the worst in Texas history. The current drought, which began last fall, is already the second worst.

Keeping the species alive is important, said Brandt. "They are a barometer," Brandt said. "We want to keep the habitat in as good a condition as we can and the endangered species, the health of those populations, tells us how well we're doing that."

If the drought continues unabated, "Then we're all in serious trouble and more severe steps will need to be taken," said Ken Kramer of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club, which has gone to federal court in the past to protect wildlife in the state.

The Edwards Aquifer Authority, which manages pumpers of the water source, has been directed by the Legislature to come up with conservation options for the future.

So far, lakes, streams and other waters in the north and western parts of Texas are drying up the fastest, and the plants and animals that rely on them are being watched the most closely. "We are internally at parks and wildlife having discussions, 'what other species out there might need help?'" said Loeffler

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WASHINGTON MONUMENT

WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL

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Wreck

and 1 p.m.

Gomez was unhurt in the accident. Cerda confirmed that Franks was wearing her safety belt at the time of the collision. "She was wearing her safety belt," he said. "But that kind of impact, that safety belt's not going to do much."

The DPS worked the scene, assisted by Gray County Sheriff's Department, Pampa Fire, Pampa EMS and Pampa Police. No drugs or alcohol are suspected at this time in connection with the crash. The investigation is ongoing; no charges have been filed at this time.

Xcel

at this point... While we're obviously sympathetic to their problems, we're not concerned about them affecting our customers."

"We do have power sales among different utilities up in our region, so it would concern us more, say, if one of our Oklahoma neighbors was having problems, or someone in Kansas. We actually move power back and forth those directions. We don't actually move power that much to the south."

Reeves said that power consumers in the Panhandle often misinterpret messages and alerts aimed at

ERCOT customers because of the unclear distinction between the ERCOT grid and the state of Texas as a whole.

"A lot of customers in this region will hear media messages relating to Texas and they assume that includes them, because they live in the state of Texas," he said. "We try to keep the distinction. There have been days where both ERCOT and our region have been under alert, so it's not unheard of, but at this time, we should be OK."

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For each of the three words below, change one letter to an I and then rearrange the letters to spell a type of musical instrument.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: After a messy divorce, I moved with my 17-year-old daughter "Allie" to Florida. I'm thrilled that she has adjusted so quickly to the lifestyle here, which revolves around the beach and backyard swimming pools. Allie now has a boyfriend, "Shane," who is 19 and in college. I like him, and it appears he likes me too -- maybe a little too much.

Shane lives with his parents down the street, and he's often at our house when he and Allie aren't in school. Because I work at home and my office is adjacent to the pool, I can't seem to escape him. When Allie is doing her homework or talking on the phone, Shane swims alone and does a fair amount of "preening." I have the feeling he does it to gain my attention. The other day, after jumping in the pool, he surfaced without his swim trunks and said the pool jets had ripped them off him. Then he got out of the pool and put them back on in front of me. When I told him I found the situation embarrassing, he shrugged and smiled, leaving me feeling awkward.

Being from the Midwest, I'm used to people behaving and dressing more modestly. Here, it seems like anything goes, and the skimpier the clothing, the better. Am I a prude, or

should I listen to my instincts that something is not right? And what do I say to Shane that will allow me to keep my dignity? -- TAKEN ABACK IN TAMPA

DEAR TAKEN ABACK: The pool jets did not rip the trunks off your daughter's boyfriend. It appears she is involved with an exhibitionist. If it happens again, tell him you find what he's doing to be disrespectful and offensive, and if he wants to parade his shortcomings at his own home that's his privilege, but at yours his pants should stay on at all times -- or you'll tell his mother. Shame on Shane.

DEAR ABBY: I have been through a lot and have never given up. Lately, however, I am having second thoughts. Everyone in my family is an addict or a recovering one. I left my ex-husband because of his drinking. My son has been in rehab and relapsed many times. I have gone through every last financial and emotional option with him.

At this point, I'm feeling like all hope is gone. I'm writing to you because I am trying to find some thread of life to help me understand why bad things keep happening to me. How do I squeeze out one last drop of hope when my cup of faith

is empty? I want to find a purpose to all the pain. -- STRUGGLING FOR ANSWERS, PARK CITY, UTAH

DEAR STRUGGLING: Volumes have been written by authors and philosophers trying to explain why bad things happen to good people. In your case, it appears you were born into a family with a genetic predisposition to addiction. Because the behavior of people with substance abuse problems was familiar to you, you married another one.

While I appreciate your desire to help your son, for your own mental health, please accept that the battle to free himself from addiction is his and his alone. You can't conquer it for him, much as you might hope to.

If you haven't already done so, attend some meetings of support groups for families and friends of people who have addictions. There you will find others who are helping one another through the same issues you are encountering. Such groups are listed in your phone directory and on the Internet. Believe me, you are not alone in your search for answers.

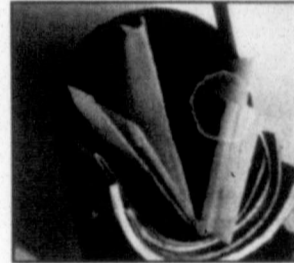
TO MY MUSLIM READERS: A happy Eid al-Fitr, one and all!

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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ACROSS 44 Failed

1 Terrarium growth base

5 Bent out of shape

11 Vault part

12 2002 animated film

13 Give a hoot

14 Made use of

15 Quarter-back Manning

16 Chess castle

17 Catty comments

19 Cry loudly

22 Godzilla's home

24 Un-stressed vowel

26 Eye part

27 Valuable rocks

28 Talents

30 Move smoothly

31 Slump

32 Coffee add-in

34 Young horse

35 Tennis star

Shriver

38 Bee activity

41 Leslie Caron film

42 Right away

43 Adam's grandson

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AMONG VINCE
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Yesterday's answer

DOWN 1 Spiked club

2 Uttered

3 Miserly activity

4 That lady

5 Extra set of cards

6 Opposite side

7 Smell awful

8 Pussy foot

9 Freud topic

10 Lion's home

16 Friend of Harry and Hermione

18 Sunup site

19 Gulf industry

20 Had debts

21 Diamond corner

22 Triangular sails

23 Vicinity

25 Rum mixer

29 Torch holder

30 Salon stuff

33 Was irate

34 Squealer

36 Excited

37 Feel nostalgic for

38 Was inactive

39 Greek letter

40 Was victorious

41 "Golly!"

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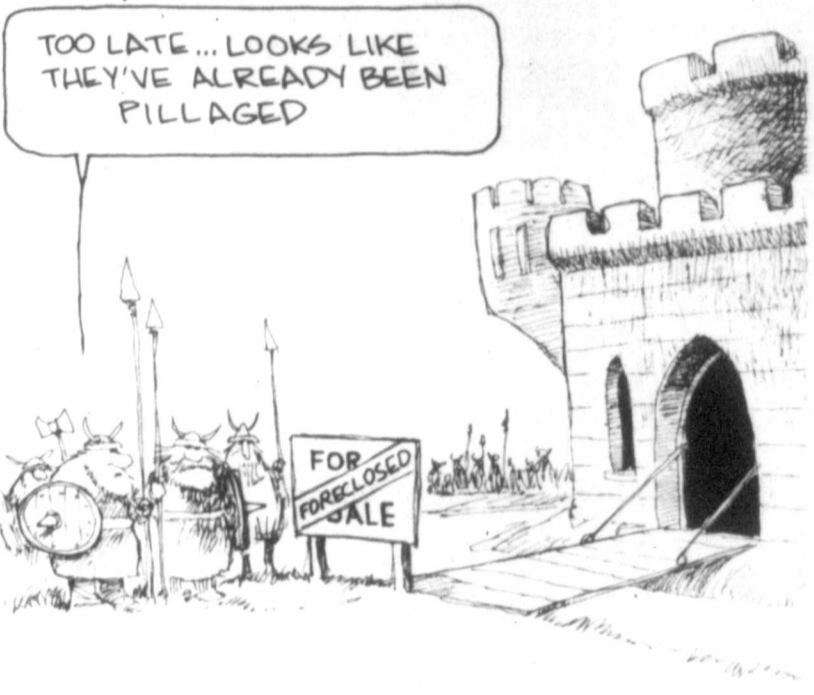
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Nest Heads



## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2011:  
This year, open up to life's possibilities. You maintain a cautious attitude, especially concerning finances. A boss or parent might push you beyond your limits. Discussions and meetings play a role in your decision making. Detach, and you'll gain even more of a perspective. If you are single, someone from a very different culture could become important. Ask yourself if you can accept this lifestyle before diving in. If you are attached, the two of you gain by detaching and walking in the other person's shoes more often. LIBRA can be possessive.  
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)**  
★★★★ Allow a partner to take over. He or she might be overly serious and driven. Curb your temper at work or when dealing with others. Being hot under the collar simply doesn't help. Allow greater give-and-take at home. Tonight: Go for something peaceful.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★ You are still dealing with a situation in your daily life. It could be health related. Before making any major decisions, check in with a doctor or dentist. Keep up with your yearly checkups. Don't react to someone at work. Tonight: Busy doing errands, catching up on news, etc.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★★ Reach out to a key person. He or she could be unusually somber. Don't take this person's mood personally. Could fatigue be playing a role in your decisions right now? Don't push yourself. Tonight: All smiles after a power nap.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★★ Be aware of a tendency to limit yourself or someone you live with. An investment might be slow to come to fruition. You might wonder what is happening with a family member. Don't make any decisions until you get a sense of the big picture. Tonight: Play it cool.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ Keep conversations moving, despite an awkward moment or two. You can deal with others, but also look within. You might be a lot angrier than you realize. Verbalize what you think. At the same time, don't push too hard. Tonight: Speak

your mind.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★ Your finances could have you feeling restricted. You want to join a friend, but it will cost you. Keep a conversation involving your home and potential responsibility moving. Note fatigue; consider taking a nap. Tonight: Your treat.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★ If you can get past negativity, much that is of value will greet you. A partner or associate would like to share good news, but not at the expense of a bah-humbug response. A professional opportunity comes through a meeting. Tonight: Remain open to several different options.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★ Follow through with a boss or higher-up. Don't keep the same discussion going over and over in your head. Take a walk and move through a problem more quickly. You could be misreading a situation. Tonight: Do your thing.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★★ Zero in on what you want, and don't sell yourself short. Meetings could be more important than you think. You draw many people toward you. An associate might be wanting more from a project. This rigidity makes you uncomfortable. Tonight: Where the action is.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★ Follow your instincts. Don't be a back-seat driver, whether at work or in a social setting. Step up and lead. A partner could be a bit difficult, and no matter what you do, it makes no difference. Stay mellow and centered. Brainstorm with a trusted associate or friend. Tonight: Could be late.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ You might be thinking about the weekend. Try to stay grounded in the moment, or else you might not accomplish what you feel is necessary. Someone could be difficult to speak to. Share your feelings in an appropriate manner. Tonight: Let your imagination go.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★ You could handle a personal matter differently if you work with a key individual. Walk away from a power play where you might feel left out. A conversation could be misleading, though the other person might not intend it to be. Tonight: Togetherness.

Tundra



Shoe



Mother Goose and Grim



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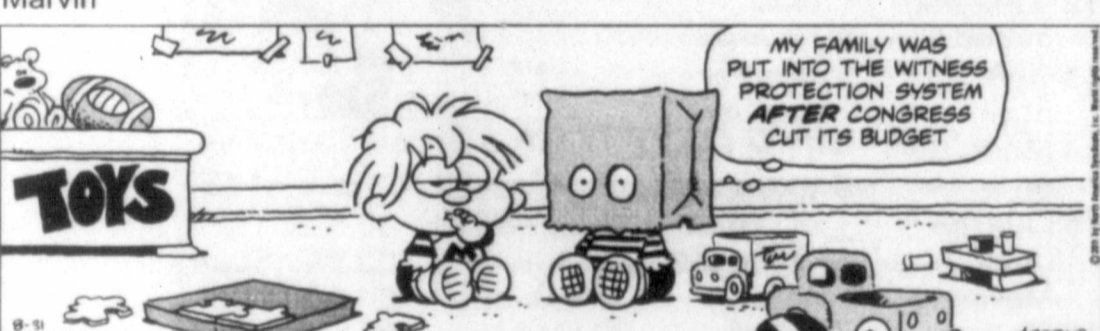
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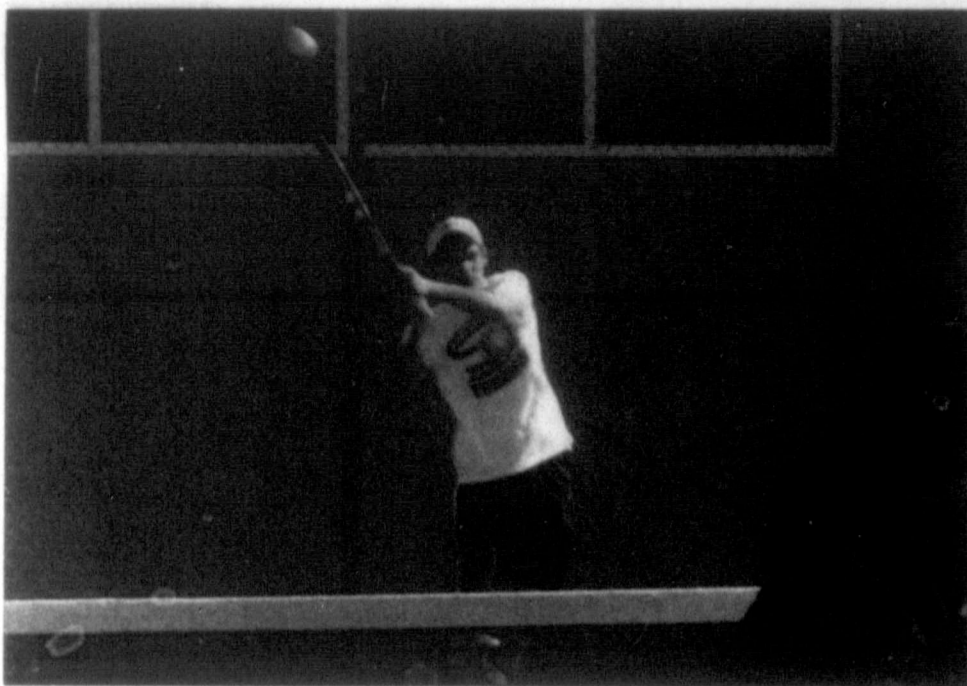
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# Sports

## Tennis slips to Randall



Senior Braden Russell leaps to return a serve against Randall Tuesday at the Pampa High School Tennis Courts. The Harvesters lost 14-5.

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The match score may be one-sided in Randall's favor but the Pampa Harvesters had five three-set matches they weren't able to pull out in a 14-5 loss Tuesday at the Pampa High School tennis courts.

Head coach Sarah Corse said her team played better than the match total showed. "There were eight matches that had tie-breakers and we lose five of them," Corse said. "We won those, it turns around and it's ours."

Senior Elizabeth Terry and junior Makayla Hampton lost their doubles match (6-0, 2-6, 9-11) after winning the first set 6-0. Seniors Collin McClendon and Delaney Clendening won their first set 6-2 but lost their next two 7-5 and 10-7. Clendening lost her singles in three sets (6-4, 3-6, 8-10), after winning the first. Senior Logan Karbo lost his singles match 6-7 (5-7), 6-1 and 4-10. Senior David Moore lost his first match and lost in three sets (3-6, 6-4, 2-10) after rallying to win the second.

Moore said he has a rivalry with his singles opponent.

"At times it gets competitive," Moore said. "Tonight I just wasn't able to pull it out."

Junior Nick Nelson said the team needs to do a better job of finishing matches.

"There were some people who thought they were done after winning the first set," Nelson said. "They still had the important matches left."

Juniors Nelson, Hampton and senior Terry won their single matches in tie-breakers. Nelson and Logan picked up the only doubles victory, sweeping their

opponent (6-3 and 6-4). Nelson said the match went as planned.

"Last match we lost (0-6, 0-6) because Logan had gotten heat sickness," Nelson said. "We came out here with the mind that we can do this and beat these guys."

The Harvesters (1-2) host Dumas 4 p.m. September 8. Terry said they have to finish better.

"We have to get first serves in," Terry said. "We need to get it done the first time and not lob it in on the second."

### Match Summary

#### Boys Doubles

Logan Karbo/Nelson W 6-4, 6-3  
Landon Karbo/Moore L 6-7, 1-6  
Russell/Hucks L 1-6, 1-6

#### Boys Singles

D. Moore L 3-6, 6-4, 2-10  
Logan Karbo L 6-7 (5-7), 6-1, 4-10  
Landon Karbo W 6-3, 6-3  
N. Nelson W 3-6, 7-6, 10-8  
B. Russell L 4-6, 3-6  
C. McClendon L 1-6, 2-6  
H. Hucks L 3-8\*

#### Girls Doubles

Hampton/Elizabeth Terry L 6-0, 2-6, 9-11  
Emily Terry/Frost L 2-6, 2-6  
Elliott/Sellers L 0-6, 1-6

#### Girls Singles

Hampton W 4-6, 7-5, 10-0  
Clendening L 6-4, 3-6, 8-10  
Elizabeth Terry W 6-4, 3-6, 10-8  
Emily Terry L 2-6, 3-6  
H. Elliott L 3-6, 1-6  
E. Frost L 0-6, 0-6  
K. Sellers L 0-8\*

#### Mixed Doubles

Clendening, McClendon L 6-2, 5-7, 7-10

\*=extra match

## Pampa volleyball falls again to Dumas

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The No. 11 Pampa Lady Harvesters were hoping they would compete better against the 4A No. 5 Dumas Demonettes than they did at home last week. Tuesday night in Dumas proved no different as Pampa was swept (15-25, 10-25, 19-25).

Head coach Libby Garza said the team didn't play well. "We had five girls with a stomach bug," Garza said. "We just played flat."

Garza gave Dumas credit but said her team picked it up too late.

"We just didn't play with intensity until the third game," Garza said. "We played a lot better in the third game."

The Lady Harvesters (11-6) are 4-4 in their last eight games and dropped two spots in the weekly Texas Girls Coaches Association State Volleyball Poll.

Garza said her team is fine and just has to work things out.

"Like I said, rankings are just numbers," Garza said. "My girls are ready they just need to let themselves be great together."

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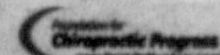
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