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Crystal ball for Texas dems?

Senate choice could signal party's Texas future | p4

Good showing for tennis

PHS tennis finishes sixth in Lubbock tournament | p8

Wind turbine construction at junior high begins

New tower could supply up to 12 percent of PJHS' electricity when finished

ARNIE AURELLANO editor@thepampanews.com

The Pampa Independent School District began construction last week on a new wind turbine on the south side of campus at Pampa Junior High School.

Building began Friday with a crew drilling three piers and construction being drilled just south of the school building, according to Danny Seabourn, chief financial officer of the PISD. Hydro-Star Energy, LLC, out of Amarillo is overseeing the installation.

"They've installed some other turbines at other school districts like Shallowater and places like that," Seabourn said. "They have a lot of experience with this."

The project is being funded by a renewable energy grant through the State Energy Conservation Office, a program of the Texas State Comptroller of Public Accounts. The district had actually tried to secure a grant for the project once before, Seabourn said, but were unsuc-

"(Former PISD CFO) Carol Fields had TURBINE cont, on page 6

an inquiry from Hydro-Star that there was a grant available through SECO, which is a program through the comptroller's office," Seabourn said. "These grants were for renewable energy. She had pursued that and Hydro-Star had made an initial grant application, but the grant didn't happen. Well, they came out with another round of these grants, and Hydro-Star called me and we re-filed it again. This time, we were able to get the funding."

School district looks for next superintendent

Search beginning internally; board to discuss search tonight

ARNIE AURELLANO editor@thepampanews.com

With the last semester of current Pampa Independent School District superintendent Barry Haenisch's tenure under way, the PISD's Board of Trustees has begun its search for his eventual replacement in earnest.

Haenisch, 62, announced his intention to retire from the post in November. He has been the PISD's superintendent for the last nine years, the final stop in a 41-year educational career.

Lee Porter, president of the PISD board of trustees, said that the district's search for Haenisch's replacement has already began internally, with the opening posted within the PISD last Monday.

"We have posted the superintendent's job for internal applicants," Porter said. "We have not posted it on any superintendents' websites or anything like that. "If we have internal applicants, then we will SUPERINTENDENT cont. on page 6

HIRTEEN TIMES TWO





photos courtesy of Edward Garvin

The Pampa High School Harvester (left) and Lady Harvester swimming teams (right) won their 13th straight district titles on Saturday after the district meet at the Pete Ragus Aquatic Center in Lubbock. Among both boys and girls teams, Pampa advanced 17 swimmers in 22 events. The swimmers will next compete at regionals in Andrews on Feb. 10-11, with the winners of that meet advancing to the state meet in Austin.

Six indictments in Wheeler County

ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

Six people were indicted in Wheeler County on six different indictments by a grand jury under the 31st District Court this month.

The 31st District Court also covers Gray County, as well as Lipscomb, Roberts and Hemphill Counties.

Michael Solis Jr., 30, was indicted for theft of property worth \$1,500 or more but less than \$20,000 stemming from an April 7, 2011 incident.

Troy Christian Arnold, 34, was indicted for possession of controlled substance greater than four grams but less than 400 grams stemming from a December 15, 2010

incident. Wesley Shane Ashley, 22 was indicted for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon stemming from a December 17, 2010

Glen Alan Baumert, 42 was indicted for possession of a controlled substance less than one gram stemming from a January 28, 2011 incident.

Felicia Ann Brown, 20 was indicted for driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age stemming from an October 2, 2011 incident.

Albert Jr. Perez, 29, was indicted for aggravated sexual assault of a child stemming from a April 1, 2011 incident.

HELLO, MY NAME IS...



staff photo by Redonn Woods

W. Robert Cooper (from left), provider-based Clinic Director; Dr. Bruno Romeo Jr., OBGYN; LeAnna McGuire, front office, Stacy Landers, medical assistant; and Dr. Miguel Cintron, OB/GYN share a smile at a Pampa Regional Medical Center open house last week.

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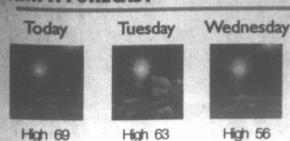
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PAMPA FORECAST

Low 34



Today: Sunny, with a high near 69. Wind chill values between 24 and 34 early. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Low 30

Low 32

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 34. Wind chill values between 27 and 32. Southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east southeast.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 56. North northwest wind around 5 mph.

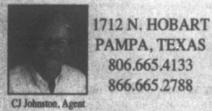
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 32. West southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

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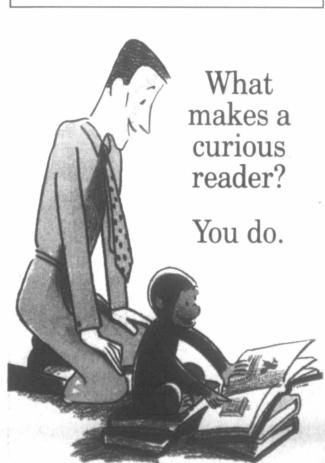
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Cain backs Gingrich in GOP race WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) Carolina with late-night comedian Cain is set to campaign with Gin-

- Former presidential hopeful Herman Cain threw his support behind Newt Gingrich Saturday night, providing the former House speaker with a late boost just days before Florida's primary.

Cain, a tea party favorite, endorsed his fellow Georgian at a GOP fundraiser Saturday calling him "a pa-

'Speaker Gingrich is not afraid of bold ideas," Cain said.

The former pizza executive, who left the race before the first nominating contests after facing accusations of unwanted sexual advances, suggested the two have both undergone intense scrutiny.

"I know that Speaker Gingrich is running for president and going through this sausage grinder," Cain said. "I know what this sausage grinder is all about."

grich on Monday in an 11th hour push for support. Gingrich is in a fierce fight for Tuesday's Florida's GOP primary with Mitt Romney.

Gingrich on Saturday night said that, like Cain, he is running a campaign based on big ideas and bold solutions.

The decision was not unexpected but the announcement comes at a make or break moment. .

"I had it in my heart and mind a long time ago," Cain said. The timing is similar to a Saturday

night surprise four years ago, when then-Florida Gov. Charlie Crist endorsed John McCain's presidential

Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry also endorsed Gingrich when he bowed out of the race in South Carolina.

Since exiting the race in December, Cain appeared at a rally in South Stephen Colbert.

Cain, the charismatic former head of Godfather's Pizza, briefly led in the polls in the fall. He became known for his signature 9-9-9 tax overhaul plan that would have scrapped the current tax code and replaced it with a 9 percent tax on individual income and corporate taxes as well as a new 9 percent nationa. sales tax.

But his support plummeted after accusations that he sexually harassec women more than a decade ago where he led the National Restaurant Association. An Atlanta-area woman ther stepped forward and said she had a lengthy sexual affair with Cain.

He denied the affair and any wrongdoing but withdrew from the race saying the accusations had become distracting and he needed to focus on his family.

COMMUNITYcalendar

•Cajun Dinner fundraiser in PHS commons, 5 p.m.-7

Wednesday, Feb. 1

•Pampa Rotary Club meets, noon at the M.K Brown Room of the Chamber office.

Thursday, Feb. 2 •Pampa Lions Club meets, noon at the First United Methodist Church.

Friday, Feb. 3

•Pampa Kiwanis Club meets, noon in the basement of the First Methodist Church.

•Jam Session at the Woody Guthie Center, 6:30 p.m., 320 S. Cuyler. Musicians are invited to bring their instruments and take part.

Wednesday, Feb. 8

•Pampa Rotary Club meets, noon at the M.K Brown Room of the Chamber office. Thursday, Feb. 9

•Pampa Lions Club meets, noon at the First United Methodist Church.

Friday, Feb. 10

•Pampa Kiwanis Club meets, noon in the basement of the First Methodist Church. Wednesday, Feb. 15

•Pampa Rotary Club meets, noon at the M.K Brown

Room of the Chamber office. Thursday, Feb. 16

•Pampa Lions Club meets, noon at the First United

Methodist Church. Friday, Feb. 17

•Pampa Kiwanis Club meets, noon in the basement of

the First Methodist Church.

•Jam Session at the Woody Guthie Center, 6:30 p.m., 320 S. Cuyler. Musicians are invited to bring their instruments and take part.

Tuesday, Feb. 21 •Shrove Wednesday Pancake Supper, 5 p.m.-8 p.min the

Parish Hall at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 727 W.

•Pampa Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, 11:45 a.m.noon, MK Brown room in the Chamber building, 200 N. Ballard.

Wednesday, Feb. 22

•Pampa Rotary Club meets, noon at the M.K Brown Room of the Chamber office.

Thursday, Feb. 23

•Board of Director's meeting, Good Samaritan Christian Services, 5 p.m., 309 N. Ward St.

•Altrusa International of Pampa, Inc. meeting, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church.

•Pampa Lions Club meets, noon at the First United Methodist Church.

Friday, Feb. 24

•Pampa Kiwanis Club meets, noon in the basement of the First Methodist Church.

Tuesday, Feb. 28

 Cancer Support Group - PRMC 2nd Floor Classroom. 6:30-8 pm. Led by Dietitian Cynthia Ackley. Wednesday, Feb. 29

•Pampa Rotary Club meets, noon at the M.K Brown Room of the Chamber office.

Thursday, March 1

•The Chamber of Commerce Annual Citizen and Business of the Year Banquet in the Heritage Room at the M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. •Pampa Lions Club meets, noon at the First United

Methodist Church. Sunday, March 11

•Arlo Guthrie will appear at the M.K. Brown Civic Cen-

If your nonprofit or community organization has an upcoming meeting or event, submit it to The Pampa News Community Calendar at least one week in advance by e-mailing to rpribble@thepampanews.com. Submissions should include only the date, time, location and contact number for the event. The Pampa News reserves the right to edit or reject any submission. Items will be considered for the calendar solely at the discretion of the newspaper.

Public Meeting Agendas

Gray County Commissioner's Court Wed., Feb. 1

I. Special session - 9:00 a.m.

Call to order Invocation by Comm. Baggerman

Pledge of Allegiance

II. Citizens to be heard III. Items to be considered

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

A. Old Business B. New Business

place employee.

1. Pay bills and salaries as approved by the County Audi-

2. Consider quarterly Investment Report. 3. Consider accepting revenue from NACO's prescrip-

4. Consider allowing Commissioner Precinct 1 to re-

Roads. 6. Consider road crossing at Keller Estates.

5. Consider road crossing at Mackie and Lott County

7. Consider declaring some county property surplus.

8. Consider allowing County Clerk to use Records Man-

agement funds to restore books.

9. Recognize County Clerk's continuing education. 10. Miscellaneous.

IV. Adjournment

Pampa Independent School District Board of Trust-

Mon. Jan. 30

Declaration of a quorum / Call meeting to order

Discuss Pampa ISD superintendent interview process and develop candidate interview questions

Obituaries

Phyllis Faye Swindall Fleetwood, 58

Phyliis Faye Swindall Fleetwood, 58, died Saturday, January 28, 2012 in Pampa.

Services will be at 10:00 AM Tuesday, January 31, 2012, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with pastor Jimmye Cole of the Church of the Nazarene, officiating.

Burial will be at Farview Cemetry under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Fleetwood

Phyllis was born February 22, 1953 in Pampa to Tommie and Janie Swindle. She was a 1971 graduate of Pampa High School where she was in the top ten of her class. She married Charles Fleetwood on April 8, 1976 in Pampa. She was employed by Walmart for eleven years. She volunteered with Tralee Crisis Center of Borger as well as CASA of the High Plains. She was a member of

the Church of the Nazarene. She enjoyed painting, but her real passion was working with children. She was a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother and grandmother. Phyllis is survived by her husband: Charles Fleetwood

of the home; two sons: Jack Fleetwood and wife Lauren of Round Rock and Chuck Fleetwood of Galveston; five stepdaughters; mother: Janie Swindle of Pampa; two brothers: Tommy Swindle of Pampa and Donald Swindle and wife Sherry of Hope, Ark. 12 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father Tommie Swin-

dle in 2009.

Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice of Pampa, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.

Shirley Winborne, 75

Shirley Winborne, 75, died Sunday January 29, 2012

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funer-

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3,000 attend anti-abortion rally

AUSTIN (AP) - A crowd estimated at close to 3,000 people marched to the steps of the State Capitol to hear from anti-abortion leaders.

KVUE-TV in Austin reported that keynote speaker and Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott told the Texas Rally for Life on Saturday that he learned the beauty of life when lost the ability to walk.

The rally, which drew participants from across the state, commemorated the 39th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision. Speakers also included religious leaders, officeholders and representatives of anti-abortion groups.

Man injured in gunfire exchange

BAYTOWN (AP) - A man has been taken to a Houston hospital after an exchange of gunfire with law-enforcement officers in Baytown.

The Houston Chronicle reports that the man held a woman and possibly some children inside a Baytown early Sunday. The hostages were released, but he continued the standoff with authorities. At some point, he opened fire on police, and they shot back, injuring him. The man was taken to Memorial Hermann Hospital.

Fugitive arrested in El Paso

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - A 21-year-old man wanted in a home invasion and robbery that included an exchange of gunfire has been arrested by a fugitive task force in El Paso.

The U.S. Marshals Service said in a news release Sunday that Reese Pearis is in an El Paso Jail, awaiting extradition to San Antonio after being arrested without incident last week.

Pearis is accused of taking part in the home invasion with two unidentified suspects at a San Antonio apartment complex. Shots were exchanged with the apartment's occupants. The Lone Star Fugitive Task Force, which involves several law-enforcement agencies, developed information that Pearis had fled to El Paso and located him there.

3 die in SUV/bicycle accident

LUBBOCK (AP) - Three people have died after an accident involving a bicycle and an SUV.

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reports that the crash happened about 1 a.m. Sunday near Texas Tech University, killing two people in the SUV and the bicyclist. Another person in the SUV was hospitalized.

Investigators believe the SUV was traveling south when it went over a center median curb and collided with a bicycle that may have been crossing the street. The SUV hit a fire hydrant before rolling over.

Wolf sensory options tried

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - Wildlife managers are running out of options when it comes to helping Mexican gray wolves overcome hurdles that have thwarted reintroduction into their historic range in the Southwest.

Harassment and rubber bullets haven't worked, so they're trying something new - a food therapy that has the potential to make the wolves queasy enough to never want anything to do with cattle again.

As in people, the memories associated with eating a bad meal are rooted in the brain stem, triggered any time associated sights and smells pulse their way through the nervous system.

Wildlife managers are trying to tap into that physiological response in the wolves, hoping that feeding them beef laced with an odorless and tasteless medication will make them ill enough to kill their appetite for livestock.

Utah to craft sage grouse plan

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Utah officials are scrambling to craft a sage grouse-protection plan before new federal guidelines for the imperiled bird start impeding mining, and oil, gas and wind energy development.

Utah Department of Natural Resources Director Mike Styler says Gov. Gary Herbert's administration will form a committee to negotiate a plan for approval by executive order within about three months.

The Salt Lake Tribune reports it will start with a recommendation by state biologists to prohibit surface disturbance by mining and other industries within a mile of sage grouse breeding areas known as leks.

Styler says the goal is to prevent a listing of the bird as an endangered species, which could severely impede mining, and oil, gas and wind energy development in the West.

\$137M to drill old bomb range

AURORA, Colo. (AP) - ConocoPhillips has tentatively agreed to pay Colorado \$137 million for oil and gas underlying the old Lowry bombing range in Arapahoe County

The Denver Post reports that an agreement signed Friday covers 21,048 acres.

In addition to the \$137 million ConocoPhillips would give the Colorado State Land Board 20 percent in royal-ties once the lease begins producing. The deal marks the highest per-acre mineral lease price in the history of the land board.

The Post reports that the acreage is one of the largest contiguous parcels under single ownership next to a major metropolitan area in the United States. The land board in June announced plans to auction exploration missioner wayne West and mineral development rights on the site.

The state board will vote on the deal Feb. 3

Social Security's most misunderstood rule

Tom Margenau Creator's Syndicate

Regular readers of my column know that over the years, I've dealt with many misunderstandings that people have about their Social Security benefits. In fact, I just wrote a column a couple of weeks ago that dealt with many of these misconceptions. But I can tell from the hundreds of emails I've received as a result of that column that there is one issue people get wrong more than any other.

So many women think that they can take reduced benefits on their own Social Security record at age 62 and then, at some later age, switch to full (50 percent) benefits as a wife on their husband's account. Or they think they can take reduced spousal benefits at age 62 and then later switch to full benefits on their own record.

You cannot do that. Let me state this very emphatically: If you take reduced benefits on one record, that reduction carries over to any other Social Security benefits you might be due.

In other words, if you file for any kind of reduced Social Security benefit, you must at the same time apply for any and all other Social Security benefits you are due.

So, for example, if a woman wants to take Social Security at age 62, the Social Security Administration will always pay her own benefits first. And those benefits would come with a 25 percent early-retirement reduction. At the same time, SSA will look at her husband's account (assuming he's already getting Social Security) to see if she can get any extra benefits on his record. Her benefit could be supplemented up to roughly 30 percent of his rate.

Or, if the husband is not yet getting Social Security but files several years later, at that point,

Social Security and you

SSA will see if she is due anything on his account. But once again, because she took early retirement benefits, that reduction carries over to any spousal benefits she is due.

The technical term SSA uses for this is the "unrestricted application policy." That means that an application for one kind of Social Security benefit is automatically an application for any and all other Social Security benefits a person might be due. Because most people are usually due benefits from only two accounts — their own and a spouse's — in practical day-to-day use, the policy is saying that if you apply for your own Social Security benefit, you are automatically applying for spousal benefits at the same time.

So that's why you can't take reduced benefits on one record and then later switch to full benefits on another record.

But there are a couple important exceptions to this rule. There are two times when a person can restrict his or her Social Security application to just one kind of benefit and then later switch to higher benefits on another record.

One of those exceptions applies to widows or widowers. For example, a widow (or divorced widow) can take reduced widow's benefits at age 62 and then at either age 66 or 70 switch to full benefits on her own record. If she waits until that later age, her benefits would come with a 32 percent delayed retirement bonus.

The other exception applies to people who are over age 66. In other words, if you don't take any

kind of reduced Social Security benefits, then you can "restrict" your application. For example, a 66-year-old woman could file for wife's benefits on her husband's

Social Security record and then, at age 70, switch to full retirement benefits on her own account. And once again, those benefits would come with a 32 percent bonus.

Q: I am 65 years old and about to retire. I want to get my full Social Security benefits. I was told by a close friend that I could start out now, getting a husband's benefit on my wife's Social Security account (she's been getting Social Security for a couple years now) and then, at 66, switch to my Social Security account and begin getting my full rate. Is this true?

A. No, it's not true. And it's not true for the same reasons I explained in the above answer. Even though I generally was referring to women in that answer, the same rules apply to men.

But as I explained in the prior answer, you could wait until age 66 and, at that point, file for a husband's benefit on your wife's Social Security account. And then at age 70, you could switch to full retirement benefits on your record and get that bonus.

Q: I was married and divorced three times. Each marriage lasted more than 10 years. Can I get Social Security from all of my prior husbands?

A: You are potentially due benefits from each ex-husband, but you'll get Social Security benefits from only one of them — the one who pays the highest rate.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.

Celeb pot busts put tiny Texas county on map

SIERRA BLANCA, (AP) - Nestled among the few remaining businesses that dot a rundown highway in this dusty West Texas town stands what's become a surprise destination for marijuana-toting celebrities: the Hudspeth County Jail.

Willie Nelson, Snoop Dogg and actor Armie Hammer have been among the thousands of people busted for possession at a Border Patrol checkpoint outside town in recent years, bringing a bit of notoriety to one of Texas' most sparsely populated counties.

"Once I was in Arizona, and when I said where I was from, they said, 'That's where Willie Nelson was busted,'" said Louise Barantley, manager at the Coyote Sunset souvenir shop in Sierra Blanca.

Hudspeth County cameos aren't only for outlaws: Action movie star Steven Seagal, who's already deputized in Louisiana and Arizona for his reality show "Steven Seagal Lawman" on A&E, has signed on to become a county officer.

Locals already have found ways to rub shoulders with their celebrity guests.

Deputies posed for pictures with Snoop Dogg after authorities said they found several joints on his bus earlier this month. When Nelson was busted here in 2010, the county's lead prosecutor suggested the singer settle his marijuana charges by performing "Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain" for the court. Nelson paid a fine instead, missioner Wayne West played one of his own songs for the country

music legend.

West acknowledged he's a big fan of Nelson and wanted to capitalize on a golden chance to perform for such a noted "captive audience."

"Willie loved the song, he is a real outgoing individual" he added.

The once-thriving town of Sierra Blanca began to shrink to its current 1,000-person population after the construction of nearby Interstate 10 - a main artery linking cities from California to Florida - offered an easy way to bypass the community.

Now the highway is sending thousands of drug bust cases Sierra Blanca's way, courtesy of a Border Patrol checkpoint just outside of town where drugsniffing dogs inspect more than 17,000 trucks, travelers - and tour buses - daily for whiffs of contraband that may have made its way inland from the border.

Hudspeth County Sheriff Arvin West, younger brother of the musically inclined commissioner, said his office handled about 2,000 cases last year, most of them having to do with drugs seized at the checkpoint.

Border Patrol agents say people busted with small amounts of pot often say they have medical marijuana licenses from California, Arizona or New Mexicothere states along I-10 that, unlike Texas, allow for medicinal pot prescriptions - and claim to believe the licenses were valid nationwide.

Nelson's publicists declined to comment about the specifics of the singer's case. Representatives for Snoop Dogg, who will pay

a fine and court costs after being cited for possession of marijuana paraphernalia, did not return several messages seeking comment.

County authorities have

to prosecute or issue a citation for Hammer, who starred in the 2010 film "The Social Network" and more recently played the FBI's number two man in "J. Edgar" He was arrested in November on his way to his wife's bakery in San Antonio after authorities said they found marijuana-laced brownies and

a "total non-issue."

Local officials say they're not on a celebrity witch hunt, but some residents are enjoying the publicity from the high-profile arrests. They say the once forgotten town of Sierra Blanca should take pride in not pandering to famous people caught breaking the law.

cookies. His attorney Kent

Schaffer has called the case

"We get attention because something is being done right," resident Adolfo Gonzalez said while shopping at a local convenience store. "It'd be worse if we'd let them go because they are celebrities."

That's not expected to change when Seagal comes to town. Sheriff West insists the "Under Siege" star hasn't indicated any plans to film his show here - but the sheriff isn't ruling it out.

"If he wants to, we can do it but that's not what he said this was about," West said.

West's spokesman, Rusty Flemming, said Seagal will patrol the area and train colleagues in martial arts and weapons techniques. The actor is expected to arrive in Hudspeth County within months, once he's done filming a new movie in Canada.

County authorities have not yet decided whether to prosecute or issue a citation for Hammer, who starred in the 2010 film

Seagal's management agency did not return calls and emails seeking comment about his plans in Texas.

Commissioner West, meanwhile, is keeping his musical skills sharp - just in case another performer pays a surprise visit to the county jail. The lead guitarist and vocalist of a local band, West said he regrets not having a chance to sing for Snoop Dogg, but wasn't sure if the rapper would have enjoyed the performance anyway.

"Our stuff is laid back," he said. "Mas o menos (more or less) country."





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Today in History

Today is Monday, Jan. 30, the 30th day of 2012. There are 336 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 30, 1962, two members of "The Flying Wallendas" high-wire act were killed when their seven-person pyramid collapsed during a performance at the State Fair Coliseum in Detroit.

On this date:

In 1649, England's King Charles I was beheaded. In 1798, a brawl broke out in the U.S. House of Representatives in Philadelphia, as Matthew Lyon of Vermont spat in the face of Roger Griswold of Connecticut.

In 1862, the ironclad USS Monitor was launched from the Continental Iron Works in Greenpoint, N.Y., during the Civil War.

In 1933, Adolf Hitler became chancellor of Germany. The first episode of the "Lone Ranger" radio program was broadcast on station WXYZ in Detroit.In 1948, Indian political and spiritual leader Mohandas K. Gandhi, 78, was shot and killed in New Delhi by Nathuram Godse, a Hindu extremist. (Godse and a co-conspirator were later executed.)

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy delivered his first State of the Union address before a joint session of Congress.

In 1968, the Tet Offensive began during the Vietnam War as Communist forces launched surprise attacks against South Vietnamese provincial capitals.

In 1972, 13 Roman Catholic civil rights marchers were shot to death by British soldiers in Northern Ireland on what became known as "Bloody Sunday."

In 1981, an estimated two million New Yorkers turned out for a ticker-tape parade honoring the freed American hostages from Iran.

In 1982, actor-comedian Stanley Holloway died in Littlehampton, West Sussex, England, at age 91.

Ten years ago: Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said the United States would watch closely to see what Iraq, Iran and North Korea did

them out as part of a dangerous "axis of evil."

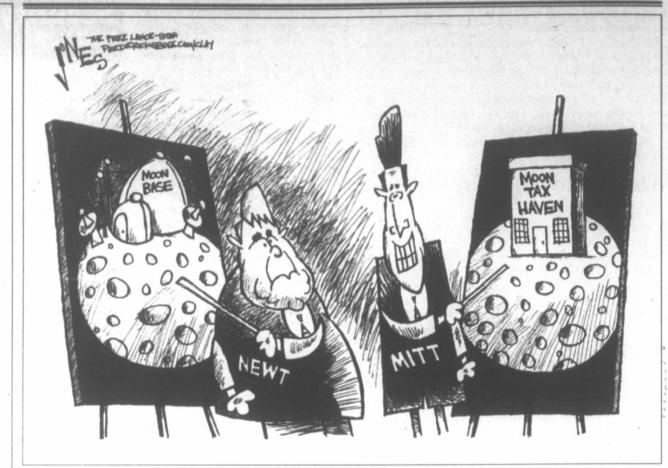
Five years ago: A propane tank explosion leveled the Flat Top Little General Store in Ghent, W.Va., killing four people.

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One year ago: Egypt's most prominent democracy advocate, Mohamed ElBaradei, called for President Hosni Mubarak to resign during an address to thousands of protesters in Cairo who were defying a curfew for a third night.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Dorothy Malone is 87. Producer-director Harold Prince is 84. Actor Gene Hackman is 82. Actress Tammy Grimes is 78. Actress Vanessa Redgrave is 75. Chess grandmaster Boris Spassky is 75. Country singer Jeanne Pruett is 75. Country singer Norma Jean is 74. Former Vice President Dick Cheney is 71. Rock singer Marty Balin is 70. Rhythm-and-blues musician William King (The Commodores) is 63 Singer Phil Collins is 61. Actor Charles S. Dutton is 61. Actress-comedian Brett Butler is 54. Singer Jody Watley is 53. Actor-filmmaker Dexter Scott King is 51. Actor Norbert Leo Butz is 45. Country singer Tammy Cochran is 40. Actor Christian Bale is 38. Pop-country singer-songwriter Josh Kelley is 32. Actor Wilmer Valderrama is 32. Actor Jake Thomas is 22

Thought for Today: "Courage is the art of being the only one who knows you're scared to death." - Harold Wilson, British prime minister (1916-1995)



Three Texas Democrats vying for Senate

CHRIS TOMLINSN Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) -Democrats have three top candidates to choose from in the primary race for the U.S. Senate, but their ultimate choice will probably say more about the party's future in Texas than who goes to Washington next year.

Every candidate says they are running to win the general election, but the odds are long. Former state Rep. Paul Sadler, party activist Sean Hubbard and trial lawyer Jason Gibson all insist they have a fighting chance to replace Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison this November. Those who believe President Barack Obama will win re-election speculate he could carry many down-ballot Democrats on his coattails, even in the red state of Texas.

But Democrats currently hold no statewide office in Texas and polls say that is unlikely to change this year. In the nine statewide races this election cycle, Democrats are only running in three: U.S. Senate, Railroad Commission Place One and chief judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Democrats know they have a long way to go to regaining relevance in statewide races, and Sadler said this race is the first step back to multiparty politics in Texas.

"The Texas Democratic Party was the majority party in this state for 160 years; we are the party that built all of our highways, built our educational institutions, the health care system; we are the party that built this state," Sadler said. "The independent voter has voted more Republican in recent years, but I don't think that's necessarily true

every year, and I don't think that's true this year."

Sadler won election five times in State House District 8 to represent the East Texas counties of Harrison, Rusk and Panola between 1992 and 2002. He chaired the public education committee and was considered one of the Legislature's top experts on schools. Sadler lost a special election to fill an empty seat in the Texas Senate and has worked and lobbied in Austin ever since. But he says he's ready to serve again.

"I served on the Legislative Budget Board, was named one of the 10 best legislators four sessions in a row and no one else has that kind of experience," Sadler said. "This is the U.S. Senate, it is the highest legislative office in the country, and I think that kind of background and experience level is not only important, but it's crucial."

Jason Gibson has not held elected office, but he has won more than \$80 million in settlements and verdicts representing injured workers and consumers. He says he is proud to come from a pro-union, working-class family and for fighting corporations and insurance companies on behalf of average citizens, experiences that many Republicans openly ridicule.

"You've got Republicans out there that are really Democrats, they just don't know it yet," Gibson said. "You have a lot of people out there whose ears are closed and they aren't listening. I can get people to open their ears, and at least that's a start."

Pushing a more progressive, or liberal, message is Sean Hubbard, a young-looking 31-year-old who helped the Obama Dallas campaign and has worked in small business

ever since. He's been shaking hands at party events and pushing for a starker contrast with Republican candidates.

"I'm neither a lawyer nor a lobbyist ... so I can relate better to your average working Texan," Hubbard said. "We've allowed the Republicans here in Texas to define us as gun-takers and baby-killers and what we have to do is get back to reminding folks what being a progressive means, and what being a Democrat is. We're the party of Social Security and Medicare; we're the party that fights for civil rights."

On that point all of the candidates agree. The reason why the party doesn't do better in Texas is because the Democratic brand is weak and lacks a statewide leader who can rally support. That is perhaps the most important aspect of the Senate primary and the general election, even if recent polls give these candidates little hope of winning.

Hubbard says he is building a statewide campaign organization that will persist after the election on behalf of the party. Gibson, a tall, good-looking fitness buff, said he can spark a party resurgence. Sadler says he knows the history and has the experience.

"The Democratic Party is still here, and we have a great heritage in this state ... and I'm not going to run from that and I'm not going to apologize for it. I'm going to remind people of it," Sadler said. "I think some people will come home (to the party) because of that."

The primary election will give Democrats the chance to vote for who they think can succeed, not only in the election, but in revitalizing the

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The 2012 race is beginning to take shape

We got mixed signals from a turbulent political week.

Barack Obama seems to be enjoying an uptick in polls -- up toward, but not quite at, 50 percent approval. It's a reminder that he can expect to benefit from Americans' desire to think well of their presidents and from the reluctance of many voters to be seen as rejecting the first black president.

But his weakness was apparent in his State of the Union address: issues. He devoted a mere 44 words to the health care law passed in March 2010. This is the strongest evidence possible that his signal legislative achievement is a millstone around the neck of his campaign.

Similarly, we heard little in the hourplus speech about infrastructure. The words "shovel-ready projects" and "high-speed rail" appeared nowhere -significant omissions from a president who (as a mischievous Republican ad shows) sprinkles the same phrases in

one State of the Union after another.

And there was a third omission, not perhaps as obvious but, in the long run, possibly more glaring -- the omission of any serious public policy initiatives to quicken the pace of economic growth and address the long-term entitlement problems that Obama has occasionally noted.

Yes, he did call for higher taxes on high earners. But the man who can call on experts at the Treasury Department to draft legislation gave no indication that he has any feasible draft for his "Buffett rule," which would presumably require a second alternative minimum tax for very high earners.

very high earners.

Nor did he indicate that he has made any serious effort to come up with language to penalize corporations that "ship jobs overseas." Once again, a president heiled for his

again, a president hailed for his brilliance has handed off the grimy task of writing legislation entirely to Congress.

MICHAEL

Congress.

What we saw Tuesday night was more like a candidate than an incum-

bent president.

Not that any of the Republican candidates yet look like a plausible incumbent. Polls show that their nomination battle is lowering poll ratings of the leading contenders, Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich. The eventual nominee may be able to repair that, though he won't get a pass from the mainstream media on his weaknesses, as Barack Obama did on Bill Ayers and the Rev. Jeremiah Wright.

Gingrich came out of his victory in South Carolina leading in polls but now seems headed for defeat in Florida. Debates boosted him in South Carolina but cut him down in Florida. And it was not just because of his opponents' attacks. In the second debate, he was put on the defensive on two characteristically Gingrichian

proposals, one based on his study of history and the other on his penchant for futurism.

His proposal to have local boards, modeled on World War II draft boards, decide on legalization of longtime illegal immigrants put him to the left of Romney on this issue -- and also gave Romney an opportunity to laud legal immigration and to highlight attacks on Gingrich tactics by the technically neutral Sen. Marco Rubio.

And Gingrich's proposal for a moon colony, to be granted statehood when its population reaches 13,000, drew scornful rebukes as impractical and hugely expensive from Romney and Rick Santorum. Neither would have had these openings if Gingrich had resisted the impulse to set out novel proposals.

Romney's rebukes of Gingrich and defense of his business record were his strongest debate performances, and Santorum also performed impressively, especially in criticizing Romney on his Massachusetts health care law.

Romney has led Gingrich by 7 to 2 points in every poll taken since the first Florida debate and looks to be in shape to carry the state and win all its delegates. A victory in Florida would once again install the well-financed and well-organized Romney as the clear favorite for the nomination.

But even in that case, Gingrich, Santorum and Ron Paul each would have plausible reasons for continuing through the few contests (and one **BARONE** cont. on page 6A

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courages spending! ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** Curb a tendency to do others' work, especially if it means convincing them to handle something your way. Your efforts to restrain yourself will pay off. Accept an offer in a tentative tone, as you might want to do something a little differently. Tonight: Treat time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** You could be on top of a project, yet someone's insightful and different opinion could give you reason to pause. No matter how you look at a situation, it is changeable. Detach and know that you might not have reached the like everything you hear, but you can deal complete conclusion just yet. Tonight: All smiles

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Sometimes less is more. You decide to pull back to help others air out their ideas. You might even have to revise an opinion or two as well. A discussion about security or property could get heated, or perhaps a relative could get a bit hot under the collar. Tonight: Get some R and R.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** Know that once you focus, you nearly can pull white rabbits out of black hats. You are unusually direct and know what you want. Your ability to socialize and empathize quickly becomes a strong suit in a meeting. Tonight: Say what

you feel. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Others might be too aware of your actions for your taste. You would like dering who is watching. You are aware of action. Touch base with a relative, catch up much better. Tonight: Could go until the lap. Tonight: Hang out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Break past what others say and time. A partner plays a more important role do. Clear out a certain amount of frustrathan in the past. Together you work as a tion. Touch base with someone you feel has a very different perspective from your own. life everything it can be. If you are single, Consider a trip in the near future or taking a workshop involving a hobby. You need ship. Though someone could be taken by to refresh your mind. Tonight: Follow the

> LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** You might want to share more with a key partner. You have many differ-

> ences as well as similarities. Though this person could be tacitum, he or she also can be very diplomatic. Don't worry so much about your feelings getting hurt. Tonight: Get some exercise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You have a hard time giving up control. But you are discovering you only have control over yourself. Consider that you may have created a veil of illusion upon yourself. Listen to a male friend who can be pushy. He might not be right, but his perspective triggers an insight. Tonight: Let another person choose. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Maintain a steady attitude when dealing with your finances. You might not

with it. You could be pushed to the max to perform. A boss is demanding. Tonight: Choose a stress-buster. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Your innate ingenuity could carry you, as well as others, through a major conflict. You might not know what to think at this point, but you have a strong

idea of what you want. Follow that course.

Worry less about everyone else. Tonight: Detach if you are irritated.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** You could be taken aback by how demanding someone could become. You understand a lot more than you originally thought possible. Your reaction to run from this person comes from a grounded spot. Still, hark... the issue. Tonight: Where the action is

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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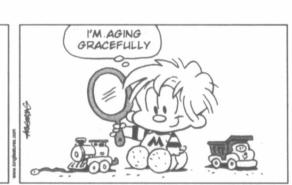
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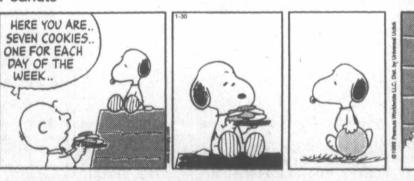




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The district received word over the summer that the grant money was secured, Seabourn said.

The tower will be 100 feet tall and over 5,300 pounds, with the turbine's rotors at a diameter of 15 meters. The turbine will have a production capacity of approximately 175,200 kilowatt-hours and, according to Seabourn, will act as a safety net to help with the school's future energy costs.
"If there's good wind over the

course of a year," he explained, "(the turbine) would put out a total of about 12 percent of the electricity required by the junior high."

The turbine will not be used to generate electricity to sell to Xcel Energy, Seabourn said.

He added that engineers have made sure that the tower site was located so that both the school and

the property line to the south of the tower would be at least 120 feet away barring catastrophe.

"If it fell over, it would not hit the building and it would not fall off our property," he said.

It will take approximately seven to 21 days for the cement to cure, after which construction will begin.

"They're saying by the middle of February, we could very possibly see the tower up with the turbine up," said Randy Stephenson, PISD director of new construction, who is overseeing the project for the district. "Basically, they're pouring the footing and putting in the piers and all that right now, then they'll come up and put it together on the ground. After they put it together on the ground, they get a crane to raise

Seabourn said that the construc-

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tion of the turbine was a great development for the district on several

"The school board and the school system see this as a very positive thing for the community," Seabourn said. "It's demonstrating a progressive attitude about energy in our buildings. Although it's just 12 percent, it's still a hedge against any energy cost increase."

Data gleaned from the tower will also be used to strengthen the curriculum at the junior high, he added.

"We have access to websites and information so that this could be incorporated into the math and science curriculum at the junior high," Seabourn said. "It will have some monitors on it monitoring the output of the thing, and we will have access to that data to use in our classrooms."

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interview them. If we find the right candidate internally, then the search will stop. If we don't find the right candidate, then we will continue to expand the search to outside agencies."

The district's internal posting will be open until Friday, Porter said, with interviews set for a week from tomorrow. A decision will be made that evening to either broaden the search or begin negotiations with Haenisch that he said

an internal candidate.

A special meeting of the board of trustees this evening was called to discuss the interview process and develop questions for candidates.

himself Haenisch will not be a part of the search, Porter said, with the final decision in the hands of the board. Porter, however, was effusive in praise for the outgoing superintendent and identified some qualities within

the board would like to see in his successor.

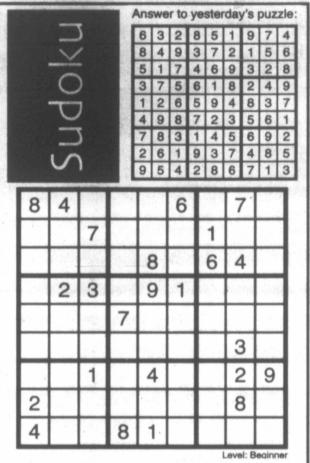
"Barry was a great communicator," Porter said. "The Texas Association of School Boards did a personal survey, and they said that the morale in our district is one of the top districts in the state. They've had very few surveys that have shown morale as good as it is in Pampa. Barry is a big part of that, and we want someone who can keep

"Teachers are what make education work," Porter added. "We want an administrator who is responsive to teachers that provides them with the support necessary for them to teach our children."

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On the whole, Porter said, the right candidate will be one who can keep the PISD on an upward trajectory.

"We're wanting to continue the excellent progress that Barry has made," Porter said. "We want to increase our TAKS scores. Every part of the Pampa school district, whether it's extracurricular or co-curricular, we want excellence, and we'll be looking for someone to continue the work Barry's done and lead us toward excel-



Barone

debate) in February.

The race so far has given Romney the opportunity to develop the political instincts that he might have obtained from going door-to-door for votes or interacting with lowly colleagues in a caucus as his three rivals have.

His performances in the two Florida debates show he is making some progress. Not enough to be the ideal nominee, perhaps, but maybe enough to beat an incumbent with serious weaknesses, as well as some strengths.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Kate," and her sister, "Judy," do not get along, to the point that my wife refuses to be in the same room with her. I have a class reunion coming not looking for marriage. But up, and Judy is in my class.

Because we're not sure Judy will show up, Kate has said she will attend - but she'll leave if Judy arrives. We had planned on going in separate cars so Kate could escape if necessary. But now she says if Judy puts in an appearance, she'll be upset with me if I don't leave with her.

I don't get along with FORNIA Judy either, but I'd like the chance to catch up with other classmates. Kate feels my not leaving with her would demonstrate a lack of support. I don't want my wife's antipathy toward her sister to cause to perform in that departme to be penalized. What to do? — IN THE MIDDLE

DEAR IN: Remind your wife that it's your reunion, not hers. Tell her you plan to go and catch up with your former classmates, and if she'd like to accompany you, you would love to have her at your side. If Judy shows up, it will be two against one. But if seeing Judy would be too upsetting for her, you'll understand if she decides to stay home.

It's her choice. DEAR ABBY: I'm a mature woman who has been seeing a gentleman for five months. We have dinner together, go dancing, watch movies, have game nights with friends, etc. We are together at least four nights a week, and each night it ends the same way. We sit close,

hold hands for almost an hour, kiss for several minutes, hug, and then go our separate ways. I'm ready for more.

Don't get me wrong. I'm along with really enjoying his company, I'm very physically attracted to him. We're both kind of shy.

Can you suggest any non-threatening way to bring up the subject of becoming more intimate? Or should I continue to just wait for him to make a move? - STUCK AT FIRST BASE IN CALI-

DEAR STUCK AT FIRST BASE: I assume that the gentleman you're seeing is also "mature." Has it occurred to you that he may no longer be able ment? And if not, how will that affect you?

The time is right to broach the subject of what's missing. A way to go about it would be to tell him you care about him and ask him if you are attractive to him - and if the answer is yes, follow up by asking why he has been hesitant to take your relationship any fur-

ther. Then listen. DEAR ABBY: How do you curb a sweet tooth? I sometimes wake up with the urge to eat sweets at night. This is a big weakness of mine. - NEEDS TO CURB THE CRAVING

DEAR NEEDS: I'm glad you asked, because it gives me a chance to share a technique that works for me. When you have a sweets craving, get up and go brush your TEETH! When you're done, the craving will be

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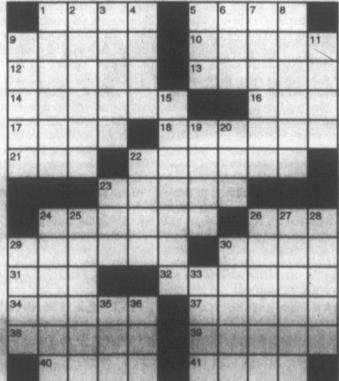
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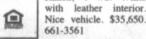
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Sports

PHS boys and girls swim teams win 13th straight title

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Pampa head coach Edward Garvin was swimming for Amarillo High in 1989 and remembers coming to Pampa for a meet. "They were tough back then," Garvin

Twenty years later as head coach of that same team he saw in high school, Garvin is seeing Pampa's success continue as his boys and girls team won their 13th straight district title Saturday in Lubbock.

"All but two advanced to regionals," Garvin said. "Several kids swam really well and took some off their times.'

The girls scored 158 points easily defeating Seminole, who had 119. The Harvesters scored 170 points to Seminole's 125.

The Harvesters and Lady Harvesters had 17 swimmers advance to regionals in 22 events including all six relay teams. The Harvesters won all three relays while the Lady Harvesters won the 200-medley and the 400-freestyle and finished second in the 200-freestyle relay.

Pampa swimmers won 16 of the 22 events. Senior Spencer Estes won the 50-yard freestyle (23.65) and the 100vard backstroke (1:04.23). Senior Kendle Ramey won the 500-yard freestyle (6:35.87) and the 100-yard backstroke (1:12.03). Sophomore Morgan Graef won the 200-yard individual medley (2:47.12) and the 100-yard breaststroke (1:23.84).

"(Estes) has been swimming 23s (in the 50-yard freestyle) the last few meets," Garvin said. "He probably needs at least a 22 to get to state."

Estes said he thinks he has a good

chance of advancing in regionals. "I haven't been beaten by anyone in

Class 4A." Estes said. Estes won 1-4A swimmer of the year.

Garvin won 1-4A girls coach of the year. Regionals in is February 10-11 in Andrews. The winners of each event will advance to state. Garvin said regionals will be a challenge.

"Pecos, some El Paso schools and Monahans will be there," Garvin said. "A lot of strong teams will be there."



Senior Kendle Ramey (top row, clockwise) and freshmen Vanessa Valenzu-

ela, MacKenzie Parks and Tyler Lambright pose with their medals for winning

the 400-freestyle relay at the district meet Saturday.

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PHS tennis sixth in Lubbock

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The Pampa Harvesters tennis team had several perform strong in a sixth place finish in the Lubbock Tournament Friday. Junior Makayla Hampton finished sec-

ond in girls singles. Head coach Sarah Corse said Hampton has improved her "Makayla played some tough matches

and showed that she is committed to try and do better than she did last year," Corse said. "With hard work she should do very well."

Senior Braden Russell and junior Nick Nelson placed sixth in boys doubles. Corse said that's the first time she has paired them

"I'm looking to see better success for

them," Corse said.

Senior David Moore won the boys singles' consolation. Senior Landon Karbo and junior Maddie Fatheree finished sixth in mixed doubles. Other performances included senior Collin McClendon and sophomore Emily Terry finishing 13th in mixed doubles; sophomore Harley Elliott and freshman Emilee Frost finished 15th in girls doubles; sophomore Brandon Gage finished 16th in boys singles, junior Diamond Marrufo and freshman Genevieve Zavala finished 16th in girls doubles.

Pampa competes in Andrews Friday and Saturday. Corse said the first match was good and hopes for improvement.

"I'm looking for better results," Corse

said

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