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Pampa EMS upgrades fleet with pair of ambulances



staff photo by Mollie Bryant

Jason Carnahan, EMT, and Alysha Wilson, paramedic, load a cot into one of Pampa EMS' new truck style ambulances. Pampa EMS received two of the new, more spacious ambulances last week.

New vehicles offer more interior room for both patient and first responders

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Last week, Pampa EMS upgraded their fleet to include two box-style ambulances, for a total of four ambulances. The new Type One ambulances with a pick-up front are more spacious, which is a big advantage when it comes to treating a patient.

"There's more room for the patient and more room for the fire department when they help us," said Brant Aaron, EMS

Aaron said the EMS still has two van ambulances, but these vehicles only have enough room for the provider and the

"With these bigger trucks, if we have a critical patient, we can actually have more hands back there helping and actually carry more supplies," said Aaron.

The new ambulances also have greater stability in high winds.

"We're staying pretty busy, and (in) these trucks, traveling back and forth to Amarillo will actually be safer, because they're heavier, especially with the high winds, so they don't sway near as bad,' said Aaron.

Director of the Emergency Services Foundation of Texas, Dr. James Hall, is also pleased with the new vehicles.

"It's an upgrade for what we can do in Pampa and an additional resource," he

PLAY BALL



photo courtesy of Charla Shults

Pampa senior Heather Coffee prepares to throw the first pitch of the 2012 softball season during the team's opening scrimmage on Feb. 2. Preview the upcoming Lady Harvesters' season in **SPORTS**, page 12.

Deputies nab two Pampans with drugs

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Deputies with the Gray County Sheriff's Office arrested two individuals this weekend for possession of drugs.



Moreno



set at \$5,000.

Keeton

search warrant at a home on the 700 block of Zimmers. The search yielded about an ounce of marijuana and a small amount of methamphetamine, along with a handgun. The occupants of the resi-

Around 4 a.m. last Saturday, deputies executed a

dence, 42-year-old Melinda Moreno, and 27-year-old Andrew Keeton, both of Pampa, were both arrested and charged with

possession of a controlled substance, in an amount less than one gram. The pair were each released on bond

Top O' Texas Republican Women to host candidate forum

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The Top O' Texas Republican Women will host a group of GOP candidates in Pampa on March 6 when the group presents a Republican Candidate Forum.

The forum, which will take place at 7 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce's M.K. Brown Room at 200 N. Ballard, will include candidates relevant to Pampa voters from the state level down to local races, according to Gaye Whitehead, Top O' Texas Republican Women secretary Gaye Whitehead.

Whitehead said that the forum will be a free-to-attend moderated event, with Gray County Judge Richard Peet acting as the moderator. The candidates will be given an opportunity to speak freely, and written questions from guests will be taken.

"Each candidate that's invited to the candidate forum will be given time, so many minutes to introduce themselves, what they think they can bring to that office," Whitehead said. Then, questions from the audience will be taken. Even the unopposed candidates are really

encouraged to come and participate. Even the unopposed candidates can be asked questions.'

There had initially been some difficulty in setting a date for the forum due to the continuing uncertainty over the date of the Texas primary, currently set for April 3. The Top O' Texas Republican Women had originally targeted a February forum date, Whitehead said, before settling on March 6.

"The Gray County Republican Chairman (Doug Ware) had asked us to push it back, because there was FORUM cont. on page 10

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Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57. Wind chill values between 22 and 32 early. Calm wind becoming south between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 35. Wind chill values between 27 and 32. South southwest wind around 15 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 53. Windy, with a north northwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 26. North northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 47. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south south-

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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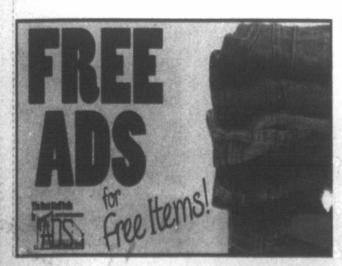
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Public Meeting Agendasi

Agenda of Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Pampa **Independent School** District

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Pampa Independent School District will be held Thursday, Feb. 16, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Carver Center Administration Office, 321 W. Albert, Pampa, TX 79065.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be

taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items

identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

I. Declaration of a quorum / Call meeting to order II. Spotlight on Excellence

III. Public Comments (7 p.m.) IV. Consent agenda items.

A. Consideration and action to approve board minutes - Jan. 19, 2012, and Jan. 30, 2012 4 B. Consideration and ac-

tion to approve monthly financial reports V. Discussion/action

items

A. Consideration and possible action to approve a request to TEA for expedited and general waivers for the 2012-2013 school cal-

B. Consideration and possible action to approve the PISD 2012-

2013 calendar. C. Consideration and possible action to approve casualty and property insurance.

D. Discussion and possible action to approve a contract for architectural services with Dekker, Perich and Sabatini for remodeling of the Albertson's building.

E. Discuss bids for the former Pampa Junior High School property, and possible action to make revisions for a possible future invitation to bid on portion or portions, or all, of

the former Pampa Junior High School prop-

F. Consideration and possible action to purchase real property located at 1429 Charles,

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Pampa, Texas G. Consideration and possible action to award salary supplements to returning 2011-2012 Pampa ISD staff members

VI. Reports A. Hear a report on the Pampa ISD early literacy study.

VII. Personnel A. Approve and renew Pampa ISD administrator and professional contracts. B. Employ profession-

al employee(s).

Obituaries

Daphine Roberson Sullivan, 82

WHEELER-Daphine Roberson Sullivan, 82, died Saturday, February 11, 2012, at Wheeler,

Services will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, in the Robertson Funeral Directors Saints Roost Chapel in Clarendon, with grandson, Jeremy Pierce, of-

Interment will be at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon. Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Fu-

neral Directors of Shamrock Daphine was born October 16, 1929, in Clarendon to June "Roy" and Joy Walker Roberson. Daphine graduated from Clarendon High School in 1947, and received an Associates Degree from Clarendon College, a teaching certificate from West Texas Sate College in 1958, and a Masters Degree in Early Childhood Development from the university in Commerce. She married Charlie Sullivan on August 6, 1949 in Clarendon. Daphine gave birth to her daughter, Tojuana on March 21, 1959, and to a son, Jon on January 15, 1962. Daphine was an elementary school teacher until she retired in 1985 and was passionate about childhood literacy. She and Charlie were active members of their communities as they pursued their careers in education. Daphine's teaching career began in McAdoo, and ended with her retirement from Lefors Elementary School in Lefors. Daphine and Charlie moved to Wheeler in 2004. She was a member of the Wheeler Church of Christ

Daphine was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Pat Roberson; and a nephew, Todd Roberson.

Survivors include her husband, Charlie Sullivan; a son, Jon Sullivan and wife Kristie of Wheeler; a daughter, Tojuana Pierce of Wheeler; four grandchildren, Brandie Neal, Jeremy Pierce, Matt Sullivan, J.R. Sullivan; 10 great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Linda Spoon; and a niece Lori Baggett.

The family suggests that memorials be to Rotary Foundation for Polio Research, c/o Shamrock Rotary Club Viewing will be held in Shamrock at Robertson Funeral

Sign our online guestbook at www.RobertsonFuner-

Ralph Bell Collinsworth, 84

Ralph Bell Collinsworth, 84, died February 12, 2012, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Collinsworth was born November 27, 1927, in Shamrock, to Clinton C. and Zoella Bell Collinsworth. Upon graduating from Shamrock High School in 1945, he attended Baylor University where he played football. Ralph married his high school sweetheart, Billie Jean Troxell, and together they made their home in Pampa from 1948 until the time of her death in 2010, after 63 years of marriage.

Ralph owned and operated Oilwell Operators, Inc. for 28 years. He also had ranching and farming interests in Wheeler County. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, and was a member of the Top of Texas Masonic Lodge #1381, as well as the El Paso Scottish Rite Consistory

Ralph enjoyed traveling with his wife, playing poker with the Friday night gang, hunting, fishing, golfing and ranching. He adored his children and grandchildren.

Survivors include two daughters, Cathy Carter and husband Charles of Monahans and Melinda Curtino and husband Joe of Muscat, Oman; a son, Michael Collinsworth of Plano; a brother, James Collinsworth and wife Gay of Big Spring; a brother-in-law, Bobby Troxell and wife Mary of Amarillo; six grandchildren, Erica Krucke and husband Chris of Honolulu, Jason Carter of Borger, Tyson Carter of Lubbock, Meredith Curtino of Katy, Megan Curtino of College Station and Mariah Curtino of Muscat, Oman.

The family suggests memorials to First United Methodist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981, or Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065.

The family will receive friends from 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, February 17, 2012, at Carmichael-Whatley funeral Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.

Walter L. "Buck" Worley Jr., 88

Walter L. "Buck" Worley Jr., 88, died February 12, 2012, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. "Buck" was born Octo-

ber 14, 1923, in Amarillo, to Walter and Buena Worley. After graduating from Canadian High School in 1941, Buck worked as an aircraft mechanic for Consolidated Aircraft in San

Worley Diego, Calif. In 1944, he joined the Army Air Force. Buck flew the PT-19-A

Fairchild, BT-13A, AT-6, P-40N and anything else he could find while on active duty. Buck remained in the Air Force Reserves and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the USAF. In addition he flew an L-5 as a member of the Confederate Air Force Dew Line Squadron. Aircraft and flying remained a lifelong passion. After the war, he attended West Texas State University for three years, where he majored in accounting.

He married Chleo Armstrong on April 7, 1946, in Clovis, N.M. In 1946, Buck started working as bookkeeper for the White House Lumber Co, in Canadian. Eventually, Buck owned the company in addition to Elco Glass and Home Builders Supply. For many years he served as Director and Board Member for the Texas Lumberman's Association in addition to various Pampa civic groups. Buck was a life member of Masonic Lodge 966; Scottish Rite Consistory of Lubbock and Khiva Shrine Temple of Amarillo. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Pampa.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Chleo; his son and daughter-in-law, Chuck and Kay Worley of Carlsbad, Calif.; and two granddaughters, Angela Worley of Columbus, Ohio and Megan with her husband Major Doug Krugman of Honolulu, Hawaii.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the First Christian Church, 1633 North Nelson, Pampa, TX,

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72 hour period ending Monday, Feb. 13 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 50 ed. traffic related incidents. Pampa EMS, the Pampa Fire Department and the

Lefors Volunteer Fire Department reported 15 medical incidents. Animal Control agents and the Pampa PD reported

13 animal related incidents. Friday, Feb. 10 Criminal mischief was reported.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 4000 block of North Bad Cattle Com-

A stolen vehicle was re-Criminal trespassing was

Theft occurred at the 100

the 1500 block of North Hobart.

curred at the 1200 block of East Kingsmill. Harassment was report-

Assault was reported. An abandoned vehicle was reported at the 800

block of North Nelson. Disorderly conduct occurred at the 600 block of North Wells.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 600 block of Pheasant. Suspicious persons were

reported at the 500 block of West Browning and the 1000 block of North Dun-

A threat occurred at the 200 block of Tignor. A missing person was re-

South Anne. A suspicious vehicle was

East Frederic

Saturday, Feb. 11

Criminal mischief oc-A hit and run occurred at the 2200 block of North Wells.

A violation of a protective order occurred at the 500 block of North Roberta.

Disorderly conduct was reported.

An accident occurred at the 800 block of South Hobart.

A structure fire occurred at the 1100 block of South Hobart.

Phone harassment was reported. A theft occurred at the

300 block of West 30th. Phone harassment oc-

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block of South Sumner. Sunday, Feb. 12 A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1100 block

block of Sierra and the 100

of East Darby A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 1000 block of South Nelson.

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Primaries still in limbo

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The fate of the Texas primaries remains in limbo after neither the state nor minority rights groups appeared to budge during a weekend of court-ordered negotiations.

If anything, briefs filed Monday suggested that both sides are hardening their positions. The Texas NAACP is now calling for May or June elections instead of rushing to get temporary voting maps in place for an April

The primaries are scheduled for April 3. But many believe a three-judge panel in San Antonio will declare that date unrealistic Tuesday during a key hearing in the long-running redistricting battle.

At stake is the political balance of power in both Texas

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A compromise offered by the Texas attorney general last week was widely rejected by Democrats and a coalition of minority rights groups.

British man extradited to Texas

LONDON (AP) — A retired British businessman accused of plotting to sell missile components to Iran will be extradited to the United States, his lawyer said Monday

Karen Todner said in a statement that Christopher Tappin's attempt to appeal his extradition to the European Court of Human Rights had failed and that he would be sent to the U.S. in 10 days.

Tappin, 65, faces charges in Texas over allegations that he offered in 2006 to sell specialized batteries for Hawk missiles for \$25,000 to undercover American agents pos-

Two other men have been sentenced to prison in Texas for trying to buy and export the batteries, according to court records.

Tappin faces up to 35 years in jail if convicted in the United States. He denies wrongdoing, saying he was the victim of a sting operation.

Todner condemned her client's extradition as "an example of the gross injustice" imposed on British citizens by fast track extradition procedures introduced after the Sept. 11, 2001.

British defense lawyers and lawmakers have long complained that the rules — originally introduced to help streamline the exchange of terror suspects — allow American officials to extradite Britons without having to offer substantial proof of wrongdoing.

However, in October a British judge-led review found that extradition agreements between the United States and United Kingdom are fair and unbiased.

Man convicted of Ike fraud

HOUSTON (AP) — A Southeast Texas man faces up to 30 years in prison over a Hurricane Ike scam involving a home belonging to his mother.

Prosecutors in Houston on Monday announced 54-yearold Patrick Adolf Prendergast Jr. of Galveston has been convicted of fraud.

Investigators say Prendergast was indicted last September for knowingly submitting a claim for recovery assistance on a house he did not own. A jury late rians of the Texas Plains Friday convicted him in an investigation into payment of Trail Region. nearly \$90,000 in disaster relief funds.

Officials say the house was his mother's second home undocumented and did not quality for Ike recovery funds. The son filed a claim pretending to be the owner and resident of the

Prendergast remains in custody pending sentencing

Malnourished horses seized

GUTHRIE, Okla. (AP) — Authorities are removing more than a dozen emaciated horses from a property in rural Logan County

Chief Deputy Rob Groseclose tells Oklahoma City television station KWTV that the department received a run war that produced outtip over the weekend about suspected horse abuse on the rageous suffering for both property. When authorities arrived, they discovered 105 sides. horses that appeared to be malnourished.

Groseclose says detectives also saw several skeletal remains on the property. Groseclose says a veterinarian visited the property Sunday and determined that 15 of the horses needed immediate medical attention, but one of the animals died overnight.

The 14 horses are being removed Monday, and authorities plan to monitor the remaining horses as the investigation continues.

Detectives are still trying to determine who owns the

Gunfire leaves three dead

HOUSTON (AP) - Investigators say three men have died after being shot when gunfire broke out at a Houston-area apartment.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office says two men were dead at the scene around 10 p.m. Sunday.

KTRK-TV reported Monday that the third man died after being transported to a hospital.

Sgt. Greg Pinkens says there was no sign of forced entry and deputies have recovered evidence of several rounds being fired. Authorities are not sure who was responsible for the gunfire. Pinkens says nobody had been bound or tied up.,

Further details were not immediately available.

Irial starts in torture case

WEATHERFORD (AP) — A Texas man accused of torturing his former neighbor on a deer-skinning device is going on trial this week.

Jury selection is to start Monday in Jeffrey Allan Maxwell's case. He's charged with two counts of aggravated sexual assault and one count of aggravated kidnapping. The 59-year-old faces up to life in prison if

Authorities say Maxwell abducted his ex-neighbor at gunpoint last March from her home near Weatherford, about 30 miles west of Fort Worth. He was arrested 12 days later at his Corsicana home about 100 miles away, where the woman was rescued. Authorities say the woman apparently had spurned his advances several years ago when he lived near her.

Maxwell remains jailed in Parker County in lieu of \$500.000 bail.

First comes love—but before your marriage, a financial heart-to-heart

TERRY SAVAGE Creator's Syndicate

Valentine's Day is today, and this column is meant to serve as a reminder. First, remember to buy a card for your valentine before they're all sold out. And second, don't get so caught up in the romantic season of hearts and flowers that you pop the question before you know you're financially compat-

Sure, a marriage proposal is supposed to be romantic. But don't close your eyes to reality - especially when it comes to money. Your valentine may say "be mine," yet when you tie your lives together, you'll also be joining a good part of your personal finances.

Don't you think you should know what you're getting into? If you can't share your finances, how can you share a life together?

So sit down with your true love and go online to read each other's credit report. It's easy at AnnualCreditReport.com, the one site that links you to each of the three major credit bureaus, where you can order your governmentmandated free annual credit report.

You can see your report securely within a minute after answering a series of questions for which only you can provide the answers. That includes things like previous addresses and car purchases. (So no, you can't pull a sneak and get your fiance's credit report secretly!)

If you're willing to take this challenge, you are well on the way to a marriage based on trust. And if one of you isn't willing to share that information, it might mean you're in for a surprise after you say "I

A credit report will reveal all of your beloved's credit-card balThe Savage on money

ances. And did you know about those huge student loan balances still outstanding? Or a default on a car loan, or a previous bankruptcy?

The credit report won't reveal your assets - but it will reveal your payment habits. Your lover's bad credit might impact your ability to buy a home together. And it might make you think twice about how you're going to handle money once you are married. Depending on state law, and whether you open joint accounts, you could become responsible for your spouse's debts.

Assuming you both have jobs, are you going to keep your money separate and each pay certain bills? Or put all your money in one account? Best idea: each contribute a certain amount, maybe 50/50 or an amount proportional to what you earn, to a joint household account. Use that account to pay shared bills, ranging from rent or mortgage to food and utilities. Then you'll still have some spending money of your own in a separate account.

And there are other marriage/ money issues to talk about well in advance of the big day:

- How will you pay off existing

Will previous obligations ranging from car payments and creditcard balances to child support be paid out of your joint account?

Whose health insurance plan will you use, or will you maintain both? (Hint; whose job is more secure and who has better ben-

Will you have joint savings for goals such as trips or a down payment? And will you each save money in your company retirement plan or IRA?

Just imagine what a hassle it will be to decide these things after you're legally tied together especially if one of you has nothing "left over" to contribute to the joint

You don't need to be a Kardashian to benefit from a prenuptial agreement. And no, it won't spoil the romance to talk about it! But with half of all marriages ending in divorce (and a higher rate for second marriages), you'd be foolish not to consider this possibility.

To have a valid prenup, you must each have a separate attorney and fully disclose your assets. If you come into the marriage with existing assets, you may want to set up a simple trust to keep those assets separate. But there's more to a prenup than what happens if you split up. It can all set the basis for how you will handle finances during the marriage and how you will handle your estate if one or the other of you dies.

Those are all financial issues that are a lot easier and far less expensive to decide together now, while you're most in harmony, than to pay warring divorce attorneys to decide later! And that's The Savage Truth!

Terry Savage is a registered invest-ment adviser and is on the board of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. She appears weekly on WMAQ-Channel 5's 4:30 p.m. newscast, and can be reached at www.terrysavage.com. She is the author of the new book, "The New Savage Number: How Much Money Do You Really Need to Retire?'

Enthusiasts track Quanah Parker history

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Line by line, arrow by arrow, the lifetime of Quanah Parker is being

pieced together by histo-

From the shadowy, time around the 1870s when he rode across the staked plains as a leader of Comanche tribesmen, Parker — half Anglo, half Native American — was a force to be reckoned with.

Anglos sometimes paid with their lives when the force was encountered, and Comanches fell also in the friction of a hit-and-

Parker and his mounted warriors so intimately knew the South Plains and Panhandle region, they were able to attack suddenly, then fade into the prairie like ghosts.

Now, cities across a 52-county area are looking for evidence showing Quanah Parker and his Comanches once visited their neighborhoods.

Historian Tai Kreidler of the Southwest Collection/ Collections Special Library at Texas Tech, describes how the research is recovering bits and pieces of the mosaic that was Parker's life.

"The grassroots aspect of this project continues as each county and city that applied for an arrow had to research and provide documentation of a Comanche or Quanah Parker connection," he said.

The arrow, one of gigantic dimensions designed by Charles Smith of the New Home area, can be planted as a marker in a town along the Texas Plains Trail if the Comanche chief came

Southwest

"The

Collection and Randy Vance of Reference Services assists cities and counties with this process by providing reference source assistance to any of these groups needing background information,' Kreidler said.

Vance is willing to help: "We have created a Comanche finding aid for the journals we have here in the Southwest Collection. They can come here, or for some who are further away and know of articles or photographs, we can photocopy that material and send it to them."



An unexpected treasure has been discovered in the

"What has been a really amazing part of the process is that each county has emerged with their own folklore and history surrounding the Comanche presence,' Quanah

Kreidler said.

Holle Humphries said the counties in the region have a particular identity: "We realized what all of our counties shared in common was this past history of having had a common Comanche presence prior to the arrival of white set-

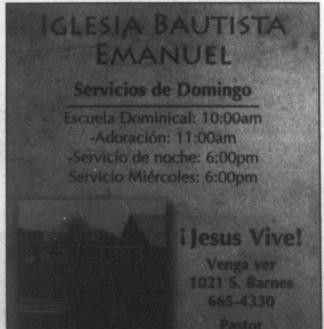
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Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 14, the 45th day of 2012. There are 321 days left in the year. This is Valentine's Day

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 14, 1912, Arizona became the 48th state of the Union as President William Howard Taft signed a proclamation.

On this date:

In 1778, the American ship Ranger carried the recently adopted Stars and Stripes to a foreign port for the first time as it arrived in France.

In 1859, Oregon was admitted to the Union as the 33rd state

In 1862, Confederate President Jefferson Davis signed a proclamation making Arizona a Confederate territory

In 1876, inventors Alexander Graham Bell and Elisha Gray applied separately for patents related to the telephone. (The U.S. Supreme Court eventually ruled Bell the rightful inventor.)

In 1895, Oscar Wilde's final play, "The Importance of Being Earnest," opened at the St. James's Theatre in London. In 1903, the Department of Commerce and Labor

was established. (It was divided into separate departments of Commerce and Labor in 1913.) In 1920, the League of Women Voters was

founded in Chicago; its first president was Maud Wood Park In 1929, the "St. Valentine's Day Massacre" took

place in a Chicago garage as seven rivals of Al Capone's gang were gunned down. In 1949, Israel's Knesset convened for the first

In 1962, first lady Jacqueline Kennedy conducted a televised tour of the White House in a videotaped special that was broadcast on CBS and NBC (and

several nights later on ABC). In 1979, Adolph Dubs, the U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, was kidnapped in Kabul by Muslim extremists and killed in a shootout between his abductors and police.

In 1989, Iran's Avatollah Khomeini called on Muslims to kill Salman Rushdie, author of "The Satanic Verses," a novel condemned as blasphe-

Ten years ago: Launching his defense against war crimes charges, former Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic justified his actions as a "struggle against terrorism" and said he was a victim of twisted facts and "terrible fabrication." Enron executive Sherron Watkins told a House subcommittee it was common knowledge at the company that partnerships were used improperly to hide debt and inflate profits.

Five years ago: Challenged on the accuracy of U.S. intelligence, President George W. Bush told a news conference there was no doubt the Iranian government was providing armor-piercing weapons to kill American soldiers in Iraq, and he said he would fight any attempt by the Democraticcontrolled Congress to cut off money for the war. ConAgra recalled all Peter Pan and Great Value peanut butter made at a Georgia plant because of a

salmonella outbreak One year ago: President Barack Obama unveiled a \$3.7 trillion budget plan that would freeze or reduce some safety-net programs for the nation's poor but turn aside Republican demands for more drastic cuts to shrink the government to where it was before he took office. Protesters took to the streets in Iran. Bahrain and Yemen, inspired by the popular uprising in Egypt that brought down President Hosni Mubarak. The TV game show "Jeopardy!" began airing the first of three episodes pitting human players Brad Rutter and Ken Jennings against an IBM computer named "Watson." (Watson ended up winning with a cumulative total of \$77,147 versus \$24,000 for Jennings and \$21,600 for Rutter.)

Today's Birthdays: TV personality Hugh Downs is 91. Actress-singer Florence Henderson is 78. Actor Andrew Prine is 76. Country singer Razzy Bailey is 73. New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg is 70. Jazz musician Maceo Parker is 69. Movie director Alan Parker is 68. Journalist Carl Bernstein is 68. Former Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., is 65. TV personality Pat O'Brien is 64. Magician Teller (Penn and Teller) is 64. Cajun singer-musician Michael Doucet (Beausoleil) is 61. Actor Ken Wahl is 55. Opera singer Renee Fleming is 53. Actress Meg Tilly is 52. Pro Football Hall of Famer Jim Kelly is 52. Singer-producer Dwayne Wiggins is 51. Actor Enrico Colantoni is 49. Actor Zach Galligan is 48. Actor Valente Rodriguez is 48. Rock musician Ricky Wolking (The Nixons) is 46. Tennis player Manuela Maleeva is 45. Actor

Simon Pegg is 42. Rock musician Kevin Baldes (Lit) is 40. Rock singer Rob Thomas (Matchbox Twenty) is 40. Actor Matt Barr is 28. Actress Tiffany Thornton is 26. Actor Freddie Highmore is 20. Thought for Today: "We are effectively

destroying ourselves by violence masquerading as

love." - R.D. Laing. Scottish psychiatrist (1927-1989)

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GOP: A roller-coaster race from the start

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DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - From the start, it's been a roller-coaster race for the Republican presidential nomination.

GOP primary voters can catch their collective breath for the next two weeks after spending the past six lurching toward one candidate and then another in an exercise of political soul-searching that appears far from settled.

The next contests, in Arizona and Michigan, aren't until Feb. 28. The party with a reputation for order may have it sorted out after March 6, when 10 states get their say. But that would break sharply with this race's tendency toward uncertainty

"It's just frenetic," says Sally Bradshaw, a Republican strategist and longtime aide to former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush. "Everyone is changing their mind every week. It is so unpredictable.

To Bradshaw, "it's a sign of a party that does not yet know its path

With nine contests down, Mitt Romney leads the delegate hunt, and has both the money and the organization to compete deep into the state-by-state nomination calendar. The last contest, in Utah, is set for

But his two main rivals have scored decisive victories, putting into doubt the strength of the former Massachusetts governor's front-running candidacy

Former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum's sweep of Colorado, Minnesota and Missouri this past week is a reminder of Romney's failures to win over conservatives. That was the case, too, in South Carolina, where former House Speaker Newt Gingrich finished first. The nearvictory by Texas Rep. Ron Paul in Maine on Saturday further exposed the GOP's deep divisions.

No one has proved able to assemble a broad coalition of establishment party leaders, social conservatives and tea party activists in a party that lacks a natural national leader such as a former president to influence the rank and file.

The four candidates have had the stage to themselves for only three weeks, survivors in a competition over many months that saw politicians get in and then get out or go through very public deliberations about running before ditching the

Governors, senators and others tempted to run stayed on the sidelines despite much public pressure. New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie went back and forth before declining to enter. Donald Trump passed. Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin teased well into the fall.

By that point, former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty had come and gone from the race. Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann's star had risen and fallen, and so had Texas Gov. Rick Perry's after some poor debate performances. It wasn't long before sexual harassment allegations forced tea party favorite Herman Cain out of the contest.

The field finally was set in December, just a month before Iowa's Jan. 3 leadoff caucuses.

Gingrich, whose campaign had imploded last summer, surged by seizing the debate stage and portraying himself as a Ronald Reaganlike antagonist to President Barack

"How does a Columbia, Harvard law graduate ... look in the mirror and say he's afraid to stand on the same platform with a West Georgia College professor?" Gingrich told a cheering crowd near Des Moines as

It is just frenetic. Everyone is changing their mind every week. It is just so unpredictable.

— Sally Bradshaw

Republican strategist on the race for the GOP's presidential nomination

the year ended.

Romney played to win in Iowa and pounced on Gingrich. Romney and his allies running an independent political action committee pummeled Gingrich with about \$3 million in attack TV ads. Paul's campaign ran ads accusing Gingrich of "serial hypocrisy." Gingrich's ties to Freddie Mac, the federally backed mortgage company, came unde scrutiny, as did his fresh comment. that Palestinians are an "invented people."

All that took a toll on Gingrich. Santorum, who had toiled in obscurity for months, was the beneficiary. Evangelical voters rallied behind him.

By the night of the Iowa caucuses, Romney was declared the winner over Santorum by a mere eight votes. Gingrich finished fourth.

"Game on," Santorum declared, nonetheless triumphant.

By the next morning, Bachmann was out after finishing sixth. Perry headed straight to South Carolina, reversing course after hinting he would pull out of the race after finishing fifth in Iowa.

New Hampshire was next up and it wasn't really a contest. Romney cruised to victory and easily beat back one-state challenger Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman.

But Romney would face obstacles, most of them self-inflicted, that would signal problems down the road.

"I like being able to fire people," Romney said in Nashua, N.H., while promoting choice in insurance options. His rivals immediately attacked. It was a reminder of Ronney's

vast wealth in tough economic times, and an example of a series of comments ready-made for critics. "Corporations are people," he said at one point. He also had wagered a \$10,000 bet with Perry.

Gingrich looked for a revival, and found it by attacking Romney's tenure as the founder and CEO of a venture capital firm, Bain Capital. A \$5 million check by a Las Vegas casino mogul to a pro-Gingrich super PAC

put that criticism on TV ahead of the South Carolina primary.

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In that first-in-the South voting state. Romney was cast as a job-killer but the move backfired. The GOF establishment accused Gingrich of waging war on free-market principles that are the bedrock of the GOP

Huntsman declared Romney "the best equipped to defeat Barack Obama" as he quit the race. Romney toured with South Carolina Gov Nikki Haley and 2008 primary winner John McCain. A first-ever GOF sweep of the opening three contests seemed within Romney's reach.

Then, it didn't.

Romney stumbled over whether he would release his tax returns Gingrich turned in solid debate performances, at one point turning the bombshell 11th-hour allegation from his second wife that he sought ar open marriage before their divorce into a strident attack on the media.

In one bizarre Thursday before the primary, Iowa GOP officials announced Santorum had actually won the Iowa caucuses. Perry quit and endorsed Gingrich.

Gingrich easily won South

The race turned to Florida, where Romney had built a firewall by pouring far more money and resourcés into the state than any of his rivals On'v Romney and his allied super had the ability to compete in

tate's 10 media markets. They sined to spend \$17 million in advertising, nearly all of it attacking

Gingrich triumphantly arrived it Naples, Fla., to a crowd of 5,000 two days after the South Carolina vote Then the attacks took hold.

Gingrich decried what he called "carpet-bombing" on TV. He spent much of the 10 days on the defensive as he struggled to answer Romney's newfound aggressiveness during the two Florida debates. Specifically. Romney labeled Gingrich an "influence peddler," and tied his Freddie Mac connection to the housing crisis that has hit hard in Florida.

In the end, Romney comfortably carried Florida over Gingrich.

Paul and Santorum finished far back, having abandoned the state for more promising territory.

Four days after Florida, Romney easily won the Nevada caucuses; his fellow Mormons accounted for 25 percent of voters.

But it wasn't long before trouble emerged anew.

Having retreated from Florida. Santorum was virtually alone as he campaigned ahead of the Coloradc and Minnesota caucuses and Missouri's nonbinding primary.

Last week, Santorum re-emerged as Romney's chief challenger by carrying all three states, forcing Romney to recalibrate his campaign in the face of conservative reluctance to support him.

Maine was the latest state to weigh in and Romney was narrowly declared the victor Saturday over

It was just the latest chapter in a race certain to continue to be volatife

and long.

Induced labor lets dying Texas man see new daughter

DALLAS (AP) — Diane Aulger was about two weeks from her delivery date when she and her husband decided there was no time to wait: Mark Aulger had only days to live, and he wanted to see his child.

Diane Aulger had her labor induced and gave birth to their daughter Jan. 18. When tiny Savannah was placed in his arms, Mark Aulger "cried, and he just looked very sad," his wife said. He died five days later from complications related to his cancer treatment.

The 52-year-old Texas man was diagnosed with colon cancer in April. He had surgery and, as a precaution, six months of chemotherapy, Diane Aulger said. With no signs of cancer showing up in follow up tests, the treatment

seemed successful.

Then in November, Mark Aulger began having trouble breathing. By Jan. 3, he was sick enough to go to the emergency room. His wife said he was told the chemotherapy had caused him to develop pulmonary fibrosis, which causes scarring and thickening in the

Initially, the Aulgers were hopeful. "He thought he'd be coming home in

a few days with an oxygen tank," said Diane Aulger, who lives in The Colony, about 25 miles north of Dallas.

But on Jan. 16, the doctor delivered more bad news: Mark Aulger's condition was fatal.

When Diane Aulger asked how long her husband had, the response was a

sobering five or six days.
"Mark said, 'I'd like to see the baby," the 31-year-old mother told The Associated Press on Sunday.

Their baby was due Jan. 29, and Diane Aulger had planned a natural childbirth, but when the doctor suggested an induced labor, she immediately agreed. She was already experiencing pre-labor symptoms, and they scheduled the birth for Jan. 18.

Hospital staff arranged for the Aulgers to share a large labor and delivery

"Our beds were side by side," Diane Aulger said.

Mark Aulger held his daughter for about 45 minutes after she was born. For the next couple of days, though, he was so tired he was only able to hold her a couple of times for a minute or so. She said he slipped into a coma on Jan. 21 and died two days later.

"I brought her home the night before he fell into the coma. It was just me and Savannah when he passed away," Diane Aulger said.

Along with Savannah, the Aulgers have two other children, ages 10 and 7. Diane Aulger also has a 15-year-old and a 13-year-old.

With her family's story getting much media attention in recent days, Diane Aulger said she's been heartened by the nice comments she's received from

She plans to blanket her home with pictures of her husband and said her children are already doing a good job of keeping his memory alive by talking about him.

"We're living day-to-day as if dad's still here," she said. "We know dad is here with us. They talk to dad. Mark was a very funny, funny dad."

Aggressive strategy for Santorum

(AP) — A day after Mitt Romney regained some momentum in the Republican presidential contest, his rival

Rick Santorum went on the attack, calling the front-runner "desperate" while promising to compete aggressively to win the state where Romney grew up.

Santorum said Sunday he could do "exceptionally well" where in Michigan, Romney's father served as governor. The Midwestern state and Arizona host Republican presidential

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"We're going to spend a lot of time in Michigan and Arizona, and those are up next. And that's where we've really been focusing on," Santorum told ABC's "This Week." He suggested that a strong showing in those contests would make the presidential contest "a two-man race," dismissing current rivals Newt Gingrich and Ron Paul.

Santorum shrugged off his third-place finish Saturday in caucuses in Maine, where he didn't actively compete, as well as his second-place finish in a straw poll of conservative activists.

Romney has been painting Santorum as a longtime Washington insider pursued homewho state projects. Santorum on Sunday described Romney's recent criticism as "desperate."

"You reach a point where desperate people do desperate things," said Santorum, who represented Pennsylvania during his 16 years in Congress, first in the House and then in the Senate.

Maine GOP officials declared Romney the winner of Saturday's caucuses. The results ended a three-state losing streak to Santorum, who swept contests in Colorado, Minnesota and Missouri on Tuesday.

With the next primaries more than two weeks away, the break seems unusually long in the rapid-fire race that's featured six contests in the last 14 days. Romney and his rivals now have 17 days to raise cash and bolster their organizations for what's shaping up to be a slog to the Republican nomination and the right to face President Barack Obama in November.

As Santorum eyes Michigan, Romney turns his attention to extending his huge cash advantage over his rivals.

The Massachusetts governor left Maine before the caucus results were announced to attend a West Coast fundraiser Saturday night. He issued a written statement to mark his victory in the low-turnout

contest. "I'm heartened to have the support of so many good people in this great state," Romney said in the statement. "The voters of

PORTLAND, Maine Maine have sent a clear message that it is past time to send an outsider to the White House."

Romney is expected to spend much of next week courting donors, while sprinkling in a handful of campaign events. be in He'll Arizona Monday

evening. Romney won a plurality of the Maine vote just hours

after winning the presidential straw poll at the Conservative Political Action Committee conference in Washington.

But questions about Romney's durability as his party's presumed frontrunner persist. Fully 61 percent of Maine voters selected a candidate other than Massachusetts' former governor in a state practically in his backyard. And Romney's showing was down considerably from 2008, when he won 51 percent of the vote.

Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, a prominent voice among some conservatives, said Romney has work to do to convince GOP voters he's moved beyond his "pretty moderate past ... even in some cases a liberal past."

"I am not convinced, and do not think the majority of GOP and independent voters are convinced," Palin said on Fox News Sunday

Romney has focused more on social issues in recent days. He has been particularly aggressive in criticizing Obama's recent decision regarding contra-

On Friday, after three weeks of controversy that pitted the nation's Catholic bishops against the White House, Obama revised his policy. Instead of requiring church-affiliated nonprofit employers to cover free contraception with the health insurance they offer workers, the policy now requires insurance companies to provide free birth control coverage in separate agreements with workers who want it.

White House chief of staff Jack Lew defended the decision Sunday, noting that there is no longer room for compromise.

"This is our plan," he said on CNN's "State of the Union."

Santorum said the president's plan doesn't resolve the issue. He says many Catholic institutions are self-insured and those organizations will still be forced to pay for women's contraception despite their

religious objections.

"There's no compromise here. They are forcing religious organizations, either directly or indirectly to pay for something that they find is a deeply, morally, you know, wrong thing, Santorum, a Catholic, told NBC's "Meet the Press."

The focus on social issues plays well for Santorum, who has long been considered a staunch conservative. Those credentials helped fuel his success last week.

But he wasn't a factor in Maine, where Romney captured 39 percent of the vote, narrowly defeating Paul's 36 percent, state Republican chairman Charlie Webster said. Santorum and Gingrich, who didn't actively campaign in Maine, won 18 percent and 6 percent respectively.

It was a disappointing showing for Paul, who on Sunday suggested that there was virtually no difference between his rivals.

"All three of them have represented the same system, the same status quo," Paul said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

The Maine vote totals reflected about 84 percent of the state's precincts, with nearly 5,600 Republicans voting out of 258,000 registered. The contests scheduled for the coming days will not be counted, including an entire county that postponed its caucuses because of a snow storm. "We were a little bit dis-

appointed last night," Paul said, because he's done well in that county in the past and expected to do well Saturday

Coming off last week's success, Santorum saw a surge in donations. His campaign reports gathering \$3 million in the three days immediately following after last week's hat trick, but he's unlikely to catch Romney in the money race.

Santorum reported just \$279,000 in the bank at the end of December, compared with Romney's \$19.9 million. Gingrich had \$2.1 million, but is still carrying substantial debt, while Paul reported \$1.9 million.

Romney won 11 delegates and Paul 10, according to an analysis of the Maine results by The Associated Press. Santorum and Gingrich were shut out. That brings the delegate count to 123 for Romney, 72 for Santorum, 32 for Gingrich and 19 for Paul, with 1,144 delegates needed for the nomination.

Men accused of contract killing

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - Two Tennessee men were contract killers who kidnapped and murdered those who threatened a drug ring that imported cocaine from Mexico to be sold on the streets of U.S. cities, a federal prosecutor said Monday.

Opening statements in the trial of Clinton Lewis and Martin Lewis began

Defense attorneys countered that their clients are innocent. They said the government's case will be based on questionable testimony from men who have admitted being gang members and received reduced charges and sentences in return for their cooperation.

The Lewises, who are cousins, are charged with being members of an organization led by Craig Petties that began as a neighborhood gang in 1995 and grew into an empire that imported drugs from Mexico to sell in Tennessee, Mississippi, Texas, Georgia and North Carolina. The trial in Memphis is the culmination of a 13-year investigation into the ring led by Petties, who has pleaded guilty to racketeering, money laundering and four murders for hire. He is awaiting sentencing.

The Lewises face life in prison without parole if convicted on charges including racketeeringmurder, conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance and money laundering. They have pleaded not guilty.

U.S. Attorney Edward Stanton has described the trial as one of the largest of its kind in West Tennessee. Along with Petties, several other men have already pleaded guilty to being members of the drug ring.

Petties fled to Mexico after his 2002 indictment and was placed on the U.S. Marshals' 15 most wanted list. He was captured in January 2008 and extradited to Memphis, where he entered his guilty plea in December

Prosecutor Greg Gilluly said Monday that the Lewises each killed one person who was a threat to Petties' organization. Gilluly said the gang started with a few young men selling drugs in the Riverside neighborhood of Memphis and ended up working with the Sinaloa drug cartel in Mexico and being responsible for the deaths of at least six people.

Clinton Lewis, also known as "Goldie," is charged with the kidnapping and murder of Marcus Turner in September 2006, under orders from Petties. Turner's body was found in Olive Branch, Miss. Martin Lewis, also

known as "M," is charged with killing Mario McNeal while McNeal was eating at a Memphis restaurant in March 2007. "They chose the value

of money over human life," Gilluly said of the defendants.

Anne Tipton, attorney for Clinton Lewis, said Lewis is innocent and the jury must judge the credibility of admitted gang members who will appear as prosecution witnesses.

One of the potential witnesses, Clarence Broady, has pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit murder for hire for the killings of Mario Stewart and Latrell Small. Others on the witness list were associates of the Petties gang in North Carolina, Georgia and Mississippi.

Tipton said her client was being unfairly "lumped in with the rest of the group."

Marty McAfee, attorney for Martin Lewis, said the jury will hear testimony and see evidence not related to the charges. He also questioned whether potential

witnesses will be able to properly identify his client as McNeal's killer because the shooter was dressed with a hooded shirt, dark glasses and a skull cap.

McAfee also noted that some of the government's potential witnesses have had charges and sentences reduced after pleading guilty.

"After you look at the quality of the government's case, you will see it is not built upon bedrock, it is built upon sand," McAfee said.

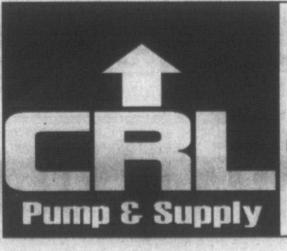
Security is tight for the trial, which is expected to last about a month. The jury is being brought to the courthouse from a secret location every day. Also, only the four defense attorneys and the two federal prosecutors are being permitted to know the jurors' identi-

Petties is on a defense list of anticipated government witnesses, but it is not known if he will be called to testify.

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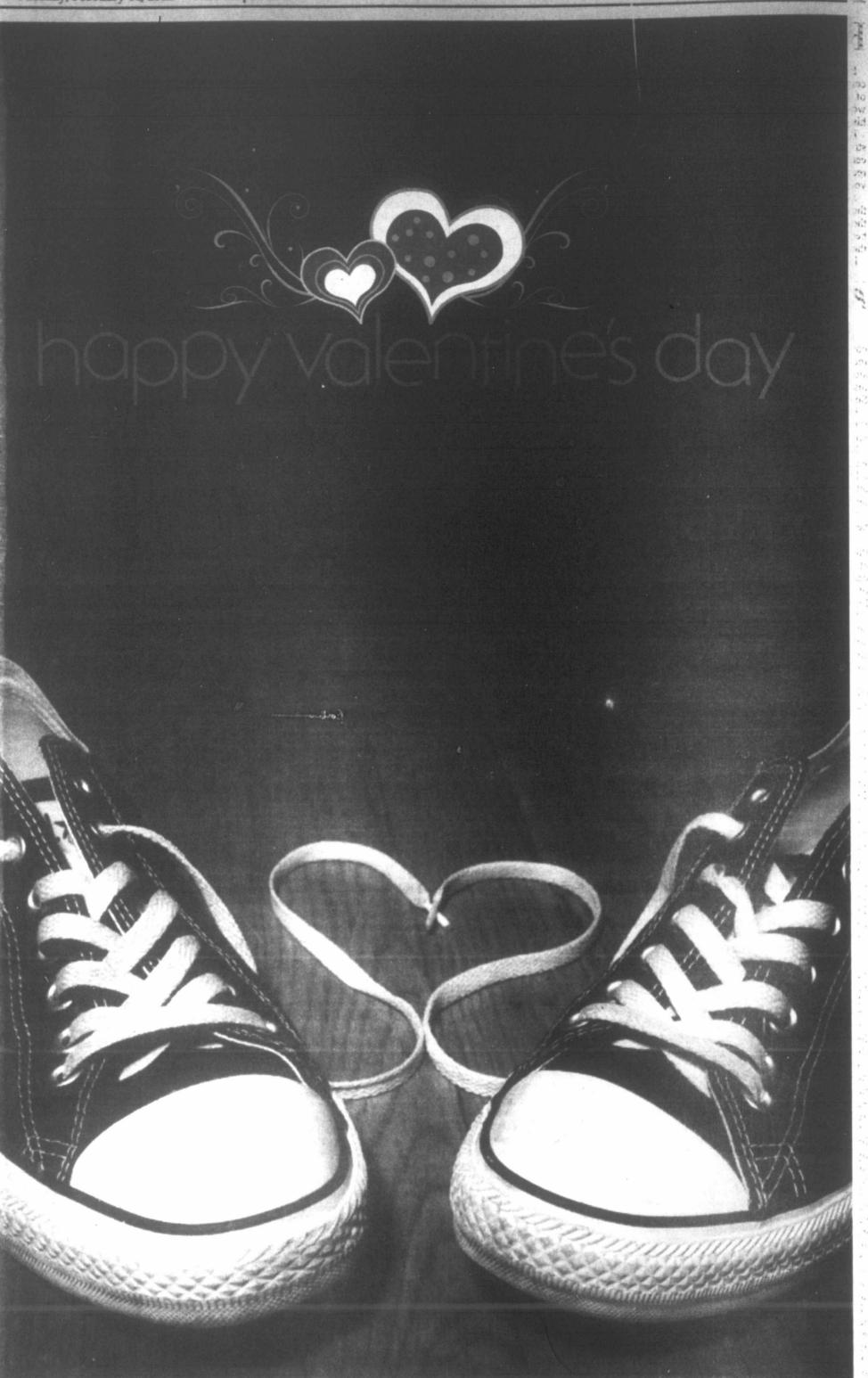
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First Bush, 87, finds odd hobby in brightly-colored socks

HOUSTON (AP) — If by chance you happen to come across George H.W. Bush and he has on a pair of outrageously colored or mismatched socks, don't worry — the octogenarian former president isn't losing

If he caught you staring at the light and dark blue striped confections on his ankles at the commencement. ceremonies at Dartmouth College last summer, where he received an honorary degree, he would not have thought you rude.

And if you couldn't help but gawk slack-jawed at the bright pink numbers he had on while watching the Houston Marathon last month, well that's fine too because, with his slacks jauntily hitched, that's kind of the reaction he was hoping for.

In fact, the more people look at his socks, the more



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covered while she and Dolores Mosser were working on the Plains Trail Region together. Moore had commissioned Smith to make an arrow for his business reminiscent of a Longfellow poem titled "The Arrow and the

Humphries said, "Right at the top of it, the fletching ("feather") vibrates in the wind and it sings. So, it's the arrow and the song."

Mosser, a board member of the Texas Plains Trail Region, said the project initially was designed to provide a kind of cultural trail across the 52 counties that could attract travelers to the region and encourage economic development.

But along the way, the search for new arrow locations became an unforeseen learning experience.

"There is not a place you go that you don't learn something special: They have Quanah Parker peyote robes at the museum in Tulia; they have Quanah Parker moccasins in the little museum that is in the old courthouse of old Tascosa at Boys Ranch; you can go by Quanah Parker's birthplace at Cedar Lake.'

Marisue Potts of Matador, the first town to receive one of the arrows, said, "Quanah Parker, the man, left not only his tracks in Motley County, but imprinted his charisma and diplomacy upon the many friends he made among the ranchers and townspeople.'

She is a writer, chairwoman of the Motley County Historical Committee and vice president of the West Texas Historical Association.

"People who notice the arrow are curious and since there is no signage yet, they stop and ask questions about its significance. That gives the local historians a chance to relate the colorful history of the Comanche camping at Roaring Springs, Dutchman Creek and Ballard Creek near the historic Motley County Jail. In the works are documentary short films to relate that history to visitors when the jail restoration is complete," she said.

Parker, like West Point graduate Ranald Mackenzie, apparently found his element in war, and was able to hold the Panhandle territory for a time against even the United States Fourth Cavalry.

When Col. Mackenzie was unsuccessful in tracking and subduing the Indians in 1871 and 1872, Parker boldly raided the cavalry campsite at Blanco Canyon on the morning of Oct. 9, 1871, taking a number of horses, according to research done by Brian C. Hosmer, writing for the Texas State Historical Association's Handbook of Texas.

"Afterward, the Indians seemingly disappeared onto the plains, only to reappear and attack again. Mackenzie gave up the search in mid-1872," Hosmer wrote.

But Mackenzie successfully defeated Kiowas, Cheyennes and some Comanches under another chief in Palo Duro Canyon in late 1874, and essentially finished the wars by destroying the Indians' horses and food supplies.

Within a year, Parker and his warriors, under continuing pressure from the U.S. Army and suffering from hunger, surrendered and moved to the Kiowa-Comanche reservation in southwestern Oklahoma, according to Hosmer.

But the depths of Parker could be seen more in defeat than in victory. On the reservation lands, he began raising cattle and encouraging his people to learn both the yoke and blessings of civilization. He also was learning to greet other cattlemen of the time — and presidents.

Mosser said, "For me personally in all of this, was learning about Quanah Parker as a cattleman, a statesman, the politician type — he was hobnobbing with presidents. I think it was Theodore Roosevelt who came and hunted with him."

She added, "The statesman side of this Native American — just in a very short time he went from battling buffalo soldiers and following buffalo herds to being in an inaugural parade."

Humphries said, "Right here — in Spur, Texas — in their Dickens County Museum, they have the war bonnet that Quanah Parker wore in Teddy Roosevelt's 1905

inaugural parade. Hanaba Munn Welch, who set up the web site www. quanahparkertrail.com for the Texas Plains Trail Region to make some of the connections to Quanah Parker available to the public, said he was a skilled politician who looked out for the members of his tribe as best he could.

"Some Comanches faulted him for giving in too much, but I think he was doing what he thought was best." She said of her research, "We have him captured in a black and white silent movie, riding a horse, and driving up to the bank in Cache, Okla., in his stage coach and

chasing the bad guys as part of a posse. It was the early 1900s, and Quanah had been killing white people back in the 1870s, maybe 30 years before. Mosser said Parker likely became the wealthiest Native

American of the time because of his cattle operations. Parker apparently didn't completely adopt civiliza-

tion's ways: He declined to give up his seven wives and the 22-room house they lived in. In February 1911, he became ill while visiting a

Cheyenne Reservation, and returned to his home, where he died.

He was buried at the Post Oak Mission Cemetery beside his mother, Cynthia Ann Parker. Later, in an expansion of a missile base, they were reburied at Lawton, Okla., in a section of the Fort Sill Post Cemetery called Chief's Knoll.

When this region's descendants - both settlers and Native Americans — look back across time, they can see

the reality of the years: Then it was a time of war, now a time of peace.

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he likes it. They're simple utilitarian garments, socks, but not when a former president wears them as a statement — actually more than a statement.

There was a time when a visitor at the 41st president's west Houston office invariably left with a little box containing presidential cuff links. These days, you might find yourself leaving with a pair of lobster socks light blue creations emblazoned

with the bright red crustaceans.

"It's his trinket now," says Jean Becker, his long-time chief of staff. "This is his signature gift. He's sort of becoming famous for his socks."

Bush says he has been a "colored socks fan" for some time, and that his penchant for wearing them at high profile events "is not a big thing" in his life. His staff, however, begs to differ.

"He used to wear them on special occasions and not very often," says Becker. "But he has lately gotten more outrageous. Now he goes out of his way.'

It could be because recently, the 87-year-old president's ankles are more openly on display. He has been diagnosed with lower body Parkinsonism, a condition that causes instability from the waist down, and he often uses a wheelchair. But for whatever reason, Becker says the "sock thing" has certainly ramped up a few notches in recent months.

He has green and black striped socks. Pink and salmon striped socks. Orange socks with yellow polka dots. Socks with the American flag. Orange and pink socks. Blue striped socks with lavender accents at the top.

Bush says his favorite socks have orange stripes, "but they're getting a little old now."

In November, the actor Kyle MacLachlan visited Bush in his office and was much taken with the pink and salmon striped socks the president was wearing with his grey pin-striped suit and black loafers.

This got Bush thinking about Christmas presents. His staff swept into action and within no time, the office was awash in boxes of socks, which went out to select friends and family, including MacLachlan, as gifts.

For years, Bush's principal supplier of socks has been Spike Heminway, a long-time friend and golfing buddy from Kennebunkport, Maine, where the Bush family has a seaside estate.

Bush says he receives varying responses when people see his socks. And because he is a former president he probably gets away with it more than most folks.

"I suspect some people think this old boy is a little

strange," Bush says.

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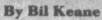
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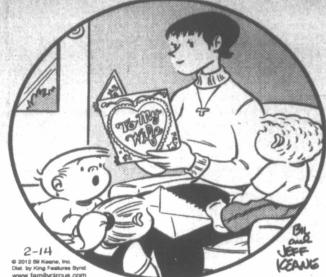
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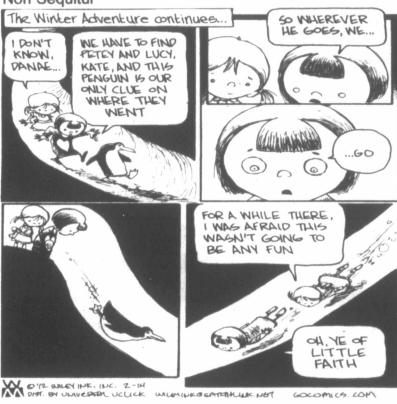
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This year keep your eye on long-term objectives. Many friends surround you, causing distraction. Juggling different elements and maintaining a high level of organization evolves in importance. In love, spontaneously you could mimic the great Gothic

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Deferring to others is smarter than getting into a situation where others make demands. Allow this freedom, and give and take. People who can be contrary suddenly can identify with a problem, having experienced it firsthand. Tonight: Be where crowds can be found.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

** Stay even and mellow with an unpredictable person who does have impact over your life. Your gentle nature comes out at the same time. Steer away from a person who would use this special quality in you. The less involved you are, the happier you ultimately will be. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** When surprise heads in your direction, you suddenly feel vibrant. Though the news could toss plans out of kilter, that very change reminds you that you are alive. Burning the candle at both ends.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Be open to someone very different. Knowing this person can only be a growing experience. Tonight: Paint the town red.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Be clear as to what you want and Marvin why. Tap into your ability to move past an issue. You might need to revise your thinking. A gamble might not be worth it, when you weigh the pros and cons. Trust a caring partner or loved one. Listen to his or her views. Tonight: Happily head home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Communications flow with a litexhibit erratic behavior. You could see this The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll change as exciting or troublesome, depending on your life perspective. Remember, you cannot change this person. Tonight: Listen to a friend's recent adventures!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** You might want to be aware of both the emotional and financial pros and cons of an offer or situation. You might not in working with a project. Stay as clear as expect some of the obligations surrounding a key person. Detach and really look at this individual with new eyes, especially when interacting with others. Tonight: Your treat!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** Greet excitement with a

smile, even if it is coming from left field. Your charisma and spontaneity can turn a difficult situation into a dynamic experience. Use caution with finances, whether it is getting involved with a friend or an investment. Tonight: Go with your instincts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ** You could feel off. An event or sur-

prise could drain you or give you an adrenaline rush, depending on your makeup. Keep news and information to yourself. You could feel uncomfortable with someone's controlling nature. Tonight: At home. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Enjoy what is on your plate,

and do not long for what is not. Meetings, though sometimes difficult, draw excellent results. A friendship could be developing into more. Be aware of this person's feelings. Tonight: Where the gang is. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

** Stay on top of work, and finish off as much as you can. A friend or co-worker could push very hard to get more of his or her desires. You might need and want to say "no." Do what is best for you. This person wants what is best for him or her. Tonight:

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Trial set in lawyer's misconduct suit

LUBBOCK (AP) — The State Bar of Texas' case against an attorney that it says charged wrongly convicted inmates unreasonable fees for obtaining compensation went to trial Monday, with attorneys giving their opening statements.

Lubbock attorney Kevin Glasheen helped former inmates get state compensation for wrongful incarceration. He has said he acted appropriately in charging his clients a 25 percent contingency fee, meaning he got paid only if they got compensated.

But the state lawyers' association says the fees were illegal and unconscionable and constituted professional misconduct.

Glasheen has been credited by lawmakers and advocates as the driving force behind a 2009 law that made Texas the most generous state in the nation in compensating the wrongly convicted. The law increased compensation from \$50,000 to \$80,000 for every year of confinement and provided an annuity for lifetime income.

The trial stems from Glasheen's work for Steven Phillips and Patrick Waller. Phillips spent nearly 25 years in prison for a rape and robbery before being cleared, while Waller was freed after serving 16 years for kidnapping and rape. Both were released in 2007.

The two filed complaints with the state bar, which filed its lawsuit after Glasheen asked it to handle the matter in open court, rather than conduct a private evidentiary hearing. The lawsuit was filed in Lubbock County in January 2011, but the state bar asked the Supreme Court of Texas to assign a state judge from another district to handle the case.

If the court determines Glasheen

committed misconduct, he could face punishments ranging from a public reprimand to disbarment.

Glasheen said in a statement emailed last week that his firm spent "thousands of hours" and "hundreds of thousands of dollars" to make the state compensation increase happen.

"The basis of the grievance is that the fee is 'unconscionable' because supposedly all we did was file a onepage form for 'automatic' statutory compensation," the statement reads. "We got great results for the clients, more than tripling their compensation.'

Phillips, Waller and another former inmate Glasheen did not represent sued him in 2009, contending his work didn't merit the contingency fee. He reached a settlement with them in November, the details of which weren't made public.

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TULSA, Okla. (AP) — About 11,000 people are banned from casinos and gaming centers throughout Oklahoma because of compulsive gambling, according to numbers provided by Indian tribes that have gaming compacts with the state.

The Tulsa World reported Monday (http://is.gd/UdprYG) that the number includes people who have been involuntarily banned by casinos and those who chose to ban themselves over concerns of compulsive gambling. The figures are from the Osage, Cherokee, Muscogee (Creek) Nations and other tribes that have gaming compacts with the state.

The compacts between the state and Indian nations require the tribes to keep a list of the names of banned individuals, as well as require casinos to post notices that include the warning signs of compulsive gambling.

Tribes interviewed by the newspaper said they spend thousands of dollars on employee training to spot compulsive gamblers and direct them

"Our approach is to address it conservatively but aggressively," said Mark Fulton, chief operating officer for Cherokee Nation Entertainment.

"We don't let it drag on. We act sooner rather than later when we see signs of compulsive gambling in our facilities.'

The Cherokee Nation reports 2,650 banned people at its eight facilities that includes 1,307 people who banned themselves, either temporarily or permanently. It also includes people who are banned for any reason, not just for compulsive gam-

The Creek Nation reports 1,378 banned individuals with 660 being self-banned, said Nelson Johnson, with the Creek Gaming Commission.

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Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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talk of them pushing the next regular meeting on primary back from April 3 on back," Whitehead said. "Our chairman just wanted to have the best turnout and give all the candidates plenty of time to schedule to be there. We had considered that. We had talked about it, but with everything coming up, we just decided, we just decided that we absolutely had to pick a day, because we had to try to find a place to hold it and get ready and everything.

to pick a date and stick with it, so we decided on March 6, and we're sticking with that one (regardless of the primary date)."

Whitehead said that she hopes to have RSVPs from candidates at the Women's

Feb. 15.

o f today. Pampa's Mac Smith and Plainview's Jim Landtroop, two of the four candidates for the state House in the district including Gray County, have personally told Whitehead that they will be in attendance. The others, Gary Walker of Plains and Ken King of Canadian, have been sent invitations.

Rep. Warren Chisum, who is vying for a seat on the Texas Railroad Commission, has also been invited, as have opponents Becky Berger

and Christy Craddick. Most, if not all, of the candidates running for county office are expected to participate, Whitehead

Republican Women are looking forward to hosting the candidates, she added, saying that the group values opportunities to aid the public in making informed decisions.

"You know, we always get excited when it comes to election time," Whitehead said. "Even when it's just city and school election time, we Pampa's outgoing state get excited and like to try to help any getting people together. The Republican Women are — to me, and I know I'm prejudiced when it comes to putting on a function like this, all you have to do is ask. We never have a lack of volunteers, and it's always

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"We just want everyone The Top O' Texas to know that they're welcome to come," she continued. "Every election, it's important to get out to vote. This is just something we do to get people more informed.

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

time of year I have seen let- cure, have a caring family and ters in your column from coumany beautiful memories. ples describing how they met. I hope you will print ours.

During a study break one evening in April 1937, I walked to Bruckner Boulevard Park in the Bronx to sit on a bench and watch the cars drive by. A cyclist whizzed through the center walkway, then stopped and slowly weekend I went to a birthday backed up to where I was sit-

"Hello," he said. I responded. "Who are you?" he asked. "I'm Queen Elizabeth the First," I told him without batting an eye. "Well," he replied, "I'm Sir Walter Raleigh to participate. I was the only a coat to place at your feet." Then he sat down beside me. We talked, we laughed, and he walked me home.

I eloped. That was April 3, ing in front of my sister and 1941.

This year we will celebrate our 71st anniversary and have, in our lifetime together, accumulated three beautiful daughters, nine grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren and another on the way.

We have shared our tears, our joys, our failures and our successes. We have worked with me? Now they're talklong hours, taken vacations, ing about doing it at future participated in sports and slumber parties, so I'm not tine's Day traveled. We have enjoyed sure how to handle it. I could

Ben, however, has not as yet placed his coat at my feet. -BELLA IN NEW YORK

DEAR BELLA: No magic carpet ride instead. May you enjoy many more

slumber party at a friend's house. We played poker as we often do, then one girl suggested we play strip poker. She was kind of pushy about it. I wasn't comfortable with the idea and chose not unfortunately, I don't have one. Everybody laughed at me. They called me a prude and told me "all girls look the

I don't think I'm a prude. Four years later, Ben and I'm not shy about undressfriends. I'm just not comfortable about something like this and saw no point to it. I mean, if "we're all the same," then what's the reason for exposing our bodies to each other? Everybody thought it was fun, and those who ended up taking it all off laughed about

Is there something wrong every moment. Now in our just not attend, but this is the your way. - ABBY

don't like to miss out. - NO PRUDE IN SACRAMENTO

DEAR NO PRUDE: Not only is there nothing wrong with you, I applaud you for not giving in to peer pressure and doing something you didn't feel was right. It took maturity to refuse.

Because you're not comfortable playing strip poker, you should make other plans for those nights. This doesn't mean you shouldn't socialize with your friends - but if their idea of a fun time is strip poker, consider cultivating a few more relationships with girls who have broader interests. That way you'll have something to do on nights they are playing - until they grow bored with the game. (And they will.)

TO MY READERS IN **ABBYLAND:** I'd like to make my feel-

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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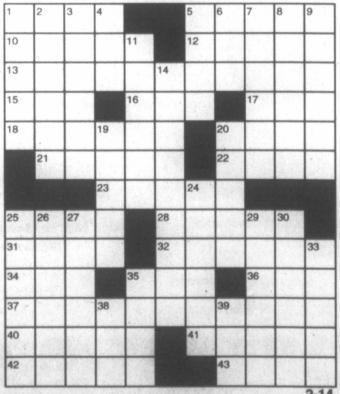
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Sports

Lady Harvesters set for rematch against Shallowater

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After strong performances against Perryton and Dalhart, the Pampa Lady Harvesters hope to continue their momentum in the bi-district playoffs 6:30 p.m. today against the No. 10 Shallowater Fillies at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

"We're getting really excited," senior guard Kirsten Kuhn said. "There's a lot of nerves that come with the excitement. Just getting this opportunity again. We're all excited to get back on the court and see how far we've come."

Pampa played Shallowater last December and lost 53-30 in Shallowater. Kuhn said the Lady Harvesters are a different team.

"We've grown a lot since last time we played," Kuhn said. "We've all come together as a team and learned more about each other on the court. I think it will be a great game and the scoreboard won't look like it did last time."

Senior Kailyn Troxell said the Fillies shot the ball well in the first matchup. "They hit a lot of shots outside," Troxell

said. Head coach Gene Valentine said it's

nice to know what to expect.

"We've done some stuff lately that they haven't seen," Valentine said. "It will be interesting to see how they do that."

Shallowater is only 50 miles from Wayland Baptist, which is about 100 miles closer than Pampa. Kuhn said she doesn't think it will have a factor in the

"We're not too worried about that," Kuhn said. "Our fans are very supportive so we aren't worried about Shallowater.'

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The Lady Harvesters (14-15) haven't played since last Tuesday's victory over Dalhart. Troxell said preparations have gone well.

"We've been working on specific things from the last time we played (Shallowater)," Troxell said. "I think it's going well and we will be ready (today)." Troxell said Pampa has to keep playing

"We need to keep playing as a team," Troxell said.

like it has the last three games.

Kuhn said they need to play a complete

"We have to make our shots like we have the last couple of games," Kuhn said. "We have to play good defense on the outside because they have legit threepoint shooters. We can't play half a game or play one side of the ball. We have to be well-rounded."

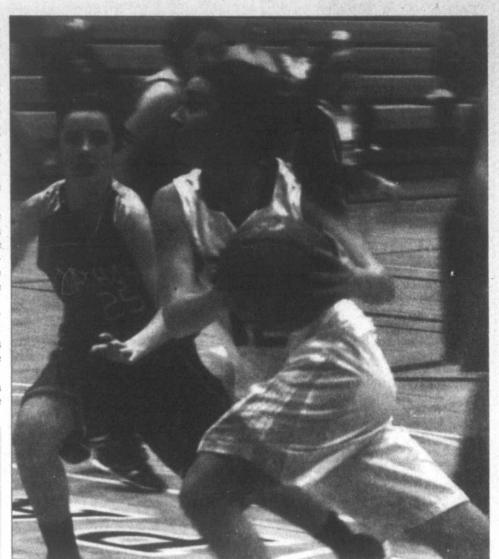
Valentine said his team is going to play aggressively on defense.

"We are going to play aggressively as we can outside and make them put the ball on the floor," Valentine said.

The winner will play Clint Mountain View in the area round on a date to be determined.

Inside the Matchup

- · Pampa is making its first appearance in the playoffs as a 3A team and second under head coach Gene Valentine.
- · The Lady Harvesters last playoff game in 2010 was also in Plainview at Plainview High School.
- · The Fillies advanced to the regional semifinals last season and were defeated by the eventual state champion Abilene Wylie.



staff photo by Joe Murray

Senior Caitlin Sieck drives against Dalhart in a Jan. 17 game. The Lady Harvesters take on the No. 10 Shallowater Fillies in the bi-district round.

Harvester tennis has several win in home tournament

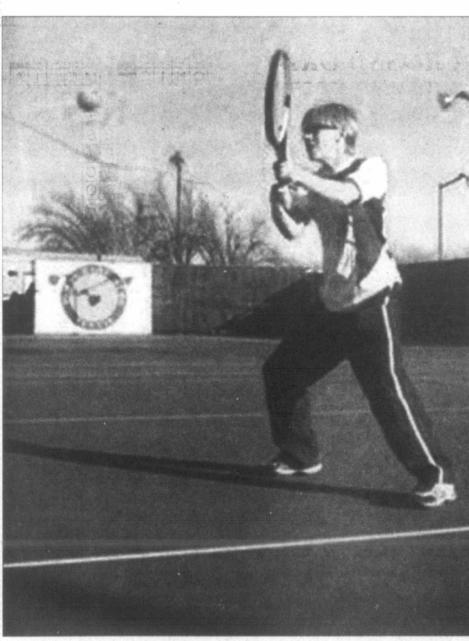


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Junior Nick Nelson returns a ball in a doubles match Friday. Nelson and his partner Braden Russell (not pictured) finished second.

PHS girls golf 10th at Plainview

Baseball schedule changes

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The Pampa girls golf team opened the spring season with a 10th place finish at Plainview Friday.

The tournament was supposed to be two days but was shortened because of weather. Head coach Alan Segura said the girls competed well.

"I am extremely pleased with their performance," Segura said. "Two of my upper class girls were unable to attend,

· Today's scrimmage against Bushland is canceled.

but will be back soon. I had four sophomores and one freshman compete, which is very encouraging since they have plenty of time to improve.'

Pampa scored 439 finishing seven strokes behind the ninth-place Canyon. Ashley Keith led the team with a 98. Katy Velasquez followed with a 107. Savanna Mertz shot a 111. Mickey Lanning shot a 123 and McKinley Hancox shot a 129.

The Lady Harvesters compete at Borger Friday and Saturday.

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The Pampa Harvesters tennis team started their tournament by clearing ice off the court. They finished with several taking home hardware Friday at Pampa High School.

A snowstorm hit Thursday and Pampa tennis players and boosters spent four hours clearing the court. The Harvesters competed against Amarillo, Randall and Borger in a tournament that lasted over nine hours. Pampa won in boys singles and boys doubles and finished second in girls singles, boys doubles and mixed

"We did great," head coach Sarah Corse said.

Senior David Moore beat sophomore teammate Nick Rodriguez 6-1 and 6-1. In the semifinals, Moore beat Amarillo High's Ben Laney 6-2 and 6-2. The senior won the championship against Amarillo's Akshay Raghurum 6-3 and 6-4.

Junior Makayla Hampton dominated

her first two opponents, with a 6-0 and 6-1 over Randall's Jessica Frausto and beat Amarillo's Taylor Lancaster 6-2 and 6-1. Hampton lost the championship to Jasmine Briant 6-4 and 6-4.

In boys doubles, junior Nick Nelson and senior partner Braden Russell and senior Logan Karbo and junior Hunter Hucks advanced to the championship. Nelson and Russell won their first two matches 6-0 and 6-1 in both. Karbo and Hucks easily won their first match (6-0 and 6-1), but had to play a tiebreaker to win their second (6-1 and 6-4). Karbo and Hucks defeated Nelson and Russell 6-4 and 7-5 in a tiebreaker.

Senior Landon Karbo and junior Maddie Fatheree won their first match 6-0 and 6-3 over a pair from Randall. Karbo and Fatheree won their next match 6-3 and 6-1 before losing the championship 6-3 and 6-4. Seniors Collin McClendon and Elizabeth Terry won the consolation

The Harvesters compete in the Canyon Tournament Friday and Saturday.



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• The March 14 game against Childress is in Pampa at 2 p.m. Senior Braden Russell clears ice off the tennis court before the Pampa

Sports

Lady Harvesters look to experience for deeper run

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Last season, the Pampa Lady Harvesters saw their season end in the area round, their earliest exit since 2004. Returning all but three from last year's team the 2012 Lady Harvesters hope to go much

"They don't want to be in that same position this year," head coach Bobbi Gill said. "They want to do what they have to physically and mentally prepare themselves for that.

Pampa is coming off of a 26-9 season. Senior catcher Alanna Stephens said they are pretty much the same team. "It will be the same experience pretty

much," Stephens said. Senior pitcher Heather Coffee said though the team has experience it still needs to gel.

"We just need to find our rhythm," Coffee said. "We have the talent and the drive to go deep in the playoffs.

The Lady Harvesters graduated three seniors: Madi Shults, Jordan Mayhew and Shanna Keown. Pampa also lost sophomore Krysten Miller, who moved to Amarillo Tascosa. Shults, Miller and Mayhew provided most of the Lady Harvesters' power last season. Stephens said she thinks the team has the players to make up for that.

"We have a lot to back it up," Stephens said. "I don't think it will affect us too

The Lady Harvesters return all three pitchers Coffee, junior Tiffany Britton and sophomore Alexa O'Brien. Gill said she is looking forward to how they devel-

"We've been rotating all three and seeing where everyone is at," Gill said. "Right now we just need to get back in shape.

Coffee said this year is a little easier for her knowing what to expect.

"I'm more aware of what's expected," Coffee said. "I'm more cognizant of what I have to do as a pitcher. I'm a lot more comfortable with it this year."

Pampa scrimmaged Plainview, Canyon, Wichita Falls and Burkburnett. Gill said her team did well but also has areas it needs to work on.

"We've had some letdowns," Gill said. "Just rusty from not playing. We'll be fine when it comes time to step up and take care of business. These girls are capable of putting lots of runs on the board at will."

The Lady Harvesters open the season 4 p.m. today against Caprock. Pampa will compete in three tournaments: Burkburnett, Little Elm and the Cowtown Classic in Fort Worth. Gill said the tournaments will give them the opportunity to see different opponents.

Pampa starts district play March 23 against Borger. The Lady Harvesters will look to repeat as district champions after finishing 9-0 last year. Coffee said it will be interesting to see how it will play out since everyone has played each other.

"Every team is probably about the same right now," Coffee said. "Everyone is rebuilding in our district. We will just have to be aware of what they have.'

Last year, Pampa won the first three games in run-rule victories, but their opponents played more competitively later in district. Gill said her girls will have to challenge themselves.

"You have to set goals for yourself," Gill said. "You as a team have to hold yourself accountable for those goals. I think that's where we need to be.

Stephens said the team has to finish district better so it can have momentum in the playoffs.

"We kind of let up in the final rounds last year," Stephens said. "I think this time we are actually going to push it



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Senior Harley Mayfield makes an out at first in a Feb. 2 scrimmage against Plainview. Mayfield will be filling the position vacated by Madi Shults.

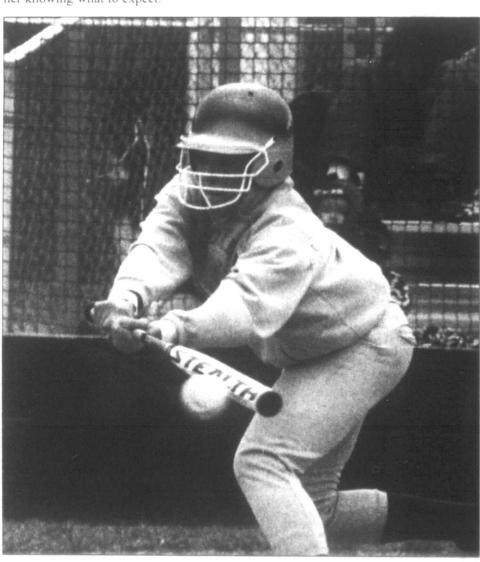
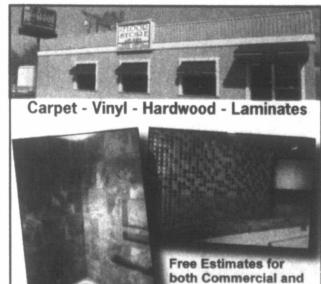


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Junior Martecia Alexander bunts against Plainview. Alexander is one of six returning starters for the Lady Harvesters in 2012. Pampa opens the season today against

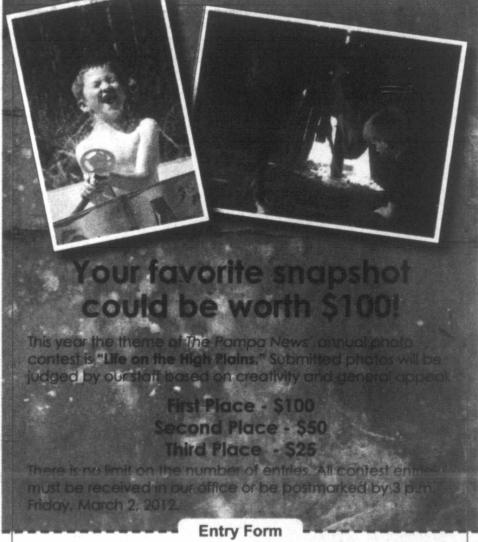




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