

City Commission hears fire, racial profiling reports

- Number of fire responses average for 2011; arrests up, accidents down


Chief Kim Powell delivered the fire department's annual report, which found that the department responded to 158
fires and 166 hazardous conditions last year. The bulk of its calls, 44 percent, were rescue or emergency medical calls.
"That's generally where we are annu-
ally, even before we changed ambulance services a couple of times," said Powell. Chief Kelly Rushing of the Pampa Police Department delivered an annual racial profiling report that also provided a summary of 2011 for the department. Out of all of the traffic stops performed by Pampa
PD last year, officers pulled over 1716 PD last year, officers pulled over 1,716
Caucasians, 737 Hispanics, 176 African Caucasians, 737 Hispanics, 176 African Native Americans and one Asian.

## TOUGH DRAW


staff photo by Joe Murray
Sophomore Hayley Burnett is impeded by Shallowater's Allison A Wayland Baptist's Hutcherson Center in Plainview. The Lady Harvesters lost 70-39. Full story in SPORTS, page 1B.
"As has been the case ever since I've been around here, it pretty much follows our population breakdown," said Rushing.
During 2011, arrests went up slightly, and traffic citations increased to 6,462 from 4,265 in 2010. At the same time, accidents wen
during 2011 . during 2011 .
(2010), and the number of citations was down for the year, but they were back up to a pretty normal level for last year," said Rushing. "The extra traffic enforcement, I believe, has a direct bearing on CITY cont. on page 8A
County takes no action on runway rehab

Molue Bryant
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County Commissioners took no action on a potential project to rehabilitate the runway at he Perry Lefors Airport.
Includin
Including engineering costs, the
project would cost the county about project would cost the county about
$\$ 440,000$ with a grant through the Aviation Division of the Texas Department of Transportation. The commission also approved an annual racial profiling report from the Sheriff's Office. According to the
report, of 662 traffic stops performed report, of 662 traffic stops performed
during 2011, the majority of individu als (70 percent) were Caucasian, while 14 percent were Hispanic and 9 percent were African American.
In other business, commissioners: - paid bills and salaries as approved
by the county auditor; by the county audito

- approved the treasurer's report; - approved the county clerk's report; - allowed Commissioner Joe Wheeley
to replace an employee; - recognized the continuing educaJustice of the Peace of precinct 4 .

New dispatcher Grotts settling in at Pampa Police Dept.

Vickie Grotts has worked as a dispatcher with the Pampa Police Department for about a month, and this mother of four is
happy to be learning the ropes. happy to be learning the ropes.
"There's all kinds of protocol and procedure that goes into answering the phone and definitely answering 911 , and learning
those steps you go through to help the people that call" she said those steps you go through to help the people that call," she said. Before starting her job with the police department, Grotts
worked as a stay at home mom and an accounting administrator. worked as a stay at home mom and an accounting administrator. kind of flexibility.
"I think in the dispatch position, you wear several hats, because you're not just the person who answers the 911 line,
said Grotts. "You're the person that the officer taiks to in the
field when he's performing whatever task he's performing
whether it's talking to a motorist or dealing with a suspiciou

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## person in a neighborhood or (he's) called on

 a burglary. Whatever the call is, I'm his conact that keeps up with him and makes surehe stays safe, as best I can from my position." Grotts he stays safe, as best I can from my position."
Grotts lived in Arkansas before moving to Pampa in June, but after spending about 30 years in Dallas, she said Texas feels like coming home.
Cuiturally, (Dallas and Pampa are different), but as far as a certain, the people are the same," said Grotts. "There's just GROTTS cont. on page 8



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fff Culturally, (Dallas and Pampa) are different, but as far as the people, the people are the same. There's just a certain personality that Texans have. It's warm and friendly and helpand
ful.


## PAMPA FORECAST <br>  <br> High 48 Low 31 <br> High 51 Low 30

## Obituaries

Ralph Bell Collinsworth, 84

 Memorial services will be
at 11 am. Saturday, Febru-
ary 18,2012 , at First United
Methodist Church with John
b cementer
genteride
of Top of
 rangements AF\& AM. Ar rangements are under the Collinsworth direction of Carmichael 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 at-
tended Baylor University where he played football. Ralph tended Baylor University where he played football. Ralph
married his high school sweetheart, Billie Jean Troxell 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 years. He also had ranching and farming interests in Wheel er 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 the Friday night gang, hunting, fishing, golfing and ranch-
ing. He adored his children and grandchildren. ing. Re adored his chiuren and grand Cathy Car band 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
Big Spring: a brother-in-law Bobby Troxell and wife of Amarillo; six grandchildren, Erica Krucke and husban 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 Methodi 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 . Pampa, TX 79065 .
The family will receive friends from 6-7:30 PM Friday,

## Fortherecord

Last Minute Ads

part time help need- pampa homecoming ed, Julie's Hallmark, 125 W . June 23rd, Food Vendors
Kingmill. Pampa.
Needed, Norris Pavillion $\begin{array}{ll}\text { NO NEWSPAPER or Mail } & 662-8299 \text {. } \\ \text { Delivery on Mon., Feb. 20. } \\ \text { NEED MORE room, better }\end{array}$ Nelivery on Mon., Feb. 20, NEE MORE room, better
O12. Pampa News office location? See 109 N . Cuyler.
will also be closed. Open $25 \times \times 90^{\prime}$, next to Rheams. 669 .

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Cont. from Tues,
Harassment occurred at while intoxicated.
Andrew Jimenez, 17, was the 1100 block of North arrested by deputies for mi-
Perry and the 100 block of nor in possession of alcoho North Sumner. A suspicious vehicle was
reported at the 1000 block

## Sheriff's Office

 The Gray County Sheriff'sOffice reported the following Office reported the following
arrests for the 72 hour perio ending Monday, February 13
at 7 a.m. at 7 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 10 $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Friday, Feb. } 10 & \text { agents for driving while in- }\end{array}$ Dustin Ray Langley, 24, toxicated.
was arrested by deputies fo a violation of a protective 26, was arrested by DPS order.
Trevor Dwayne Lane 23 agents for tampering with Trevor Dwayne Lane, 23, government records and
was arrested by police on a public intoxication. was arrested by police on a public intoxication.
capias pro fine warrant for Andrew Shane Keeton, 27 no rabies vaccine. was arrested by deputies for Brenden Chase Flores, 18, possession of a controlled
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pired motor vehicle inspecpired motor vehicle inspec-- Melinda Ann Moreno, 42,
tion and running a red light.
was arrested by deputies for Johnathon Wayne Teel, 31, possession of a controlled
was arrested by deputies on substance, in an amount less was arrested by deputies on substance, in an
charges of assaut causing than one gram. bodily injury, forgery of a fi- Latisha Morgen Martin, nancial Christin agents for property theft, in rested by police for interfer- than $\$ 20$ but less than $\$ 500$ ing with public duties. Calvin Clay Schaffer, 26, was arrested by deputies for
was arrested by DPS officers evading arrest with a vehicle was arrested by DPS officers
for driving while intoxicated.
Whitney Gracie Marie Police Department
Jenkins, 22, was arrested
by officers for driving


February 17, 2012, at Carmichael-Whatley funeral home.
Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.

## Margie Prestidge, 80

 Marsie Presides, 80,dici Pebtuary 12,2012, in Canyon.
Service
Fridy Services will be at 2 p.m.
Friday, February at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev Jim Powell, retired Baptist
minister, officiating. minister, officiating.
Burial will be at MemoBurial will be at Memo-
rial Heights Cemetery in nefors, under tede direction
of Camichael-Whatley Fuof Carmichael-Whatley Fu- Prestidge
eral Directors. neral Directors.
Mrs. Prestidge was born Prestidge March 16, 1931, in McLean. She was a lifelong resident of Gray County and served as Justice of the Peace, Pre cinct \#2, for 24 years. She served as president of the West Texas Justice of the Peace Association from 1980-1981,
and served on the board of directors in the 1980's. She and served on the board of directors in the 1980's. She
was a former manager of Tralee Crisis Center and worked for the Salvation Army. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Lefors.
Survivors include a son, David C. Prestidge and wife
Kathe of Amarillo Kathe of Amarillo; two brothers, Douglas Smith of Pamp
and Carroll Smith and wife Dorothy of Kerrville; four sis and Carroll Smith and wife Dorothy of Kerrville; four sis-
ters, Judith Robertson and husband Bob and Sylvia John son, all of Amarillo, Leta Wischkaemper of Shamrock, and Christine Smith of White Deer, seven grandchildren, Justin
Prestidge and wife Carolyn, Talea Prestidge and Trystyn Prestidge and wife Carolyn, Talea Prestidge and Trystyn
Prestidge, all of Bridgeport, Shawn Prestidge of Happy, Prestidge, all of Bridgeport, Shawn Prestidge of Happy,
Cpl. Niki Baldwin and husband Sgt. Sean of Virginia, Fe Cpl. Niki Baldwin and husband Sgt. Sean of Virginia, FeCanyon; 10 great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Beverly
Prestidge of Canyon. Margie was preceded in death by Prestidge of Canyon. Margie was preceded in death by her parents, Roger and Clara Smith; a son, Ken Prestidge;
two brothers, Bruce Smith and J.T. Smith; a sister, Lillian Nance Smith; and a granddaughter. Memorials may be made to American Lung Association,
P.O. Box 26566 , P.O. Box 26566, Austin, TX 78755.
Sign the online register at www. Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.
com.


## MORNINGRUSH

Lobbyists earned over \$300 mill AUSTIN (AP) - Texas lobbyists collected up to about
$\$ 345$ million to influence lawmakers while the state $\$ 345$ million to influence lawmak
But Texans for Public Justice says that's only a small obbying during the last legislative session in spent In a report released Wednesday, the watchdog grou said it's difficult to pinpoint exact values for lobbying
contracts. Still, 1,836 lobhyists collected a $\$ 169.1$ million and maximum $\$ 345.4$ million from 2,908 clients in 2011
In 2009, 1,690 lobbyists got between $\$ 167.4$ million
and $\$ 343.6$ million from 2,866 clients.
Dallas-based AT\&T has long been the top spender on Texas lobbying and paid up to $\$ 10.6$ million in 2011 .
Dallas-based Energy Future Holdings Corp. was sec ond, spending a maximum $\$ 2.6$ million.
Drought killed millions of trees
COLLEGE STATION (AP) - Experts say the 2011 Texas drought has killed about 5.6 million trees in urban areas.
ee offered uhe prefininary estimate Tuesday.
ing use of satellite i last month doing the survey, includrandomly selected areas.
All cities and towns in Texas were part of the study, except the Trans Pecos region, where tree mortality was determined to be a result of February 2011 cold weather.
Researcher Pete Smith says trees continue to die from the drought and a final number may never be known. The agency in December estimated Texas had a total tree population of about 4.9 billion.
Recent rains helped ease parts of Texas, including the
Man declared innocent, released
DALLAS (AP) - A Dallas man released after spend ing 14 years in prison for murder and attempted murder The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals determined "actual innocence". Wednesday in Richard Miles' case. He's been free on his own recognizance since a district judge recomm
October 2009 .
Miles was released after an advocacy group found evidence implicating another man hadn't been handed over to the defense when he was convicted in 1995. However, Miles wasn't cleared of the crimes and entit
compensation until the appeals court ruling.
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Miles' attorney, Cheryl Wattley, says her 36 -year-old
client will now seek compensation under the Tim Cole Miles' attorney, Cheryl Wattley, says her 36 -year-old
client will now seek compensation under the Tim Cole
Act, which provides those wrongfully convicted with
$\$ 80,000$ for every year of incarceration.

## Stanford prosecution rests

HOUSTON (AP) - Attorneys for jailed Texas tycoon
R. Allen Stanford on Wednesday were expected to begin R. Allen Stanford on Wednesday were expected to begin
their defense in his fraud trial after prosecutors rested their case following three weeks of testimony in support scheme that took billions from investors.
The presentation of Stanford's defense did not immediately begin as his attorneys were given an hour by U.S proceed. wise, what the next step would be," said Robert Scardino, one of Stanford's attorneys. Scardino had initially asked for the rest of Wednesday to discuss trial strategy with
Stanford but Hittner only gave them an hour. Stanford but Hittner only gave them an hour. denied their motion to dismiss all charges against the financier because prosecutors had failed to prove their
case. Such motions are typically argued after prosecutors case. Such motions are typically argued after prosecutor
finish presenting a case and are usually denied.
Gang leader sentenced to life
EL PASO (AP) - Officials say a Barrio Azteca gang prison after pleading guilty to participating in a racketeering conspiracy.
eteering conspiracy.
Federal prosecutors say Roberto Angel Cardona was the Barrio Azteca leader in El Paso. Authorities say wit hesses testified that he ordered extortions, kidnapping nd assaults. He war 35 need Tuesday
Cardona and other 35 gang members were indicted last
March, and 18 have pleaded guilty. Some of the defendants are accused of the March 13, 2010, murders in Ciudad Juarez of U.S. a consulate employee and others. Court documents say the Barrio Azteca gang is involved in drug trafficking, extortion and kidnapping Texas penal system.
Mexico says warning 'ridiculous' MEXICO CITY (AP) - Mexico's top domestic secuinty official says a h.S. half of Mexico's states is "ridiculous" and "out of proportion."
Interior Department Alejandro Poire says million of
tourists visit Mexico without incident ourists visit Mexico without incident.
Poire told a news conference Tuesday that he believes
"these alerts overstate or misstate the standards and security situation that exists in our country."
The State Department issued an updated travel warning Feb. 8 urging travelers to "defer nonessential travel" to 4 of Mexico's 31 states due to drug-related vilence th has cost more than 47,500 lives since 2006 .
The warning notes "millions of U.S. citizens safely visit Mexico each year" and resort areas are generally safer.


Porcelain condiment set serves as heirloom
Q: I have in my possession the
porcelain set that is seen in the porcelain set that is seen in the
enclosed photo. The set consists
of of a tray, a covered sugar bowl with a matching porcelain spoon
and two shakers. The round tray and two shakers. The round tray
measures approximately 7 inches measures approximatery inches
in diameter. They are all deco-
rated with rated with hand-painted pink
roses, green leaves and gold trim. The set is in pristine condition.
Each piece is Each piece is marked with the
words "Hand Painted - Nippon words. "Hand Painted - Nippon
M. I Idid some research and learned that this mark indicates that the pieces were imported by
the Morimura Brothers. There is the Morimura Brothers. There is a note in the sugar bowt that says the
set belonged to my grandmother in the year 1919 .
Any information you can give
me about this set its me about this set, its actual age
and the value it migh and the value
appreciated.

A: Nippon is the Japanese word for Japan and was used in marks on porcelain from 1891 to around
1920. The Morimura Brothers 1920. The Morimura Brothers
were distributors who exported porcelain from Japan to the United States. Your set is a condiment
set and the bowl with set and the bowl with spoon/lade
is for serving mustard is for serving mustard. Toothipick
holders were often included in these sets.
Style, design and the manufac
turer's
turer's mark are the basis for deter
mining age mining age. Based on that, your
condiment set was made sometime conoident set was made sometime
between 1891 and 1910 . Similar sets are selling on the Internet at $\$ 75$ to $\$ 125$
Q: This mark is on the bottom of a pitcher that we inherited. It
belonged to my husband's aunt, welonged to my husband's aunt,
who died in England 10 years ago at the age of 90 . Also included in
the mark is the name "Rhead" We the mark is the name "Rhead." We
were told his name is Frederick were told his name is Frederick
Rhead and he was an English
ceramic artist. The pitcher is 7

Condiment set made in Japan.


Charlotte Rhead was a lead ing designer for Crown Ducal.

A: Close, but no cigar! Your
pitcher was made by Frederick Rhead's daughter, around 1933 for Crown Ducal in England. Frederick was an accomplished English potter and designer, but was not associated with
Crown Ducal. His daughter was Crown Ducal. His daughter was
one of their most talented design-
ers, and her work is highly collectone of their most alented design
ers, and her work is highly collect-
ible today. ible today.
Your pitcher would probably be Your pitcher woul
worth $\$ 300$ to $\$ 500$.

Address your questions to Anne
Mc Collam, P. Qo. Box 247, Notre Dame
IN A4556. Items of a general interest will be answered in this column. Due to the
volumeof inquiries, she cannot answer
individual letters.

## Judge: Texas should plan on May primary

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - A federal judge advised
Wednesday that Texas should plan on a late May priWednesday that Texas should plan on a late May pri-
mary, even as state officials and minority rights groups mary, even as state officials and minority rights groups GOP disputed electoral maps. GOP leaders expressed disappointment over the new nstructions to aim for a May 29 primary. Texas was
originally scheduled to be part of next month's Super tuesday contests, but as the state's primary date has slipped due to the redistricting battle, so too have its Thes grim news of another likely primary date came fer the Texas attorney general's office and attorneys
finorities in the Fort Worth area reported some progress in their negotiations.
They told the court they had reached a deal on state enate maps that would apply only to the 2012 election, owever separate challenges to the Texas House and congressional maps remained unresolved. The congres-
sional maps are critical because Texas is adding four seats next year and who wins them could decide which
arty controls the US. House party controls the U.S. House.
U.S. Appeals Court Judge Jerry Smith did not officially set May 29 as the primary date, but he told party
leaders to instruct candidates and their campaigns to plan as if that is when Texas voters can finally cast their ballots. An ongoing battle over Republican-drawn voting maps has derailed two previously scheduled primary "Based on all the thin
"Based on all the things going here, it's extremely
unlikely there will be a primary in April," Smith said. Steve Munisteri, the state's GOP chairman, said Texas could still wind up as "kingmaker" on the back end of he primary calendar if Mitt Romney does not clinch the nomination early
Texas has 15
Yet Romney, Rick Santorum and Newt Gingrich have

so far ignored Texas while campaigning in other early
primary states.
Only six other states have primaries Only six other states have primaries later than May
ond of any state.
PRIMARY sorprised at the lack of attention to Texas,"


Today in History
Today is Thursday, Feb. 16, the 47th
2012. There are 319 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 16, 1862 , the Civil War Battle of Fort Donelson in Tennessee ended as some 12,000
Confederate soldiers surrendered; Union Gen. Confederate soldiers surrendered; Union Gen.
Ulysses S. Grant's victory earned him the nickname "Unconditional Surrender Grant. On this date:
In 1804, Lt. Stephen Decatur led a successful
raid into Tripoli Harbor to burn the U.S. Navy frigraid into Tripoli Harbor to burn the U.S. Navy frig-
ate Philadelphia, which had fallen into the hands ate Philadelp
In 1868, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was organized in New York City. from the Russian Empire. (Lithuania, which was occupied by the Soviet Union, then Nazi Germany,
then the Soviet Union again during World War II, renewed its independence in 1990). In 1923, the burial chamber of King
Tutankhamen's recently unearthed tomb was Mnsealed in Egypt by English archaeologist
Howard Carter Howard Carter. Wallace H. Carothers, a research
In 1937, Dr Wal In 1937, Dr. Wa lace H. Carothers, a research
chemist for Du Pont who'd invented nylon, received a patent for the synthetic fiber.
In 1945, American troops landed on the island of Corregidor in the Philippines during World War II.
In 1959, Fidel Castro became premier of Cuba a In 1959, Fidel Castro became premier of Cuba a
month and a-half after the overthrow of Fulgencio month and a-half after the overthrow or
Batista.
In 1961 , the United States launched the Explorer 9 satellite. In 1968, the nation's first 911 emergency tele-
In phone system was inaugurated in Haleyville, Ala.
In 1977, Janani Luwum, the Anglican archbishop of Uganda, and two other men were killed in
what Ugandan authorities said was an automobile accident.
In 1987, John Demjanjuk went on trial in
. Jerusalem, accused of being "Ivan the Terrible,"
a guard at the Treblinka Nazi concentration camp. a guard at the Ireblinka Nazi concentration camp.
(Demjanjuk was convicted, but the conviction
ended ended up being overturned by the Israeli Supreme
Court.) Court.)
In 1998, a China Airlines Airbus A300-600R trying to land in fog near Taipei, Taiwan, crashed, Ten years ago: President George W. Bush, en route to a three-nation tour of Asia, stopped off
at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska, where at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska, where
he told hundreds of cheering U.S. soldiers that
ner "America will not blink" in the fight a against terrorism and Osama bin Laden. Authorities in
Noble, Ga., arrested Ray Brent Marsh, who'd been
operating a crematory where hundreds of decomoperating a crematory where hundreds of decom-
posing corpses were found stacked in storage posing corpses were found stacked in storage
sheds and scattered in the woods behind it. (Marsh later pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 12 years
in in prison.) Former Cabinet member and Common
Cause founder John W. Gardner died in Stanford, Cause founder John W. Gardner died in Stanford,
Calif., at age 89. Five years ago: The Democratic-controlled
House issued a symbolic rejection of President George W. Bush's decision to deploy more troops to Iraq, approving the nonbinding resolution by a
vote of $246-182$. An Italian judge indicted 25 suspected
colonel in the alleged kidnapping of an Fgyptian colonel in the alleged kidnapping of an Egyptian
terror suspect, Osama Moustafa Hassan Nasr.
(Twenty-three Americans were later convicted in (Twenty-three Americans were later convicted in
absentia along with two Italians.) absentia along with two Italians.)
One year ago: Bookstore chain
One year ago: Bookstore chain Borders filed for
Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection and said it would Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection and said it would
close nearly a third of its stores. (Borders closed all of its remaining stores in Sept. 2011.) Huge crowds called for a political overhaul in Bahrain, and lead-
ers appeared to shift tactics after attempts to crush ers appeared to shift tactics after attempts to crush
the uprising stoked protesters' rage. the uprising stoked protesters' rage.
Today's Birthdays: Singer Patty
Actor Jeremy Bulloch is 67 . Actor William Katt is 61. Rhythm-and-blues singer James Ingram is 60 .
Actor LeVar Burton is 55 . Actor-rapper Ice-T Actor LeVar Burton is 55 . Actor-rapper Ice-T
is 54. Actress Lisa Loring is 54. International is 54. Actress Lisa Loring is 54. International
Tennis Hall of Famer John McEnroe is 53 . Rock musician Andy Taylor is 51 . Reck musician Dave
Lombardo (Slayer) is 47. Actress Sarah Clarke is 41. Rock musician Taylor Hawkins (Foofighters)
is 40. Olympic gold medal runner Cathy Freeman is 40. Olympic gold medal runner Cathy Freeman
is 39. Singer Sam Salter is 37. Rapper Lupe Fiasco is 39. Singer Sam Salter is 37. Rapper Lupe Fiasco
is 30. Pop-rock singer Ryan Follese (FAHL'-eh-say) (Hot Chelle (SHEL) Rae) is 25. Actress
Elizabeth Olsen is 23 Actor Mike Weinberg is 19 . Thought for Today: "I am content to define history as the past events of which we have knowl-
edge and refrain from worrying about those of edge and refrain from worrying about those of
which we have none - until, that is, some archaeologist digs them up." - Barbara W. Tuchman,
American historian (1912-1989).

## We welcome your letters

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- Letters should be brief and to the point. All correspondence will be edited for length and clarity -All leters mist be signed. Subritt your mame, adaress ana teieppone number win tie ieter io
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Will Catholic bishops save Obama?



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CONASON

In a poll taken
last Friday for
the Coalition $\begin{array}{lr}\text { last } & \text { Friday for } \\ \text { the } & \text { Coalition } \\ \text { to } & \text { Protect }\end{array}$ Women s. Health $\begin{gathered}\text { Care, } \\ \text { Public }\end{gathered}$ Policy Polling found
that 57
percent of Catholic vot-
ers endorse the Obama "com-
promise" that promise that
would ensure continued prescription birth control for women working in religious
institutions, without requiring those institutions, without requiring those
institutions to pay directly for that coverage. Only 29 percent sided with the bishops, the religious right
and the Republicans, while 5 percel and the Republicans, while 5 percent
actually think the religious instituactually think the religious institu-
tions should pay for contraceptive coverage regardless of their doctrine. The cross-tabs of the PPP poll
show that Latino show that Latino Catholics, Catholic independent voters and Catholic
women support the Obama solution women support the Obama solution
by wide margins. (The most recent by wide margins. (The most recent
poll by Fox News Channel shows the same overwhelming approval
for the president's position for the president's position among
the general public, with 61 percent the general public, with 61 percent
of voters on his side versus only 34 percent against.)
Those statistics are no threat to
the bishops, of course the bishops, of course, but represent a profound problem for the
Republican leaders and candidates Republican leaders and candidates
who have signed up for this male
geriatric crusade against modernity.

Mitt Romney, for instance, seems to
believe that by stoking evangelical paranoia about a supposed "war on eligion" by Obama, he will subdue evangelical paranoia about his
Mormonism (which, by the way, Mormonism (which, by the way,
expressly permits birth control). His pandering commenced when he announced his 2012 candidacy, but
grew still more intense this week grew still more intense this week
when he accused the president of perpetrating an "assault" on religion. Such tactics are unlikely to placate the prejudices arrayed against
Romney - and even if they did, he Komney - and even if they did, he will pay a very high price next fall
for joining the angriest and most or joining the angriest and most
extreme culture warriors on this issue. Congressional Republicans will be courting the same danger if, as promised, they propose legisla-
tion that would overturn the Obama ompromise and deprive women working for religious institutions of equal rights to contraceptive serThe president should hold fast, The president should hold fast.
He has proved that it is possible to uphold the principle of full access
o birth control, which has been he pro-family social policy of the American majority for half a cenury, while respecting the religious convictions of all Americans. The
wild ranting of his enemies is only helping him now - and may yet uin them in November.

## Joe Conason is the editor-in-chief of

## Is the White House a feminist lackey?

| Proclaiming in a New York Times headline that "Obama Adjusts a Rule Overing Contraceptives, the proObama media tried to dig the president out of the political hole he had jumped into. But calling Obama's revised rule an "adjustment" or an "accommodation" or another soft-sell word can't cover the fact that the revision is essentially the same as the original rule Barack Obama and his administration are the lackeys of the feminists. And furthermore, they must think the American people are too stupid to see through the deception he is trying to put over on us. <br> A big New York Times editorial cried out that Obama's action means "The Freedom to Choose Birth Control." Poppycock. Every American already has the right to choose birth control, but that shouldn't give them the right to have somebody else pay for it, and that's what ObarnaCare demands. <br> The bottom line is that the ObamaCare insurance, which employers are mandated to provide and individuals are mandated to buy, will include birth control, the morning-after pill (an abortion drug) and sterilization. All this at zero cost to the individual and without any additional premium, co-pay, or out-of-pocket expense. And yes, this mandate does apply to religious hospitals, schools, colleges and charities, even though their religion teaches them that these acts are immoral and wrong. Obama's original rule called for religiously affiliated institutions to pay for these controversial services, which even liberal commentators denounced as a gross interference with religious liberty. It was even denounced by Chris Matthews, E.J. Dionne and Democratic senators. The ever loquacious Joe Biden hid out in uncharacteristic silence. <br> The debate about this rule went on within the administration for several months. Obama eventually sided with the feminists (no surprise) against the |
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Joumal delicately explained. Joumal delicately explained.
Congressman Chris Smith, Congressman Chris Smith, R-N.J.,
summed up this issue: "The White House Fact Sheet is riddled with dou-
blespeak and blespeak and contradiction. It states, for example, that religious employers,
'will not' have to pay for abortion pills, sterilization and contraception, but their
'insurance companies' will. Who pays
for the insurance policy? The religious mployer" The political donnybrook continues as many people are speaking out ues as many people are speaking out
against Obama's rule, both the original and the revised version, because it is an outrageous interference with religious liberty. How dare Barack Obama and
Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius tell religiously affiliated institutions that they must do something that violates their moral
This issue has aroused people of all religious denominations to speak out.
They now realize we have a president who made himself part of the organized attack on religion anywhere in the public square, an attack we see so fre-
quently in the courts and in the schools. quently in the courts and in the schools.
One of the shocking parts of this charade is the fact that the U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains sent an email to senior chaplains telling them that Archbishop Timothy Broglio's letter criticizing the Obama rule was not to be
read from the pulpit: Has anti-religious bigotry become so extreme, even in the military, that a chaplain's sermon is expected to be banned or censored to
conform to Obama's conform to Obama's prejudices?
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so much more than health, and that all decisions, major hand minor, will
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garight: At home.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) $\begin{array}{cc}\star \star \star \star \text { Assume responsibility, even if } & \text { SCORPIO (Oct. 22- Nov. 21) } \\ \text { y } \\ \text { you would like to proced differently. Good } \\ \text { o }\end{array}$ will surrounds you. Emphasize gain, both ways to approach a situation, even if you financially and emotionally. Good com- do not always or automatically see them.
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ferently Revise plans if need be as the day TAURUS (April 20-May 20).
$\star \star \star \star \star$ Your ability to move through an issue quickly after a jolt defines you as a person and demonstrates your strength. $\quad \star \star \star \star$ Be aware of what is said. The Your rebound results in possibilities. Sud- and at work. Mayntainyor role in planning denly the word seems positive. Open up to of humor, and you'll discover just how easy an offer, making sure at the same time that it it to move past a limitation. Use caution no strings are attached. Tonight: Try a new with your finances. Tonight. Whatever you
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do, you do it with grand style. $\begin{array}{ll}\text { spot. } \\ \text { GEMINI (May 21-June 20) } & \text { do, you do it with grand style. } \\ \text { CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) }\end{array}$ $\star \star \star \star \star$ A work associate or dear $\star \star \star \star \star$ Someone close to you decides friend makes it clear that he or she needs to buck the status quo, particularty as to and wants more time. Your resilience and how it relates to you. Be willing to move ability to flex with changes emerges in or- in a new direction and incorporate differder to make time. Count on being busy. A ent ideas without this person's support.
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LEO (Juny 22-Ang. 22) $\quad$ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) proves worthwhile on several levels. You cause a situation to tumble one way or anencourage others to go for what they want other. How you see this gamble might be more often. Rather than being critical, very different from a partuer's perspective. demonstrate and teach through example. Meetings prove to be enlightening and sigTrust that your message will be heard. Just nificant. Foliow chrou
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Munisteri said. "Maybe they just haven't done the math." Grotts
and helpful.
Grotts said she is pleased with her new position in dispatch. "The staff that I work with are all professional and dedicated to serving the citizens of Pampa," she said.
"Every one of them is serious about it, and to work in Every one of them is serious about it, and to work in
that culture is rewarding. It feels good to make a difference, to know that you're a part of a team. No one acts individually, but to know you re a team that makes a ifference to the community feels very good.
City
cont. from page 1 A
Animal Control saw improved numbers during 201 Animal Control saw improved numbers during 2011 .
Citations issued by the department decreased by almost 100 from the year before, and animals handled by Animal Control dropped from 4,077 to 3,237 last
year.
unt "These numbers are generally down, and as a way of
explanation, and this is more a personal opinion that anything, there's been a push to try to adopt more of ways to deal with these animals, and I think the statishics show that, too," said Rushing City Attorney Leland Waters gave an update on elec100 .
"Unfortunately, it had some unintended consequences, one of which was to make it very difficult for cities
and schools to conduct elections as they had in the and schools
past." he said.
To comply with the legislation, the School Board To comply with the legislation, the School Board
decided in October of last year to go with four year terms for board members, with elections in odd numbered years. The city commission also decided last
year to switch to four year terms for commissioners cear to switch to four year terms for commissioners
beginning in 2013 , but this must be finalized by voter approval of a charter amendment that outlines the lake place on May 13 .
The commission approved a contract with the Gray County elections administrator for the coordination nd administering of elections held in 2012 .
-It's really a one year contract that we would need to look at every election year," said Waters
In other business, commissioners. - approved minutes from previous city commission - approved a fund balance policy approved the suspension of a March 13, 2012
date for Atmos Energy, Corporation's requested rate change; and

- declared surplus property.


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a deal, it represented at least some progress after months of legal jousting that has reached all the way The two Supreme Court. The two sides didn't exactly come back to the groups were more interested in benefiting Democrats bargaining table on their own terms. U.S. District By some counts, more than 50 of the state House, Judge Orlando Garcia on Tuesday night ordered them By some counts, more than 50 of the state House's Judge Orlando Garcia on Tuesday night ordered them 150 districts remained in dispute.
to return the next morning with a deal, sounding as though he was losing patience with weeks of stalled
though
talks despite repeated talks despite repeated court-ordered negotiations. The Republican-controlled Legislature drew the disputed Senate map in a way to make sure one
incumbent Democrat, Sen. Wendy Davis of Fort Worth, was not re-elected.
It also divided up minority voters into districts dominated by whites, something forbidden under the Voting Rights Act.
The compromise restores the district largely previous boundaries with a similar racial make-up, a
major victory for Davis.
The state House maps remained hung up Wednesday The state House maps remained hung up Wednesday afternoon as lawyers for the minority groups argued
that because 89 percent of the new residents in Texas that because 89 percent of the new residents in texas districts that would allow them to elect a candidate


## Shallowater's defensive pressure too much for Pampa


 14. Pampa finished the season with its highest win
total under Valentine. The head coach said it was a good season, adding he's
happy with what his team accomplished. "I told them there are
a lot of teams that don't have this opportunity," Valentine said. "At least you had a chance. That's what it's all about. I chal-
lenged the underclassmen. You saw what it was, you You saw what it was, you
saw what was done. What

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happen that Pampa hasn't Senior Caitlin Sieck has the ball knocked away from her by a Shallowater
defender in the bi-district round at Wayland Baptist. Pampa lost $70-39$ defender in the bi-district round at Wayland Baptist. Pampa lost 70-39.


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## Sports

Harvesters jump out early, hold off Perryton's rally


PHS boys soccer falls to PD Pampa girls soccer downs


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 Palo Duro to extend streak
 Sesenia two. Head coach Libby Garza
scored
said the girls feel said the girls feel good about the victory.
 The Pampa Fury pose with their championship ribbons after winning a basketball tournament in Lefors at the beginning of February. The
team competed against teams from McLean, Miami, Canadian and Valley. The Fury are a team made up of third and fourth graders. Team memgie Hernandez and Tynaa Moiica, Middle row: Klaire Cambern, Chandler Petty, Shelbi Burrows. Coaches Jeff Warren and Kevin Burrows


Shallowater's Allison Maldanado boxes out Pampa's Taylor Morgan during a free throw Tuesday. Shallowater gained several offensive rebounds.


## Texas Christian drug bust

 includes 4 football playersFORT WORTH (AP)
Authorities arrest${ }_{\text {ed }} 17$ Authorities arrested 17 students at Texas
Christian University on Wednesday as part of a six-month drug sting, an especially embarrassing
blow to the school because it included four members of the high-profile football team. Arrest warrants painted a startling picture of
the Horned Frogs, with a handful of players who allegedly arranged marijuana sales after class or
around practice and who around practice and who
told police that most of the team had failed a surprise drug test just two weeks
According to police, players sold undercover
officers marijuana during the season and as recently as last week.
"There are days people want to be a head football coach, but today
one of those days," coach Gary Patterson said in a prepared statement. "As heard the news this morn-
ing, I was first shocked, ing, I was first shocked,
then hurt and now I'm mad."
The 17 people arrest-
ed were caught making ed were caught making hand-to-hand sales o sy and prescription drugs to undercover officers, police said. They said the
bust followed an investibust followed an investi-
gation prompted by comgation prompted by com-
plaints from students, parents and others.
TCU has an enrollment
of about 9,500 students, of about 9,500 students,
but the athlete arrests drew but the athlete arrests drew
the most scrutiny. The the most scrutiny. The
bust came just one day after a thrilling overtime victory by the men's bas ketball team over a ranked opponent and less than 24
hours after TCU released hours atter TCU released
its football schedule for next season, its first in the Big 12 Conference.
Three prominent sive players on the team sive players on the team
were arrested: linebacker Tanner Brock, the leading tackler two seasons
ago, defensive tackle D.J. Yendrey and cornerback
Devin Johnson. The othe player is offensive line man Ty Horn.
While school Chancello Victor Boschini said he
didn't think TCU had a didn't think TCU had
"football problem," th arrest affidavits raise the possibility that other players were involved.
In November In November, a For
Worth police officer wa Worth police officer was
informed that Horn was selling marijuana to "college students and foot
ball players at ball players at Texas allegedly bought marijuana that day, Nov. 3, two days before a road game at Wyoming, from bot Horn and Yendrey. Officers during the next
several months allegedly several months aliegedly
set up drug deals with the players outside restau rants, a grocery store and other areas around cam-
pus. On Jan. 19, Brock allegedly sold an officer $\$ 200$ worth of marijuana after Yendrey ran out. After a short conversation about the marijuana phone numbers, telling me to come to him from now on instead of (Yendrey)," according to the affidavits. Horn and Johnso
scoffed at the Feb. team drug test ordered by Patterson, police said Brock allegedly told an undercover officer that he
failed the surprise test "f sure," but that it wouldn't be a problem because there "would be about 60 people screwed."
Horn had looked
through the football ros-
ter and "said there were
only 20 people that would
pass the test on the team,"
Brock said, according to
the warrant.
And six days after the
tets, Johnson allegedly
sold an officer $\$ 300$ worth
of marijuana. Asked about
the test, he said: "What
can they do, 82 people
failed it."."
TCU released a state-
ment late WWednesday
afternoon that said the
school tests its a thetes
for drug use "on a regular
basis."
"The comments about
failed drug tests made by
the separated players in
affidavits cannot be veri-
fied simply because they
were made in the context
of a drug buy," the school
said. Patterson declined to
answer questions beyond
his prepared statement.
Phone messages left
at the homes of Horn,
Johnson and Yendrey were
not immediately returned.
Brock did not have a listed
home number. All of the
players are 21 except for
Yendrey, who is 20 .
Brock was being held
on $\$ 10,000$ bond at the on $\$ 10,000$ bond at the
Mansfield city ${ }^{\text {jail. }}$ Mansfield city jail. being transferred to the jail on Wednesday afternoon and Yendrey had not
been arraigned. Police said they had yet to determine if other football players were involved or would be charged.
Officials said the stu Officials said the stu-
dents had been "separated dents had been "separated
from TCU" and criminally barred from campus, but it wasn't clear if the players
had been kicked off the had been kicked off the "I expect our studentathetes to serve as ambassadors for the university
and will not tolerate behavand will not tolerate behavior that reflects poorly on
TCU, the athletics department, our teams or other student-athletes, within
the department," athletic the department," athletic
director Chris Del Conte director Chris Del Conte
said. "Our student-athletes are a microcosm of society and unfortunately that means some of our players reflect a culture that
glorifies drugs and drug glorifies drugs and drug
use. That mindset is not reflected by TCU nor will TCU cont. on page 3

## BaNanAGRAMS!

Use the 15 tiles in this bunch to create words LIVE that fit into the grids below. To get you started. a few tiles from the bunch have been placed.
Reuse the 15 ties in the bunch for each grid.

Yesterday's Answer: PLAIN, ALIGN, GLINT, INGOT,

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## Sports

Texas asking fans for patience with Longhorn Network

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University of Texas announced their felt the balance of power had tipped so University of Texas announced their felt the balance of power had tipped so
20 -year, $\$ 300$ million partnership for the far toward Texas that they left the Big 20 -year, $\$ 300$ million partnership for the
Longhorn Network a year ago, they cre-
12 for the Southeastern Conference and Longhorn Network a year ago, they cre-
ated the wedge that nearly split apart the Big 12 .
The Big 12 is still going, with Texas A and Missouri on their way out the door aboard. But ESPN is still struggling to find wide distribution for a sports channel that is all Texas, all the time.
Texas officials are pleading with Longhorns fans to be patient. Since launching the network in August
2011, "delays in distribution have over 2011, "delays in distribution have over-
shadowed the network many positive aspects and impact". Texas athletic direc-
tor DeLoss Dodds and women athletic tor DeLoss Dodds and women athletic
director Chris Plonsky said in a joint statement last week.
"We ask our fans for patience and understanding," they said. "Distribution will happen, but the business negotiations
process is painfully slow."
So slow that football season came and went without a major cable or satellite distributor. The same thing will likely
happen with basketball, although bot happen with basketball, although born
the men and women teams are strug-
gling to huild NCAA tournament-worthy gling to build NCAA tournament-worthy That an awkward start for a network that were willing to give up 100 -year traditional rivalries with Texas and Kansas
respectively, in doing so respectively, in doing so
So far, the LHN is So far, the LAN is anything but the ESPN officials joined Texas President Bill Powers, Dodds and Plonsky and oth-
ers at Royal-Memorial Stadim ers at Royal-Memorial Stadium to unveil The lar The largest carrier to date is Verizon,
which includes the LHN on its FiOS TV sports package with a potential reach of about 4 million subscribers in about a dozen states. The handful of other carri-
ers are smaller providers that reach parts ers are smaller providers that reach parts
of the Austin, San Antonio and Houston markets, and smaller towns such as Bay City, Longview and Edna.
The nation biggest distributors, The nation biggest distributors, such as
Time Warner Cable Inc., Comcast Corp. Time Warner Cable Inc.,. Comcast Corp.
and Direc TV Inc. have stayed away. and De continue to have active discus-
sion sion with distributors to secure as wide a distribution as possible," ESPN said this week in a statement. "Our discussions are
ongoing and productive." Time Warner spokeswoman Maureen
Huff said "negotiations are ongoing but there is no agreement at this time.."
it serves a niche market, said Adam
Swanson, a cable television industry anaSwanson, a cable television industry ana-
lyst with SNL Kagan. While Texas is a lyst with SNL Kagan. While Texas is a
big name with a famous logo and tens of big name with a amomous logo and tens of
thousands of alumni from coast to coast, it still just one school.
Major cable and satellite providers
can look at regional can look at regional or national net-
works such as the Big Ten Network, now called BTN, or the soon-to-launch Pac12 Network and see more programming punch, Swanson said. Time Warner, Comcast, Cox and Bright House all have
deals to carry the Pac-12 Network Those deals to carry the Pac-12 Network. Those
carriers are in about 40 million homes, although the Pac- 12 Network will only be on a sports tier outside the Pac-12 area. "Having just one school to get content
from ... they are not going to see the value from ... they are not going to see the value
across the country to carry a channel like that," Swanson said.
LHN lost valuable content when the NCAA banned school-affiliated networks
from broadcasting high school games from broadcasting high school games and
the Big 12 banned even showing high school highlights, Swanson said. The struggling economy also could be working against ESPN and LHN. ESPN has reportedly sought to have LHN
included in basic cable packages and included in basic cable packages and
not as a premium add-on at a time when many customers are scrutinizing their monthly bills as a way to save money.
"Customers are more price sensitive

Thay," Swanson said.
The ability to create its own network was a major reason Texas balked at the
idea of joining the Pac-12 or the Big Ten. idea of joining the Pac-12 or the Big Ten.
ESPN promised that LHN would offer Texas fans unparalleled reporting on the program with behind-the-scenes cover-
age of one of the wealthest age of one of the wealthiest, most prominent and successful athletic programs in The Long
Texas football Network broadcast two will have broadcast 26 men and seasons end basketball games. More than 60 baseball and soffball games will be on the LHN this spring.
LHN a failure : Sar too early to call the LHN a failure: Startup networks have to
prove their value and the LHN is barely off the ground. For proof of tough negotiations can be, the NFL Network still isn on Time Warner cable systems eight years after it launched. ESPN and Texas have invested a lot about 50 and built a studio close to the Texas campus.
Dodds has nev
Dodds has never wavered in his belief the LHN will thrive.
ecstatic with LHN and they tell us it is helping in recruiting and will do so now in the future," Dodds and Plonsky said.

WVU-Big East deal totals $\$ 20$ million CHARLESTON. W. Va. (AP) - West Virgini
University must cut an $\$ 8.5$ million check by Friday
to end officially end its legal dispute over leaving the Big East Conference
aration agreement and posted it online Wednesday The agreement outlines a total settlement of about
$\$ 20$ million, a figure previously reported by many
media outlets.
In exchange, WVU can join the Big 12 in July - in time for the fall football season - rather
two years as the Big East bylaws required. two years as the Big East bylaws required.
WVU announced on Tuesday that it had struck
deal to settle competing lawsuits with the Big Eas deal to settle competing lawsuits with the Big East,
but Athletic Director Oliver Luck said the terms were confidential. The newspaper obtained the details
under a Freedom of Information Act request. under a Freedom of Information Act request.
WVU has already paid the Big East $\$ 2.5$ million Which is half of the paid the $\$ 5$ million exit fee required in
the bylaws. The agreement says the next payment in due Friday and will come from a $\$ 10$ million Big is 12
dransition Fund established by the Transition Fund established by the WVU Foundation,
the university's private fund-raising arm. million will be forgiven, and WVU will repay the At the end of the fiscal year on June 30,
also must forfeit a projected $\$ 9$ million in Big revenue sharing, and make up for any shortfall that may occur. WVU is shelling out money now, its new
Although WV relationship with the Big 12 promises to be far mor
lucrative than its Big East membership. Luck sai year in television payouts, about $\$ 10$ million a
more than what it now gets from the Big East Payments are being prorated for the first three years
at 50 percent. 67 percent and 87 percent, he said at 50 percent, 67 percent and 87 percent, he said,
reaching 100 percent in the fourth year. TCU
it be allowed within athletics."
Brock was the leading tackler for TCU as a sophomore during the 2010 season, when the Horned Frogs
went 13-0, won the Rose Bowl and finished the year ranked No. 2. Brock started the season opener at Baylor required season-ending surgery.
Yendrey started 12 of 13 games this past season, when he had 39 tackles and three sacks. Johnson played in all 13 games, starting the last eight, and had
47 tackles with $21 / 2$ sacks. Brock likely would have 2012. Yendrey, who also started five guys as a junior and Johnson both were juniors last season and had nother season of eligioriy. Horm appeared in 10 in eight games as a freshman.
"Under my watch, drugs and drug use by TCU's student-athletes will not be tolerated by me or any member of my coaching staff," Patterson said. "I believe strongly that young people's lives are more mportant than wins or losses.
He added: "At the end of the day, though, Horned Frogs are bigger and stronger than these involved."
Boschini, the chancellor, called the charges against all the students "simply unacceptable." Fraternity
members were among those arrested, though Boschini said he didn't think any whole fraternity houses were at fault.
"Today's events have changed the life of everybody
at TCU." Boschini said.


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