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# Larkin lauds state for STAAR test decision

PHS principal says students ready, but logistical woes persist

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In regards to the state's decision to delay the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) test's impact on students' grades, Pampa High School Principal Tanya Larkin is giving two thumbs up.



State Education Commissioner Robert Scott agreed Friday on a one-year postponement on enforcing a law saying that students' scores on the new standardized exams count toward 15 percent of their course grades. With

too much of a logistical nightmare for every school system in Texas to comply right away, the PHS administrator said that it was easily the right move.

"The reason that's a good thing for us right now is that there are not systems in place throughout the state to fairly and quitably place that on the students' transcripts," Larkin said. "Until they find out a fair way of doing it and a system to do it with all their software, I think they would have been asking for a lot of trouble.

"I think if they had tried to push it through just for the sake of doing what they said they were going to do, they're going to hurt kids," continued Larkin. "I think that they're very smart in postponing it. I think their intent was to give a sense of SKINNER cont. on page 3

- Rester Hearthrea! Valiant effort from Pampa boys, but Lamesa buzzer beater ends postseason

The look on Pampa senior Reid Miller's face says it all. The boys gave it a good effort in a hard-fought, back-and-forth affair against Lamesa, but ultimately, a buzzer-beating layup by Lamesa's Kolt Moreland sent the Harvesters home from the playoffs early. Full story in **SPORTS**, page 11.

## Animal shelter grappling with adenovirus

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Pampa's animal shelter has fallen victim to adenovirus, an often-fatal virus that has been linked to kennel cough, hepatitis and other illnesses in dogs.

"Animals come in, and they're stressed, and the cement at the shelter

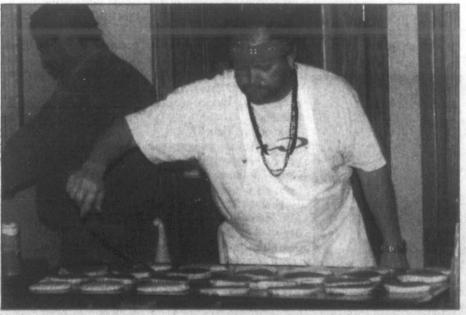
is porous and has cracks," said Faustina Curry of the Pampa Animal Welfare Society. "The adenovirus comes up through the cracks and infects dogs with kennel cough that already have weak-

ened immune systems. "We're overcrowded and don't have good airflow, so layers of illness build up on puppies and some older dogs, and

it kills most of them," she added. According to Shane Stokes, assistant city manager of Pampa, the city will begin a sterilization process of two shelter buildings this Saturday. After they have been fully sterilized, animals will be kept out of the building for the next 48 hours. After that period, only animals that are new to the shelter will occupy the building in an effort to reduce future spread of disease.

"If dogs are vaccinated regularly, they are protected, but we get dogs that haven't been vaccinated, and it's affected younger dogs and older dogs with weakened immune systems," said Stokes. SHELTER cont. on page 3

#### BATTER U



staff photo by Mollie Bryant

Russell Martindale flips flapjacks at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church's Pancake Supper on Tuesday evening.

# For Whitehead and TTRW, redistricting becoming a drag

#### Messy situation has played havoc with scheduling of Republican candidate forum

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[Editor's Note: This story is the first in a series examining the local impact of the state's ongoing controversy regarding its redistricting maps.]

The state's difficulty in reaching a solution regarding its district maps has left candidates and election offices in a

position of confusion as to how to proceed towards elections that don't have a solid date. Voters and organizations like Top O' Texas Republican Women (TTRW), which is holding an upcoming Republican candidate forum, also are at

a loss. "It's been really hard for us," said Gaye Whitehead of TTRW, who said that the group received a request from Christi Craddick, a Republican candidate FORUM cont. on page 9

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#### PAMPA FORECAST

Today Thursday

High 70 Low 37

Friday

High 51 Low 30 Low 28

Today:

Sunny, with a high near 70. Wind chill values between 24 and 34 early. West wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Clear, with a low around 37. Wind chill values between 30 and 35. West southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday:

Sunny, with a high near 53. Breezy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28. North northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday:

Sunny, with a high near 51. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday Night:

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#### **Obituaries**

#### Warren L. Hasse, 88

Warren Louis Hasse, 88, died February 19, 2012, in Pampa.

Private graveside services will be held at Fairview Cemetery, under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hasse was born October 15, 1923, in Mauston, Wis., and graduated from Mauston High School. He married Romelle (Peg) Johnson on January 31, Hasse 1944. They were married



for 61 years until her death in 2005. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving as a 1st Lieutenant in the Eighth Air Force in Europe with the 390th bomb group, flying 35 missions as a bombardier and navigator. Following his honorable discharge from the service, he and Peg moved to Pampa in 1948 where he became sports editor at The Pampa News.

In 1952, Warren and Coy Palmer bought Pampa's KPDN radio station, and became sole owner in 1960 and retiring in 1981. Beginning in 1952, he became a radio sports announcer for 35 years. He was known as the voice of the Pampa Harvesters and the West Texas State Buffaloes and was the announcer for the UIL Diamond

Shamrock Schoolboy Network.

In 1981, he became the 58th member of the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame, where he was also a committee member for numerous years, and he won the Dick Risenhoover Award. Additional accomplishments included 41 years of perfect attendance in Kiwanis Club, including serving as Lt. Governor and President, induction into WT's Hall of Champions and WT Alumni Association Hall of Honor, Cal Farley's Boys Ranch lifetime partner, member of the Pampa ISD School Board for six years, including serving as president, and member and president of Pampa Chamber of Commerce." Warren was also a member of First Presbyterian Church.

He was a loving husband, daddy, father-in-law and grandpa with a host of friends. For the past six years, he had faithfully fed the birds and squirrels daily at the cemetery in honor of Peg's love of animals.

Survivors include his son, John Hasse of Canyon; his daughter, Mary Schwab and husband Robert of Pampa, two granddaughters, Linda Schwab of Pampa and Sarah Schwab of Houston. He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Jeri Ann Hasse; his parents, Louis and Bertha Hasse; and a sister, Florence Bakken.

Memorials may be made to PAWS, P.O. Box 2095, Pampa, TX 79066-2095, or Cal Farley's Boys Ranch and Affiliates, 600 SW 11th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79101.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.

#### Jeannie Mount McCann, 72

Jeannie Mount McCann, 72, died February 19, 2012, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. McCann in McLean and attended schools in Pampa. worked as an LVN for many years at Highland General Hospital, Worley Hospital and Pampa Nursing Center. She married



Thomas McCann on September 24, 1971, in Pampa. In her spare time, she was committed to caring and praying for others. She will be remembered as a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Survivors include her husband, Thomas McCann of

the home; a daughter, Lana Blocker of Pampa; two sons, Timmy Blocker of Tennessee and David Blocker and wife Barbara of Altus, Okla.; three brothers, Ronnie Barton and wife Joyce of Pampa, Donnie Barton and wife Kay and Arnold Barton, all of Amarillo; seven grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel and Violet Mount; a grand-daughter, Krishna Duck; and her grandparents, George and Nellie Keeton.

Memorials may be made to March of Dimes, 104 W. 6th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79101

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.

#### Victor Villarreal, 87

Victor Villarreal, 87, died February 19, 2012, in Pampa.

Vigil will be at 5:30 Wednesday, February 22, 2012, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Arockia Raj, associate pastor of St. Vincent de-Paul Catholic Church, officiating, and funeral mass will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 23, 2012, at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, with Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor, officiating.



Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Villarreal was born January 11, 1926 in Corsicana. He lived in Robstown until 1959, when he moved to Pampa. He was a World War II veteran, serving until 1945. Ha married Consuelo Ybarra on August 26, 1946, in Robstown. Together they had 10 children and were married for 64 years. Mr. Villarreal worked for Arthur Brothers and Emmett Lefors until his retirement. He was a member of the Hispanos Unidos of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church. He was a people person. He enjoyed his Dr. Peppers and Snickers. He liked going for walks at night, fishing, playing the guitar, singing, reciting poems for his wife, working on cars and visiting with his family. The Villarreal family was recognized by The Smithsonian on their 50th wedding anniversary for their large family, years of marriage and family values.

Survivors include six daughters, Luzecida Allen and husband Don of Oklahoma City, Maria De Los Santos, Irma Estela Neiman and husband Tom, Rachel Villarreal and Ermelinda Fernandez and husband Richard, all of

Pampa, and Cruz B. Villarreal of Weatherford; four sons, Richard Villarreal and wife Elidia, Gilbert Villarreal and wife Ernestina, Roy Villarreal and wife Mary, and Arthur Villarreal and wife Melissa, all of Pampa; 27 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren and nine great-greatgrandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Antonio and Adelina Villarreal; his wife, Consuelo Villarreal, two sisters, Juanita Martinez and Corina Ponce; a brother, Ismael Villarreal; four grandchildren, Christina Ann Shorter, Marcos Victor Villarreal, Migel Shorter and

Caviness. Memorials may be made to Shriners International Headquarters, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL

Rick Villarreal; and a great-grandchild, Bethany Nicole

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#### For the record

#### Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72 hour period ending Monday, Feb. 20 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 59

traffic related violations. Animal Control agents and the Pampa PD reported 15 animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS and the Pampa PD responded to 13 medical calls.

Friday, Feb. 17 A burglary of a motor ve-

hicle was reported at the 900 block of North Somerville. Disorderly conduct oc-

curred at the 4000 block of North Bad Cattle Company. An accident occurred at the 400 block of East Fred-

A theft occurred at the 900 block of North Hobart.

Criminal trespassing occurred at the 800 block of North Christy.

An accident occurred at Wilks and Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 400 block of reported at the 1100 block

East Tyng.

A theft was reported. An offense against family and children occurred at the 1000 block of West Buckler. A suspicious person was reported at the 1600 block

of North Hobart. A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1300 block of North Somerville.

A suspicious person was reported.

An assault occurred at the 900 block of North Hobart. Suspicious vehicles were

block of South Miami. A structure fire occurred at the 800 block of East

of North Sierra and the 200

Campbell. Saturday, Feb. 18 A suspicious person was Hobart.

reported at the 100 block of North Faulkner. An assault occurred at the

1000 block of East Scott. A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1100 block of North Christine.

An accident occurred at the 100 block of West 30th. A burglary of a motor vehicle occurred at the 300 block of North West.

An accident occurred at

25th and Chestnut.

An accident occurred at Hobart and 23rd. An accident occurred at

the 700 block of East Fred-Endangerment of a child or elderly person occurred

at the 100 block of Village. A gas drive off occurred at the 1000 block of East

Frederic.

A violation of a city ordinance occurred at the 1200 block of North Duncan. A domestic disturbance

occurred at the 900 block of South Faulkner. A violation of a city ordi-

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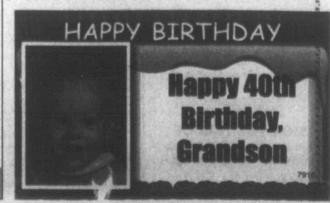
the 1400 block of North Disorderly conduct oc-

curred at the 2800 block of North Charles. Sunday, Feb. 19

A threat occurred at the 700 block of Wilks.

Violations of city ordinances occurred at the 800 block of North Wells, the 1400 block of West Somerville and the 1300 block of Duncan.





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#### MORNING*RUSH*

#### Neurological breakthrough at UT

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas researchers say they are encouraged by the results of experiments into repairing damaged nerves in rats.

They say they hope the results are a step toward Napolitano said Tuesday. techniques to repair spinal cord injuries that leave their

victims paralyzed.

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UT neurobiology professor George Bittner tells the Austin American-Statesman (http://bit.ly/ApqT7C) that he's developed a method that had paralyzed rats moving their legs within minutes of treatment, and had them walking within days.

peripheral nerves. When severed, those nerves outside the brain and spinal cord seal off their broken ends. Bittner's team interrupts that healing process, keeps the raw ends open and allows them to be fused back together.

Bittner's team published articles this month showing effective repair of severed sciatic nerves in rats.

#### 387 illegals found in one house

ALAMO (AP) - Federal immigration agents are processing 87 suspected illegal immigrants found crowded into a house in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of South Texas.

Court papers show U.S. Immigration and Customs people to stay here," said McCubbin, a Border Patrol Enforcement agents found the immigrants after five traffic stops that yielded six arrests near the Valley city of Alamo, 45 miles northwest of Brownsville. According to a complaint, an unidentified smuggler paid \$700 to a Mexican national to rent the house to stash smuggled illegal immigrants.

The Monitor of McAllen (http://bit.ly/ypNkov) reports five Guatemalan nationals also have been charged with transporting or harboring undocumented immigrants.

#### Officers to ride Dallas trains

DALLAS (AP) — A uniformed officer will ride each Dallas-area commuter train after a series of violent incidents, including the shooting death of a person on a trail

The Dallas Morning News reports (http://bit.ly/zksoja ) that the Dallas Area Rapid Transit agency added more officers to trains and platforms in January. DART Executive Director Gary Thomas told the Garland City Council that there is a "uniformed presence on every single train we're running." He says that will continue indefinitely. More trains and buses are getting security cameras as well.

An officer was present at a DART station in suburban Richardson on Feb. 7, when 27-year-old Cory Jones of Dallas allegedly instigated a shootout that killed a bystander. Jones fled and was later killed while exchanging fire with officers.

STAAR

#### Napolitano reviews border operations

MCALLEN (AP) - The recent reviews of deportation cases to focus on illegal immigrants who have committed crimes or previously been deported is necessity and shouldn't demoralize U.S. Border Patrol agents, U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet

Federal prosecutors have been reviewing thousands of deportation cases in recent months in an effort to focus resources on such cases. That has left many immigrants who have lived in the U.S. illegally for years in a legal limbo, neither achieving legal status nor facing immediate deportation.

Napolitano, a former Arizona governor, told report-Researchers applied their technique to newly injured ers at a Border Patrol station five miles from the Rio Grande that recently apprehended illegal immigrants remain a priority, but that existing cases must be prioritized to make best use of resources.

"We want to protect public safety and protect the integrity of the immigration system," Napolitano said. "We want to prioritize removing from the country those who have committed crimes in addition to violating our nation's immigration laws."

George McCubbin III, president of the National Border Patrol Council that represents agents, echoed the rank-and-file agents' concerns about using more discretion in deportation cases.

"It's just another tool for the administration to allow agent assigned to the Tucson, Ariz., sector. "It's a backdoor way toward the overall goal, which is amnesty."

Before Napolitano spoke, about 30 people from local civil rights organizations protested outside carrying signs calling for immigration reform, something Napolitano repeated in her remarks.

Sergio Narvaez, a 63-year-old from Mission, said

Shelter

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Curry said that the shelter has slowed down the adoption process in response to the adenovirus infections. She and Stokes are both optimistic that the thorough cleaning will get the shelter back on track.

"It's really sad, and we hope it will help," said Curry. "We hope this will get us through this and back into

repopulation," said Stokes.

The city has taken preliminary steps toward building a new shelter, and have selected an architectural firm to work on designs for a new building. However, whether or not the new shelter is actually built will depend on how Pampans vote in local elections in May.

At next Tuesday's city commission meeting, GH2 Architects, LLC, of Tulsa, Okla. will give a presentation that will explore the city's needs from a new shelter

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grade. We were prepared their head." for that. We were working with our Skyward systems at Region 16 to make sure we had the software ready for that.

"I think we were further along than most people. I'm confident we would have done fine and we would have had a logistical system in place. But for new students coming in, it wouldn't have been fair, and for our students leaving, it wouldn't have been fair."

people who come to work should be respected and deportations should be halted except for those convicted of crimes.

Data released Tuesday by the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse at Syracuse University showed that the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement initiated 39,331 deportation cases in the final three months of 2011 — about one third fewer than in the previous quarter. Even adjusted for seasonal variance, it appeared there were about 10,000 fewer cases than would be expected, according to a statement from TRAC

Even with fewer filings there is little evidence that these cases are being better targeted toward serious criminals," the statement said.

Earlier Tuesday, Napolitano met with area border sheriffs. She said they confirmed that U.S. border communities have so far avoided anything approaching the level of drug-related violence seen across the border

'There are undoubtedly some crimes that occur that are related to drugs, let me not underestimate that,' Napolitano said. "We know. But the kind of violence that you're seeing on the Mexican side where it's really cartel on cartel, cartel against law enforcement in a sustained, organized way, that kind of spillover violence we have not seen."

"I think we can be ahead of and will be ahead of any kind of systemic spillover violence," she added.

Acting Customs and Border Protection Commissioner David Aguilar, who is from the area, said he invited Napolitano to see the challenges on this part of the border, among them the distinctive terrain along the winding Rio Grande.

During her day and a half visit Napolitano reviewed port of entry operations at the Pharr International Bridge and flew above the Rio Grande.



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urgency to students to do A in Borger, or an 88. really well and to take They make those deciseriously their learning sions on their own. How all year long. With that, are we going to weight I don't have a problem. However, when it gets down to logistics and making that a reality, the systems and the structures were not in place to make it happen."

There were simply too incongruencies many between school districts across the state to make the implementation of the law this year feasible.

"For example," Larkin -said. "we do all of our grading on a Skyward software system. It does 'all student calculations. It puts things on transcripts. The problem is every school has a different system all over the state of Texas. They're not all on Skyward.

"When you're dealing with grading policies, every district has their own grading policy," continued Larkin. "You're looking at hundreds of different systems, hundreds of dif-"ferent policies trying to enact one intent of a law. If kids stayed where they were going to be forever, it would never be a probdem. Of course, we've got kids moving all over the place. We may have a kid from Borger move in and they have a different grading policy. Say just for the sake of argument that a 90 is an A in Pampa, but a 92 is an

the STAAR test for a kid who's coming into a different grading policy? Those are questions that have to be answered."

The STAAR exams, Larkin noted, will still play a large part in kids' academic fates.

"I think it's a positive thing in that we're still being held to the standard of the students having to pass the test to graduate," Larkin said. "The only thing that's been waived for one year is that their grade on that test is going to count for 15 percent of their final course grade."

"I don't see any drawback to waiting," she added. "Some people might think that since students now know that it's not going to count for their grade, that they're going to slack off, and I think some people are worried about that. But those kids still have to

pass to graduate. "I don't see them letting loose of anything that's going to have anything to do with their graduation power. I think they're still taking it very seriously. You can ask any student up here, and I ask them daily, 'Are you concerned about your (end-of-course assessment)?' Yes, they are, because they don't want that burden hanging over

Larkin said she was confident that Pampa High School itself would have been prepared for the STAAR's impact on students' grades had the law not been deferred for a year.

"We had the system in place locally," Larkin said. "We had been preparing them for that since the beginning. We even had students come in during a session in January to beef up their first semester average to make them go into that (STAAR

test) with a good solid

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# Viewpoints

#### **Today in History**

Today is Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, the 53rd day of 2012. There are 313 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 22, 1732 (New Style date), the first president of the United States, George Washington, was born in Westmoreland County in the Virginia Colony.

On this date:

In 1784, a U.S. merchant ship, the Empress of China, left New York for the Far East to trade goods with China.

In 1862, Jefferson Davis, already the provisional president of the Confederacy, was inaugurated for a six-year term following his election in November 1861.

In 1865, Tennessee adopted a new constitution which included the abolition of slavery.

In 1909, the Great White Fleet, a naval task force sent on a round-the-world voyage by President Theodore Roosevelt, returned after more than a year at sea.

In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge delivered the first radio broadcast from the White House as he addressed the country over 42 stations.

In 1935, it became illegal for airplanes to fly over

the White House.

In 1940, the 14th Dalai Lama (Tenzin Gyatso)

In 1940, the 14th Dalai Lama (Tenzin Gyatso) was enthroned at age 4 in Lhasa, Tibet.

In 1959, the inaugural Daytona 500 race was held; although Johnny Beauchamp was initially declared the winner, the victory was later awarded to Lee Petty.

In 1967, more than 25,000 U.S. and South Vietnamese troops launched Operation Junction City, aimed at smashing a Vietcong stronghold near the Cambodian border. (Although the communists were driven out, they later returned.)

In 1973, the United States and China agreed to establish liaison offices.

In 1980, the "Miracle on Ice" took place in Lake Placid, N.Y., as the United States Olympic hockey team upset the Soviets, 4-3. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

In 1987, pop artist Andy Warhol died at a New York City hospital at age 58; talk-show host David Susskind was found dead in his Manhattan hotel suite; he was 66.

Ten years ago: Police in San Diego arrested David Westerfield in connection with the disappearance of seven-year-old Danielle van Dam. (Westerfield was later sentenced to death for Danielle's murder.) The Angolan army and government announced the killing of UNITA leader Jonas Savimbi. Cartoon animator Chuck Jones died in Newport Beach, Calif., at age 89.

Five years ago: Britain's Ministry of Defense announced that Prince Harry, a second lieutenant in the British army, would be deployed to Iraq (officials later reversed the decision because of insurgent threats). The U.N. nuclear watchdog agency said Iran had ignored a Security Council ultimatum to freeze uranium enrichment, and instead had expanded its program by setting up hundreds of centrifuges.

One year ago: A defiant Moammar Gadhafi vowed to fight to his "last drop of blood" and roared at supporters to strike back against Libyan protesters to defend his embattled regime. A magnitude-6.1 earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand, killed 184 people. Somali pirates shot to death four Americans taken hostage on their yacht several hundred miles south of Oman. Former White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel was

elected mayor of Chicago.

Today's Birthdays: Announcer Don Pardo is 94. Actor Paul Dooley is 84. Hollywood "ghost singer" Marni Nixon is 82. Movie director Jonathan Demme is 68. Actor John Ashton is 64. Actress Miou-Miou is 62. Actress Julie Walters is 62. Basketball Hall of Famer Julius Erving is 62. Actress Ellen Greene is 61. Former Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., is 60. White House adviser David Axelrod is 57. Actor Kyle MacLachlan is 53. World Golf Hall of Famer Vijay Singh is 49. Actress-comedian Rachel Dratch is 46. Actor Paul Lieberstein is 45. Actress Jeri Ryan is 44. Actor Thomas Jane is 43. Actress Tamara Mello is 42. Actress-singer Lea Salonga is 41. Actor Jose Solano is 41. International Tennis Hall-of-Famer Michael Chang is 40. Rock musician Scott Phillips is 39. Actress Drew Barrymore is 37. Actress Liza Huber is 37. Singer James Blunt is 35. Rock singer Tom Higgenson (Plain White T's) is 33. Actor Zach Roerig is 27. Actor Daniel E. Smith is 22.

**Thought for Today:** "It is better to offer no excuse than a bad one." - President George Washington (1732-1799).

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#### Delayed Texas primaries mean longer slog

CHRIS TOMLINSON Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) - A federal court's decision to delay the Texas primaries means the candidates for U.S. Senate - particularly Republicans - have a long and potentially expensive slog ahead of them.

A judge listening to arguments over redistricting on Tuesday told Texans that the soonest they should expect to vote in a primary is May 29. That's 84 days later than the original primary date set for March 6. That also means a run-off election - which is likely in the Republican primary for the Senate - will take place in August.

That will make this is the longest race for an open senate seat in memory, and with so many candidate running, possibly one of the most competitive. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's retirement is creating

the first open Senate seat since 2002.
Generally these races are short affairs. The campaign begins with the new year and lasts 65 days until the Republican primary selects a candidate. A Democrat hasn't won a Texas Senate election since Lloyd

Bentsen in 1988.

The longer primary gives lesser-known candidates more of a chance to develop name recognition and raise money. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, the front-runner in both those categories, will need to spend more money and campaign harder to maintain those advantages.

Dewhurst has so far tried to give as little attention as possible to his Republican challengers, hoping to deny them a chance to become better known among Texas Republicans. He has attended only a handful of candidate forums around the state, and his message has focused on criticizing President Barack Obama and Democrats.

With 99 days to go before the

primary, though, he won't be able to ignore them any longer.

"A long delay wasn't our first choice, but we'll benefit overall," said Dave Beckwith, the Dewhurst campaign communications director. "We now have a solid foundation for Texas fundraising and Texas political support, as opposed to other campaigns that are based on a souffle of Washington-generated publicity."

Hot on his trail are former Texas Solicitor General Ted Cruz, who has courted the tea party and their national financial backers, and former Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert, a popular businessman in the Dallas area. Trying to make a transition from the sports world into politics is Craig James, a former SMU running back and ESPN college football commentator.

The delay in the primaries gives them more time to get their names'

"Every day Craig shares his message with voters, he gathers more support," said Meredith Turney, a spokeswoman for James. "While we are thankful for more opportunities for Craig to connect with voters, his campaign is on course for the election, whatever day it is held."

The campaigns will also use the extra time to attack Dewhurst's record since becoming lieutenant governor in 2002. All of them are running to the right, trying to appeal to the party's most active backers.

"Tom is the only candidate in the race who is offering bold, detailed, conservative solutions to rein in government's reckless spending, reform the tax code, end the culture of corruption in Washington, and get our economy back on track," said Daniel Keylin, Leppert's campaign spokesman. "With significant financial resources and growing momentum, Tom now has more time to contrast his conservative message

and impressive business background with his opponents: a career politician backed by lobbyists and a government lawyer."

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For Leppert and Cruz, the race is to see who will face Dewhurst in a run-off, since neither is likely to win more than 50 percent of the vote outright. Leppert's base is North Texas, a rich vein of Republican primary voters. Cruz is based in Houston, but since he's never held elected office before, his focus has been on tea party activists, who are more likely to turn out for a primary election than the average Republican.

The Cruz campaign has tried to paint the race - which officially has 10 candidates - as a choice between Cruz and Dewhurst.

"Whether the primary is held today, or May 29, a conservative day of reckoning is coming, and David Dewhurst will be held accountable for his tax and spend record," said James Bernsen, spokesman for the Cruz campaign. "Texans want a strong conservative fighter in the Senate, and the only difference a delayed primary makes is more days for Dewhurst to duck debating Ted Cruz one-on-one."

Waiting in the wings for the general election is Paul Sadler, the dominant candidate in the Democratic primary. The veteran legislator and expert on public education faces only one serious challenger, 32-year-old Sean Hubbard, an avowed progressive whose main political experience is working on the Obama campaign in

Sadler's best hope of reaching the Senate is the same as Obama's at re-election. The Republican primary races will force those candidates so far to the right that they will lose independent voters and inspire a high turn-out among Democrats.

The next 99 days will tell if that



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# neighbor's assault

WEATHERFORD (AP) - A Texas man who abducted his former neighbor and tortured the woman while holding her captive for nearly two weeks was convicted Tuesday.



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Jeffrey Allan Maxwell, 59, faces up to life in prison after being found guilty of aggravated kidnapping and two counts of aggravated sexual assault. Jurors, who took less than an hour to convict Maxwell, will hear more evidence during the trial's punishment phase set to begin Wednesday.

After the judge read the verdict, the victim shared hugs with some people in the courtroom and later

smiled. She declined comment. She testified last week that Maxwell abducted her from her rural home at gunpoint March 1 after beating her in the face and shackling her hands and legs. Then he drove 100 miles away to his Corsicana house, 50 miles south of Dallas. She was rescued 12 days later when authorities went to question him about her disappearance after her house burned down.

The woman told jurors that he whipped her and sexually assaulted her on a deer-skinning device in his garage and that she endured several more assaults as she was held captive for 12 days. She testified that he kept her chained to a bed and gagged during the first several days, and one day he locked her in a wooden box when he left to run errands.

She said Maxwell got sick after she'd been there about eight days, so he stopped the assaults and then left her unrestrained during the day when they were in the same room.

"What this defendant, Jeff Maxwell, did is monstrous. It is frankly unimaginable and it's inhuman, and it's time to hold him accountable," Parker County prosecutor Jeff Swain told jurors during closing arguments, adding that DNA evidence found on items at Maxwell's house supported the victim's account.

The Associated Press generally does not identify victims of sexual assault.

But defense attorneys, who presented no evidence during the trial, had questioned the woman's credibility, reminding jurors that she initially said Maxwell was her friend and didn't want him arrested when she ran out of his house March 12, shocking authorities who had gone there to question Maxwell about her disappearance. The woman earlier told jurors that during her initial interview with authorities, she was trying to keep her promise not to implicate Maxwell - made when she feared for her life — and that he also had convinced her that someone had hired him

Defense attorneys also said authorities took pictures of the items in Maxwell's home before obtaining a search warrant, and that an investigator violated the law by telling him that telling his side of the story

They urged jurors to disregard whips, blood-stained sheets and other evidence, as well as his recorded

the law is the law," defense attorney Richard Alley Gregg Allen, El Paso's chief of police, said the wound told jurors, later adding that jurors could put what- was caused by a "full metal jacket hard-nosed bullet" like ever "twist" on the case they wanted. "Is this case those used in assault rifles. disturbing? Yes — on multiple levels, whether it involves criminal activity or not."

During several hours of questioning, Maxwell eventually gives details of the kidnapping and describes the sexual assault on the device, which he says he made for cleaning hogs and deer. He says he chained the woman to the bed every night but also let her read the Bible. He is heard telling the investigator that he never planned to kill her and thought of letting her go after her bruises healed.

how to get out of," he tells the investigator.

He says he had sexual fantasies about bondage but never gives a reason for the abduction and assaults. At one point he blames his "stupidity" and another time tells investigators he doesn't "know all the whys" when asked what could have led him — then the vice president of the Kiwanis Club in Corsicana — down this path. When later asked if he needs help, he says, "I imagine I do. Yes."

Maxwell and the woman, now 63, were neighbors in a rural Parker County town about 70 miles west of the owner of the gun will be found. Dallas before he moved seven years ago. The woman told him to stay away after he started coming on too high school, City Hall and the University of Texas at El strong.

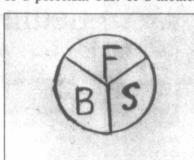
# Maxwell guilty of | Carnival glass bowl used on holidays

Q: My mother received this purple carnival glass bowl around 1910. She gave it to me when I married in 1957. Marked on the bottom is an "N" in a circle and there is a line under it. The inside is smooth; the only pattern is on the outside. The bowl has three feet. It is in mint condition. My mother always used this dish every holiday to serve pickles and relishes. It is hard to believe it survived all these years.

Anything you can tell me about my dish will be appreciated.

A: Northwood Glass Co. was founded by Harry Northwood in Wheeling, W. Va., in 1901. They made pressed glass and blown glass. They produced carnival glass from 1908 to 1915. Northwood Glass Co. ceased operations and closed in 1925.

Your circa 1910 bowl would probably be worth \$185 to \$225. Q: This mark is on the back of a porcelain bust of a mother



This mystery mark was used on objects made in several countries

and child. Also included in the mark, below the circle, is the word "Czechoslovakia." The bust measures approximately 8 inches tall by 8 inches wide, and it is finished in a white glaze. The details are very good, and the folds of the drape on each are most graceful. It sat on my grand-



Northwood Glass Co. made carnival glass from 1908 to 1915.

mother's mantle as far back as the early 1940s and is in excellent condition.

I would be most grateful for any information that you might share with me.

Objects marked "Czechoslovakia" were made between 1918 and 1993. Czechoslovakia split into the Czech Republic and Slovakia on Jan. 1, 1993. The history of the mark "Y B S" in a circle is rather murky. It appears on pieces made in several countries including Czechoslovakia, Germany, Italy and England. It is thought to be the mark of an importer or distributor. Interestingly, it has been known to be included with some marks by the Czechoslovakian Fischer and Mieg Factory.

The value of your porcelain bust would probably be \$200 to

Q: I have a leather bound book titled "Know Thyself or Nature's Secrets Revealed." It was published in 1911 by The S. A. Mullikin Co. in Marietta, Ohio. The book imparts information from the beginning of life to the end. There is also a chapter on how to mix prescriptions and advice on how to heal honeybee stings.

I would like to know if it is worth anything

A: The value of your book is in the range of \$35 to \$45.

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

#### Woman killed by cross-border bullet

EL PASO (AP) — A woman shopping on a busy downtown El Paso street became the first victim of bullets flying across the border from Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, on Tuesday when she was hit in the calf and wounded, authorities said.

The 48-year-old woman, whose name has not been "You're probably not going to want to do that, but released, was pushing a stroller when she was struck.

> Because of that, he said, the projectile caused a clean exit wound. The victim was taken to a nearby hospital, where she was treated and released.

> El Paso Mayor John Cook asked residents to remain calm, saying there is "no way to prevent incidents like this from happening" and the odds of getting hit by a stray bullet are minimal.

> Many people who were in the area at first didn't realize what had happened.

'We didn't hear anything. The first thing we heard was "I got myself into something I couldn't figure out the firemen coming, but we didn't know what was happening," said Luis Gomez, a pedestrian who was shopping in the same area where the woman was hit.

She was struck at the same time Juarez police were battling alleged carjackers a few hundred feet from the U.S. border. Allen said reports indicate up to 50 shots were fired in that gunfight.

Police notified the public school district about the shooting and three El Paso schools were put on lockdown.

The bullet was sent to the Texas Department of Public Safety for ballistic analysis, but Allen said it is unlikely

Since drug-related violence in Juarez spiked in 2008, testified that she had been friendly toward him but bullets have struck El Paso buildings, including a local

Paso. However, this is the first time a person has been hit. Juarez and El Paso share a large metropolitan area.

Their downtown areas are separated by the Rio Grande and the border fence. While El Paso has been dubbed one of the safest cities in the U.S., Juarez's homicide rate put it among the most dangerous cities in the hemisphere.







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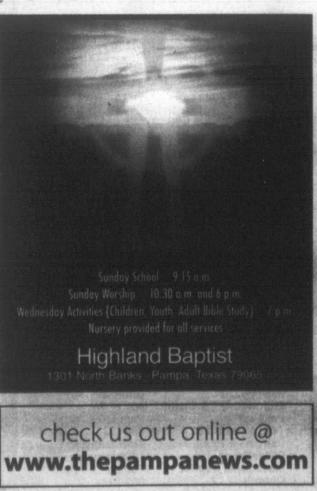
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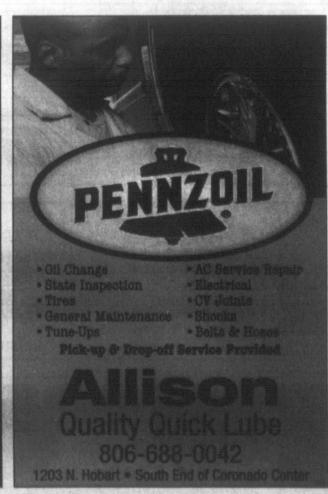
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#### Lent allows Christians to repent

For the Christians who follow the Church calendar today is Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the 40 days of the Lenten season. Lent is a penitential season and this emphasis on repentance prepares us for the great Paschal feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter.

Ash Wednesday is named for the rite of the imposition of ashes that is observed on this day. God's people gather and are called to prayer and penitential reflection. Our attention is always to be focused upon the holy sufferings and death of Jesus Christ. After the litany, parishioners come forward to receive ashes upon their forehead. As the pastor marks a cross upon each child of God he says, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

The ashes remind us all of their human frailty and mortality. It is also a sign of our repentance, sorrow, and need for grace. To have the dark ash spread upon one's forehead you cannot help but get the idea of death's dust to dustness and our need for the blood of Christ, our Savior. Sinners need a Savior and that is what is most sure, Jesus comes to save us by His death and

The Gospel reading for this holy day (Mt. 6:1-6, 16-21) really sets the tone for Lent. In it Jesus warns His followers about not being showy with their acts of righteousness. They are not to do them just "to be seen by others." Jesus assumes that His disciples will be about doing three things: giving to the needy, praying, and fasting. Jesus doesn't say "if" you do these things, but "when" you pray or "when" you fast. Jesus fasted, prayed, and gave to the needy, shouldn't we be about these things as well as Christians. We are not saved by these works, but they are fruits of the faith we have been given.

Jesus makes clear that we do not practice these acts in order to be seen by others. That doesn't mean no one can ever see you do them, but that you are not doing them just to be seen, so as to draw attention to yourself for being such a great person. Christians just go about their good works as they should trying to keep humble and loving their neighbors.

Traditionally the Church has encouraged these acts that Jesus mentions in Matthew 6 during Lent. Anyone looking around would have to admit that many opportunities exist in giving alms or giving to the needy. Find some worthwhile charity and give. Do you know a family in need, help them out. It



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#### good word

doesn't have to be large sum. That is up to you.

Lent is also a time of prayer. Christians always praying, but during Lent many churches conduct midweek Lenten services where the people of

God gather to pray. These evening services really are wonderful times of reflection. It does take some commitment to carve out of your busy day the time to go to a service. But to sit quietly and hear God's Word after a busy day or to pray with your brothers and sisters in Christ is such a blessing. Attend these Lenten service you'll find such nourishment for your weary soul.

Fasting is not about total abstinence from all food. Traditionally the fast of the Western church is characterized as simply "being hungry." An example of this could be one fourth of a breakfast and lunch and then a simple dinner. There are benefits to this. To fast is to practice the denying of the flesh and training the body. Fasting is a way to not let your wayward flesh dictate when and what to eat. When you eat less you may have more money to give to the poor. With less time needed to prepare food you may have more time to pray or read God's Word. All of this teaches that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord (Dt. 8:3).

Remember Jesus said to beware that you don't do these acts just to be seen by others. So even as we choose to partake of certain acts of piety we wholeheartedly remember that Christ is the Savior. Our works and deeds gain us no ground in matters of salvation. We desire to do them out of faith.

Ash Wednesday is a blessed way to begin our Lenten preparation. It sets the tone. The ashes bring our mortality to the forefront and our need for Christ. And Jesus pulls us from our ash heap and clothes us with His white robe of righteousness in Holy Baptism, through His Word, and the Holy Supper. May you all have a blessed Lent.

Michael Erickson is the pastor at the Zion Lutheran

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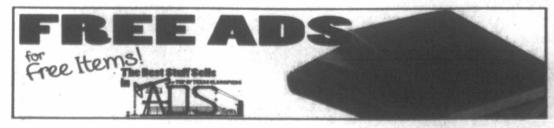
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#### **CHURCH SPOTLIGHT**

#### Lighthouse Covenant to host evangelist Shell this Sunday

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Lighthouse Covenant invites the community to hear evangelist Mark Shell for a special service at 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Shell has done yearly revivals for Lighthouse for the last six years. According to a press release, Shell has traveled for 25 years and has recorded 20 CDs of Gospel music. Ed Barker, Lighthouse Covenant pastor, said he is an enjoyable speaker.

"You will enjoy his humor, music and speaking ability but most of all his keen insight into God's word," Barker said.

The pastor said his congregation is looking forward to the service.

"(Shell) brings excitement to the people," Barker said. "We are excited about him coming.

Nursery services will be provided.

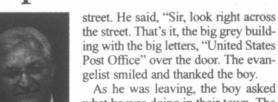
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#### Getting help with directions

The story is told of an evangelist who was visiting a church to speak and had never been in the city where the church was located. He checked into the hotel and decided he needed some stamps to mail several letters to friends. He began to walk in the

direction the hotel clerk had given him, and soon realized he was utterly lost.

Seeing a boy on the sidewalk, he asked if he knew the way to the post office. The boy looked at the evangelist and then looked right across the



what he was doing in their town. The evangelist replied, "I'm here to tell people how to go to heaven. Would you like me to tell you how to go to Heaven?" The little boy thought a post office, I'm not sure you know

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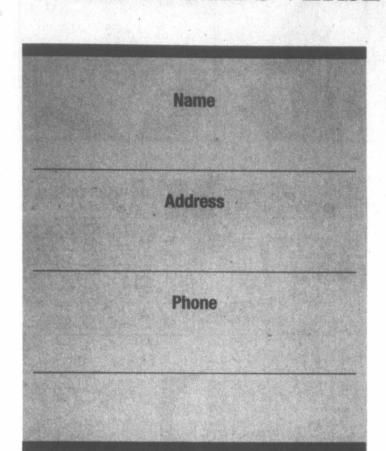
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Then you \_(1.) , don't be \_(2.) the hypocrites who love to pray \_\_\_\_\_ on street (4.) and in the (5.) where everyone can see them. I tell you the 6., that is all the reward they will ever get. But when you pray, go away by \_\_\_\_\_\_, shut the behind you, and pray to your Father in (9.) . Then your Father, who (10.) everything, will reward you.

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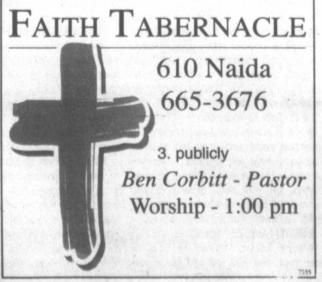
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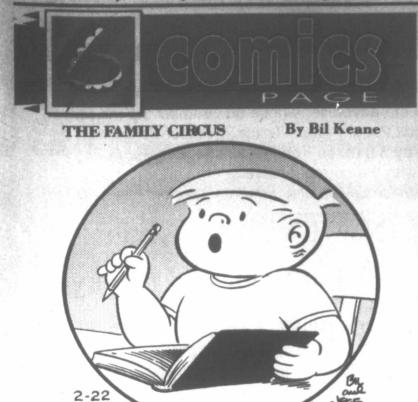
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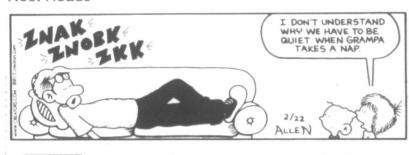
"Were George Washington's brothers the Uncles of our Country?"

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**Nest Heads** 



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This year you forge a new path, but mark your endeavors. Are they a reason to with a favorite person. move in another direction? Only you will be able to decide this, and you will. Deal excels. If you are single, you will see the results of being able to present yourself well. Look for romance after June. If you are attached, the two of you work through some hot-button issues. Passion plays a significant role in your bond. ARIES always encourages you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Much might be going on at work and also within yourself. You could become angry, but try not to act on that feeling. Sarcasm could be a whole other issue. You probably just need time to yourself. A walk might work. Close your door, if pos- it early. sible. Tonight: Perking up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\* You benefit in the daylight hours. Whatever you decide to do works out even better than you thought possible. Meetings work well. Ideas flourish when talking with a group of people. Surprises surround you. Tonight: Make it early.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** 

**★★★** Conflict is possible with a boss. is in charge. Your words could come off as harsh-sounding when dealing with this person. Postpone an important conversation until dinnertime. Tonight: Where the fun is. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ If you are not sure as to which way to go, reach out to a trusted friend. Together, if you are open, you can figure out the proper path. When you detach, you gain a better perspective about conversations and interactions. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\* Sarcasm marks the morning. Be smart, and avoid playing into this behavior. You know what you want and where you are going. Do not get caught up in trivial matters. Let your mind expand in order to grasp the details of a new situation. Tonight: Get away from the here and now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Feb. You might be surprised at all the inquiries. Do not get short-tempered simply because you have too much on your plate. Instead, only after you are sure that the status quo tell them what ails you. Close relating eardoes not work. Tension and sarcasm often marks the afternoon. Tonight: Make nice

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\* Focus on work and your accomwith funds carefully. Your communication plishments. You have so much to do and so little time. Your effectiveness emerges. Schedule distractions and meetings for as late as you can. An associate or co-worker could be a source of frustration. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\* Remove yourself from situations where you might not be energized or interested. Others will be able to see your lack of involvement. Focus on what is challenging. If you opt for a bohemian route, you will succeed. Sometimes a staid attitude does not work. Tonight: Try to make

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You move slowly when dealing with a boss or older relative. You wonder why you have done what you have as of late, especially with another person's attitude. Stay centered, and remember that you also gain in this situation. Tonight: Paint the town red.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

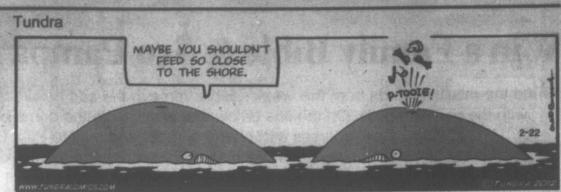
★★★★ Make phone calls and schedule Honor your differences and remember who meetings. Above all else, do not stand on ceremony -- especially with a key person. Rather than encouraging separation, you will melt down emotional walls. News involving travel and/or new information forces thought and possible action. Tonight: Mosey on home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\* Refuse to get involved with others financially, or to accept another person's idea regarding your funds. You might not be right, but he or she might not be right either. Time is your ally, though you might feel pressured by a situation. Schedule a discussion with a respected adviser for later in the day. Tonight: Listen to the pros and cons.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\* Someone might be trying to push your buttons. Stay centered and nonreactive, and this person will stop. Now is not the time to clear the air. Get done what you must, then decide when you would like \*\*\* Others continue to knock on to clear the air. Tonight: Get another opinyour door, and will call and email you. ion and maybe one more. Then decide.



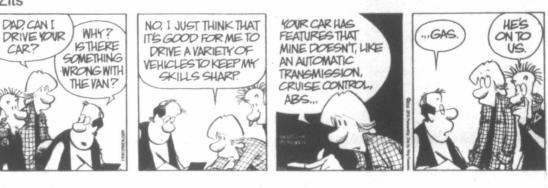
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#### **Forum**

for the Railroad Commission, to postpone the forum currently scheduled for 7 p.m. on March 6 at the Chamber of Commerce. The group decided not to postpone the event.

"When you're talking about a county our size with the membership that we have, they really pull together and they work together," said Whitehead. "But the thing is, with the size of town, the size of the county and the size of our club, we're coming up on spring break, we're coming up on spring and we're coming up on summer vacations, so it's not only hurt anybody that's a candidate, but it's hurt us as so many different offices and so many different clubs and associations, that we finally decided to pick a date. I feel like for the majority of counties this size are just going to have to stick with their first decision, because the way that the email read earlier is that now the May primary, they may have to push that back again."

With the state facing a confusing election season, TTRW hopes to reach out to voters and keep them informed. The group answers voter questions sent to its Pampa address at PO Box 725 and to its email at topotexasrepublicanwomen@gmail.

"Any member of our Top O' Texas Gray County Republican Women, if you have any questions, we try to be as knowledgeable as possible and let everyone know as far as the candidates running," said Whitehead. "I've run into a lot of candidates that actually have a campaign site. If you have any questions of them, you can literally just email them, so I think that even with technology, it's just made it so easy."

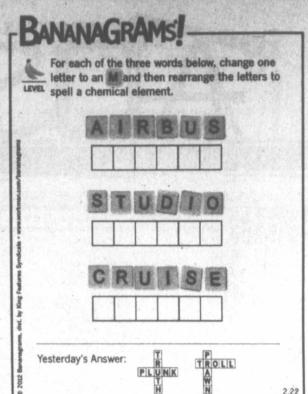
As Gray County's Tax Assessor-Collector, Whitehead also looks at cont. from page 1

the elections from the perspective of a candidate herself.

"Being on the same ballot that they're voting on the United States President is wonderful, but you begin to wonder how the frame of mind of the whole state of Texas is going to be when it actually comes time to be able to vote in that primary," she said. "If the voters are frustrated with the whole situation, they might not come out, or they've purely lost interest in it because it's just drug on too long.'

With that in mind, Whitehead hopes the forum will be a way to spark voter interest in the long haul towards the state election.

"I'm hoping this forum actually rejuvenates Gray County," she said. "We're not trying to overdo it. We're not trying to drag it into the ground. We're just trying to let people know how important it is to vote.





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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

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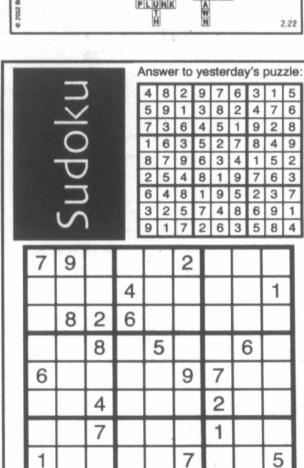
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# Sports

# Playoffs end early for PHS after heartbreak in Plainview

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PLAINVIEW — After his team's final practice Monday, Pampa head coach Dustin Miller told his team that the game was going to come down to making free throws and taking care of the ball. Tuesday night against the Lamesa Golden Tornadoes, the Pampa Harvesters had over 20 turnovers and missed 11 free throws in a 57-55 loss in the bi-district round at Wayland Baptist's Hutcherson Center.

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In y up-440"Our turnovers gave them too many layups," Miller said. "We missed too many free throws."

The game was tied 55-55 with 1.4 seconds left. Lamesa's Kolt Moreland caught the inbounds pass and threw up a layup at the buzzer, and it went in..

Senior Latigo Collins said that Pampa put themselves in that situation.

"If we would have won those first two games in district, we wouldn't have been playing tonight," Collins said. "They hit a good shot at the end and played well."

Lamesa (19-12) kept the Harvesters from getting in a rhythm offensively by guarding them tightly. Also, the Golden Tornadoes made substitutions on most dead balls. Pampa trailed most of the first half. Lamesa led 12-9 after the first quarter. Miller said his team didn't play well.

"(Coach Gregg Moreland) ran people at you and brought guys in and out," Miller said. "It sort of got you nauseous. We didn't do a good job of taking care the ball and we weren't being very strong."

Collins said the frequent substitutions were tough.

"It made it a choppy game," Collins said.
"It was hard to get in a rhythm because you knew the horn was going to go off."

The Harvesters (19-9) got some offense going in the second quarter. Senior Cole Engle nailed two three-pointers, with one of them giving Pampa its first lead of the game at 23-22.

"Those threes were statement shots," Engle said. "I got a couple of shots. We are at the point where it could be your last

game. I was glad I was able to keep us in the game. I just wish we pulled it out."

Pampa trailed 26-25 at halftime. The teams entered the fourth quarter tied at 40. Pampa gained momentum at the beginning of the quarter pulling out to a 44-41 lead. Junior Derrek Pollard made a layup to give Pampa a 42-41 lead. The Golden Tornadoes responded with a 6-0 run. The Harvesters responded with an 8-0 run to take their largest lead of the game at 52-47. Collins and Engle both made shots and were fouled. Both of them converted their free throws.

Aeryk Cox hit two free throws, Ryan Garza and Brody Alexander made baskets to tie the game at 53. Garza was fouled and made two free throws to give Lamesa a 55-53 lead with 1:35 left. Collins was fouled on Pampa's next possession and tied the game.

Both teams had a chance to take the lead with a minute left but came up empty. Pampa got the ball with 15 seconds left and missed a shot and Moreland got the rebound. Lamesa got a timeout with 1.5 seconds left.

Miller said it was a good season for his team but was disappointed that they didn't accomplish its goals.

"We came up on game short on everyone of our goals," Miller said. "We were one game short of 20 wins, one game short of winning district. We wanted to win a gold ball and we came up one game short."

Engle, Taylor Kennedy, Laketon Harris, Reid Miller and Jesus Cabrales. Junior Tyler Powell said he thinks the team will be OK next year.

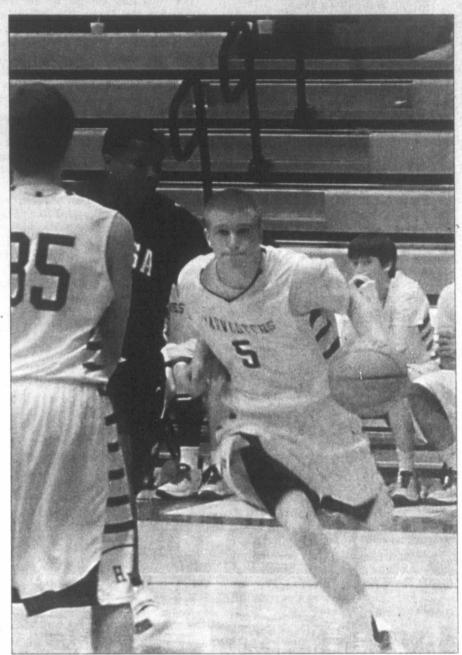
"We probably won't have as much talent," Powell said. "Most of the teams in the area

This was the last game for seniors Collins,

have lost a lot as well. So I think we will be good."

The head coach said his team has a lot of holes to fill, but isn't in trouble.

"We lose our top scorer the last three years," Miller said. "We lose our top defender from the last three years and best shooter we've had in a long time. We should be competitive next year."



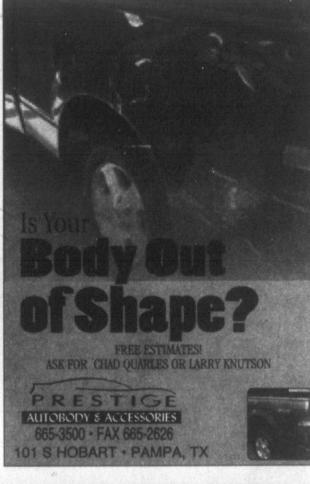
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**Senior Latigo Collins** drives to the hoop in what would be his last high school game for the Harvesters. Collins did his best to make the most of it, finishing with 34 points to lead Pampa.



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Junior Tyler Powell takes a charge from a driving Lamesa player. Powell pulled down seven rebounds in the first half for the Harvesters.





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# Sports

# Herring delivers at line, sends Tigers to area round

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With the game tied and 34 seconds left, the McLean Tigers had the right person at the free throw line.

Their senior leading scorer, Jordan Herring, took a couple of dribbles, then moved the ball in his hands and then calmly let it go. Herring,

still standing behind the free throw line, watched as the ball smoothly swished in the net, giving the Tigers a lead it wouldn't relinquish in a 44-38 bi-district victory over the Miami Warriors Monday at McNeely Fieldhouse.

Herring

"There's times in the game when you know it's yours to take over," Herring said. "I just felt it and made what I could."

Herring scored the final nine points, all from the free throw line. The senior made 15 of 17 free throws finishing the game with 35 points.

"He's done it all stinking year," head coach Brandon Word said. "I think he's averaging close to 30 points a game. I think he's averaging a double-double right now."

The Tigers (10-17) grabbed momentum at the end of the second quarter, turning a four-point deficit into a 20-19 halftime lend. Herring hit two free throws and made a three with seconds left in the half.

McLean expanded its run in the second half, with Herring hitting a three and a jumper. The Warriors cut the lead to two, but Herring hit a three on the right side to put McLean up by five. Senior Chance LaRoe and junior Braden Hambright gave the Tigers their largest lead at 32-25. McLean ended the quarter with a 33-27 lead.

The Warriors rallied in the fourth, outscoring the Tigers 7-2. Miami used an aggressive man-to-man defense and took advantage of McLean's turnovers. With less than two minutes left, Jared Roberts tied the game at 37 with a three. Brayden Roberson made one of two free throws to give Miami a 38-37 lead with 1:35 left.

"We tried to give it back to them," Word said. "We tried to turn the ball over a hundred times in the fourth quarter."

The fourth quarter was costly for the Warriors. Their leading scorer Nick Broecx with 10 points, went up for a rebound and was knocked to the court. Broecx got up, holding his knee and was subbed out with 2:41 left. Broecx didn't return. With 1:10 left, Roberts fouled out, allowing Herring to tie the game at 38. With 25.4 left, David Mejia fouled out and Herring made another two free throws, making it a two-possession game.

Herring said the victory was a team effort.

"(My teammates) did good tonight," Herring said. "They made layups and I made good passes. It was an all-around team effort. It wasn't just me."

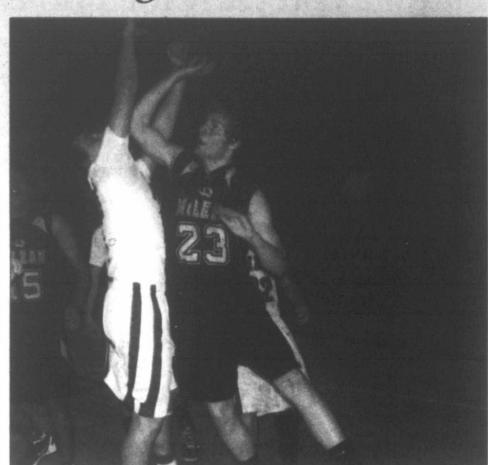
LaRoe played strong inside, getting several looks and helped divert Miami's attention off of Herring. Daniel Hutchison made a key shot in the fourth quarter.

"It's playoffs," Word said. "It's not for the faint of heart. That's what we've been preaching all year. Step up and not down. I think we came together and had five or six kids step up and hit big time shots when we needed them."

LaRoe said he just did what his team needed.

"I just played and helped my team," LaRoe said.

McLean will play Nazareth in the area round Thursday at Caprock High School. Game time is to be determined as of press time.



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Senior Jordan Herring shoots a jumper over Miami's Cole Booze Monday at McNeely Fieldhouse. Herring scored the final nine points to secure a 44-38 bi-district victory.

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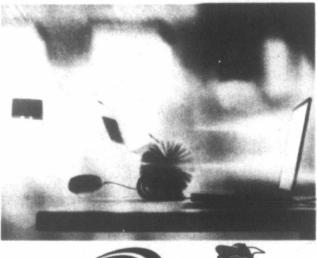
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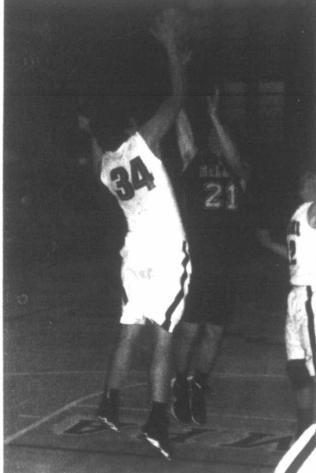
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Senior Chance LaRoe shoots a jumper over Nick Broecx in the first half of the bi-district round Monday. LaRoe was one of several Tigers that hit key shots.





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