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Redistricting saga a headache for election office

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Voter registration mail-out, election school, securing polling places all held up

[Editor's Note: This story is part of a "Elections are never easy at best, but series examining the difficulties posed locally by the prolonged redistricting process.]

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With Texas repeatedly moving its primary date as the redistricting debate has raged over the last few months; Linda Lewis, Gray County election administrator, has had a lot of practice with a mov-

"We're constantly having to readjust our sights," said Lewis with a laugh. when you factor in not knowing when your election date is, it becomes the most difficult thing."

Not knowing the primary election date is bad enough for casual voters, but when your job essentially hinges on scheduling events around that election, the stress can be overbearing.

"Knowing that date is actually our springboard for getting that election launched," Lewis said. "Not having that date nailed down and not being able to schedule every little thing that revolves around that date, it's frustrating. Your **ELECTION** cont. on page 8A



staff photo by Arnie Aurellano

Linda Lewis, Gray County elections administrator, holds up the voter registration cards that have yet to be mailed because of the chaos caused by prolonged redistricting.

WIND INSTRUMENT



staff photo by Mollie Bryant

Joel Hart of Hydro-Star Energy, LLC of Amarillo surveys the recently delivered wind turbine at Pampa Junior High School. The turbine, which is currently laying on its side on the PJHS grounds, will be erected on Monday morning on the south side of the campus.

Five drug arrests from Wed. to Fri.

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Between Wednesday and Friday, five individuals were arrested on drug charges in four unrelated incidents in Pampa and McLean.





Dodd

Around 6 p.m. on Wednesday, deputies stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation in the 300 block of West 2nd in McLean. They saw items in plain view that led them to search the vehicle, driven by Dustin Tollison, 29, of Shamrock. Deputies found a controlled substance, believed to be methamphetamine.

Tollison passenger, Mecca Dodd, 19, of Shamrock, were

both charged with possession of a controlled substance, in an amount less than one gram. They both face a \$2,000

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Hungarian Child Evangelism Fellowship director to visit

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Faith Bible Church, Harvest Bible Church and The Good News Club at Lamar Elementary will have a special visitor Tuesday and Wednesday, when Gábor Ferenci, national director of Hungary's branch of the Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF), stops by.

Ferenci will speak at Lamar Elementary's Good News Club at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday. At 7 p.m., he will speak to a group at a Faith Bible Church's member's home on the 200 block of N. Walnut Street. On Wednesday, Ferenci will speak at Harvest Bible Church's children's group Awana at 7 p.m.

"It will be interesting to have someone come from Hungary and hear what is going on in Hungary," Faith

Bible Church member Pat Kennedy said.

Kennedy said CEF is a worldwide missionary effort that stemmed from an old ministry in the United States.

"(Ferenci) has trained leaders in Hungary to preach the gospel," Kennedy said. "Child Evangelism Fellowship has programs for Lamar and Travis Elementary after school. There is usually 85 to 100 children there. They FERENCI cont. on page 8A

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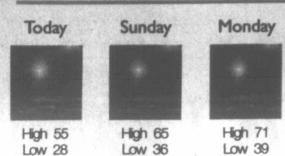
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Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 36. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 71. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 39. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Ohio emerges as microcosm of GOP race

WILLOUGHBY, Ohio (AP) -This state's Super Tuesday primary is proving to be the perfect microcosm of the nation's unruly race for the Republican presidential nomination: Mitt Romney is spending lots of money, Rick Santorum is aggressively courting conservatives and Newt Gingrich is counting on big ideas to swing votes his way.

Of the 10 states weighing in on Tuesday, Ohio offers the hottest contest. And with its diverse population, reputation as a presidential battleground and preoccupation with the same economic worries that nag the nation at large, Ohio seems destined to foreshadow the shape of the campaign as it heads toward November.

"You seem to always be the center of the political universe in America," Santorum declared Friday night during a packed campaign stop in this northeastern Ohio town set along Lake Erie.

And despite the vast territory in play across the country, from Alaska and Idaho to Vermont, Virginia and Georgia, Romney will sleep in Ohio every night until Tuesday. It's that important to him.

Even so, the race was playing out in similar fashion in the other states with contests Tuesday. The former Massachusetts governor and his allies were flooding the airwaves, outpacing his rivals in every Super Tuesday state except in North Dakota, where Santorum was alone on the air but spending less than \$8,000. Romney campaigned in Washington on Friday, the day before the state's caucuses, as he closed a Western

Romney has much of Ohio's Republican establishment behind him after years of courting the party's county chairmen and donors.

"When a party chairman gets a call early on from someone perceived as the front-runner and they ask you to sign on as a county chairman, it's easy to say yes and it's hard to say no," said Mark Munroe, the Mahoning County GOP chief who is leading Romney's efforts in the northeastern Ohio county. "We've seen the Romney campaign in action since late last year. He was able to start early and that makes such a huge differ-Romney's camp insists he does not

need to win Ohio to get the presidential nomination or even to keep alive the expectation that he even-Top Of Texas Classifieds! is having Winter Clearance! tually will. Losing here, however,

would drive persistent doubts about the strength of Romney's candidacy after a closer-than-expected race in Michigan and a string of comments that have drawn attention to his personal wealth.

Campaigning Friday night in Cleveland, Romney delivered his standard speech and kept his focus on the economy, though he cited trade - a critical issue in a manufacturing state that's been hurt by foreign competition

"When we have trade with other nations it's good for us ... we do better as a society. We're able to have more stuff and have a more prosperous life," he said. "But that's only the case as long as the people we trade with don't cheat. And in the case of China, they're cheating." The crowd cheered, with many nodding their heads.

Romney, who's visited Ohio, North Dakota, Idaho and Washington state in the past two days, also said the campaigning allows him to meet people who aren't regularly in the news. "When you get to do what I do and you meet, you know, average, ordinary citizens like ourselves, well, you get a sense of what is really at the heart and at the core of the American people," he said.

Figures provided to The Associated Press show Romney's campaign is spending more than \$1.5 million in television ads this week in Ohio and his allies are on the air with almost \$1.5 million. In total, Romney and his supporters planned to spend more than \$3.8 million on cable and broadcast television ads.

His rivals dismiss the spending.

"The Romney organization is nothing more than money," said Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, an early Romney backer who defected to Santorum just as the former Pennsylvania senator's late rise captured the interest of conservative leaders who were lukewarm, at best, about Romney's record. Santorum and his allies are spend-

ing only \$796,000 in total on Ohio. Yet a Quinnipiac University poll released Friday found Santorum polling at 35 percent support and Romney at 31 percent support - essentially a tie. "When Ohio whispers, people lis-

ten," Santorum said Friday night. "When Ohio shouts, 'We want a conservative,' this country will stand up and join you."

Ohio's Republican electorate is

similar to that of the most recent hard-fought state, Michigan, containing both blue-collar, rural voters as well as churchgoers focused heavily on social issues. Here, as in that fellow Rust Belt state narrowly won by Romney, the economy dominates voters' concerns, and Romney and Santorum both were playing to them.

And, as they could in Michigan, voters in Ohio will be able to declare party affiliation at the polls.

"We've got the same problems as everyone else does," said Gary Green, a 56-year-old Chillicothe business owner who attended a Santorum event Friday but still is leaning toward candidate Ron Paul. "We need jobs."

Sen. Rob Portman, a Romney supporter who plans to campaign with him at four events on Saturday, said Romney "doesn't have to win in Ohio, but it sure would help."

"I don't think people in Ohio thought this primary was going to be a big deal," Portman said. "They thought this thing would be wrapped up in Florida."

It isn't clear whether Santorum has any paid staff on the ground. As is the case elsewhere, Santorum is relying on volunteers and local leaders such as DeWine to power his campaign. Santorum's top aides still don't have a national campaign headquarters. Highway rest stops and advisers' hotel rooms are the base of their ragtag yet oddly durable operation.

His campaign faces another problem in Ohio. He failed to qualify for the ballot in three congressional districts, and party officials said Friday he filed an incomplete slate of delegates in another six districts, costing him up to nine delegates more. The state Republican Party would make the final determination on what to do with unallocated delegates based on party rules.

Santorum hosted his rally late Friday evening, hoping to generate the enthusiasm that helped him win the Iowa and Minnesota caucuses, as well as the Colorado primary and Missouri's nonbinding primary. He'll spend Saturday in the state as well, before traveling to Tennessee and Oklahoma. He's tentatively scheduled to return to the state Monday and stay through Super Tuesday. Gingrich is short on cash and has

been camped out in Georgia trying to prevent an embarrassing home state loss on Tuesday. But he's still a OHIO cont. on page 7A

bituaries

Cecilia Ann Rapstine, 68

Cecilia Ann Rapstine, 68 of Kingsland, passed away Monday, February 13, 2012, in Austin. She was born March 6, 1943, to Cecil Johnson and Velma (Cole) Johnson in Wheeler. On March 5, 1967, Cecilia married Robert Rapstine in Pampa. Mrs. Rapstine loved to cook, read, visit with family and friends and she loved her grandchildren. She was preceded Rapstine in death by her parents and

one brother, Ray Cole Johnson. Survivors include her husband, Robert Rapstine of

Kingsland; sons, Wesley Rapstine and wife Melisa of Kingsland, and Sean Rapstine and wife Penny of Marble Falls; daughter, Holly Bergeron and husband Clayton of Granite Shoals; four grandchildren.

The family would like to show appreciation to Cecilia's home health nurse, Lorrie Northame, Dr. Ryan Morris and CNA, Tina Herrera.

Visitation was Saturday, February 18, 2012, from 1-5 p.m. at Waldrope Hatfield Hawthorne Funeral Home Chapel in Kingsland.

A memorial service in Wheeler, is planned for a later

Cremation arrangements made under the direction of Waldrope-Hatfield-Hawthorne Funeral Homes, Inc. Kingsland, TX. E-mail condolences may be sent to whhfunerall@

verizon.net or you may log onto our website, www.whhfuneralhome.com for online condolences.



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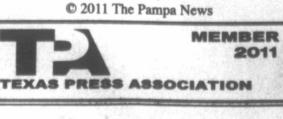
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For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Friday, March 2 at 7 a.m. Animal Control agents 152 and CR 2.

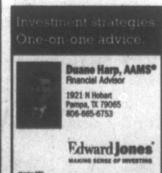
reported 12 animal related incidents.

Pampa PD reported 11 traffic related incidents. Pampa EMS, the Pampa Fire Department and the of South Sumner.

partment responded to nine medical calls. Thursday, March 1 Criminal mischief oc-

curred at 18th and Lynn.

Lefors Volunteer Fire De-



A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 600

block of North Faulkner. A burglary occurred at the 1300 block of North Hobart.

curred at the 100 block of of East Kingsmill. East Harvester.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1000 block block of South Cuyler. A suspicious person was

reported at the 1000 block of South Banks. of South Barnard. A domestic disturbance

occurred at the 1600 block of Holly. A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 200 block of

South Sumner. Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1000 block of North Duncan.

An accident occurred at Perryton and 28th. A hit and run occurred at the 400 block of North

A suspicious person was reported at the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1400 block of North Duncan.

of North Perryton and the A grass fire occurred at 800 block of North Wells.

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was reported at the 100 A suspicious person was reported at the 1000 block

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South Prairie. A suspicious person was reported at Locust and Fin-

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Friday, March 2 at 7 a.m.

Thursday, March 1 Jason Collin Harlan, 31, was arrested by deputies for insufficien bond re-

garding charges of driving while intoxicated with a child passenger, theft by Suspicious persons were check, possession of a conreported at the 2500 block trolled substance and attempting to take a weapon from a peace officer.

Wesley Adam Snow, 27, was arrested by deputies on a bond to surrender regarding theft by check and on a bond forfeiture regarding theft of property in Hutchinson County. Billy David Williams, 23,

was arrested by deputies on charges of theft of property and theft of a firearm. Clarence Ray McIntyre,

22, was arrested by police for public intoxication. Friday, March 2

Charles Edmond Williams III, 31, was arrested by police for possession of a controlled substance.

Laray Donnell Wilson, 21, was arrested by police for failure to identify a fugitive and on a bond to surrender regarding possession of a controlled substance.

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HOA to teen: Lose the kangaroo

SPRING (AP) - A suburban Houston homeowners association has rescinded orders that a family get rid of a kangaroo that's become the beloved companion of a 16-year-old girl with Down syndrome.

The Houston Chronicle reports The Estates of Legend Ranch Homeowners Association wrote to Nick and Jeni Dreis last week to demand removal of Mike, the 6-month-old red kangaroo that's their 16-year-old daughter Kayla's pet.

Amid intense Internet publicity, the HOA board reversed itself. Spokesman Jeff Crilley says it was "unaware that the kangaroo was being used for therapy

Nevertheless, Crilley said the board expects the family will "be working in good faith to find a more suitable home for the animal.

The family intends to keep Mike for a year before moving him to a wildlife park they're planning.

Teacher gets 5 years for abuse

WACO (AP) - A former Central Texas kindergarten teacher from Mexico has been sentenced to five years in prison for sexual abuse of students.

A plea agreement reached Thursday night in Waco means 41-year-old Fernando Antonio Campos of Monterrey, Mexico, faces deportation after prison.

The former Alta Vista Montessori Magnet School teacher pleaded guilty to two counts of indecency with a child. Each count carries a five-year prison term, to be served concurrently.

Investigators say that Campos, who was hired as a bilingual instructor, acknowledged he abused three students in his classroom during 2009.

The plea agreement came as jurors reported being deadlocked. Campos has spent nearly two years in custody. Officials say Campos must serve about six months in a Texas prison before being eligible for parole, followed by deportation.

Firm aims to build NG pipeline

ATLANTA (AP) - A Texas-based firm hopes to build a natural gas transmission line to distribute shale gas to Georgia and other states in the South.

' The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports that Spectra Energy also said it has signed a non-binding letter of intent with Atlanta-based AGL Resources to consider business deals that could include transporting that gas to AGL-owned companies that operate near the pipeline.

AGL, which transports natural gas from interstate pipelines to residents and businesses, said in a statement that it is "currently exploring the advantages this project may offer.'

Spectra must secure natural gas contracts before it can build the proposed transmission line. The proposed pipeline, known as the Renaissance Gas Transmission Project, would start at a connection point at Spectra's Texas Eastern Transmission line.

Grid operator expects pinch

AUSTIN (AP) - The operator of the main Texas electric power grid says it expects a slim margin this summer between demand and capacity for generating electricity.

In its annual preliminary summer assessment released Thursday, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas says efforts are already under way to enhance voluntary reductions in power demand during peak hours this coming summer.

In a statement, ERCOT Vice President Kent Saathoff said above-normal temperatures are expected this summer, although not as extreme as last summer's. If those expectations are borne out, he says ERCOT expects to be able to meet peak demand for electric power unless there are an unusual number of generation outages.

Dallas/Shreveport line studied

MARSHALL (AP) - Amtrak and Texas transportation officials are studying starting passenger rail service from Dallas-Fort Worth to Shreveport-Bossier City, La.

In a joint statement, Amtrak and the Texas Department of Transportation said they've agreed on the scope of a feasibility study of adding the service.

Amtrak already runs its San Antonio-to-Chicago Texas Eagle service on the Union Pacific route from Fort Worth to Marshall with stops in Longview, Mineola and Dallas. The proposal would add Amtrak stops at the CentrePort/ DFW Airport station of the Trinity Railway Express, as well as stops in Mesquite, Forney, Terrell and Wills Point. Amtrak says that if the study shows state-funded Amtrak service should be considered, the final decisions would rest with the Texas and Louisiana legislatures.

HIV soldier sentenced

ABILENE (AP) - A West Texas jury has sentenced a soldier to 10 years in prison after convicting him of knowingly spreading the human immunodeficiency virus to an Abilene woman.

The Abilene Reporter-News reports the Taylor County jury deliberated a little over a half-hour Thursday before sentencing Johnathan McCain. Earlier Thursday, jurors deliberated a little more than an hour before finding the 33-year-old soldier guilty of aggravated assault.

According to trial testimony, the Fort Sill, Okla.-based soldier spread the virus that causes AIDS in 2009 to a woman stationed at Dyess Air Force Base near Abilene. McCain could have been sentenced to 20 years in

Owner sentenced in horse deaths

WAXAHACHIE (AP) - A North Texas woman convicted in the starving deaths of two horses has been sentenced to a year in jail.

A judge in Waxahachie later suspended the sentence and put 52-year-old Barbara Renee Lee of Denton on community supervision for a year.

Lee must also pay a \$2,500 fine, serve 30 days in jail as part of her supervision and has been barred from owning any more horses.

. An Ellis County jury on Wednesday convicted Lee of cruelty to animals over the horse deaths when she lived in Red Oak. Two other malnourished horses were rescued.

Prosecutors on Thursday said that Lee testified she believed she did nothing wrong.

N.M. agrees to protect Permian Basin

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - New Mexico on Friday signed a conservation agreement with the federal government to protect more than 387 square miles of habitat for two species that have been the focus of a bitter battle among environmentalists, politicians and oil and gas developers in New Mexico and West Texas.

New Mexico Land Commissioner Ray Powell said the agreement represents a "monumental step" toward finding a way to protect the lesser prairie-chicken and dunes sagebrush lizard while allowing for oil and gas development to continue in the Permian Basin.

"We've had enough of the circular firing squads," Powell said during a signing ceremony attended by biologists, project managers and others from state and federal agencies who have worked for nearly a decade to line up conservation agreements with oil companies, ranchers and private land owners.

With New Mexico signing on, nearly 248,000 acres are being added to the conservation effort. Officials with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said that is the largest area to be set aside by a single state as part of a conservation agreement.

In all, 29 oil and gas companies and 39 ranchers have enrolled in the effort in New Mexico to cover more than 2.5 million acres

Fish and Wildlife Service Southwest Deputy Director Joy Nicholopoulos said the agency recently approved a similar program in West Texas and landowners are start-

"We believe these agreements are producing real

results," she said.

Having more people on the ground monitoring the two species has also helped give the agencies and landowners a better idea of how many prairie-chickens and lizards are out there and which areas include the best

The agency is expected to decide this summer whether to list the lizard as an endangered species. The prairiechicken has been on the waiting list since 1998.

With conservation agreements, Nicholopoulos said energy developers and landowners take voluntary steps to protect habitat for the two species. In exchange, the agency agrees not to require more conservation efforts if the species were to be added to the federal list.

Nicholopoulos said saving the prairie-chicken and lizard are important because the two are indicator species that can signal changes in the environment. Learning more about those changes and how to adapt will ensure future generations can continue to benefit from the region's resources, she said.

The listing of the lizard has been a hot button issue for U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce, R-N.M., and some elected officials in Texas. They're concerned a listing would mean curtailed development and job losses across the Permian Basin, which makes up a large chunk of New Mexico's PERMIAN cont. on page 5A

Ex-FLDS leader's bigamy trial gets new judge

SAN ANGELO (AP) - The West Texas judge assigned to the bigamy trial of a former lieutenant to polygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs has been replaced.

Senior state District Judge Robert Moore of Big Spring will replace District Judge Barbara Walther as presiding judge of Wendell Loy Nielsen's trial, scheduled to begin March 21, the San Angelo Standard-Times reported.

Judge Dean Rucker, presiding judge of the 7th Administrative Judicial Region, ordered the change in a terse court order. The document gave no reason for the change, and

Walther declined to comment, the Standard-Times reported.

Last month, Walther moved the trial from San Angelo to Midland, about 100 miles northwest of San Angelo.

The 71-year-old ex-president of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints renounced a plea deal in November and said he'd go to trial on three counts of felony bigamy. He is accused of marrying three women in 2005

Nielsen and 11 other FLDS members were indicted after a 2008 police raid at the church's remote compound in West Texas. Jeffs, the ecclesiastical head of the church, was convicted in August and sentenced to life in prison for sexually assaulting two of his child brides. Prosecutors said Jeffs had two dozen underage wives in all.

Walther has presided over all of the FLDS trials to date. Sect attorneys have repeatedly asked that she be replaced, accusing her of bias against sect members. Walther signed the search warrants that led to the April 2008 raid on the Yearning For Zion ranch near Eldorado, about 45 miles south of San Angelo.

Mistakenly released N.C. killer recaptured in Dallas

YORK, S.C. (AP) - A convicted killer from North Carolina who was mistakenly freed from a South Carolina jail while facing drug charges has

been recaptured in Texas. York County Sheriff Bruce Bryant said Friday that 31-year-old Thomas Aaron Whitlock had been arrested in Dallas.

Whitlock had been on the run since he was released from the York County jail Monday.

Authorities didn't realize the mistake until the next afternoon.

Bryant has said he's started an investigation into how the mistake happened.

Whitlock was convicted in May of seconddegree murder in the 2009 shooting death of Jamie Thompson in Charlotte, N.C. Whitlock also has prior convictions for burglary, robbery and drug charges in South Carolina. Whitlock evaded police for months after

Thompson's death but was also eventually arrested in Texas that time

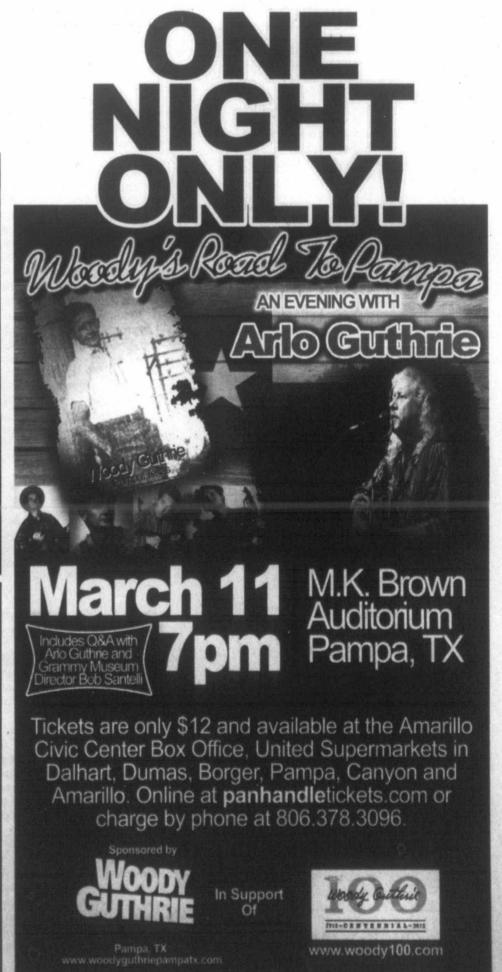


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Today in History

Today is Saturday, March 3, the 63rd day of 2012. There are 303 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On March 3, 1931, President Herbert Hoover signed a congressional resolution making "The Star-Spangled Banner" the national anthem of the United States.

On this date:

In 1845, Florida became the 27th state.

In 1849, the U.S. Department of the Interior was

In 1887, Anne Sullivan arrived at the Tuscumbia, Ala., home of Captain and Mrs. Arthur H. Keller to become the teacher for their blind and deaf 6-yearold daughter, Helen.

In 1894, British Prime Minister William Gladstone submitted his resignation to Queen Victoria, ending his fourth and final premiership. In 1923, Time magazine, founded by Briton Hadden and Henry R. Luce, made its debut.

In 1940, Artie Shaw and his orchestra recorded "Frenesi" for RCA Victor.

In 1945, the Allies fully secured the Philippine capital of Manila from Japanese forces during World War II.

In 1961, King Hassan II acceded to the throne of Morocco, following the death of his father, King Mohammed V.

In 1969, Apollo 9 blasted off from Cape Kennedy on a mission to test the lunar module.

In 1974, a Turkish Airlines DC-10 crashed shortly after takeoff from Orly Airport in Paris, killing all 346 people on board.

In 1987, comedian Danny Kaye died in Los Angeles at age 74.

In 1991, motorist Rodney King was severely beaten by Los Angeles police officers in a scene captured on amateur video. Twenty-five people were killed when a United Airlines Boeing 737-200 crashed while approaching the Colorado Springs airport.

Ten years ago: Voters in Switzerland approved joining the United Nations, abandoning almost 200 years of formal neutrality. Country songwriter Harlan Howard, whose hits included "I Fall to Pieces" and "Busted," died in Nashville at age 74.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush handed out hugs to residents who survived killer tornadoes that ripped through Alabama and Georgia and offered encouraging words at Enterprise High School, where students were grieving the loss of eight classmates.

One year ago: Seeking to repair damaged relations, President Barack Obama and Mexican President Felipe Calderon agreed during a White House meeting to deepen their cooperation in combating drug violence and declared a breakthrough in efforts to end a long-standing dispute over cross-border trucking. Soldiers backing Ivory Coast's defiant leader, Laurent Gbagbo, mowed down women protesting his refusal to leave power in a hail of gunfire, killing seven.

Today's Birthdays: Bluegrass singer-musician Doc Watson is 89. Socialite Lee Radziwill is 79. Movie producer-director George Miller is 67. Actress Hattie Winston is 67. Singer Jennifer Warnes is 65. Actor-director Tim Kazurinsky is 62. Singer-musician Robyn Hitchcock is 59. Actor Robert Gossett is 58. Rock musician John Lilley is 58. Actress Miranda Richardson is 54. Radio personality Ira Glass is 53. Actress Mary Page Keller is 51. Olympic track and field gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersee is 50. College Football Hall of Famer Herschel Walker is 50. Rapper-actor Tone Loc is 46. Rock musician John Bigham is 43. Actress Julie Bowen is 42. Country singer Brett Warren (The Warren Brothers) is 41. Actor David Faustino is 38. Singer Ronan Keating (Boyzone) is 35. Rapper Lil' Flip is 31. Actress Jessica Biel is 30. Rock musician Blower (aka Joe Garvey) (Hinder) is 28.

Thought for Today: "Nothing is really real unless it happens on television." - Daniel J. Boorstin, educator and onetime Librarian of Congress (1914-2004).



Looking forward to a future ahead of me

Showers of Blessings

This has been a week full of blessings, and I don't use that term lightly. It started with an opportunity to connect with some old friends, and developed into a way to expand my business.

But most of all, I received several positive comments on the Weavers staying in Pampa, and a couple out of the blue expressing gratitude for the column. Like Mark Twain, I can live

for two months on a good compliment. Not wanting to leave anyone out, I try to avoid names when there are so many to thank, but I would be remiss not to mention Sandra Bronner. Sandra was one of the few people I met before I actually started the job. Our paths have not crossed often, but those crossings have always been pleasant, and her card and attached note struck a chord. Thanks, Sandra and all.

It's All Greek to Me

Pampa is no stranger to Greeks, with the Gikas brothers being longtime residents and entrepreneurs, but Greek names are not exactly common here, either. Here's one to watch for — Demetriades, Keith, by name. His name may sound unfamiliar, and he's not a native to our fair city, but he's not exactly an outsider.

His wife is the former Christie Jones, daughter of JoAnn Jones, daughter of Clotille Thompson, secretary to M. K. Brown. The family goes back at least to the 1930s in the area, so be sure that if Keith doesn't already KNOW everybody's story,

he certainly has access to it. Keith is a recently retired US Navy pilot and has signed on with Edward Jones as an investment counselor, mentored by Duane Harp. There are two little Demetriadeseses... uh, Demetriadi...uh...Keith and Christie have two elementary-age daughters, Jordan and Peyton

G-o-o-l-l-d-d-FINGER (well, not exactly)

In Dumas a few days ago I drove by

the Dairy Queen,

which stirred

my memory.

(Here comes the

'warped" part.)

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quee once boasted "BLIZZARD FLAVOR OF THE MONTH BUTTERFINGER". Now I love Butterfinger blizzards, but what really caught my eye - and my weird sense of humor — was that the middle "ER" was missing from the sign. So help me, I wanted to go in and order one just to see how they

Hey Good Lookin', Whatcha Got Cookin?

On May 15, the Altrusa Club is hosting "A Taste of Pampa". You'll be hearing more about it, but they want to make sure that every restaurant, café, grill, caterer, food provider, chef, and backyard griller gets a chance to show off their wares and skill. If you make (or sell) a great tart, torte, tartar, tartare, torta, tortilla, tortellini, or truffle, come strut your stuff. (Sorry, no torts-or lutefisk-allowed.) For full information, call Sue Pribble at The Pampa News (669-2525) or email: rrlacy@

Leftovers

hotmail.com.

Dang it, it seems like I leave something out of just about every column and have to pick it up the next week. Last week I intended to include the most recent acquisition of The Citadelle in Canadian, a large (7'10") art nouveau poster made

for Sarah Bernhardt by Alphonse Mucha (1860-1939).

Back to the Future?

It would be nice, maybe, if I would cut a little slack for those who make their living speaking—lawyers and preachers, for instance. It would be nice, but it wouldn't be me. A few Sundays ago, Reverend Matthews (pretty sure it was Nick) said, in a sermon-story, "His future is in front of him."

"That's good," I thought. "It would be weird if his future was behind him—or his past in front of him." (I think Nick said it. It could have been Blossom. Or I may have dreamed it—I do a lot of dreaming when he... or she...or anybody else...preaches.

Speaking of Dreams...

Everybody has weird dreams, I guess, but occasionally I dream jokes. Seriously. Sometimes they are pretty good, and sometimes...well, let's leave it at that...and I'll let you decide about this one:

I dreamed that I had invented a new digital electronic notebook specifically for angry people. I called it the iMad. (Ron Hurst said he was ready to order!)

What's in a Name...?

Last month we went to the "First Friday Art Walk" at The Galleries in Sunset Center in Amarillo (I recommend it!), where I saw a work by artist Nelda Sheets. I couldn't help but think that it sounded more like an action than a name: "My feet are

big I had to Nelda Sheets to the name so they wouldn't stick out" or "Nelda Sheets of drywall to da

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Does GOP race mirror Obama-Clinton race?

BETH FOUHY Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) - With no end in sight, the Republican presidential nomination fight may end up mirroring the epic 2008 battle between Democrats Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton that stretched into June. But length may be the only true parallel.

While little of substance separated Obama and Clinton, the Mitt Romney-Rick Santorum slugfest has exposed a huge divide between the GOP's mainstream and its more conservative factions. And that probably won't be easily erased no matter who prevails.

Republicans are serving up the

Obama-Clinton comparison in hopes of quelling concerns about the negativity of this year's nominating race and the persistent unwillingness of many GOP voters to get behind Romney, the field's nominal frontrunner. The fear is that the drawnout primary may end up severely damaging Romney, putting him at a disadvantage in a general election match-up against Obama.

"Clinton and Obama went after each other until June in 2008, and it certainly didn't affect the president's chances going forward when he won that November," Virginia Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell said in an interview recently

That could be wishful thinking for Republicans coming to grips with a party united in its wish to oust Obama but bitterly divided between its establishment wing and a hardright coalition of tea party activists and religious conservatives dissatisfied with Romney.

The 2008 Democratic nominating showdown showcased two of the party's biggest stars and most prodigious fundraisers as they competed across all 50 states. It was also historic, with the most serious black candidate ever to compete for the presidency pitted against the top female contender.

The race had its share of nasty moments, like a debate where Clinton called Obama's Chicago political

patron Tony Rezko a "slumlord" and another where Obama coolly dismissed Clinton as "likable enough." There were also accusations of sexism and race baiting, but those were traded among supporters of each candidate and not the contenders themselves.

Obama and Clinton argued over electability and experience but largely steered clear of the kind of personal attacks that have become a staple of this year's Republican race

Romney's opponents have spen the past year depicting the former Massachusetts governor as a ruthless corporate raider from his days at the Bain Capital private equity firm. Ir turn, Romney and his allies have cas Santorum as a Washington influence peddler who wasted tax dollars or pork barrel projects during his day: in Congress.

Romney and backers running a super PAC to benefit him have also targeted Newt Gingrich - for a time Romney's most serious conservative challenger - with an ad calling CAMPAIGN cont. on page 5A

Sunday in History

Today is Sunday, March 4, the 64th day of 2012. There are 302 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 4, 1789, the Constitution of the United States went into effect as the first Federal Congress met in New York. (The lawmakers then adjourned for lack of a quorum.)

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In 1681, England's King Charles II granted a charter to William Penn for an area of land that later became Pennsylvania.

In 1791, Vermont became the 14th state

In 1858, Sen. James Henry Hammond of South Carolina declared "Cotton is king" in a speech to the U.S. Senate.

In 1861, Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated as the 16th president of the United States. The U.S. Government Printing Office began operation. The Confederate States of America adopted as its flag the original version of the Stars and Bars.

In 1912, groundbreaking took place in New York for Ebbets Field, home of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

In 1917, Republican Jeannette Rankin of Montana took her seat as the first woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1930, Coolidge Dam in Arizona was dedicated by its namesake, former President Calvin Coolidge.

In 1940, Kings Canyon National Park in California was established.

In 1952, Ronald Reagan and Nancy Davis were married in California's San Fernando Valley.

In 1960, an explosives-laden French freighter, La Coubre, exploded in Havana's harbor, killing at least 75 people.

In 1977, some 1,500 people were killed in an earthquake that shook southern and eastern Europe.

In 1981, a jury in Salt Lake City convicted Joseph Paul Franklin, an avowed racist and serial killer, of violating the civil rights of two black men who'd been shot to death. (Franklin received two life sentences for this crime; he is currently on Missouri's death row for the 1977 murder of a Jewish man, Gerald Gordon.)

Ten years ago: Seven American soldiers were killed, 11 wounded, in Afghanistan at the outset of Operation Anaconda against remnant Taliban and al-Qaida forces. European Union's 15 members ratified the Kyoto Protocol on global warming, but failed to set pollutantemission levels to meet the accord's targets.

Five years ago: NAACP President Bruce S. Gordon announced he was quitting the civil rights organization after just 19 months at the helm, citing growing strain with board members over the group's management style and future operations. Former Sen. Thomas Eagleton, who resigned as George McGovern's running mate in 1972 after it was revealed he'd been hospitalized for depression, died in St. Louis, Mo., at age 77.

One year ago: Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's regime struck back at its opponents with a powerful attack on Zawiya, the closest opposition-held city to Tripoli, and a barrage of tear gas and live ammunition to smother new protests in the capital. NASA launched its Glory satellite from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California on what was supposed to have been a three-year mission to analyze how airborne particles affect Earth's climate; however, the rocket carrying Glory plummeted into the southern Pacific several minutes after liftoff.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Paula Prentiss is 74. Movie director Adrian Lyne is 71. Singer Bobby Womack is 68. Rock musician Chris Squire (Yes) is 64. Singer Shakin' Stevens is 64. Author James Ellroy is 64. Texas Gov. Rick Perry is 62. Singer Chris Rea is 61. Actor Ronn Moss is 60. Actress Kay Lenz is 59. Musician Emilio Estefan is 59. Movie director Scott Hicks is 59. Actress Catherine O'Hara is 58. Actor Mykelti Williamson is 55. Actress Patricia Heaton is 54. Actor Steven Weber is 51. Rock musician Jason Newsted is 49. Actress Stacy Edwards is 47. Rapper Grand Puba is 46. Rock musician Patrick Hannan (The Sundays) is 46. Rock singer Evan Dando (Lemonheads) is 45. Actress Patsy Kensit is 44. Gay rights activist Chaz Bono is 43. Actor Nick Stabile is 42. Rock musician Fergal Lawler (The Cranberries) is 41. Country singer Jason Sellers is 41. Jazz musician Jason Marsalis is 35. Actress Jessica Heap is 29. TV personality Whitney Port is 27. Actor Joshua Bowman is 24. Actress Andrea Bowen ("Desperate Housewives") is 22. Actress Jenna Boyd is 19.

Thought for Today: "I want to live my life so that my nights are not full of regrets." - D.H. Lawrence, English author (1885-1930)

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the former House speaker ethically tainted. "More baggage than the airlines," is how one widely aired ad run by the pro-Romney super PAC Restore Our Future characterized Gingrich.

Geoff Garin, a Democratic pollster who was Clinton's chief strategist in the final months of her campaign, said the former New York senator made sure there was no strategy that would undermine Obama's viability in a general election.

"Both Democratic and independent voters looked at Obama and Clinton and said to themselves, 'These are two really good candidates.' In a very hard-fought contest, both candidates managed to elevate themselves," Garin said. "The Republican contest this year is the complete opposite a complete demolition derby, with a level of negativity that is exponentially greater than anything that happened on the

Democratic side in 2008." Romney, the establishment favorite, has presented himself as a successful businessman who knows how to fix the stillfragile economy. But he's been unable to steer past Santorum, whose values-laden message has delighted social conservatives and whose denunciation of Romney's support for an individual health care mandate

as Massachusetts governor has resonated with tea partyers.

In 2008, Clinton and Obama agreed on nearly every major issue - though parting ways over the war in Iraq, which galvanized Democratic voters in the early part of the campaign before being overshadowed by economic concerns. Clinton, as a senator from New York, voted in 2002 to authorize the U.S. invasion. Obama, an Illinois state senator at the time, strongly opposed the intervention.

The GOP primary calendar, backloaded so many big states won't vote until late in the contest, has made it all but impossible for any candidate to assemble enough delegates to sew up the nomination anytime soon.

The long Democratic contest four years ago generated heavy voter turnout in most states. Turnout in the Republican race this year has been down in many places compared to 2008, despite Republicans' intense desire to defeat Obama. Voter participation did pick up in Michigan and Arizona's primaries this week compared to 2008, but turnout in other states so far has been lower or about the same as it was that year.

The Obama and Clinton campaigns were both flooded with campaign contributions

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in 2008 - Obama brought in \$237 million in the first half of the year when he was battling Clinton directly, while Clinton drew \$117 million during the same period. None of the Republicans this time is remotely on track to raise comparable cash, forcing them to rely more heavily on their super PACs, which can raise and spend unlimited donations as long as they don't coordinate directly with the candi-

Obama and Clinton remained popular during their drawn-out contest, while this year's race has taken its toll on Romney's favorability. A Qunnipiac University poll released last week found 43 percent of voters viewed him unfavorably, up from 31 percent in November.

Still, some Republicans insist that the long primary will toughen the party's eventual standard bearer, much as the prolonged faceoff with Clinton was credited with preparing Obama for his general election battle with Republican Sen. John McCain.

"It's a healthy thing we're having a competitive primary race," said Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal. "A contested primary is a good thing; it'll make our nominee stronger

Austin leaders approve 2013 disposable bag ban

AUSTIN (AP) - The Austin City Council has approved a ban on disposable plastic and paper bags at checkout counters for retailers.

The ban approved early Friday takes effect next March. Reusable bags that are allowed include those made of cloth, durable materials or thicker paper and plastic bags with handles.

The ban has exemptions, including single-use bags for newspapers, bulk foods and carry-out items from restaurants. Charitable groups relying on single-use bags to distribute food and other assistance are also exempt.

Supporters of the disposable bag ban raised trash and other environmental concerns.

Leaders of the Texas Retailers Association and other critics have said they fear the bag ban will affect business.

Austin city officials plan to spend \$2 million on an education campaign about the ban.

Permian

oil and gas industry and accounts for more than twothirds of Texas' total oil production.

basin's 8.1 million acres is made up of New Mexico trust land. State officials said there are more than 6,000 oil and gas leases in this area.

As part of the agreement, the state land office is classifving about 66,000 acres as off-limits to development to protect the species.

Pearce said Friday he looks forward to reviewing the details of the agreement.

"My issue is whether a listing is warranted. I believe it

is not," he said. "I hope this agreement with the state, in addition to the one already in place with the counties and Nearly one-third of the locals, will be taken seriously Secretary Salazar before making a rush to judgment on a listing in June.'

> Powell said protection of the environment and energy development should not be viewed as mutually exclusive. He pointed to the industry as an economic driver and contributor to the trust that funds education, hospitals and other state initiatives.

> "The bottom line is by creating this partnership and working with private landowners

and the industries that are so important to the prosperity of the state, we're going to make sure we take care of the health of all species while we generate revenues and maintain

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Two Houston pilots home after detainment in Panama

HOUSTON (AP) - Two Houston pilots are back in the United States after a 10-month ordeal in which they were detained in Panama as part of a money laun-

dering investigation. Kenneth Chonoski and Carl Moody were condition-

ally released and allowed to temporarily return home on Thursday. Both were arrested last May on suspicion of money laundering after landing a private jet in the Central American country.

The Houston Chronicle (http://bit.ly/xnAIHt) reports customs inspectors found \$2.3 million in the bags of a passenger from Honduras.

After their arrests, the men were eventually transferred to penitentiary where each lost about 20 pounds and neither could speak Spanish.

"Prison is a very bad place, and I don't wish it on anybody," Chonoski, 28, told the newspaper after he and Moody were welcomed home Thursday by family and friends at a local airport. "We are looking forward to getting back our good names and getting on with

After four months of confinement, Moody, 67, who was battling health issues, was released from prison but ordered to stay in the country pending the case's

Chonoski was released under similar conditions in December.

Ida Mirones, a Panamanian prosecutor, told The Associated Press on Friday the two men were given permission to temporarily return to the United States so they could renew their pilot licenses.

"They (the pilots) continue being investigated with other persons," she said.

The pilots will return to Panama in about a month or so after they finish their training, Bruce Hicks, a spokesman for American Jet International, their employer, said Friday.

The two men will then remain in Panama until their case is resolved. Hicks said the men are hoping an agreement can be reached allowing them to return permanently to the U.S. until their case is done.

"They have absolute trust in the Panamanian justice system. They believe it's a fair system," Hicks said.

The case won't be considered closed until charges are resolved against all those originally accused. Three passengers, including a Colombian who claimed to be working secretly for the Drug Enforcement Administration, remain in custody. Also accused in the case are a Panamanian customs officer and a

All those arrested in the case were charged with money laundering, Mirones said.

The pilots' Panamanian lawyer, Rosendo Miranda, said it was rare for the men to be allowed to leave the country when charges against everyone accused in the

case had not yet been resolved. "We are absolutely innocent of any wrongdoing," Moody, an ex-Green Beret, told the newspaper. "We have proved our innocence. (Prosecutors) believe us

and are letting us start to get back to our lives." During the ordeal, American Jet International has been paying their salaries, legal costs, housing and other expenses.

The men's situation was addressed by Attorney General Eric Holder at a congressional hearing last month in which he denied claims the pilots were part of a U.S. undercover operation.

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Moody, who had only been with the company only a month before his arrest, said he'd missed much while away, including his son graduating from Army Ranger school and being deployed to Afghanistan.

Chonoski, who had only been with the company seven years, said he'd had to put his life on hold as well, including having to postpone his wedding.

Man condemned in east Texas calling for new DNA testing

TYLER (AP) — A man who served more than 20 years in prison for the killing of an east Texas woman and who took a plea deal to avoid a fourth murder trial has called for new DNA testing that he believes will prove his innocence.

Kerry Max Cook was twice sentenced to death for the 1977 rape and killing of 21-year-old Linda Jo Edwards, of Tyler. Courts overturned both convictions. In 1999, Cook agreed to plead no contest to murder in Edwards' death in exchange for a sentence of time served, which allowed him to go free.

A no contest plea is not an admission of guilt but is treated as such for the purposes of sentencing.

Cook has become a speaker and author on the topic of wrongful convictions. His attorneys filed a motion this week in Smith County District Court calling for new testing on forensic evidence in the case, contending that state authorities possess "a substantial volume of additional untested evidence that will further corroborate Mr. Cook's innocence.'

Smith County district attorney Matt Bingham said he was unfamiliar with much of the case but would not oppose the motion. He said he would look into whether any untested evidence remains in storage.

"If items exist that can be tested that shed some light on the case, I plan on having them tested," Bingham said.

Cook also filed a motion calling on District Judge Jack Skeen, who prosecuted the case, to recuse himself.

Skeen could not be reached, but Bingham said any criminal cases from when Skeen was district attorney typically go to another judge.

Cook was tried three times for Edwards' murder and nearly a fourth before he agreed to the plea deal. evidence that may contain DNA that

His first conviction, a year after Edwards' death, was vacated by the U.S. Supreme Court.

A second trial ended with a hung jury. Cook was convicted a third time in 1994, but the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals overturned the conviction because prosecutors read the testimony of a witness at the first trial who had died.

Weeks after the plea, prosecutors said semen found on Edwards' underpants matched James Mayfield, who was Edwards' boyfriend.

A Smith County grand jury closed its inquiry into the slaying shortly thereafter without charging Mayfield or anyone else.

Marc McPeak, an attorney for Cook, said in a statement that DNA testing laws have changed since the nocontest plea.

"The belief is that there is additional

is not Mr. Cook's and which will further demonstrate his innocence," McPeak said in the statement.

David Dobbs, another prosecutor during the third trial who is now a defense attorney in Tyler, said that prosecutors committed some "serious misconduct" during the first trial that hindered future efforts to convict

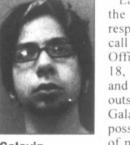
He said Cook was entitled to test any available evidence, though he still believes Cook was guilty.

"If there's anything that can be tested, and it can be located at this late a date, then certainly it should be tested," Dobbs said.

New DNA testing could help exonerate Cook. If he's formally declared innocent, Cook could seek \$80,000 for each year that he was incarcerated under the state's compensation law for wrongfully convicted inmates.

Drugs

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Galaviz





Williams

Later that evening around 7 p.m., the Pampa Police Department responded to a public intoxication call on the 700 block of 19th Street. Officers found Alexander Galaviz, 18, of Pampa, to be intoxicated, and also discovered that he had an outstanding warrant. When taking Galaviz to jail, officers found him in possession of less than two ounces of marijuana, and charged him with both public intoxication and possession of marijuana.

Bond for Galaviz was set at \$1,750. On Thursday at 5 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation in the 700 block of Montague. The driver, Marie Tosh, 48, of Perryton, consented to a search of her vehicle, during which officers found a substance believed to be methamphetamine.

Tosh was charged with possession of a controlled substance, in an amount greater than one gram, but under four. Her bond was set at

About midnight on Friday, officers stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation on the 3100 block of Perryton. Officers performed a search, finding a substance believed to be methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

Charles Williams, 31, of Mansfield, La., was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance.

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Eight people connected to a Laguna Pueblo Indian-owned construction company were indicted by a federal grand jury in an elaborate kickback and money laundering scheme involving Iraqi construction projects, U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales announced Friday.

The 91-count indictment this week said former officers of Laguna Construction Co. and four foreign nationals face charges including conspiracy, wire fraud and money laundering after a fouryear, international investigation involving U.S. defense contracts for wartime rebuilding projects in

The scheme sought to defraud the U.S. Department of Defense out of millions of dollars by submitting false subcontracting claims from offices in Albuquerque, San Antonio, Texas, Iraq and Jordan, authorities said.

The indictment charges former company president Neal Kasper, 62, of Cibolo, Texas, former vice president Bradley Christiansen, 46, of Albuquerque, N.M., and manager Tiffany White, 45, also of Cibolo, with conspiracy to defraud the U.S. of more than \$5 million through wire fraud.

wife, Christiansen's Sara Christiansen, was charged with money laundering and conspiracy.

Construction workers in kickback ring

Mustapha Ahmad, who is a Lebanese citizen, Ali Al Aridhi, who is a citizen of Iraq, and Jordanian citizens Ramzi Snobar and Yacoub Snobar also were charged with participating in the wire fraud conspiracy.

"The indictment alleges that the efendants flagrantly enriched themselves at the expense of the Iraqi people — the very people they were there to help - and American taxpayers," Gonzales said. "The message here is simple: Stealing from our government is just as intolerable whether done here or abroad."

It was unclear whether any of the indicted former employees had hired attorneys. There was no answer at a phone number listed for Kasper. A phone message left at the Christiansens' home was not immediately returned, and White did not have a phone number listed at her address.

Laguna Construction Co., a federally designated minority disadvantaged business owned by Laguna Pueblo, said in a statement Friday evening that it was pleased with the indictments, saying it had worked extensively with investigators to bring the individuals to justice.

"We are victims of this scheme as much as the federal government and American taxpayers. The malfeasance of these individuals, in whom we placed our trust, led to the destruction of Laguna Construction Co. and the unemployment of innocent, hard-working employees," the company said.

Pueblo Gov. Richard Luarkie said he was pleased justice would

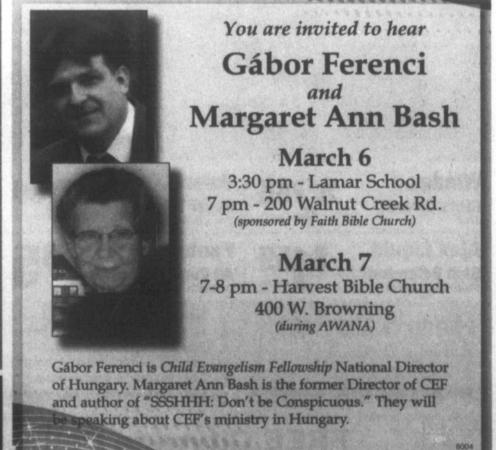
According to the indictment, the Defense Department funded numerous construction and rebuilding projects in Iraq and Jordan during the Iraqi war and through 2011. The contracts included ones administered by the United States Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment.

Authorities said Construction Co. successfully bid and was awarded more than \$350 million in contracts for wartime reconstruction projects.

But federal authorities said from January 2004 through February 2009, Kasper, Bradley Christiansen and White colluded with the foreign nationals to defraud the U.S. of more than \$5 million through overcharges, subcontractor kickbacks and money laundering.

The indictment said Kasper, White and the Christiansens tried to conceal the kickbacks by transferring money into bank accounts KICKBACK cont. on page 7A





Full Ohio delegate slate could be out of reach for Santorum

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - A wrinkle in his early campaign filings could leave Republican presidential hopeful Rick Santorum without almost a third of the available Ohio delegates even if he wins Super Tuesday's primary election.

Santorum, who took a campaign swing through the state Friday, has already forsaken nine delegates by not being on ballots in three Ohio congressional districts.

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Party officials said Friday the problem goes deeper. Santorum failed to file a full complement of delegates in six additional districts, said central committee member Bob Bennett. The holes add up to another nine delegates, for a total of 18 out of the 63 up for grabs. Santorum also did not file all 18 of his at-large delegates.

"He may very well leave delegates on the sidelines," Bennett said. "Say he would win 70 percent of the state.

He doesn't have that many delegates."

Ohio Republican Party spokesman Chris Maloney says party rules call for appointing a three-member Committee on Contest to decide what to do with the unallocated delegates. That panel's recommendation would go back to the GOP's state central committee for

"The leftover delegates will be considered unallocated, and the presidential campaigns will be able to file a contest with the GOP to claim them," Maloney said.

An email was not immediately answered seeking comment from the Santorum campaign.

On a February stop at the Ohio Statehouse, Santorum

BP, plaintiffs reach settlement on spill

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — BP and a committee representing plaintiffs suing over the 2010 Gulf oil spill have reached an agreement, a federal judge said late Friday

As a result of the agreement that will be filed with the court for approval, the trial that was scheduled to begin Monday has been postponed for a second time, Judge Carl Barbier said.

No new date was immediately set.

The settlement will likely result in a realignment of the parties in this litigation and require substantial changes to the current trial plan, Barbier said. He didn't elaborate, and there was no mention in his order of anything about the status of BP's talks with the federal government and other parties.

The Deepwater Horizon rig exploded in the Gulf of Mexico off Louisiana in April 2010, killing 11 workers and spewing more than 200 million gallons of oil from an undersea well owned by BP. The spill soiling sensitive tidal estuaries and beaches, killing wildlife and shutting vast areas of the Gulf to commercial fishing.

For BP, the settlement represents only a fraction of its overall liability.

The company reported profits of \$40 billion, \$7.7 billion alone in the last quarter. It recently raised its dividend to shareholders by 14 percent. BP recently said it has 5 deep water rigs operating in the Gulf of Mexico and expects to be operating an additional three by the end of 2012.

Arms-to-Iran suspect seeks bond release

McDonald, who asked the

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"The risk is not that he'll

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The prosecutor argued

that Tappin has no ties to the

U.S. and failed to disclose to

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Arab Emirates and South Africa. McDonald also

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McDonald said.

der of the proceedings.

EL PASO (AP) — A retired British businessman accused of trying to sell missile parts to Iran asked a federal judge in Texas on Friday to release him on bond, agreeing to comply with any measures the court deems fit to ensure he doesn't flee.

Christopher Tappin, 65, is accused of trying to buy specialized batteries for surface-to-air Hawk missiles for \$25,000 from undercover American agents, with the intent to export them to Iran.

Federal judge Robert Castaneda is expected to his decision announce

the courtroom wearing an orange-red prison jumpsuit, with his feet and one hand shackled. U.S. Marshals allowed the other hand to remain free so Tappin could use a cane he needs to walk.

The bond request was strongly opposed by assistant U.S. attorney Gregg

to deal U.S. Technology to Iran even after he was Monday. Tappin was escorted into indicted in 2007.

Kickback

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of relatives and companies they controlled. Authorities said they accepted kickbacks in the form of automobiles and cash, and used the funds to remodel residential real property.

The American defendants are scheduled to appear in U.S. District Court in Albuquerque on March 15 for arraignments. Federal authorities said the whereabouts of the foreign nationals are

said he didn't view not being on the ballot in three Ohio congressional districts as an impediment to his

The party doles out 48 delegates from the March 6 primary based on how well candidates do in each of Ohio's 16 congressional districts. The other 18 delegates are awarded at large.

Ryan Williams, a spokesman for the rival campaign of former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, criticized the

"Rick Santorum has failed to get on the ballot in Virginia, has failed to file full delegate slates in Tennessee, New Hampshire and Illinois, and has failed to submit enough delegates in several Ohio congressional districts," he said in a statement. "The fact that he cannot execute the simple tasks that are required to win

the Republican nomination proves that Rick Santorum is incapable of taking on President Obama's formidable political machine."

Santorum filed two of three delegates in Ohio's 3rd, 8th, and 12th congressional districts and one of three delegates in the 4th, 10th, and 16th districts.

Bennett said Santorum didn't file alternates in all those districts, but where they're available he believes Santorum should be allowed to use them if he wins.

"I think that common sense would say that if he carries a district, you're going to give him the ability to have all three delegates (by using alternates)," Bennett said. "That's my opinion. You'd have to check with other people because there are going to be a whole variety of opinions on that."

Santorum wants Mich. split investigated

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Rick Santorum's presidential campaign asked Friday that the Republican National Committee's legal counsel investigate the Michigan GOP's decision to give a delegate Santorum thought he'd won to Mitt Romney.

State party rules said 28 delegates were to be awarded based on Tuesday's results in each of the state's 14 congressional districts. Two at-large delegates were to be awarded based on the statewide vote in the GOP presidential primary.

But the state party's credentials committee said Thursday that it changed the rules Feb. 4 to give both at-large delegates to the overall winner. As a result, Romney ended up with 16 delegates to Santorum's 14, rather than a 15-15 split.

Credentials committee member Saul Anuzis, a Romney supporter, said a party memo saying the at-large delegates would be awarded proportionally was wrong.

"It is clear now that the memo did not properly communicate the intent of the committee," Anuzis said. 'Could you interpret it both ways? Yes. But this is what

The decision angered Santorum supporters in Michigan and nationally, with some accusing party leaders of trying to make the switch so Romney could declare victory in his native state.

"This request is not about the allocation of a single delegate; it is about ensuring a transparent electoral process, avoiding unscrupulous tactics and backroom deals by establishment figures and campaigns who may not have received the result they hoped for at the ballot box," Santorum campaign lawyer Cleta Mitchell said in a letter sent to RNC Chairman Reince Priebus requesting the investigation.

The Santorum campaign said the decision to change the delegate allocation rules occurred after Tuesday's election, a charge Michigan GOP spokesman Matt Frendewey denies.

Still, credentials committee member Mike Cox voted Thursday against giving Romney 16 delegates because he said the candidates went into Tuesday's election thinking the at-large delegates would be awarded proportionally because that's what a memo sent to the campaigns said.

During a conference call with reporters Friday, the Santorum campaign's Michigan chairman said the credentials committee should reverse its decision giving Romney both at-large delegates and split the delegates 15-15 rather than allow the dispute to drag on to a fight before the RNC rules committee at the national conven-

"Now is the time ... to make sure this is resolved," Glenn Clark said.

Frendewey said the committee can't change the rules at this point.

"They have the right to challenge the allocation of the delegates, but we've allocated them by our rules," Frendewey said. "The rules never changed. ... It's

Michigan originally had 59 national convention delegates but lost half by holding its primary ahead of March 6, in violation of national party rules.

player of sorts in Ohio, where he plans one day of campaigning as well as a 30-minute, policy-thick cable television commercial about energy, an ad costing him \$2,750 to run five times through Monday. The poll that found Romney and Santorum vying for the Ohio lead put Gingrich at 17 percent.

Paul, the favorite of the libertarian wing of his party, had 12 percent support in the poll. He planned no television ads or serious campaigning yet was sure to draw his fervent supporters to the polling stations for a campaign that has vet to win a state.

Gingrich planned to visit Ohio on Saturday to appear in a forum with former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and give remarks to a National Rifle Association event in Findlay and a GOP dinner in Bowling Green.

Campaigning in Savannah, Ga., Gingrich called

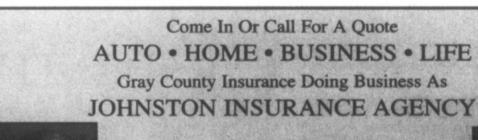
Romney the "inside, establishment candidate" who would go to Washington "to manage the decay," and

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"We're not worried about losing Georgia," said Rick Tyler, a former Gingrich aide who is with a pro-Gingrich political committee that is spending almost \$740,000 in advertising in Georgia. "But at the same time, he has to do well in Georgia." Tyler described the state as "a lot like South Carolina," where Gingrich pulled off his only victory to date.

said Santorum would not change the status quo, either.

In Bellevue, Wash., Romney implored supporters to come out for the Saturday caucuses, promising them "it won't take a long time, it'll just make a big difference." His Western campaigning included stops in North Dakota and Idaho. Massachusetts, Oklahoma and Tennessee are among the other Super Tuesday states.





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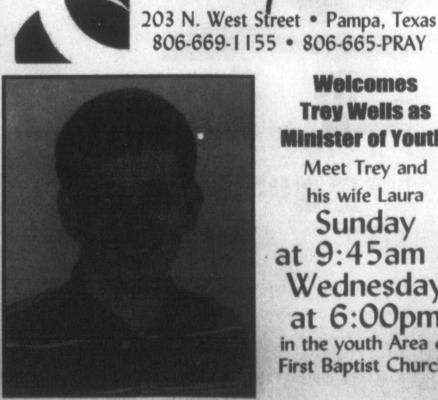
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Election

early voting is so many days out, your candidates' filing period is so many days prior to the election — everything revolves around that election date. When we don't know when the election itself is, we're in limbo about when we can schedule all that other stuff."

On Thursday, much to Lewis' relief, Texas finally established its primary date. A panel of three federal judges in San Antonio issued an order Thursday that sets primaries for May 29. Candidate lists across the state may see some late additions due to the delay, as the filing period was also reopened and will close at 6 p.m. (5 p.m. here in Gray County due to the election office's closing time) next Friday.

Currently, Lewis' office is proceeding with preparations revolving around the May 29 date, although appeals from several voter interest groups may yet complicate the process.

"We're going with (May 29), because there's word from San Antonio," Lewis said. "There's rumors that the entities that be are going forward with their opposition on a federal level, so we may get word to stop what we're doing. For now, though, we're going with it."

Despite the election date finally being nailed down, though, the prolonged wait has already caused a number issues for Lewis and the election office. For one, the redistricting chaos has caused a lengthy delay in the mailing of voter registration cards, a source of confusion for many Gray County residents.

Since the new year, the election office has already released several statements through the media to let Gray County residents know that registration cards will be mailed out once a green light to do so is received from the state.

"Gray County's voters are very active," Lewis said.
"They want to know what's going on, and when they don't get their ID cards when they normally do, it's a big cause for concern that, unfortunately, we just haven't been able to address except for saying bear with us. They are coming, but we just haven't been able to mail them out yet."

On top of that, Lewis has had to constantly worry about whether her polling locations would be available.

"Another thing we've had to do is keep in constant contact with our polling places, because we've had to keep rescheduling when we're going to be there," she said. It's like, can you keep the M.K. Brown (Civic Center) open for us on this date also?"

The long wait has also delayed the reeducation of election officials, who Lewis said often need to review procedures and equipment use because of the large intervals between elections.

"It's created a problem in the fact that we couldn't

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have permission from their parents and principals."

According to the Child Evangelism Fellowship website, Good News Club is a program where teachers meet with children in approved locations and teach weekly bible lessons using CEF materials. Teachers use songs, scripture, a mission story and other activities.

According to Ferenci's biography, he has been a part of CEF since graduating college in 1996, Ferenci was invited to CEF while completing 18 months of civil service. After his civil service, he was invited to

be a full-time worker with CEF starting as a trainee. Ferenci was promoted to local worker then to instructor. In 2000, he was asked to join the National Board of CEF. Kennedy said she is excited about him coming.

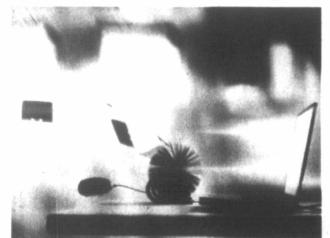
"It's a great opportunity to meet a man like that," Kennedy said.

After visiting Pampa, Ferenci will visit Amarillo, then

continue to Alabama, Ohio, Missouri and North Carolina over the next two months.

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go forward with our election school," said Lewis. "(Normally) we bring everybody in. We take all of our judges, all of our clerks, we bring them in and let them look at the equipment, tear down the equipment, work with the equipment — know how to do everything on Election Day to feel like they have a working knowledge. They refresh because they only do it once an election, once every six months to a year. They need that refresher.

"We've had to postpone that because we don't want to do it too far out. (Election officials) need it as fresh as they can get it, so we've postponed it."

Those election schools, according to Lewis, are usually scheduled on the Friday before early voting starts. The secretary of state's office has yet to issue a concrete early voting date, so as of now, the election school's scheduling remains in a holding pattern.

The primary's late spring date, Lewis said, has created another problem.

"It's condensed everything into that May turnaround

time," Lewis said. "For one month, we're going to be very super busy, and it's a month when we've historically had a hard time manning the elections."

"We have a difficult time having those May elections

tions, both college and high school," Lewis explained. "A lot of our workers are grandparents or great-grandparents, and they go to those graduations. Throwing in that we're having the City Election ending on the 12th of May with 10 days of early voting before that, it will tumble right into early voting for the primary. It's just going to be a huge turnaround for not only our equipment, but also for our workers. They're going to have to be fresh and ready to go."

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For now, then, Lewis continues to plug away, communicating with state officials, scheduling election events and preparing candidate packets for anyone who wants to take advantage of the new filing period. At this point, she said, Gray County's election office is ready to get going, regardless of the next, seemingly inevitable curveball that this year's wild, wacky election season may throw.

"Believe me, we're ready," Lewis said. "A lot of things, we've already done. We've set up our workers in payroll. We've been able to dialog back in forth with them to try to make sure they are going to be available. Our polling places have been working with us. This whole thing is just so crazy. We're just waiting for the next thing, you know? But we're just ready to get started."



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Sports

Harvesters escape Iowa Park, fall to Wichita Falls

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After being held to one hit and three base runners in the opener of the Burkburnett Tournament, the Pampa Harvesters' bats came to life against the Iowa Park Hawks. Pampa recorded 13 hits and a strong fourth inning carried it to an 8-7

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Snelgrooes

victory Thursday in Burkburnett.
"The boys came out and did some good things," head coach Kaleb Snelgrooes said. "(Iowa Park) came out and threw a lefty at us. We got off on our timing a little bit, but we went after him and put

some runs up."

Junior James Thompson and senior
Collin Killgo both went three-for-three
and combined for four runs, three RBI
and two stolen bases. Snelgrooes said
Thompson is seeing the ball well.

"(Thompson) has put in a lot of work," Snelgroees said. "It's paying off. I couldn't be more proud of the kid."

The Harvesters (3-4) jumped out to a 3-1 lead after 2 and 1/2 innings. Thompson scored twice with an RBI single by Killgo and a passed ball by Iowa Park's pitcher. Killgo doubled in the third and was brought home on a double by

junior Jordan Lemons. Pampa's offense was aided by two throwing errors in the first inning.

The Hawks responded in the bottom of the third with a single, double and a sacrifice fly. An error on a sacrifice bunt led to another score as Iowa Park took its only lead of the game at 4-3. Pampa took over the game in the fourth inning. Thompson put Pampa back in front with a two-RBI triple to center, scoring junior Taylor Woods and senior Cole Engle. Senior Jared Lusk followed with a triple to center scoring Thompson. Killgo recorded his second RBI with a double to left. Pampa led 7-4 after four innings.

Sophomore Ethan Hunt (2-0) picked up the win, pitching a complete game. Hunt struggled with control as he walked four consecutive batters in the second inning and allowed two runners to score on a passed ball in the fifth. Snelgrooes said he was pleased with how Hunt lasted the entire game.

"I told coach (Tyson) Hickman that we are going to stick with (Hunt) and see what he could do," Snelgrooes said. "He completed the game for us. He kept the ball down, threw off speed and kept them off balance. He grew up a lot."

Pampa opened Friday with a 12-1 loss to the Wichita Falls Coyotes. The Harvesters' only run was on a RBI single by Killgo in the first inning. Pampa only recorded four hits all of them singles. Only four runners made it to second base

or further.

"We kept our strikeouts down but we weren't able to get hits," Snelgrooes said. "(Wichita Falls) defense made plays behind their pitcher."

Killgo made his second start of the season and threw strikes on 29 of 45 pitches. Wichita Falls made good use of those strikes, though, racking up eight hits in two innings. The Coyotes batted a round in the first and second innings. The Harvesters' defense didn't do Killgo any favors, as it recorded three errors in those innings and six for the game. Killgo only last 1 and 2/3 innings, giving up 10 runs (six earned) on eight hits and struck out one. The Coyotes led 12-1 after two.

"(Killgo) filled the zone up and they just hit the ball," Snelgrooes said. "When we had a chance to make plays behind him, we didn't. They are a good team and are going to go a long ways in the playoffs this year."

Junior Tyler Powell finished the game and allowed two unearned runs on four hits, walked two and struck out one in 2 and 1/3 innings. The game was called in the fifth because of the 10-run mercy

The Harvesters finished Friday with the defending 4A state champion Wichita Falls Rider Raiders. Pampa closes the tournament 9 a.m. today against the Caprock Longhorns.



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Junior Taylor Woods slides into first on a pickoff attempt in a February 25 game. Woods was picked off at third in Pampa's 12-1 loss to Wichita Falls.





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SCOREBOARD cont. on page 3B

Monday, March 5

• PHS JV Softball at Amarillo 4 p.m. PHS JV Boys and Girls

Soccer vs. Dumas, games start at 5 p.m., Harvester Field

Tuesday, March 6 PHS JV Baseball at

Arbor Academy, 4:30 • PHS Varsity Boys and

Girls Soccer vs. Dumas, games start at 5 p.m., Harvester Field Wednesday, March 7

· Hidden Hills Senior Scramble, 8 a.m. Thursday, March 8

 PHS Varsity Baseball Midland Tournament · Recreational Volleyball, games start at

7 p.m., Dennis Cavalier Activity Center • PHS Varsity Softball Cowtown Classic

Friday, March 9 • PHS Varsity Baseball Midland Tournament · PHS JV Baseball

Childress Tournament · PHS Varsity Softball Cowtown Classic

· PHS Boys and Girls Golf Invitational

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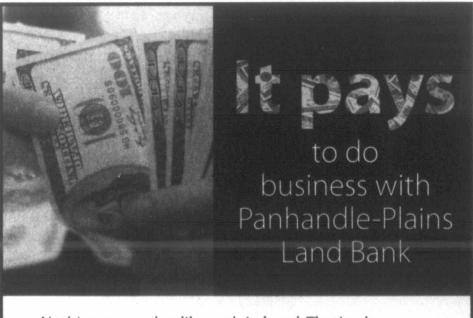
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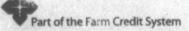
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Varsity Softball

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A. O'Brien 1 H, 1 R, 2 RBI. Pitching: 3 K, 3 H, 1 W; C. Hopkins 2 H, 1 R; T. Britton 1 H; A. Stephens 2 H, 1 2B, 1 R; N. Hardman 2 H, 1 R; M. Alexander 1 H, 2 RBI; B. Wichert 1 R





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FRIDAY Pampa 9 Petrolia 0

H. Coffee pitching: 5 K, 2 H, 1 W; C. Hopkins 3 R, 1 H, 1.000 OBP; N. Hardman 1 R, 1 H, 1 RBI; B. Beck 1 RBI; A. Stephens 2 H, 1 2B, 3 RBI; M. Stokes 1 H, 1 R; K. Wyant 1 H, 1 R; A. O'Brien 1 H, 1 2B, 2 RBI; M. Alexander 2 H, 1 R.

Pampa 7 Henrietta 5

T. Britton 1 RBI pitching: 5 K, 3 H, 1 W; C. Hopkins 1 H, 2 R; 3 SB; N. Hardman 2 H, 1 3B, 3 RBI; M. Stokes 1 H; K. Wyant 2 H, 1 3B; H. Coffee 2 H, B. Wichert 1 R; A. O'Brien 1 H, 1 R; M. Alexander 1 H. SATURDAY

Red Oak 7 Pampa 5

H. Coffee pitching: 4 K, 5 H, 1 L; A. O'Brien pitching: 2 K; C. Hopkins 2 H, 2 R; B. Beck 2 H, 1 2B, 2 RBI, 1 R; A. Stephens 2 H, 1 RBI; K. Wyant 1 H. Pampa 9 Lufkin 5

A. O'Brien 1 RBI pitching: 4 K, 5 H, 1 W; C. Hopkins 1 R; B. Beck 1 H, 1 R; H. Coffee 2 H, 2 RBI; A. Stephens 1 H, 1 2B, 2 RBI, 1 R; M. Stokes 1 R, 1 RBI; K. Wyant 1 RBI; B. Dixon 1 H, 1 2B; M. Alexander 1 H, 1 2B, 1 R, 1 RBI; J. Dixon 1 R; B. Wichert 2 R. Whitesboro 7 Pampa 5

A. O'Brien 1 H, 1 R pitching: 5 K, 4 H, 1 L; C. Hopkins 2 H, 2 R, 1 RBI; B. Beck 1 H, 1 RBI; H. Coffee 1 H, 1 RBI; A. Stephens 1 H, 1 R; M. Alexander 1 R.

Varsity Girls Golf

THURSDAY

1, Amarillo Black 339. 2, Memphis 376. 3, Hereford 383. 4, Tascosa Black 401. 5, Dumas 405. 6, Pampa 419. 7, Amarillo Gold 434. 8, Palo Duro Blue 437. 9, Canyon 447. 10, Tascosa Red 458. 10, Caprock Orange 458. 12, Amarillo White 470. 13, Palo Duro White 517. Pampa: L. Brown 106; A. Keith 102; A. Alexander 106; S. Mertz 105; K. Velesquez 129. MONDAY

1, Gruver 401. 2, Pampa 404. 3, Shamrock 411. 4, Paducah 435. 5, Quanah 437. 6, Motley County 476. 7, Wellington 484. 8, Shamrock B- 519.

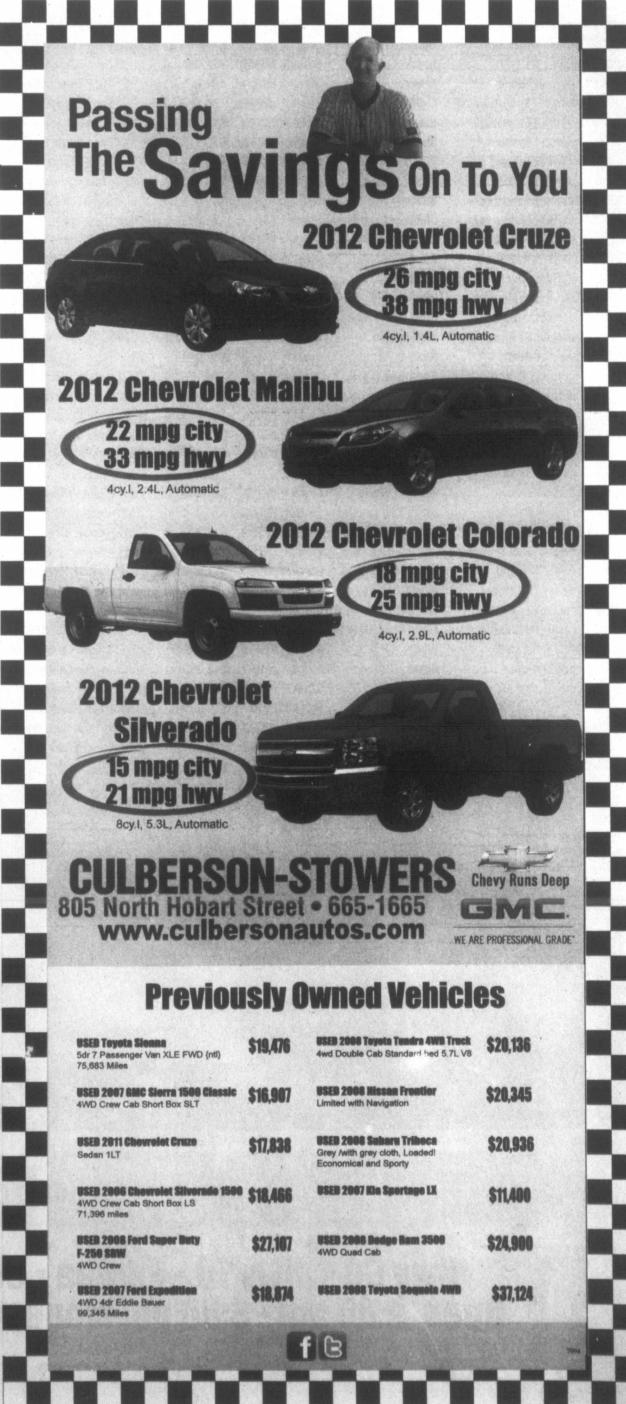
Pampa: A. Alexander 92, L. Brown 98, K. Velasquez 106, S. Mertz 108, A. Kieth 108.

Varsity Boys Golf

February 17-18

1, Frenship 434. 2, Amarillo 444. 3, Plainview A 458. 4, Big Spring 465. 5, Monterey 469. 6, Dumas 477. 7, Tasscosa 478. 8, Lubbock 482. 9, Borger, 488. 10, Caprock 510. 11, Randall 512. 13 Plainview B, 539. 14, Hereford 554. 15. Canadien 563. 16, Pampa 569. 17, Palo Duro. 583.

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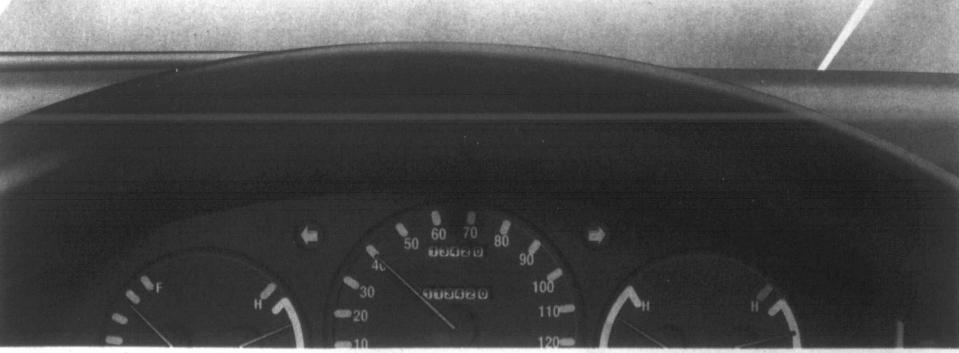
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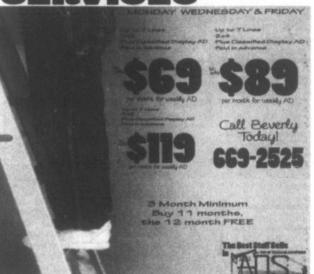
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for der of the week. Sunday, March 4, 2012:

This year you see 20) moments of negativity, to overindulge. If you ones you are with. are single, it will be your choice to maintain that stations. Express your inter- Pretend it is Friday night. tus. If you are attached, ests, and act on them, too. the two of you need to detach to get to the root 21-July 22) can share. Communication get past the moment, as a ing a radical action. will excel as a result. LEO roommate or partner might

3-Average; 1-Difficult

ARIES 21-April 19)

★★★★ If you wake up Take a nap or indulge in a LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) favorite pastime. By midafternoon, the Ram will for whatever pleases you. swagger into the world. Some of you might be into happy once more. Spend reading the Sunday paper; special time with a loved others just might like to are the party!

you get to figure out how are with. to make a goal possible.

TAURUS 20-May 20)

★★★ Use the daylight based on the degree of hours to make calls and 22) your sun at birth. The sign catch up on news. You name is simply a label might even find that you the positives in your life. 22-Jan. 19) astrologers put on a set of are off to a late lunch with Sometimes you push a degrees for convenience. friends. Include others in little too hard, even when want to schedule some For best results, readers your plans, and before you you are just socializing. get-together time with a should refer to the dates know it, everyone will You could be surprised by be having a great time.

in Cancer until 3:18 p.m. or work quietly Monday (PST). Afterward, the or Tuesday. You become quite dominant the remain-

★★★ Be careful not Claim your power. but understand that they to stress out your budget. will pass. Have confidence You have a lot you want 22) and trust yourself. Remain to do, but the question creative, open and willing remains: Can you afford it? around a certain responto give 110 percent. You Creativity could help make sibility, and maybe you whatever you want. It also might be amazed by how some of your ideas doable. well situations work out Bring family together for a you are doing something the gym or meet a friend with the abovementioned barbecue or some favorite with a child or parent, you for a long brunch. Do not recipe. Curb a tendency meal. Tonight: Enjoy the feel centered and happy. do anything that you do

CANCER

have said or done some-The Stars Show the thing that has caused a bit treat you.

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(April and others cannot help but can wander the most. respond. Enjoy.

Emphasize another person's willingness to pitch in. Meet oth-This Week: Spend time ers early. Tonight: Think "tomorrow."

Week: This Tuesday, your mood might be to bring everyone changes, and others seem together. Tonight: Include GEMINI (May 21-June to respond well to this your favorite person. mini-transformation.

★★★ You cannot get 20-Feb. 18)

This Week: Know what (June you want, and zero in on act without checking in of your issues before you *** You cannot Think carefully about tak- a big deal.

> SCORPIO 23-Nov. 21)

This Week: Curb a wild relative in the afternoon. Think "Monday. Tonight: Think "work-

head of the class. Act pos- that point on, distractions ★★★ Use the morning itively, and see positive could appear.

> SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

extremes earmark your level with you. You might Antonio Vivaldi (1678) This Week: Monday day. Someone you would wonder how to help anothand Tuesday, you believe like to chat with is not er person open up. Perhaps nothing is impossible, in the mood. Tonight: All you need to take the first Wednesday and Thursday, smiles. Enjoy the one you step. Surround yourself with music this afternoon. This Week: You beam, Tonight: Where your mind

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. see what others don't. Communicate this vision. CAPRICORN

> **** You might friend. Before you know it, you have so many invitations that you do not know which way to turn. Socialize to your heart's Late content. The best solution

This Week: One person wants to rule, so to speak. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. Detach rather than react. (Jan.

AQUARIUS

★★★ Sleep in and do don't want to. Whether is OK to work out, jog to Late afternoon, make plans not want to. Tonight: Be This Week: Ask ques- or join friends. Tonight: with a favorite person, or people.

> This Week: Others often whatever that might be. with you. Do not make it

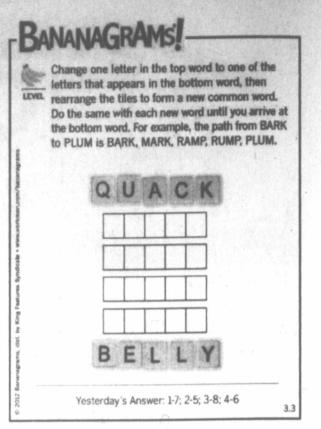
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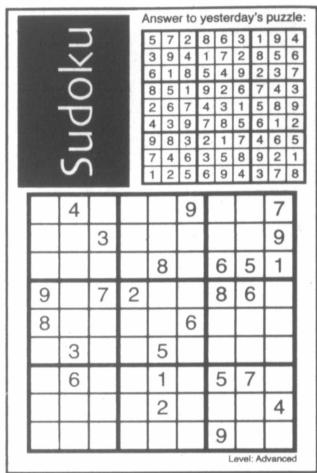
★★★★ You simply ★★★★ Make a call to want to enjoy yourself or Kind of Day You'll Have: of disappointment. Take a friend or relative you flirt with a friend. Your 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; a deep breath and pursue rarely speak to. You might imagination could create 2-So-so; a favorite pastime. Get be a little concerned by quite a party. Relax, yet be past an immediate prob- information that is left out. spontaneous. Check out an (March lem. Tonight: Let someone If need be, ask. Get togeth- art show or another form er with an older friend or of entertainment. Tonight:

This Week: Get as much done as you can This Week: Go to the by Tuesday night. From

BORN TODAY

Texas Gov. Rick Perry ★★★★ Others enjoy (1950), celebrity Chaz one or child. Tonight: You sleep in. No matter what, relating on a one-on-one Bono (1969), composer





Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

10-year-old son has a school fight with my best friend. I'm doesn't care much for travel friend. "Jeremy," who seems like a sweet, smart kid. I have have solved our own prob- He also doesn't like my friend seen Jeremy's dad interact lems, but she got her parents or her husband. They are the with him both in and out of involved. They started saying ones who are coordinating the school. The man talks down stuff on Facebook about me trip and who invited us. to him and speaks harshly. This sweet boy appears to be but I don't want to forgive her with anyone who isn't in his verbally beaten down, and it parents. Abby, what would circle of friends. He doesn't makes my heart ache.

What can I do? I realize I GIVE don't know what's going on be other factors causing Jerents appear to be immature to go without him? He promemy's father to act this way. But every child deserves love and encouragement. Any advice you can give would be individuals having the arguappreciated. — ADVOCATE ment. What her parents did ZONA FOR KINDNESS IN KEN-TUCKY

DEAR opportunity arises and give him a willing ear if he needs are causing his father to pen again. treat him this way, they are his life. Your hospitality functional family.

DEAR ABBY: I got into a and my parents. I forgave her,

DEAR CAN'T FORwas wrong.

ADVOCATE: an apology on Facebook, believe Isaac when he tells Make Jeremy welcome in they should. And if they you he'll do something, you your home as often as you don't, my advice is to keep must have good reason for can, praise him when the your distance from ALL of it. them, because regardless of whether you have forgiven tell you that you can't take to talk. Whatever "factors" your friend, this could hap-

no excuse for verbal abuse. of about a dozen friends are Your kindness to that boy planning a Caribbean cruise. won't fix his problems at My boyfriend, "Isaac," and home, but it WILL be re- I have been invited to join can manage without you for membered all the days of them. I love to travel. I don't get to go on trips very often may be the only exposure and have never been on a **Jeremy has to a normal**, cruise or to the Caribbean, so I'm excited.

Isaac, on the other hand, 12, and she's 13. We could and doesn't enjoy the ocean.

Isaac rarely socializes you do? - CAN'T FOR- want to go and thinks I shouldn't go, either. Isn't it unfair of him to tell me I can't in their home. There could GIVE: Your friend's par- go? Would it be wrong of me and overly involved in their ises that if I don't go, the two daughter's life. Most tween- of us will go together next age tiffs are resolved by the year. (I don't believe him.) - LANDLOCKED IN ARI-

> **DEAR** LAND-If they haven't posted LOCKED: If you don't

> Yes, it is unfair of him to the cruise with your friends. DEAR ABBY: A group think you would have a good time without him, you be leaving for a month. He a few days. Instead of trying to discourage you, he should wish you "bon voyage" but the odds for that aren't high, so don't expect it.

CROSSWORD By THOMAS JOSEPH **ACROSS** 42 Oryx's

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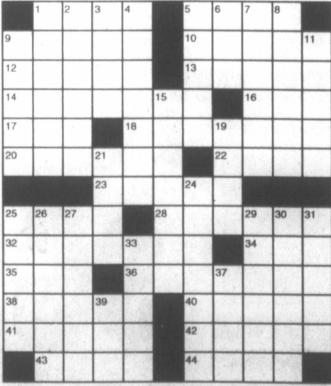
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"Mommy, PJ spilled his juice. Should I wipe it up or just walk around it?"



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BIRTHDAY for Monday, March 5, 2012:

This year your creativity evolves in various areas of your life. You express yourself in a solid, appealing manner, and you make your interactions effective and clear. Deal with unexpected insights, which could be nearly perpetual if you jot them down immediately. If you are single, your appeal reaches many people. Make sure you choose what you really want. If you are attached, express your caring more often, and a new bond will appear in the relationship. Count on LEO to energize you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You have the necessary resources to deal with a promising and dynamic idea. Share what you are hearing, and get as much feedback as possible. Someone you care about could be extremely security minded. Accept this person as he or she is.

Tonight: Radiate your high energy. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** You might prefer to maintain a strong, near-silent presence rather than act or take a leadership role. Know how important it might be to express your knowledge, be heard. You will opt for the conservative route. Tonight: Buy a treat on the way

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

★★★★ You know what you think, but you cannot expect others to be mind-readers. Verbalize your feelings. You are more likely to be hurt if you do not express your vulnerabilities. You also can decide what to or honor these same sensitivities. Tonight: Be among friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Zero in on what feels important, and don't allow someone to distract you. Be aware of this person in your environment. Demonstrate kindness and sensitivity to his or her needs, and it might help end the demands. Tonight: Do some shopping.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** You can deal with nearly anything, even if it is Monday! Express your capacity to work under pressure and digest a lot of new information, then act appropriately. You see beyond the obvious. Someone lets you know how much he or VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

** You have dealt with a lot of frustration from a partner and loved ones in the past year. Starting a major rebellion at the present moment will work against you; instead, express your fatigue at this behavior and your willingness to walk away. Tonight: Head home quickly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Follow your knee-jerk response with a friend who often surprises you with his or her behavior. Others might be more willing to adjust to this person and his or her innate swings than you are, but they will start expressing feelings like yours soon enough. Being honest will help this person to grow. Tonight: Where

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Be willing to state your case. Others will envy your thoughts and courage. You also know that there are other alternatives and solutions. The question remains: Are you willing to negotiate and head down a new path? Your flexibility counts.

Tonight: Take the lead. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Understand where a child or caring and concerns in a manner that can loved one is coming from. Walk in his or her shoes, and see what it feels like to be this person. Apply this process to a boss, and you can only gain. Put in the extra effort. Tonight: Detach from your day, then

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Deal directly with others. Your individual focus and attention could make all the difference in the final outcome. You do about someone who doesn't care about could be surprised by a real estate matter or domestic issue. Know that you can deal with it. Worry less. Tonight: Spend quality time with a special person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Honor a difference and respond accordingly. Someone in your immediate circle might have made a decision without considering what the ramifications might be. Answer questions that seek understanding. Tonight: Off doing errands. Try to get a walk in.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

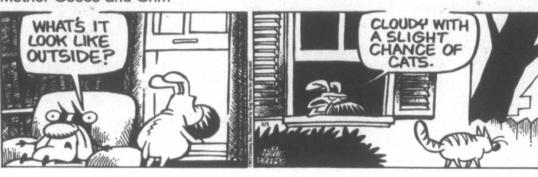
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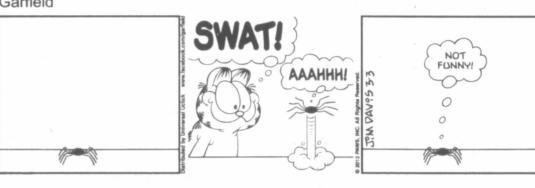
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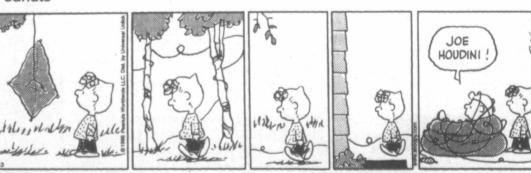
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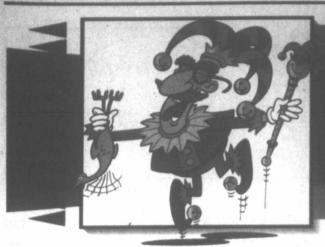


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Nutrition Word Find

Just in time for National Nutrition Month,

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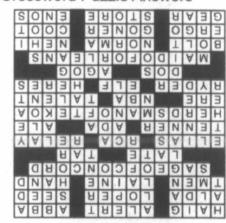
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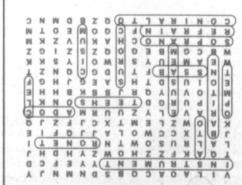
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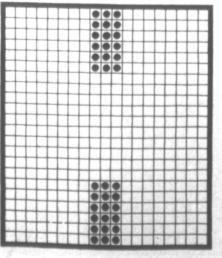
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Entertainment!

PAMPA NEWS

'Project X' a fun 90-minute ride that's forgettable after the fact

The first thing one should know about "Project X," a new teen comedy in theaters today, is that it's produced by Todd Phillips, director of 'The Hangover' and its remake/ sequel.

That alone will tell you if you have any desire to see this film. Like those movies, "Project X" is a comedy fueled by alcohol and drugs and filled with terrible language and a fair amount of pudity.

a fair amount of nudity.

Unlike those films, "Project X" is centered on a trio of high school kids: Costa, the abrasive loudmouth who plans the party; Thomas, the quiet somewhat shy kid who's turning 17 and whose parents are going out of town; and JB, the overweight nerdy kid. The three of them hope to make a name for themselves by throwing the greatest house party ever. In the words of Chris Rock, "This is going to make House Party look like House Party 2!" — and how.

The party quickly escalates to such epic proportions that no one involved will ever be the same. I don't want to ruin any of the fun, but just know over the course of the party there's an angry little person, fireworks, a Taser, and a flame-thrower... and that's just the tip of the iceberg.

The movie also has a sweet love story at its center between Thomas and his longtime friend Kirby. Their romance is complicated by Thomas being oblivious and having a crush on the school hottie Alexis, who comes on to him at the party. It's the typical "best friend longing for more" storyline that's been in countless teen flicks, but it works here very well, although I felt it could have been fleshed out a little more.

Mostly, though, the movie is about that party. It's clear that everyone involved had a blast during the five weeks of filming, and the mostly unknown cast does a great job. Towards the end, the party gets so massive that it almost seems absurd, unless you know that the movie is at least partially based on a real party a

16-year-old threw in Australia which ended with the police out in riot gear.

In the end, "Project X" is a movie that takes on a different form depending on your age. For teens it's a comedy about the greatest party ever thrown. For

college kids, it's nostalgia for high school and possibly the parties they attended or wished they'd attended. And for grownups whose own kids are heading towards high school, it's a horror story of what can happen when you trust your kids while you go away. For those of us between college and being the parents of a teen it's a fun ride for 90 minutes that will likely fade from memory fairly quickly.

TRAVIS

TIDMORE

Local attorney Travis Tidmore reviews movies for The Pampa News as well as on his blog, www.thecinemaniac.com.



Project X
Rated PG-13 for crude and sexual content throughout, nudity, drugs, drinking, pervasive language, reckless behavior and mayhem, all involving teens

HOLLYWOOD INSIDER

Ex-Monkee Jones left behind stage musical — will it get produced?

Will the World War II-era stage musical that the late Davy Jones wrote ever be produced? Last year, the former Monkee told us he'd written a show in the tradition of "Hello Dolly," "West Side Story" -- and the vehicle that started it all for him, "Oliver!"

"This has got 12, 13, 14 amazingly great songs," he enthused. "Each character in the show will have a great song to sing."

He didn't have a title, but the energetic performer, who had a way of interrupting himself — a lot — did start to perform the show for us, even singing part of a song: "I'm going to move away from this town. I'm going to go where no one's going to find me. And when I do, they'll understand, they'll know who — who I really am ..."

Davy said, "The music is finished; the book's finished." He expected to direct the show, because, he said, "I know every character, I know how it should sound,

and I know how the actors should be speaking. And that's all there is to it." He said that he and a partner, Chris Andrews, were looking for "OPM" -- other people's money -- to get it mounted, and that they would probably launch it regionally. "Florida, Ohio -- every time I've talked to a theater administrator about it, they've said, 'Oh, please bring it here."

Whether his dream will go on now that Jones has passed away after a heart attack at age 66 remains to be seen. It certainly shows that even though last year's Monkees reunion tour was cut short, Davy was not slowing down. He was full of talk about his daughters, his horses, his homes in Pennsylvania and Florida. In words that seem especially meaningful now, he also gave his own take on the old saying that today is the first day of the rest of your life: "Today is the only day in the rest of your life," he said, and added, "Life is very interesting if you want it to be interesting."

Gilbert credits surgeon for DWTS

Former child star Melissa Gilbert credits her back surgeon for the fact that she's become one of this coming season's contestants on "Dancing With the Stars" -- and not just because he healed her broken back.

"It actually started with him, because my final day (of post-operative appointments) was the day that Jennifer Grey won. He's her surgeon too," recounts the amiable actress. "He started saying, 'Now you need to do it.' I said, 'I'm glad you think my back is healed enough so that I can do that. If I injure myself, though, you have to operate for free,' and he laughed."

You can count on the show highlighting her story of conquering tough physical challenges. As you may recall, Melissa toured the country through much of 2008 and 2009, playing Ma Ingalls in the popular stage musical version of "Little House on the Prairie." For months, she was in extreme dis-

comfort, but somehow, she finished the tour. When she returned home and went to the doctor, she says, "I found I had broken my back. I knew the disc was herniated. I didn't know the back was actually broken. If I had, I'm sure the doctors would have said, 'Don't

"After the surgery, it was a really long recovery, and I didn't get cleared to work really until February of 2011." Melissa, who has written about her past battles with alcoholism, enlisted the help of Dr. Drew Pinsky to guide her as she dealt with her intense postsurgery pain; she was concerned that she might become addicted to opiates. She would take her Dilaudid, Percocet and muscle relaxers, and then take two days away from the pills "and just tough it out."

By summer, Melissa was pain-free. And, she says, "There's nothing I can't do. I can do Pilates.

I can run. I can jump. I can do yoga. I can do whatever I am asked to do." Including "Dancing With the Stars"!

There've been rumors -- and tabloid stories -- of her taking on the show before. Last year also saw the breakup of her 16-year marriage to Bruce Boxleitner, and, she says, "The National Enquirer wrote some ridiculous story about me healing my heart by doing 'Dancing With the Stars.' They had me studying tape of other stars who had done it -- which was funny, because I was shooting my movie at the time," she says, referring to last Hallmark December's Channel movie, "The Christmas Pageant."

As for why she's taking on the show, Melissa tells us: "It's just because it seems like a real challenge for me. And you know me -- if something scares me, I'm gonna do it, and this kind of scares me because I'm now part titanium."

Sony Pictures leaving Albuquerque

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Sony Pictures Imageworks is closing its downtown Albuquerque studio this July when the company's lease expires.

Sony spokesman Don Levy declined to discuss reasons for the closure, but said the nearly 60 workers at the studio in Albuquerque will be offered jobs at other Sony facilities in Canada and the Los Angeles-area.

The studio is currently doing post-production and visual effects on "Men in Black 3? and "The Amazing Spider-Man."

Nick Maniatis, director of the New Mexico Film Office, said Sony's decision to leave New Mexico is not a total surprise.

"From what I understand it came down to an economics decision," Maniatis said in an interview with the Albuquerque Journal. "We offer the company 25 percent film incentives, while Vancouver is going to offer them 46 percent. It just makes sense for them."

Crews at the Albuquerque studio have worked on films such as "I Am Legend," 'Green Lantern," 'Alice in Wonderland," 'Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs," 'The Smurfs" and "G-Force."

Levy said the Albuquerque office had work immediately when it opened in 2007 and said the hope was that digital

media would develop a hub around the company.

Even with Sony here, "it's been a challenge to recruit (animators) in the absence of (more) digital media," Levy said. "Productions do ebb and flow and artists want the opportunity for other work when there is little work. It's not based on the decline of productions in a single area, it's based on the decline of

productions all around."

Maniatis said he had been working to keep the com-

pany in Albuquerque.

"We just couldn't compete with the offer that Vancouver was giving them," he said.

"We tried to offer different things to them but just couldn't keep them."



The Texas Department of Transportation in conjunction with the Panhandle Rural Planning Organization will host an Informational Meeting on March 13, 2012 concerning the planning of future projects.

This informational meeting is held to explain how the department plans transportation projects. We would like to receive the public's input regarding the current Transportation Improvement Plan for the Amarillo District.

The meeting will be Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. It will be located at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, located at 415 SW Eighth Ave in Amarillo.

The meeting will cover transportation plans for all areas of the Panhandle and the city of Amarillo. An overall view of the planning process will be presented, as well as the criteria used for selecting individual projects. Draft versions of current transportation plans will be presented at the meeting for public comment.

The public is invited to speak regarding projects currently planned or any additional projects that might be proposed. Speakers will be limited to five minutes. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding any project may be submitted at the meeting. Written statements and other exhibits may be submitted to the TxDOT District Office at 5715 Canyon Drive (P.O. Box 7368) Amarillo, Texas 79114-7368. Comments must be received no later than March 26, 2012.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. Persons interested in attending the meeting whom have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact David Miller at 806.356.3246. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

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Christ, Saturday, March 3, J.L. retired from the They actively volunteer in Rebecca Fulton and hus-2012. The celebration is Hess Corp. in 2008, and the Gray County Retarded band Doug of Pampa. Mr. being hosted by their chil- he is currently employed Citizen's Assoc. and the and Mrs. Furgason also dren and grandchildren. by Pampa Independent Jail/ Prison Ministry. They have 12 grandchildren.

J.L. Furgason and Helen School District as a Bus also enjoy watching youth

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Walkers celebrate 35 years of matrimony

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Weekly Menus

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Pampa Independent School District

MONDAY, March 5

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Pig in a blanket or chicken nuggets, whipped pota-

toes, English peas, peach cup Breakfast - Breakfast pizza

TUESDAY, March 6

Popcorn shrimp, or chicken noodle, spinach, carrot

sticks, fresh fruit, pudding, hot roll

Breakfast - Waffle sticks, syrup WEDNESDAY, March 7

Spaghetti & meatballs or popcorn chicken, green beans, tossed salad, mixed fruit, garlic toast

Breakfast - Donut, sausage patty

THURSDAY, March 8

Egg rolls or pizza, corn, broccoli florets, applesauce,

rice pilaf

Breakfast - Cereal, toast

Breakfast - Biscuit, sausage patty FRIDAY, March 9

Chicken Fajitas or hamburger, french fries, burger salad, bell peppers & onion, sliced apples, rice



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TUESDAY, March 6 Turkey, rice pilaf, English peas, sweet potatoes, plum.

WEDNESDAY, Mar. 7 Hamburger patties, mashed potatoes, pinto beans, cornbread, peach-

THURSDAY, Mar. 8 Oven-fried chicken, corn, baked potatoes, pudding. FRIDAY, March 9

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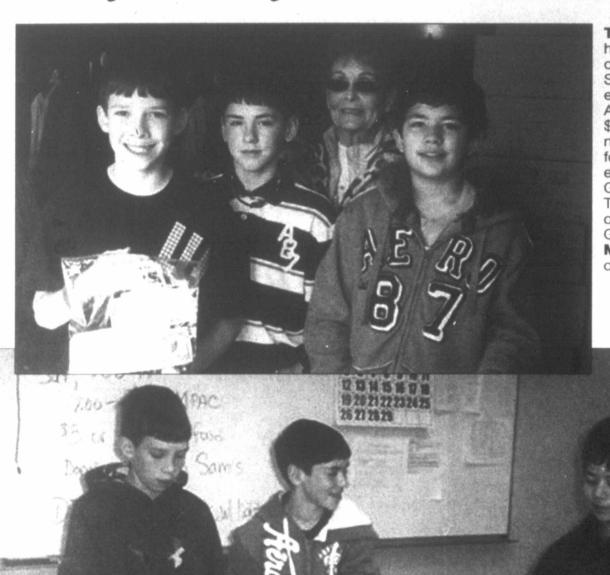
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NJHS PROJECT GIVES TO GOOD SAM'S



The National Junior Honor Society recently had a service project to raise money and cans of food for Good Samaritan Children's Services. The three kids who hosted the project are Jordan Moore, Jimmy Townson and Ajay Mitchell. They had a dance that raised \$690.40 and 76 cans of food. Various businesses and individuals donated money to pay for the DJ, security, concessions, et cetera, so everything raised at the dance went directly to Good Sam's. TOP: Moore (front, from left), Townson and Mitchell present money and cans of food collected by the project to Joy Bivins. of Good Samaritan Christian Services. BOTTOM: Moore (front, from left), Townson and Mitchell create posters to advertise the project's dance.

Contributing businesses and individual donors included Happy State Bank, Bill Allison Auto Sales, Greg and Heather Brown, Kevin and Jan Hucks, Dr. Jay Johnson D.D.S., Pampa Truck Center, Dixie Cafe, Kelley's Chevron, Texas Furniture and Garret Ely.

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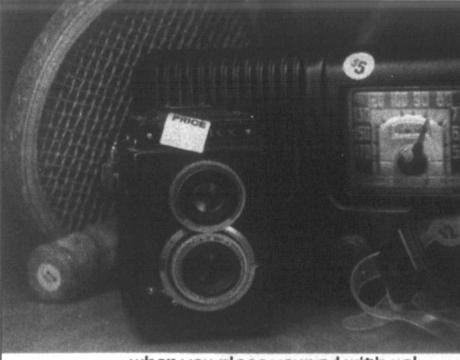


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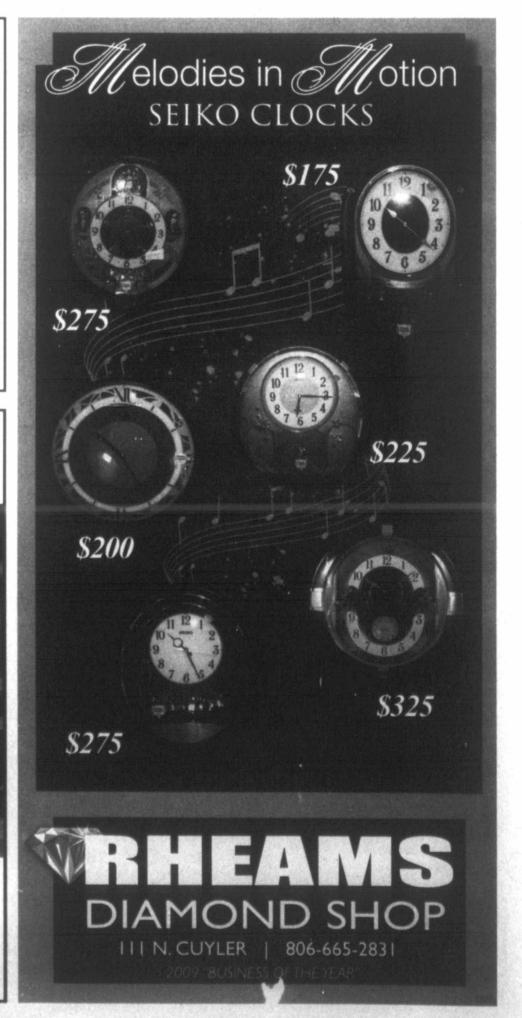




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Let's Eat



ABOVE: Mushrooms - a.k.a. the fungus among us - can be a delicious and healthy addition to any meal.

CHRISTINE FRIESENHAHN

The fungus among us-I got that from my dad. That's what he used to call mushrooms when I was a kid. It's no small wonder that I love them anyway.

Not so, my husband. He will not — I repeat, NOT — eat mushrooms. Unless they are battered and fried, and served with cream gravy. That isn't saying much though, because he would eat his own shoes if they were battered and fried, and served with cream gravy.

This goes back to what I have been saying all along...There aren't so much foods that we don't like, so much as we don't like the idea of some of them.

My husband is a scientist, so he doesn't say "I don't like mushrooms". He says "I don't eat fungus." He won't eat liver, not because he doesn't like the flavor-he's never tasted it-but because "the liver's job is to filter toxins from the body, why would I want to eat that?" And he won't tell you that he only eats white meat poultry. He'll tell you that he "only eats fast twitch muscle tissue". Heck, when you put it like that, I don't even want to eat white meat.

Scientists...What are you gonna do with 'em?

That brings me to the second instance of when my husband will eat mushrooms: when he doesn't know he's eating them. It's amazing how much they look, feel, and even taste like meat when they are finely

But I don't want them hidden. I love them loud and proud, taking the spotlight on my plate. Simply sautéed in olive oil, or stuffed, grilled, marinated, and even raw.

And there are so many different varieties of these delightful,

edible fungi.

The white button mushrooms that everyone can buy in the grocery store are very mild. Almost no flavor. And I say that with all the love...Because they are so mild, and have such a tender texture, they readily absorb the flavors of whatever dish in which they find themselves, making them a great way to add bulk and texture to a recipe without dramatically

changing the flavor.
Portobello, and baby bellas are a bit stronger, with a firm, meaty texture and flavor. They are great sautéed in a bit of olive oil, or marinated and grilled. The big ones serve as a frequent stand-in for meat pat-

ties in hamburgers. There are porcini, wood-ears, shiitake, morels, crimini, oyster, enoki and chanterelle, which are available in many grocery stores. The more exotic chicken-of-the-woods is so named because it tastes and even shreds like chicken meat. As such, it is popular among vegetarians as a meat substitute. The hen-of-the-woods, or maitake, gets it's name from it's look, sort of like the feathery

head of a hen.

Truffles are a type of mushroom that grows underground. They cannot be cultivated, so must be found growing wild. Since they grow about one foot underground, and are undetectable to humans, specially trained dogs or pigs are used to locate them. For these reasons, truffles may sell for thousands of dollars per pound. Luckily, since they have a very strong flavor, a little goes a long way. They are typically shaved, sparingly, over pastas, salads, and mashed potatoes, or infused into oils to make their flavor stretch even further.

A fungus that is quickly gaining culinary ground is called Huitlacoche. It is a fungus that grows on ears of corn that have not been treated for fungus, causing the kernels to swell and turn green-black in color. er man being considered a blight, It has long been considered a delicacy in Central America, where the Aztecs learned to cultivated it. With a very deep, earthy, truffle like flavor, and due to the growing interest in diverse food sources, Huitlacoche is becoming popular outside of it's home territory. It is also called corn smut, corn truffles, or corn mushrooms.

There are some mushrooms, or "shrooms" that are made into a hallucinogenic tea, but that is a post for someone else's blog.

Whatever you call them, and wherever you find them, I love mushrooms. I'll have a plate of fungus please, with a side of smut.

A note of caution....The right kinds of mushrooms are both delicious and healthy. The wrong kind can make you high, quite sick, or very dead. Only experts can tell some of the dangerous varieties apart from the safe ones. Unless you are such an expert, do not eat, or even touch, mushrooms that you find growing wild

Beef Mushroom and Wild Rice "Stoup", With Sherry and Cream

-serves 8

1/4 cup butter 12 oz sliced fresh mush-

1/2 cup minced shallot

3 stalks celery, sliced thin 3 cups wild rice blend (I use brown, wild, red and black

8 cups beef stock

1 ½ pounds roast beef (from your grocery deli, or leftover), cut in 1/4 " cubes

1 cup sherry 2 cups fat-free half and half

In a large stockpot over medium heat, saute mushrooms, celery and shallots in butter until soft. Add beef and stir. Add rice and beef stock. Stir, cover, and simmer slowly for one hour. Stir in Sherry and cream. Heat for 10 more minutes before serving. This dish will be very thick...almost like a stew, rather than a soup.

* use whatever fresh mushrooms you like, or an assortment. I used button and crimini.

Beef Wellington Bites, with **Port Reduction**

Typically, Beef Wellington is a very expensive, fussy dish, made from beef tenderloinwhich may require a second mortgage, or the selling off of children to pay for it. The beef is spread with the foie gras and the mushroom duxelles, wrapped in whole sheets of puff pastry, and baked to medium rare. This bite sized version uses easier to source ingredients, and quick preparation to create an accessible version of a highbrow classic.

2 cups beef consomme, divided

cup port wine

1 tablespoon olive oil 10 oz minced mushrooms (button, crimini, or a combina-

tion of the two) 1 minced shallot

2 packages puff pastry shells (12 total)

6 oz foie gras*

8 oz roast beef, sliced 1/4" thick, cut into 12 portions

Place one cup consume and the wine in a small saucepan over medium high heat. Bring to a simmer, and simmer until reduced to about 1/3 cup. This should take 20 minutes or more.

While the port sauce is reducing, make the Duxelles. Sautee mushrooms and shallots in a large skillet over medium heat until softened. Add remaining one cup beef consume, and simmer until most of the liquid has cooked out of the mixture. Remove from heat and set aside.

Place the pastry shells on a baking sheet, and bake according to package directions. Remove the center portion once baked.

Place ½ oz (1/12th) of the foie gras into each shell. Fill remaining space in the shell with mushroom mixture (duxelles). Top with one 1 piece of beef. Place on serving platter, and serve Port sauce on the

* Foie gras (liver pate) is usually available in the same section as the import cheeses, if you have a good deli department. Goose or even duck foie gras would typically be used in this dish. However, if it is not available in your area, or if you simply wish to save money, you may substitute pork liver sausage which is very inexpensive, and sold next to the hot dogs in your grocery store. It is called braunschweiger. It comes in a small tube-shaped container, and can be simply sliced and laid into the pastry shells.

Chile demand means N.M. imports at times

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The official state question "Red or Green?" should be accompanied by a second question: "Locally grown or foreign?"

Fifteen or 20 years ago, you might have been able to walk into a restaurant or grocery store in New Mexico and safely assume that fresh green or dried red chile products were grown here in New Mexico.

That's no longer the case. More than 80 percent of all chile currently consumed in the United States is imported, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Most fresh green chiles come from Mexico and some Central and South American countries, while the majority of dried red chile products come from India, China and other Asian countries There is no way to accurately track how much foreign

chile is consumed in New Mexico, but a fair amount winds up here, says Carol Wight, chief executive officer of the New Mexico Restaurant Association.

"Most New Mexico restaurants try to use New Mexico grown chile, but I don't think there's enough grown in New Mexico to supply even all our restaurants," she says. And, "green chile is seasonal so it's not always possible to get it from local sources out of season."

As for taste, New Mexico beats the competition hands down, says Danise Coon, program coordinator at the Chile Pepper Institute, New Mexico State University.

"It's our environment and soil and the way people grow them around here that makes them different, and the chiles we produce have been grown here for hundreds of years and have adapted to the climate," she says. Restaurants' "dishes won't taste the same if they're using chiles that are not from New Mexico.

Even as U.S. consumption of chile has been rising, New Mexico's chile acreage has been declining. The New Mexico Chile Association, a consortium of growers and processors, says planted acreage has dropped by 75 percent from its 1992 peak of about 35,000 acres to a 2010 low of 8,700 acres

The industry made a slight comeback last year with 9,500 acres planted, says Dino Cervantes, president of the association and managing vice president of Cervantes Enterprises, a farming and chile processing business in La Mesa.

"If we eventually get back to half of where we were in the early '90s, that would be great, but . we have some huge hurdles to overcome." The biggest of them is a shrinking labor force and the cost

of that labor, Cervantes says. Chile has traditionally been harvested by hand, a job provided largely in the past by migrant farm workers from Mexico. Tightened border patrols and animosity surrounding immigration issues have shrunk the pool of migrant workers; meanwhile, U.S. workers haven't been inclined to do this kind of work, even in a bad economy and where the

jobs pay more than minimum wage, he says. "The labor force we do have is older and dwindling. We're seeing people in their late 50s and early 60s, and we don't see a lot of younger people moving in to take their place."

One thing that may revive the industry, Cervantes suggests, is increased mechanization.

The value of the state's chile crop last year was about \$46.8 million, up a little from 2010, according to Longino Bustillos, deputy director of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service in Las Cruces.

Because fresh green chile is highly perishable, it can't be shipped too far. That's why most imported green chile has been coming from Mexico, says Cervantes. Red chile that has been dried and ground or powdered represents the largest segment of the state's chile industry, he says.

So how can customers who prefer New Mexico chile be sure that's what they're getting in restaurants and stores?

Quite simply, read labels and ask. Buy products that clearly state New Mexico grown; and at restaurants, ask where the chiles come from. By doing these things, says Ana Baca, a vice president for Albuquerque-based Bueno Foods, a person "can be part of the solution to help save New Mexico's cultural heritage."

Bueno Foods buys all its chile products from New Mexico farmers, "because we believe New Mexico grown chile is the best in the world," she says.

Likewise, Jim Thomas, a co-owner of El Pinto Restaurant in Albuquerque, says the restaurant buys its chile from growers in Hatch, N.M.

'Customers who eat chiles from Mexico or China or India and then taste ours will immediately know the difference," he says. "You simply cannot replicate the flavors of New Mexico chiles."



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A special Ash Wednesday service was held for youth and adults of Pampa's First Presbyterian Church. Children and adults gather before the service in the church parking lot (photo, right) where Youth Minister Jim Anderson burned palm fronds and talked about the significance of the day. Above - Brant and Jarren Hill, Mason and Tristan Bagwell, Justice Perez and Joshua Hendricks were among those attending.



CLUB NOTES

Altrusa International meets Feb. 28

Altrusa International, Inc. of Pampa met met Feb. 28 at First United Methodist Church with President Rochelle Lacy presiding. Evan Smith served as greeter. Sherri Griggs, Mary Jane Taintor, Travis Dosche and Joe Weaver attended as guests.

The Accent was presented by Mary McDaniel who explained the procedure of selecting the club's projects and fundraisers.

Stormy McCullar, Crime Prevention Officer with the Pampa Police Department presented a program on Women's

Safety. Tips were given on preventing dangerous situations and ways of protection.

The following announcements were made:

*Travis Reading - March 6 *Election of Officers for 2012-2013 - Business

Meeting, March 13
•Altrusa District Nine
Conference - April 20-22

in Waco, TX.
Yearbooks were distributed to members.

"Taste of Pampa" committee sign-up sheets were distributed.

The next meeting will be held March 13, at noon at First United Methodist Church.

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P.E.O. members and guests attending Feb.14 P.E.O. Friendship Luncheon are: (from left) member Marty Price and her guest, Sue Derrington; Helen Bums, guest of member Ruth Riehart.

POE holds Friendship Luncheon

The annual Friendship Luncheon of the P.E.O. Sisterhood Chapter CS was held on Feb. 14 at the lovely home of P.E.O. member, Karen Bridges.

The Valentine-themed luncheon was attended by 20 P.E.O. members and seven guests. All those present enjoyed a variety of delicious salads and desserts prepared by P.E.O. members.



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