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## Ferguson to challenge McDonough for DA post

■ *Current ADA touts experience in area, relationships with local law enforcement*

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Jason Ferguson, assistant district attorney of the 31st Judicial District of Texas, filed last Thursday to run for District

Attorney of that district, which includes Gray, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Roberts and Wheeler counties. Ferguson, 27, will run against Franklin McDonough, Assistant District Attorney of the 84th District. Ferguson attended law school at



**Ferguson**

the University of Houston and has been with the 31st District since 2010. During that time, he has tried every kind of felony up to murder. He reached the decision to run for D.A. after much reflection. "I tried two cases in the last month, both of which had really

young defendants who were both probation eligible, and (in) both cases, the jury gave them pen time," he said. "One was 20 years and one was three years. And after that, I came back and thought about it, and basically decided that the people need another choice. They value that our office is known for being tough on crime, and it just seemed like the right thing to do, to give them an option that keeps being tough on crime."  
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## YOUNG MINDS AT WORK



staff photo by **Mollie Bryant**

**Local lawyers** Travis Tidmore (left) and Bryan Guymon talk during Wednesday's Pampa Young Professionals meeting at Cooder's Dixie Cafe. The group has decided on holding a monthly mixer to help young area professionals network and connect with each other.

## Habitat hopes to start on house in April

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Pampa's Habitat for Humanity is preparing for a work day on its first project, transforming a house into a livable home. "We're in the process of transferring the property on Charles Street, and we hope to have our first work day in April," said Sherry McCavit of Habitat. "We're not building from scratch, but we're refurbishing the home. The main skeleton of the house is still there." While all matters involving the home's electric and plumbing systems will require the work of a licensed professional, the organization will enlist volunteers to make all of the other repairs necessary to get the job done. "Volunteers will put in new windows, sheetrock, do painting and all the rest of it," said McCavit. The nonprofit anticipates that it will need \$40,000 in order to rehab the house, and welcomes donations of money, tools and materials like paint, nails, light fixtures and cabinet tops. Habitat for Humanity plans to get started on the project in late April, with a tentative start date of Saturday, April 28. McCavit emphasized the importance of fostering a sense of responsibility  
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## CREATE a Beat seeks volunteers, contributions for Fling

■ *Event set for April 21; volunteers wanted for run*

**ARNIE AURELLANO**  
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The staff at CREATE a Beat is hoping to make this year's Spring Fling bigger than ever. The 2012 Fling, the third annually, is set for Saturday, April 21 at CREATE a Beat, 1607 N. Banks. The event is generally centered around the three runner's events in the morning (a 10K, a 5K and a fun run), but other activities, including a car show, craft show and silent auction, are also planned. Angie Woelfle of CREATE a Beat said that the orga-

nization is looking for people who can assist with the various activities on the schedule. "We'd love to have more volunteers to help with everything," Woelfle said. "There are so many activities going on that day. The run needs a lot of volunteers. We need people that are willing to help set it up, stand on different corners to direct runners on which way to go and to be water support. "We're looking for crafters that want to have a booth in the craft show," added Julie Long, CREATE a Beat's executive director. "The money that we make on the craft show, we make from the crafters who rent our space. We're also looking for crafters to donate to the silent auction." Space rental for crafters looking to hold a booth at the event is \$25, Woelfle said. All proceeds, including booth rentals, from the Spring Fling will help fund fee waivers and fee reductions for local families who can't afford

after school child care. That includes approximately 45 percent of CREATE a Beat's current group of kids, according to Woelfle. To that end, CREATE a Beat is also looking for sponsors and monetary contributions. "Any donation that's \$100 and over will get (the contributor's) name on the back of the run t-shirt," Woelfle said. "That helps cover the cost of actually doing the run and getting the shirts and the bags and all the things they get for running. Whatever we have over those costs goes towards the fee waivers as well." The list of contributors has to be submitted to the shirt company by April 1, Long said, so anyone who wants to be recognized on the shirt must contribute before that date. CREATE a Beat is also looking for anyone who would want to help with entertainment during the Fling.  
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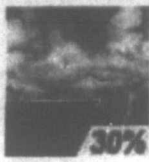

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### PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday
		
High 84 Low 55	High 81 Low 54	High 82 Low 56

**Today:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 84. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 55. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Friday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Friday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 82. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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## Courthouse gunman kills one, wounds three

BEAUMONT (AP) — A man opened fire Wednesday outside a Texas courthouse where he was on trial in a family dispute, killing an elderly woman and wounding three other people, including a daughter he ran over with a pickup truck as he tried to escape, authorities said.

Bartholomew Granger, 41, was being held at a jail without bond after being treated at a hospital following his arrest on a murder charge, police said.

Granger was outside the Jefferson County Courthouse in Beaumont before the continuation of his trial, grabbed a gun from his truck and began shooting, authorities said. The woman was fatally struck as she tried to run into the courthouse, while Granger's daughter and another bystander fell to the ground.

Several law enforcement officers returned fire as the courthouse about 80 miles east of Houston went on lockdown.

"It was crazy," said Beaumont Police Chief Jimmy Singletary. "He was shooting. Our guys were shooting."

Granger was firing from his truck and then ran over his daughter as he drove away. He went about three blocks before abandoning his truck in the middle of the street then taking hostages in a nearby construction business, police said.

Once inside, Granger spoke by phone to police and told them he was wounded. He eventually surrendered and was taken to the hospital.

Granger's attorney, Rife Kimler,

said Granger's trial had begun this week and his daughter, 20, had testified against him Tuesday afternoon. She had been scheduled to be cross-examined by Kimler on Wednesday afternoon, the attorney said.

The woman killed, 79-year-old Minnie Ray Seabolt of Deweyville, Texas, appeared to be an innocent bystander, Jefferson County Sheriff Mitch Woods said. Granger's daughter remained hospitalized in critical condition, authorities said. The daughter's mother and the third person injured were treated at the hospital and released.

Kimler said the ongoing case was emotional, but he thought the trial had been going reasonably well.

"I didn't have him on my list of dangerous ones," Kimler said of Granger. "I've been doing this 21 years, and the ones I think are dangerous are in a file in my head. He wasn't in that file."

In separate court filings, Granger hinted at the emotional strain of his ongoing court battle. Two years ago, Granger sued the cities of Beaumont and Houston, their police departments and the two surrounding counties. Granger and three other family members sought compensation for the mental anguish caused by the allegations.

Granger complained in one filing of an "unprovoked brutal attack" against his family.

"This insurrection has caused heavy financial burden and hardship upon our family and extreme psychological damage to the Granger family," he said. "We may never

thrust (sic) the police again."

A federal judge dismissed the civil suit in December.

A pickup truck riddled with at least a dozen bullet holes remained in the middle of the street Wednesday afternoon.

James Gibson, one of the owners of Richard Construction, said about 50 to 60 employees were inside when the gunman entered. An assault rifle believed to belong to the gunman remained in the building, Gibson said.

Authorities said workers trapped inside the building helped to disarm Granger and let SWAT team officers inside.

"We understand hostages took advantage of the individual when he was semiconscious," Singletary said. "They refused to be victims."

Judge Larry Gist, whose office is across the street from the main courthouse building, said there was "pandemonium" as law enforcement flooded the scene as soon as the shots rang out.

Ricky Gandy said he went to the window of his office at LJA Engineering, which overlooks the parking lot next to the Beaumont Police department, after hearing a "pop, pop, pop."

He saw police shooting at a pickup truck as it came out of the parking lot, but the driver "never really got in a hurry."

"Once it started, it was kind of like the Fourth of July," Gandy added. "Several shots, I imagine, I'm guessing at least 30 shots all together."

## Baby missing for eight years found, returned

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Texas infant who vanished eight years ago will be reunited with his mother after police arrested his former baby sitter who is accused of kidnapping him, authorities said Wednesday.

Krystle Rochelle Tanner, 26, remained jailed without bond in San Augustine, about 200 miles southeast of Fort Worth. She was arrested on a kidnapping charge Monday.

The boy's mother, Auboni Champion-Morin, told Houston television station KPRC that she may be reunited with her son later this week. Authorities said she must first undergo a DNA test, even though they're sure of his identity.

"I want to hold him in my arms and let him know who I am," said Champion-Morin, who lives in Houston. "I hope he can feel the same thing I feel for him."

Tanner, also the baby's godmother, was a suspect when the mother reported her 8-month-old son missing in late 2004. But Tanner's relatives in Houston told police that she and the infant had vanished. The case went

cold and was closed in 2006, said Chief Deputy Gary Cunningham of the San Augustine Sheriff's Department.

Late last summer, child welfare investigators in San Augustine County — about 150 miles northeast of Houston — received a complaint that Tanner and her boyfriend were neglecting their two children, Cunningham said.

Officials tried to find the older boy. Tanner told authorities different stories about the child: he went by different names and she had been keeping him briefly for a woman that she had met in a park, Cunningham said.

Although sheriff's deputies had no records for the boy and little information to work with, they began investigating it as a missing child's case in January. Neither Child Protective Services nor law enforcement knew about the 2004 Houston kidnapping case at the time because the boy had been removed from the national missing children's database. Even so, they didn't know

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## Obituaries

### Herbert F. Trimble, 81

Herbert F. Trimble, 81, died March 13, 2012 in Amarillo.

Services will be at 3:30 p.m. Friday, March 16, 2012, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Ronnie Goode, associate pastor of Trinity Fellowship, officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery with military honors courtesy U.S. Army, Fort Hood. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Trimble was born May 26, 1930, in Leedey, Okla. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean Conflict. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1947. Herbert married Helen Cornelison on November 19, 1955, in Clovis, N.M. She preceded him in death in 1996. He later married Barbara Jackson, and she preceded him in death in 2007. Herbert was employed by Cabot Corporation/Ingersoll-Rand for 21 years, retiring in 1984. He was a member of Trinity Fellowship. His true love was his family, especially his grandchildren.

Survivors include his daughter, Twila Devoll of Pampa; two grandsons, Coy Devoll and wife Stefani and Clint



Trimble

Devoll and wife Jenee, all of Pampa. Herbert was preceded in death by a son, Terry Lynn Trimble on April 10, 1981, two sisters and one brother.

Memorials may be made to Pampa Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, TX 79066-0939.

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### Melva Luanne Lusk, 53

Melva Luanne Lusk was born November 8, 1958, in Pampa, to Shelton Ewell Lusk and Lu Jean "Honey" Pike. She passed away March 12, 2012 in Dallas.

Melva is survived by her loving partner of 23 years, Cecilia Gonzales; beloved pets, Pixee, Mickee, To-bee; sisters, Roxanne Newman and husband David, Jeanette Hooper and husband Danny, and Lynn Lusk and partner Mary; brother, Gerald Lusk and wife Monica; aunt, Norma Murdock and husband Duane; numerous nieces and nephews; parent in-laws, Cruz and Nelda Gonzales. She is preceded in death by her parents and grandparents.

She was a loyal supervisor dental technician for 24 years with the V.A. Hospital. Melva was blessed to be given the knowledge of how much people loved her and she them. Her walk with God every morning was her deepest love.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 15, 2012, at Laurel Oaks Funeral Home with pastor Tony Armstrong officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to [www.lungevity.org](http://www.lungevity.org) in the name of "Miracle Melva".




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## Texas to challenge VRA?

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas is asking a federal panel weighing its photo ID requirement for voters to allow it to challenge the constitutionality of a key provision of the Voting Rights Act.

In a filing Wednesday to a three-judge panel in Washington, Texas asked to submit a petition charging that Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act violates the 10th Amendment.

As a state with a history of voter discrimination, Texas is required under that section of the Voting Rights Act to get advance approval from Washington on voting changes.

On Monday, the Justice Department declared that Texas' photo ID rule could disenfranchise hundreds of thousands of registered Hispanics statewide.

The Justice Department's objection sent the case to the federal panel.

Texas now wants to argue the larger Voting Rights Act itself.

## Three sentenced for embezzling

HOUSTON (AP) — Three people convicted in a scheme in which more than \$13 million was stolen from an oil industry company have been sentenced to prison terms and ordered to pay restitution.

Harris County District Attorney Pat Lykos said in a statement Wednesday that the three were sentenced last week. Lykos says 55-year-old Nancy Moreno was sentenced to 30 years in prison, 47-year-old Yvette Ybarra Trevino was sentenced to 15 years and 44-year-old Ernest Trevino was sentenced to 20 years.

Lykos says the three were employed by Davis-Lynch when they misappropriated millions in company funds and used them to purchase luxurious homes, jewelry and vacations.

The three have been ordered to pay \$13 million in restitution as a condition of parole.

## Houston firefighter collapses, dies

HOUSTON (AP) — A 49-year-old Houston firefighter has died after collapsing as he started to enter an apartment to respond to a cooking-related fire.

The fire department says Senior Capt. Thomas W. Dillion was pronounced dead Wednesday at West Houston Medical Center Hospital.

The resident of the apartment where the fire started tells Houston TV station KPRC (<http://bit.ly/ywXsGn>) that the fireman collapsed at his doorstep as he arrived to help with a blaze that started on a stove.

The department says the fire was quickly extinguished. Dillion had been a member of the Houston fire department since June 1989.

The medical examiner's office will determine cause of death.

## Gas prices up more than a dime

HOUSTON (AP) — Retail gasoline prices across Texas have jumped 11 cents during spring break travel week.

AAA Texas on Wednesday reported the average price per gallon at the pump has reached \$3.70 per gallon.

The association says the nationwide retail price for gasoline rose a nickel, standing at \$3.81 a gallon.

The most expensive gasoline statewide was in Dallas and Fort Worth, at an average \$3.78 per gallon. Amarillo has the least expensive gasoline this week, costing \$3.58 per gallon.

Analysts say higher crude costs, supply concerns and signs of economic recovery have kept pressure on gasoline futures prices.

## UT-Dallas to expand bioscience

DALLAS (AP) — The University of Texas at Dallas will next month begin formally planning a new \$85 million science building that will be used to expand the school's existing bioscience program, with an emphasis on brain research.

The Dallas Morning News (<http://dallasne.ws/xNjwEE>) reports the building was approved last month by the University of Texas Board of Regents.

The project will expand an ongoing partnership in neuroscience studies between UTD and researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

The regents approved spending \$72.25 million from the state's Permanent University Fund Bond. The rest will be paid for by the university.

UTD provost Hobson Wildenthal says the university will use \$4 million in money saved from earlier projects, plus \$8.75 million that will be borrowed.

The building should be ready for use by fall 2016.

**MATTHEW "UNCLE MATTY" MARGOLIS**  
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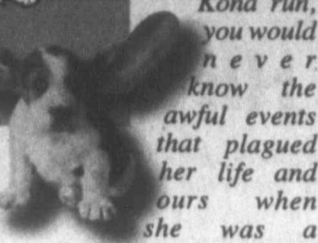
According to SafeKids.org, about 230 children die every year in "backover" or "frontover" accidents: accidents in which they are run over by a car, usually driven by a family member or close friend, and often in their own driveway. Imagine what that number is for dogs and cats. Then imagine what the aftermath looks like. Here's a glimpse:

*Kona, a Labrador mix, was 8 weeks old when my husband, Ron, and I brought her home. She was my first puppy, and I adored her!*

*On Memorial Day of 2005, Ron and I and the dogs — Kona and our 5-year-old Rottweiler, KC — were out front enjoying a beautiful day. I was washing my car; he was washing his work van.*

*Unknown to us, Kona had fallen asleep under the wheel of Ron's van. When he went to move the van, he ran over her. I heard her cry out, and I screamed, too. Ron panicked and rolled the van back over her again. It was pandemonium at that point. I grabbed Kona, who was already going into shock, and Ron got a blanket. He and I rushed our puppy to our vet. They couldn't help her, so we took her to a clinic. The doctor told us*

## Dog Talk with Uncle Matty



*Kona's back left leg was broken in three places. Her tail was broken at the base and would have to be removed. The possibility of her ever being able to control her bowels was slim to none. We knew he was trying to tell us that there was no hope for Kona. Ron was guilt-ridden. I could not stop crying. Ron told the doctor to save her.*

*When we took her home, she had a metal rod in her leg. We had to keep her in a pen. A 5-month-old puppy. Can you imagine? My husband built her a really nice pen, and we kept it clean and free of feces. She had many meds that needed to be administered throughout the day and night. Needless to say, our lives were completely centered on Kona.*

*We got through the months of rehab, and her bowels were functioning perfectly. We were so happy! Then a strange skin infection appeared on her rear hip. To make a long story short, she needed surgery to cut out the infection: She had more than 200 stitches and gained the nickname FrankenPuppy, but she recovered from that, as*

*well. When you see Kona run, you would never know the awful events that plagued her life and ours when she was a puppy. She is a living miracle. We never regretted the expense or the time involved in getting her through it all.*

The best way to prevent "frontover" and "backover" accidents is to be aware that they happen. Check under and around your car before moving it. Know where your dog is at all times. Keep him out of the street and away from the driveway. Use a lead in the front yard. Keep him on a leash. Fence in the front yard, separating it from the driveway and the road. Or decide that the front yard is off limits

to the dog.

Kona is one of the lucky ones. Lucky in life, lucky in love. Not everyone has the financial resources, and there are times when there is no way around that. But it's also true that not everyone is willing to stand by through thick and thin, in sickness and in health.

Often, when I share a letter from a reader, it's an example of what not to do. But this letter is an example of pet ownership at its best: total commitment, unflinching responsibility and wholehearted dedication to the health and well-being of the animals that enrich our lives.

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*Dog trainer Matthew "Uncle Matty" Margolis is co-author of 18 books about dogs, a behaviorist, a popular radio and television guest, and host of the PBS series "WOOF! It's a Dog's Life!"*

## Baby

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his name.

"It was very difficult because we were essentially searching for a ghost," Cunningham told The Associated Press.

CPS officials recently learned that Tanner was suspected in the 2004 kidnapping, which led to Monday's arrest. One of Tanner's relatives led them to the boy but denied knowing that he had been abducted, Cunningham said.

It's too soon to say whether anyone else will be arrested, Cunningham said.

He said the family will likely go through some counseling. The child apparently has never been in school, and one of the names Tanner called him was "Dirty," he said.

CPS officials in Houston did not return calls Wednesday. The AP's attempts to reach Champion-Morin were unsuccessful.

Champion-Morin said that she had done everything to find her child.

"I prayed every night that he was safe, loved and he would come home one day," Champion-Morin said.

### Cinema 4

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Thursday, March 15, the 75th day of 2012. There are 291 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On March 15, 1972, "The Godfather," Francis Ford Coppola's epic gangster movie based on the Mario Puzo novel and starring Marlon Brando and Al Pacino, premiered in New York.

### On this date:

In 44 B.C., Roman dictator Julius Caesar was assassinated by a group of nobles that included Brutus and Cassius.

In 1493, Christopher Columbus returned to Spain, concluding his first voyage to the Western Hemisphere.

In 1767, the seventh president of the United States, Andrew Jackson, was born in Waxhaw, S.C.

In 1820, Maine became the 23rd state.

In 1919, members of the American Expeditionary Force from World War I convened in Paris for a three-day meeting to found the American Legion.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied bombers again raided German-held Monte Cassino.

In 1956, the Lerner and Loewe musical play "My Fair Lady," based on Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion," opened on Broadway.

In 1962, a chartered Flying Tiger Line airplane carrying 107 people, most of them U.S. Army personnel, disappeared while en route from Guam to the Philippines. In a speech to Congress, President John F. Kennedy called for legislation protecting consumers' rights. "No Strings," Richard Rodgers' first musical following the death of longtime collaborator Oscar Hammerstein II, opened on Broadway.

In 1964, actress Elizabeth Taylor married actor Richard Burton in Montreal; it was her fifth marriage, his second.

In 1970, Expo '70, promoting "Progress and Harmony for Mankind," opened in Osaka, Japan.

In 1975, Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis died near Paris at age 69.

In 1985, the first Internet domain name, symbolics.com, was registered by the Symbolics Computer Corp. of Massachusetts.

**Ten years ago:** A Houston jury spared Andrea Yates' life after prosecutors stopped short of demanding the death penalty for the tormented mother who'd drowned her five children in the bathtub. (The 37-year-old Yates was sentenced to life in prison; however, she was later acquitted by reason of insanity in a retrial.) TV pioneer Sylvester "Pat" Weaver, who'd created NBC's "Today" and "Tonight" shows, died in Santa Barbara, Calif., at age 93.

**Five years ago:** In the Senate, Republicans easily turned back Democratic legislation requiring a troop withdrawal from Iraq to begin within 120 days. Actress Angelina Jolie adopted a 3-year-old boy from an orphanage in Vietnam (Pax Thien was her fourth child with Brad Pitt). The body of 6-year-old Christopher Barrios was found in Brunswick, Ga., a week after he'd gone missing. (A neighbor, David Edenfield, was convicted of aggravated child molestation and murder and was sentenced to death; his wife, Peggy, pleaded guilty in connection with the case and faces a 60-year prison sentence; their son, George, has been deemed mentally incompetent to stand trial.) Former baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn died in Jacksonville, Fla., at age 80.

**One year ago:** Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's forces overwhelmed rebels in the strategic eastern city of Ajdabiya, hammering them with air strikes, missiles, tanks and artillery. William Melchert-Dinkel, a former nurse accused of seeking out depressed people online and encouraging two to kill themselves, was found guilty by a judge in Faribault, Minn., of aiding the suicides of an English man and Canadian woman. John Baker became the first Alaska Native musher to win the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race since Jerry Riley did it in 1976.

**Today's Birthdays:** Musician DJ Fontana is 81. Former astronaut Alan L. Bean is 80. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is 79. Actor Judd Hirsch is 77. Rock musician Phil Lesh is 72. Singer Mike Love (The Beach Boys) is 71. Rock singer-musician Sly Stone is 69. Rock singer-musician Howard Scott (War; Lowrider Band) is 66. Rock singer Ry Cooder is 65. Actor Craig Wasson is 58. Rock singer Dee Snider (Twisted Sister) is 57. Actress Park Overall is 55. Movie director Renny Harlin is 53. Model Fabio is 51. Singer Terence Trent D'Arby (AKA Sananda Maitreya) is 50. Rock singer Bret Michaels (Poison) is 49. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rockwell is 48. Rock singer Mark McGrath (Sugar Ray) is 44. Actress Kim Raver is 43. Rock musician Mark Hoppus is 40. Actress Eva Longoria is 37. Rapper-musician will.i.am (Black Eyed Peas) is 37. Rock DJ Joseph Hahn (Linkin Park) is 35. Rapper Young Buck is 31. Actor Sean Biggerstaff is 29. Rock musician Ethan Mentzer is 29. Actress Caitlin Wachs is 23.

**Thought for Today:** "There are no hopeless situations; there are only men who have grown helpless about them." — Clare Boothe Luce, American author, diplomat, member of Congress (1903-1987).



## We can't separate social policy from tax law

Contrary to foolish meanderings of politicians, social issues are not only an integral feature of our fiscal policies but also specifically of our tax laws.

The majority of Americans say they support traditional marriage, the union of a husband and a wife, and support children being raised by their parents who are married to each other. So why are we permitting our income tax law to discriminate against traditional marriage and against the right and need of children to have a father and a mother married to each other?

Don't let anyone tell you that federal tax policy should be neutral about marriage, children and the family. There is no such thing as a neutral tax or a neutral deduction or a neutral credit.

Every part of your income tax return that you will file by April 15 is a manifestation of social policy. The whole concept that those who have more income must pay higher rates of income tax than those with less income (known as a progressive income tax) is a momentous combination of social and fiscal policies.

It's social policy that we can deduct gifts to charitable and religious organizations on our tax return. It's social policy to allow us to postpone taxes on our accounts set up for retirement.

It's social policy to permit homeowners to deduct mortgage payments. Favoring homeowners over renters was a social-policy decision made years ago and locked into the income tax law.

When we elected the great Republican Congress in 1946, it created the joint income tax return over President Harry Truman's veto. This enabled married couples, where the husband was the major breadwinner and the wife a homemaker, to file their income tax return as two equal partners, with each tax bracket, deduction and exemption equal to twice that of a single person.



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For more than 60 years, the federal income tax treated the family as an economic unit. A husband and wife had the benefit of pooling their income in a joint tax return, which affords larger deductions and

income tax system than a married couple raising their own children. We should not allow marriage to be discriminated against in the income tax code.

Even Obamacare contains a marriage penalty by reducing the insurance subsidy when cohabiting couples marry. As a Democratic staffer explained to The Wall Street Journal reporter who questioned the marriage penalty written into Obamacare, "You have to decide what your goals are."

The Democrats know that 70 percent of unmarried women voted for Obama in 2008. Democratic consultant Tony Podesta has cooked up 83 bills to increase handing out more taxpayers' money to single moms.

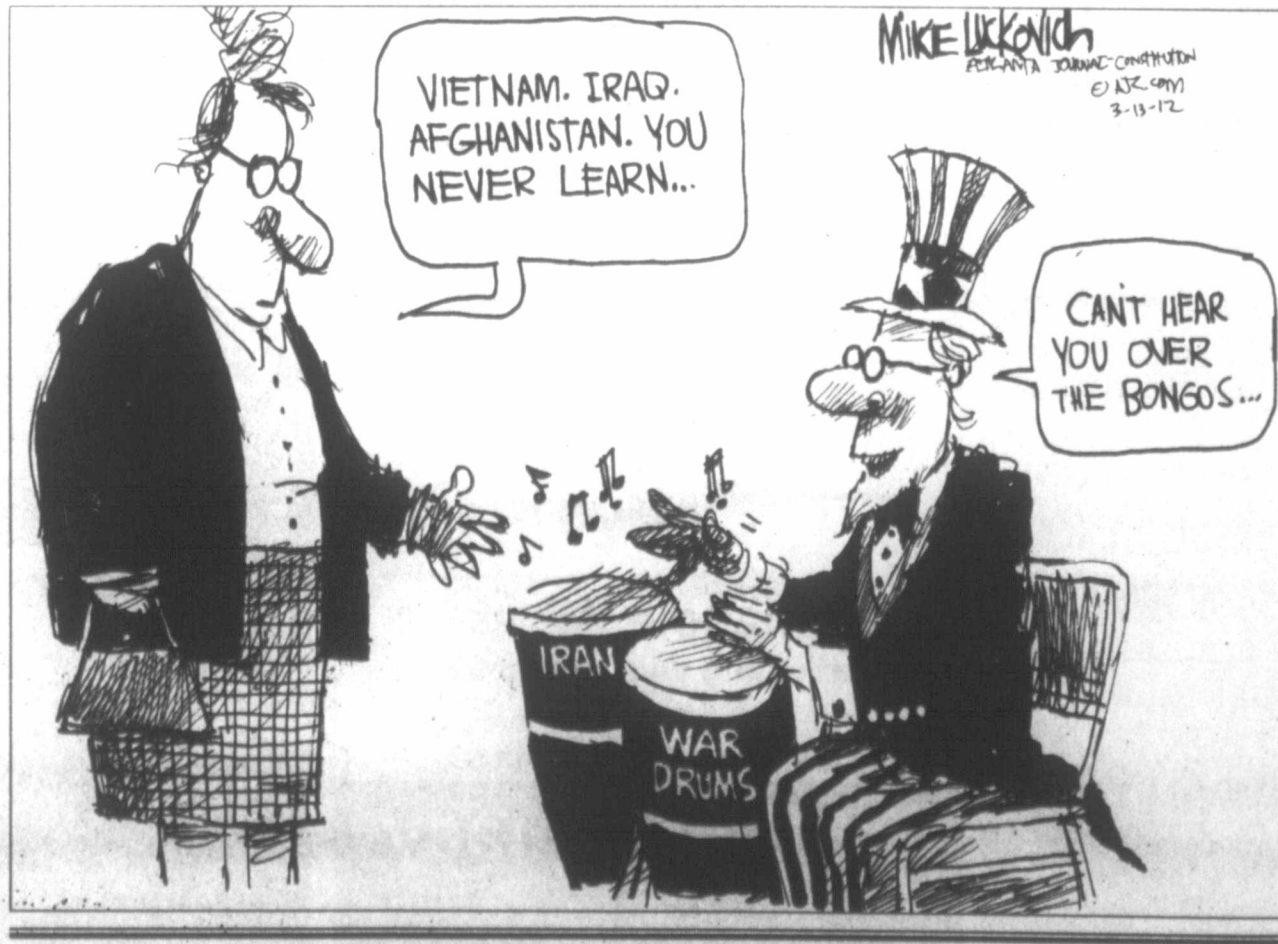
Most Republican presidential candidates, as well as conservative think tanks, publications and PACs, have presented proposals to "reform" the tax code, but they don't get it when it comes to income-tax respect for marriage. Again and again, they use such anti-marriage expressions as "individuals and their dependents."

The only one who seems to understand the family's relationship to the income tax is Rick Santorum. That could explain his surge with conservative voters.

Santorum even had to explain to The Wall Street Journal's financial guru the difference between the personal exemption for dependent children and a child credit. The difference is between reducing income taxes on a married couple raising their own children and giving refundable "credits" (aka handouts) to children of an unmarried parent.

It's time to make our income tax system pro-marriage instead of anti-marriage.

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# Republican fight for delegates stretches to Puerto Rico

WASHINGTON (AP) — An upbeat Rick Santorum barreled into Puerto Rico on Wednesday in pursuit of another campaign-bending victory in a Republican presidential race where suddenly no primary is too minor and no delegate is conceded. Mitt Romney put nearly \$1 million into television advertising in Illinois, the next big-state showdown.



Romney



Santorum



Gingrich

"If we keep winning races, eventually people are going to figure out that Gov. Romney is not going to be the nominee," said Santorum, eager to build on Tuesday's unexpected victories in Alabama and Mississippi.

Romney in turn dismissed Santorum as a "light-weight" as far as the economy is concerned.

He also rebutted suggestions that he can't appeal to core conservatives. "You don't win a million more votes than anyone else in this race by just appealing to high-income Americans," he said on Fox News. "Some who are very conservative may not be in my camp, but they will be when I become the nominee, when I face Barack Obama."

Romney travels to Puerto Rico on Friday, after two days in New York fundraising.

But in a reflection of the importance of next week's Illinois primary, aides announced he would make a previously unscheduled campaign stop in the Chicago area en route to San Juan.

Newt Gingrich, despite losing twice in the South, a region he hoped to own in the race, showed no sign of abandoning his fading campaign.

That presumably suited Romney fine. But not so much Santorum, eager for a race in which he is the sole challenger on the right for Romney, the former Massachusetts governor.

The events of the previous 24 hours neatly summarized the most turbulent Republican presidential campaign in a generation.

Santorum's primary victories in Mississippi and Alabama were the product of a wellspring of conservative support that overcame Romney's overwhelming organizational and financial advantages in the race to pick a November opponent for Democrat Obama.

Yet despite his twin defeats in the South, Romney remains the faraway leader in the delegate chase. Incomplete returns showed him actually adding one or two to his advantage because of overnight caucus victories in Hawaii and American Samoa.

That division — headline-grabbing primary victories versus routine accumulation of delegates — emerged as an increasingly significant point of contention as Romney, Santorum and Gingrich selected facts and spun theories designed to put their own hopes in the best light.

Romney's aides point out that he has more than half the delegates picked so far, and he has said he's on track to win the nomination before the party convention opens in August.

"Tuesday's results actually increased Governor Romney's delegate lead, while his opponents only moved closer to their date of mathematical elimination," said a campaign memo written during the day for public

circulation. Santorum's camp outline a strategy that relies on increasing strength in later primaries coupled with outmaneuvering Romney in caucus states where the front-runner showed early strength but delegates have yet to be picked.

"Simply put, time is on our side," the Santorum campaign said in a memo early in the week. The campaign pledged a floor fight at the Republican National Convention over the seating of winner-take-all delegations in Michigan and Florida, both of which Romney won. It also envisioned two or three rounds of convention balloting before a nominee is selected.

But it skipped lightly over Illinois, where the former Pennsylvania senator fell 10 delegates short of a full slate for the March 20 primary.

Gingrich's campaign countered with a memo Tuesday that said Louisiana's primary on March 24 is just the halfway point in the campaign and the former House speaker had succeeded in a goal of blocking "an early Romney nomination." Long gone was an earlier claim that Gingrich would be roughly even with Romney in delegates by April or May.

While the campaigns maneuvered for position, the race was on for primaries in Puerto Rico on Sunday, Illinois on Tuesday and Louisiana on March 24.

Romney's television campaign in Illinois came on top of \$2.4 million that a super PAC supporting him was spending on advertising. Polls show a competitive race in that state, advantage the front-runner.

Santorum hopes to add Louisiana to his list of Southern successes, and he held his Tuesday night victory rally there.

The primary in Puerto Rico, where residents cannot vote in the fall election, is drawing unusual prominence.

Santorum met briefly with Gov. Luis Fortuno, who has endorsed Romney, and later spoke to a town hall-style audience.

He defended his decision not to try to block the promotion of Sonia Sotomayor to be a federal appeals court judge when he was a U.S. senator from Pennsylvania — a promotion that eventually led to her nomination and confirmation as the first Latina justice on the Supreme Court. He said the Senate should allow "great deference to the president" in selecting lower court nominees and said he would expect that if he were president.

Many Republican senators voted against Sotomayor's high court confirmation in 2009. Santorum had been defeated for re-election in 2006.

With a handful of delegates yet to be allocated from Tuesday's races, the Associated Press tally showed Romney with 495 of the 1,144 needed for the nomination. Santorum had 252, Gingrich 131 and Ron Paul 46.

In a year of up-and-down turnout, Republican primary voters in Alabama and Mississippi cast ballots in record numbers.

Unofficial Alabama turnout was 621,549, topping the

## Gingrich's losses in Deep South a blow

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — The promised third dramatic comeback this was not.

Newt Gingrich's defeats in his must-win home region of the Deep South on Tuesday ensure that his White House bid is all but over — even if he refuses to acknowledge as much.

The stubborn former House speaker is vowing to stay in the race even though he's low on cash and facing pressure to step aside after losses in Mississippi and Alabama. In doing so, he could end up damaging his legacy in a party he helped build. Yet that seems to be a risk he's willing to take, for now at least.

"Why would I walk off from my party and leave them with two people who can't win?" Gingrich recently told The Associated Press. He insisted he would stay in the contest even if he lost in the region that's home to Georgia, which he represented in Congress for two decades.

It's been a rollercoaster of a campaign for Gingrich, who entered the race a year ago only to watch his campaign implode weeks later. He spent last summer laying low, only to surge in the weeks before the Iowa caucuses Jan. 3. He didn't win them but managed to rise again to win the South Carolina primary on Jan. 21. He endured six weeks of losses before crushing his rivals in his home state of Georgia. He then looked to neighboring Southern states for a third and final rebirth.

But it didn't happen. Gingrich finished second in both Mississippi and Alabama behind Rick Santorum, who cemented

his place as the preferred conservative alternative to GOP front-runner Mitt Romney. The losses blew a 400-mile wide hole in the former Georgia lawmaker's plan to stitch together victories across the South, the heart of the GOP base.

Publicly undeterred, Gingrich and his wife, Callista, traveled to Illinois on Wednesday to campaign there ahead of its primary next Tuesday, and he's promising to take his fight to the party's national convention in Florida in late August.

"He believes he can do this. But he and Callista are probably the only two people who believe it," said former top Gingrich aide Rich Galen, a GOP strategist. Still, Galen

warned that Gingrich's status as an elder statesman of the party could take a hit if he continues his campaign much longer. "It makes him look foolish."

Two and a half months into the state-by-state voting, the two biggest questions hanging over the race are whether Gingrich drops out and whether his largest financial backer — casino titan Sheldon Adelson — will continue to open his wallet for a pro-Gingrich super political action committee that has run millions of dollars in TV ads on his behalf.

Santorum and Romney are locked in a two-man delegate fight that could stretch well into the summer. Gingrich and Texas Rep. Ron Paul have been

pushed to the sidelines given their lack of victories. Gingrich has won only two of the roughly two dozen states that have voted; Paul has won none.

Romney, a former Massachusetts governor, is on pace to reach the 1,144 delegates needed to clinch the nomination in June. And despite winning Tuesday, Santorum, a former Pennsylvania senator, cannot catch him, and Gingrich is not expected to come close if Romney continues to amass delegates at his current pace. Their only chance is to prevent Romney from reaching the needed delegates and then force a fight at the August convention.

A day after Gingrich's **GINGRICH** cont. on page 10

previous high, 554,639 in 2008, by 12 percent. In Mississippi, unofficial turnout was 289,826, surpassing the previous high, 158,526 in 1988, by 83 percent.

In both cases, voters had an unexpectedly important role in the selection of a party nominee. It is rare for a Republican campaign to remain competitive until spring.

In this case, exit polls showed an electorate that was overwhelmingly conservative, distrustful of the federal government and eager to turn Obama out of office.

That consensus masked deep divisions when it came to sorting out the Republican field, though, and religion appeared to play a role.

Born again or evangelical voters accounted for about 80 percent of all the votes cast in Alabama and Hawaii, and Santorum picked up about 35 percent support from those voters in both states, compared with about 31 percent for Gingrich. Romney picked up 31 percent in Mississippi, the closer of the two races, but only about 27 percent in Alabama. Neither performance came close to the 38 percent support he had among evangelicals in Florida, where he was victorious.

Conservative resistance was more than a match in Mississippi for the support Romney had from the party establishment. Gov. Phil Bryant and both of the state's Republican National Committee members endorsed him.




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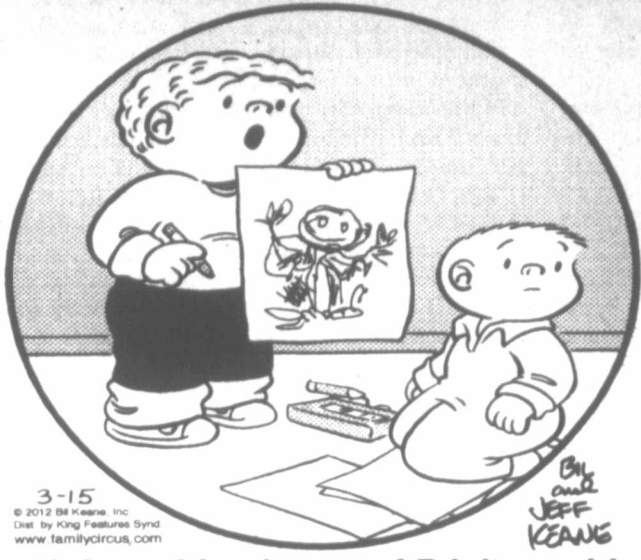
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"I drew this picture of P.J. It would look more like him, but he moved."

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### Nest Heads



## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Friday, March 16, 2012:

This year you visualize and, for the most part, manifest your desires. Make sure you really want what you wish for; otherwise, there could be a problem. You have a unique gentleness about you that attracts many people. If you are single, you could be dating a lot and could meet someone special in the next six months. If you are attached, as a couple you need to visualize a long-term goal. The process of making it real will bond you even more closely. Count on CAPRICORN.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Hedge your bets, but also follow your instincts. You will stay on top of work, a community effort or other situation. You'll see rewards come forward for a job well done. Don't hem and haw; instead, make fun plans. Tonight: A must appearance.

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ A meeting helps center you. You see beyond the immediate. Through associates and detachment, you visualize a fuller picture. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. You feel so much more connected. Invite a friend to join you after work. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

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

★★★★★ You are full of fun and life. You have a way of letting someone know exactly what your expectations are. At this moment in time, the response is likely to be positive and upbeat. Be careful about a new person you meet today. Tonight: Spend time with a special person.

#### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Someone feels strongly about you and what you have to offer. You could be confused about your options. Think carefully about what could happen if you just relax. Be aware that someone is giving you not-so-subtle hints. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

#### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You have a lot of ground to cover. Your follow-through helps a key person. He or she appreciates your respect and ability to get the job done. You could be up for a promotion or change of title. You are being noticed within your immediate circle. Tonight: Join a friend for TGIF.

#### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Clearly, the weekend holds more interest than the present. Still, toss yourself 110 percent into whatever you are doing. You will feel better about yourself, and the results will reflect this intensity. Touch base with a loved one. Tonight: Christen the weekend in style.

#### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ You might decide to take off early or work from home today, if you are not lucky enough to take the whole day off. You find a partner unusually appealing. Maintain your focus on what you must do in order to make more time for fun. Tonight: Head home and make some calls.

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Open up to suggestions. Avoid screening calls, if possible. You will get more than you thought possible. At the same time, catch up on others' news. An invitation to a late lunch could wind up being a good segue into the weekend. Let it happen. Tonight: Be open.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Be aware of the damages you might create by making an impulsive financial decision. Sometimes making a nurturing gesture can mean as much as buying an appropriate gift. Express your caring according to your budget. Tonight: Try not to kiss self-discipline goodbye.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You are in your element right now, so zero in on an important matter. Others are much more likely to come forward and express their support. You could be hard to stop. Don't forget to touch base with a child or loved one. Tonight: The action surrounds you.

#### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Once more, count on your sixth sense. Others might have different opinions. The problem lies in that each of you is sure you are right. Be less rigid, and work with different ideas. See where another person is coming from. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Zero in on what is important. Please don't sell yourself short. Investigate an opportunity or offer. Return calls. You might be delighted by how upbeat others are. You finally can have a discussion that you have been putting off. Tonight: At a favorite spot with favorite people.

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Level: Intermediate

## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Sam," and I have been married for 32 years, and all these years he has lied continually. It has gotten so bad that I cringe every time we're invited to family functions or get-togethers with friends. Sam uses these gatherings to be the star of the show, spilling out the most outrageous whoppers you can imagine.

My family knows when he's lying or exaggerating about something. They roll their eyes and nudge me to let me know they know. Sam fabricates the most outlandish stories and never owns up to anything he has done wrong. Instead he blames me or others for his actions. If I confront or challenge him, he gets defensive and says I'm "always" belittling or challenging him in front of others.

Abby, even though I still care for this man, I don't have the respect I wish I had for him. What can I do? — **DISENCHANTED IN THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT**

DEAR DISENCHANTED: After 32 years, there is nothing you can do about it. Your husband has a personality problem — probably related to insecurity — that causes him to lie to get attention. It's pathetic, really. However, to embarrass him by pointing it out in front of others is cruel and unproductive. Until he's ready to admit to himself that he has damaged his credibility so badly that no one believes a word he says, nothing will change.

DEAR ABBY: My close friend "Kate" has just told me she's getting a divorce. She confided that she cheated on her husband, "Phil," and says she doesn't want to try to work on her marriage, even though they have a baby together. Kate says that Phil is a great father and he's not abusive — she just doesn't love him anymore.

This came as a shock to me, and I'm not sure how to be supportive. When I divorced, my husband was the one who cheated and left me, so I know how Kate's husband feels. I know I should be sympathetic to her, but I don't know what to say. Can you help? — **TRYING NOT TO JUDGE**

DEAR TRYING: Continue trying not to judge. It is understandable that you'd identify with Kate's husband since his position is so similar to what you experienced. If you know and like him, befriend him. I'm sure he could use a friend right now. However, before you do, ask Kate if she would mind.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm 15. My father just started paying child support three years ago for my twin sister and me. He only pays a small amount each month, and he has never paid any medical or health bills for either of us in our lives.

Recently we found out he lied about his monthly salary so he wouldn't have to pay for us. I'm really hurt because I feel like he doesn't care about us. How do I cope? Help! — **INCREDIBLY HURT IN THE SOUTH**

DEAR INCREDIBLY HURT: While I can understand your disappointment in your father's lack of character, please do not allow his failures to make you think less of yourself. His behavior shows that he doesn't care about anyone but himself. Now that you and your mother know he lied about his income, it's possible the child support he didn't pay can be collected retroactively. If your mother hasn't discussed this with an attorney, she should do it now.

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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## BANANAGRAMS!

For each of the words below, replace one letter with the tile after the plus sign. Then rearrange the letters to spell a type of building.

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# Sports

## Harvesters let lead slip late in fifth consecutive loss

ANDREW GLOVER  
aglover@thepampanews.com

This season, late innings haven't been too kind to the Pampa Harvesters as they have let two leads slip away. Wednesday at Harvester Field ended up being a third, as Pampa couldn't hold on to its one-run lead in a 9-6 loss to the Childress Bobcats.



Snelgrooes

"I told the guys we need to put a complete game together," head coach Kaleb Snelgrooes said. "We are getting there. Not playing last weekend hurt us. We are still trying to work on some things."

This was the fifth straight loss for Pampa and the second straight game where it blew a lead. The Harvesters led 7-3 against Midland JV before losing 8-7. Snelgrooes said his team isn't allowing the losses get to them.

"They don't like losing, just like me," Snelgrooes said. "They are all right. We are going to come back tomorrow and go to work. These kids are resilient and are going to play hard no matter what."

Junior Jordan Lemons said this game will help them become a better team.

"I think we will learn more from a loss than a win," Lemons said. "We will come out next game and do pretty good."

Sophomore Ethan Hunt started and struggled with control. In 1 and 2/3 innings, Hunt walked three, hit one and pitched four passed balls. It took Hunt 40 pitches to get out of the first inning.

Childress scored on a groundout, sacrifice bunt and an error in the first inning, making it all the way through its lineup.

The Bobcats tacked on two in the second with a single and an error. Stratton Bocanegra paced Childress with a single and a RBI.

The Harvesters (3-8) rallied in the bottom of the second. Seniors Devin Coleman and Trace Carter and junior Chris Howard singled. Carter's hit drove in Coleman and Howard. Carter stole second and advanced when senior Cole Engle grounded out to short. A wild pitch brought Carter in for the tying run. Pampa took its only lead in the third when senior Collin Killgo scored while senior Zach Graves was caught in a rundown.

Senior James Thompson relieved Hunt and started strong, throwing two scoreless innings. Control became an issue in the last half of Thompson's outing as he walked five and threw two passed balls and two wild pitches.

Childress tied the game in the fifth on a RBI single by Nic Pousek. The Bobcats took the lead for good in the sixth on a sacrifice bunt by Joe Arcivar.

The Bobcats used six pitchers with five only pitching an inning. Chris Martin earned the win allowing two hits, walked one, hit one and struck out one. Arturo Fuentes pitched the last two innings and struck out three to earn the save.

Thompson took the loss after pitching 5 and 1/3 innings. Leading the Harvesters in hitting were Thompson and Killgo. They combined for six hits, two runs and 2 RBI.

The Harvesters travel to Canyon to face the Levelland Lobos at 4:30 p.m. Friday. Snelgrooes said the team is focused on getting better.

"These pre-district games, you want to win them," Snelgrooes said. "More importantly you are looking for the Perrytons, Dalharts and Borgers."



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Senior Trace Carter slides into second for a stolen base Wednesday at Harvester Field. Carter's steal helped him score the tying run in the second inning. The Harvesters lost a lead for the second consecutive game.

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## Mavs have chance to regroup

DALLAS (AP) — Now that the Dallas Mavericks have gotten past that dreaded stretch of nine games in 12 days, and it wasn't pretty, they are getting some relief.

The defending NBA champions, the league's oldest team with all its starters and two top reserves being at least 10-year veterans, have a chance to regroup. They are now in a nearly two-week span without having to play on consecutive nights, a rarity in this brutal condensed season.

"Nine games in 12 nights, this team was not designed for that," owner Mark Cuban said. "Especially, when you have injuries."

The Mavericks won only twice in that span before returning home and getting back post players Brendan Haywood (sprained left ankle) and Brandan Wright (concussion) in time for a desperately needed victory over Washington on Tuesday night. They are still without guard Delonte West, out nearly a month with a broken right ring finger.

After beating the lowly Wizards, Dallas practiced for the second time in three days. The Mavs play at home again Thursday night against Charlotte, the only team in the league with fewer wins than Washington's nine, and host Southwest Division-leading San Antonio on Saturday night.

The Mavericks (24-20) won't have to play back-to-back games again until March 23-24, and then won't even have to leave Texas then since those games are in San Antonio and Houston. The toughest remaining stretch could be four games on the West Coast in five nights in mid-April.

"Now's our chance to prove ourselves," Cuban said. "It's just been a different year, and we've got the fewest games left. Now hopefully that will play in our favor. Hopefully we'll run into some tired teams like they've run into us."

After losing at home to

the Los Angeles Lakers in their last game before the All-Star break, the Mavericks went 2-7 over a dozen days. That ended with five games in six

nights, including their only span this season of three games in three nights — all losses on the road against teams with losing records.

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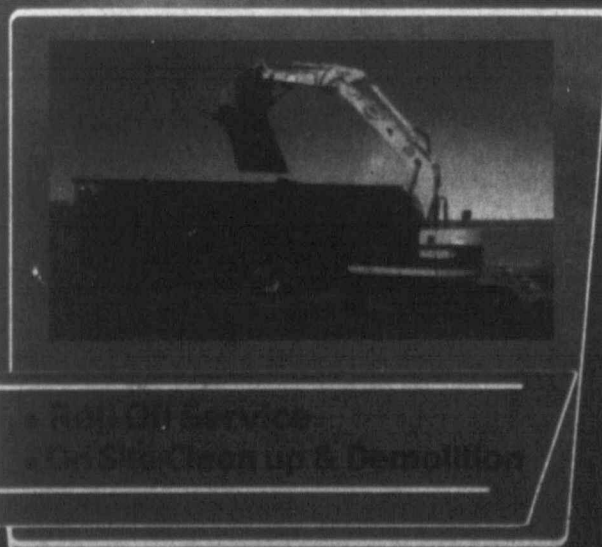
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## Gingrich

losses, advisers rejected the notion that the race was down to Romney and Santorum.

"You are joking," Gingrich adviser Tony Dolan said and insisted: "It's a three-way dynamic."

Gingrich aides argue that he can still win the nomination before the convention by racking up uncommitted delegates who could decide to back him.

They also said nominating contest has yet to reach its halfway point and that a strong second-half performance by Gingrich could sway those uncommitted delegates to his campaign.

Gingrich's campaign issued a strategy memo this week noting that Louisiana, which holds its primary on March 24, is friendly territory, as is Washington, D.C., where Santorum is not on the ballot, Maryland and Wisconsin, the childhood home of Callista Gingrich. All three hold their contests on April 3.

Allies noted Gingrich's storied career of returning to prominence as one of the nation's leading Republican

figures after crushing public defeats.

"His resilience reminds me that his greatest asset might be his durability. It reminds me of Nixon, Clinton and Reagan," said longtime Gingrich adviser Craig Shirley, referring to eventual presidents who triumphed after political defeats. "These guys have an indomitable spirit."

Gingrich rose to become House speaker in 1995 after leading the first Republican takeover of the House 40 years. But he left just a few years later under a cloud of questions about his ethics, and has used the presidential campaign to help return him to prominence within the party.

Gingrich repeated at the first of a series of Illinois stops Wednesday his promise of "getting to Tampa" for the Republican National Convention, but acknowledged the race was taking a toll.

"This is a very challenging campaign," he told about 100 people in Rosemont near Chicago. "It is particularly challenging because I am campaigning on very new ideas that are very different."

Even as he vows to press on, Gingrich has started talking almost wistfully about the campaign.

He told the AP that while he was not bothered, or deterred, by calls for him to quit the race, he was hurt

by them last summer after a mass exodus from the campaign by top advisers and staff over strategy and financial disagreements.

"That was painful. That was a point where I said, 'I've been active in this party since the summer of 1960. I think it's fair to say I helped grow the Georgia Republican Party and I helped grow the national majority,'" Gingrich said last week. "I'm a genuine outsider mobilizing the American people against the Washington establishment of both parties. That's fine with me."

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## Habitat

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and ownership in the family that will one day call the house a home.

"The family has to purchase the house, and we work with them, and they go through classes on how to be a homeowner on things like home repairs, budgeting and financing," she said. "Also, they have to volunteer what we call 'sweat equity' hours with churches or non-profits. We expect the family to help with construction, too, so it's not just a giveaway."

## Ferguson

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"We have great relationships with law enforcement," he added. "We work really well with them, and I think that giving them an option to keep that was the right thing to do."

Ferguson said that working with law enforcement through training is already a priority for his office.

"We hold training sessions with them so not only can they understand what we do, but we can understand what they do, and I know in our office that's very valuable," he said. "I think law enforcement feels the same way. They really like knowing that we value what they do, and we know that we're in it together, because in the end, you need both sides working together."

While being "tough on crime" is important to Ferguson, he says that pursuing justice as a whole takes precedence.

"That's one of the things that most people don't know about our office," he said. "It is our job to seek justice, and just because we get a case doesn't mean we are going to take that case, or doesn't mean we automatically say that person is guilty in our mind. It's our job to look at it fairly and see if the evidence is there, and even if the evidence is there, we still don't make the decision. Then we take it to a grand jury, and that's just normal citizens, and say, 'What do you guys think?'"

During his time with the 31st District, Ferguson has established a familiarity with its counties.

"I've got a pretty good idea of the differences in the counties and what people need and like, but one of the best things our office has is great relationships with the law enforcement in each county, and that has really helped us, just as an office, work," he said. "They can call us at any time, we can call them at any time and it works really well. I think that's helped us work together with each different community."

In the coming months, Ferguson plans on visiting each part of the district.

"I definitely plan on pushing hard in all five counties," he said.

## Fling

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Woelfle added.

"We would just like to have more of the community to come out and support Create-A-Beat, to have more people come out to the Spring Fling and see what Create-A-Beat's all about," she said. "Any help we can have with that would be great."

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