

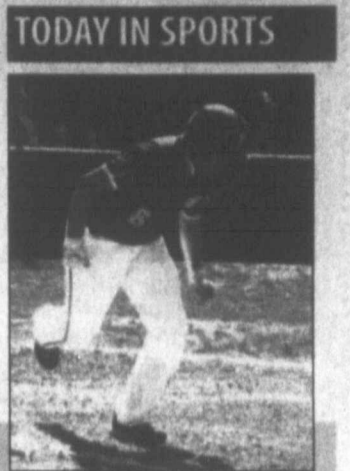
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Pampa Energy Center announces sale of land

■ *Forty undeveloped acres near PEC sold to Bowers family for agricultural use*

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The Pampa Energy Center, LLC, an industrial complex owned by the Pampa Economic Development Corporation

(PEDC), has announced the sale of 40 acres of undeveloped land on the east side of FM Road 2300 at the intersection of FM 2300 and County Road I. C4Ag, LLC, an agricultural company owned by Charles Bowers, Janyth

Bowers and their three sons, purchased the land from the Pampa Energy Center for \$40,000. The company plans to use the land to dry and store specialty grains and crops produced by the Bowers family. "We're glad to be able to do it, and to have an opportunity to put the (Bowers') complex close to the (PEC) site," said Gary Sutherland, Pampa Energy Center board member and PEDC president. "We hope it offers an opportunity for starting

new agriculture related businesses there." Construction jobs and a permanent job will emerge from the project. "It's a positive development for Pampa, because that land will be developed for agriculture activities and add value to the area," said Ken May, President of the Pampa Energy Center board. "We'll be looking at new employees out there initially, and the potential for growth." "The sale of this property is just a **SALE** cont. on page 3A

'TIS THE SEASON



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**

Senior Alanna Stephens is mobbed by teammates after hitting a solo home run in the second inning against Vernon Friday. Stephens' homer was the first of the season for the Lady Harvesters. Pampa lost 14-6 in Game One and won Game 2 7-1. Full story in **SPORTS**, page 1B.

County joins others against 'ObamaCare'

■ *Commissioners urge Perry to fight controversial law*

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Gray County has joined other counties in the Panhandle by passing a resolution that requests a special session of the Texas Legislature be held to put a stop to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare." County commissioners passed the resolution during their meeting on Thursday morning at 9 a.m. at the Gray County Courthouse.

"Last Thursday, in their meeting, (the Panhandle County Judges and Commissioners) passed a similar resolution, asking (Governor Rick Perry) to call a special session to invoke the 10th amendment against this health plan that's going to break this country," said Gray County Judge Richard Peet.

The 10th amendment addresses the power of states and the federal government by assigning to states the powers not reserved for the federal government and also not expressly denied to states. **COUNTY** cont. on page 3A

City to explain charter amendment at Chamber luncheon

■ *City attorney Waters, city manager Morris to speak*

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With May fast approaching, the City of Pampa is looking to educate its voting public about a significant ballot item in this year's election.

According to the Chamber of Commerce, Judge Lee Waters, Pampa's city attorney, and Richard Morris, the city manager, are slated to speak at Tuesday's Chamber luncheon, set for noon Tuesday at the M.K. Brown Room at the Chamber building, 200 N. Ballard.

"We're going to be talking about election issues in



Waters

the city election for May 12," said Waters. "Specifically, the charter amendment proposition that the voters will vote on, either for or against increasing terms of office for commissioners and mayor from two to four years."

The adjustment in term length was brought about by new federal and state legislation, Waters explained.

"What brought this about is the U.S. Congress passed the Military and Overseas Voter Enhancement Act — the MOVE Act — and the state legislation that implemented that in Texas was Senate Bill 100," he said. "The purpose of the MOVE act was to make it easier for military and other people living overseas to be able to vote, which it achieved that purpose, but it also had some adverse consequences to cities

and school districts in Texas. "The long and short of it," Waters continued, "is that it compressed the election cycle to a point that there was a short window of 10 days for the election people to reprogram their computers and voting equipment and get their staff ready for the next election."

To mitigate those effects, the Pampa Independent School District, which holds elections for its trustee positions, lengthened the terms of its elected officials from two to four years through a resolution of the board. The city is attempting to do the same with the upcoming charter amendment.

"The school district can (lengthen trustees' terms) by board action because they're not governed by a charter," Waters said. "They don't have a governing document that controls their organization. The city does, and our charter provides for two-year terms."

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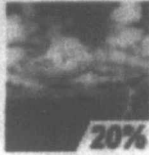
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Sunday	Monday
		
High 80 Low 53	High 76 Low 47	High 62 Low 35

Today: Sunny, with a high near 80. Windy, with a south southwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 53. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 76. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 45 mph.

Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 45 mph.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 62. Breezy, with a west southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

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Luncheon

"Last fall when staff and I presented to the commissioners about five alternatives to respond to Senate Bill 100," Waters continued. "The commissioners voted unanimously sometime in the fall to submit to the voters the charter amendment proposition to increase the terms from two to four years."

The city, Waters said, hopes to help its voters make an informed decision on the amendment in part by explaining the options at Tuesday's luncheon.

"I'll be laying out the advantages and disadvantages of doing that to inform the voters as to what brought this

about and what they're voting on," he said.

Waters also said that while they are not the official topic of discussion, there is also a possibility of addressing the financing of the city's proposed animal shelter (which will be up to the public through a bond election on the May ballot) and the general city election. The animal shelter bond issue is an entirely separate matter from the charter amendment and is not packaged as a single item up for vote, clarified Waters.

The cost of attending the Chamber banquet is \$10. RSVP no later than Monday.

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Obituaries

Beth Davis, 74

BURKBURNETT—Beth Davis, 74, of Burkburnett, passed away Monday, March 5, 2012, in Wichita Falls.

Graveside services were scheduled for Saturday, March 10, 2012, at Burkburnett Memorial Cemetery with Rev. Danny Hodgkins officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Owens & Brumley Funeral Home of Burkburnett.

Beth was the daughter of Buster W. and Matie (Calvert) Morrison. She was born in Wichita Falls, on February 18, 1938. After graduating high school, she became an LVN. Beth married Jim Davis on February 29, 1992, and he preceded her in death on May 24, 2009.

She is survived by three sons, Jimmie C. Carter Jr. of Pampa, Hollie M. Carter of Pampa, and Tim L. Carter of Burkburnett; step-daughter, Cindy Henson of Wichita Falls; four sisters, Gay Word and her husband Thomas of Lubbock, Jane Morrison of Burleson, Joan Baum and her husband Larry of Ft. Worth, and Mitzi Trammell of Wichita Falls; two brothers, Royce Lee Morrisson, and John Morrisson both of Wichita Falls; four step-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Wichita Falls, 4909 Johnson Rd., Wichita Falls, TX 76310.



Davis

Billy Joe Brown, 84

White Deer—Billy Joe Brown, 84, died March 15, 2012, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, March 19, 2012, at White Deer United Methodist Church, with Rev. Dr. Jerry R. Lane, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be at White Deer Cemetery with military honors courtesy U.S. Navy. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Brown was born October 19, 1927, in Amarillo. As a young boy, his family moved to the White Deer area. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II. After the war, he was a farmer, and he worked at the Amarillo Globe News for over 40 years. Bill was a current member of the White Deer United Methodist Church and was a former member, deacon and song leader at Hi-Land Christian Church of Pampa. In his spare time, he enjoyed gardening. He will be remembered as a man with a great sense of humor, and he never met a stranger.

Survivors include four sons, Larry Brown and wife Arlene of Burleson, Ray Brown of Amarillo, David Brown and wife Lanna of Groom, and Steve Brown and wife Cindy of White Deer; nine grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren; special friend, Bonnie Blackwell of Amarillo; and special nephew, Bobby Joe Brown of Amarillo. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; three sisters; and a great-granddaughter, Isabel Brown.

Memorials may be made to White Deer United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 835, White Deer, TX 79097.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Brown

Joyce Cambern Smith

Joyce Cambern Smith passed away March 14, 2012. She married Dane Cambern on September 14, 1938, in Santa Fe, N.M. Dane passed away in 1975. She married Cliff Scott on May 31, 1981. Cliff passed away in 2001.

Joyce is survived by her husband, Al Smith; a sister, Marciel Barber; and five children, Dane and Rhonda Cambern of Sour Lake, Grant and Pauline Cambern of Amarillo, Kenny and Judy Cambern of Pampa, Sharon and David Martindale of Houston, and Cindy and Rick Harris of Pampa. Joyce is also survived by her 13 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Frank, Fred and A.J. Womble; and also her grandchildren, Melissa Shannon Cambern, Cheryl Louise Cambern, Matthew Grant Cambern, Doug Auwen, and Catherine Diann Cambern.

Joyce had a truly kind spirit and loving heart. She loved her family, she lived to dance and she also loved to travel. We will miss her deeply.

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Beaumont courthouse reopens

BEAUMONT (AP) — A Southeast Texas courthouse has reopened two days after gunfire outside left one person dead and three hurt.

The Jefferson County Courthouse reopened Friday. A suspect remains in custody over the shootings in downtown Beaumont.

Bartholomew Granger had been on trial in a family-related criminal case. Police say he opened fire a couple of hours before he was due back in court Wednesday.

Granger is charged with murder over the fatal shooting of a bystander and is held on \$4 million bond. Authorities identified the slain woman as Minnie Ray Sebolt of Deweyville.

Investigators say Granger's adult daughter was wounded. Police say she was hospitalized Friday in critical but stable condition. Her mother and another bystander suffered minor wounds.

Ex-Laredo bank pleads guilty

LAREDO (AP) — A former bank manager in South Texas faces up to 30 years in prison for stealing from a customer who never visited the branch.

Prosecutors say 50-year-old Patricia Garcia Munoz of Laredo pleaded guilty Friday to embezzlement and misapplication of funds. No sentencing date has been set for Munoz, who remains free on bond.

Munoz worked at a BBVA Compass Bank in Laredo when she stole nearly \$102,000 from certain accounts. Munoz says she targeted that customer because he never stopped by the bank and she thought he would not notice the theft.

Munoz, as part of the plea agreement, must repay the money. She also could be fined up to \$1 million.

Weekly rig county up 11

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the U.S. is up by 11 this week to 1,984.

The Houston-based oilfield services company Baker Hughes Inc. reported Friday that 1,317 rigs were exploring for oil and 663 for natural gas. Four were listed as miscellaneous. A year ago this week Baker Hughes reported 1,720 active rigs.

Of the major oil- and gas-producing states, Oklahoma gained 12, Colorado four and Alaska and North Dakota one each.

Louisiana lost six rigs, Texas dropped three, Arkansas two and Wyoming one.

California, New Mexico, Pennsylvania and West Virginia were unchanged. The rig count peaked at 4,530 in 1981 and bottomed at 488 in 1999.

BBB warns of St. Pat's Day scams

AUSTIN (AP) — A business group in Texas has offered a warning about money schemes during St. Patrick's Day weekend.

The Better Business Bureau in Austin on Friday said scammers often use public holidays to target consumers with bogus sweepstake claims. St. Patrick's Day is Saturday.

The BBB says consumers across Texas frequently contact the group inquiring about a mail or phone notification announcing they've won a substantial sum of money.

BBB official Carrie Hurt says one clue about a fraudulent sweepstakes offer is requiring consumers to make a purchase to get a prize.

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Filmmaker Jackson Polk describes Hueco Tanks as a world-class jewel in the desert.

"Whether you come to climb the boulders, study the plants and animals or honor the spirits that blow with the wind, Hueco Tanks is alive with experiences that can't be found anywhere else on earth," Polk said at the end of his latest documentary film, "El Paso's Hueco Tanks."

Polk, an award-winning filmmaker, spent eight years shooting video, collecting interviews and studying Hueco Tanks State Park & Historic Site, an outcropping of ancient rocks 32 miles northeast of El Paso.

The site is best known for its vast collection of spectacular and rare photographs, or rock art. The video depicts Hueco Tanks as El Paso's oldest and largest art gallery.

"What we're trying to do is create a television pro-

gram that can be exported from El Paso to explain Hueco Tanks to anybody who doesn't know it," Polk said in a recent interview.

El Paso County Historical Society, one of various project sponsors, will premiere the 52-minute video on Sunday at a fundraising event.

Jackson is optimistic that the video, one of several he has produced on the region's history, will help educate city and county officials about the potential in heritage tourism. The \$48,000 budget for this project included a \$12,000 grant from the El Paso County Commissioners Court.

"You have all kinds of factions out there ΓÇö rock climbers, Native Americans, the state of Texas and recreational people that think they own the place," Polk said.

Hueco Tanks is known for its hollow areas that catch and hold the des-

ert's rare rainfall. Water attracted animals, plants and humans for centuries.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department manages the site, which the state acquired from the county in 1969. The Tigua Tribe of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, the Mescalero Apaches and Kiowas in Oklahoma all claim that Hueco Tanks is part of their culture and history.

Over the years, archaeologists have found an ancient village there and confirmed Hueco Tanks served as a burial ground for various people who once inhabited what has been described as a desert oasis.

Sammy Gutierrez of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo suggests in the video that rock climbers, hikers and others leave their tracks on land that many Native Americans consider sacred.

"It would be the same

as me going into a church and try to do all kinds of stuff on their altars, which is not right," he said. "We go out there for a purpose, a purpose to pray, a purpose to respect, a purpose to take care of the place. It is very sacred because of the water that's there."

Hikers and rock climbers come from all over the world to test their skills at Hueco Tanks. The site also has 20 campsites for recreational users.

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continuation of what the Pampa Economic Development Corporation and Pampa Energy Center's goals really are, to continue development on that site," he added.

County

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Peet is concerned that policies in the health care act will be invasive and costly for individuals.

"It's not only affect private business, but individuals are going to have to be able to show that they have health insurance, and some people just can't afford that," he said. "The high cost of it is just prohibitive, and it really should be their choice. I don't know that the federal government gets to intervene in your daily life like that."

"I don't think it's (the federal government's) business to get down into the local government and the lives of local people like that, and that's what they're doing, getting into our everyday business, more and more all the time," he added.

In April, west Texas counties, including Gray County, will return to the resolution during a meeting in Odessa. If approved, the counties will make the request to hold the special session with Perry, who will have the final decision.

CORRECTION

In yesterday's edition of The Pampa News, the address of Mimi's Cafe was given as 300 N. Foster. The restaurant's address 300 W. Foster. The Pampa News apologizes for the error.

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Sunday in History

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Today's Highlight in History:

On March 18, 1962, France and Algerian rebels signed the Evian Accords, a cease-fire agreement which took effect the next day, ending the Algerian War after more than seven years and leading to Algeria's independence.

On this date:

In 1766, Britain repealed the Stamp Act of 1765.
In 1837, the 22nd and 24th president of the United States, Grover Cleveland, was born in Caldwell, N.J.

In 1911, Irving Berlin's first major hit, "Alexander's Ragtime Band," was first published by Ted Snyder & Co. of New York. The Theodore Roosevelt Dam in Arizona was dedicated by its namesake, the former president.

In 1922, 12-year-old rabbi's daughter Judith Kaplan became the first American Bat Mitzvah in a ceremony at the Society for the Advancement of Judaism in New York City.

In 1937, some 300 people, mostly children, were killed in a gas explosion at a school in New London, Texas.

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order authorizing the War Relocation Authority, which was put in charge of interning Japanese-Americans, with Milton S. Eisenhower (the younger brother of Dwight D. Eisenhower) as its director.

In 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Hawaii statehood bill. (Hawaii became a state on Aug. 21, 1959.)

In 1965, the first spacewalk took place as Soviet cosmonaut Alexei Leonov went outside his Voskhod 2 capsule, secured by a tether.

In 1974, most of the Arab oil-producing nations ended their embargo against the United States.

In 1980, Frank Gotti, the 12-year-old youngest son of mobster John Gotti, was struck and killed by a car driven by John Favara, a neighbor in Queens, N.Y. (The following July, Favara vanished, the apparent victim of a gang hit.)

In 1990, thieves made off with 13 works of art from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston (the crime remains unsolved).

In 2009, Tony-winning actress Natasha Richardson, 45, died at a New York hospital two days after suffering a head injury while skiing in Canada.

Ten years ago: Brittanie Cecil died two days short of her 14th birthday after being hit in the head by a puck at a game between the host Columbus Blue Jackets and Calgary Flames; it was apparently the first such fan fatality in NHL history.

Five years ago: Pakistan's national cricket team coach, Bob Woolmer, 58, was found dead in his hotel room in Kingston, Jamaica, during cricket's World Cup tournament. (An inquest into Woolmer's death ended with the Jamaican jury unable to reach a ruling on the cause.)

One year ago: President Barack Obama demanded that Moammar Gadhafi halt all military attacks on civilians and said that if the Libyan leader did not stand down, the United States would join other nations in launching military action against him. At a massive demonstration against Yemen's government, snipers fired on protesters and police blocked an escape route; dozens were killed, including children. Former Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher died in Los Angeles at 85. Princess Antoinette of Monaco, the late Prince Rainier III's oldest sister and a prominent advocate for animal rights, died at 90.

Today's Birthdays: Composer John Kander ("Chicago") is 85. Nobel peace laureate and former South African president F.W. de Klerk is 76. Country singer Charley Pride is 74. Actor Kevin Dobson is 69. Actor Brad Dourif is 62. Jazz musician Bill Frisell is 61. Singer Irene Cara is 53. Movie writer-director Luc Besson is 53. Actor Thomas Ian Griffith is 50. Singer-songwriter James McMurtry is 50. Singer-actress Vanessa L. Williams is 49. Olympic gold medal speed-skater Bonnie Blair is 48. Country musician Scott Saunders (Sons of the Desert) is 48. Rock musician Jerry Cantrell (Alice in Chains) is 46. Rock singer-musician Miki Berenyi is 45. Rapper-actress-talk show host Queen Latifah is 42. Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus is 40. Actor-comedian Dane Cook is 40. Rock musician Stuart Zender is 38. Singers Evan and Jaron Lowenstein are 38. Singer Devin Lima (LFO) is 35. Rock singer Adam Levine (Maroon 5) is 33. Rock musician Daren Taylor (Airborne Toxic Event) is 32. Actor Adam Pally is 30.

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Today in History

Today is Saturday, March 17, the 77th day of 2012. There are 289 days left in the year. This is St. Patrick's Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 17, 1912, the Camp Fire Girls organization was incorporated in Washington, D.C., two years to the day after it was founded in Thetford, Vt. (The group is now known as Camp Fire USA.)

On this date:

In A.D. 461 (or A.D. 493, depending on sources), St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, died in Saul.

In 1762, New York's first St. Patrick's Day parade took place.

In 1776, British forces evacuated Boston during the Revolutionary War.

In 1861, Victor Emmanuel II was proclaimed the first king of a united Italy.

In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt first likened crusading journalists to a man with "the muckrake in his hand" in a speech to the Gridiron Club in Washington.

In 1910, the U.S. National Museum, a precursor to the National Museum of Natural History, opened in Washington, D.C.

In 1941, the National Gallery of Art opened in Washington, D.C.

In 1942, six days after departing the Philippines during World War II, Gen. Douglas MacArthur declared, "I came through and I shall return" as he arrived in Australia to become supreme commander of Allied forces in the southwest Pacific theater.

In 1950, scientists at the University of California at Berkeley announced they had created a new radioactive element, "californium."

In 1966, a U.S. midjet submarine located a missing hydrogen bomb which had fallen from an American bomber into the Mediterranean off Spain.

In 1970, the United States cast its first veto in the U.N. Security Council. (The U.S. killed a resolution that would have condemned Britain for failure to use force to overthrow the white-ruled government of Rhodesia.)

In 1992, 29 people were killed in the truck bombing of the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina. In Illinois, Sen. Alan Dixon was defeated in his primary re-election bid by Carol Moseley-Braun, who went on to become the first black woman in the U.S. Senate.

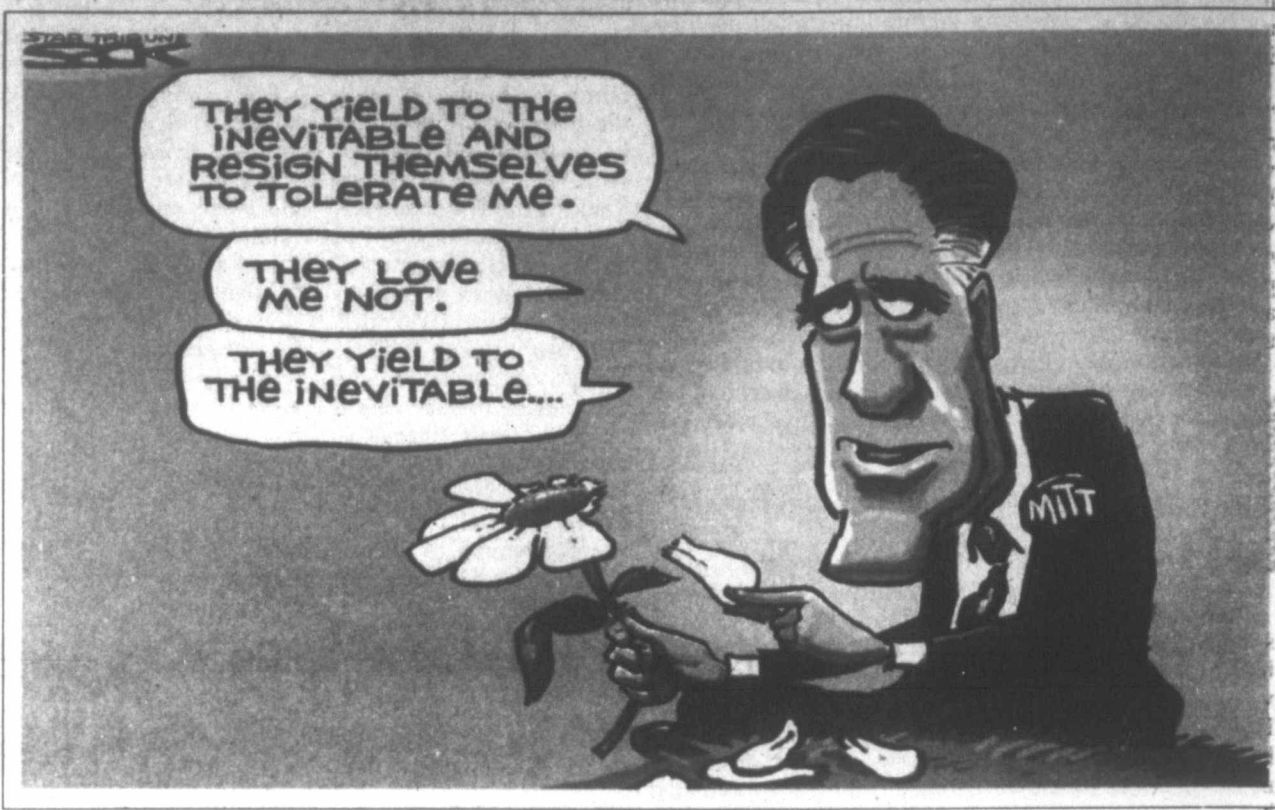
Ten years ago: A grenade attack on a Protestant church in Islamabad, Pakistan, killed five people, including a U.S. Embassy employee and her 17-year-old daughter. After nearly a year's run, Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick left the Broadway hit musical "The Producers." (They later returned for a limited engagement.)

Five years ago: Denouncing a conflict entering its fifth year, protesters across the country raised their voices against U.S. policy in Iraq and marched by the thousands to the Pentagon. John Backus, the developer of Fortran, a programming language that changed how people interacted with computers, died in Ashland, Ore., at age 82.

One year ago: The U.N. Security Council paved the way for international air strikes against Moammar Gadhafi's forces, voting to authorize military action to protect civilians and impose a no-fly zone over Libya. U.S. drone missiles hit a village in Pakistan; U.S. officials said the group targeted was heavily armed and that some of its members were connected to al-Qaida, but Pakistani officials said the missiles hit a community meeting, killing four Taliban fighters and 38 civilians and tribal police. Michael Gough, the British actor best known for playing Bruce Wayne's butler Alfred in a series of Batman movies, died in England at age 94. Country music entertainer Ferlin Husky, 85, died in Nashville, Tenn.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz/New Age musician Paul Horn is 82. The former national chairwoman of the NAACP, Myrlie Evers-Williams, is 79. Rock musician Paul Kantner is 71. Singer-songwriter Jim Weatherly is 69. Singer-songwriter John Sebastian (The Lovin' Spoonful) is 68. Rock musician Harold Brown (War; Lowrider Band) is 66. Actor Patrick Duffy is 63. Actor Kurt Russell is 61. Country singer Susie Allanson is 60. Actress Lesley-Anne Down is 58. Actor Mark Boone Jr. is 57. Country singer Paul Overstreet is 57. Actor Gary Sinise is 57. Actor Christian Clemenson is 54. Former basketball and baseball player Danny Ainge is 53. Actress Vicki Lewis is 52. Actor Casey Siemaszko is 51. Writer-director Rob Sitch is 50. Actor Rob Lowe is 48. Rock singer Billy Corgan is 45. Rock musician Van Conner (Screaming Trees) is 45. Actor Mathew St. Patrick is 44. Actor Yanic Truesdale is 43. Rock musician Melissa Auf der Maur is 40. Soccer player Mia Hamm is 40. Rock musician Caroline Corr (The Corrs) is 39. Actress Amelia Heinle is 39. Actress Marisa Coughlan is 38. Rapper Swifty (D12) is 37. Actress Natalie Zea is 37. Actress Brittany Daniel is 36. Actress Eliza Hope Bennett is 20.

Thought for Today: "It is my rule never to lose me temper till it would be detrimental to keep it."
— Sean O'Casey, Irish playwright (1880-1964).



We lost another good one this week...

Life from Both Sides, Now

We lost another good one this week and I am getting tired of it. Natalie Reeve was one of my favorite people. (Jack and Catherine are in that list too.) Her smiling face and positive attitude encouraged me often. Losing these folks is — or was — beginning to get to me.

I'm reminded of when I was Chamber Director in Tulia and one of the board members was killed in a car wreck. My friend Frank came by the office and as we were sharing our grief, I said, "Dang it, Frank, if God had told me someone from Tulia would have to die, but I would have to pick them out, it sure wouldn't have been Mike."

Frank — always quick with a good comeback — said, "Oh, I've got a top ten list!"

That's how I felt about Natalie, and Curt, and Herman, and Bob, and Shelly, and a number of others who have passed away since I came here. Not a single one of those folks would have been on my "top ten to go" list.

Natalie's brother Randy, however, put it in perspective for me. He said, "Yes, but now they're all having a good time together." That's quite a picture — to see them all unbound by physical frailties. I can bet that Herman is laughing at his own jokes and Natalie is rolling her eyes!

Amarillo by Morning?

Most people probably associate Amarillo and the Panhandle more with Strait than Strauss, but the area has always been surprisingly tuned to the arts (Pampa especially so).

This week I happened upon the offices of Chamber Music Amarillo. Many of you are probably familiar with the organization, but I wasn't. (Somewhere in the back of my mind I knew they existed, but that's about it.)

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David Palmer greeted me warmly and chatted with me for quite some time. He explained how the organization achieves its mission, which is "to provide you a complete experience of music from classical, jazz

and beyond, discussion with the artists, food, drink and time to visit with your friends and family in the intimate, unique setting that is the Fibonacci Building" (3306 SW 6th—historic Route 66.)

Rather than go into detail here, I suggest you check out their website: www.chambermusicamarillo.org or call 806-236-3545.

Arlo at Alice's

It was actually the Dixie Cafe, who had generously agreed to serve breakfast to Arlo, his entourage, the board of the local Folk Music center, and a few hangers-on like me. I'm not one to fawn over celebrities, be they singers, actors, political leaders or first ladies. To get an autograph or have a picture taken just doesn't do anything for me. But to get the opportunity to sit and really visit with one of those folks...now that's something else. (I keep hoping for the chance to sit next to Tom Hanks on an airplane, but so far I haven't run into him on the Amarillo-Austin loop.)

So it was a treat to get to visit with Arlo about himself and his father, Woody. I commented that my per-

sonal research (admittedly small) has never indicated that Woody was a communist, and how sometimes things are taken out of context and blown out of proportion.

Arlo agreed and was emphatic that Woody's works — poetry, songs (over 3,000!), prose, and art — are not those of a communist. Woody was obviously a populist, and spoke for people who were not getting heard — farm laborers, migrants, people who had really begun to wonder if "this land was their land" — but that's a far cry from communism.

"What happened" Arlo said, "is that a lot of the people he hung with who WERE communists — and didn't have a following — associated themselves with him, using his celebrity, and declaring that he spoke for them."

What? Me worry?

That "Stinkin' Preacher" Steven Cox (St. Paul's Methodist) was seen around town recently missing a front tooth. I thought I heard him say that wife Toni had knocked it out in a bar fight, but maybe I misunderstood. Or maybe I dreamed it—as soon as a preacher starts talking, I generally nod off.

Whats in a Name...?

Recently I picked up a business card of a "designing woman" named Velvet Knight. Now, Velvet is a pretty cool name to begin with, but paired with Knight? Superb!

Later that day I met a woman whose last name was also Knight, and I told her, "You're the second Knight I've seen in one day!"

Some people just don't have a sense of humor!

Joe Weaver is a Pampa resident and a great storyteller. He may be reached at warp.woof@yahoo.com. This column and other observations can be found at <http://warpwoof.livejournal.com>.

Speaking truth to power — an essential civic virtue

A willingness to speak truth to power is an essential civic virtue for the well-being of a democratic-republic. Equally virtuous and essential, however, are those rare citizens willing to risk their personal well-being by standing up to speak truth about power.

Meet Lt. Col. Danny Davis, a 48-year-old career Army man who fought in both the first and second Iraq wars and has had two year-long deployments in the Afghanistan war. Over the years, this soldier had often seen top commanders try to put a positive light on a negative military situation, but in our ongoing quagmire in Afghanistan, Davis saw that the candor gap had become a chasm, with the brass going from spin to outright lies.

So, this time, he wasn't going to be quiet about it. Davis became a whistleblower, daring even to call out Gen. David Petraeus, the former top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, who now heads the CIA. Last year, Petraeus had told Congress that the Afghan Taliban's momentum had been "arrested," that our progress there was "significant," and that the mission was "on the right azimuth," to succeed.

That went against everything Davis himself was experiencing, what he was being told by ground forces

throughout Afghanistan, what classified intelligence assessments were revealing, and — most significantly — what casualty statistics were showing. "You can't spin the fact that more men are getting blown up every year," he says.

Now back in the U.S., Davis launched a truth-telling mission in January, going to the media and Congress — and, in a scathing article in *The Armed Forces Journal*, he asked point blank, "How many more men must die in support of a mission that is not succeeding?"

Davis is no hothead — his superiors have given him such glowing performance evaluations as this: "His maturity, tenacity and judgment can be counted on in even the hardest of situations." Lt. Col. Davis knows that he has now put himself in the hardest situation ever by bluntly speaking truth about the powers who're many ranks above him. "I'm going to get nuked," he says resignedly.

Indeed, a teacher of military ethics at the Naval War College has already denigrated Davis as an underling who thinks that he "knows better" than the brass. "It may be an act of moral courage," sniffed the ethicist, "but he's gone outside chan-



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nels, and he's taking his chances on what happens to him."

Yes, he is, professor, and America needs more truth-telling whistleblowers like Davis with the moral courage to go confront leaders with their lies.

Unfortunately, it looks like the Obama administration is making it harder for federal workers to serve the public by blowing the whistle on wrongdoing. In pro-

gressive circles, the most common complaint about Barack Obama's presidency is that it doesn't go far enough, instead being content with half-step reforms. On one important issue, however, the Obamacans have been going way too far.

With an executive excess that would've given pause even to the Bush-Cheney regime, the White House and Justice Department have been trying to silence truth-tellers who dare to reveal government misdeeds to journalists. Every president hates leaks, but this one is hauling public-spirited leakers into federal court, vengefully accusing them of being spies!

His bludgeon is a 1917 Espionage Act that was intended to apply only **HIGHTOWER** cont. on page 5

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to people who give aid to our enemies by revealing national security secrets. In its nearly 100 years on the books, the act had been used only three times — but Obama has already brought out this sledgehammer six times in only three years, wielding it to prosecute simple whistleblowers. Thomas Drake was one of them. His "crime" was telling a Baltimore Sun reporter that the agency he worked for was paying hundreds of millions of dollars to a corporate contractor for a software program, rather than installing a much cheaper, more effective, and less problematical program developed by the agency itself. Even though his claim was true, Drake was prosecuted under the

Espionage Act, charged with 10 felonies carrying punishments of up to 35 years in prison. His expose was not at all a matter of political embarrassment to the administration. It was such overkill that the Justice Department's case collapsed from its own absurdity, but not before putting Drake through a wringer and sending a chill through other legitimate whistleblowers. To learn more about Obama's bizarre, heavy-handed attacks on truth-tellers, contact the Government Accountability Project: www.WhistleBlower.org.

Jim Hightower is a nationally syndicated columnist.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: One of my sister's best friends, "Tara," has had a crush on me since we were kids. She's 21 and I'm 25. My sister always knew about it, but never told me. I had a crush on Tara, too, but I was too shy to tell her.

I moved out of state when I turned 18, but Tara still lives there. She and my sister keep in touch. Now that I'm back in town, Tara has been coming to visit me. We have no physical contact, only verbal. During one of the visits she confessed her crush and so did I.

The trouble is, Tara got married a year ago and has a 2-month-old baby with her husband. She says she hasn't been happy in her marriage and has filed for a divorce. We want to be together, but want to wait for the divorce to be final before starting a relationship.

I suspect that she's only divorcing her husband to be with me. Am I being too quick to judge? Is it a bad idea to be with her? Should we just remain good friends? I need a woman's opinion. — UNCERTAIN IN TEXAS

DEAR UNCERTAIN: If you and Tara are serious about not starting a relationship until her divorce is final, then the answers

to your questions will become apparent during that process. But please remember, ending her marriage will probably not cause her husband to vanish into the ether. Because he's the father of her baby, he will be part of your lives forever.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Simon," is a workaholic. I didn't know him long before I married him, which was a mistake. He never adapted to being part of a couple. His rewards all came from work — the paychecks, kudos from clients and fellow employees, and others saying what a good provider he was. He brought our kids' love with presents, not presence.

He was gone at dawn, came home after the kids were in bed, volunteered to work on his "off" days and usually stayed later than scheduled. He kept busy with everyone and everything except us. I raised our children alone and worked outside the home as well. I took them to their sports events, extra activities and to the synagogue. We didn't need the "extra" money, but he was never satisfied, always wanting more. I was faithful to a ghost, living alone and crying for too long. After 30 years I realized I didn't miss him anymore.

He had broken my heart and fractured my dreams.

It's too late for me to start again and find love. Abby, tell young wives to trust their hearts and priorities. They deserve warmth, not cold cash. — ALONE NOW BY CHOICE IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR ALONE: What a sad story. You married someone who may have had such an overwhelming fear of poverty that he sacrificed the joys of family for financial security. While you may not have had romance, I'm sure you have earned the love of your children. Allow yourself to enjoy what your husband has accumulated.

And if you've had enough of solitude, consider this: It's never too late to find love. People of every age do it every day, but first you need to find it within yourself. Unless you do, your bitterness will spill over onto every relationship you have.

TO MY IRISH READERS:

"May the most you wish for be the least you get. May the best times you've ever had be the worst you will ever see." Happy St. Patrick's Day! — LOVE, ABBY

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Police trap
- 6 Irish county
- 11 Track horse
- 12 Tough puzzle
- 13 Past plump
- 14 Showy flower
- 15 Irish area
- 17 Luau strings
- 18 Pot brew
- 19 Annulled
- 22 Compass pt.
- 23 Sculpted
- 24 Tyler Perry persona
- 25 "Heavens!"
- 27 "— been real"
- 30 Intermingled
- 31 Ran into
- 32 "— had it!"
- 33 Irish city
- 35 Dark times, informally
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- 41 Irish county
- 42 Mike of "Shrek"

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- 1 Gas can parts
- 2 Restaurant fixtures
- 3 Winter fisherman's tool
- 4 High home
- 5 Immigrant's ID
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- 8 Crafty
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BANANAGRAMS!

Use the 15 tiles in this bunch to create words that fit into the grids below. To get you started, a few tiles from the bunch have been placed in the grid, and the BANANA BITES provide hints. Reuse the 15 tiles in the bunch for each grid.

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BANANA BITE: One word means "dislike strongly."

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BANANA BITE: One word means "in a state of shock."

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Yesterday's Answer: MAGICIAN, ARMCHAIR

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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Developer vows to build horse plant in Missouri

MOUNTAIN GROVE, Mo. (AP) — Opposition from some residents will not stop a Wyoming company from building a plant in southwest Missouri to slaughter horses and process the meat for human consumption, the company said.

Sue Wallis, a Wyoming legislator who is chief executive officer of Unified Equine, met Monday with a large crowd at the Wright County Livestock Auction to discuss plans for the plant. She said she was not swayed by opposition to the plant.

"Discussion's over. Make all the noise you want. We're going into business," Wallis said.

Wallis created the company last November after Congress approved a bill allowing the U.S. Department of Agriculture to begin inspections again for horse meat plants. She said Unified Equine will complete its feasibility study in the next month and a half, and hopes to have a plant open in southwest Missouri by September, KY3-TV reported.

The company has said the plant could eventually process up to 200 horses a day in a single shift and that the meat would be distributed to ethnic and specialty markets in the U.S. and abroad.

Wallis said the company is no longer considering a vacant building near Mountain Grove as the site for the plant.

"Might be really close to Mountain Grove, might be a ways away, but it will be somewhere in southwest Missouri," she said.

Unified Equine chose the region because of its access to good highways and access to horses, she said.

"If you draw a 400- or 500-

mile circle around southwest Missouri, you encapsulate more than 30 percent of the horses that are in the U.S.," Wallis said.

An earlier meeting in Mountain Grove to discuss the plant erupted into yelling and heckling of a plant supporter. Missouri State Highway Patrol troopers were present at Monday's meeting to ensure order. Video cameras were not allowed inside the meeting, but the auction barn overflowed with curious residents.

Opponents contend the plant would bring pollution and crime to the region, as well as a stigma for slaughtering horses. Supporters contend the plant would bring much-needed jobs and help reduce an over-population of horses.

"We always need jobs. There's a lot of people not working around here. Plus, hopefully it'll bring the price of horses back up," said Jeff Walkow of Dunn.

Protestors believe the plant would be bad for their horse companions and community.

Michelle Collins of Norwood said the horse slaughtering plant would ruin the Ozarks' way of life.

"It's just a love of our life, and it's something we've always done together as a family, and we are definitely opposed to the horse slaughter plant," Collins said.

But Mindy Patterson of the Missouri Equine Council said there are hundreds of thousands of unwanted horses nationwide.

"I implore them to give heed to the thought that these horses are suffering a painful death of starvation," Patterson said.

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submitted photos

Pam Funderburg's second grade students at Lamar Elementary recently completed a study and projects about snakes. Among the students participating and show in these photos were: (not in order) Keundre Ashford, Jonathan Catin, Gabino Dondiego, Meraya Esparza, Dayanara Estrada, Jaiden Goodson, Miguel Hernandez, Trinity Land, Destiny Lymburner, Ernesto Mendez, Gisell Medoza, Sammy Perez, Drake Reed, Yesenia Resendiz, Bryson Solis, Amanda Soliz, Fabian Soto, Hortensia Urrutia and Connor Waycaster.



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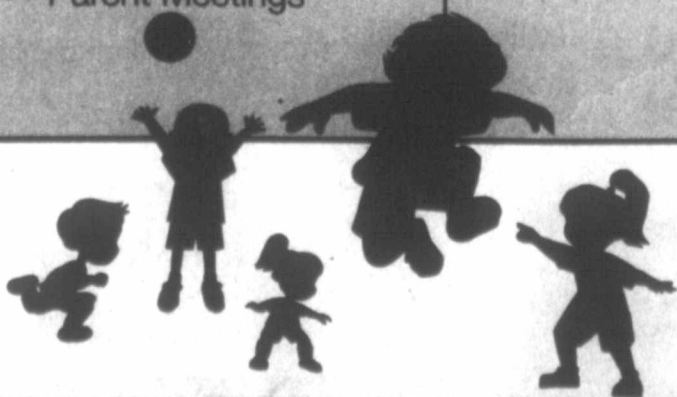
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CLUB NOTES

Las Pampas DAR

The Las Pampas Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution met at 2 p.m., Thursday, March 1 in the home of hostess Nancy Coffee.

Mary Cantrell, club regent, led the regular ritual. Janice Lively gave the defense report. Omajeane Lewis gave a flag fact. Janice Lively gave a veteran's report.

There are 20,000 veterans who are homeless and in dire need of help. The gov-

ernment has given some of the veteran's vouchers for housing.

Many of the veteran's wives need supplies for their babies and children. Nancy moved we give \$25.00 to help with veteran's baby showers. Karen Slate seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Mary Cantrell gave the treasurer's report.

The February tea was cancelled due to so few entries in the Good citizen essay contest. Omajeane volunteered to see that a picture be taken and an



Kate Slate

essay written for the Pampa News.

Rikki Earnest a senior at Pampa High School was chosen to be Good Citizen of the Year. Mary gave a report on DAR schools.

Karen Slate reminded members to send get well cards to Mary Potter, who is in the hospital.

Omajeane was commended for the articles she has put in the paper.

Those attending the meeting were, Nancy Coffee, Donna Burger, Mary Cantrell, Karen Slate, Omajeane Lewis and visitor Janice Lively.

Karen Slate gave the program on patriotism.

A lunch was served by hostess, Nancy Coffee. The club enjoyed chicken salad sandwiches, deviled eggs, stuffed celery with cheese, rice crackers, nuts, candy, fruit and lime tarts, peach tea and coffee.

March 13, at First United Methodist Church with President Rochelle Lacy presiding. Roxane Funderburk and Mattie Norton served as greeters. Samantha Helms and Myrna Smith attended as guests.

The Accent was given by Allison Watson who spoke on the benefits of attending District Conference to be held April 20-22 in Waco. Registration forms were distributed and members were encouraged to register by March 16.

Brenda Tucker was nominated to serve on the District Nine Nominating Committee.

The Bi-City meeting with Borger Altrusa Club will be held March 19, 2012 at

Frank Phillips College.

President Rochelle Lacy conducted the election of officers for 2012-2013. The new officers will be installed May 22, 2012 at the program meeting.

Committee reports:

•ASTRA - Allison Watson reported that ASTRA members will meet March 25 at Priest Park.

•Travis Reading Project - Donna Turner announced that the last reading at Travis will be April 10. Members were encouraged to volunteer.

•Lunch with Dignitaries

-Susan Winbourne announced the next visits will be to the Pampa Airport and Clarendon College.

•Melodie Dosch and Allison Watson will chair the Relay for Life Survivor's Dinner with details to be given at a later date.

•Taste of Pampa - Linda Weaver, Chair asked members to volunteer for committees for the event to be held May 15, 2012 at M.K. Brown Heritage Room.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church.

Weekly Menus

Pampa Independent School District

MONDAY, March 19

Chicken fried steak or chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, corn, mixed fruit, hot roll

Breakfast - French toast sticks, syrup

TUESDAY, March 20

Pizza dippers or macaroni & cheese, green beans, broccoli florets, pears

Breakfast - Biscuit, gravy

WEDNESDAY, March 21

Barbeque on a bun or steak fingers, french fries, baked beans, fresh fruit

Breakfast - Cinnamon tasteries

THURSDAY, March 22

Philly steak sandwich or pizza, English peas, tossed salad, peaches, chocolate cake

Breakfast - Pancake N sausage on a stick

FRIDAY, March 23

Taco salad or hot dog, corn, vegetarian beans, mandarin oranges, Spanish rice

Breakfast - Cereal, toast

Pampa Meals on Wheels

MONDAY, March 19

B.b.q., meatballs, potato salad, baked beans, apricots

TUESDAY, March 20

Hamloaf, hominy casserole, zucchini/tomatoes, pineapple

WEDNESDAY, March 21

Chicken nuggets, baked potatoes, peas/carrots, peaches

THURSDAY, March 22

Shepard's pie, corn, pickled beets, mixed fruits

FRIDAY, March 23

Baked chicken, sweet potatoes, green beans, apple-sauce

Pampa Senior Citizens Center

MONDAY, March 19

Chicken fried steak or chicken enchiladas, mashed potatoes, hominy casserole, spinach, pintos, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O salad, devilsfood cake, cherry cobbler, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

TUESDAY, March 20

Chicken salad or meatloaf, potatoes Au gratin, fried okra, carrots, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O salad, orange streusel cake, chocolate icebox pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

WEDNESDAY, March 21

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, peas, corn, butter beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O salad, marble cake, bread pudding, fruit cake, hot roll, cornbread

THURSDAY, March 22

Chicken strips or Salisbury steak/onions/gravy, steak fries, green beans, fried squash, beans slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O salad, hurricane oatmeal cake, lemon pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

FRIDAY, March 23

Cod fish/hushpuppies or beef stew, potato wedges, broccoli casserole, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O salad, cherry chocolate cake, tapioca cup, fruit cup, garlic breadstick, hot roll, cornbread

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"May you always walk in sunshine.
May you never want for more.
May Irish angels rest their wings right beside your door"

I've done a lot of talking about my Southern heritage, and a lot of cooking to show it off. But long before my people were living in the southern United States, their people were living in Ireland, Scotland, England, and Germany... Once they finally hopped on boats to come to the states, they married other Irishman, Englishman, and some Native Americans. What eventually trickled down to become the greater part of my heritage was Irish, Native American, and German. I know. I'm a regular World Atlas of genetic material. The upside is that I get to celebrate A LOT. Just about any week of the year, one or more of the groups in my gene pool is celebrating something.

When I am in the kitchen, the influence that comes out most often is the Native American, as it was also the most influential to the Latin American and Southwestern cultures from which Texas grew. My cooking style, which I call Texas Fusion, seeks to incorporate those flavors into dishes from other cultures and regions.

But the part of my heritage that was the most evident in my family life and my formative years was the Irish part. Since we celebrate Saint Patrick's Day this week, it's a perfect time to honor that heritage. My people came from Ireland, from the area around County Limerick, and County Cork. Our family name, and my maiden name, is Gough, a variation from the much earlier McKeough. It rhymes with cough.

One of the traits that has come to typify, if not stereotype the Irish people is their love of drink, song, and some very colorful language. Have I mentioned how a good thick Irish brogue (accent) makes me go weak in the knees? If you are watching a movie set in Ireland, there will almost inevitably be a scene set in a bar filled with rosy-cheeked locals drinking pints of

Guinness and singing Irish folk songs. A more cheerful and gregarious bunch of Catholics there never was. And nobody can turn a phrase better than an Irishman.

My Papa was no exception. Since I was a little girl, I remember him always, always singing--except when he was humming--"Galway Bay", and "Danny Boy". And since he was also a proper Catholic--like any good Irishman should be--he also sang "The Lord's Prayer", and "Ave Maria". He had the voice of an angel, and I can still hear him singing like it was yesterday.

Singing in an Irish Pub would not be complete without liberal application of alcohol, and Ireland is famous for producing its share. Guinness Stout, and Irish Whiskey, most notably.

Guinness is the famously dark ale that has been produced in Dublin since 1759, and is the most popular drink in Ireland.

Irish Whiskey is a hard liquor made of one or more types of grains--barley being most common. It is almost always distilled three times and aged for at least three years, although frequently much longer. Only products distilled in Ireland can legally be called Irish Whiskey, in much the same way that only sparkling wines bottled in France can legitimately be called Champagne. Also, the whiskey produced in most other countries--the United States being an exception--are spelled whisky. Scotch Whisky and Canadian Whisky, for example.

Given their proclivity for drinking and cheerful song, no culture has produced better toasts or folk expressions than the Irish:

"Bricks and mortar make a house but the laughter of children makes a home"

"Many a time a man's mouth broke his nose"

"May the roof above us never fall in, and us friends beneath it never fall out"

And due to the large incidence of Catholicism in Ireland, plenty of lovely blessings too.....

"May the road rise to meet you,

May the wind be always at your back,

May the sun shine



IRISHNA'S KITCHEN

ABOVE: Colcannon — a traditional dish from the coastal areas of the Emerald Isle.

warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand."

"May you have: A world of wishes at your command.
God and his angels close to hand.
Friends and family their love impart,
and Irish blessings in your heart!"

"Laughter is brightest where food is best"

It is in the spirit of the last one that I present you with an Irish meal to warm your belly and your heart. For an authentic experience, you must share this meal with people you love... Liberal use of spirits, toasting, and song will complete your meal.

Corned Beef and Guinness Stew are too of the most common Irish

dishes you will see this time of year, which is why I am not going to highlight them. Like anywhere else, food culture in Ireland grew from what was available, and in coastal areas, that means seafood.

Seared Cod With Colcannon, Stout Reduction, and Cress Puree

For the Cress Puree:
1 cup watercress leaves
1 tablespoon lemon juice
¼ cup high quality olive oil

Whiz until smooth in a blender or food processor. Set aside.

For the Stout Reduction:
12 oz stout beer

1 T tomato paste
2 T cider vinegar
½ t salt

Whisk ingredients in a medium sized skillet set over medium heat. Bring to a simmer, and allow to cook down until thick, and reduced to about ½ cup. Whisk occasionally while you prepare the rest of the dish. Reduce to very low to keep warm if you need time to finish.

Colcannon:
2 pounds potatoes, peeled and cubed
1 large leek, white and light green part only, cleaned and thinly sliced
2 cups (tightly packed) kale leaves, thinly sliced
2 teaspoons salt
¼ cup butter

½ cup cream (I use fat free half and half)

Boil potatoes in enough water to cover, until tender. Drain and put into a large bowl.

Place butter, kale and leeks into a large skillet, and sprinkle with salt. Cook for a few minutes until tender, but while still bright green. Pour over potatoes in bowl, along with Cream. Mash roughly, and stir all together. Add additional salt if desired. Set aside to cool slightly while you sear the fish.

Fish:
1 pound thick cut cod fillets
1 t coarse salt

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God has given us so many beautiful, loving, caring friends. Through all the storms of life the soul grows. And in every new day there lies the hope of a new beginning. Please continue to pray that Destiny's surgery will be a complete success!

May God Bless all of you! Thank you from the bottoms of our hearts!

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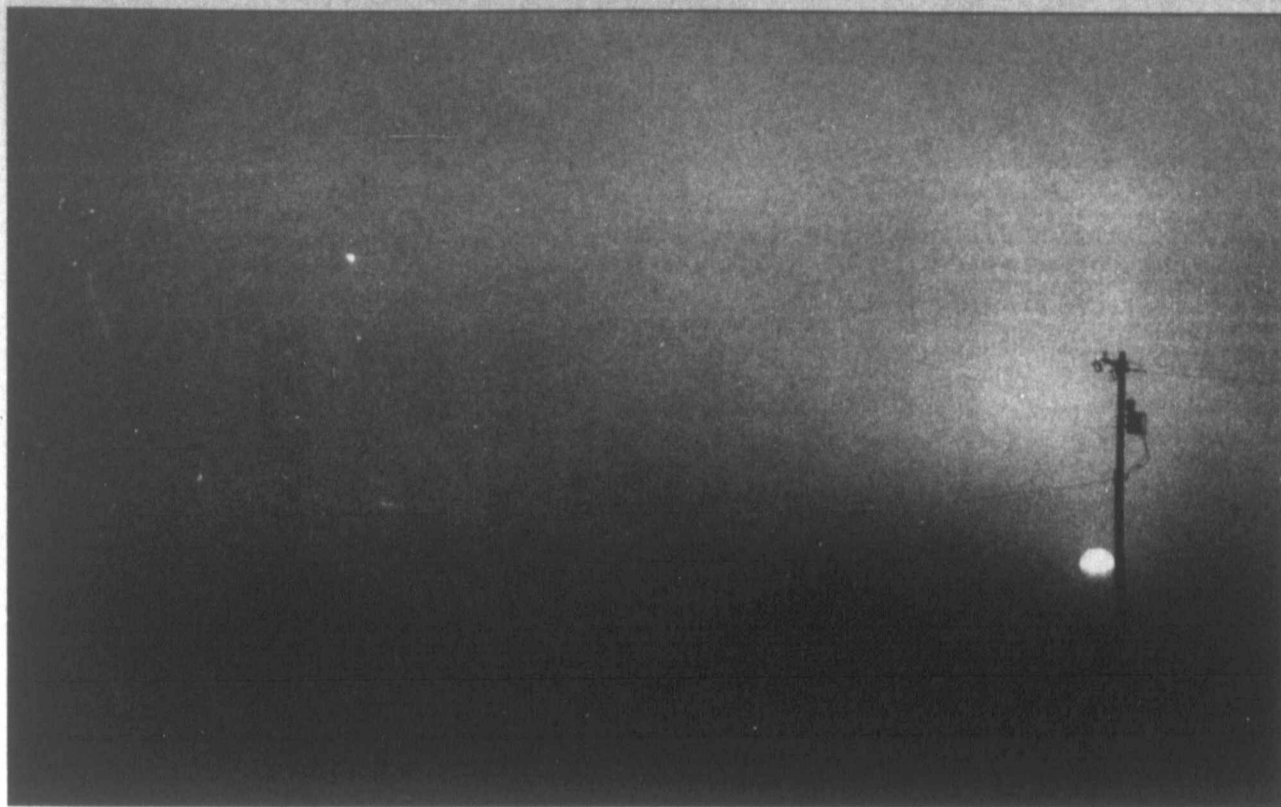


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Though parts of the Panhandle received rain, wind-blown soil erosion continued to challenge area farmers and brown out skies with dust.

High winds complicate drought recovery

ROBERT BURNS
Texas AgriLife Extension Service

COLLEGE STATION — Many areas received rain last week, further improving pastures and rangeland, filling farm ponds and stock tanks, and vastly improving the chances of successful spring planting, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service reports.

But many areas still needed more rain to make a good start on the cropping season, particularly the state's larger cotton-growing areas, such as the South Plains and parts of the Rolling Plains, according to the reports.

In parts of the Texas High Plains, the problem of moisture-deficit was compounded by high winds. In the Panhandle, feedlots and dairies were battling wind and blowing dust that caused respiratory problems for cattle, according to reports from AgriLife Extension county agents.

"Producers have been busy fertilizing fields and trying to stop fields from blowing at the same time," reported Rick Auckerman, AgriLife Extension agent for Deaf Smith County, west of Amarillo. "Mother Nature has continued to grace us with nonstop winds and temperatures fluctuating as much as 40 degrees in one 24-hour period."

But other than holding topsoil in place, the large concern is whether weather patterns will break soon enough to encourage cotton planting in the South Plains, said Mark Kelley, AgriLife Extension cotton specialist, Lubbock.

"We're still needing a lot more moisture," Kelley said. "Seems like not long after we do get a fairly decent rain or snow event, we the 40 or 50 mph winds blowing nonstop, and that just sucks the moisture right out."

There's been quite a bit of field work done, fields have been tilled and bedded, as producers work hard with what moisture they have, he said.



"We're still hopeful, and the way they talk, maybe the La Niña pattern will break by late spring and early summer," Kelley said. "That's what we need, for it too break, and give us some more moisture."

But if the weather pattern doesn't change, it will be a game changer, he said.

"Once we get around mid-April, we should know a little more about what's going to take place," Kelley said. "We generally start our planting around the first of May. Once we get to that mid-April point and the weather pattern continues to favor drought, then things could start looking pretty bleak."

More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries for March 5-12:

PANHANDLE: Temperatures were near to above average for most of the week, but turned colder by the weekend. Some much-needed

moisture accompanied the cooler weather, but a good rain was still needed in most of the region. Soil-moisture levels were mostly very short. Wheat was in very poor to fair condition, with most counties reporting poor to very poor. Producers continued to try to stem soil erosion. Field preparation continued, and irrigation on winter wheat was still active. Rangeland varied from being in very poor to fair condition, with most counties reporting very poor to poor. Supplemental feeding

of livestock continued.



ROLLING PLAINS: The region received from a trace of rain in some areas to 3 to 4 inches in others. Pastures were looking better with the grown winter annuals. Bermuda-grass pastures, hay meadows and native grasses started to show some green as well. In areas that did not receive rain, warm, windy days stressed wheat. Producers were scouting fields for insects. There were some reports of greenbugs and cherry-oat aphids. In many fields the insect counts were below the economic threshold; other producers were spraying. Livestock were generally in fair condition. Producers continued to de-stock herds due to high cattle prices and help pastures recover. Hay was still being fed, but less was being consumed due to winter annuals coming on. Peach trees were nearly in full bloom.



SOUTH PLAINS: The region received some light precipitation in the form of rain, mist, sleet and snow. Accumulations were generally less than 1 inch. Before the moisture arrived, there were warm days with high winds. Winds were blowing dust during the wintery mix precipitation. Producers were pre-watering fields and applying herbicides in preparation for spring planting. Topsoils remained very dry throughout the region. Much more precipitation will be needed for spring planting of cotton. Winter wheat was struggling, and rangeland and pastures were in fair to poor condition. Livestock producers were still providing cattle with supplemental feed.

Norris named COO of Happy State Bank

David Norris has been promoted to Chief Operating Officer of Happy State Bank and Trust Co. and its parent company, Happy Bancshares, Inc.



Norris

Norris was also elected to serve as an Advisory Member of the Board of Directors. As Chief Operating Officer, he is responsible for the overall administration and operation of the bank, reporting directly to the bank's CEO.

Previously, Norris has served in several capacities for the bank and most recently as Executive Vice President. He has 31 years banking experience, 21 of those with Happy State Bank.

He earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree from Texas A&M University and a Master's of Business Administration from Chapman University.

Additionally, Norris served as an officer in the United States Marine Corps for our country and our freedom.

Norris currently serves as District Governor for Rotary International District 5730. He has been a Rotarian for the past 29 years and has performed many roles during his tenure. Norris has been married to Candace for 36 years. They have one married daughter.

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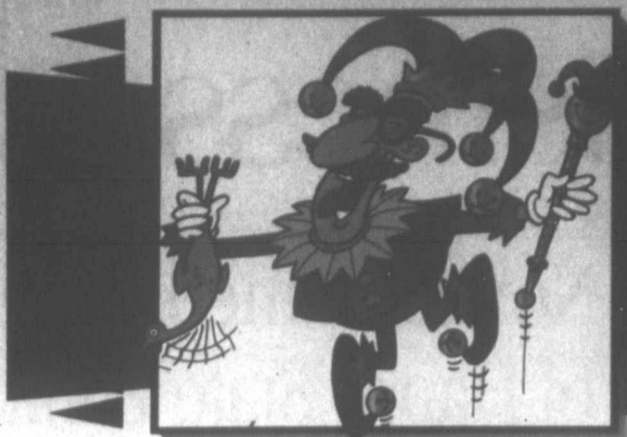
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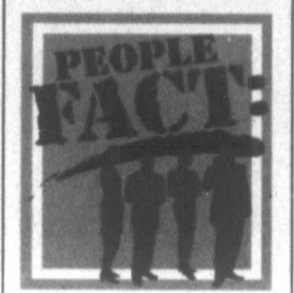
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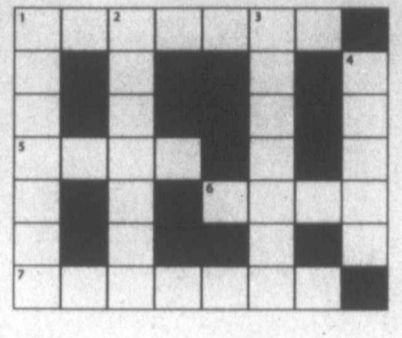
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FRENCH: Trèfle
GERMAN: Klee

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1. Saint of Ireland
5. Sister of your father or mother
6. Extreme criticism
7. Not ordinary

DOWN
1. Public processions
2. Sparkle
3. Spiral part of inner ear
4. Resulting from good luck

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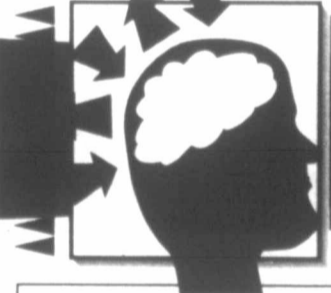
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19 Verse of praise
20 Slip a
21 Busy airport
22 Has a change of address
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32 Japanese herb
33 Radial or spare
34 Oahu souvenir
35 Heathen
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38 Soon
40 Big van
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52 Yevushenko's Babu

DOWN
1 Nil
2 Roman poet
3 Gray-brown goose
4 Chang's twin
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Crossword Puzzle Answers

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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, March 19, 2012:

You will feel many different, conflicting emotions this year. Until you are sure of yourself, explore the plethora of options on your plate. Do not judge your changeability so much; just make sure you stay open. If you are single, be careful, as the person you have your eye on might be different from how he or she first appeared. Take your time. If you are attached, you and your sweetie will benefit from spending more one-on-one time together. A fellow PISCES feels more than you realize.

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)

Stay focused. Enlist a key person, and you'll accomplish more. A meeting proves to be instrumental. By late afternoon, you'll complete tasks rather than initiate them. Tonight: Head home. Do something just for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Others will follow your suggestion. Your ability to sway people to your way of thinking directly reflects your communication skills. One person remains resistant, despite your attempts to bring him or her into your camp. Let go. You might be thrilled by later events. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Do adequate research. You might want to understand the pros and cons of an evolving situation. Your unique creativity and intellect will help you figure out what to do. You might find an unusually receptive audience and get the green light. Tonight: Could be late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Discuss a pending decision, and you'll feel more confident. Let someone else do more research; he or she can play devil's advocate. Think about scheduling a trip in the near future. Tonight: Put on some music, and surf the Web.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You cannot always be the center of all discussions. You know it, too. Flex, and let another person assume this coveted role — it's only fair. You will gain a greater perspective as a result. Tonight: Visit with a loved one or friend over dinner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You're ready to handle a challenge and move forward. Others might back off in a similar situation, but you will not. Be aware of the emotional or financial cost of this tenacious quality. Allow a partner or associate to introduce a new idea into the situation. Tonight: Not everything needs to test your patience. Be with a favorite person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Your serious thinking, combined with an innate ingenuity, points to a new path. You feel very different and much more in tune with your needs than in the past. Respond to an inner desire; you deserve to have what you want. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Let your emotions emerge more in your home life. Perhaps you could call in and take part of the day — if not all of the day — off. When you are recharged, you will be able to make up for lost time. Spend time away from the status quo. Tonight: Feed your feelings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You are an active, chatty sign with strong opinions. You easily might shake your head at everything you hear. Someone is angry at another person. Quickly extricate yourself from the situation, and go about your day as usual. Tonight: Head home. Squeeze in some exercise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Finances always are important. Someone who can affect you financially could be rather stern or remote. Know that you cannot change this person. All the worrying in the world will make no difference. Let go, and do your own thing. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

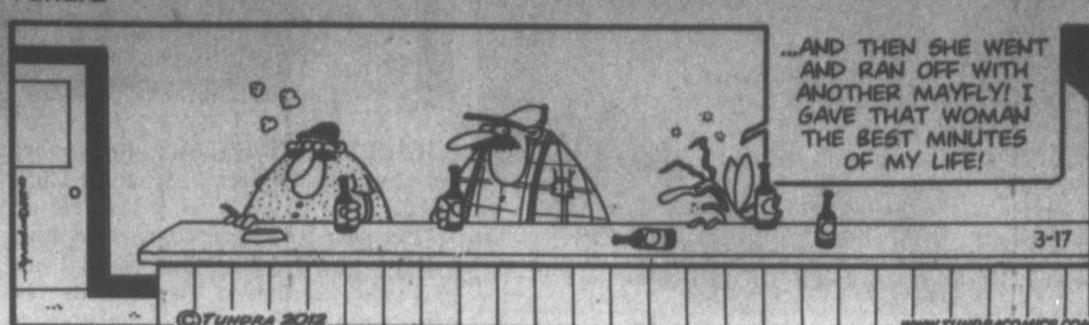
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Do not wonder about what is going on. Just be happy that it doesn't involve you. Go off and do what you want. An important call could go unreturned. Consider acting on this matter soon. Do not stand on ceremony. Tonight: All smiles. Treat yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

If you're feeling off, it might not be surprising. Ask yourself what might be going on with you, beyond the obvious. For some, you simply might need to make a change. As the day ends, energy will surge. Watch out, world! Tonight: Act like you're top dog.

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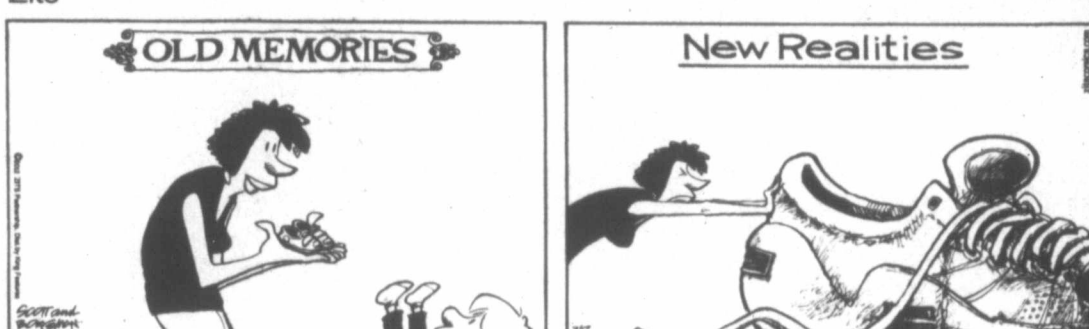
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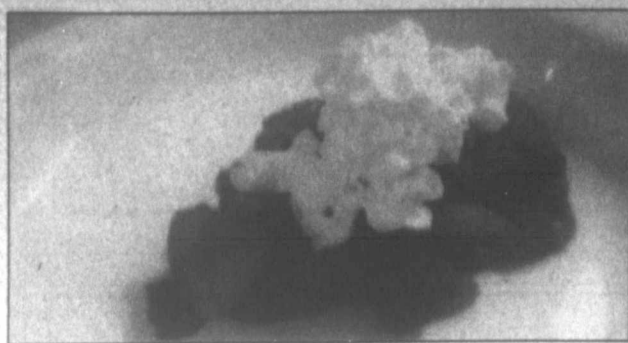


Peanuts



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Summer Pudding

Irish

2 t fresh ground pepper
(use a pepper blend—
such as white, black,
green, and pink)
2 T butter
1 T olive oil

Season both sides of fish with salt and pepper blend. Melt butter with olive oil in non-stick skillet over medium high heat. Add fish to skillet, and sear until golden on both sides.

To plate:

Place 1 cup of colcannon on plate, pressing into a cake if you wish. I use deep plastic cookie or biscuit cutters to form them into nice tight shapes. Otherwise, if you aren't trying to get fancy, you can serve it just as you would mashed potatoes.

Place one piece of fish on top. Drizzle small amounts of each sauce onto the dish. Serve right away.

Summer Pudding

Summer pudding is NOT pudding in the American sense of the word. It is most kin to a berry shortcake in the states. It couldn't be any simpler to make, and makes excellent use of fresh berries when they are plentiful.

6 cups assorted fresh berries (strawberries, blackberries, raspberries,

blueberries)
1 cup sugar
¼ water or fruit juice
1 loaf (about 20 slices) of white sandwich bread, crusts removed
whipped cream, for topping, if desired

Hull and halve strawberries. Place all berries, sugar and liquid in a large skillet, and bring to boil over medium heat. Boil just until sugar is dissolved.

Line a 2 or 3 quart soufflé dish or bowl with plastic wrap. Line with bread slices, cutting to fit if necessary. Allow pieces to overlap, rather than leaving gaps. Pour fruit and juices from pan over bread. Top with remaining bread, filling all gaps. Top with plastic wrap. Place a plate that is small enough to fit into the bowl (such as a dessert plate) onto the top, and place a 2 pound vegetable can, or a few bricks onto the plate. Place in refrigerator for 8 hours or overnight. Remove weight, and plate. Peel back plastic wrap from top. Place serving plate over bowl, and quickly flip over. Lift bowl off of serving plate, and peel plastic wrap away. Cut into slices and serve with fresh sweetened whipped cream.

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sunday horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, March 18, 2012:

This year a lot goes on behind closed doors. The less said, the better. You often seem to be coming from out of left field with others as you become spontaneous. Be careful when handling funds. You could suddenly win a large amount of money or lose the same just as easily. If you are single, check out anyone you meet with care. Do not assume that someone is the person he or she claims to be. Date awhile before making commitments. If you are attached, spend more time alone as a couple. Stoke the embers of love. AQUARIUS understands you better than maybe even you do.

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)

★★★★ You are a friend above all else right now. You see a situation far differently because of your willingness to respond and act. Encourage a friend to be proactive, too. He or she will appreciate your caring. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

This Week: Monday you might feel good, but that could change by the end of the week.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Touch base with a parent or older relative. Your ability to relate to this person comes out. Your optimism is contagious and causes his or

her mood to change rapidly. Curb a tendency to overeat or overindulge in some form. Tonight: Up late.

This Week: Do not hesitate to go for what you want, especially mid-week.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance. Your instincts pay off as he or she guides you in making plans. You know what to do and when. You are on cruise control. If you don't want to negotiate, don't. Tonight: Surround yourself with music.

This Week: Zero in on a goal Monday and Thursday.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Make time for a meal and a fun afternoon with a partner, even if he or she lives with you. Dedicating time just for the two of you keeps your bond close. You could hear surprising news about someone you look up to. Tonight: Continue the theme.

This Week: You go from idealistic to practical by Thursday.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might understand a lot more if you were more receptive and used your listening skills. What you hear could knock your socks off. Take off for a drive and visit with a dear friend. Grab a map, as you easily could get lost right now. Tonight: Go with someone else's idea.

This Week: Others run with the ball. Know that you do not need to follow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Your vision of what you can accomplish might be a lot different from reality. Ultimately, making time for friends and loved ones is far more important. Remember that if you get frustrated or overwhelmed. Tonight: Easy works.

This Week: Expect to socialize a lot. Use the in-between time to accomplish what you need.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Make time for a loved one or partner. A child also might want to put in his or her request for more of your time. This desire might come through as disruptive behavior. Read between the lines, and you can juggle it all. Tonight: Opt for something fun.

This Week: Face the facts: You would rather enjoy a loved one than be at work. Consider taking the week off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ How you handle a personal matter and the decisions you make could change. Sudden news puts a different perspective on your initial plans. Though you tend to hold on to a situation or an idea with determination, you might want to let go. Give up rigidity. Tonight: Order in.

This Week: You are grounded, even if others do not agree.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Stop standing on ceremony. Pick up the phone and make the call you have been wanting to. Planning time with a special friend feels good and adds a special tone to your day. A child or loved

one could be unpredictable. Tonight: Catch up on email and calls.

This Week: Schedule meetings and network on Monday. Allow the remaining days to unfurl.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Honor your own sensitivity. You cannot keep giving and giving like you have been. A personal matter earmarks your decisions. You discover quicksand where you thought there was rock. Tonight: Make it easy.

This Week: Handle only what you must. Consider your needs, too.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Your energy and charisma are great, yet they could cause a problem if a friend or loved one feels the need to keep up with you. You could end up in a volatile situation when you least expect it. Tonight: What you want.

This Week: Do a lot of thinking before acting, especially on Tuesday and Wednesday.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Indulge yourself, and know when you need to take a break or do something in a totally different way. Put yourself first. You cannot keep giving in this way. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

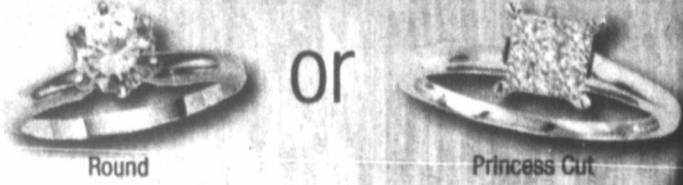
This Week: Take Monday off. From Tuesday on, you will be too busy.

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Lady Harvesters split doubleheader with Lady Lions

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For the first time in over two seasons, the Lady Harvesters walked off Lady Harvester Field with a loss as the Vernon Lady Lions celebrated a 14-6 victory. Thirty-minutes later they played again and the Lady Harvesters jumped out to an early lead and started a new home winning streak with a 7-1 victory Friday at Lady Harvester Field.

"You could have got upset and dropped Game 2 after having the couple innings we had," head coach Bobbi Gill said. "The girls responded well, fought hard, played with intensity and finished off on a positive note."

Sophomore Alexa O'Brien said the team executed better in the second game and let the loss motivate them.

"We decided to step up and made plays," O'Brien said. "Our anger from the first game pushed us."

Senior McKinlee Stokes said winning Game 2 shows how strong the team is.

"We just had to get it together," Stokes said.

Game 1 was the first loss at Lady Harvester Field since Randall beat Pampa in the 2009 regional quarterfinals. The Lady Harvesters won 17 consecutive games.

secutive games.

In Game 1, the Lady Harvesters took advantage of Vernon miscues to grab a lead. Junior Claire Hopkins scored on a passed ball. Junior Bailey Beck scored on a fielding error by the catcher. Pampa expanded its lead in the fourth. Senior Heather Coffee singled and scored Stokes. O'Brien just missed a home run in center but hit a two-RBI double. Hopkins drove in O'Brien with a single. The Lady Harvesters led 6-0, but Vernon rallied the next inning.

Coffee got the first two batters, out but Bryanna Nava singled and leadoff hitter Miranda Drennon hit a fly ball to left that went off of junior Tiffany Britton's glove, allowing Nava to score and Drennon advanced on the throw to home. Haicen Abernathy drove in Drennon with a bunt single. Starting pitcher Kylie Winship hit a three-run home run to left, cutting Pampa's lead to one.

Pampa only managed two hits the rest of the game. Vernon's defense was solid in fielding balls and throwing Lady Harvester baserunners out. The Lady Harvesters' decisions on the base paths proved costly. O'Brien was thrown out at home on a bunt. Stokes hit a line drive to center that fell right in front of the center

fielder. Senior Alanna Stephens thought the ball was going to be caught and rushed to second, but was thrown out.

Vernon took the lead in the top of the sixth and broke the game open in the seventh inning. The Lady Lions scored six runs on five hits. Pampa also had two errors in the inning with one of them scoring a run. O'Brien said the defense didn't do its job.

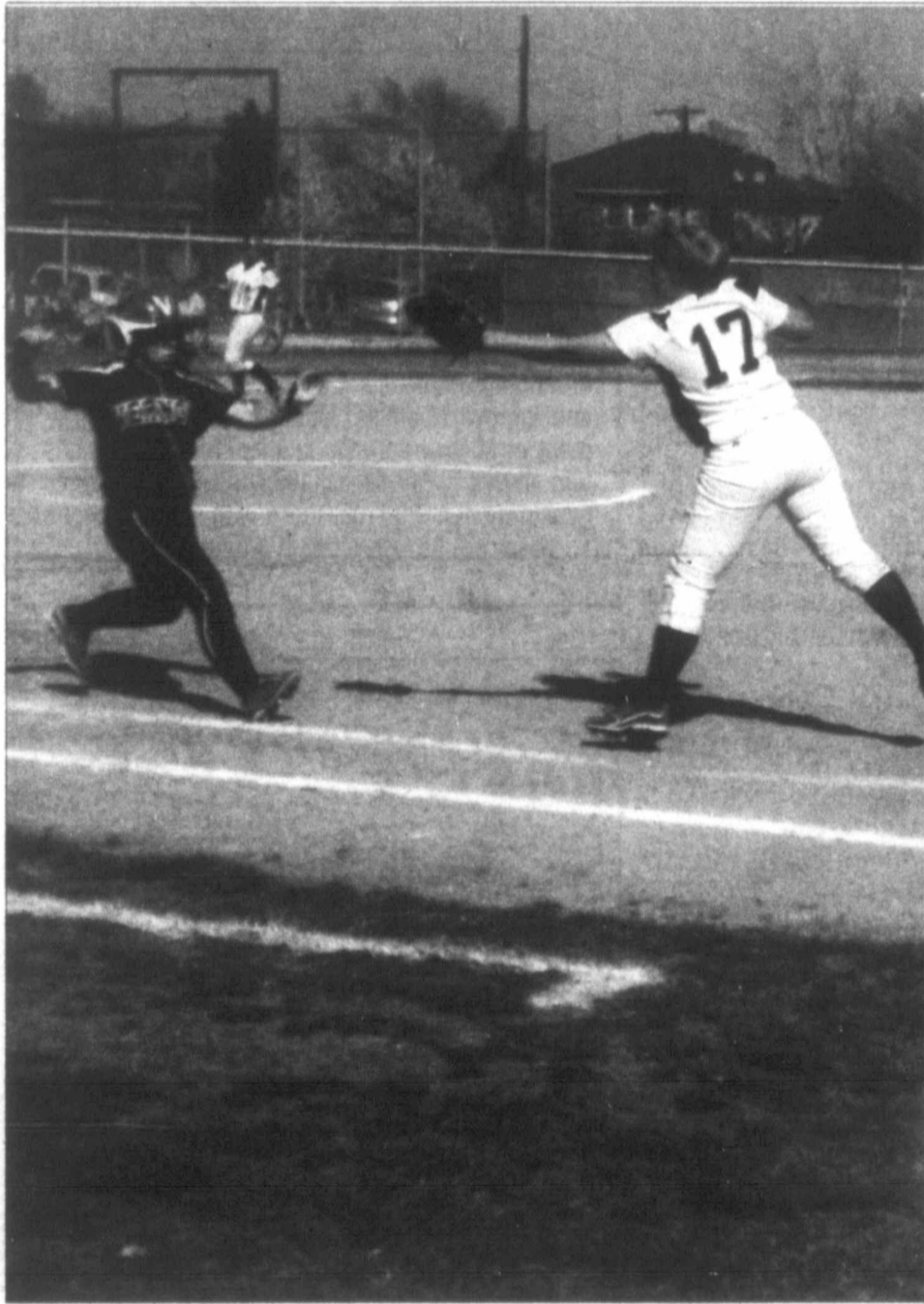
"We couldn't make routine plays," O'Brien said.

The Lady Harvesters (11-7), jumped out to a 6-0 lead in Game 2. Beck tripled in the first and came home when senior Nakayla Hardman grounded out. Stephens expanded the lead with her first home run of the season.

Pampa's next four runs were scored on an error, a single and two groundouts.

Beck led the Lady Harvesters' with two hits and an RBI. Hardman and Beck led the team with two RBI each. Six different

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Senior Heather Coffee reaches to tag Vernon's Bryanna Nava Friday. The Lady Harvesters split the two games and enter district 11-7 and winning four of their last five.



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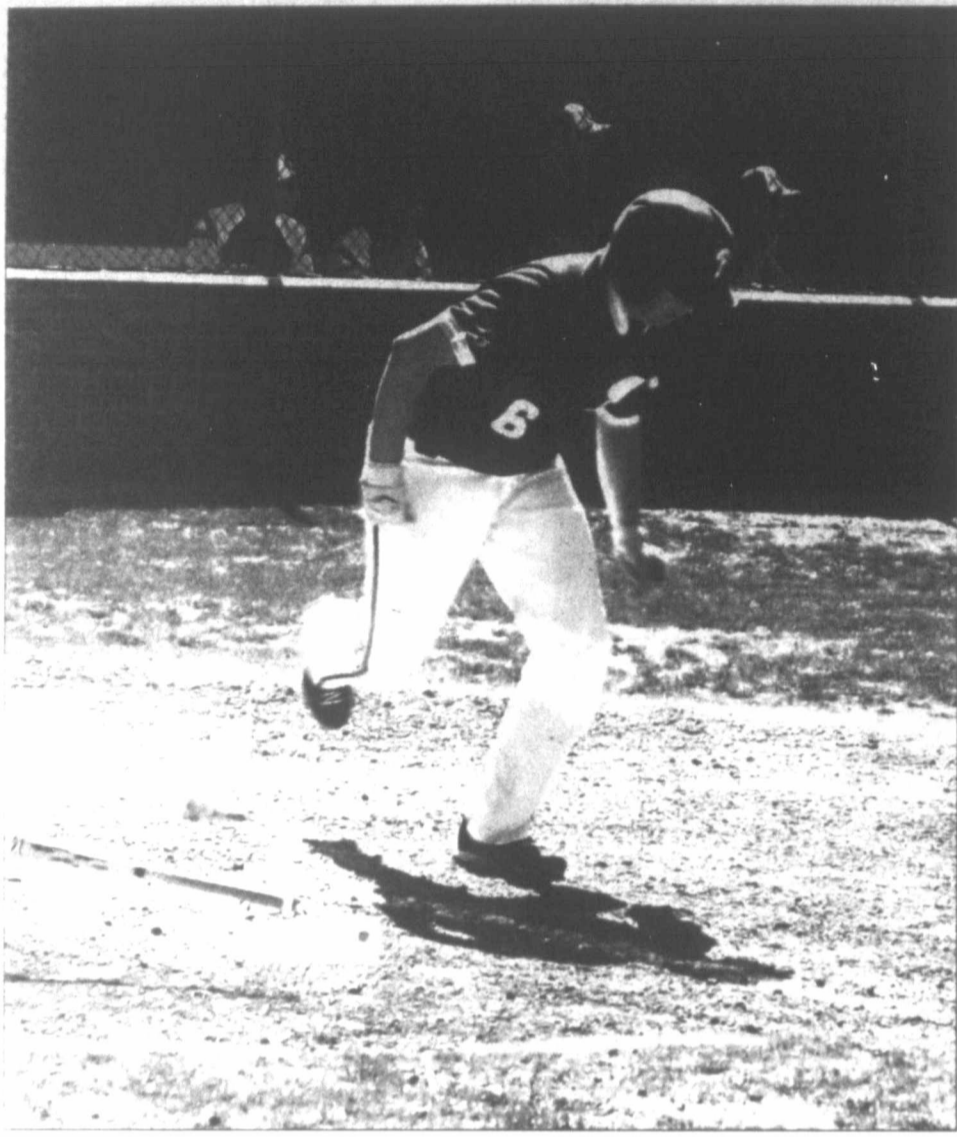
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Sports

Harvesters lose lead after Lobos' three-run fourth



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Junior Jordan Lemons runs to first in Wednesday's game against Childress. The Harvesters hit the ball well against Levelland, but lost 16-7.

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Pampa Harvesters' baseball coach Kaleb Snelgrooes said he scheduled the Levelland Lobos because they would be a good test for his team.

The Harvesters hung in the game, but Levelland pulled away in the fourth and fifth as Pampa lost 16-7 Friday at Canyon High School.

Senior Cole Engle said the team hit the ball well.

"We played good," Engle said. "We had 12 hits as a team and you can't ask for much more than that. Even though we lost, I feel that we improved today."

Levelland jumped out to a 3-0 lead on a hit,

two errors and a ground-out. The Harvesters rallied back, scoring one in the first and three in the third. Junior James Thompson tripled in the first and scored on a sacrifice fly by senior Jared Lusk. Thompson singled home Howard in the second, cutting the lead to one. Lusk hit a two-RBI double to score Engle and Thompson, giving Pampa a 4-3 lead.

Just like previous games, the Harvesters gave momentum back. The Lobos scored three runs with two singles and an error. All three runs came with two outs. Levelland broke the game open in the fifth with eight runs on eight hits, including a three-RBI triple and

a two-run home run. "We had one bad defensive inning," Engle said. "They hit the ball a lot and found gaps. They got a lot of runs in, and that was a killer."

Senior Collin Killgo started for Pampa and allowed 12 runs (seven earned) on nine hits, walked three, hit three and struck out seven in four and one third innings. Sophomore Ethan Hunt pitched two innings, giving up four runs and allowed three batters to reach by being walked or hit.

The Harvesters (3-9) have lost six straight games and eight of their last nine. Pampa hosts Amarillo San Jacinto, who beat them 7-6 in the Cavalier Classic.

Pampa

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Lady Harvesters scored After the Lady Lions nailed Coffee with 16 hits in Game 1, O'Brien only held them to three and struck out 10 to earn the win.

Gill said the defense did a better job.

"Alexa threw well," Gill said. "The defense buckled down and made the routine plays and looked like a solid gelled team at that point."

The two games ended non-district for the Lady Harvesters. Pampa opens district 4:30 p.m. next Friday, hosting the Borger Lady Bulldogs.

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SPORTS CALENDAR

Monday, March 19

• PHS JV Baseball at Bushland, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, March 20

• JV Tennis Tournament at Amarillo, 8 a.m.

• PHS Varsity Baseball vs. River Road 5 p.m., Harvester Field

Wednesday, March 21

• Hidden Hills Senior Scramble, 8 a.m.

Friday, March 23

• PHS Varsity Tennis Tournament at Lubbock, 8 a.m.

• PHS JV Baseball at River Road, 2 p.m.

• PHS Track, Top Of Texas Relays, Randy

Matson Track

• PHS JV and Varsity Softball vs. Borger, 4:30 p.m., Lady Harvester Field

• Saturday, March 24

• PHS Varsity Boys and Girls Golf at Perryton.

• PHS JV and Varsity Baseball at Perryton, Varsity 12 p.m., JV 2 p.m.

• PHS JV and Varsity Softball at Perryton, Varsity 12 p.m., JV 2 p.m.

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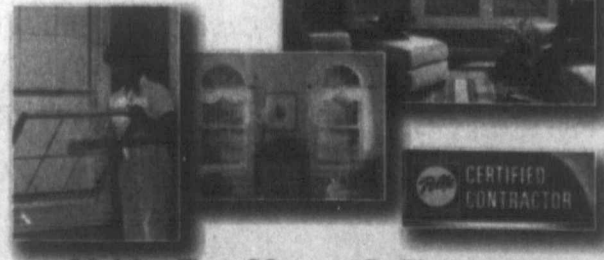
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WEEKLY SCOREBOARD

Varsity Baseball

WEDNESDAY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Childress	3	2	0	0	1	1	2
Pampa	2	3	1	0	0	0	0
TEAM	R	H	E				
Childress	9	9	1				
Pampa	6	11	4				
CHILDRESS BATTER	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	
A. Lizama	3	3	2	0	1	0	
C. Martin	4	1	0	0	1	0	
S. Bocanegra	4	2	3	2	1	0	
J. Miller	2	0	1	1	2	0	
J. Arcivar	3	0	1	1	0	0	
A. Fuentes	3	0	1	0	0	0	
M. Eddins	1	1	0	0	0	0	
J. Caldwell	1	1	0	0	2	0	
G. Egerton	0	1	0	0	2	0	
S. Duian	2	0	0	0	0	1	
M. Garcia	0	0	0	0	0	0	
B. Bowman	1	0	0	0	0	1	
N. Pousek	2	0	1	1	0	0	
C. Calor	1	0	0	0	0	1	
Totals	27	9	9	5	9	3	
PAMPA BATTER	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	
C. Engle	5	1	0	0	0	2	
J. Thompson	3	1	3	1	0	0	
J. Lusk	4	0	1	0	0	1	
C. Killgo	4	1	3	1	0	1	
J. Lemons	4	0	1	0	0	0	
Z. Graves	2	0	0	0	2	1	
D. Coleman	3	1	1	0	0	1	
C. Howard	2	1	1	0	0	0	
T. Carter	3	1	1	2	0	2	
Totals	30	6	11	4	3	7	

GIDP - Pampa 1 Childress 0. 2B - A. Lizama. C. Killgo; J. Lemons. 3B - J. Thompson. SB - S. Bocanegra 3; J. Miller; A. Lizama. T. Carter 2; C. Killgo; C. Howard.

CS - A. Lizama; A. Fuentes. Z. Graves

CHILDRESS PITCHER	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Joe Arcivar	1	2	2	1	0	1
Josh Caldwell	1	3	3	3	0	1
Armando Lizama	1	1	1	1	1	0
Brennan Bowman	1	1	0	0	1	0
Chris Martin	1	2	0	0	1	1
Arturo Fuentes	2	2	0	0	1	3
PAMPA PITCHER	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Ethan Hunt	1.13	5	3	3	0	0
James Thompson	5.16	4	2	6	3	0
Collin Killgo	0.10	0	0	0	0	0

Win - Martin. Loss - Thompson. Save - Fuentes

Varsity Softball

SATURDAY

TEAM	1	2	3			
North Side	0	0	0			
Pampa	13	0	X			
TEAM	R	H	E			
North Side	0	1	2			
Pampa	13	10	0			
PAMPA BATTER	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
C. Hopkins	2	2	1	1	1	1
B. Beck	2	1	2	1	0	0
N. Hardman	2	2	2	3	0	0
A. Stephens	0	2	0	0	1	0
M. Stokes	2	2	2	2	0	0
H. Coffee	2	0	0	0	1	1
T. Britton	1	1	1	2	1	0
A. O'Brien	0	1	0	0	0	0
M. Alexander	1	1	1	2	1	0
F. Bridwell	0	1	0	0	0	0
K. Wyant	1	0	1	0	0	0
H. Mayfield	1	0	0	0	0	0
J. Dixon	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	15	13	10	11	6	2

2B - N. Hardman 2. SB - C. Hopkins 2, A. Stephens, T. Britton, A' O'Brien. J. Dixon.

PAMPA PITCHER	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Heather Coffee	3	1	0	0	1	2
TUESDAY	TEAM	1	2	3	4	5
San Jacinto	0	0	1	0	0	
Pampa	5	3	0	0	X	
TEAM	R	H	E			

San Jacinto 1 1 4
Pampa 8 10 2

JACINTO BATTER	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
J. Leffew	3	0	0	0	0	1
O. Mode	2	0	1	0	1	0
H. Ryan	3	0	0	0	0	2
R. Lawson	1	0	0	0	1	0
P. Hawkins	2	0	0	0	0	2
O. Ortega	1	0	0	0	1	1
C. Fuller	2	0	0	0	0	2
K. Gillmore	0	1	0	0	1	0
Au. Pruitt	0	0	0	0	2	0
Am. Pruitt	1	0	0	0	0	0
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B. Beck	1	1	0	0	0	0
N. Hardman	1	1	1	1	0	0
A. Stephens	1	1	1	0	0	0
M. Stokes	3	2	3	1	0	0
H. Coffee	2	2	1	0	1	1
K. Wyant	1	0	1	1	0	0
H. Mayfield	2	0	0	0	0	0
T. Britton	3	0	0	0	0	1
J. Dixon	2	0	0	0	0	1
B. Dixon	2	0	1	0	0	0
M. Zubia	1	0	0	0	1	0
S. Coutts	1	0	0	0	0	1
B. Wichert	1	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	23	8	10	3	2	5

2B - N. Hardman; K. Wyant. SB - R. Lawson. M. Stokes, H. Coffee, B. Wichert. CS: J. Leffew.

JACINTO PITCHER	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	
Hannah Ryan	4	10	8	3	2	5	
PAMPA PITCHER	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	
Kaylene Wyant	2	0	1	1	2	5	
Bailey Wichert	3	1	0	0	4	3	
Win	Wyant . Loss - Ryan . Save - None						
TEAM	1	2	3	4	5		
Sanford-Fritch	2	0	0	0	0		
Pampa	12	2	0	1	X		
TEAM	R	H	E				
Sanford-Fritch	2	2	7				
Pampa	15	12	0				
FRITCH BATTER	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	
B. King	2	1	1	0	1	1	
T. Salgs	1	0	0	0	2	1	
J. Leatherman	2	1	0	0	1	2	
H. Wells	3	0	0	0	0	1	
T. Hester	1	0	0	0	1	0	
H. Wilson	1	0	1	0	1	0	
K. Fields	1	0	0	0	1	0	
A. Russell	2	0	0	0	0	1	
S. Rey	2	0	0	0	0	1	
Totals	15	2	2	0	7		
PAMPA BATTER	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	
C. Hopkins	3	3	1	0	1	0	
B. Beck	4	3	3	2	0	0	
N. Hardman	2	2	0	0	1	0	
A. Stephens	3	1	3	3	0	0	
M. Stokes	1	1	0	0	1	0	
H. Coffee	3	1	1	1	0	0	
B. Wichert	2	1	1	0	0	0	
A. O'Brien	1	1	0	0	1	1	
M. Alexander	3	1	2	1	0	0	
F. Bridwell	0	1	0	0	0	0	
K. Wyant	1	0	0	0	0	0	

H. Mayfield	0	0	0	0	1	0
J. Dixon	1	0	0	0	0	1
B. Dixon	1	0	1	1	0	0
M. Zubia	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	15	12	8	5	2

2B - A.. Stephens. 3B - A. Stephens. SB - B. Beck 2, N. Hardman, M. Stokes, H. Coffee, B. Wichert, M. Alexander. CS - H. Wilson.

FRITCH PITCHER	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tiffani Hester	4	12	15	6	5	2
PAMPA PITCHER	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Alexa O'Brien	3	0	2	2	6	6
Tiffani Britton	2	2	0	0	1	1

Win - O'Brien Loss -Hester. Save - None

JV Softball

MARCH 6

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6
Pampa	4	2	4	0	1	7
Amarillo	3	0	1	1	0	0
TEAM	R	H	E			
Childress	18	9	5			
Pampa	5	3	5			
PAMPA BATTER	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
K. Krieder	2	5	1	0	3	0
T. Robles	3	4	2	2	2	0
K. Hunt	4	2	1	2	1	0
B. Dixon	4	2	2	2	1	1
J. Dixon	4	2	3	7	1	0
S. Coutts	3	0	0	0	2	2
L. Gill	3	1	0	0	2	3
A. Deanda	3	0	0	0	1	2
M. Cochran	3	2	0	0	1	1
Totals	29	18	9	13	14	9
AHS BATTER	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
K. Roybal	3	1	0	0	1	0
C. Hill	4	1	2	1	0	0
T. Brown	3	1	0	0	1	0
S. Garcia	2	0	0	0	0	1
V. Williams	2	0	0	1	1	0
S. Roybal	2	0	0	0	2	2
M. Parvin	3	0	0	0	0	2
A. Huber	3	1	0	0	0	1
S. Davis	3	1	0	0	0	0
K. Guston	1	0	1	1	0	0
Totals	26	5	3	3	5	6

2B - C. Hill. 3B - J. Dixon. SB - K. Kreider; K. Hunt; M. Cochran. CS - S. Coutts; L. Gill.

PAMPA PITCHER	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
K. Kreider	6	3	4	2	5	6
AHS PITCHER	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
C. Hill	6	9	18	6	14	9

Win - Kreider Loss -Hill. Save - None

Varsity Track

MARCH 2

Girls
1, Miami, 164. 2, Follett 140. 3., Groom 89. 4, Lefors 64. 5, Hedley 34. 6, Fort Elliott, 26. 7, Higgins 24. 8, Darrouzett 20. 3200-meter run-2, T. Rangel, 16:01.69.
4x100-meter relay-4, Lefors 1:01.82
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Continued from 3B

100-meter hurdles-3, C. Clem, 22.00. 4, S. Pairsh 22.59.
100-meter dash-6, K. Lott 15.47.
4x200-meter relay-4, Lefors 2:11.03.
200-meter dash-5, M. Ponce, 31.53
1600-meter run-1, T. Rangel, 6:58.91
4x400-meter relay-2, Lefors, 5:23.44
Shot put-6, J. Hines, 26-01.00

Boys

1, Lefors, 193. 2, Groom, 121. 3, Follett 96. 4, Miami, 68. 5, Darrouzett, 32. 6, Higgins 25. 7, Hedley 22. 8, McLean 16. 8, Fort Elliott, 16. 10, Shamrock 9.
3200-meter run-1, C. Tambunga 12:39.75. 5, A. Tapp, 13:25.07.
4x100-meter relay-2, Lefors, 47.56
800-meter run-3, J. Solis, 2:30.78.
110-meter hurdles-1, T. Swires, 17.19.
4x200-meter relay 2, Lefors, 1:41.38.
400-meter dash-1, C. Tambunga, 1:00.50.
3, J. Solis, 1:02.46.
300-meter hurdles-2, T. Swires, 48.87.

200-meter dash-2, D. Sprouse 25.12. 3, C. Helfer, 25.59. 6, M. Heuer, 27.62.
1600-meter run-1, C. Tambunga, 5:54.07. 3, A. Tapp, 6:05.13.
4x400-meter relay-4, Lefors 4:17.78.
High jump-1, D. Sprouse, 6' 2", G. Reagan 5'8"
Pole vault-1, C. Helfer, 10'6" 2, D. Sprouse 10'
Long jump-2, T. Swires 19'3.5" 3, G. Reagan 18'10.5"
Triple jump-1, T. Swires 40'2.5" 4, C. Helfer 36'0"
Shot put-4, A. DeLeon, 33'8" 5, T. Ray, 31'8.5"

FRIDAY

Girls

1, Bushland 117. 2, Canadian, 107. 3, Pampa 100.5. 4, Dalhart, 61. 5, River Road, 53. 6, Panhandle 52. 7, Friona, 49.5. 8, Clarendon 36. 9, Shamrock 28. 10, Boys Ranch 8. 11, Bovina 6. 12, Vega 2.

3200-meter run- 3, J. Holmes 12:52.
High jump-3, T. Smith, 4'9" 5, D. Watson, 4'7" 6, K. Troxell 4'6"
Pole Vault-6, C. Williams 7'
Long Jump-2, M. Brown, 14'7.25"
Discus-4, C. Williams, 93'2"
Shot Put-5, R. Earnest, 30'9"
400-meter relay-2, Pampa, 53.21.
100-hurdles-2, Savanna Hulseley, 17.29.
100-meter dash 1, K. Hood, 14.29. 6, T. Johnson 14.80
800-meter relay-2, Pampa A, 1:53.91.
200-meter dash-2, M. Brown, 28.91.
1600-meter run-2, J. Holmes, 5:47.63.
1600-meter relay-5, Pampa, 4:33.09

Boys

1, Panhandle, 106. 2, Bushland, 81. 3, Canadian, 64. 4, Dalhart 63. 4, Pampa 63. 6, River Road, 58. 7, Boys Ranch 57. 8, Clarendon, 41. 9, Borger, 34. 10, Bovina 31. 11, Friona 12. 12, Vega 10.
3200-meter run-3, T. McAnear, 10:49.59.
400-meter relay-1, Pampa 45.80.

100-meter run 1, K. Maddox 11.89. 6, D. Hulseley, 12:32.
800-meter relay 1, Pampa A, 1:36.59.
1600-meter run-3, T. McAnear, 5:00.87

Hidden Hills

WEDNESDAY

First: R.D. Stephens; R. Porter; J. Gilbert; C. Johnson; L. Allison
Second: J. Walling; O.K. Lee; B. Henderson; J. Lee
Third: K. Everson; J. Howell; L. Heard; L. McMillican
Fourth: W. White; G. Hall; M. Lancaster; B. Richardson; H. Hervey
Fifth: L. Etchison; G. Owens; C. Johnson; M. Ball; D. Butler
Sixth: B. Mosher; H. Knutson; J. Cantrell; H. Wells.
Closest to pin #6: E. Maxwell
Closest to pin #15: G. Hall

Former conference rivals CU, Baylor meet in third round

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Colorado was one of the first dominos to fall in the massive conference realignment that overhauled college sports.

Baylor was one of the programs that had the most to lose when the Big 12 looked as if it might disintegrate during all that upheaval.

Given all that, it's no stretch to say Saturday's meeting between these former conference foes will mean as much to the commissioners and athletic directors who watch the money as it does to the players who are trying to extend their stay in the NCAA tournament.

A matchup that once barely raised an eyebrow has suddenly become a statement game of sorts, and not only because the winner heads to the second weekend in the South Regional: It's third-seeded Baylor, one of the six tournament teams from the shrunken Big 12, against 11th-seeded Colorado, one of only two that made the draw from the expanding Pac-12.

So which conference got the better of this deal?

"I think like every other coach in the Big 12, you just hated it because it was such a good conference and league at the time," Bears coach Scott Drew said. "When it's experiencing so much success, why change? But at the same time, I was blessed and fortunate enough to know the leadership and our university were going to put us in a great situation."

Indeed, by putting more emphasis (and money) into its athletic program and by threatening a lawsuit when more Big 12 teams were thinking about bolting, Baylor (28-7) has ended up in a very good place.

—A team that nearly fell apart nine years ago in the wake of the killing of player Patrick Dennehy is instead drawing lots of attention these days for its play on the court, to say nothing of those neon-green uniforms.

—A university that looked like an also-ran when it was every man for himself in the realignment game is now a power in one of the best conferences in the country — a conference that will go back to 12 teams when West Virginia and TCU join.

"A lot of these decisions were based very much on institutional branding and positioning and, in a lot of ways, it seemed like the student-athlete interest was not considered," Baylor athletic director Ian McCaw said of realignment. "That interest is something that, from our standpoint, we value heavily. But across the board, it didn't always seem like that was the case."

Colorado had plenty of reasons to make the move. Chief among them was the \$20 million in TV money the program received from joining a bolstered Pac-12. Not nearly as high on the list was the chance to move up in the basketball standings. But it happened. And while Pac-12's recent lull has benefited the Buffs, it's hard to argue Colorado would have been much better than middle of the pack this season in the top-heavy Big 12.

"Definitely talent-wise, probably the best team we've played this year," CU forward Austin Dufault said of the Bears, who tied for third in the Big 12. "They've got a lot of great guys, NBA guys. But that's why you play the game."

Nobody knows that better than Colorado.

The Buffs (24-11) played themselves out of an at-large bid with losses to Oregon and Oregon State to close the regular season, but made their way into the NCAAAs by winning the Pac-12 tournament. They opened in the South Regional with a 68-64 victory over UNLV — a win punctuated as much by guard Carlton Brown's windmill dunk at the end as by a raucous group of fans who drove down I-25 to cheer for a team that has largely been ignored over the decades.

They're in for an uphill climb against Baylor, which has players consistently described as "tall" and "long" and "resilient." Led by Pierre Jackson (13.5 points, 5.6 assists) and the two 'Qs' — Quincy Acy and Quincy Miller — the Bears have overcome double-digit deficits to win five games this season, including Thursday's opener against South Dakota State. They are a 7½-point favorite over the Buffs.


"Eventually, we don't want to be in a position where we're the underdog," Colorado coach Tad Boyle said.

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Arlo Guthrie plays at M.K. Brown



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On Sunday night at 7 p.m., Arlo Guthrie, son of folk music legend and former Pampa resident Woody Guthrie, performed at Pampa's M.K. Brown Auditorium as part of a centennial celebration of Woody Guthrie's birthday. Bob Santelli, executive director of the Grammy Museum in Los Angeles,

like John Mellencamp, the Flaming Lips and Arlo Guthrie himself.

"One hundred years ago, (Woody Guthrie) was born in Okemah, Oklahoma," said Santelli. "So the Grammy Museum teamed up with the Woody Guthrie family, and we figured we would create this yearlong celebration of his life and do it in a biographical way. Since he was born in Oklahoma,

Robinson talks Relay scholarships

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First announced shortly before the Gray County Relay for Life's 2012 kickoff event on Monday, Christy Robinson, chairwoman of the local branch of the American Cancer Society revealed more details about

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The following is a brief outline of the substantive rule changes:
1. Rule 4.3- The District proposes to require wells classified as exempt use under the oil and gas exploration status to meet spacing rules.

Public Notice

2. Rule 6.4- The District proposes to add a rule to require oil and gas operators that have only required a registration to install meters and report production annually.
3. Rule 10.2- The District added Groundwater Management Area (GMA) hearings to the hearing procedures.
4. Rule 12- The District added language required by new legislation to clarify the role of the District's management Plan and GMA planning.
5. Rule 15.1- The District added language to clarify the 50/50 Management Standard has been adopted as the desired future condition (DFC) for the Ogallala Aquifer.
6. Rule 15.4- The District added required DFC language for the minor aquifers in the District, the Dockum and Blaine Aquifers. The DFC for the Dockum Aquifer is to decline no more than 30 feet in 50 years, and the DFC for the Blaine Aquifer

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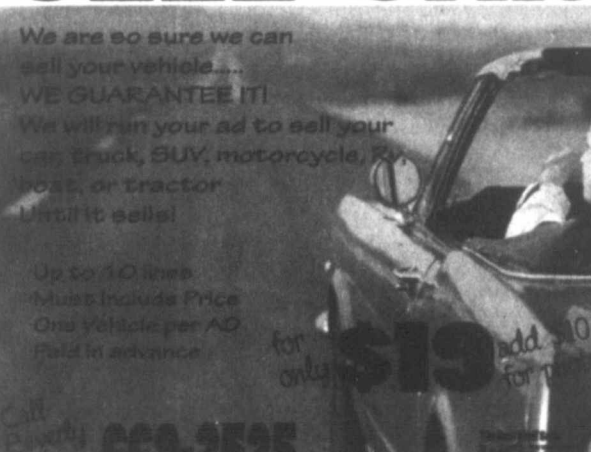
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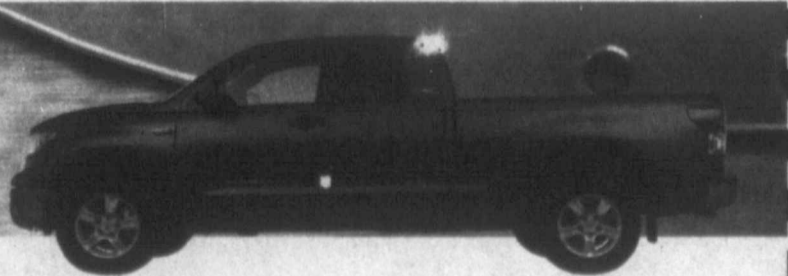
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Longhorns ousted by Cincinnati in NCAA's East Regional

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) -- This time, Cincinnati coach Mick Cronin wanted to be on the other end of a slow start.

Cronin had caught his Bearcats slogging through the beginning of the Big East championship game last week, and it cost them. So when Texas came out slow after an early tip time in the NCAA tournament, Cincinnati was ready to pounce.

"I thought we came out sleepwalking against Louisville, so with the early start I wanted to come out pressuring the ball, denying, trying to get our deflections, get some easy baskets and really take the game to them early on with our physicality and our intensity," Cronin said.

The sixth-seeded Bearcats responded by jumping out to a comfortable lead that helped them withstand a late rally by Texas and win 65-59 on Friday in the second round of the East Regional. They will meet No. 3 seed Florida State on Sunday.

No. 11 seed Texas looked as if it had missed its wake-up call and opened the game 1 of 14 from the field. Cincinnati (25-10) jumped out to a 16-2 lead, while the Longhorns (20-14) shot a mere 16 percent for the first half.

"We came out strong, considering it was an early game," Cincinnati guard Dion Dixon said. "They're a young team, and they were probably not up for it then, but they made a nice little run in the second half. We showed our experience by finishing the game off. We showed our experience down the stretch."

After trailing 31-17 at halftime, the young Longhorns attacked, hitting five of their first seven from 3-point range and shooting 50 percent for the second half. They found the paint a bit more friendly, too, after being shut down there in the first half.

With 3:44 to play, Texas' Jonathan Holmes hit a layup to tie the game at 52. It was an impressive response by a Longhorns squad that returned just three players from last season and features six freshmen in its regular rotation.

"When we got back in the game, I called timeout just to make sure they understood we're right where we need to be right now; now it's a matter of execution, that we've got to take care of the basketball," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "Definitely (the Bearcats) were back on the heels. They were worried about the score more than we were."

The message didn't get through. Cincinnati scored the next six points as Texas turned the ball over once and missed a pair of shots.

Yancy Gates scored inside for the Bearcats, Cashmere Wright drove the lane to hit a shot and then Gates connected over Clint Chapman to put Cincinnati ahead 58-52 with 1:11 to play. Cincinnati went 5 of 6 at the free throw line in the final 36 seconds.

Gates finished with 15 points and 10 rebounds for Cincinnati. JaQuon Parker added 13 points, Dixon had 12 and Wright scored 11.

J'Covan Brown led Texas with 19 points, and Chapman had 10 points and 14 rebounds. Julien Lewis scored 14 points and Sheldon McClellan added 10.

"We already knew at halftime we were going to come back and fight hard," Brown said. "We're always going to play hard, and it showed how much heart we have. We've just got to learn how to finish our games."

After drawing the early tip time in Nashville, Texas appeared to sleepwalk through much of the first half. The Longhorns got their first basket off a

jumper near the free throw line by Lewis just over 2 minutes into the game, but they didn't score again for another 10:18.

A foul by Jermaine Sanders sent Lewis to the free throw line with 7:30 in the half. Lewis hit both shots to make it 16-4. The crowd, which had been mostly quiet up until that point, erupted into cheers.

With 40 percent shooting before halftime, Cincinnati wasn't doing much to impress offensively, either. What the Bearcats were doing was shutting down Texas around the basket in every way possible.

Cincinnati held a 26-18 rebounding advantage at halftime and had outscored the Longhorns 22-6 in the paint while keeping them from getting a single second-chance basket.

The victory meant a second straight 25-win season

for Cincinnati under Cronin, who was tasked with returning the program back to national prominence when he was hired six years ago. The Bearcats' win total has increased every season under Cronin, and the No. 6 seed represents their highest spot in the tournament since earning a No. 4 seed in 2004.

Cincinnati was coming off its first appearance in the Big East tournament title game, where it lost to Louisville 50-44.

"In order to advance at this time, you're going to be playing the best teams, so you have to be able to win the games in the last two, three minutes," Gates said.

"Today I think gives us the confidence, as we move on, to be able to focus and step up and make plays that are at the end of the stretch of the game."



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VeggieTales live tour coming to Pampa in April

■ Characters from popular Christian children's videos to appear at M.K. Brown

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Pampa's never seen produce like this. VeggieTales, the popular children's Christian animated series, is coming to

the M.K. Brown Civic Center at 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 7. The show is part of the all new, 35-city "VeggieTales Live! 'God Made You Special'" tour, which runs from February through April in select cities nationwide.

Pampa is the only Texas stop left on the tour, which also includes major media markets such as Atlanta, Nashville, Birmingham, Louisville and Jacksonville. The show, described as half story and half musical, features the series' familiar talking veggies — Bob the Tomato, Larry the Cucumber and all of their friends — singing songs like "His Cheeseburger" and "The Hairbrush Song" and sharing their positive, family-oriented Christian message.

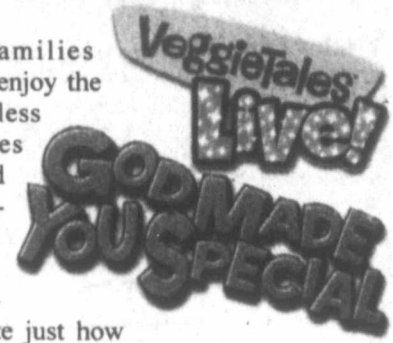
"Families will enjoy the timeless values and lessons that celebrate just how

unique and special each person is in a high energy musical extravaganza," said Carol M. Anderson, tour publicity representative for Big Idea Entertainment, developers of VeggieTales.

The tour's Pampa stop is due in part to Briarwood Church and Matt Green, the church's youth pastor. A percentage of the ticket sales will go towards Briarwood's youth group activities.

"It was Matt's idea," said Lynn Hancock, head pastor at Briarwood. "He and the youth ministry of our church, which is called H2O Youth Ministry of Briarwood Church, they're sponsoring it. (Green) did all the work on it, talked to the contacts on it, and the idea was basically a new way to

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FANCY FOOTWORK



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Junior Adrian Ramos (left) kicks the ball away from a Canyon defender Saturday at Harvester Field. The Harvesters lost 2-0, finishing the season 5-15-1. Full story in **SPORTS**, page 10.

GCSO to train on sex offender registration

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The Gray County Sheriff's Office will hold training for its deputies on Tuesday morning on how to register sex offenders.

"We have two personnel who currently do the registration, and we'll try to add more, so in case something happens, our people are cross trained," said Cary Rushing, Chief Deputy of the office.

"Cross training is an important issue, so everyone knows how to do everything," he added.

The sex offender listing site www.familywatchdog.us currently lists 49 sex offenders within the Pampa city limits.

Lesser prairie chicken surveys start this weekend

■ Agencies from five states to start counting birds; findings to be used to help determine conservation status

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The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, along with several other state wildlife agencies and research groups, is about to embark on a project to gather more information about the lesser prairie chicken, an unassuming little animal whose mere name can set some Gray County landowners bristling.

TPWD is partnering with state fish and wildlife agencies from Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico and Oklahoma, along with West Ecosystems, Inc., and Texas Tech University, to conduct a large-scale aerial

survey to study lesser prairie chicken booming grounds across the High Plains region.

The bird, a candidate for the endangered species list, is a sore subject in and around Gray County because its habitat includes much of Pampa's surrounding area. The bird doesn't nest near high structures, such as power poles, so any protective restrictions in the bird's range could hamper energy development. The prairie chicken's addition to the list could also trigger several government conservation mandates that many area landowners consider restrictive to the use of their own property.

Information from the aerial survey will be used in part

to determine the prairie chicken's conservation status, according to Lubbock-based TPWD wildlife diversity biologist Sean Kyle, but it will also be used by the TPWD and the other state agencies to help conserve the bird in partnership with industries and landowners.

"These surveys represent a unique effort by state fish and wildlife agencies across the region to work together to monitor population trends over time and to effectively manage for this species," said Kyle. "This information, combined with other ongoing conservation efforts, could help avoid the need to list the lesser prairie chicken as federally endangered. The surveys will provide more data to inform the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's decision about whether to list the species."

The survey will begin around Saturday and will continue through the middle of May. Two hundred blocks of about 85 square miles each around the bird's estimated range have been selected at random to be surveyed;

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High 64 Low 38	High 56 Low 34	High 54 Low 32

Today: Partly sunny, with a high near 64. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 38. Southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34. North northeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 54. Breezy, with a north northeast wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 42. North wind 15 to 20 mph becoming east. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

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Obama urges end to tax breaks for oil

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pump prices on his mind, President Barack Obama says Congress should kill tax breaks for the oil and gas industry and help develop alternative sources of energy.

Obama said Saturday in his weekly radio and Internet address that he expected Congress to consider in the next few weeks ending \$4 billion in tax subsidies, a move he has failed to persuade lawmakers to make during his term. He said the vote would put them on record on whether they "stand up for oil companies" or "stand up for the American people."

"They can either place their bets on a fossil fuel from the last century or they can place their bets on America's future," Obama said.

Industry officials and many Republicans in Congress contend that cutting the tax breaks would lead to higher fuel prices, raising costs on oil companies and affecting their investments in exploration and production. The measure is considered a long shot, given that Obama couldn't end the subsidies when Democrats controlled Congress earlier in his term.

Republican presidential candidates have accused Obama of delaying drilling for oil in the Gulf of Mexico and in a national wildlife refuge, in Alaska and faulted him for not advancing the Keystone XL oil pipeline from Canada to Texas Gulf Coast refineries. They have also criticized policies pursued by the Environmental Protection Agency as inhibiting energy development.

Obama said there is no quick fix to high gas prices, which climbed to \$3.83 on Friday according to AAA, but

he pushed back against critics who say he is opposed to more drilling. He said the U.S. is producing more oil than at any time in the past eight years and has quadrupled the number of operating oil rigs.

"If we're truly going to make sure we're not at the mercy of spikes in gas prices every year, the answer isn't just to drill more — because we're already drilling more," Obama said. He said his administration was trying to develop wind and solar power, biofuels and usher in more fuel-efficient vehicles to make the nation less dependent on oil.

In the weekly Republican address, Rep. Cory Gardner, R-Colo., said his constituents have been hard hit by an increase in gasoline prices and were "fed up with the way the president is handling this issue, and rightfully so. The most forceful thing the president has done about high gas prices is try to explain that he's against them."

Gardner said the \$800 billion stimulus spending sought by Obama promoted energy companies that went bankrupt, wasting taxpayer money.

"After spending money we don't have on what won't work — and overregulating what would — is it any wonder gas prices have more than doubled on the president's watch? Make no mistake, high gas prices are a symptom of his failed 'stimulus' policies," Gardner said.

Obama is expected to keep up a drumbeat on energy this week, traveling to four states over two days to push his administration's "all of the above" energy strategy. The trip includes stops in Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Ohio.

Tejano monument recognizes settlers

AUSTIN (AP) — The memorials around the Texas Capitol grounds have long honored heroes and moments of Texas' storied past, from the Alamo to the Confederacy to fallen soldiers in foreign wars.

Joining them this month is a tribute to Texas' earliest pioneers, Tejano settlers who trail-blazed what would become the Lone Star State. On March 29, a massive granite and bronze memorial to those early Spanish and Mexican explorers, settlers and their descendants will be formally dedicated on the South lawn of the state Capitol, the culmination of a decade-long effort to honor their history.

"We've been here for 500 years. For 500 years, we've ignored that chapter of Texas history," said Renato Ramirez, CEO of International Bank of Commerce in the border city of Zapata and one of the leaders of the nearly \$2 million project. Ramirez' family gave \$125,000 to the effort.

The creation of the monument also coincides with the rising political importance of Tejanos, as white drop below 50 percent of the Texas population and Hispanics now make up more than 50 percent of young people.

Tejano history dates to the 1500s, when Spanish explorer Alonso Alvarez de Pineda first mapped the Texas coastline. Spanish missions were established in the 1600s. A group of Tejano settlers led by Jose Bernardo Gutierrez de Lara declared the first Republic of Texas in 1813. The descendants of Spanish and Mexican settlers established a thriving cattle and agriculture industry, became the first cowboys and also fought at the Alamo.

But some historians say these contributions have been over-

looked by a popular history that focuses on when whites started moving to Texas from the United States.

Andres Tijerina, an Austin Community College history professor and author of the book "Tejano Empire," says the new monument enriches Texas history by recognizing the settlers who were in Texas before Lone Star State icons like Stephen F. Austin and Sam Houston.

"It expands Texas history before 1821 which is what the public narrative has always used as the starting point for Texas history, when Stephen F. Austin arrived," Tijerina said "Those families, who are such an important part of Texas, are still here."

At 525 square feet, the monument will be among the largest on the Capitol grounds. Mounted on a 250-ton slab of pink granite, bronze statues depict a Spanish explorer, a vaquero (cowboy) on his mustang, a longhorn bull and cow and a family of settlers. A series of plaques will tell the story of Tejano history.

The slab was cut from the same quarry in Marble Falls that was used for the Capitol building. The sculpture was designed by Laredo artist Armando Hinojosa, a descendant of Don Tomas Sanchez, the founder of Laredo.

Project architect Jaime Beaman, whose family on his mother's side lived along the Texas-Mexico border for generations, said the original design depicted a Roman-style monument with arches and columns and was quickly scrapped.

"We're not Roman, we're Tejano," Beaman said. "This is art."

The Tejano monument is not on the Great Walk, the 500-foot, tree-

lined promenade that leads from Congress Avenue to the South steps of the Capitol, but occupies a prime piece of land just inside the southern gate, a popular entry point for tourists and Capitol visitors.

Getting it there required a change in state law. New monuments have been banned on the south lawn ever since the completion of a major restoration project in the early 1990s. The Tejano monument was destined for the less-visible north side of the Capitol until 2009 when the Legislature passed a special exception.

The monument sits about 50 paces east of a massive tribute to the Confederacy topped by a statue of Jefferson Davis. A monument to African-Americans is planned for the west side of the grounds, but that project is still in development.

The Legislature first approved creating a Tejano monument in 2001. Lawmakers dedicated \$1 million in 2007 and about \$800,000 more has come from private donations, including \$200,000 from Wal-Mart.

Gov. Rick Perry is scheduled to attend the dedication ceremony, which will include a performance by the University of Texas mariachi ensemble and remarks by descendants of Tejano settlers.

The monument will be the 19th on the Capitol grounds and the first since the World War II monument dedication in 2007.

"It's an emotional thing," said Rep. Richard Raymond, D-Laredo. "The importance of the Tejano monument goes beyond a chapter of Texas history. It's a part of every chapter of the whole book on Texas and it's never really been acknowledged."

Obituaries

Nellie Graves, 86

Nellie Graves, 86, died Saturday, March 17, 2012 in Amarillo.

Services will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, March 20 at Memory Gardens Mausoleum with Rev. Howard Whiteley, former pastor of the Pampa Chapel of Apostolic Faith, officiating.

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

Mrs. Graves was born on April 2, 1925 in Nashville, Ark., and attended school in southern Ark. She married Daniel Graves on Nov. 21, 1941 in Waldo, Ark. He preceded her in death in 1990. She and her family moved to Pampa in 1956 where she lived until moving to Amarillo for health care. Nellie worked at Marie Foundations, Coronado Hospital, and she managed the Salvation Army Thrift Store for several years. She attended the Pampa Chapel of the Apostolic Faith. In her spare time,



Graves

she loved and cared for all her grandchildren. She will be remembered as a hardworking and caring lady who loved all.

She is survived by a son: Gary Graves of Pampa; daughter: Kay Waters and husband Buddy of Pampa; two grandsons: Frank Graves of Pampa and Danny Graves and wife Debbra of Amarillo; two granddaughters: Jodie Waters and husband Shea of Amarillo and Jeree Woods and husband Kevin of Pampa; six great grandsons: Brandon Childs, Cody Graves, and Wyatt Davis, all of Amarillo, and Zach Graves, Taylor Woods, and Kade Woods, all of Pampa; two great granddaughters: Ashley Graves of Lubbock and Chloe Davis of Amarillo.

Nellie was preceded in death by two sisters, Jean Dennis and Linnie Schneider, by two brothers, J. C. Sutton and Frank Sutton, by a great grandson, Justin Graves, and by a daughter-in-law, Paula Graves.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association, 2514 82nd St., Suite B, Lubbock, TX 79423, or Tralee Crisis Center, P. O. Box 2880, Pampa, TX 79066-2880.

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Pipe bomb found at garage sale

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Authorities say a pipe bomb was found at a North Texas house during a garage sale.

People and nearby homes in Wichita Falls were evacuated after the pipe bomb was discovered Saturday afternoon.

The military canine unit from nearby Sheppard Air Force Base and a bomb squad from Denton arrived to help.

The Wichita Falls Times Record News reports that the area was blocked off for at least five hours.

John Spraggins of the Wichita Falls Police Department says the bomb was secured and nobody was injured.

Authorities have no suspects. The investigation will be led by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Wichita Falls police and fire departments.

Wichita Falls is about 130 miles northwest of Dallas and near the Oklahoma border.

Mother slashes son's throat

MAGNOLIA (AP) — A woman accused of severely injuring her 5-year-old son by slashing his throat told investigators she was releasing demons from his body, police said Saturday.

Daphne Spurlock, 45, was in custody after being arrested on a charge of attempted capital murder, Magnolia police said.

Her young son remained hospitalized in Houston after undergoing surgery and was expected to survive, relatives told Houston television station KTRK.

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and Magnolia police went to the house early Saturday after the boy's father returned home and found the little boy covered in blood, authorities said. The child's throat was slashed from one side to the other and he had a severe head injury, authorities said.

Spurlock told investigators she was reading the Bible with her son and realized he was possessed with demons, so she stomped on his chest and face and then cut him with a large kitchen knife while trying to release the demons from his body, police said.

David Spurlock, 59, told the Houston Chronicle that his wife is a born-again Christian who would never have harmed her son on her own.

"She thought the voices were Jesus," he said. "She started cussing a week ago. That was not like her at all."

Mom sentenced for abandonment

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A teen mother who abandoned her abused, dead infant outside a San Antonio fire station has been sentenced to 12 years in prison.

Julie Navejar, now 18, had pleaded no contest to injury to a child by omission.

Her 7-week-old daughter was found in 2009. At Navejar's sentencing Friday, prosecutors said an autopsy showed the baby died from cocaine in her system, starvation and pneumonia.

Navejar told the judge she's sorry and not the same person anymore. But prosecutors said she never mentioned her baby's name in court.

The San Antonio Express News reports that Navejar has agreed to cooperate in the prosecution of her boyfriend, Ramiro De La Rosa. The 21-year-old faces up to life in prison if convicted of first-degree felony injury to a child.

Texas sues in health program fight

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas has filed a lawsuit in response to the federal government's decision to halt funding for the Texas Women's Health Program amid a fight over clinics affiliated with abortion providers.

Attorney General Greg Abbott on Friday sued the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The state says the Obama administration's move interferes with its ability to promote women's health.

The Women's Health Program has about 130,000 low-income participants, and federal funds had covered 90 percent of its costs.

But a new Texas law bars state funding for clinics affiliated with abortion providers. That made the Obama administration cut off funding, arguing that federal law requires women to be able to choose any qualified clinic.

Gov. Rick Perry has vowed that Texas will continue the program even without federal support.

Jeffs follower's conviction upheld

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Texas appeals court has upheld the conviction of a follower of jailed polygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs.

The Salt Lake Tribune reports the court ruled Friday against 60-year-old Allan Keate, who was sentenced to 33 years in prison in 2009 for the sexual assault of a child.

Prosecutors used DNA tests and Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints records to show Keate sexually assaulted a 15-year-old girl he took as a polygamous wife in 2004.

Keate appealed, saying the girl who gave birth to a son could have been artificially inseminated or impregnated outside Texas where they lived.

Appeals court judges disagreed, saying "it is not incumbent upon the State to exclude 'every reasonable hypothesis other than guilt' for the evidence to be considered sufficient."

Man held after triple murder

ALICE (AP) — A South Texas man was in custody Friday and charged with three counts of capital murder after his girlfriend and her two sons were found stabbed at her home in Alice.

Felix Jesus Chapa, 24, was arrested without incident at his home hours after police found Michelle Hughes, 41, and her sons, Ivan Joshua Hughes, 20, and 15-year-old William Bryan Hughes, Alice Police Chief Daniel Bueno told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

The 911 call came to police shortly before 4 a.m. Friday and it appeared there had been an ongoing domestic dispute, Bueno said. He said Chapa was under the influence of alcohol when arrested.

Chapa was in the Jim Wells County Jail Friday on bond totaling \$2.25 million, jail official Patricia Torres told The Associated Press. He did not yet have a lawyer, she said.

DNA technique used for property crimes

HOUSTON (AP) — A thief wearing gloves walks into a parking lot, perhaps using the cover of night, smashes a car window and takes what's inside the vehicle, all in a matter of minutes.

It's the general technique for many car burglaries, and thousands of them occur in Harris County every year. Besides shattered glass, often there's not much visible evidence left at the scene, leaving investigators with few clues to catch the culprits.

But sometimes it's what investigators cannot see that helps solve many of these types of crimes.

For the last few years, the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences aided area law enforcement in solving property crimes by testing evidence for "touch DNA"

— microscopic skin cells containing DNA that naturally rub off when an object, like a car steering wheel, is touched. The technology can be used even if the suspect is wearing gloves because there's a high likelihood the skin cells were transferred onto the gloves when the perpetrator was slipping them on.

"It was a pretty incredible tool for us to have to identify some of these suspects," said Sgt. Terry Wilson, of the Harris County Sheriff's Office auto-theft division.

"These (burglary of a motor vehicle) cases are some of the hardest cases for law enforcement to solve because there's almost never any eyewitnesses. There's very rarely any good evidence left behind, fingerprint evidence and things like that, and once we started recovering some of this DNA, it was pretty exciting there for a while."

DNA testing is a practice typi-

cally reserved for personal crimes like rape and murder. However, the forensic institute, formerly the medical examiner's office, has also been performing DNA testing on evidence — containing either skin cells or bodily fluids, like blood and saliva — from property crime cases such as car break-ins and home invasions.

Since January 2008, the forensic institute made more than 3,000 matches to crime suspects in the FBI's Combined DNA Index System database, or CODIS, a national database used to store DNA profiles. Of those, about 75 percent were for property crime cases.

Dr. Roger Kahn, director of the forensic genetics laboratory at the institute, said the crime lab is one of the few equipped to handle DNA testing for property crimes. The lab has no testing backlog on personal crime cases, so it can focus on property crimes, he said.

Kahn noted that when the forensic institute moves to its new expanded facility in the fall, the lab will have the capabilities to perform DNA testing in property crime cases for not only law enforcement agencies in the county, but the entire region.

Kahn believes it is a useful tool in solving many more crimes.

"These (property crime) cases by comparison are quite numerous in the community," he said. "They far outnumber the crimes against persons (murder and rape)."

Wilson said the auto-theft division began collecting "touch" DNA evidence in the summer of 2010, in an effort to more aggressively target vehicle burglaries and thefts. He said they trained patrol deputies how to collect the evidence and

asked them to test for every single car burglary and theft case they came across. They started seeing results almost immediately.

"On cases where we had absolutely zero to go on before, it definitely gave us a party to associate with the crime," Wilson said.

For example, Wilson said, around 3 p.m. Aug. 30, 2010, a man parked his Toyota minivan in a fast-food restaurant parking lot in the 10700 block of Veterans Memorial. After grabbing lunch, the man came back to find his van's window broken and his checkbook stolen.

Deputies collected evidence from the driver's door handle, door frame, glove box and steering wheel.

Test results showed that there was usable DNA in all samples collected, Wilson said. After the DNA was entered into CODIS, it identified 44-year-old Freddie Walker. He was convicted in 2011 and served 100 days in jail for the crime.

Investigators did see problems in some cases. Prosecutors wouldn't accept charges because they did not feel the DNA results eliminated other possible suspects.

Also, county budget cuts have suspended testing in the auto theft division for now. But overall, testing can help to solve more crimes as well as prevent them, Wilson said.

"If you catch one of those guys (car burglars), you can prevent dozens of them over a period of months," he said. "They are out there every single day driving those parking lots in every part of this city and county looking for targets. If you get one of them off the streets, there's no telling how many you may have prevented."

Super busy SXSW ends on poignant note

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Stars of all stripes and celebrity hit town to close out South By Southwest, but it was a marching band that stole the show Saturday.

Members of the Austin High band watched their star turn in the premiere of filmmaker Emmett Malloy's "Big Easy Express," then joined documentary subjects Mumford & Sons, Edward Sharpe and The Magnetic Zeros and Old Crow Medicine Show in an outdoor concert at the University of Texas as the music conference fell into an exhausted heap on its final night.

Across town, Timbaland held a listening party at Perez Hilton's annual to-do. Norah Jones played her new album for an appreciative group of fans. Matthew McConaughey joined The Cult during a free concert. Punk rock icon Bob Mould played "Copper Blue" in its entirety, bringing out the graybeards. And Peter Buck and Mike Mills of R.E.M. joined The Posies and Blitzen Trapper in one final tribute to Big Star frontman Alex Chilton, who passed away two years ago as he was due to participate in SXSW.

Rumors of celebrity appearances swirled up and down Sixth Street, but few of them materialized

as St. Patrick's Day revelers clogged downtown Austin in a frenzy of partying that didn't end till 2 a.m. last call.

Superstars such as Bruce Springsteen, Jay-Z, Eminem and others made this the busiest SXSW ever, overflowing with celebrity, secret performances and high-dollar endorsements that made sure the festival looked nothing like the humble event that started 25 years ago with just 200 bands spread over 12 clubs. With so much going on and plenty of places to get hammered on green beer, even the usually most exclusive events were easy to get into.

It took a bumpin' tuba line and a bunch of enthusiastic high school kids to shake off the glitzy veneer that had many longtime festival participants grumbling about the good old days and inject a little innocent joy back into the conference.

With the UT Tower lit up in the background, the band took the stage, then laid down a rolling groove before joining Mumford & Sons on "The Cave," recreating a powerful moment from "Big Easy Express" in front of thousands of fans on the lawn at the

Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library.

"That's real music, ladies and gentlemen," Marcus Mumford told the crowd after the song. "That's real music from real people."

Afterwards fans surrounded marching band members on the street and chanted: "One more song! One more song!"

The love of making music and the community brought by close collaboration were the dominant themes of "Big Easy Express," which made its world premiere earlier in the day at the Paramount Theatre, then was replayed for the crowd before the night's concert.

Malloy follows the three bands as they made a train trip from California to New Orleans via Austin. They covered 2,500 miles in a week and a half, playing music almost every step of the way and enlisting Austin High to join the fun in one of the film's most delightful moments.

"Very few people have seen this film," said

Malloy, whose previous credits include The White Stripes 2009 documentary "Under Great White Northern Lights." "But the ones who have, everyone says they're very jealous that they weren't on (the train). They want to quit their day job and go be a freak. And I think the fact that this film evokes that kind of like, 'I want to get in touch with my wild side' is great. It's more emotional than I would've ever thought, and the fact that I was able to work with everything those guys were doing those days and create a little bit of an emotional journey, that put this film in a very special place."

The film is full of poignant moments as the bands bond in close quarters, jamming on each other's songs, writing new ones and taking old standards and making them new.

"We got on the train and you guys were just setting the tone, really playing music nonstop," said Alex

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Monday, March 19, the 79th day of 2012. There are 287 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 19, 1962, Bob Dylan's first album, eponymously titled "Bob Dylan," was released by Columbia Records. (Of the 13 songs recorded for the album, two were Dylan originals, "Talkin' New York" and "Song to Woody," a tribute to Woody Guthrie.)

On this date:

In 1687, French explorer Rene-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle — the first European to navigate the length of the Mississippi River — was murdered by mutineers in present-day Texas.

In 1859, the opera "Faust" by Charles Gounod premiered in Paris.

In 1911, the first International Women's Day was observed with rallies and parades in Germany, Austria, Denmark and Switzerland.

In 1918, Congress approved Daylight-Saving Time.

In 1920, the Senate rejected, for a second time, the Treaty of Versailles (vehr-SY') by a vote of 49 in favor, 35 against, falling short of the two-thirds majority needed for approval.

In 1931, Nevada Governor Fred B. Balzar signed a measure legalizing casino gambling.

In 1942, during World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered men between the ages of 45 and 64, inclusive, to register for non-military duty.

In 1945, 724 people were killed when a Japanese dive bomber attacked the carrier USS Franklin off Japan; the ship, however, was saved. Adolf Hitler issued his so-called "Nero Decree," ordering the destruction of German facilities that could fall into Allied hands.

In 1951, Herman Wouk's World War II novel "The Caine Mutiny" was first published.

In 1979, the U.S. House of Representatives began televising its day-to-day business.

In 1987, televangelist Jim Bakker resigned as chairman of his PTL ministry organization amid a sex and money scandal involving Jessica Hahn, a former church secretary.

In 2003, President George W. Bush ordered the start of war against Iraq. (Because of the time difference, it was early March 20 in Iraq.)

Ten years ago: U.S. intelligence analyst Ana Belen Montes pleaded guilty in federal court to spying for Cuba; she was later sentenced to 25 years in prison. Hewlett-Packard chief Carly Fiorina claimed victory in the nasty proxy fight over the \$20 billion purchase of Compaq Computer Corp.

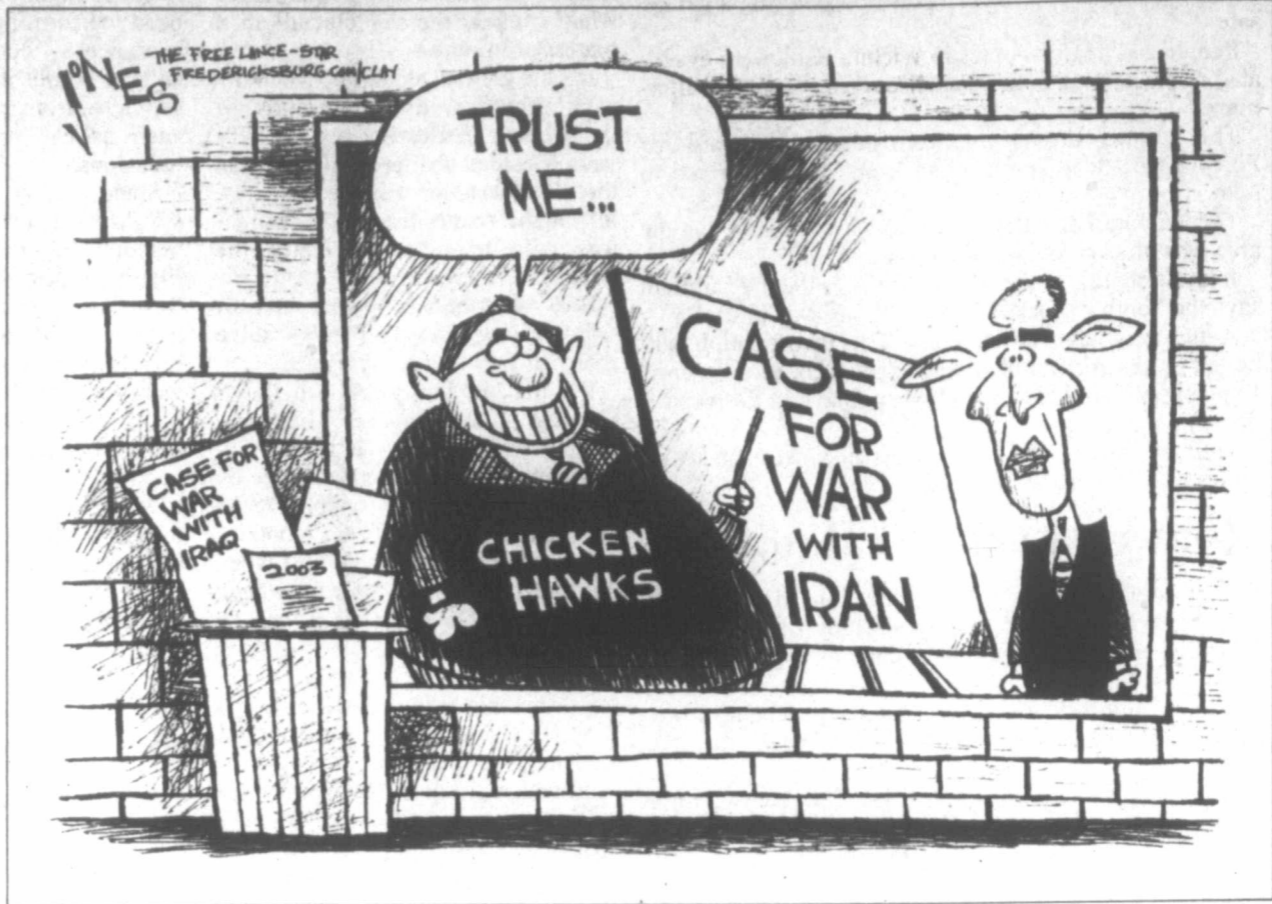
Five years ago: President George W. Bush marked the fourth anniversary of the start of the Iraq war with a plea for patience to let his revised battle plan work; Congress' new Democratic leaders retorted that no patience remained. A methane gas explosion in a Siberian coal mine killed 110 workers. Death claimed rhythm-and-blues singer-songwriter Luther Ingram at age 69 and TV performer Calvert DeForest, aka "Larry 'Bud' Melman," at age 85.

One year ago: The U.S. fired more than 100 cruise missiles from the sea while French fighter jets targeted Moammar Gadhafi's forces from the air, launching the broadest international military effort since the Iraq war in support of an uprising. President Barack Obama arrived in Brazil for the start of a three-country, five-day tour of Latin America. The Berlin Zoo's beloved polar bear Knut died at age 4.

Today's Birthdays: Former White House national security adviser Brent Scowcroft is 87. Theologian Hans Kung is 84. Jazz musician Ornette Coleman is 82. Author Philip Roth is 79. Actress Renee Taylor is 79. Actress-singer Phyllis Newman is 79. Actress Ursula Andress is 76. Singer Clarence "Frogman" Henry is 75. Singer Ruth Pointer (The Pointer Sisters) is 66. Actress Glenn Close is 65. Film producer Harvey Weinstein is 60. Actor Bruce Willis is 57. Playwright Neil LaBute is 49. Actor Connor Trinneer is 43. Rock musician Gert Bettens (K's Choice) is 42. Rapper Bun B is 39. Rock musician Zach Lind (Jimmy Eat World) is 36. Actress Abby Brammell is 33. Actor Craig Lamar Traylor is 23. Actor Philip Bolden is 17.

Thought for Today: "The heaviest baggage for a traveler is an empty purse." — German proverb.

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Return to King Dollar will cut oil prices

No matter how much President Obama protests, the simple fact is that he continues to oppose and mock and disparage oil and gas drilling. He is a prisoner of the environmental left, and he remains on the wrong side of energy history.

And that's exactly why he has a 59 percent negative rating on the economy, according to a recent poll, even though jobs and other indicators have actually picked up. It's about \$4 or higher gas at the pump. Polls overwhelmingly show that Americans want drilling in ANWR and offshore, and that they want hydraulic fracturing of shale for oil and gas. They also overwhelmingly want the Keystone Pipeline (by roughly 70 percent). And they believe the government can act quickly to lower gas prices in the short run.

But the president scoffs at all this. In his energy speech this week, he suggested that the drill, drill, drill crowd (of which I have long been a member) would have founded the Flat Earth Society. He says we might even have sided with 19th-century President Rutherford B. Hayes.

Ha, ha, ha. Very funny. But the reality is oil, gas and coal — not wind, solar, geothermal and algae — are going to be crucial to America's transportation, electricity and economic growth for many decades to come.

What's particularly galling about Obama's riff is his constant use of a false statistic. The president argues that America uses more than 20 percent of the world's oil, although "even if we drill in every square inch of this country, we still only have 2 percent of the world's known oil reserves."

This is just patently untrue. According to the Institute for Energy



LAWRENCE KUDLOW

Research, when you include oil shale, the U.S. has 1.4 trillion barrels of technically recoverable oil. That is enough to meet all U.S. oil needs for about the next 200 years, without any imports.

With the technology revolution in the energy business, including horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing, the old idea of proved oil reserves that Obama keeps using is replaced with the new concept of recoverable resources. Many thanks to Investor's Business Daily for its story that the U.S. now has 60 times more recoverable oil reserves than Obama claims. And that doesn't even include the natural-gas shale revolution, which has already slashed electricity prices for homes and businesses and will eventually be used more and more in transportation.

And then there's the EPA, which is holding up oil and gas exploration in the Outer Continental Shelf, Alaska's North Slope, ANWR, Utah tar sands, and the whole Green River Formation in Wyoming and neighboring states. Energy development on private lands is leading to greater development and production. But the Obama administration is still way behind on permits for drilling on federal land or offshore.

Steps could in fact be taken to lower gas prices in the short run. EPA mandates for boutique gasoline supplies and ethanol mixtures could be eased, perhaps saving 50 cents a gallon — without sacrificing clean

air.

But the best idea I've heard to ease gasoline prices comes from Joint Economic Committee Vice Chairman Kevin Brady, a Texas Republican. He has proposed the Sound Dollar Act, which would require the Fed to monitor gold and the foreign-exchange value of the dollar. He would also replace the Fed's dual mandate with a single mandate for price stability.

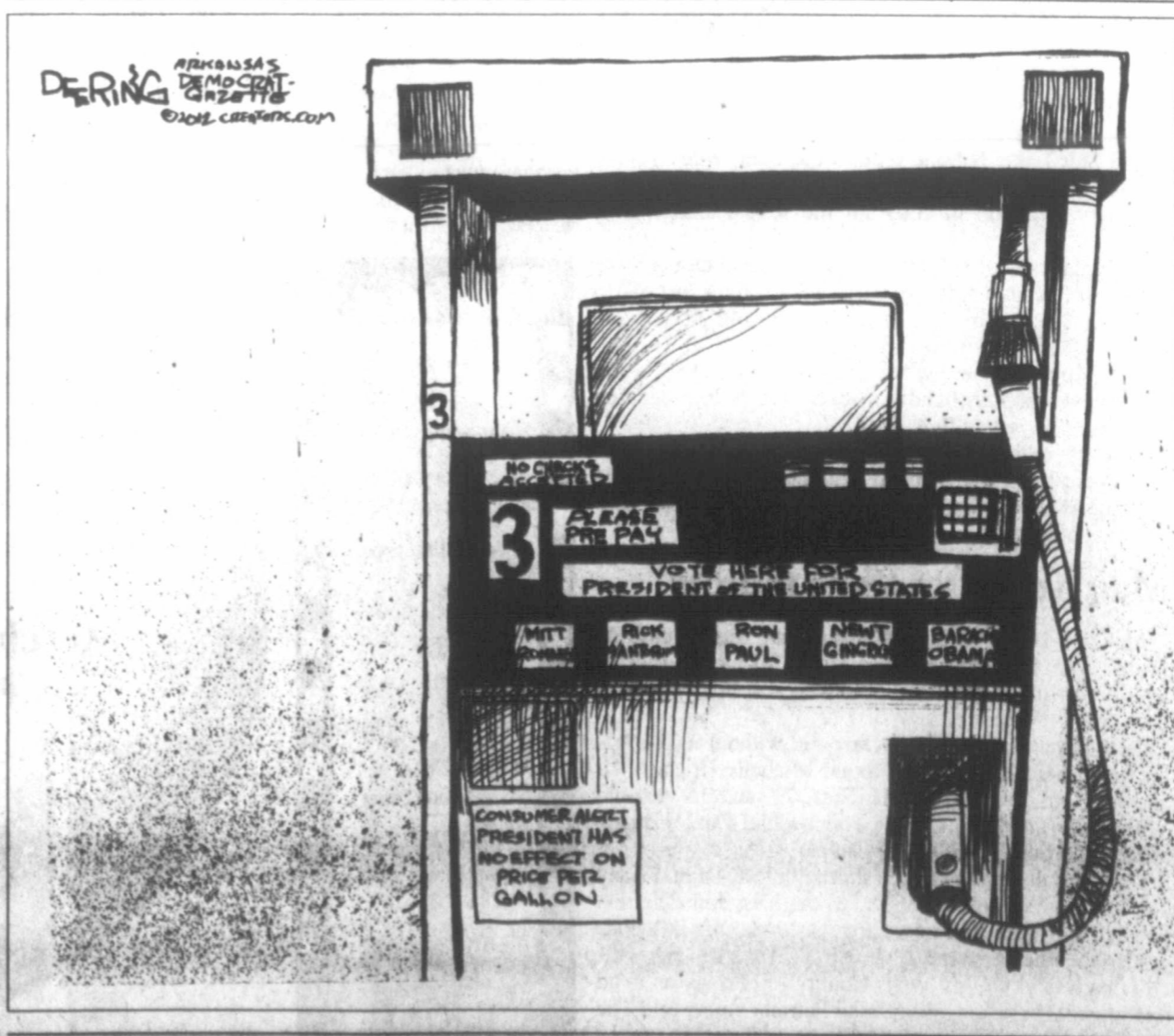
A stronger dollar is key. The Joint Economic Committee just put out a study showing that a 10 to 15 percent appreciation of the greenback to pre-recession levels (before the Fed launched its massive dollar-creation, pump-priming campaign) would lower gasoline prices by 43 cents. So if the Treasury and the Federal Reserve strengthened the value of the dollar, oil and gasoline prices would decline.

It's an excellent idea. The best one out there. A return to King Dollar would boost consumer real incomes, attract capital from all over the world and grow the economy at a faster rate.

So there is an action plan on energy. The laws of supply and demand will work to hold back prices. So will a strong dollar. So will easier regulatory mandates. And if market forces generate clean-energy alternatives, then fine. But a true all-of-the-above strategy would take the handcuffs and the sarcasm off of fossil-fuel drilling.

Rutherford B. Hayes can't do it because he's dead. But Obama could. Or more likely, a new White House occupant will.

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Abuse claims against courthouse gunman

DALLAS (AP) — The gunman police say went on a shooting spree outside a Texas courthouse this week had become increasingly frustrated by sexual misconduct charges his daughter lodged against him and two of his brothers, and he was so convinced of his innocence he rejected a plea deal that would have kept him out of prison, records and interviews revealed.

Police say Bartholomew Granger opened fire Wednesday outside the Jefferson County courthouse in Beaumont, killing an elderly woman and wounding three others, including his daughter and her mother, in what's now coming into focus as a final, desperate act of a man who believed he and his brothers had been wrongfully accused.

"This has been going on for a long time, and I guess he finally snapped," said one of the brothers, Ulysses Granger. "He couldn't take it anymore."

Bartholomew Granger, 41, was in custody Friday on \$4 million bond after being charged with the murder of a bystander, Mimmie Ray Sebolt, 79, of Deweyville.

Meanwhile, his daughter remained hospitalized in critical but stable condition, a police spokeswoman said. Authorities say Granger shot the 20-year-old woman and ran over her with his pickup truck as he tried to leave the scene.

The rampage occurred just hours before Granger's daughter was to resume testimony in a trial in which she accused her father of sexually assaulting her nine years ago. It was the latest episode in a saga that has led to two other criminal cases, a series of lawsuits and a sharply-divided family.

Granger's daughter made the allegations against her father and uncles in 2009, shortly after she moved out of her father's Houston home and went to live with her mother in Lake Charles, La., court records show.

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Ebert, nodding to Mumford and OCMS member Gill Landry during a red carpet interview before the premiere. "It was a really powerful experience and one we jumped into probably willingly and happily. But I mean in that sense that's what we took away the most — the preparedness, willingness and effort to constantly play music."

Over at Hilton's party, producer Timbaland took the stage after a long absence from the spotlight.

"I know you been missing me for a while," he said.

Timbaland bragged on his own group of favorite collaborators, saying that collaborator Dev was now a member of his "Superfriends" before launching into his latest single, "Break Ya Back," from his forthcoming album "Shock Value III." He also rapped and beat-boxed over abbreviated versions of some of his best-known songs.

"I don't know if I can get off the stage," he said. "I've got too many hits."

This Florida ER doctor is a quack

TOM MARGENAU
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Social Security and you

Sometimes, I really feel as if I should just give up. In fact, if it were not for the encouraging emails I get from many of my readers telling me to "hang in there" and "keep up the good fight," I probably would have stopped addressing bogus emails that spread lies and misinformation about Social Security a long time ago.

It's so darn frustrating for a number of reasons. For one thing, as soon as I set the record straight on one little bit of Internet gossip, some more pops up. Also, I know that these titillating tall tales spread far and wide, reaching way more people than my little column does. So even though I'm putting up a good fight, I definitely am losing the war to those who revel in repeating ridiculous rumors.

And that leads to the third reason I find these exercises so maddening. I know that these rumor-mongers aren't really interested in knowing the truth. They use the Internet to find far-fetched fairy tales that reinforce their already narrowly held and close-minded views. And then they email those pieces of puffery to like-minded folks who, in turn, email other people — and pretty soon the whole country starts believing this stupid stuff.

The latest one that was passed along to me by many readers was allegedly written by a Florida emergency room doctor. He begins his xenophobic epistle with this little bit of hyperbole: "I live and work in a state overrun with illegals."

He then goes on to discuss all the illegal immigrants he treats in his emergency room. How he finds it's "illegal" in the hectic and sometimes chaotic conditions of an emergency room puzzles me. My hunch is he figures that if they speak Spanish, they must be illegal.

Anyway, next he gripes about all the supposed government benefits

and pay taxes for a minimum of 10 years. And if you worked just that minimal amount of time, you would get a very small benefit — less than \$500 per month.

Lie: "Someone who has paid into Social Security for 40-50 years can only get a monthly maximum of \$1,012."

Truth: The maximum Social Security benefit currently paid to someone retiring at 66 is about \$2,400 per month. And many folks work beyond age 66 and are getting much more than that — some in the \$3,000 to \$4,000 per month range. In effect, there is no "maximum" Social Security benefit, because if you wanted to, you could keep working until you are 100 years old and continue to build up the amount of your Social Security check.

Lie: "A good old-fashioned American woman is only getting \$794 per month because she was born in 1924 and there is a Catch-22."

Truth: There is no Catch-22 that deprives people of Social Security money. I'm sure the alleged doctor is referring to something called "the notch." The notch was a scam perpetrated on seniors about 20 years ago. Misleading mailings were sent out to millions of senior citizens, trying to convince them the government was cheating them out of Social Security money. The whole thing was a swindle designed to get seniors to send in money to bogus groups and organizations. And these rip-off artists raked in hundreds of millions of dollars. To this day, there are many seniors who incorrectly believe they have been cheated out of Social Security money.

If this "Florida emergency room doctor" practices medicine as poorly as he understands government benefit programs, I sure hope I never need critical care in the Sunshine State.

Lie: "The federal government provides a refugee with a total income of \$2,470 per month."

Truth: This is absolutely ridiculous. I don't see how anyone can believe this hogwash. If you think it's true, go down to a Social Security office, and tell the people there you are a "refugee." Let me know whether they hand you a check for \$2,470 and tell you those checks will keep rolling in every month. To qualify for Social Security benefits, you must work

and pay taxes for a minimum of 10 years. And if you worked just that minimal amount of time, you would get a very small benefit — less than \$500 per month.

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If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.

Chicken

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Kyle confirmed that some of those blocks are within Gray County.

Helicopters will be flown in the mornings at 35-40 mph at about 80 feet above the ground so that the birds may be spotted from above. The pilots, Kyle said, are often locals who have extensive aerial survey experience and who will make special effort to avoid hazing livestock on pastures.

Kyle also said that the survey may be the beginning of a larger annual study to look at the fluctuations of prairie chicken population.

"These surveys are really directed at trying to get at how prairie chicken populations vary from year to year in an effort to start a monitoring program," he said. "It's not really guaran-

teed that it will happen every year at this point. It's a pilot study across all five states."

Kyle reiterated that the prairie chicken's addition to the endangered species list is still not an inevitability and that information gleaned from this year's survey, along with info from past years, will be used to decide whether the prairie chicken warrants an endangered listing (or any other conservation status). A first step towards a final decision, he said, should be in place around the fall.

"There will be a proposed rule in place that Fish and Wildlife Service is working on," Kyle said. "It should be released in August or September of this year. The outcome of that could be anything from 'not warranted for listing' to threatened sta-

tus or endangered status. Now, that doesn't start any regulations in place. What it does is it starts a one-year period of public comment and review of information. After that rule is published in the federal register, there will be a public comment period and a bunch of official public comment hearings.

"Basically, anybody can post a comment on the federal register online on that rule," he continued. "The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will have a year will go through and respond to all those comments. They go through and review all of their information and any new information that comes to light, and then technically speaking, a year later, a final rule is supposed to be published in the federal register."

Veggie

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share Jesus and to share the gospel the way that they do it."

"I get lots of emails about tours coming through the area that we might be interested in," Green said. "I just happened to get an email about this VeggieTales thing and really just thought it would be a great event to bring into Pampa. I thought, you know, for families and small children, it gives them something to do. It's something that really caters to them."

Green, who said that his daughters are VeggieTales fans, said that he was looking forward to bringing the show's message to Pampa.

"I'm pretty excited about it," Green said. "I think it's a pretty neat deal because so many kids do get involved

with the VeggieTales videos and stuff. They have been around for so long that they're really kind of a household name for families with small kids. It's something to appeal to the younger crowd a little bit."

"For children and young people, there's such a wide variety of mediums that are going into their homes, into their iPads and everything," Hancock added. "We need to be just as creative in getting the good news to them, so that's why I'm excited about VeggieTales coming. ... It's really cool

and a great opportunity for our community. We want it for Pampa and the surrounding towns and cities. We're excited to be able bring it to the Panhandle, because the Panhandle of Texas is not on everybody's A-list to come, but this is a great opportunity for us."

Tickets for the show are available online at www.iticket.com. General admission is \$20, with VIP tickets, which include seating at the front of the house and a meet-and-greet session with the VeggieTales characters, priced at \$30.

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Sports

Lady Harvesters compete but fall to Lady Eagles

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters were looking for redemption after losing to Palo Duro on March 9. Though Pampa lost 4-0, it played aggressively on offense against the Canyon Lady Eagles Saturday at Harvester Field.

"We played really well," head coach Libby Garza said. "Canyon has a really good team with all those club players who touch the ball year-round, compared to us who don't touch the ball outside of here. We hung well and had really good composure."

Senior Ellen Cambern said the team showed improvement.

"We played better than we have before," Cambern said. "We just couldn't get one in."

The game ended Pampa's season with a 3-11-3 record. The Lady Harvesters were in contention for the playoffs until the last week of the season. Borger clinched the final spot with a 2-0 victory over Dumas on Friday.

Garza said this year was a step up for the program.

"It's never been that since I've been

here," Garza said. "It's the group of girls that we had. They set a goal and weren't happy until they reached it. They are upset that they didn't make playoffs but this year was big for them."

Cambren said the team got better during the season.

"We came a long way this year from last year," Cambren said. "We went from not winning a game last year to winning three and tying two in district."

Garza said she is looking forward to next season.

"These girls had a great group of seniors to look up to," Garza said. "The girls next year will have a good group of seniors to look up to. The JV did really well this year so Pampa can be expecting big things from their soccer team."



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am an amateur playwright. Our local theater sponsors an annual playwriting contest. The prize isn't monetary, but something far more important to an author — a full-scale production of the play.

I have won this prize four times — more than any other writer in the history of the contest. But is my family impressed? Not at all! My wife told me she thinks I write everything the same way and have simply repeated myself four times. Her put-downs are deeply hurtful.

I am up in years. It's unlikely I will ever again win this prize. So how do I respond to such indifference? What do you do when you feel you have accomplished something important and the response is, "So, what else is new?" — **LOOKING FOR VALIDATION IN FLORIDA**

DEAR **LOOKING FOR VALIDATION**: My hat's off to you. That you have won this prize more than any other writer in the history of the contest is a notable achievement, and one that's not likely to be matched for a long time — if ever. Attend the production, take your well-earned

bow in the spotlight, and accept that the less you look to your wife for validation, the happier your life will be.

DEAR ABBY: About a year ago, my fiancée, "Jayne," reconnected with her childhood friend through Facebook.

"Christine" is gay, unmarried and very attractive. She has a great personality, and everyone who meets her seems to be attracted to her. Jayne and Christine have had overnights together. I have asked my fiancée if Christine has ever made advances toward her and she said no. I want to believe her, but part of me is wary.

They are now planning to go on a trip for a few days to an island. Jayne says she loves me and that I have nothing to be jealous about. Am I being naive? What should I do? — **LEFT BEHIND IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR **LEFT BEHIND**: Believe it or not, gay people are capable of platonic friendships with members of the same sex, just as straight people can have platonic relationships with people of the opposite sex. The bottom line question is, do you trust your fiancée? If the answer is you're not sure, then you should rethink the engage-

ment. DEAR ABBY: My brother has systematically taken over my parents' lives for the past 20 years. He uses his depression and agoraphobia as an excuse not to lead his own life. He lives on government disability payments, and the majority of his support comes from my parents, whom he lives with and mooches off of. He doesn't help them around the house or contribute in any way. He refuses to get treatment for his disorders.

How can I help my parents finally be free of him? They are fast approaching 70 years old. Talking to my brother is useless, as he becomes extremely hostile and threatens to kill himself. My parents deserve some rest at their age. — **ANONYMOUS IN NEW YORK**

DEAR **ANONYMOUS**: At the rate they're going, your parents may not get the rest they deserve until they're in the great beyond. Unless they are willing to take a stand and make living with them conditional upon your brother getting counseling and medication for his mental illness, nothing will change.

A&M's Blair to face old employer

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Gary Blair of Texas A&M is one of three coaches in Division I women's basketball history to take two schools to the Final Four.

He will coach one of those teams against the other Monday when the third-seeded Aggies meet No. 6 seed Arkansas in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Blair took the Razorbacks to the Final Four in 1998 and led the Aggies to the national title last season.

He isn't excited about facing his former team for the first time, though.

"I would have loved to have played Arkansas two to three years ago when they were rebuilding, because I thought by far we had the better talent," he said. "The talent level has closed."

He is happy for the success of Arkansas coach Tom Colten, a former assistant for Blair at Arkansas who has guided the Razorbacks to the tournament for the first time since 2003.

Blair coached Arkansas from 1993 until he was hired by A&M in 2003. Colten worked for him from 1993-97.

"Over the years people have said I sound a little bit like him," Colten said of Blair. "I learned a lot of things from him. A lot about building programs and a lot about integrity and marketing and coaching a basketball team and getting ready to play."

While Blair wouldn't acknowledge that a win against Arkansas would be any more meaningful than any victory in the tournament, his players know that Monday will be a bit more special for their coach.

"He's definitely brought it up and I think as players it's a pride thing that you don't want your coach to go out with a loss to a team he used to coach," Texas A&M senior Sydney Carter said. "We've got a lot of pride and we want to get it done for him."

Blair has been a bit annoyed by what he perceives as a lack of national respect for his team, considering the Aggies are the defending NCAA champions. It really irked him that President Barack Obama picked Arkansas to beat Texas A&M in the bracket he filled out for ESPN.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 48 Horse's

1 Perch cousin

6 Pharmacy stock

11 Boise's state

12 Ryan of "Paper Moon"

13 "Understand?"

14 Plain silly

15 Mowing site

17 Checkers side

18 Kitchen pans

22 Leslie Caron movie

23 Mocking writing

27 Track legend Jesse

29 Kind of pool

30 Sandra Dee role

32 Floral rings

33 Mike Hammer's creator

35 Sleep site

38 Blue hue

39 Oxygen variety

41 Some evergreens

45 Lake swimmer

46 Burning

47 Hinds' mates

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1 Equip

2 Poem of praise

3 Bran bit

4 Old British coins

5 Add up

6 Indicate

7 Hostel

8 Shakespearean king

9 Road division

10 Downhill glider

16 Director Craven

18 Move with effort

19 New Zealand bird

20 "— Three Lives"

21 Painting of fruit, e.g.

24 Notion

25 April weather

26 Different

28 Singing groups

31 Tether

34 Bolivia's largest city

35 This and that

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37 Elevator part

40 Bolt partner

42 Pen point

43 Blunder

44 Sailing site

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Saturday's answer

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Sudoku

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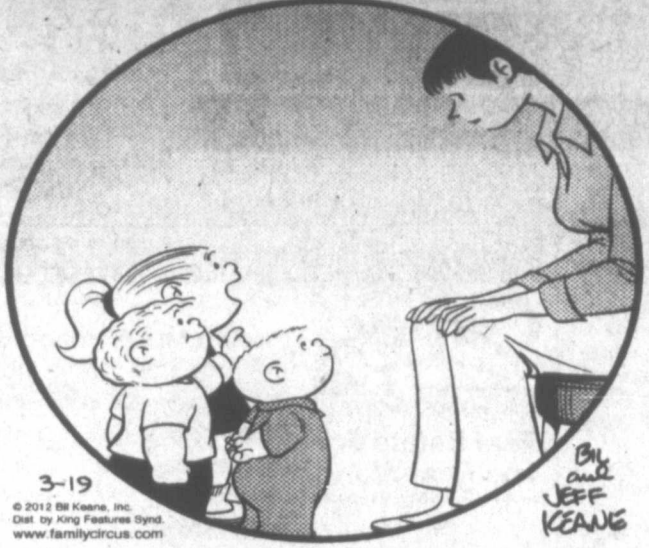
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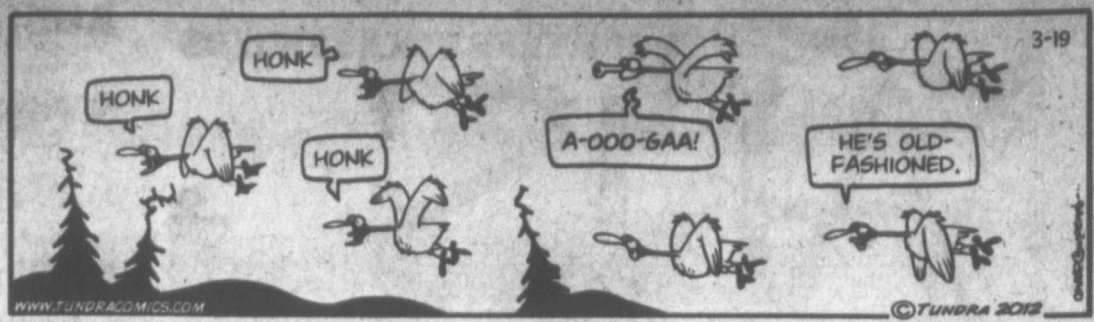


daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, March 20, 2012:
You could be unusually quiet this year as you become introspective. You are evaluating much in your life. An issue that will emerge will be your self-expression involving anger. Do you internalize your feelings? Or do you throw a tantrum? These above-mentioned behaviors could be problematic. Follow your instincts with money. If you are single, someone you meet could be very exciting. Wait at least a year before deciding whether this bond is for life. If you are attached, share more private time together. Vulnerability will add more of a spark. PISCES makes a great doctor, teacher or healer for you.
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ The wise person would say very little, yet your temper still might trigger. How you deal with that moment could be a problem. Remember, words that are said cannot be taken back. Try to process your thoughts before speaking, or postpone the conversation. Tonight: Get some much-needed rest.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Zero in on what is important. Honor what is happening with your immediate circle. If something is not working, it could involve friends and/or family. Resistance could cause a problem, but not an unsolvable one.
Tonight: Where the fun is.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ The spotlight is on you, and you will not be able to defer to others — the option is not there. Step up to the plate, and accept your role. Someone might trigger or aggravate you. Reach out for a distant buddy or adviser. Tonight: Vanish into the night.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might want to rethink a recent decision you have made. Find some experts, ask some questions. Be willing to admit whether you have enough information. A partner or close associate will be impressed by your integrity. Tonight: Use your imagination.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Remain sure of yourself, yet listen to others with that same confidence. The problem is not about being right, but about resolving the issue. Look for a mutually satisfying answer, especially if an argument breaks out. This animated discussion might have more to do with the past than with the

reality of the issue. Tonight: Easy works.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Defer to others more often today. Note when anger rears its ugly head. Rather than follow your knee-jerk reaction, just wait. Detach and evaluate that anger, and learn how to express this feeling more appropriately. Tonight: Go with a suggestion.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your even pace allows greater give-and-take. You might not feel comfortable with everything that comes up. Note your feelings, but focus on the task at hand. You can clear up what you have been holding back, but only at the appropriate moment with the correct audience. Tonight: Put your feet up.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ No one can deny your ability to see past the obvious. Your vision of possibilities initially might confuse others and sometimes yourself. A meeting and/or discussion helps you sort fantasy from fiction. Tonight: Unleash your spontaneity.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You actively alternate between pursuing the conservative course and opting to be adventuresome. Try to merge the need for security with a little flair for living in the moment. Someone you look up to could be on the warpath. Say little, and give this person space. Tonight: Your home is your castle.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might be more in tune with someone's energy than you are aware. The problem could lie with this person's reaction. Sometimes others get nervous if they feel they are transparent. Find a way to reassure this person that you will honor his or her vulnerability. Tonight: Catch up with a friend.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You could create uproar, and probably a lot better than many people. Look at the long-run implications of this behavior. Some people cannot deal with this and might distance themselves. Work with others' changeability. Tonight: Your treat. Make peace, not war.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Claim your power and use it well. If someone is being difficult and quarrelsome, it does not mean you need to get into a tiff with this person. Come up with effective ways of handling this irascible personality. Tonight: All smiles.

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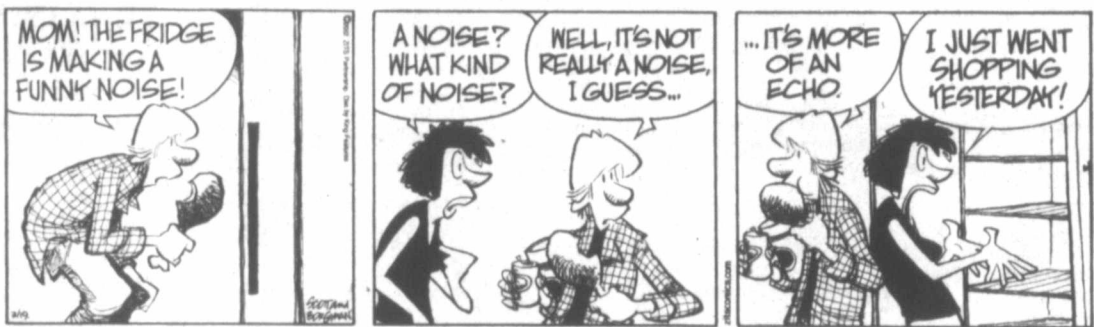
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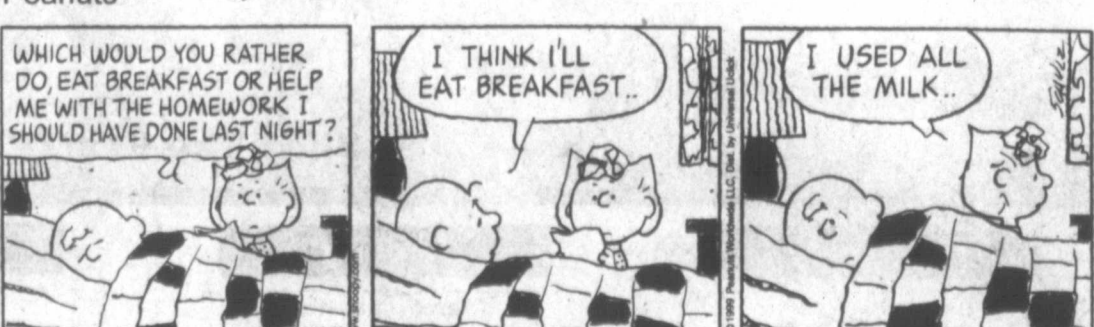
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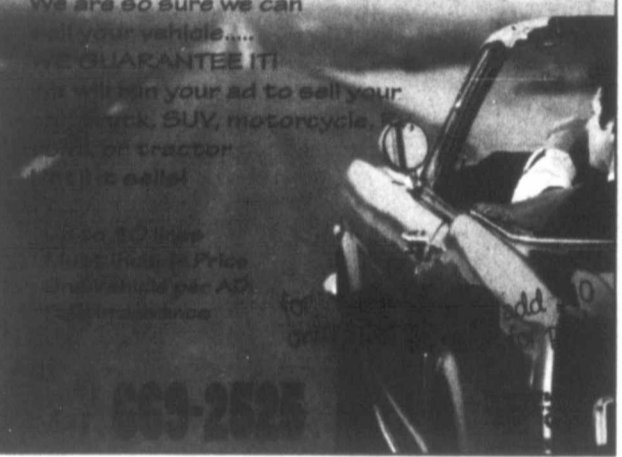
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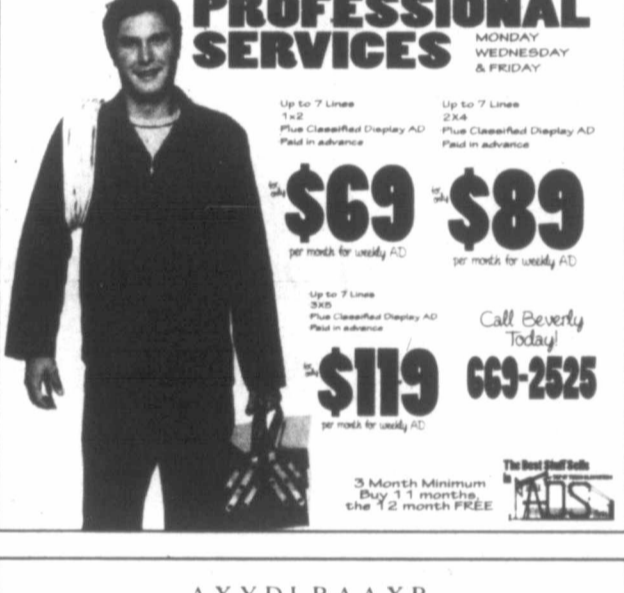
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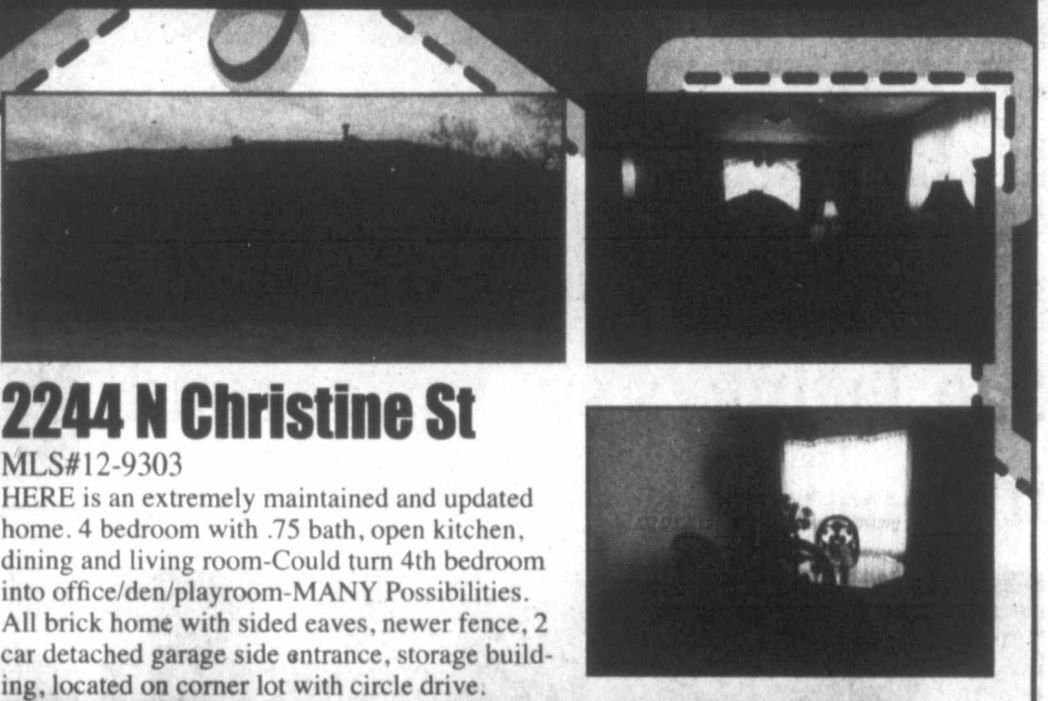
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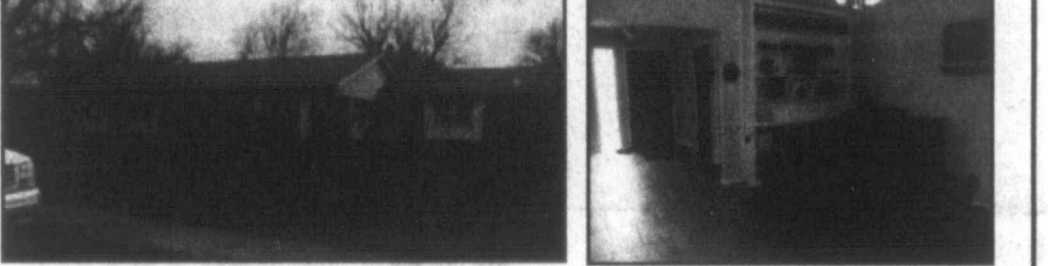
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Harvester soccer drops season finale against Canyon

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Head coach Byron May said before Saturday's game that he wanted his team to control the pace. The Harvesters played a physical defensive game but came up short 2-0 against the Canyon Eagles at Harvester Field.

"I felt like we were in the kind of game that we needed to be in," May said. "We were slugging it out with them. We had a couple opportunities that just didn't materialize with us."

Senior Flavio Gonzalez said the team played well.

"We just kept our heads up," Gonzalez said.

Canyon scored on a breakaway at the beginning of the first half. In the second half, the Eagles scored on a penalty kick. Pampa got the ball in its offensive zone but wasn't able to get a shot on net.

The game ended Pampa's season at 5-15-1, the most games Pampa has won in several seasons.

Gonzalez said it was a good season.

"It was better than expected," Gonzalez said. "We were pretty close to the playoffs."

May said the team had some milestones.

"There have been years that we have gone to some tournament and beat a team that no one has heard of," May said. "This time we got to beat some people that we are familiar with. That was exciting."

The Harvesters beat Randall twice, Canyon and Borger. Pampa graduated nine. May said younger players will have to step up.

"We are in a situation like we were in three years ago," May said. "But we had some excellent senior leadership that showed the younger guys what it takes to improve a team, grow and become better."



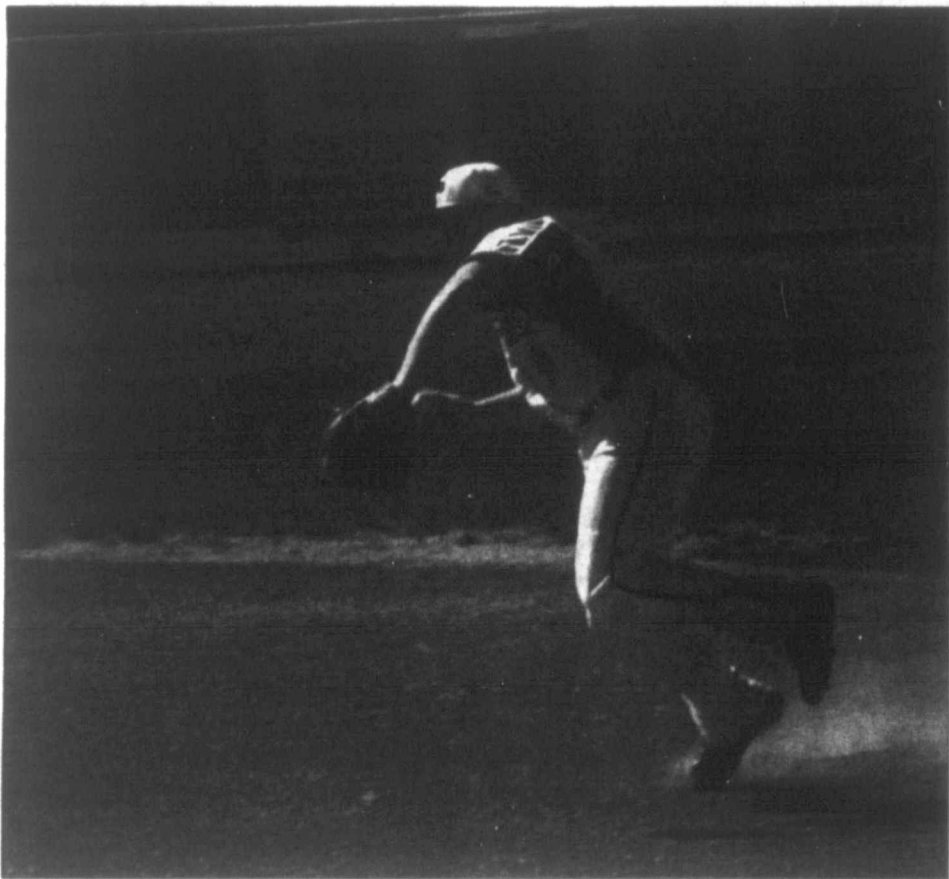
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Senior Flavio Gonzalez sets up the offense in the second half against Canyon. The Harvesters controlled the tempo but lost 2-0 to the Canyon Eagles.

San Jacinto's six-run second inning lifts it past Harvesters



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Senior Zach Graves throws to first in the sixth inning. The Harvesters allowed six runs in the second inning during a 13-8 loss.

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In the last three games, the Pampa Harvesters have allowed one inning to get away from them. On Saturday, the Amarillo San Jacinto Patriots scored six runs in the second to carry them to a 13-8 victory at Harvester Field.

Head coach Kaleb Snelgrooves said the team is hitting the ball well, but has to avoid allowing the opposing team to have a big inning.

"We had 10 hits against Childress," Snelgrooves said. "Twelve (Friday) and 10 or eight (Saturday). In the PD game earlier in the year we had 10 hits. That's tough to swallow when you don't win those games. We gave up an eight-run inning (Friday) and a six-run inning today. If we can eliminate that inning, we will be fine."

The Patriots offense was powered by its ability to get extra base hits. Brandon O'Grady, Taylor Fuller and Gaylen Clarke hit doubles. Clarke also hit a bases loaded triple and a home run for six RBI.

San Jacinto was also aided by Pampa's miscues. The Harvesters' pitchers walked five batters and hit five. Pampa's fielders committed four errors. Lusk said they have to fix those mistakes.

"Those are just mental errors," Lusk said. "We picked them up after awhile."

Except for the first inning, the Harvesters trailed by at least five runs. Senior Collin Killgo said Pampa needs to play a complete game.

"Our hitting is improving," Killgo said. "We just got to put it together all at once. Hitting and defense to be a successful team."

Sophomore Casey Martindale was called up from the junior varsity and started. In 1

and 2/3 innings, Martindale gave up nine runs (two earned) on five hits and walked three. Sophomore Ethan Hunt pitched in his fourth consecutive game and gave up three runs while walking two and striking out three in 3 and 1/3 innings. Junior James Thompson pitched for the second time in three games and only allowed a hit in two innings pitched.

Snelgrooves said his team is banged up, adding he was proud of who pitched.

"We had to use two to three pitchers Wednesday," Snelgrooves said. "Two to three (Friday). We had some kids that are on vacation. My pitching staff is depleted. Hats off to the guys that pitched. They competed and told me they could go more."

The Harvesters were without junior Tyler Powell and sophomore Ryan Powell, both had relief appearances earlier in the season. Lusk said all three pitchers did well.

"We had a lot of strikeouts, ground balls and pop flies that we had," Lusk said. "That's what we need to make this team good."

The Harvesters' batters also displayed power. Lusk and Killgo each hit a double and a home run. Senior Devin Coleman hit a double, Senior Cole Engle tripled and junior Jordan Lemons hit his first home run.

Killgo said he feels fine about where the team stands.

"I think we are in a perfect position," Killgo said. "I think we are just fine. We are on a losing streak, I know. Hopefully this team will pull together and get us in the playoffs."

The Harvesters (3-10) have lost seven straight games and close non-district Tuesday with the River Road Wildcats.

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