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Enbridge offices to move into Coronado Center

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Mac Smith looked a bit out of place, standing in a white button-up as men clad in blue work shirts walked around him, kicking up dust.

The workers were from Open Range Engineering and Larry Baker Plumbing, and Smith was watching them update the plumbing system at the empty building on the northwest corner of the Coronado Center, where the Piggly Wiggly used to be.

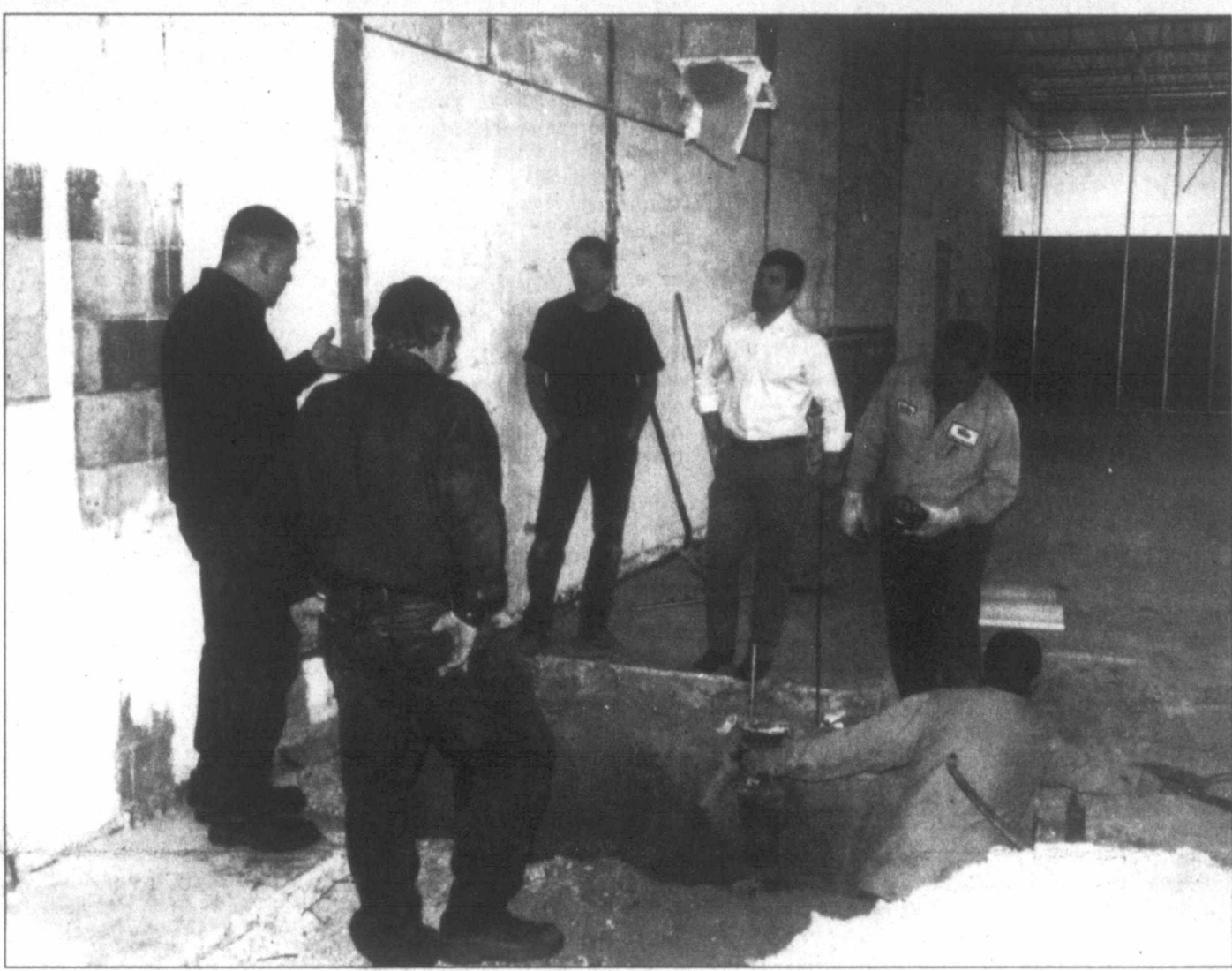
The building, though, won't be empty for long. Thanks to Smith and his family's business involvement, Enbridge will soon be moving from its current office space on Hobart Street to the Coronado Center location. It's a move that almost didn't happen, but a deal struck within the last few weeks allowed the firm to keep itself rooted in Pampa and still be able to grow.

"Basically, Enbridge had been working with a group to get office space here, but that didn't end up working out," Smith said. "Enbridge, wanting to be in Pampa and wanting to stay in this community, needed office space to grow. They're adding more jobs in this area to do more work in the region."

"This was that option," Smith said of the Coronado Center space. "This was the only place that they saw, or that whoever was calling the shots on it saw, would be a good spot, the only place big enough to house as many people as they were wanting to put here. For whatever reason, the original group didn't work out. They didn't pan out, and basically, (my family) got a call that said, 'Hey, can you all help put this together?'"

Due to Enbridge's desire to stay within Pampa and his family's desire to keep them in the community, Smith said that a deal was worked out quickly to become part of the equation.

"We looked at it, and Enbridge was on a timeline and needed to know if the project was going to go forward. Dad (Pampa businessman David Smith) and I talked about it and looked at it. ... We saw that there was a risk of losing some jobs in Pampa. Of course, no fault to Enbridge at all -- they want to stay here. But we saw that if this didn't happen, we'd lose



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Mac Smith (in white), Kyle Parnell (from left) and Ronnie Dyson of Larry Baker Plumbing, Carl Novian of Open Range Engineering, and Carlton Cates and Jeromy Dyson of Larry Baker Plumbing discuss needed renovations in what will soon be Enbridge's Coronado Center office space.

jobs in Pampa, and we felt that it was worth the cost to make sure that those jobs stayed here.

"Dad and I really believe that Pampa's in an upswing," he continued, "that things are economically looking positive. There's a lot of stuff going on all around town. There's a lot of construction going on around town, which is great, and we felt that losing this big of an employer in town would be a huge setback. (It) could definitely stall it out or stop it, so we

felt that it's in the best interest of town to keep it here and keep it going. So we jumped in, we did what we could do, and now they're digging holes in the floor over here."

The Smith family's involvement in the deal is as a financial middleman of sorts. "We've leased this space," Smith said. "We don't own this building. An organization named Red Deer Creek (owns this building). ... We basically came in at the last second, leased this space from

Red Deer and immediately subleased it or assumed the lease between Red Deer and Enbridge. We're kind of a stand-in. We're financing the buildout here, and then we'll hold the lease for the term of the lease unless something changes."

A lot of Pampa people deserve credit for ensuring the deal went through smoothly, Smith said.

"To be honest, Ron (Nelson, presi-

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STAAR test will not go towards GPAs this year for Pampa ISD students

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The Pampa Independent School District (PISD) Board of Trustees has passed a resolution to encourage the Texas Education Agency's (TEA) commissioner to develop methods, in addition to standardized testing, that would hold schools and their districts accountable. The action came at the board's meeting Thursday evening at the Carver Center.

In the recent past, the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) measured a campus' performance, and this test will be replaced this year for most students with the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) program.

"There is the beginning of groundswell in the educational community to be more inclusive of other things that could be used to measure excellence than just that one test on the day it's given," said

PISD Superintendent Barry Haenisch. "The intent of the resolution is not to do away with the STAAR test or the TAKS test, but it is an attempt to say, however, that the rating that a campus (or) a district receives should be indicative of more things than just the results of that test."

Haenisch compared the value to examining aspects outside the tests to the way that businesses evaluate themselves.

"When a business is looking at its success, it looks at its profit and loss, but that's not the only thing that it looks at," he said. "It looks at customer satisfaction. It looks at sales. It looks at several things that they've identified that are important to see if they are meeting the mission. This resolution is asking the state of Texas to look to see if there are not other measures, in addition to standardized tests, that can be used to measure whether local schools and local school districts are meeting their mission as well."

Haenisch reported that 126 school dis-

tricts in the state have already adopted a similar resolution.

"I think this is one of those things that the time is right," he said. "I think this movement from TAKS to STAAR and all of the news that it's generated with the 15 percent requirement, and that it's going to be harder and the anxiety (it's created), I think it's made, especially parents, but other portions of the state and the citizenship and the communities aware that it is lopsided, that there are important parts to an education that get overlooked in our focus on this one thing."

Texas students in third through ninth grades this year will be the first to tackle the STAAR exam, which includes end of course exams for high school students. The test will eventually count for 15 percent of a student's final course grade, but TEA Commissioner Robert Scott allowed school districts to defer this rule during the current school year. PISD opted to

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Three charged with possession

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The Gray County Sheriff's Office and the Pampa Police Department arrested three individuals for possession of drugs Thursday night and early Friday morning.

At 8 p.m. on Thursday, deputies discovered an individual, Carl Wine, 37, of Pampa, known to have outstanding warrants at the parking lot of the Dollar General on East Frederic. When a deputy attempted to reach out to Wine, he took off on foot.

After obtaining Wine, deputies found a controlled substance, believed to be methamphetamine, on his person. He was charged with evading arrest and possession of a controlled substance, in an amount less than one gram, and

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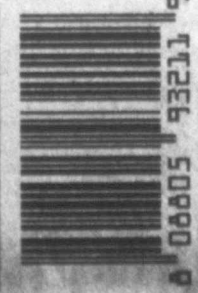
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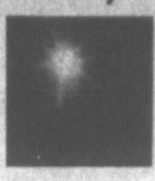
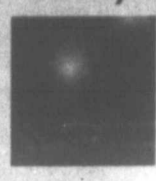
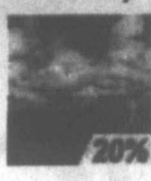
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Today: Sunny, with a high near 78. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 50. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 84. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 56. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 3 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 86. Breezy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

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Enbridge

dent of Open Range Engineering) and (architects and project managers) with Open Range have held this project alive in the whole interim. When there was confusion over what was happening with the leases and who was doing the buildout, Ron and the guys at Enbridge kept it together. A lot of these guys -- Larry Baker, B&G Electric -- were brought in by Ron before we even got involved.

"They're local people, too. Every step of the way, we're trying to, and Ron wanted to, and Enbridge wanted to use local people. A lot of people got to bid on this, definitely, but any chance we could, we really deferred to local people. The whole idea behind at least me and Dad getting involved was to do something for Pampa and keep these jobs here, and if you're going to do that and you're going to spend money on construction, we've got great people for construction here."

PISD

to waive the 15 percent requirement at its meeting Thursday night.

Haenisch views standardized testing as a measurement of accountability for schools, but believes the tools for measurement could be successfully broadened. He also suggested possibilities for changing the state's current approach to student assessment.

"(The test) doesn't have to be as comprehensive as it is," he said. "We don't have to test every student, every year, in every subject to know if we're doing well in those subjects. There can be some kind of staggered testing program that's in place so every child is taking some test every year, but not every test every year."

During the board meeting, PISD made changes to its policy on promotion from kindergarten to first grade.

"Right now, our policy says that

Smith said that the project is unrelated to his current campaign for the Texas state House.

"From the political perspective, is it good for (the campaign)?" he said. "Yeah, but that wasn't our reason. We got into this because, win or lose this election, I'm going to live in Pampa. Dad's going to live in Pampa. We want it to be as good as it can be. If you want to talk about it purely from a campaign perspective, though, you have guys in a race who are talking about wanting to do good work for rural Texas and working on the economies of rural Texas and doing what they can for that. I say those things, too, because I believe those things. Well, you can talk about stuff and talk about the things you'll do in Austin, but at the end of the day, I took time off from campaigning because this is doing real good for real people right now, today."

Carl Novian of Open Range said that Enbridge's move-in date is in early June.

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children in grades one through eight must pass all of their core subjects to be promoted to the next grade," said Haenisch. "Our elementary school principals asked we revise that policy, and go kindergarten through eighth grade, so if you're a child attending school in the elementary school, in order to be passed to the next grade, you must pass all of your four core subjects."

Administrators hope that the policy change will avoid a "catching up situation" that occurs down the line for students who don't acquire certain skills, like reading, during kindergarten.

"Whereas kindergarten, at one time, was a preparatory step in their education, it is now a big step in a child's education," said Haenisch. "Children leave kindergarten reading. If they can't read when they leave kindergarten, they are in a

world of hurt for the rest of their educational career. They're going to always be behind in reading."

In other business, the school board:

- approved an optional extended school day program;
- approved waiver requests for using three instructional days as staff development days, for an adjusted school schedule on standardized testing days, for six early release days and for the Teacher Portal in the Texas Assessment Management System.
- clarified its policy on non-school use of school facilities;
- decided to not approve an agreement with Perryton ISD that would have allowed the school district to purchase the Patriot Hall portable building;
- decided to not purchase property at 1429 Charles Street.

Drugs

in an amount less than one gram, and transported to Gray County Jail. Wine remains in custody, and faces a \$6,000 bond.

Around 11:45 p.m. that night, officers with Pampa PD executed a search warrant on the 1200 block of Carter. The search yielded paraphernalia and a substance believed to be methamphetamine.

Officers arrested Kayla Debose, 23, of Amarillo, and Allen Huffman,

24, of Pampa. Both individuals were charged with tampering with physical evidence and possession of a controlled substance, in an amount greater than four grams but less than 200 grams.

Debose and Huffman remain in custody, and each face a \$25,000 bond.



Debose



Wine

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New arrest in missing boy case

HOUSTON (AP) - Texas authorities arrested and charged a second woman with kidnapping Friday in the widening case of a Houston boy who disappeared eight years ago and was found earlier this month.

Gloria Walker, 50, was arrested at her home in Manor, east of Austin.

Walker is the mother of Krystle Tanner, who was arrested two weeks ago in San Augustine in East Texas and also charged with the kidnapping of Miguel Morin when he was 8 months old, San Augustine County Chief Sheriff's Deputy Gary Cunningham told The Associated Press.

Cunningham said the arrest warrant was based on information obtained from Tanner.

"We're still looking for any definitive information concerning how Krystle Tanner and her mother, Gloria Walker, came into actual custody of the child," Cunningham told the AP. He said other people also may be sought in the case.

Cunningham said Walker was taken to the Travis County Jail and would be arraigned. He said she was being held under \$250,000 bond, and will be transported to San Augustine, where her daughter is being held.

The boy's parents in Houston are seeking to regain custody of Miguel, while authorities are investigating disclosures that the couple gave up guardianship of their four other children.

Endangered historic places listed

AUSTIN (AP) - A moveable jail cell has made the Preservation Texas annual list of the state's most endangered historic places.

The nonprofit group announced the sites during a preservation meeting being held through Friday in Austin.

The incarceration unit served as the Hays County Jail in Kyle, where it remained in use until 1925. The cell is currently in San Marcos.

Other sites are the Kaufman County Poor Farm in Kaufman, the Lewis Railroad Hotel in San Augustine, the Magnolia Hotel in Seguin, the Panhandle Inn in Panhandle, the William Pfluger House in Pflugerville and the Ritz Theatre in Corpus Christi.

The list also includes the Spettel Riverside House in Lakehills and Union Missionary Baptist Church in Jefferson.

Preservation Texas Inc. is a partner of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Texas officials approve radioactive waste dump

AUSTIN (AP) - Radioactive waste from dozens of states could soon be buried in a Texas dump near the New Mexico border after Texas officials gave final approval Friday to rules allowing the shipments.

Texas lawmakers in 2011 approved the rural Andrews County site to take the waste and the Friday's unanimous vote by the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Compact Commission cleared a major hurdle to allow the waste burial.

Texas already had a compact legal with Vermont to take its waste. Environmentalists have argued against expanding the program to 36 more states, warning it could result in radioactive material rumbling through the state on trucks with few safeguards in case of an accident. They also say a problem at the waste dump could lead to potential underground water contamination.

Dallas-based Waste Control Specialists, which owns and operates the site, insists it will be safe. The waste would be entombed in concrete about 100 feet underground in an area with densely packed clay. The site still needs final approval from state environmental regulators, and company president Rod Baltzer said it could happen as early as next week.

Applications to bury waste at the Andrews site must be approved by the

compact commission on a case-by-case basis. At least three have already been filed, Baltzer said. If they are approved, material could start arriving in May.

Waste Control Specialists officials say accidents are infrequent when low-level radioactive waste is moved. Data from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration show that, from 2003 through 2011, there were 72 incidents involving trucks with radioactive material traveling on highways. One person died and the accidents caused \$2.4 million in damages.

That compares with almost 64,000 incidents involving flammable/combustible liquids - the leader in hazardous materials accidents in the nine-year span. Seventy-six people have died in those incidents, which caused \$319.5 million in damages.

Texas officials say there is no requirement to notify law enforcement of which routes trucks carrying low-level waste will take.

Karen Hadden of the Texas SEED Coalition, an environmental group, warned the commission that many rural counties don't even have professional fire departments to respond in case of an accident.

"The magnitude of risk here is huge," Hadden said.

Hadden also said the commission should require

independent audits of the shipments to make sure only low-level material is coming in. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has an on-site inspector to monitor shipments and Baltzer said the facility won't take materials it's not licensed for.

"I'm not sure you can ever do enough to satisfy some people with the number of audits in place," Baltzer said.

Waste Control, which stores, processes and manages hazardous wastes at the site, has spent hundreds of millions of dollars to open the dump. In 2009, the state issued two licenses to the company to bury low-level radioactive waste, making it the nation's only dump for all classes - A, B and C - of nuclear debris and the first low-level site to open in 30 years.

One license pertains to the compact between Texas and Vermont that allows for disposal of radioactive materials such as uranium, plutonium and thorium from commercial power plants, academic

institutions and medical schools. In 2011, lawmakers approved expanding that to 36 other states.

The other license deals with similar materials from sites run by the U.S. Department of Energy, such as Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, Hanford Site in Washington state and other federal facilities.

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10 arrested in Austin raids

AUSTIN (AP) - Investigators say 10 people have been arrested in a Central Texas drug and money laundering investigation.

The arrests were announced Thursday after officers raided some Austin bars and other businesses. Prosecutors say the defendants will be held pending a federal detention hearing on Tuesday.

A federal grand jury in Austin this week returned five indictments on charges including conspiracy, cocaine distribution and money laundering. Investigators say the cases go back to 2007 and several businesses allegedly were used to launder drug money.

All 10 defendants are from the Austin area.

60 years for abduction and robbery

DENTON (AP) - A North Texas jury has ordered 60 years in prison for the apparent mastermind in the 2010 abduction and robbery of a woman.

Investigators say Eileen Loskot of Double Oak was snatched during a staged car accident in the Dallas area. She was freed unharmed after being forced to drive hundreds of miles to Santa Rosa, N.M.

Matthew Casaus pleaded guilty to aggravated kidnapping and aggravated robbery. He was sentenced Thursday in Denton.

A co-defendant who pleaded guilty in January received a 30-year prison term. Another man was convicted in August and sentenced to 35 years in prison.

Investigators say Loskot was driving home from work in Dallas when she was snatched during an apparent random robbery.

Two of the men surrendered in Albuquerque, N.M. Casaus was caught in Texas.

Texas man accused of killing brother

PLEAK (AP) - Deputies say an argument at a Houston-area home after a truck hit a fence has led to a man accused of killing his brother.

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office says the shooting happened early Friday in the town of Pleak.

Deputies responded to a report that a 64-year-old homeowner shot his 52-year-old sibling after the younger man's truck damaged the fence.

Lt. Glenn Norrell says the brothers apparently began to fight when the driver, who allegedly was intoxicated, refused to fix the fence. The younger brother was shot dead at the scene.

The older brother has been detained pending charges. Further details were not immediately available.

Big Springs remains are male

BIG SPRING (AP) - Authorities in West Texas say a medical examiner has determined that remains found near an airport are male.

Big Spring Police Sgt. Tony Everett said Friday that more information will be released as the autopsy continues.

The FBI started collecting and analyzing evidence after some workers found the remains in a pasture Tuesday.

The determination of the gender ends speculation that it was the body of a 13-year-old girl who's been missing 15 months. Hailey Dunn went missing in Colorado City, about 40 miles east of Big Spring.

The unidentified remains were found a mile from the home of the mother of the person of interest in the case, the boyfriend of the teen's mom.

No one has been arrested in Hailey's disappearance. Her picture has been on 100 billboards.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Saturday, March 24, the 84th day of 2012. There are 282 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 24, 1765, Britain enacted the Quartering Act, requiring American colonists to provide temporary housing to British soldiers.

On this date:

In 1832, a mob in Hiram, Ohio, attacked, tarred and feathered Mormon leaders Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon.

In 1882, German scientist Robert Koch announced in Berlin that he had discovered the bacillus responsible for tuberculosis.

In 1932, in a first, radio station WJZ (later WABC) broadcast a variety program from a moving train in Maryland.

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill granting future independence to the Philippines.

In 1944, in occupied Rome, the Nazis executed more than 300 civilians in reprisal for an attack by Italian partisans the day before that had killed 32 German soldiers.

In 1955, the Tennessee Williams play "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" opened on Broadway.

In 1958, rock-and-roll singer Elvis Presley was inducted into the Army in Memphis, Tenn.

In 1976, the president of Argentina, Isabel Peron, was deposed by her country's military.

In 1980, one of El Salvador's most respected Roman Catholic Church leaders, Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, was shot to death by a sniper as he celebrated Mass in San Salvador.

In 1989, the supertanker Exxon Valdez ran aground on a reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound and began leaking 11 million gallons of crude oil.

In 1995, after 20 years, British soldiers stopped routine patrols in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

In 1999, NATO launched airstrikes against Yugoslavia, marking the first time in its 50-year existence that it had ever attacked a sovereign country. Thirty-nine people were killed when fire erupted in the Mont Blanc tunnel in France and burned for two days.

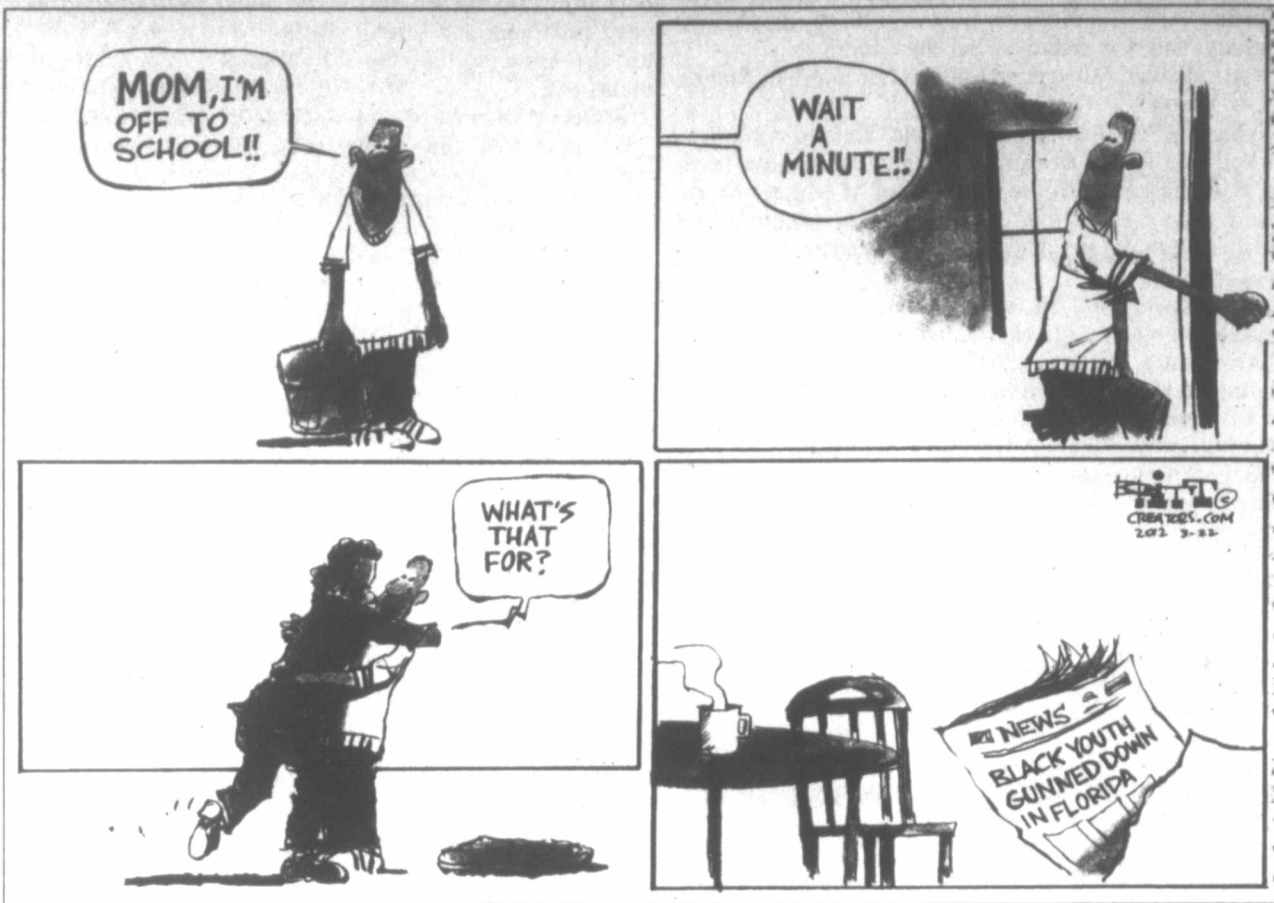
Ten years ago: President George W. Bush, during a six-hour visit to El Salvador, held out the promise of expanded trade to Central American nations. At the Academy Awards, Halle Berry became the first black actress to win an Oscar for a leading role for her work in "Monster's Ball," while Denzel Washington became the second black actor, after Sidney Poitier, to win in the best actor category for "Training Day." "A Beautiful Mind" won four Oscars, including best picture and best director for Ron Howard.

Five years ago: The U.N. Security Council unanimously voted to impose new sanctions against Iran for its refusal to stop enriching uranium. Japan's Miki Ando won the women's title at the World Figure Skating Championship in Tokyo, leading a 1-2 finish for the host country with Mao Asada second.

One year ago: The Census Bureau released its first set of national-level findings from the 2010 count on race and migration, showing that Hispanics accounted for more than half of the U.S. population increase over the previous decade, exceeding estimates in most states as they crossed a new census milestone, 50 million, or 1 in 6 Americans. A private funeral was held at Forest Lawn Cemetery for Elizabeth Taylor (the service began 15 minutes behind schedule in accordance with the actress' wish to be late for her own funeral.)

Today's Birthdays: Poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti is 93. Fashion and costume designer Bob Mackie is 73. Actor R. Lee Ermey is 68. Movie director Curtis Hanson is 67. Washington Gov. Christine Gregoire is 65. Rock musician Lee Oskar is 64. Singer Nick Lowe is 63. Rock musician Dougie Thomson (Supertramp) is 61. Fashion designer Tommy Hilfiger is 61. Comedian Louie Anderson is 59. Actress Donna Pescow is 58. Actor Robert Carradine is 58. Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer is 56. Actress Kelly LeBrook is 52. Rhythm-and-blues DJ Rodney "Koolhaio" Terry (Ghostown DJs) is 51. TV personality Star Jones is 50. Country-rock musician Patterson Hood (Drive-By Truckers) is 48. Actor Peter Jacobson is 47. Rock singer-musician Sharon Corr (The Corrs) is 42. Actress Lara Flynn Boyle is 42. Rapper Maseo (AKA P.A. Pasemaster Mase) is 42. Actress Megyn Price is 41. Actor Jim Parsons is 39. Actress Alyson Hannigan is 38. NFL quarterback Peyton Manning is 36. Actress Jessica Chastain is 35. Actress Lake Bell is 33. Rock musician Benj Gershman (O.A.R.) is 32. Actress Keisha Castle-Hughes is 22.

Thought for Today: "Either you think, or else others have to think for you and take power from you, pervert and discipline your natural tastes, civilize and sterilize you." — F. Scott Fitzgerald, *American author (1896-1940)*.



Poets know it: Rhymin' and timin' is hard

Singin' n the Rain

The rain was certainly a blessing this week. I am sure to win the grand prize in this year's Henbit Festival. My daughter in Austin reports that they have even opened some of the floodgates on lakes in that part of the state. I drove to Canadian on Thursday and noted the grass beginning to spring forth. Quite a difference from last year.

Love's Old Sweet Songs

It's been a while since I wrote about weird lyrics, so here goes...

A song came out a year or so ago called "The House That Built Me", about a girl who returns to her childhood home, reminiscing about how it had influenced her. In the song she is obviously addressing the current resident of the house, and in the chorus says, "If you'll just let me in I swear I'll leave." Maybe I'm a little obtuse, but I would think that would be obvious. I mean, would you really expect her to say, "Let me in, dang it, this was MY house and I'm moving in!"?

The Times May Be A-Changin'... but the Men Probably Won't

"Somebody's Gonna Give You A Lesson in Leavin'" has been recorded several times and I can't recall who has done it most recently. (Sure I could look it up, but I'm on a deadline and Pribble is screaming at me!) The story is not new—the man is leav-



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he does, he hears "You're not the man I married!"

Lyle Lovett expressed the man's point of view best when he sang "If I were the man you wanted, I would not be the man that I am." Preach it, Lyle!

Poems, Prayers, and Promises

I think it's that darn rhyme and meter stuff that makes poets and songwriters use misplaced modifiers, strange conjunctions, and emphasis on the wrong syllable, not to mention just plain wrong words and bad grammar (i.e., Niel Diamond's "Songs she sang to me, songs she brang to me." Brang!?!?!?)

I like most of John Denver's music,

but he, too, can get a little weird. In "Goodbye Again" he is singing to his significant other about leaving to go on the road to perform. It is early morning and he says, "The stars are fading quietly." I would hope so. If they ever start making noise as they fade, I think we're done for. (I can hear them now, like the Wicked Witch of the West, crying, "I'm fading! I'm faaaaaaddddddinnngggg!") But then again, with what some of those 60s guys ingested, maybe they DID hear the stars fade once in a while!

(And if you like John Denver's music, make plans now to attend the last Community COPncert of the year on April 28. We'll have more to say about it in a future column.)

Our Strange Language

Ever notice how only one letter separates "laughter" from "slaughter"?

Where the Buck Stopped

Harry Truman quote for the week: "Friends don't count in fair weather. It's when trouble comes that friends count." I could add that it's in the troubled times you learn who they really are!

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Ryan's budget kicks the can at timorous Democrats

As I listened to House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan describe his latest budget plan in a speech at the American Enterprise Institute this week, I couldn't help thinking how different things will be in Britain when Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne steps out of No. 11 Downing St. with a battered red briefcase holding his budget for the forthcoming year.

Ryan's budget will almost surely be passed by the House of Representatives, all but four of whose Republican members voted for his budget last year. But it will not pass in the Senate, whose Democratic majority in defiance of legal requirements did not produce a budget for the last two years and is poised to not pass one again this year.

Britain's parliamentary system works differently. The majority coalition of Conservatives and Liberal

Democrats will pass Osborne's budget in the House of Commons. It will be approved perfunctorily by the House of Lords, and it will certainly not be vetoed by the Queen.

But Ryan's initiative has moved us some distance toward what is in effect a parliamentary system and could move us much farther along that trajectory if the elections go the Republicans' way in November.

By proposing budgets that cut tax rates, require future changes in Medicare, maintain current defense spending rather than cutting it and rein in discretionary domestic spending, Ryan has supposedly gone out on a

dangerous limb. And his fellow House Republicans, elected in a year of protest against huge increases in government spending and deficits, have been willing to go with him.

Ryan is arguing that we are on an unsustainable course that will lead inevitably to a debt crisis requiring far more painful adjustments than anything he is proposing. He notes that the Congressional Budget Office cannot even model the economy past 2027 because of looming debt. Think Greece.

His Senate counterpart, Democratic Budget Chairman Kent Conrad, tends to agree. But he's been blocked from offering a budget by Harry Reid, Charles Schumer and others with their eyes always on the next election.

Ryan points out that his proposal

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The Ryan Budget: Paul Ryan's plan for American decline

If the foreign adversaries and competitors of the United States imagined a future that would fulfill their most ambitious objectives, it might begin with a government crippled by the House Republican leadership's "Ryan budget" released on Tuesday. Followed to its absurd conclusion, this document would lead America toward a withered state, approaching the point where Marxian dreams and Randian dogma converge.

Or at least that's the view suggested by the sober analysts at the Congressional Budget Office, whose report on the Ryan budget shows debilitating cuts to nearly every department of government today, from law enforcement and border patrols to scientific research, food

safety, environmental protection, federal highways, national parks, weather monitoring, education and all the other essential functions of a great country. There would not be much left for Medicare and Medicaid, either. Social Security would continue in some form, and defense -- of course -- would increase.

But in a nation stripped of science and infrastructure, with a people demoralized by insecurity, unemployment and inequity, exactly what would be left to defend?

Certainly Ryan and his Republican colleagues will deny that their new budget -- like their old budget -- would cripple the federal government

and render the United States unrecognizable over the coming decades, if implemented. Yet the calculations released by the CBO, a nonpartisan arm of the Congress, permit no other conclusion.

Prepared at the request of Ryan, the Wisconsin Republican who chairs the House Budget Committee, the CBO report indicates that by 2050, federal spending on all functions -- except Social Security, health programs and interest payments -- would account for no more than 3.75 percent of gross domestic

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Exxon Valdez sold, likely destined for scrap heap

NEW DELHI (AP) - The notorious Exxon Valdez tanker, responsible for one of the worst oil spills in U.S. history two decades ago, has been bought by an Indian company almost certainly to be scrapped for its steel and spare parts.

Best Oasis Ltd. would not disclose the price or purpose of its purchase, but it buys old ships solely to dismantle them, reuse salvageable material and discard the rest.

On March 24, 1989, millions of gallons of crude oil spilled into Alaska's ecologically sensitive Prince William Sound when the Exxon Valdez dashed against rocks, coating the shoreline with petroleum sludge and killing nearly 40,000 birds. The spill caused incalculable environmental damage and demolished the fishing industry in the area.

Irving, Texas-based Exxon Mobil Corp., spent \$900 million in restitution in a 1991 settlement and is battling more litigation from the spill.

The tanker moved on, with five name changes

since the spill and ownership changing repeatedly, apparently to keep the ship in use while distancing it from the disaster.

Best Oasis official Gaurav Mehta said his company bought the ship recently. It's now a converted ore carrier known as the Oriental Nicety, but he did not disclose its current location and status.

"I can confirm that Best Oasis has bought the tanker, but can give no details till we take delivery of it," Mehta said.

The ship is 26 years old, not significantly aged for tankers, but it was considerably damaged in its lifetime. It was split open by rocks in the Alaska spill and was damaged in a collision in the South China Sea in 2010.

Hong Kong-based Best Oasis is a wholly owned subsidiary of Priya Blue Industries in the western state of Gujarat.

India has one of the world's largest industries for breaking down old ships and oil tankers in the town of Alang, along the Gulf of Cambay in Gujarat.

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product. On defense alone, however, we have never spent less than 3 percent of GDP during the past 70 years or so; and during those same years, we have spent no less than 8 percent of GDP on all those functions, including defense. Which means that should Pentagon spending increase drastically, as both Ryan and likely Republican nominee Mitt Romney insist it should, there will be nothing left for anything else.

"The rest of government would literally have to disappear," as the Center on Budget Policy and Priorities explains dryly. Is it necessary to recite the details, even in broad outline? No more basic research and no more support for technological progress in defense, communications, medicine, manufacturing, energy or education. No

more health care, secondary education or vocational training for veterans. No more reconstruction of decaying roads, bridges, airports, waterways, tunnels, seaports or any other infrastructure that states cannot afford to rebuild on their own. No more national parks, which presumably will be sold off to oil companies, resort developers and other commercial predators. No more oversight of the purity of food and drugs, whether domestic or imported. No further enforcement of the environmental statutes that have restored clean air and water in so many places across the country. No more Federal Bureau of Investigation, no more Immigration and Customs Enforcement, no more Department of Homeland Security, no more federal justice system at all. And very

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little health care, which would be cut by as much as 75 percent, leaving tens of millions without insurance coverage.

Is all this starting to sound slightly weird? That is certainly one way to describe the Ryan budget, which evokes the utopian fantasies of both Karl Marx, who predicted the "withering away of the state" after communism, and Ayn Rand, whose hatred of modern government inspired anarchist (or "minarchist") fantasies among many of her admirers. What is truly bizarre is to watch a major political party produce such a document not once but twice -- and then to hear this absurd exercise hailed by venerable Washington commentators as "bold" and "patriotic."

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to move Medicare toward a premium support system, with market competition between private insurance firms and an option to choose the current fee-for-service system, has been supported in various forms by Democrats -- Oregon Sen. Ron Wyden, Clinton budget director Alice Rivlin, former Sen. John Breaux.

The raw material is there, this suggests, for bipartisan majorities for reform -- if the president goes along.

Barack Obama, by ignoring the Simpson-Bowles commission and spiking (as a recent Washington Post article detailed) a "grand bargain" on taxes and entitlements last summer, has made it clear he is not such a president.

The Republican presidential candidates seem more amenable. Their fiscal and budget proposals have been somewhat sketchy, and their numbers may not add up. But they are also

talking about Medicare reforms and changes in the tax code that would broaden the base and cut rates.

Mitt Romney in particular seems to be deferring to Ryan. He has modified his 59-point economic program with pledges to seek tax and entitlement reform. Ryan was scheduled to meet with him after his AEI speech.

Romney would be wise to listen. Ryan knows far more about the budget than any of the presidential candidates. He combines deep policy knowledge with sure political instincts -- a combination rare in politicians, especially Republicans.

If Romney is elected and Republicans win a majority in the Senate and hold their majority in the House, it seems possible that Ryan more than the new president would seize the initiative on tax and entitlement policy.

He could be the effective equivalent of a chancellor of the exchequer, as

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Osborne is for David Cameron and Gordon Brown was for Tony Blair, driving budget and economic policy.

The conventional political wisdom is that Ryan's budget is politically suicidal. But conventional wisdom also held that voters would like the stimulus package and come to like Obamacare. Neither has happened.

Republicans' standing in generic House vote polls did not slump when Ryan's budget passed last year. Right now, it's about the same as at this point in the 2010 election cycle.

Maybe, just maybe, voters will reward politicians who tackle looming problems rather than those, like Obama, who keep kicking the can down the road.

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Sunday in History

Today is Sunday, March 25, the 85th day of 2012. There are 281 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 25, 1776, Gen. George Washington, commander of the Continental Army, was awarded the first Congressional Gold Medal by the Continental Congress for leading the liberation of Boston from British troops during the Revolutionary War.

On this date:

In 1306, Robert the Bruce was crowned the King of Scots.

In 1634, English colonists sent by Lord Baltimore arrived in present-day Maryland.

In 1865, during the Civil War, Confederate forces attacked Fort Stedman in Virginia but were forced to withdraw by counterattacking Union troops.

In 1894, Jacob S. Coxey began leading an "army" of unemployed from Massillon, Ohio, to Washington, D.C., to demand help from the federal government.

In 1911, 146 people, mostly young female immigrants, were killed when fire broke out at the Triangle Shirtwaist Co. in New York.

In 1947, a coal mine explosion in Centralia, Ill., claimed 111 lives.

In 1957, the Treaty of Rome established the European Economic Community.

In 1960, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in New York ruled that the D.H. Lawrence novel "Lady Chatterley's Lover" was not obscene and could be sent through the mails.

In 1965, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. led 25,000 marchers to the state capitol in Montgomery, Ala., to protest the denial of voting rights to blacks.

In 1975, King Faisal of Saudi Arabia was shot to death by a nephew with a history of mental illness. (The nephew was beheaded in June 1975.)

In 1990, 87 people, most of them Honduran and Dominican immigrants, were killed when fire raged through an illegal social club in New York City.

In 1996, an 81-day standoff by the anti-government Freemen began at a ranch near Jordan, Mont.

Ten years ago: A powerful earthquake rocked Afghanistan and northwestern Pakistan, killing some 1,000 people.

Five years ago: Iran announced it was partially suspending cooperation with the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency, citing what it called "illegal and bullying" Security Council sanctions imposed on the country for its refusal to stop enriching uranium. Sidi Ould Cheikh Abdallahi won Mauritania's first free presidential election in a runoff.

One year ago: Canadian opposition parties brought down the Conservative government in a no-confidence vote, triggering an election that gave Prime Minister Stephen Harper a clear Conservative majority in Parliament. Olga Ulyanova, 89, a chemist and niece of Soviet founder Vladimir Lenin who'd written several books praising her uncle and family, died in Moscow.

Today's Birthdays: Modeling agency founder Eileen Ford is 90. Movie reviewer Gene Shalit is 86. Former astronaut James Lovell is 84. Feminist activist and author Gloria Steinem is 78. Singer Anita Bryant is 72. Singer Aretha Franklin is 70. Actor Paul Michael Glaser is 69. Singer Elton John is 65. Actress Bonnie Bedelia is 64. Actress-comedian Mary Gross is 59. Actor James McDaniel is 54. Former Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev., is 54. Rock musician Steve Norman (Spandau Ballet) is 52. Actress Brenda Strong is 52. Actor Fred Goss is 51. Actor-writer-director John Stockwell is 51. Actress Marcia Cross is 50. Author Kate DiCamillo is 48. Actress Lisa Gay Hamilton is 48. Actress Sarah Jessica Parker is 47. Former MLB All-Star pitcher Tom Glavine is 46. Olympic bronze medal figure skater Debi Thomas, M.D., is 45. Singer Melanie Blatt (All Saints) is 37. Actor Lee Pace is 33. Actor Sean Faris is 30. Auto racer Danica Patrick is 30. Singer Katharine McPhee is 28. Singer Jason Castro ("American Idol") is 25. Actress-singer Aly (AKA Alyson) Michalka is 23.

Thought for Today: "Uninterpreted truth is as useless as buried gold." - Lytton Strachey, English biographer (1880-1932).

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Hot dog has high price tag

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers are pitching a new menu item designed especially for heavy hitters.

When fans belly up to stadium concession areas on Opening Day April 6, they will have the option to purchasing a 1-pound hot dog priced at \$26.

Sportservice, the club's concessionaire, introduced its new Champion Hot Dog on Friday. Officials say the dog can feed three to four people and will be topped with chili, sauteed onions and shredded cheese. It comes on 2 feet of bun.

Lawsuit over gold scheme

HOUSTON (AP) — A flight attendant who says she was inadvertently caught up in a 2011 gold smuggling operation in Africa alleged to have been orchestrated by a Nigerian-born Houston oil tycoon has sued the businessman and his company.

Kelly Shannon filed a lawsuit in Harris County district court earlier this week against Kase Lawal, who is president and founder of CAMAC, a Houston-based energy company.

Her attorney says she was a flight attendant on a private jet allegedly used to try to smuggle the gold out of Congo in central Africa. Authorities arrested everyone on the plane, including Shannon. She was held for six weeks before being released.

Shannon says the incident left her suffering post-traumatic stress disorder.

A telephone call to Lawal at his company was not immediately returned.

Gallagher: No live shows

MARION, Ohio (AP) — The comedian Gallagher says he's had his fill of performing live onstage for crowds and is retiring after 32 years.

The Los Angeles-based comedian, whose full name is Leo Anthony Gallagher, told an Ohio radio station on Thursday that his retirement plans include posting his writings online for fans and possibly appearing at private parties.

Gallagher is known for smashing watermelons with a sledgehammer. He had a heart attack March 14 before a performance at a suburban Dallas bar. He came out of a medically induced coma this week and was released from a hospital Wednesday.

He told WDCM in Marion that it sometimes didn't matter how clever his jokes were if the audience couldn't hold their liquor. He said the job is like "baby-sitting people who can't handle alcohol."

Jury issues death penalty

CLEBURNE, (AP) — A Fort Worth man who killed two people during an eight-day crime spree has been sentenced to death by a Johnson County jury.

The panel took only about an hour Friday before giving 30-year-old Mark Anthony Soliz the death penalty. Earlier this month, they deliberated just 10 minutes before finding him guilty of capital murder in the robbery and fatal shooting of 61-year-old Nancy Weatherly in her Godley home in June 2010.

During the monthlong trial, the jury also heard that before killing Weatherly, Soliz fatally shot 28-year-old Ben E. Keith deliveryman Ruben Martinez outside a Fort Worth convenience store.

The slayings were part of a crime spree that began June 22 and included thefts, burglaries, a carjacking and three other shootings.

Rig count down to 1,968

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the U.S. is down by 16 this week to 1,968.

The Houston-based oilfield services company Baker Hughes Inc. reported Friday that 1,313 rigs were exploring for oil and 652 for natural gas. Three were listed as miscellaneous. A year ago this week Baker Hughes reported 1,738 active rigs.

Of the major oil- and gas-producing states, Louisiana gained nine and New Mexico picked up two. California increased by one.

Texas lost 11 rigs, and Oklahoma dropped by 10. Pennsylvania fell by three. Alaska, North Dakota and Wyoming were down by one rig apiece.

Arkansas, Colorado and West Virginia were unchanged.

The rig count peaked at 4,530 in 1981 and bottomed at 488 in 1999.

TX company recalling

ELGIN, Texas (AP) — A Central Texas company has recalled more than a ton of ready-to-eat sausage products due to possible listeria contamination.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says no reports have been received of anyone getting sick from eating items recalled by Southside Market & Barbeque of Elgin (EL-ghin), about 20 miles east of Austin.

The recall involves items smoked and fully cooked March 5. The products were sold in Texas, plus through internet sales in California, Florida, Illinois and Louisiana. USDA says the potential contamination was discovered during routine product testing.

The recall, announced Wednesday, involves about 2,373 pounds and includes 16 ounce packages of Southside Market & Barbeque Original Beef Sausage, lot number 065-E.

Also being recalled are 16 ounce and 48 ounce packages of Southside Market & Barbeque Original Beef Sausage, lot numbers 065-A, 065-B, 065-C, and 065-D.

The recall also includes 16 ounce packages of Southside Market & Barbeque 1882 Hot Recipe Beef Sausage, lot number 065-D.

Consumers can contact the company by calling 512-285-3407.

Stuck with high gas prices, drivers pump less

CHRIS KAHN
Associated Press

Americans have pumped less gas every week for the past year.

During those 52 weeks, gasoline consumption dropped by 4.2 billion gallons, or 3 percent, according to MasterCard SpendingPulse. The decline is the longest since a 51-week period during the recession.

The main reason: higher gas prices. The national average for a gallon of gas is \$3.89, the highest ever for this time of year, and experts say it could be \$4.25 by late April. As a result, Americans are taking fewer trips to restaurants and shopping malls. When they take a vacation, they're staying closer to home.

But the decline in gas consumption is also a sign that efforts to push car makers to produce vehicles with better gas mileage are paying off. The average new car now gets nearly 24 miles to the gallon, compared with about 20 mpg just four years ago, according to the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute.

"I'd expect to see lower gasoline consumption for several years to come," Rice University energy expert Ken Medlock says.

Americans have cut back on fill-ups for extended periods before. In 2008, gas spiked from \$3.04 to \$4.11 per gallon in seven months. It wasn't until January

2009, when the national average for gas had dropped to \$1.86 that consumption increased. Drivers bought more gasoline for 23 weeks in a row.

"The spike in 2008 was a real shock to the system," Medlock says. "There's still a residual impact on people's driving behavior."

There were other stretches of reduced gas use, notably two into the 1970's and one in the early 1980's. But in those cases, Americans eventually went back to driving big cars and trucks that guzzled gas. This time may be different. Medlock thinks economic growth will be too modest and gas prices will stay too high for Americans to start driving more anytime soon. Economists expect the U.S. economy to grow 2.5 percent in 2012. The government estimates that gas will average a record \$3.79 per gallon for the year.

John Gamel, who oversees MasterCard SpendingPulse's weekly consumption report, points to rising sales of fuel-efficient vehicles.

"People have gotten used to elevated prices and they've made their long-term purchases," Gamel says. "They're going to be using less fuel."

Consumers now care more if a car gets good gas mileage than if it's reliable, stylish or comes with a great deal, according to a survey of more than 24,000 new-vehicle owners taken

last summer and fall by J.D. Power and Associates. That wasn't the case in the nine previous years that J.D. Power conducted the survey.

Automakers have listened to consumers, and responded to stricter government fuel economy requirements. They've improved engines and transmissions so cars burn less fuel. They've also made cars more aerodynamic, boosting mileage by cutting wind drag. The government is gradually increasing gas mileage requirements so that by 2025, cars and trucks will have to average 54.5 mpg.

Between February 2011 and February 2012, the combined city-highway mileage of a new vehicle sold in the U.S. rose to 23.7 mpg from 22.7. Better gas mileage has a huge impact on the overall economy. At \$3.86 per gallon, U.S. drivers would save \$35.8 billion per year with a 1 mpg improvement for the entire fleet of cars, trucks and buses, according to Michael Sivak, a research professor with the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute.

Consumers would appreciate the help. The rise in gas prices has been so steep that they're still spending more on gas than a year ago despite using less. Gasoline prices rose by 24 percent in the last 52 weeks, according to auto club AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service.

MasterCard, which collects purchase receipts from more than 100,000 service stations around the country, said spending on gas rose by 20 percent during the period. In 2011, Americans spent 8.4 percent of their household income on gasoline, or about \$4,155, compared with 6.7 percent in 2010, according to experts at OPIS.

W.M. Lewis, a general contractor in Anchorage, Alaska, says he is spending as much as \$150 a week on gas. He's consolidating his errands, but still limiting his driving because fuel keeps getting more expensive.

"It's changing everybody's plans," he says. "You have less money to spend."

Behind all this is the high price of oil. Brent crude, which is used to price most of the oil used to make gasoline at many U.S. coastal refineries, has jumped by 16 percent this year to more than \$124 per barrel. Benchmark U.S. crude has risen 9 percent this year to more than \$107 per barrel.

Increased gas use by the growing number of drivers in China and other developing nations more than makes up for the drop in the U.S. That contributes to an increase in global demand for oil, which in turn pushes the price higher. Fear of a disruption to oil supplies from the Middle East also is keeping oil prices at lofty levels.

Audit: Gas lines tied to fracking lack oversight

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Government auditors say federal officials know nothing about thousands of miles of pipelines that carry natural gas released through the drilling method known as fracking, and need to step up oversight to make sure they are running safely.

Amid the gas-drilling boom, private companies have put in hundreds of small gathering pipelines in recent years to collect new fuel supplies released through the high-pressure drilling technique.

Nationwide, about 240,000 miles of gathering pipelines ferry the gas and oil to processing facilities and larger pipelines in the major energy-producing states. Many of these pipelines course through densely populated areas, including neighborhoods in Fort Worth, Texas.

The Government Accountability Office said in its report issued Thursday that most of those miles are not regulated by the U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, which means they are not regularly inspected for leaks or corrosion.

In some states, officials don't know where the lines are. Emily Krafjack, who lives in the gas-rich Marcellus Shale formation in Pennsylvania, said many local residents have no idea that the pipelines near their homes are not overseen by federal regulators.

Gathering lines that run in the rural northeastern corner of the state receive no federal oversight if there are fewer than 10 homes within 220 yards of the pipeline.

"Who would ever think that they could run something like this next to your home and it wouldn't have any regulations attached to it?," said Krafjack, a former community liaison for Wyoming County, Pa., on gas issues.

Nationwide, there are about 200,000 miles of gas gathering lines and up to 40,000 miles of hazardous liquid gathering lines in rural and urban areas alike, ranging in diameter from about 2 to 12 inches. But only about 24,000 of those miles are regulated, according to the report. The industry is not required to report pipeline-related fatality, injury or property damage information about the unregulated lines. PHMSA only collects information about accidents on the small subset of gathering lines that the agency regulates, but that data was not immediately available Thursday.

The pipeline agency is considering collecting more data on the unregulated gas gathering lines, but the plans are still preliminary and have met with some resistance from the natural gas industry. Agency officials are reviewing more than 100 public comments received about their proposal for gas lines, and also plan to propose a rule that will cover

hazardous liquid gathering pipelines by the fall, said Jeannie Layson, a spokeswoman for the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

PHMSA delegates some enforcement of its rules to state-level pipeline safety authorities, who the Government Accountability Office surveyed to understand the array of risks associated with gathering lines.

Those state-level agencies told the auditors that construction quality, maintenance practices, unknown locations, and limited or no information on current pipeline integrity all posed safety risks for federally unregulated gathering pipelines.

The expansion of hydraulic fracturing, which involves shattering rock thousands of feet underground with a combination of water, sand and chemicals, promises staggering yields, and drilling also comes with promises of job creation and economic opportunities. But in Fort Worth, where dozens of new gathering lines have been laid in recent years to capture supplies from hundreds of new wells, some residents say there aren't enough protections from leaks and ruptures due to corrosion.

"It's ridiculous," said Jerry Lobdill, a retired chemical engineer who lives in a Fort Worth neighborhood near several new gas wells and has sever-

al lines running near his home. "The gathering lines are unregulated, the city doesn't know where they are, and they're buried so you can't see them."

The recent surge in drilling also has led California lawmakers to write new laws to increase oversight of the industry. Assemblyman Bill Wieckowski, D-Fremont, is sponsoring a bill now pending before a state Senate committee that would require gas and oil producers to disclose what chemicals they are using when they engage in hydraulic fracturing.

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New wind power guidelines are for the birds

MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Obama administration offered new guidance Friday on where wind farms should be located to reduce the number of bird deaths while promoting increased use of wind power.

A bird advocacy group that lobbied for mandatory standards said the new, voluntary guidelines will do little to protect hundreds of thousands of birds killed each year by wind turbines.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said the guidelines, which take effect immediately, provide a scientific basis for developers and government regulators to identify sites with low risk to wildlife while allowing for more wind energy projects on private and public lands.

Salazar called wind power a key part of the administration's "all-of-the-above" energy strategy and noted that the guidelines for onshore projects have been endorsed by the American Wind Energy Association and the National Audubon Society, a conservation group.

The dual endorsements "speak volumes about our goals: to do everything we can to stand up renewable energy" such as wind power while protecting wildlife and habitat, Salazar said at a news conference Friday.

The guidelines call on the wind industry to eliminate from consideration areas that would pose high risks to birds and other wildlife, and to take steps to alleviate problems by restoring nearby habitat and other actions. If developers follow the guidelines, they are unlikely to be prosecuted under federal law in the event of bird deaths, said Dan Ashe, director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The American Bird Conservancy, an advocacy group that has pushed for mandatory standards, said voluntary guidelines are largely unenforceable and will do little to protect millions of birds killed or injured by wind turbines.

The group "supports wind power when it is 'bird-smart.'" Unfortunately, voluntary guidelines will result in more lawsuits, more bird deaths and more government subsidies for bad projects," said Kelly Fuller, the group's wind

campaign coordinator. Exact statistics for the number of birds killed by wind turbines are not available, but a 2008 study by a biologist with the Fish and Wildlife Service estimated that wind farms were killing about 440,000 birds per year in the United States.

The number of wind turbines has grown significantly since then, with overall output increasing from about 25,000 megawatts of electricity in 2008 to nearly 47,000 megawatts last year, according to the wind energy association.

The wind industry's goal of providing 20 percent of the nation's electricity by 2030 could lead to a million bird deaths a year or more, according to the American Bird Conservancy.

The Fish and Wildlife Service estimates that up to 1 million birds die annually in oil field pits and at waste facilities, but says millions more are killed by cars, cats and collisions with buildings, power lines and radio towers.

John Anderson, director of siting policy for the wind energy group, said wind turbines cause a minute fraction of overall bird deaths - less than 3 out of every 100,000 human-related deaths.

Even so, he said the industry has taken significant steps to reduce the number of birds killed, mostly by restoring habitat and locating wind farms in low-risk areas. The new guidelines established by the Fish and Wildlife Service should improve siting practices while protecting wildlife, said Denise Bode, chief executive of the wind energy association.

David Yarnold, president & CEO of Audubon, called the guidelines a good compromise that reflects years of consultation with interested groups, including environmental groups.

"Conservationists can't have it both ways: We can't say we need renewable energy and then say there's nowhere safe to put the wind farms," Yarnold said. "By collaborating with conservationists instead of slugging it out, the wind power industry gains vital support to expand and create jobs, and wildlife gets the protection crucial for survival. These federal guidelines are a game-changer and big win for both wildlife and clean energy."

Nearly 50 immigrants detained in Houston raid

HOUSTON (AP) - Nearly 50 suspected illegal immigrants from Latin America have been detained after Houston police acted on a tip and raided a home.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokesman Greg Palmore says police arrived at the home in southwest Houston about 8:45 a.m. Friday and spotted some people running away. They contacted Homeland Security officials, who arrived soon afterward.

Forty-nine people were taken into custody. Thirty-eight of those were adult men. The remaining 11 were children.

Palmore says the people came north from El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico. Authorities haven't determined if any suspected smugglers connected to the home have been detained.

Authorities are still working to confirm the immigration statuses of those detained.



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Gymnastics of Pampa's competitive cheer squad, "House of Cheer," recently returned from their 5th trip to the Jamfest nationals held in Oklahoma City, OK. They earned an impressive 6th place trophy for their two day competition efforts. They improved their second day scoring by 5 points over the first day's scoring. There were squads from Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas at the competition. House of Cheer's final competition of the season will be at Frontier City on April 14. House of Cheer is coached by: Kathy Rice, Karami Rice, Steven Botello and Chad Clancy. Finishing strong (from left) - Flyers: Victoria Valenzuela (team captain), Celeste Ortiz, Gabby Lopez, Abigail Ramirez And Tristen Winkler. Back spots: Vanessa Ontiveros, Analysa Rios And Bryan Yates. Bases: Misty Bowers, Kelsey Henry, Shay Shook, Adamari Lopez, Samantha Clancy, Alexis Valenzuela (team captain), Casey Sark and Madison Myers.

Drought program offered in Canyon March 27

CANYON - "Dealing with Decades of Drought" will be conducted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Randall County March 27 at the AgriLife Extension office, 200 North Brown Road in Canyon.

Drought production management strategies for row crops as well as cattle production will be the focus of the program, according to J.D. Ragland, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Randall County.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and presentations will start at 8:30 a.m., Ragland said. Registration is \$10 per person, and three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered for private pesticide license holders. Those planning to attend should RSVP to 806-468-5543 at the AgriLife Extension

office by noon on March 23.

This conference is primarily targeted for Randall County agricultural producers, as well as others who may be interested in learning more about decades of drought conditions and the impact on Randall County agriculture, Ragland said.

Topics and presenters will be:

- "Grain Production and Marketing Outlook as Drought Continues" - Dr. Steve Amosson, AgriLife Extension economist, Amarillo
- "Dust Bowl Days - Are They Coming Back?" - Dr. Bob Stewart, director of the Dryland Institute at West Texas A&M University
- "Maximizing Summer Forage Crops When it's

Dry" - Dr. Brent Bean, AgriLife Extension agronomist, Amarillo.

- "Cattle Management, The Good, The Bad, The Ugly" - Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, Amarillo.

- "Irrigation Data for Various Crops - Efficiency and Timing" - Nick Kenny, AgriLife Extension irrigation specialist, Amarillo.

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Let's Eat!

The "A" List Sweet Potato

CHRISTINE FRIESENHAHN
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The problem with sweet potatoes is the sweet. It isn't that they are too sweet naturally, it's that they seem to have been "typecast" as something that must be covered in sugary goo, syrup and marshmallows, or used as the basis for cakes, pies, and other sweets.

If the sweet potato were an actress, she would get all the roles for the sweet little best friend, the one that never gets to wear stilettos and red underwear. She never swears, always makes straight A's, and will definitely wear a white wedding dress.

In a comedy, she will always get the boy. In a horror/slasher film, she will always be the first to die.

Carrot and Winter Squash have naturally high sugar content too, but have managed to escape such typecasting.

Sure, they have played their share of sweet parts—headlining in pies and cakes, and starring in supporting roles alongside raisins and pineapple in vintage era salads. But they escaped typecasting to portray sexier, more provocative roles as well. Sassed up with spices and roasted with meats, made into soups, and stir-fry.

And Carrot of course is one of three characters in the veggie Brat Pack—Mirepoix—making her one of the most recognizable and ubiquitous stars in the kitchen.

Sweet Potato can make the same leap from ingénue to femme fatale, with the help of an adept and open minded Director. She will, of course, have to shed the vestiges of her

past roles, leaving behind the orange juice, the maple syrup, the brown sugar, and for Pete's sake, the marshmallows.

In her new provocative roles, she will go bare, or nearly bare. She will appear grilled, fried, sautéed, roasted, and bruleed. She will play the lead in burgers, stews, hashes, croquettes and pasta, supported by a cast of spices, peppers, veggies, grains and salads.

She can quickly transition from "D" list staple in fall side dishes, to an "A" list regular all year long.

Enough Hollywood cheese.

I love sweet potatoes, and always have. Admittedly, as a child I loved them covered in goo and marshmallows—because what kid wouldn't prefer their veggies to taste like dessert?

But as an adult, with a regard for both variety and nutrition in the food I eat, I love sweet potatoes anyway I can get them. I love them baked, with nothing on them, or tossed with olive oil and herbs and roasted.

But my favorite ways to use sweet potatoes are in the same ways they are used in the Low Country area of the United States, and in the Caribbean.

Both cuisines are heavily influenced by the African cultures from which their areas grew.

Sweet potato also works well in many of the ways that green plantain would be used in Caribbean foods, as in the tostones that I create from them below.

Here is a recipe that combines sweet potato with some surprising ingredients for what was a delicious and beautiful



TEXANA'S KITCHEN

ABOVE: Sweet Potato Tostones with Blue Crab Cake— Sweet potatoes...and not a marshmallow in sight!

meal. And not a marshmallow in sight....

Don't let the length or the number of components scare you. It is really a simple recipe, and comes together quickly.

Sweet Potato Tostones with Blue Crab Cake, Jalapeno Fried Corn, and Citrus Avocado Cream

- Avocado Cream:**
 ½ large ripe Mexican avocado
 Juice of 2 small fresh oranges (about ¼ cup)
 Juice of one lime (about ¼ cup, scant)
 2 T olive oil
 1 fresh jalapeno, seeds and membranes removed
 2 cloves garlic
 ½ cup fresh cilantro leaves
 1 T agave syrup
 1 t salt

Whiz all ingredients in a food processor until very smooth and set aside.

- Sweet Potato Tostones**
 2 large sweet potatoes
 2 teaspoons salt
 3 teaspoons freshly

- ground pepper
 1 teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg
 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
 2 tablespoons olive oil

Peel potatoes and cut into 1 inch thick slices. Arrange in baking sheet, and bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Allow to cool for 10 minutes. Place a round on piece of wax paper, and using the back of a spatula, press down and flatten the round to less than ½ inch. Be gentle, to keep the round intact. Remove to a sheet of waxed paper, and repeat with remaining potato slices. Combine salt, pepper, nutmeg, and cayenne. Sprinkle over both sides of potato patties.

Heat large non-stick skillet to medium-high heat. Add olive oil, and swirl to coat pan. Add potato patties, and cook until golden on both sides, about 5 minutes per side. Set aside on platter while you prepare crab.

Blue Crab Cakes

In the coastal south, we have an ample supply of blue crabs. If you live elsewhere, make use of what is readily available in your area.

- 1 pound lump crab meat, picked over
 6 sliced green onions, white and green parts
 1 cup bread crumbs
 1 tsp salt
 1 tsp freshly ground black pepper
 juice of half a lemon
 1 egg, beaten
 1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
 4 tablespoons melted butter
 ½ cup Panko crumbs
 1 tablespoon butter
 1 tablespoon olive oil

Place crab in a bowl. Toss with onions, crumbs, salt, pepper and lemon. Carefully stir in egg, butter and hot sauce. Form into 8 patties, about 1 inch thick. Press both sides into panko crumbs.

Heat oil and butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add crab cakes and cook on both sides until brown and crispy.

Jalapeno Fried Corn:

(prepare in a separate skillet while you prepare the crab cakes)

- 1 tablespoon butter
 • 4 ears fresh corn, cut from the cobs
 • 1 fresh jalapeno, seeded and minced
 • 2 green onions, finely sliced
 • ½ teaspoon salt
 • ½ teaspoon ground black pepper
 • 3 teaspoon sugar

Heat butter in a large skillet over medium high heat. Add corn, jalapeños, green onions, salt and pepper. Sauté for about 10 minutes. Add sugar and stir well. Continue to cook until the corn begins to caramelize. Reduce heat to warm until ready to use.

To serve:

Place one tostone on the serving plate. Top with one crab cake. Add corn around the stack, and dollop some of the avocado sauce on top of or next to the stack.

Kumquats: What they are and how to use them

J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Editor

There's really no way around it. Kumquats are an odd little fruit.

Visually, they resemble diminutive oranges. But they technically aren't citrus. And unlike oranges, it is the thin skin that is sweet, while the flesh is sour.

You probably won't find bushels of them at the grocer, but most stores will

have a few pints (they usually are sold in the same containers as cherry tomatoes) tucked away among the "strange" produce offerings.

And they are worth looking for. Here's why:

In a tiny (about the size of a large olive), bright orange package, kumquats pack a puckeringly intense sweet-tart flavor that complements both sweet and savory dishes. They also make a mean cocktail.

Kumquats, which originated in China, are eaten whole - as in, skin and all. The seeds can be chopped, too. But that's a matter of taste.

I prefer to slice the kumquats in half and use the tip of the knife to pop out the seeds (it's easy). The halves are amazing drizzled with or dunked in a bit of honey.

Don't bother juicing them. Because the sweetness resides in the skin,

you'll be disappointed. Better is to halve and seed one, then blend it into your smoothie. In general, the intensity of these flavor bombs means a little goes a long way.

Kumquats should be firm, but tender. They can be stored at room temperature for several days (their flavor is best at this temperature), or refrigerated for two to three weeks.

If you try kumquats fresh and find the skin is

too tough, dunk them in boiling water for about 20 seconds, then place them in ice water to cool.

Oh, and the funny name? It comes from the Cantonese kin ku, which means "golden orange."

For more ideas for using

Kumquat and Red Onion Salsa on Baked Haddock

Start to finish: 25 minutes

- Servings: 4
 2 eggs
 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
 1 cup panko bread-crumbs
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 1/4 pounds haddock fillets, divided into 4 pieces
 1 medium red onion, quartered
 1/2 jalapeno pepper

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CLUB NOTES

P.E.O. elects officers

The bimonthly meeting of the P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Sisterhood Chapter CS was held on Tuesday, March 13, in the home of Judy Sutton, with Bennita Skidmore serving as hostess.

Gloria Robbins was initiated as a new member of the chapter.

Following the business portion of the meeting, new officers for the 2012-2013 P.E.O. year were installed by Past President Linda Holt.

The officers include President Kay Harvey, Vice-President Nancy Ruff, Recording Secretary Donna Brauchi, Corresponding Secretary Jana Vinson, Treasurer Carol Fields, Guard Martha Campbell and Chaplain Melinda Stowers.



Top Photo - P.E.O. new members and sponsors include (from left) Margaret Williams, sponsoring member; new member Lori Boyd; Judy Sutton, initiating officers; new member Gloria Robbins; and Leslie Shafer, sponsoring member.

Bottom photo - New P.E.O. officers include (from left) Past President Linda Holt; Guard Martha Campbell; President Kay Harvey; Corresponding Secretary Jana Vinson; Treasurer Carol Fields; and Recording Secretary Donna Brauchi. Not present for photo was Vice-President Nancy Ruff.

BUNDLES OF JOY



Kimber LaRee Becco

Kimber Laree joins Becco family

R.J. and Emilea Becco of Pampa, welcomed Kimber LaRee Becco to their family on February 27, 2012.

Kimber was born in Amarillo. She weighed 7 lbs, 11 oz. and was 20 inches long. Kimber's proud grandparents are Jene and Lesa Greer of Pampa, TX and Jim and Randa Becco of Pueblo,

CO.

Her great grandparents are Jene and Lillie Greer of Amarillo, TX, the late Lester and Opal Cochran of Pampa, TX, LaRee Cooper and late George Cooper of Pueblo, CO, and the late Robert and Margeret Becco of Pueblo, CO.



Dayton Taylor Lee

Baby boy for Lees

Christopher and April Lee of Oak Grove, KY welcomed a son, Dayton Taylor Lee to their family on January 25, 2012.

Dayton was born at Blanchfield Army Community Hospital at Ft. Campbell, KY. He

weighed 6 lbs., 6 oz., and was 21 inches long.

His brothers and sisters are Nathan, Elijah, Serenity and Sierra Lee. Dayton's grandparents are Keith and Beverly Taylor and Neal and Karen Lee.

Weekly Menus

Pampa Independent School District

MONDAY, March 26

Mini corndogs or chicken nuggets, green beans, sliced potatoes, pineapple tidbits

Breakfast - Breakfast Pizza

TUESDAY, March 27

Chicken spaghetti or rib b que on a bun, baked beans, carrot sticks, applesauce, garlic toast

Breakfast - Donut, sausage patty

WEDNESDAY, March 28

Fish strips or popcorn chicken, corn, broccoli/cheese, mixed fruit, cornbread

Breakfast - Waffle sticks

THURSDAY, March 29

Soft taco or hot dog, corn, vegetarian beans, mandarin oranges, Spanish rice

Breakfast - Biscuit, gravy

FRIDAY, March 30

Grilled cheese sandwich or hamburger, french fries, burger salad, peach cup, fancy gelatin

Breakfast - cereal, toast

Pampa Meals on Wheels

MONDAY, March 26

Chicken spaghetti, garlic bread, mixed vegetables, pineapple

TUESDAY, March 27

Sausage/rice casserole, green beans/tomatoes, pears, cornbread salad

WEDNESDAY, March 28

Oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, Jell-O

THURSDAY, March 29

Swedish meatballs over noodles, lima beans, carrots, applesauce

FRIDAY, March 30

Ham/dressing/gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberry salad

Pampa Senior Citizens Center

MONDAY, March 26

Chicken fried steak or chicken spaghetti, mashed potatoes, green beans, beets, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O salad, banana nut cake, chocolate pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

TUESDAY, March 27

Swiss steak or teryaki chicken breast/wild rice, steak fries, succotash, spinach, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O salad, cinnamon swirl cake, blueberry creme pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

WEDNESDAY, March 28

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, california blend, creme corn, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O salad, butter pecan cake, peach cobbler, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

THURSDAY, March 29

Chicken strips or beef enchiladas, mashed potatoes, Spanish rice, hominy, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O salad, milk chocolate cake, coconut creme pie, fruit cup, hotroll, cornbread

FRIDAY, March 30

Fried cod fish/hushpuppies or spaghetti & meatballs, potato wedges, buttered squash, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O salad, turtle brownies, tapioca cup, fruit cup, garlic breadstick, hot roll, cornbread

20th Century Club meets

The Twentieth Century Club met in the home of Ruth Riehart on March 13, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

President Louise Bailey called the meeting to order with Barbara Vanderpool leading the Collect, the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Louise Bailey, Nancy Coffee, Edna Hickman, Mary McDaniel, Lucille Merilatt, Myrna Orr, Ruth Riehart, Dot Stowers, Pat Terry, Barbara Vanderpool and Chleo Worley.

Minutes of the November 8, 2011 meeting were read and the Treasurer's Report was given by Myrna Orr.

Members gave committee reports on different topics including new books for members to read and updates on world and local events.

The Nominating Committee presented the officers for the next year: President, Ruth Riehart, Vice-President, Mary McDaniel; Secretary, Barbara Vanderpool; Treasurer, Myrna Orr; Parliamentarian, Louise Bailey and Reporter, Pat Terry.

The Program was presented by Louise Bailey on her Great, Great, Great Grandfather Sterling Lewis Ring, a Tennessee Patriarch.

Next meeting will be March 27, 2012.

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 2 cloves garlic
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 1 tablespoon honey
 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 Salt and ground black pepper

Heat the oven to 400 F. Coat a rimmed baking sheet with cooking spray. In a wide, shallow bowl or pie pan, whisk together the eggs and flour. In a

second similar bowl or pan, mix the breadcrumbs and salt.

One piece at a time, dip the haddock in the egg blend, turning to coat all sides, then dredge through the breadcrumbs, patting them on to cover evenly.

Arrange the haddock on

the prepared baking sheet. Spritz the tops of the fish with cooking spray. Bake for 12 to 14 minutes, or until the fish flakes easily.

Meanwhile, in a food processor combine the onion, jalapeno and garlic. Process until chopped. Add the cilantro and kum-

quats, then pulse to chop. Transfer the kumquat mixture to a medium bowl. Stir in the olive oil, honey and lemon juice, then season with salt and

pepper. Serve the haddock topped with the salsa.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number):

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410 calories; 70 calories from fat (18 percent of total calories); 8 g fat (2 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 190 mg cholesterol; 50 g carbohydrate; 35 g protein; 9 g fiber; 720 mg sodium.

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AUSTIN (AP) - Whole Foods Market Inc. is recalling a brand of chocolate chip cookies it sells in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas because it discovered the product has nuts even though its labeling indicates it doesn't.

The Austin, Texas-based company announced the recall Thursday after an employee discovered the brand "Mini Chocolate Chip Cookies" has walnuts.

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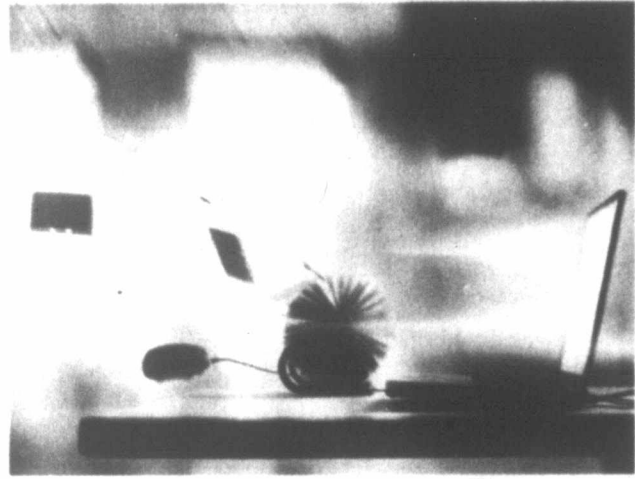
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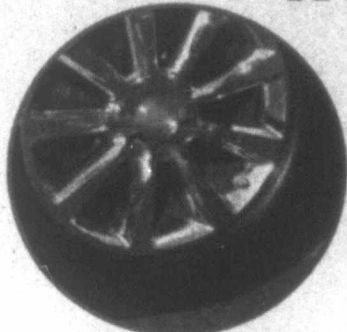
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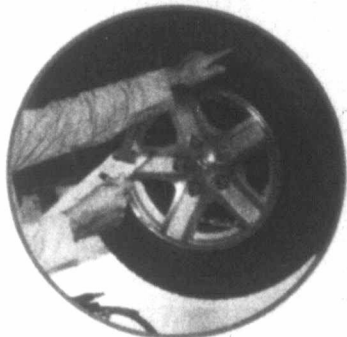
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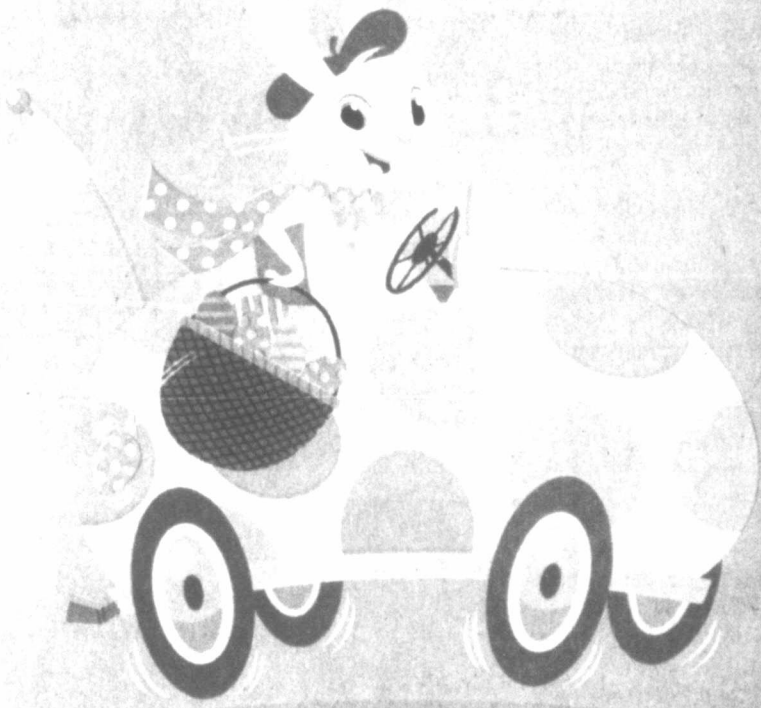
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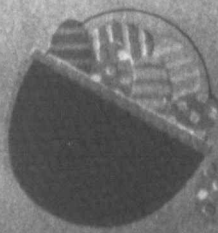


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Sports

Lady Harvesters hit well, rout Lady Bulldogs 13-3

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters have a goal every game: win every inning. Friday in the district opener at Lady Harvester Field, the Borger Lady Bulldogs couldn't keep the Lady Harvesters off the scoreboard in a 13-3 Pampa victory.

"We knew our offense needed to be strong," junior Claire Hopkins said. "One of our goals was to score every inning. We did that and our pumped about that."

Head coach Bobbi Gill said she was pleased with how her team hit the ball.

"I thought they were very consistent and capitalized on everything they could get," Gill said. "I told them to win every inning and they stayed consistent every inning."

Senior Heather Coffee said the team was focused.

"We slowed our bats down," Coffee said. "We focused on our bat speed, what pitch we were facing and tried to hit that."

The Lady Harvesters (12-7, 1-0) scored two runs in each of the first five innings. Pampa scored

three in the six to invoke the 10-run mercy rule.

Coffee led the team in hitting with three hits and a RBI. Senior Alanna Stephens and McKinlee Stokes provided power. Stephens hit a line drive double to center in the fifth. Stokes led off the third with a triple.

Hopkins led the team

in runs scored with three. The junior was aggressive on the basepaths as she advanced two bases on a sacrifice bunt.

"We always try to be aggressive," Gill said. "When the opportunity is there we strike. When they are giving it to you, you got to take it. I think we did that well."

Borger's lack of fielding also helped the Lady Harvesters as it committed six errors. Pampa scored four runs on those errors, including the final three runs.

Sophomore Alexa O'Brien started and earned the win. She only allowed three runs on five hits, walked three and struck

out ten.

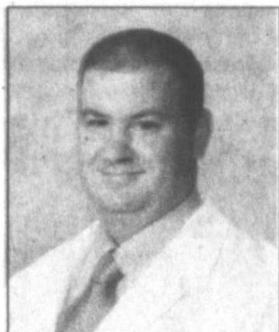
The Lady Harvesters continue district play against the Perryton Rangerettes at noon today in Perryton. Last season's game at Perryton, there were high winds and Pampa had to win a slug fest 24-18.

Coffee said she is looking forward to that game.

"Last year's game at Perryton was kind of rough," Coffee said. "I'm definitely ready to re-write that."

Hopkins said the team needs to be prepared.

"We just have to mentally prepare (Friday)," Hopkins said. "Perryton might be tougher than Borger."



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Sports

Cheering Smith's cheap shot of Griffin unacceptable

If you watched Sportscenter you probably have seen the New Orleans Hornets' Jason Smith body check Blake Griffin. That in itself was completely unacceptable. What really irked me about it was the Hornets' fans reaction and Smith's when he walked off the court after being ejected.



ANDREW GLOVER

The fans cheered Smith for that move. That's as classless as when the fans at Veteran Stadium cheered when Michael Irvin got injured in 1999. Fortunately, Griffin wasn't injured on the play. I

also got to give props to the officials who didn't let things get out of hand. Smith's actions could have easily started a brawl especially with Griffin's teammates rightfully defending him.

The classless behavior didn't stop with cheering fans but Smith was encouraging the crowd as he was walking back to the locker room after getting charged with a flagrant two. Smith "apologized" after the game but his actions on the court overshadowed that.

He claimed he was trying to stop Griffin from getting a layup. If Smith was doing that all he would have had to do was go for the ball. There was no need for a body check. That's for the NHL.

I'm not saying that he purposely was aiming to injure Griffin but there was

other ways to achieve the result he wanted. After getting ejected, Smith should have just walked off the court instead of pump up the crowd.

The officials absolutely made the right call and handled the situation well. An ejection is hardly a slap on wrist for an NBA player. The NBA needed a stiffer punishment. It only suspended Smith two games. The NBA suspended the Lakers' Andrew Bynum for five games because of similar actions.

I think the league needs to be tougher on this. Smith would be the perfect one to make an example of. Earlier this week we saw how harsh the NFL came down on the New Orleans Saints for their bounty system. For the NBA to send a message that cheap shots are not OK, I think need

to suspend Smith for the season. His actions after his move were almost worse than move themselves. He showed no remorse.

As long as I'm reporter at The Pampa News, I hope I never see any of our players or an opponent make a cheap shot or have our fan base or an opposing fan base encourage it.

I will definitely have some harsh words if it happens. I know the Harvesters, Lady Harvesters and their fan base have a lot of class. We can let Smith and the New Orleans Hornets' fans' actions be a lesson for us all.

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Lady Harvesters 13, Lady Bulldogs 3



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Sophomore Alexa O'Brien runs to first on a bunt. The Lady Harvesters scored every inning in a 13-3 victory against the Borger Lady Bulldogs Friday.

How they scored

Borger Top of 1st-Alanna Stephens overthrew Martecia Alexander. Alex Lopez scored. **Borger 1 Pampa 0.**
 Pampa Bottom of 1st-Bailey Beck singled to the catcher. Claire Hopkins scored. **Pampa 1 Borger 1.**
 Pampa Bottom of 1st-McKinlee Stokes singled to second. Bailey Beck scored. **Pampa 2 Borger 1.**
 Pampa Bottom of 2nd-Martecia Alexander grounded out to third. Alexa O'Brien scored. **Pampa 3 Borger 1.**
 Pampa Bottom of 2nd-Nakayla Hardman reached on error by Macie Rangel. Claire Hopkins scored. **Pampa 4 Borger 1.**
 Borger Top of 3rd-Katie Ammerman hit a sacrifice fly to center. Tiffany Davis scored. **Pampa 4 Borger 2.**
 Pampa Bottom of 3rd-Heather Coffee singled to the pitcher. McKinlee Stokes scored. **Pampa 5 Borger 2.**
 Pampa Bottom of 3rd-Kaylene Wyant hit a sacrifice bunt and reached on an error by Katie Ammerman. Bailey Wichert scored. **Pampa 6 Borger 2.**
 Pampa Bottom of 4th-McKinlee Stokes grounded out to the pitcher. Nakayla Hardman scored. **Pampa 7 Borger 2.**
 Pampa Bottom of 4th-Heather Coffee singled to right. Alanna Stephens scored. **Pampa 8 Borger 2.**
 Pampa Bottom of 5th-Claire Hopkins grounded out to first. Martecia Alexander scored. **Pampa 9 Borger 2.**
 Pampa Bottom of 5th-Alanna Stephens doubled to center. Nakayla Hardman scored. **Pampa 10 Borger 2.**
 Borger Top of 6th-Lauren Hernandez scored on error by Alanna Stephens. **Pampa 10 Borger 3.**
 Pampa Bottom of 6th-Bailey Beck reached on error by Alex Lopez. Kaylene Wyant, Alexa O'Brien and Claire Hopkins scored. **Pampa 13 Borger 3.**

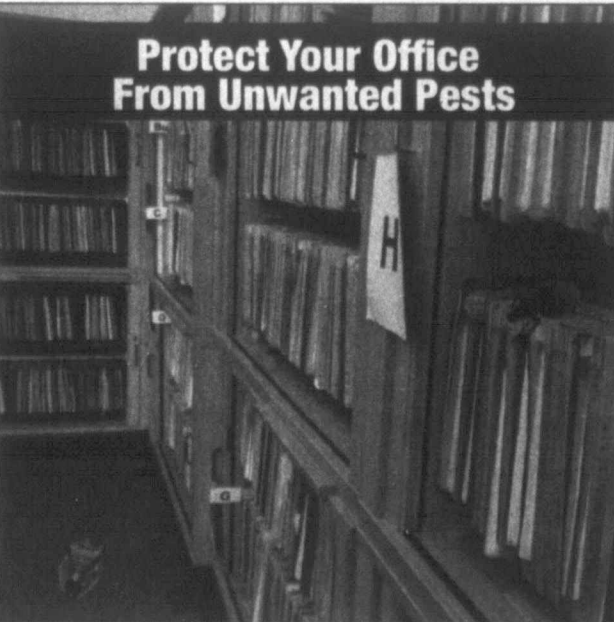


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Junior Dakota Watson clears the bar in the high jump Friday. Pampa hosted the Top O' Texas relays at Randy Matson Track.

SPORTS CALENDAR

- Tuesday, March 27**
 - JV Tennis Tournament at Canyon, 8 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 28**
 - Hidden Hills Senior Scramble, 8 a.m.
- Friday, March 30**
 - PHS Varsity Tennis Tournament Amarillo Relays, 8 a.m.
 - PHS Track, Golden Wolve Relays, Dalhart
 - PHS Boys Golf, Amarillo Tournament
- Saturday, March 31**
 - PHS JV and Varsity Baseball vs. Dalhart, Harvester Field. Varsity 12 p.m., JV 2 p.m.
 - PHS JV and Varsity Softball vs. Dalhart, Varsity 12 p.m., JV 2 p.m., Lady Harvester Field
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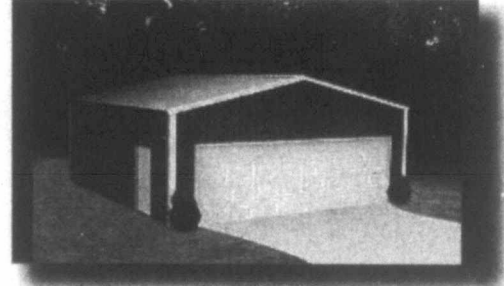
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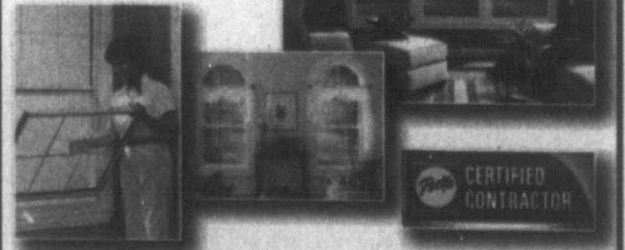
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Sports

WEEKLY SCOREBOARD

Varsity Baseball

FRIDAY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Levelland	3	0	0	3	8	1	1
Pampa	1	0	3	0	2	1	0

LEVELLAND BATTER AB R H RBI BB SO

N. Rubacalva	4	1	0	1	2	3
L. Scarlett	3	3	0	1	1	1
T. Reyes	6	3	3	4	0	0
K. Hum	5	4	3	4	0	1
A. Corrales	4	0	2	1	0	0
P. Carpenter	4	2	1	1	1	2
J. Waddell	3	1	1	0	1	1
A. Rodriguez	5	1	1	0	0	1
T. Prado	4	1	2	2	1	0
Totals	38	16	13	14	6	9

PAMPA BATTER AB R H RBI BB SO

C. Engle	5	2	3	0	0	1
J. Thompson	3	2	2	1	2	0
J. Lusk	2	0	1	3	1	0
C. Killgo	4	0	1	1	0	0
J. Lemons	3	0	1	0	1	1
Z. Graves	4	1	1	2	0	2
E. Hunt	3	0	2	0	0	0
C. Howard	1	1	0	0	1	0
T. Carter	4	0	1	0	0	3
T. Woods	1	1	0	0	0	0
D. Coleman	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	7	12	7	5	7

JACINTO PITCHER IP H R ER BB SO

Brandon O'Grady	7	8	8	6	2	15
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PAMPA PITCHER IP H R ER BB SO

Casey Martindale	1.25	9	2	3	0
Ethan Hunt	3.13	3	3	2	3
James Thompson	2	1	1	0	0
Win - O'Grady. Loss - Martindale. Save - none.					

TUESDAY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5
Pampa	8	2	0	1	5
River Road	0	1	0	0	0

LEVELLAND PITCHER IP H R ER BB SO

Tony Reyes	4	6	4	4	3	3
Justin Waddell	3	6	3	3	2	4

PAMPA PITCHER IP H R ER BB SO

Collin Killgo	4.19	12	7	3	7
Ethan Hunt	2	4	4	2	2
Cole Engle	0.20	0	0	1	1
Win - Reyes. Loss - Killgo. Save - none.					

SATURDAY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
San Jacinto	3	6	0	2	1	0	1
Pampa	2	0	2	2	0	0	2

JACINTO BATTER AB R H RBI BB SO

A. Vallance	3	3	1	0	1	0
K. Richardson	4	2	1	1	1	0

PAMPA BATTER AB R H RBI BB SO

C. Engle	4	2	1	1	0	0
J. Thompson	2	2	1	1	1	0
J. Lusk	4	2	1	0	0	1
C. Killgo	4	4	3	3	0	0
J. Lemons	3	0	2	2	1	0
Z. Graves	3	1	0	0	1	2
D. Coleman	3	2	2	2	0	1
T. Woods	0	1	0	0	0	0
C. Howard	3	1	1	2	0	0
T. Carter	4	1	1	2	0	1
Totals	30	16	12	13	3	5

R. ROAD BATTER AB R H RBI BB SO

R. Frye	3	0	1	0	0	0
K. Bell	2	0	0	0	0	0
J. Smith	3	0	0	0	0	1

R. ROAD PITCHER IP H R ER BB SO

Tristan Beezley	5	12	16	7	3	5
Win - Hunt. Loss - Beezley. Save - none.						

B. O'Grady

T. Fuller	4	2	1	1	1	0
G. Clarke	4	2	3	6	0	0
M. Brush	5	0	1	1	0	0
E. Ruiz	1	1	0	0	1	1
J. Thomas	3	0	0	0	0	1
M. Tipps	3	0	0	0	0	2
Totals	31	13	9	12	5	4

PAMPA BATTER AB R H RBI BB SO

C. Engle	3	2	1	1	0	2
J. Thompson	3	0	0	0	1	3
J. Lusk	4	3	3	2	0	1
C. Killgo	3	1	2	3	1	1
J. Lemons	4	1	1	1	0	3
Z. Graves	4	0	0	0	0	4
D. Coleman	3	0	1	0	0	0
T. Woods	3	1	0	0	0	0
T. Carter	3	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	30	8	8	7	2	15

JACINTO PITCHER IP H R ER BB SO

Brandon O'Grady	7	8	8	6	2	15
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PAMPA PITCHER IP H R ER BB SO

Casey Martindale	1.25	9	2	3	0
Ethan Hunt	3.13	3	3	2	3
James Thompson	2	1	1	0	0
Win - O'Grady. Loss - Martindale. Save - none.					

TUESDAY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5
Pampa	8	2	0	1	5
River Road	0	1	0	0	0

LEVELLAND PITCHER IP H R ER BB SO

Tony Reyes	4	6	4	4	3	3
Justin Waddell	3	6	3	3	2	4

PAMPA PITCHER IP H R ER BB SO

Collin Killgo	4.19	12	7	3	7
Ethan Hunt	2	4	4	2	2
Cole Engle	0.20	0	0	1	1
Win - Reyes. Loss - Killgo. Save - none.					

SATURDAY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
San Jacinto	3	6	0	2	1	0	1
Pampa	2	0	2	2	0	0	2

JACINTO BATTER AB R H RBI BB SO

A. Vallance	3	3	1	0	1	0
K. Richardson	4	2	1	1	1	0

PAMPA BATTER AB R H RBI BB SO

C. Engle	4	2	1	1	0	0
J. Thompson	2	2	1	1	1	0
J. Lusk	4	2	1	0	0	1
C. Killgo	4	4	3	3	0	0
J. Lemons	3	0	2	2	1	0
Z. Graves	3	1	0	0	1	2
D. Coleman	3	2	2	2	0	1
T. Woods	0	1	0	0	0	0
C. Howard	3	1	1	2	0	0
T. Carter	4	1	1	2	0	1
Totals	30	16	12	13	3	5

R. ROAD BATTER AB R H RBI BB SO

R. Frye	3	0	1	0	0	0
K. Bell	2	0	0	0	0	0
J. Smith	3	0	0	0	0	1

R. ROAD PITCHER IP H R ER BB SO

Tristan Beezley	5	12	16	7	3	5
Win - Hunt. Loss - Beezley. Save - none.						

B. Perry

S. Stephens	1	0	0	0	0	0
C. McFarlin	1	0	0	1	0	1
C. Hawkins	2	0	0	0	0	2
K. Norman	2	0	0	0	0	1
T. Beezley	1	0	1	0	1	0
Totals	16	1	3	1	2	5

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Killgo; D. Coleman; T. Carter. 3B - J. Thompson. SB - C. Engle; B. Perry 2; T. Beezley, #14. CS - T. Woods 2.

PAMPA PITCHER IP H R ER BB SO

Ethan Hunt	4	1	1	1	2	5
Tyler Powell	1	2	0	0	0	0

R. ROAD PITCHER IP H R ER BB SO

Tristan Beezley	5	12	16	7	3	5
Win - Hunt. Loss - Beezley. Save - none.						

Varsity Softball

FRIDAY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Vernon	0	0	0	0	5	3	6
Pampa	2	0	0	4	0	0	0

TEAM R H E

Vernon	14	16	5
Pampa	6	8	5

VERNON BATTER AB R H RBI BB SO

M. Drennon	4	2	1	1	1	1
H. Abernathy	4	1	2	2	0	0
J. Daniels	5	1	3	2	0	1
K. Winship	3	2	2	3	1	1
J. Lovell	5	0	2	0	0	1
S. McNair	4	2	2	0	0	1
S. Lee	3	2	1	1	0	0
C. Spikes	4	1	1	1	0	2
B. Nava	4	3	2	2	0	1
Totals	36	14	16	12	2	8

PAMPA BATTER AB R H RBI BB SO

C. Hopkins	4	1	2	1	0	0
B. Beck	4	1	1	0	0	1
N. Hardman	4	0	0	0	0	1
A. Stephens	4	0	1	0	0	0
M. Stokes	4	1	1	0	0	0
H. Coffee	3	0	1	1	0	0
K. Wyant	3	0	0	0	0	0
A. O'Brien	3	1	2	2	0	0
M. Alexander	3	0	0	0	0	1
B. Wichert	0	1	0	0	0	0
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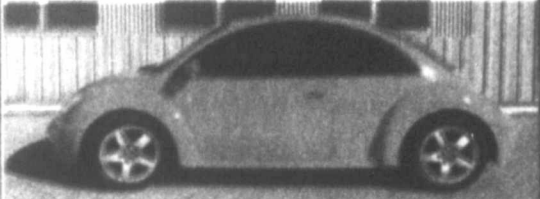
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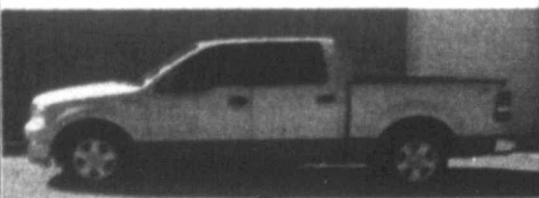
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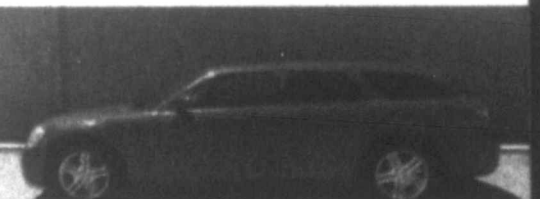
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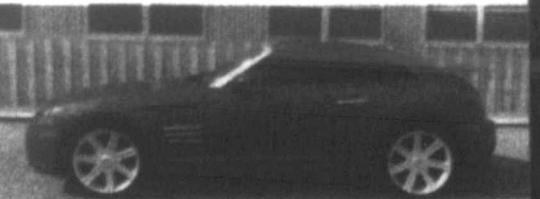
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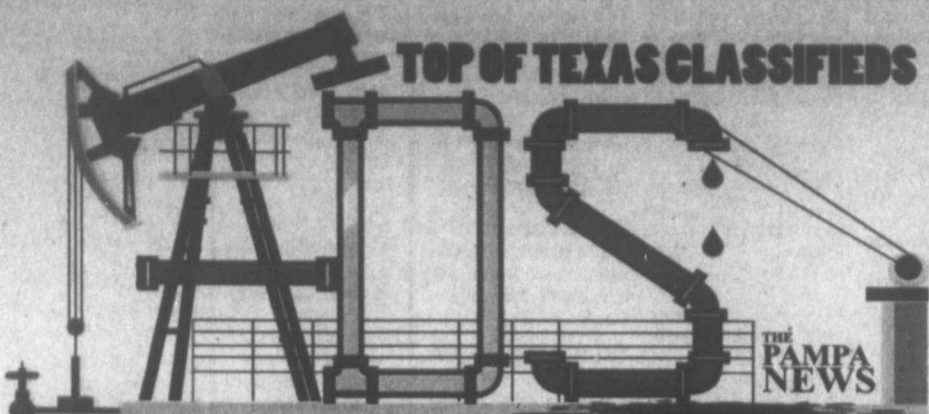
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13 Bus. Opp.

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21 Help Wanted

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21 Help Wanted

NOTICE: All ads that contain phone numbers or give reference to a number with an area code of 809 or a prefix of 011 are international toll numbers and you will be charged international long distance rates. For more information regarding the investigation of work at home opportunities and job lists, *The Pampa News* urges its readers to contact the Better Business Bureau of South Texas, 609 S. International Blvd., Weslaco, Tx. 78596, (210) 968-3678.

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2200 Dogwood Ln.....	\$192,500	4/2/2 - 2629 SF/GCAD
2732 Beech Ln.....	\$182,500	3/2/2 - 2298 SF/GCAD
2416 Dogwood Ln.....	\$164,900	3/2/2 - 2530 SF/GCAD
1616 Russell St.....	\$160,000	3/2/2 - 2313 SF/GCAD
2417 Navajo Rd.....	\$152,000	3/2/2 - 2100 SF - per owner
1130 Williston St.....	\$147,900	4/2/2 - 2711 SF/GCAD
2541 Christine St.....	\$129,500	3/1.75/2 - 2050 SF/GCAD
1612 Evergreen St.....	\$84,900	4/1.5/0 - 2320 SF/GCAD
1131 E Harvester Av.....	\$82,500	2/1.75/1 - 1479 SF/GCAD

LAMAR SCHOOL DISTRICT Southwest

1114 S Faulkner St.....	\$52,000	3/1/0 - 1440 SF/GCAD
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TRAVIS SCHOOL DISTRICT West and Northwest

8463 Western St. + 6.33 acres.....	\$225,000	2/1/2 - 1225 SF/GCAD
919 Sierra Dr.....	\$149,000	4/2/2 - 1761 SF/GCAD
1424-1426 Dwight.....	\$149,000	2704 SF/GCAD Duplex
1532 Christy St.....	\$130,000	3/1.75/2 - 1450 SF/GCAD
2113 Lynn St.....	\$125,900	4/2/2 - 2077 SF/GCAD
2125 Lynn St.....	\$74,900	3/1.75/2 - 1521 SF/GCAD
1612 Sumner St.....	\$64,900	3/2/2 - 1073 SF/GCAD
1912 Christy St.....	\$57,000	3/1/2 - 1134 SF/GCAD

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503 Ware Av. Groom.....	\$128,000	4/2.75/1 - 2828 SF/GCAD
804-806 W. Jackson Ave, WD.....	\$120,000	4/2/2 - 2536 SF/GCAD duplex
708 Daffodil, WD.....	\$115,000	3/2/2 1772 SF/GCAD
820 S Steele, WD.....	\$80,000	3/1/2 1534 SF/GCAD
107 Main St., Skellytown.....	\$68,500	3/2/0 1462 SF/CCAD
400 S. Popham, WD.....	\$67,900	3/1/0 - 1494 SF/GCAD
129 Abilene, Borger.....	\$42,900	3/1.5/1 1176 SF/HCAD

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11756 Hwy 152.....	\$2,500,000	12 acres, 2 bldgs 25,000 SF each
30th & Charles St.....	\$1,400,000	45.9 acres of land N of Walmart
FM 14 Rd, Lefors.....	\$530,000	530 acres w/water well
30th & Charles.....	\$435,600	5 acres in city limits
220 N Ballard.....	\$395,000	Lt. Comm. 4 bath 6,782 SF/GCAD
500 W Harvester Av.....	\$350,000	Lots south of United
748 S Price Rd.....	\$350,000	3 Ac. + 14,400 warehouse offices
302-308 W Foster.....	\$309,900	4 Retail Outlets 10,874 SF/GCAD
117 - 121 Ballard.....	\$230,000	24,500 SF/GCAD
1801 Alcock St.....	\$185,000	Office Building, 3,100 SF/GCAD Café
845 S Hobart/900 Wilks St.....	\$175,000	4 Lots + 10' on north
420 W Foster Av.....	\$165,000	Houston Lumb & Gas Station
Harvester St.....	\$150,000	60 x 110 Bldg Lots
FM 2300 & 1-40, Groom.....	\$145,000	Quonset & 6+/- acres
1435 Alcock St.....	\$135,000	2 Bldg, 3,200 SF/GCAD; 1,020 SF/GCAD
1421 Hobart St.....	\$105,000	Smoke House 1816 SF/GCAD
523 W Foster Av.....	\$85,000	7,598 SF/GCAD
301 & 305 W Foster Av.....	\$75,000	3,500 SF/GCAD each
23rd & Crescent Dr.....	\$65,000	Lot 4 Blk 1 North Crest Sec 1
405 W Foster Av.....	\$65,000	2,000 SF/GCAD C H/A
220 E Francis.....	\$57,500	1/1 745 SF/GCAD Comm.
401 W Foster Av.....	\$47,000	2,500 SF/GCAD w/basement & overhead doors
Chaumont Addition.....	\$35,000	Lots 1 & 2 Block 2
Dogwood Ln.....	\$22,000	Lots 15-17 & 40' of 18
Wall St.....	\$15,000	1/2 Block
Fraser Annex #3 28th.....	\$10,000	Lot 8, W45' Blk 71
Holly Lot 10.....	\$10,000	Residential Lot 85' x 120'
Dogwood Ln.....	\$9,000	Lot 2 & 40.35' of Lot 1
Jupiter St.....	\$9,000	Lot 3 Blk 4 Country Club Heights
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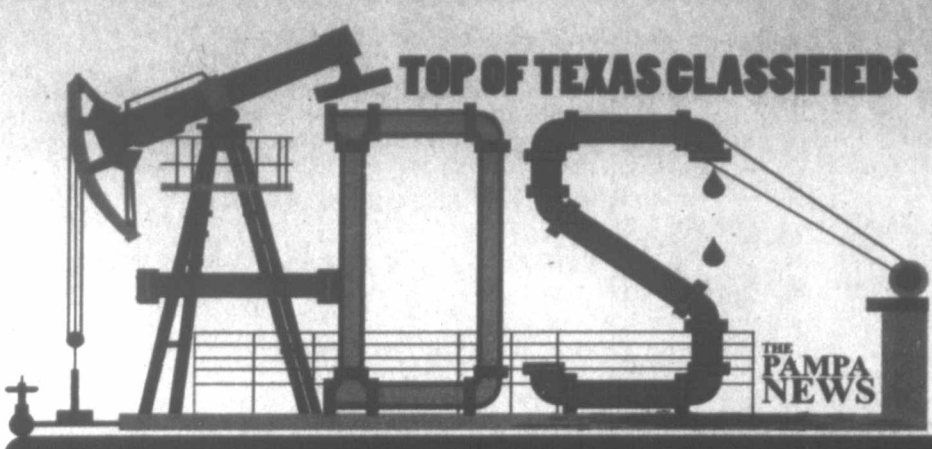
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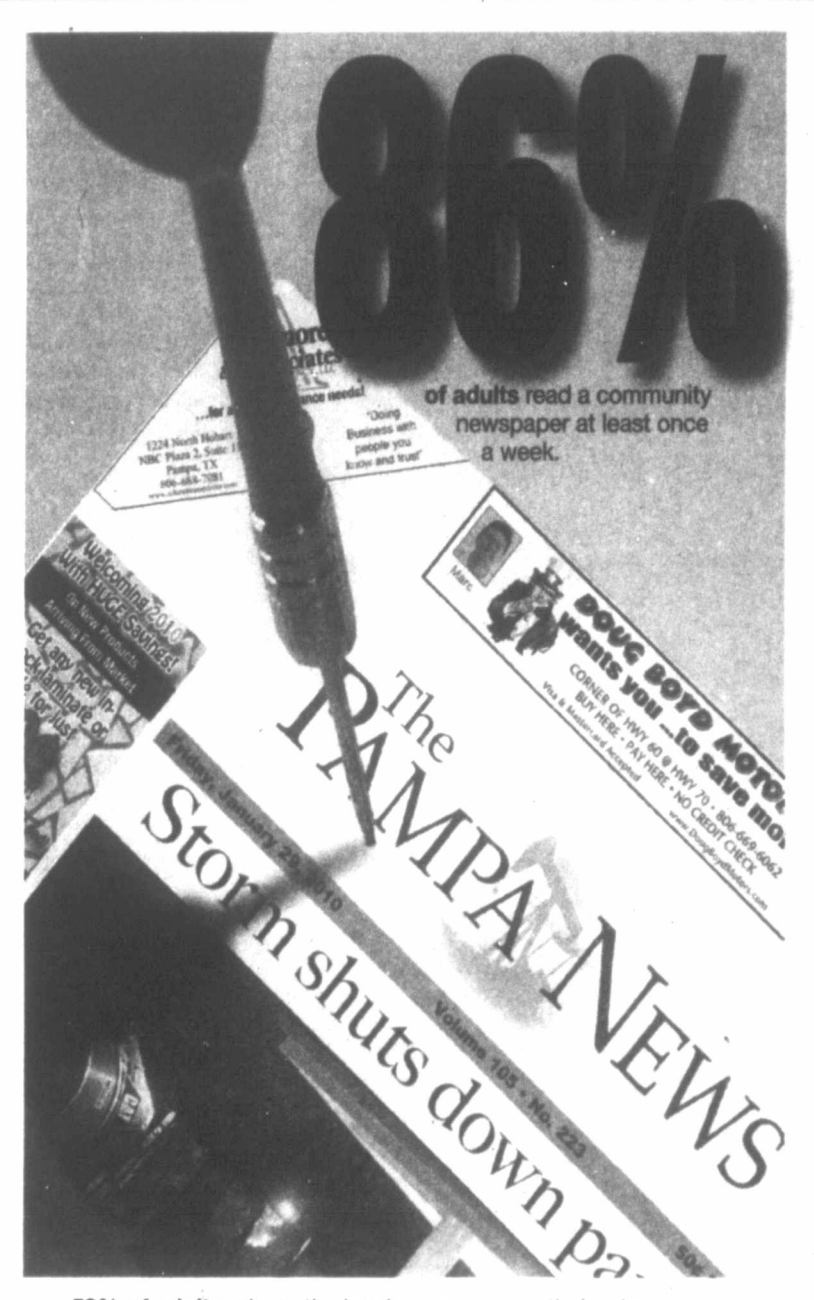


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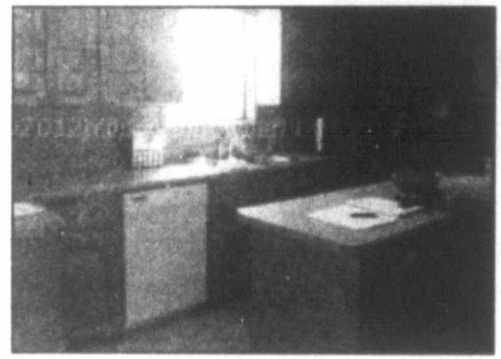
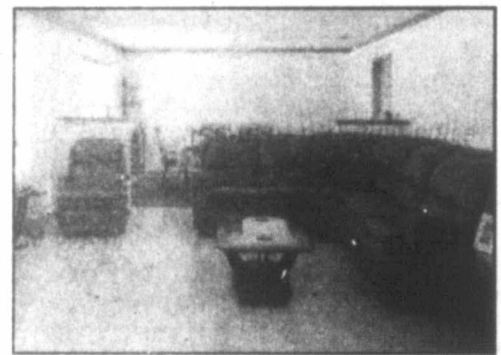
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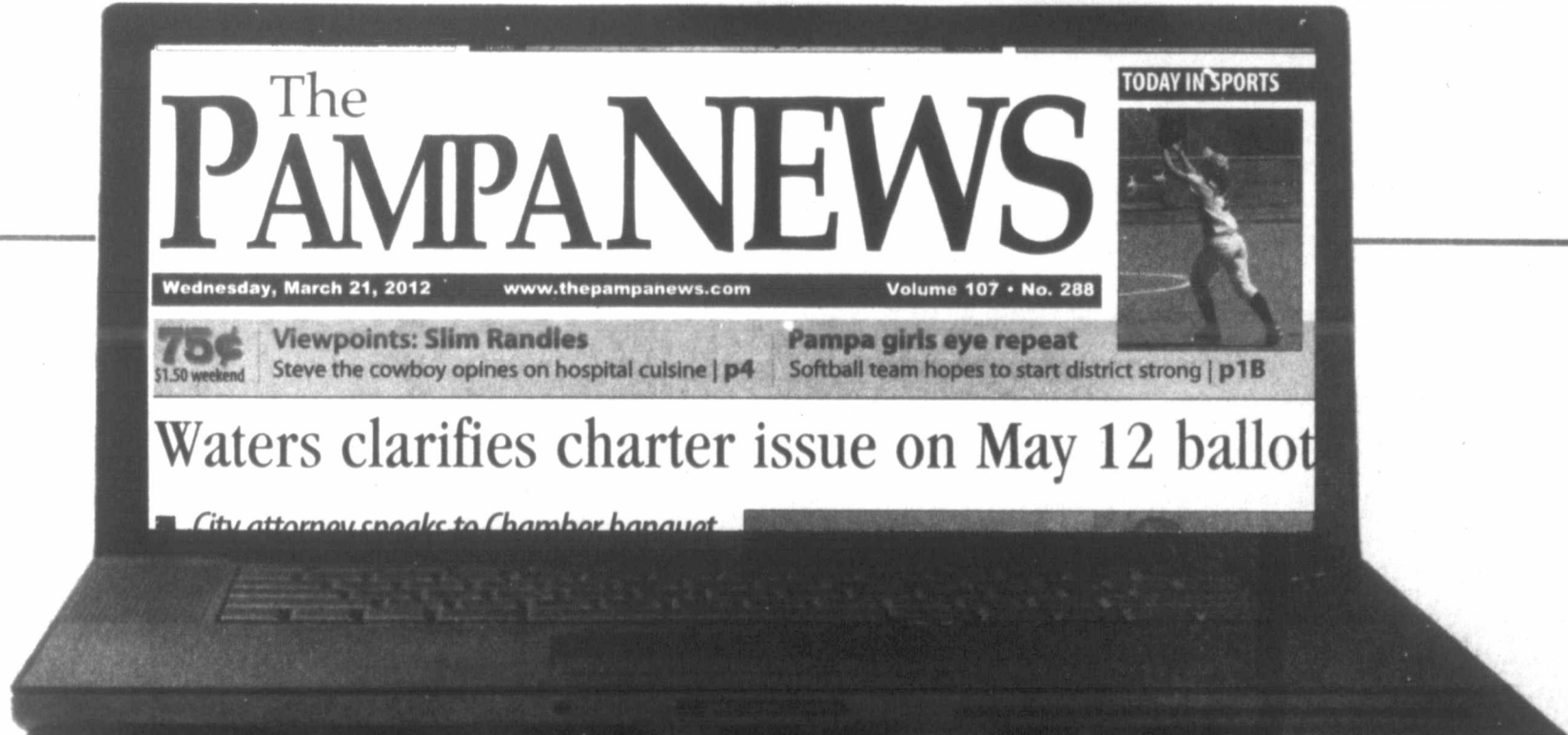
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★ ★ ★ sunday horoscope

Note: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun and Moon in Taurus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, March 25, 2012:

This year you make peace when no one else can. You often feel a need to complete projects. You gain financially through using good sense, and also because of an unusual set of skills. Your work or a commitment transforms this year, and you will change with it. If you are single, you offer a lot. Let others chase you. If you are attached, you'll share many good times with your sweetie. Go out more together; indulge yourselves more. **TAURUS** helps you build security.

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)

★★★★ Stop and take a second out of your busy life. Instead of doing more, be grateful for what is happening now. Take off for a drive with a favorite person or by yourself; you'll feel renewed. You also might have a brilliant idea about funds. Tonight: Time to treat others.

This Week: Your daily commitments include more than just making money. Reveal yourself

through a valve of self-expression.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Your mood changes. You feel so much more together than you have in a long time. You draw others towards you. Unexpected luck comes your way. Jump on your good fortune, if possible. Tonight: Bring in whatever makes you content.

This Week: You beam, and others smile. That's the way it goes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★ Don't you think you need to stop the hectic pace for a few hours? Everyone does once in a while, and you are no exception. Let a partner take the lead and express his or her feelings. Enjoy the people around you. Tonight: Only with a select few.

This Week: Claim your power by Tuesday. The rest will fall into place.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Surround yourself with friends and loved ones. Someone has changed a lot and continues to transform. You need to update this person in your mind, if you want to continue to relate on the level that you do. Tonight: Relish the moment.

This Week: Aim for what you want on Monday. There might be a time lag. Be patient.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Get involved in a project that will demand exercise or make exercise your project -- you can only feel better as a result. Meet friends at a favorite spot or accept an invitation

out. Someone you don't see often is delighted. Tonight: Could go to the wee hours.

This Week: Be aware that others are eyeing how you handle a situation. Show off your stuff!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Keep reaching out for someone you don't often speak to. Catching up on news might encourage a change of plans. You find reconnecting on this level very rewarding. Include a special loved one. Tonight: Let spontaneity in. Don't worry about tomorrow.

This week: Listen to news with open ears. A lot could change quickly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Make time for that special person. When you do, you'll add more caring to this bond. Nothing makes this person feel more cared about than time with you. Give just that and you'll both feel great. Tonight: Let someone say "thank you" in his or her own way.

This Week: Intensity and strong interactions mark Monday and Tuesday. Work with individuals on Wednesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Go with the flow. You are strong and dominant, but by letting others come forward and lead, you'll see a lot of good will, experience and understanding occur. Accept a fun invitation. Tonight: Say "yes."

This Week: Defer to others. You will see some interesting behavior

emerge. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Keep reaching out for a co-worker or acquaintance you would like to get to know better. In general, you have a good time together, even if it is a serious moment. Take another step toward getting to know this person. Tonight: Roll with others' plans.

This Week: You might want to see how someone responds before you take action.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You know there is always a solution. Use your ability to mix various, different friends together. Some might never know each other, had it not been for you. View that as positive rather than negative. Tonight: Forget that tomorrow is Monday.

This Week: Enjoy a lightness that exists between you and someone else. Don't rain on your own parade.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Take some quality time close to home. Honor your energy level, but also a need to move on a personal project. Once this effort is completed, you will be freer and more adaptable. Good news heads in from a family member or roommate. Tonight: Make your favorite meal.

This Week: You tell it as it is. Others just might not want to hear. You'll see.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Realize what is

going on around you. Be aware of people's plans and where you might want to go. You might decide to forge ahead by yourself. You will change your mind fast enough. Meeting a new friend could occur, so be open. Tonight: You don't need to go far.

This Week: Talk and share. Use information wisely.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My daughter just celebrated her first birthday, and I'm trying to come to terms with the fact that my father isn't a "baby person." He has tried holding "Krissey" only twice.

He and his wife showed up to her party an hour and a half late and left early. The gift they brought was for a much younger, smaller baby, and the price tag -- from a budget store -- was still on it. The gift cost less than \$10. Dad and his wife are not poor; in fact, they are wealthy.

Dad isn't in good health, so I hate being mad at him. I don't know how many more years he'll be around. Should I talk to him about this, or just let him sit it out and do practically nothing to be a part of his only grandchild's life? My in-laws are happily involved with Krissey. What do I tell her when she's old enough to wonder why Grandpa never sees her? -- **MELANCHOLIC MOM IN MICHIGAN**

DEAR MELANCHOLIC MOM: If it will make you feel better to talk to your father about this, by all means do so. But keep in mind that he comes from a generation of men who didn't necessarily relate to babies. Also, if he's in poor health, it may be a reason why he's not eager to hold her. It's possible he may relate better to his grandchild when she's old enough to talk and interact with him. Tackle the question about how to respond to your daughter when she's old enough to question his absence if the issue arises. It's possible he may no longer be around by then. And if that's the case, hope he's more generous in his estate planning than he was on her first birthday.

DEAR ABBY: My mom is divorced. She lives alone in an isolated area and has been diagnosed with severe depression. About a year ago, while she was staying with my sister "Susie," my sister looked through Mom's online accounts and discovered that Mom's fiance is a prisoner. She also saw that Mom has been using a service to send

large amounts of money to his prison account.

Susie has continued to log onto Mom's account. She tracks the amount of money she's sending this prisoner and reads the letters he sends to her. The content of some of them is scary. He insists Mom keep their relationship a secret, that she meet him upon his release from prison and marry him immediately.

It's apparent that I have two problems -- one, that Susie is tracking Mom's private dealings. The other, that my mother is sending money she can't afford to a prisoner with a history of fraud and domestic abuse. What should I do? -- **DESPERATE FOR ANSWERS**

DEAR DESPERATE: Contact the warden of the prison, explain what has been going on and express your concerns, which are valid. It is entirely possible that your mother isn't the only lonely and vulnerable woman this prisoner has been extorting money from.

I have heard in the past from prison guards who have warned me that this is

often a scam, and one that is quite common. In fact, the prisoners sometimes collaborate with one another in writing these communications to make them more effective.

DEAR ABBY: I was married for five years to a man I was afraid of. He was controlling, uptight and never let me out of his sight. When we divorced, I was happy, and I thought that would be the end of it.

However, I find myself going back to him every time he calls, in spite of knowing who he is and what he did to me. Why can't I get over him and move on? -- **BACK AT SQUARE ONE IN OKLAHOMA**

DEAR BACK AT SQUARE ONE: Possibly because you are co-dependent and have low self-esteem and are afraid he's the only man you can get. You would rather settle for the familiar than possibly have no one. Because the path you're on is destructive, please get some counseling to help you establish healthier relationships.

BANANAGRAMS!

Each set of letters is arranged alphabetically. The ? is in the correct alphabetical position. Figure out what letter the ? represents and rearrange the letters to spell a seven-letter word. For example, in AAIN?TV, the ? could be an N, O, P, Q, R, S or T. Here it represents an R, which can be combined with the other letters to spell VARIANT. The first letter is placed to get you started.

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Yesterday's Answer: TIDELAND, ANSWERED, TRADEOFF, MIDRANGE 3/24

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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10 Distant

12 Stair part

13 Oklahoma city

14 Final letter

15 Before, to bards

16 Youngster

18 Ball girl

19 Bring down

21 Dull lives

22 They sink ships

24 "Six Crises" writer

25 Rage

29 Store department

30 Girls

32 Corrida cheer

33 Casino action

34 Pussy foot

35 Score speed

37 Make blank

39 Studio sign

40 Had a feast

DOWN

1 Writer

Joyce Carol

2 Like mice and men

3 Sword-making city

4 Sinking signal

5 Yankee slugger, to fans

6 Crater part

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Yesterday's answer

9 Swift horses

11 Bluffs

17 Banished

20 Forbidden acts

21 Skating spots

23 Found

25 Western capital

26 Kind of band or show

27 Sevilla setting

28 Serving need

29 Power provider

31 Garbo, for one

33 Dull fellow

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“Know what, when I’m old enough to be a person...”

Non Sequitur



WHY MAN REALLY FELL FROM GRACE

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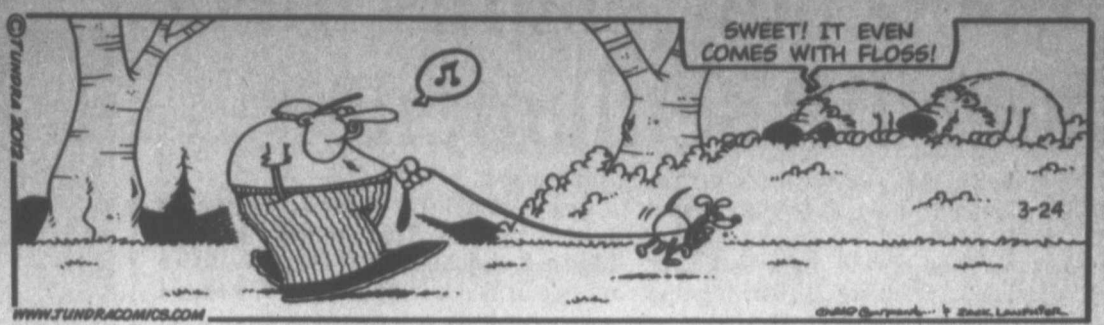


daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, March 26, 2012:
This year you seem to be lucky with finances. Don't push the envelope, and you will experience one of your best money years yet. You could make a major purchase and spend much more than anticipated. If you are single, others find you extremely alluring and full of excitement. Take your time getting to know a suitor, and keep in mind that a better option could be right around the corner. Communication excels come summer 2012. If you are attached, if you work together toward the same goal, this year could be very rewarding and could bring you even closer. You both gain from taking off as a couple more often. Every relationship needs special time. **TAURUS** has a possessive streak when dealing with you.
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Be aware of what you offer others. You'll want to show your feelings to a child or loved one. You have an unconventional style, which many people like. Brainstorm with a friend or associate. He or she also might need your opinion on a personal matter. This person appreciates your time. Tonight: Indulge a little.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You are energized, yet a problem involving a male or your career could be weighing on you. Your mind keeps replaying the issue; shelve it for now. A meeting revolves around your opinions, and others hear you loud and clear. Tonight: Act like the Bull you are.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Know when to pull back and follow through on a personal matter. You work well within a group that has similar concerns as you. Someone might decide to pitch in and help you through a not-so-interesting project. Tonight: Spend time alone, be it on the computer, reading a book or watching a video.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Zero in on priorities that honor a key friendship. Make time for this person, especially as he or she cares so much about you. Your ability to get past a problem emerges. Test out ideas on a friend or respected family member. Tonight: Think as if it were Friday night.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ If something is close to your heart, you might need to take the lead, especially if it involves working as a group. Listen to news that heads your way. A partner or associate could enlighten you and reveal yet another perspective. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ When you look beyond the obvious, you are able to sleuth through a mystery or resolve a problem. You will get powerful input from others. It may or may not be correct, but listen anyway. Tonight: Where you can most enjoy yourself.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Brainstorm with a special partner and get to the bottom of a problem. Understand what is motivating you in this situation. Why must you have control? You'll discover that perhaps you can let go and actually enjoy what unfolds. Tonight: Gym time! Work through stress.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Be willing to continue your laid-back position, and try to figure out what must occur. Listen to someone you care deeply about. This person has quite an imagination. Put him or her on your team, and your confidence will grow. Tonight: Meet a friend.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Stay even, and get past a problem. Otherwise, without making a conscious effort, you will feed the issue. Discussions need to happen with several people. Everyone has advice, but who is right? Tonight: Work late, if need be.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ When others are speechless, you energetically walk right in with great ideas. Your creativity seems to soar. At the same time, your humor excels. You will help others lighten up. Tonight: Relish the moment.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You might opt to stay close to the home front. Do some intense thinking about your goals. A discussion involving finances could be significant. Tonight: Happy at home.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You have a way of helping people move through their issues. You are careful with the words you choose, and there is evident caring behind them. Try not to overthink a situation — you easily could put the wrong slant on it. Tonight: Catch up on a family member's news.

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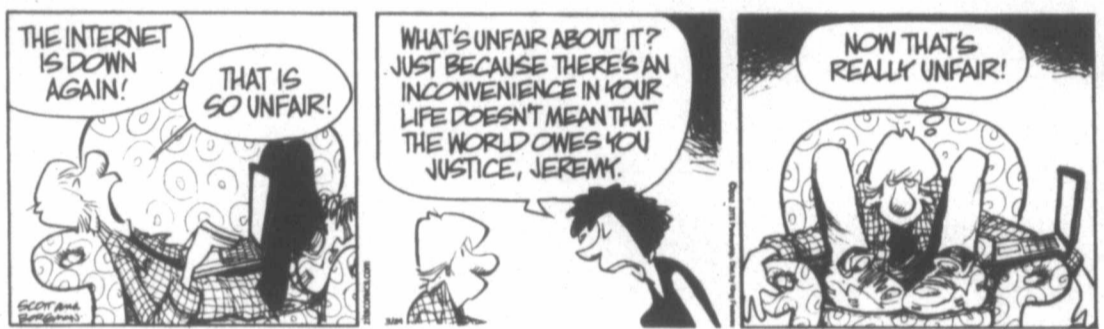
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5,000 new claims filed after BP settlement

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - More than 1,000 claimants have received around \$27 million in the two weeks since a court-supervised administrator took over the processing of claims spawned by the 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

A statement issued Friday by Patrick Juneau, the new claims administrator, also said nearly 5,000 new claims have been filed since the process shifted March 8 to the court from the \$20 billion compensation fund set up by BP PLC in the spill's aftermath.

The transition is part of a settlement agreement between BP and lawyers representing more than 100,000 individuals and businesses. The parties will ask U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier to give preliminary approval to the settlement next month.

BP estimates it will pay out \$7.8 billion through the settlement, but the deal

is uncapped.

Juneau said 1,096 claimants have been paid a total of \$26.9 million between March 8 and March 21. Roughly \$19.6 million of that money went to 619 claimants who hadn't accepted a final offer from the Gulf Coast Claims Facility before Feb. 26.

Under the terms of the proposed settlement, those 619 claimants have received 60 percent of their final offers while they decide whether to opt into the settlement class. If they opt out, they are entitled to receive the remaining 40 percent of the GCCF's offer in exchange for signing a release. But plaintiffs' attorneys say claimants could receive a more lucrative offer by participating in the settlement.

Under previous administrator Kenneth Feinberg, the GCCF processed about 221,300 claims and paid out more than \$6 billion.

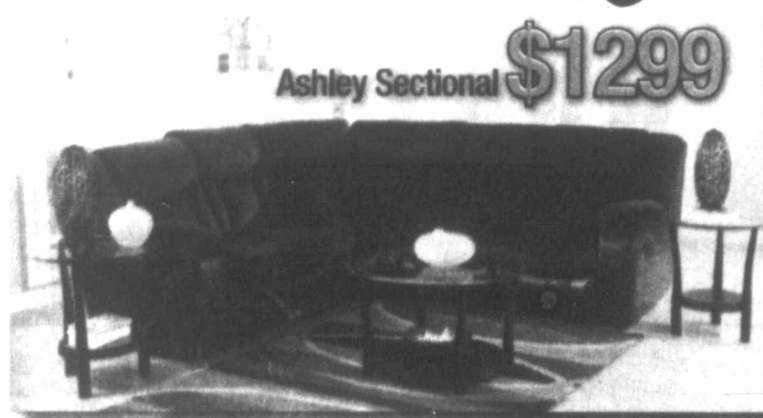
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