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PHS' Larkin reports successful first STAAR test day

Principal reported smooth debut for new exam; only two kids missed test

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Pampa ninth graders dove into the English writing portion of the STAAR exam on Monday, marking the brand new

test's debut in the Pampa Independent School District. Curious about how her students felt about the test, Tanya Larkin took the proactive approach. "I asked some kids about it," said the

Pampa High School principal. "I said, 'How did you feel,' and they said it was the easiest test they ever took. Of course, that always scares you," she continued with a laugh. All joking aside, Larkin said that the new test's first day in Pampa was encouraging and that, from an administrator's standpoint, things went very smoothly. "It was good," Larkin said. "We had all but two kids show up, which is amazing. The attendance was great. The attitudes

were great. The kids worked really hard. It was good. It was really good. We've done testing before, just not this kind, so we're just really anxious to see the results." The two students who missed the test were confirmed to be sick, Larkin said. "Knock on wood, I hope we have as good a day tomorrow," she added. "I think it couldn't have gone any better than I'd hoped." **STAAR** cont. on page 9A

CATCHING SOME AIR

photo by **Andrew Glover**

Pampa freshman Tyranda Johnson leaps in the long jump Friday at the Top O' Texas Relays. Johnson finished fourth with a jump of 14'9.25". The Lady Harvesters won the meet with 199 points.

Weekend sees two arrested for possession

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The Pampa Police Department arrested two individuals for drug possession during the weekend.

Around 7:30 p.m. on Friday, police received a call that an individual was asleep in his vehicle and had hit another vehicle at the 400 block of Frederic. While officers could not confirm that



White

the driver, Jonathan Beau White, 29, of Collinsville, had hit another car, during their investigation, they found him to be in possession of substances believed to be hydrocodone, methamphetamine and marijuana.

White was arrested and transported to the Gray County Jail, where he remains in custody. His bond was set at \$12,000.



Douglas

Around 2:30 a.m. on Saturday, officers stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation on the 1100 block of

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Groups unite to 'Light Up Awareness' on abusive relationships

Event will take place at 8 p.m. Friday at Central Park

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At 8 p.m. on Friday, an event to "light up" awareness on teen dating violence will take place at Central Park. It is being organized by Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Pampa Independent School District Parent Involvement and the Tralee Crisis Center. "The event is to create awareness about the dangers of dating violence and what respectful relationships are supposed to be like," said Dee Dee Laramore of Tralee. "We'll share some information, and the theme is 'Light



Laramore

Up Awareness,' so we'll hand out glow sticks and different things to do with lighting." Laramore said that one in three young adults will be in an abusive relationship before the age of 22, and one in five will experience physical or sexual violence. "We believe violent relationships can be prevented by helping teenagers realize what a healthy relationship is like," she said. "A lot of people think of physical violence as dating violence, but there are other ways that people can be threatening." Laramore includes language, texting excessively, spreading rumors or trying to control activities as abusive behavior. "It may not leave a physical mark, but it leaves an

emotional mark," she said. How relationships are portrayed in American culture can also be confusing to teenagers, according to Laramore. "I worry that when teenagers watch shows like 'Jersey Shore,' they think that this is the way relationships are supposed to be like," she said. "We want to help them realize that's not real life, and that's not what they should expect from a relationship." "In a healthy relationship, partners respect each other and give each other freedom," she added. "There's trust involved. They aren't rude or mean to each other, and they aren't controlling. They want what's best for the other person, and they want to protect each other." Laramore also mentioned the characters on "I Love Lucy" as an example of an unhealthy relationship, as Lucy regularly lies to Ricky, in part, because of his **LIGHT** cont. on page 3

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday
High 81 Low 51	High 82 Low 53	High 81 Low 52

Today: Sunny, with a high near 81. Southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 51. South southwest wind around 15 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 82. Southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. Southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 52. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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Did you know that there are options for repaying your educational loans?

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The Savage Truth on money

College students are graduating into mountains of debt — and without the income to start dealing with the debt. But here's a graduation present for every college student: a new website created by the college debt experts at Simple Tuition.

It's called PayBackSmarter.com, and it is the one site where you can gather all your student loans, figure out the required repayments and, most importantly, where you can compare the monthly payment changes and total cost changes of all the repayment plans available to you, including Income Based Repayment. Most people don't know that they have options to lower the payment burden simply by selecting a different plan.

There is now as much student-loan debt outstanding as credit-card debt — around \$870 billion! While a college education will eventually pay for itself, and more, graduates today are finding it tough to start repaying in today's tough job market. A new Federal Reserve report shows that as many as 27 percent of the 37 million student loan borrowers have past due balances of 30 days or more.

But unlike credit-card debt, student-loan debt is not discharged in bankruptcy. Eventually, the government may take repayments from your Social Security check. Surely it makes sense to get started on the right, affordable repayment plan now.

Given the current annual federal loan limits, it is common for students to graduate with \$27,000 in federal student loans — and additional private loans or parental PLUS loans. You are required to start repaying these loans within six months of graduation. And you'll be hearing from the private loan servicing companies hired by the government to

collect federal student loans as your repayment date approaches. There may be more than one depending on your loans outstanding.

The one course they don't teach in college is how to deal with these loans — although seniors may have a brief meeting with the college finance office, stressing the importance of loan repayment. Then it's up to you.

That's where PayBackSmarter.com comes in. First, visit the website to get a general idea of the possibilities. Then you can come back and create your own secure account, where you can input each of your specific loans. There's even a direct link to the National Student Loan Data System service, where you can find all your federal student loans, the total amounts and the rates.

The point of PayBackSmarter is to show you the range of options for student loan repayments — and the monthly and overall cost for both subsidized and unsubsidized federal loans, as well as your private loans. (Private loans made directly through banks rarely allow repayment adjustments but do impact your overall finances and so should be included in your repayment decisions.)

This website makes it simple. Here's an example of the choices for a student who graduates with \$18,625 in federal student loan debt. With a click, you get a bar graph showing the repayment costs and comparisons of various repayment programs. The first step is a look at the standard, 10-year repayment plan:

Standard (10-year) repayment:
 Monthly cost: \$214

Payoff Year: 2022
 Total Cost: \$25,720

A consolidation plan lowers the monthly payment, but extends the term of the loan for five years. It's more costly over the long run. Here is an example:

Federal loan consolidation

(15 months):
 Monthly cost: \$166
 Payoff Year: 2027
 Total Cost: \$29,899

Or you could choose a graduated repayment plan, which lowers the monthly bills in the first few years, while you're getting started, but raises them in the later years — so you're still finished on time in 10 years.

Federal graduated repayment plan:
 Monthly cost: \$148 (first year) rising to \$320 in ninth and 10th year.
 Payoff Year: 2027
 Total Cost: \$27,214

There are many other options — and you can calculate the impact of each on the PayBackSmarter website. The Income-Based Repayment Plan is one of those options for reducing payments, although you must have at least \$30,000 in debt and a very low income to qualify.

On the plus side, if you add an extra \$50 a month to the standard repayment plan, you will save nearly \$2,000 in interest — and pay off your debt two years early. You'll be out of debt even sooner and at a much lower total cost.

When it comes to student loan repayments, you can't choose the right plan for your situation unless you can study all the options in one place. It's about time someone made it easy. That's what PayBackSmarter.com does. And that's The Savage Truth.

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Obituaries

Ben Franklin Russell, 92

BORGER—Ben Franklin Russell, 92, died Saturday, March 24, 2012, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with Rev. Johnny Robertson, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Borger, officiating.

Burial will be at Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors in Pampa.

Mr. Russell was born August 9, 1919, in Miami where he was a 1937 graduate of Miami High School. Franklin was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving in WWII. Franklin married Iona May Cell on January 17, 1942. She preceded him in death on July 12, 2005. Franklin has been a resident of Amarillo since 2005 moving from Borger. He was a services technician for Monroe Calculating Machine Co. for 36 years retiring in 1984. Franklin was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Borger. He loved camping and fishing. Franklin was a loving husband, father and was dedicated to his family.

Survivors include three sons, Paul Russell and wife Odessa of Amarillo, David Russell and wife Matilda of Lubbock and Don Russell and wife Kay of Borger; one daughter, Benona Love of Amarillo; 10 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. Franklin was preceded in death by his parents, W.O. and Maggie Russell; a son-in-law, Richard Love; a grandson, Slade Russell; two brothers and four sisters. Franklin was the last of his siblings.

Memorials may be made to Ussery-Roan Texas State Veterans Home, 1020 Tascosa Road, Amarillo, TX 79124.

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



Russell

50 years and was a longtime member of the Friends of the Library Board. She was a talented seamstress sewing everything from prom dresses to upholstery and home decorating for friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Cecil, Earl, and Buck Noel; and by three sisters, Dorothy Bullock, Marguerite Smith, and Loraine Fite.

Survivors include her daughter, Susan Humphrey and husband Joe of Abilene; three grandchildren, Clark Humphrey and wife Jennifer of Haslet, Suzanne Isbell and husband Richard of Georgetown, and Holly Tucker and husband Scott of Plano; and seven great-grandchildren, Cade and Callie Humphrey of Haslet, Cole and Ali Jo Isbell of Georgetown, and Addy, Lauren, and Kate Tucker of Plano.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981.

Sign the online register to www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Eli Samuel Stark, 39

Eli Samuel Stark, 39, died March 26, 2012, in Wheeler County.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Stark was born February 26, 1973, in Amarillo to Lewis and Alice Stark. He was reared in Pampa and attended Pampa schools until his 9th grade year. He was a 1992 graduate of Dangerfield High School in Dangerfield. In September of 1992, Eli enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving a short time before he was dismissed due to health reasons. He returned to Pampa in 1992. He graduated from Frank Phillips Welding School and Clarendon College HVAC. One of his business dreams came true when he opened MIX3D-UP indoor putt-putt golf in 2005. He worked for OWPSI out of Mobeetie for 4 years as a welder.

He married Brienna Dale Taylor on December 9, 2006. He lovingly stepped in as a husband to Brienna and a father for her son, Braeden King. Brienna and Eli had one son, Jensen Trey Stark on September 20, 2007.

Eli and his family attended Paint the Town Red and CrossPointe Church. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, spending time with his family, and church activities. He was actively involved in the church by being a connection group leader, sound man, and maintenance supervisor. He loved the Lord and his family. He was fondly known as "Peepaw" by the nieces and nephews of the family, who all loved him dearly.

Survivors include his wife, Brienna Stark of the home; a daughter, Ashley Braeden of Fond Du Lac, Wis.; two sons, Trey Stark and Braeden King, both of the home; his mother, Alice Stark of Pampa; a brother, Zack Stark and wife Allie of Pampa; Brienna's parents, A.W. (Dale) and Joann Taylor; four brothers-in-law, A.J. Taylor and wife Crystal of Pampa, Bryce Taylor and wife Ashley of Skellytown, and Chris Taylor and wife Melissa of Burton, and Brandon Taylor of Giddings; a sister-in-law, Amber Martin and husband Chris of Giddings; four nieces and three nephews; numerous cousins; aunts and uncles; including his uncle, Robert Jacobs and wife Jane of Pampa; a great-uncle, Jesse Smart of Pampa. He was preceded in death by his father, Lewis Stark in 1992.

Memorials may be made to CrossPointe Church, 711 E. Harvester, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Pauline Noel Quible, 94

ABILENE—Pauline Noel Quible, 94, died Friday, March 23, 2012, in Abilene.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa with Rev. Blossom Matthews, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Pampa, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Quible was born May 17, 1917, in Gray County, the youngest child of early day pioneers John Leon and Ethel Mae Ralston Noel. She was a lifelong resident of Pampa before moving to Abilene 10 years ago to be near her family. Pauline was a 1935 graduate of Pampa High School. She married George M. Quible on Dec. 20, 1937, in Pampa. He preceded her in death on Oct. 9, 1992. She was a member of First United Methodist Church for over



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Texas CPS tackling backlog of cases

STAAR goes statewide

AUSTIN (AP) — Students across Texas are beginning STAAR standardized tests this week.

Exams start Monday for the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness in English I and III writing.

On Tuesday, students take 4th grade writing exams; math exams for grades 5 and 8; and hold the first day of writing tests for seventh graders. Subsequent tests will follow throughout the week with Friday as a makeup day.

STAAR is replacing the much-maligned Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills.

Its scores had been set to count 15 percent of ninth graders' final grades in core subjects. But the state decided to allow districts to defer that requirement for one year.

STAAR costs \$90 million annually to administer, or \$3 to \$7 per test given. That's slightly more than its predecessor cost.

'Texas 7' member wins appeal

HOUSTON (AP) — One of the infamous "Texas 7" fugitive gang has won an appeal at the U.S. Supreme Court and will have his death sentence reviewed.

Donald Newbury and another Texas death row inmate won reviews from the nation's high court Monday on claims they had deficient legal help during initial appeals.

The 49-year-old Newbury was to die Feb. 1 but won a reprieve while the Supreme Court was considering an Arizona case that raised the same issues. That inmate won his appeal earlier this month.

Newbury and six other inmates killed a suburban Dallas police officer after fleeing a South Texas prison. Two gang members already have been executed.

The second Texas inmate, Ivan Cantu, was convicted of a fatal shooting during a 2000 robbery in Dallas.

Cameron Co. to get fifth bridge

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Plans are moving forward for Cameron County to get its fifth bridge to Mexico.

The San Antonio Express-News reports that a committee named by the Cameron County commissioners has accepted proposals from four engineering firms for the Flor de Mayo International Bridge.

The planned non-commercial bridge is set to link retailers in the city of Brownsville to an industrial park in Matamoros, located across the Rio Grande in Mexico.

County Administrator Pete Sepulveda says the bridge will give new access to factory employees who want to shop or visit family.

Cameron County Judge Carlos Cascos says any opening date for the bridge is five to seven years away.

The bridge will be the first to open in Cameron County since the Veteran's International Bridge in 1999.

Corpus Christi Diocese turns 100

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — More than 10,000 Catholics, including more than 40 cardinals, archbishops and bishops from across the U.S., are expected to celebrate the centennial of the founding of the Diocese of Corpus Christi with a conference and Mass.

The conference and Mass are set for Monday.

Diocese of Corpus Christi spokesman Marty Wind tells the Corpus Christi Caller-Times that the celebration "marks 100 years of faith, tradition and service to the community."

Pope Pius X established the Diocese of Corpus Christi on March 23, 1912.

Wind says the diocese is currently made up of more than 110 churches. Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Galveston-Houston Archbishop, oversees more than 1.3 million Catholics in the area.

Cardinal Timothy Dolan, archbishop of New York, will deliver the conference keynote address, "The Church in the Third Millennium."

1 of 2 suspected in death arrested

ENNIS (AP) — One of two people suspected in the death of a 15-year-old girl whose body was found burning by an Ennis road this month has been arrested.

Ennis Police Chief John Erisman said Sunday that 29-year-old Jose Manuel Alvarado was arrested Saturday in the Dallas suburb of Grand Prairie.

Alvarado, charged with murder, remained in Ennis police custody Monday. No bail has been set. Police did not have attorney information.

The Dallas Morning News reports the Dallas County medical examiner's office confirmed Moriah Gonzales' body was found March 17.

Authorities say the teen from Waxahachie wasn't attending school and had been staying with her sister in Ennis, about 35 miles south of Dallas.

Gonzales and Alvarado were former co-workers, according to the police.

Marathon Oil expects growth

HOUSTON (AP) — Marathon Oil Corp.'s chairman, president and CEO said Monday that the company still expects production at its exploration and production and oil sands mining segments to increase by a combined 5 percent to 7 percent each year through 2016.

In addition, Clarence Cazalot Jr. told investors at the Howard Weil Energy Conference in New Orleans that the two segments are on track to post combined year-over-year growth in production available for sale of 5 percent for this year, excluding Libya.

Cazalot said growth at the two segments has gotten a boost from strong results at the Houston-based company's North Dakota Bakken and South Texas Eagle Ford oil shale assets, which are its two largest. Marathon currently has 25 rigs and five hydraulic fracturing crews dedicated to the two plays, he said.

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Child Protective Services is sending investigators to help with backlogs of cases created by understaffing in offices in Austin and Midland-Odessa areas.

Staff shortages in CPS' investigative branches have been problems in both regions since the fall, officials said. Even after help from other regions, Travis County still has about 1,000 cases that have gone at least six months without being investigated, and about 500 such cases are in the Midland-Odessa area, CPS spokesman Patrick Crimmins told The Dallas Morning News.

However, all "priority one" allegations of child maltreatment that must be investigated within 24 hours "are cleared out," Crimmins said. He said the state agency has redoubled efforts to hire and retain workers.

Twenty-three investigators at a time are being sent to the Austin area to

work on the backlog in Travis County. Crimmins said that since Jan. 9, the Austin area's backlog of cases has been cut in half, so far without increasing colleagues' workloads back home.

"We are going all out," he said. "We're certainly not where we want to be."

Since the fall, the Midland-Odessa area has borrowed two or three investigators and supervisors a week from other West Texas cities. Next month, the region will boost imports of other regions' employees to 12 per week, Crimmins said.

CPS defines a "backlogged case" as an allegation of abuse or neglect that CPS case readers or "screeners" have classified as needing investigation but on which no further action has been taken for at least 60 days. Normally, investigators are supposed to visit children and families within several days of a report. They also, though

not necessarily immediately, interview alleged perpetrators and confer with adults who regularly have contact with the alleged victims.

The agency's staffing troubles were first aired last week at a legislative hearing by Madeline McClure, executive director of Dallas-based TexProtects, a research and advocacy group that seeks to improve the state's prevention of child abuse.

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee was discussing problems that CPS workers face in rural areas, when she warned lawmakers: "Right now, you've got a crisis going on in Austin."

Sen. Jane Nelson, the Flower Mound Republican who chairs the panel, responded: "Why is that?"

McClure said lawmakers should ask agency executives but then shared reports about CPS workers

"descending on Austin to help with this huge backlog."

McClure tells the newspaper that the manpower shortage in Travis County is so severe that child abuse deaths there last year surged to 13, more than twice the annual average in the previous eight years.

CPS officials said they couldn't link the staffing crisis to the increase in deaths, but they acknowledged that investigation delays create additional risks for children.

"In seven of those cases there was no prior family involvement with CPS," spokesman Patrick Crimmins said of the Travis County deaths. Although two Travis County youths died of abuse in 2011 while CPS was investigating, he said, "even in those instances we cannot link specific outcomes to a general shortage of investigators."

Gas prices closing in on last year's high

NEW YORK (AP) — The price of gasoline is less than a dime away from last year's high.

The nationwide average for a gallon of gas reached \$3.90 on Monday.

And the price typically rises in the weeks ahead of Memorial Day weekend. The traditional kickoff of the summer driving season.

The national average peaked last year in early May at an average price of \$3.98 per gallon. The record high of \$4.11 was set in July 2008.

The price of gasoline has risen this year along with the price of crude oil. Benchmark U.S. crude is up by 8 percent already.

The price of a barrel fell 20 cents to \$106.67 Monday in New York. Brent crude, which is used to price oil imported by U.S. refineries, added 19 cents to \$125.32 per barrel in London.

Oil has been rising this year as Western nations confront Iran over its nuclear program. They fear that Iran is building a weapon, though it denies

the claim. Western leaders are trying to cut off Iran's oil revenues through a variety of sanctions. In hopes of forcing it to negotiate.

Representatives from the U.S. and five other nations, are expected to meet with Iran in April for a new round of talks about its nuclear program, diplomats told The Associated Press. The country turned away international inspectors in February.

Meanwhile, natural gas prices are close to hitting a 10-year low. The futures

contract dropped 2.5 cents to \$2.25 per 1,000 cubic feet in midday trading. It fell as low as \$2.24 per 1,000 cubic feet earlier in the day.

Natural gas prices have plummeted this year due to a recent production boom and unseasonably warm temperatures. Analysts say that U.S. has so much gas that storage facilities may run out of space.

"If there isn't any place to put it, then (producers) are going to be burning it off instead," PFGBest analyst Phil Flynn said.

'Pink slime' maker suspends some plant operations

LUBBOCK (AP) — The company that makes "pink slime" suspended operations Monday at three of four plants where the beef ingredient is made, saying officials would work to address recent public concern about the product.

Beef Products Inc. will suspend operations at plants in Amarillo, Texas; Garden City, Kan.; and Waterloo, Iowa, according to Craig Letch, the company's director of food safety and quality assurance. The company's plant at its Dakota Dunes, S.D., headquarters will continue operations.

"We feel like when people can start to understand the truth and reality then our business will come back," Letch said. "It's 100 percent beef."

Federal regulators say

the ammonia-treated filler, known in the industry as "lean, finely textured beef," meets food safety standards. But critics say the product could be unsafe and is an unappetizing example of industrialized food production.

The low-cost ingredient is made from fatty bits of meat left over from other cuts. The bits are heated and spun to remove most of the fat. The lean mix then is compressed into blocks for use in ground meat. The product is exposed to ammonium hydroxide gas to kill bacteria, such as E. coli and salmonella.

The result is a product that is as much as 97 percent lean beef, Letch said.

The product has been used for years, but it wasn't until earlier this month that social media suddenly exploded with worry and an online petition seeking its ouster from schools garnered hundreds of thousands of supporters. The U.S. Department of Agriculture decided to allow school districts to stop using it and some retail chains have pulled products containing it from their shelves.

About 200 employees at each of the three plants will get full salary and benefits for 60 days during the suspension, Letch said. The plant in Amarillo produced about 200,000 pounds a day, while the

Kansas and Iowa plants each produced about 350,000 pounds a day.

Light

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controlling behavior.

"In a lot of television and movies, there's drama going on about people fighting with each other or lying to each other," said Laramore. "It worries me that young people think lying, even white lies, is normal in a relationship."

"It's OK as entertainment," she added, "but with young people, I worry that they might see that as normal."

The event is open to students, parents and anyone interested in attending. If inclement weather occurs, the event will be rescheduled.

Drugs

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South Wells. They found that the driver, Amanda Douglas, 31, had an outstanding warrant for burglary of a building.

Before being transported to jail, Douglas admitted to be in possession of a substance believed to be cocaine. She was charged with possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone, tampering with physical evidence and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, March 27, the 87th day of 2012. There are 279 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 27, 1912, first lady Helen Herron Taft and the wife of Japan's ambassador to the United States, Viscountess Chinda, planted the first two of 3,000 cherry trees given as a gift by the mayor of Tokyo on the north bank of Washington, D.C.'s Tidal Basin.

On this date:

- In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon sighted present-day Florida.
- In 1625, Charles I acceded to the English throne upon the death of James I.
- In 1794, Congress approved "An Act to provide a Naval Armament" of six armed ships.
- In 1836, the first Mormon temple was dedicated in Kirtland, Ohio.
- In 1911, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., was incorporated.
- In 1942, American servicemen were granted free mailing privileges.
- In 1958, Nikita Khrushchev became Soviet premier in addition to First Secretary of the Communist Party.
- In 1964, Alaska was hit by a powerful earthquake and tsunamis that killed about 130 people.
- In 1968, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, the first man to orbit the Earth, died in a plane crash.
- In 1977, 583 people were killed when a KLM Boeing 747, attempting to take off, crashed into a Pan Am 747 on the Canary Island of Tenerife.
- In 1980, 123 workers died when a North Sea floating oil field platform, the Alexander Kielland, capsized during a storm.
- In 1992, more than a month after winning the Olympic gold medal in men's figure skating, Viktor Petrenko of the former Soviet Union won his first world title in Oakland, Calif.

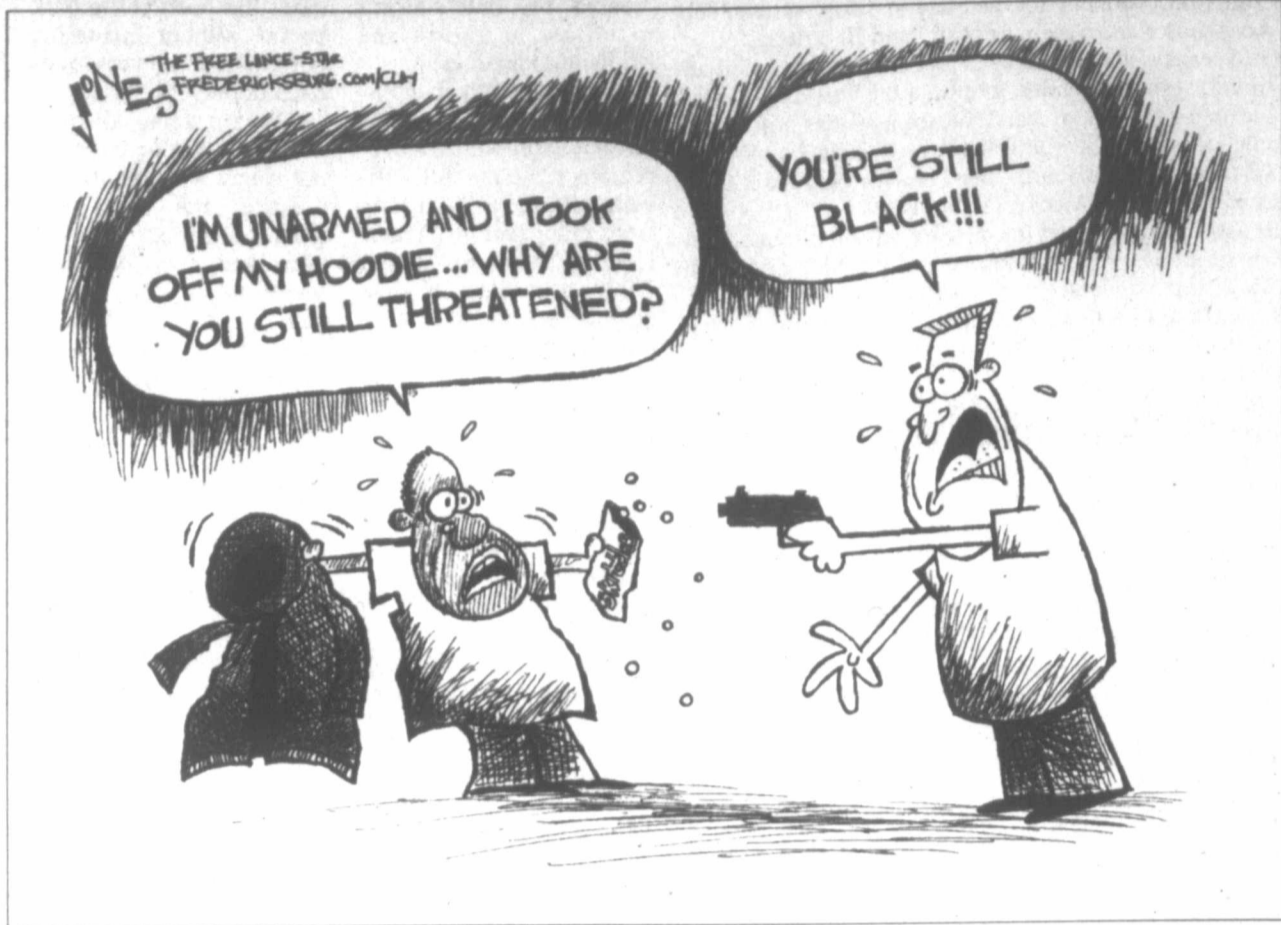
Ten years ago: President George W. Bush grudgingly signed landmark legislation designed to limit the role of big money in political campaigns, triggering a rush to the courthouse by critics challenging the law's constitutionality. Thirty people were killed by a suicide bomber during a Passover Seder in Netanya, Israel. A gunman killed eight members of the Nanterre city council outside Paris; a suspect killed himself the next day while in police custody. Death claimed Oscar-winning filmmaker Billy Wilder at age 95; comedian Milton Berle at age 93; and actor-comedian Dudley Moore at age 66.

Five years ago: Truck bombs hit markets in Tal Afar, Iraq, killing at least 152 people and wounding more than 150. NFL owners voted 30-2 (with Cincinnati and Arizona dissenting) to make the video replay system a permanent officiating tool.

One year ago: International air raids targeted Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's hometown of Sirte for the first time as rebels quickly closed in on the regime stronghold. Miami's LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh accomplished something that hadn't been done in more than 50 years - Each had 30-10 nights - James with 33 points and 10 rebounds, Bosh with 31 points and 12 rebounds, and Wade with 30 points and 11 boards. Ai as the Heat beat the Houston Rockets 125-119.

Today's Birthdays: Former newspaper columnist Anthony Lewis is 85. Dance company director Arthur Mitchell is 78. Actor Julian Glover is 77. Actor Jerry Lacy is 76. Actor Austin Pendleton is 72. Actor Michael York is 70. Rock musician Tony Banks (Genesis) is 62. Rock musician Andrew Farriss (INXS) is 53. Jazz musician Dave Koz (kahz) is 49. Movie director Quentin Tarantino is 49. Rock musician Derrick McKenzie (Jamiroquai) is 48. Rock musician Johnny April (Staind) is 47. Actress Talisa Soto is 45. Actress Pauley Perrette is 43. Singer Mariah Carey is 42. Rock musician Brendan Hill (Blues Traveler) is 42. Actress Elizabeth Mitchell is 42. Actor Nathan Fillion is 41. Hip-hop singer Fergie (Black Eyed Peas) is 37. Actress Megan Hilty is 31. Actress Emily Ann Lloyd is 28. Actress Brenda Song is 24. Actress Taylor Atelian is 17.

Thought for Today: "Fear grows in darkness; if you think there's a bogeyman around, turn on the light." - Dorothy Thompson, *American Journalist* (1894-1961)



What 'boots on the ground' really means

You're Mitt Romney, and after six arduous — sometimes embarrassing — years of campaigning, the Republican presidential nomination, while still beyond your reach, may be finally in view.

Just 16 months ago, before the formal campaign began, according to the trusted Wall Street Journal-NBC News poll, Americans rated their feelings toward you more positively than negatively by 28 percent to 20 percent. Now that same survey finds your positive remains at 28 percent, while your negative personal number has nearly doubled to 39 percent. By way of comparison, at the same point in the 2008 campaign, the eventual Democratic nominee, Barack Obama, then embroiled in a fierce contest with Hillary Clinton, received a positive personal rating from 49 percent and a negative from 34 percent.

You're Mitt Romney, and you know that no presidential nominee has ever won the White House with the kind of

negative personal ratings you're now getting, but you can take some comfort from the fact that no U.S. president, except the sainted Franklin Roosevelt, has ever won reelection with the unemployment numbers of the Obama administration.

When asked in last month's CNN/ORC survey whether Romney or Obama favors the rich, the middle class or the poor, the results were distressing for the GOP. Some 65 percent of voters believe Romney favors the rich to just 28 percent who see him favoring the middle class (a spacey 4 percent detect a previously unnoticed Romney tilt to the poor.) The president was seen to be favoring the rich by 28 percent, the middle class by 40

percent and the poor by 32 percent. The March CBS-New York Times poll asked, "Do you think (Mitt Romney/Barack Obama) understands the needs and problems of people like you?" By a solid 55 percent to 42 percent score, voters believe the president understands their lives. Obama, it could be said, "feels their pain," but not Mitt. Just 31 percent of those polled think Romney understands what they are going through daily, while 59 percent, nearly twice as many, see the Massachusetts Republican as failing to understand their needs and problems.

Add to this lopsided majority of voters (77 percent) who find that "there is too much power in the hands of a few rich people and large corporations in the U.S." and (the 61 percent) who believe that "the economic system in this country unfairly favors the wealthy" over the 36 percent who think the system is "generally fair to



MARK SHIELDS

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A fight for Trayvon is a war against stereotypes

As I walked the streets of New York the other day, I saw several white youths with hoodies, tattoos and nose rings. Not one time did it enter my mind that they could be skinheads.

While walking into the Howard University Hospital in Washington earlier that day, a few African-Americans rocked various types of hoodies. There wasn't a knot in my stomach; I didn't cross the street out of fear; and no, I didn't nervously look around for a cop or two.

As a native of Houston, I grew up in a black neighborhood. Went to a black church. Attended mostly black schools. I've seen every kind of black person possible. The drug dealer. The doctor. The bully. The letter carrier. The crack addict. The city councilman. And never have I walked in fear of black folks, who have given me no reason to be scared.

Oh, let's be clear: I've seen a group of menacing-looking black folks who scared the heck out of me. But I can say the same for whites, Hispanics and Asians.

What the Trayvon Martin murder should tell us is that the stereotypes that we have of people can have deadly consequences. For Martin, he was nothing more than a young man wearing athletic shoes, jeans and a hoodie. For George Zimmerman, that's the uniform of a suspicious person. And it was on the basis of that simple observation that Zimmerman followed him in his car, got out, accosted him and eventually gunned him down.

It has been amazing to listen to the reaction of some folks. But nothing got me more charged up than hearing Geraldo Rivera say on "Fox & Friends" that by wearing a hoodie, Martin contributed to his own death. "When you see a kid walking down the street — particularly a dark-

skinned kid like my son Cruz, who I constantly yelled at when he was going out wearing a damn hoodie or those pants around his ankles, 'Take that hood off!' — people look at you, and what's the instant identification? What's the instant association? It's those crime scene surveillance tapes," Rivera said.

"Every time you see someone sticking up a 7-Eleven, the kid's wearing a hoodie. Every time you see a mugging on a surveillance camera or they get the old lady in the alcove, it's a kid wearing a hoodie. You have to recognize that this whole stylizing yourself as a 'gangsta' — you're going to be a gangsta wannabe? Well, people are going to perceive you as a menace. That's what happens. It is an instant reflexive action."

He later added: "When you see a black or a Latino youngster — particularly on the street — you walk to the other side of the street. You try to avoid that confrontation. Trayvon



ROLAND S. MARTIN

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ASK B-FROG...

A column focusing on Texas and Southwestern trivia



Dear B-Frog: This year a Texas player won football's famed Heisman Trophy. I have heard the trophy is somehow associated with Texas. Is that true? — Football Fan

Yes, that's right. The trophy was named for John William Heisman. He was the athletic director and coach at Houston's Rice University, serving from 1924-1927. Heisman later became director of Manhattan's Downtown Athletic Club, which began awarding a trophy for best football player east of the Mississippi River. It was named the Heisman Memorial Trophy after Heisman's death in 1936, and honors the nation's outstanding collegiate football player each year.

B-Frog: It seems the words "Texas" and "cowboy" go together. Was there any single person who made the cowboy popular in American culture? — Western Guy

Charles Siringo helped shape this folk hero in the American psyche through his rousing memoir, "A Texas Cowboy, or Fifteen Years on the Hurricane Deck of a Spanish Pony."

Siringo became a cowboy at age 15, working with several legendary cattlemen driving herds up the Chisholm Trail. When he retired at age 29 he began writing his memoirs, which would later become *A Texas Cowboy*. The work became wildly popular, since it was one of the first books about cowboys written by one!

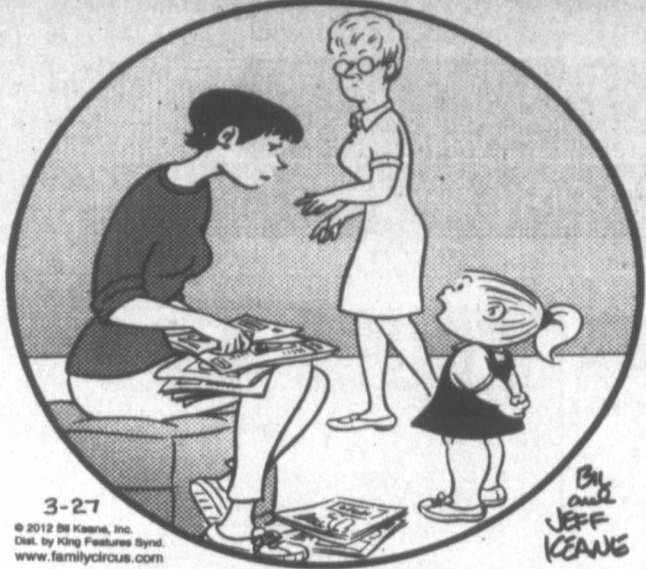
Siringo went on to work with the Pinkerton Agency, the precursor to the FBI, and produced a second book titled *Cowboy Detective*. This title helped Siringo launch into a successful book writing and Hollywood career, and he would help shape the movie industry's portrayal of the cowboy up until his death.

You can read more interesting folklore about Texas in Lonn Taylor's *Texas, My Texas: Musings of the Rambling Boy* published by the TCU Press.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"I forget what it was we weren't going to tell Grandma about."

Non Sequitur



Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, March 28, 2012:

This year, especially after May, you will feel as if your life has taken a turn for the better. Communication flows. You might purchase a new car or computer. You have more energy and often can be found socializing. Do not hesitate to ask questions if you are confused. You can work from clarity, but not from confusion. If you are single, you meet people with ease; however, it might take time for the apple of your eye to understand you. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy more time together. Chat over a meal or take a walk together — just be together. GEMINI always is fun!

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You have a lot to discuss. Allow adequate time for other responsibilities, errands or whatever dominates your schedule. A talk could involve someone playing devil's advocate. Appreciate that this person cares enough to function in this manner. Tonight: Visit with others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Curb a need to have things go your way. You have spirit and endurance, and you probably could wage an endless battle. Do you want to focus on that type of interaction? Back off, and give some thought to what you are doing. Take stock of your finances before you go out. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You are all smiles and full of energy. Do not allow someone to intimidate you. Claim your power, but avoid walking on others — for your sake and theirs; new-found respect will develop as a result. Let feelings flow. Tonight: If you could have it all, what would you choose? Let that be your guide.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You might feel strongly about certain matters, but this is not the time to act on them. Rethink, brainstorm and stay on top of others' demands. Know that you soon will be on top of your game. Understand what is needed. Think through a decision rather than give in to impulsiveness. Tonight: Busy, aren't we?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Zero in on a situation involving key people in your life. It could involve a decision or a discussion. At this point, consider yourself lucky if everyone is on the same page. Do not push your opinions on others. Curb spending. Tonight: Where the action is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You naturally assume the lead. You could be surprised by what is heading down your path. Give someone the respect he or she deserves, but understand that showing respect does not mean you have to agree with this person. Tonight: A must appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You do a good juggling act. You could have a difficult time, as others dump more errands, requests and responsibilities on you. Look beyond the obvious when dealing with others. Kick back, and note what is not being said. A conversation holds plenty of potential. Jump on someone's suggestion. Tonight: Reach out to a friend or loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might want to avoid an associate's or partner's feedback. Stop your automatic response, and attempt to get past your resistance. This person understands you and often has great suggestions. Together you are a strong team. Tonight: Carrying the theme of teamwork into the night.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You might want to do more listening. Others demonstrate unusual capacities. They, too, have great ideas. You might find it interesting to be more passive. When you detach, you can gain a better sense of those close to you. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You could be exhausted by your efforts to make a dream a reality. Know that you will need to handle an overwhelming amount of requests, plus whatever is already on your plate. Do more listening. Tonight: Squeeze in a stress-buster.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Your creativity expands the more you use it. Others appreciate the unusual and different slant you put on a personal matter. A child could demand more attention. You find time spent with a loved one rewarding. Tonight: Let the rascal within you romp.

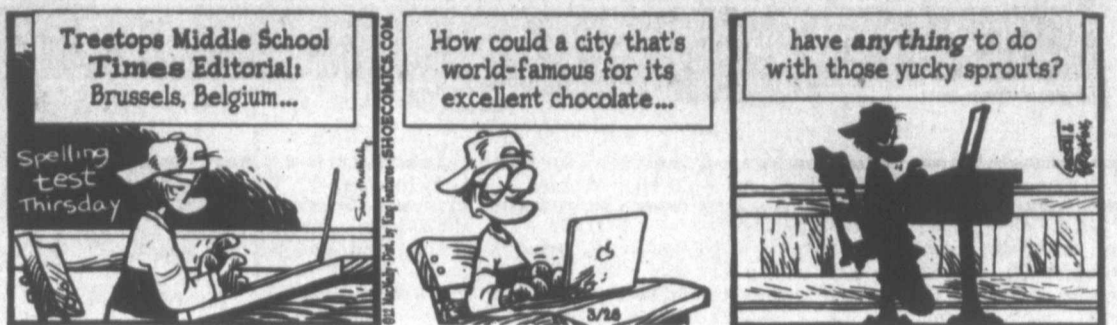
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Stay centered, and know what is going on. You could be taken back by someone's neediness. You cannot change this person, but if you feel too engaged, step back a little. He or she might be a bit thrown off. Make adjustments to this person as necessary. Tonight: Happily head home.

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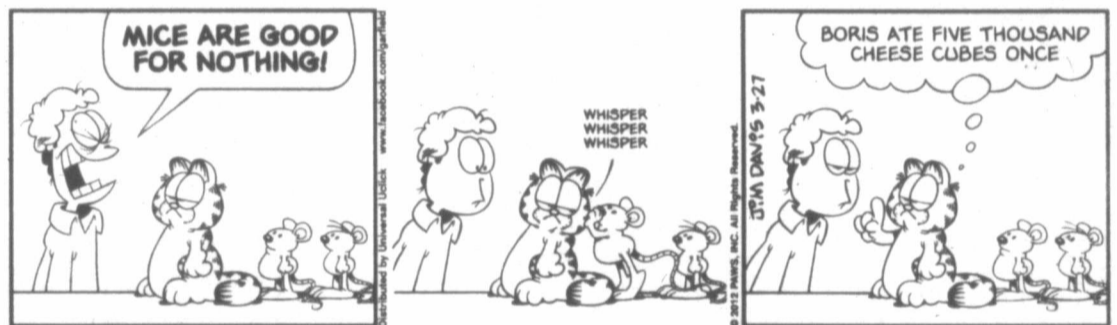
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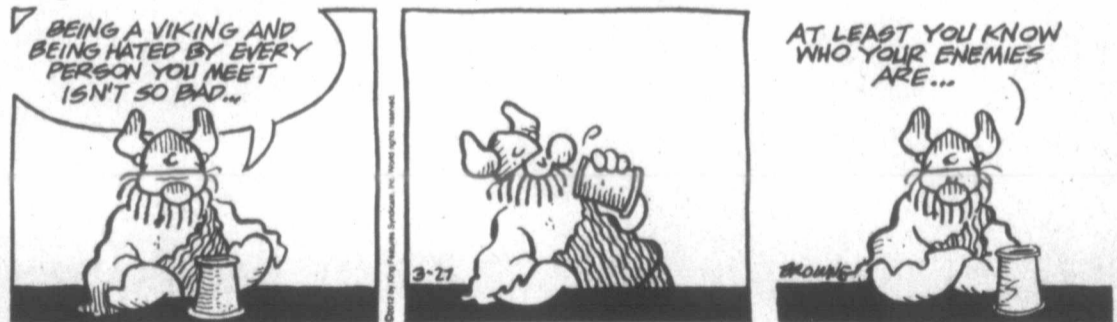
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Within the Pampa Independent School District, 134 students have been identified as homeless, and while these kids are probably not living on the streets, they may be in the need of stability. They rarely know where they'll spend the next night," said Suzanne Pingel, PISD's Homeless Liaison. "Kids living with their parents in a shelter count as homeless, and so do kids who choose not to live with their parents because of drugs, abuse or being kicked out." According to Pingel, PISD also includes kids placed in temporary housing through CPS. She added, "Kids living with their parents in a shelter count as homeless, and so do kids who choose not to live with their parents because of drugs, abuse or being kicked out." "New enrollments into PISD fill out a student residence form which asks if they live in their own home or in the home of a family member. Students who do not live in their own home are the first chance to find these students.

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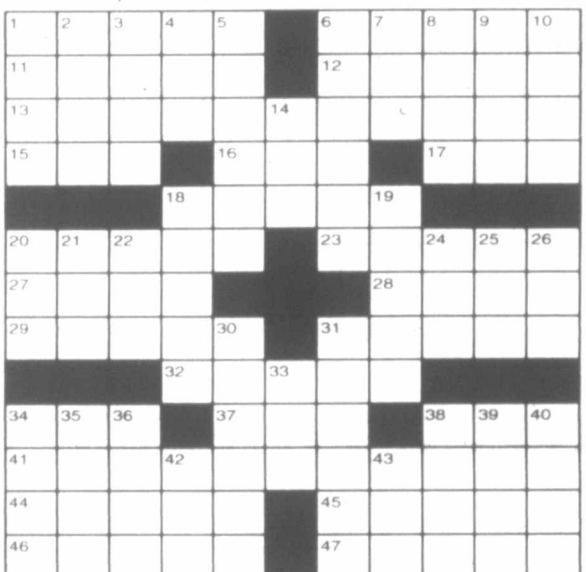
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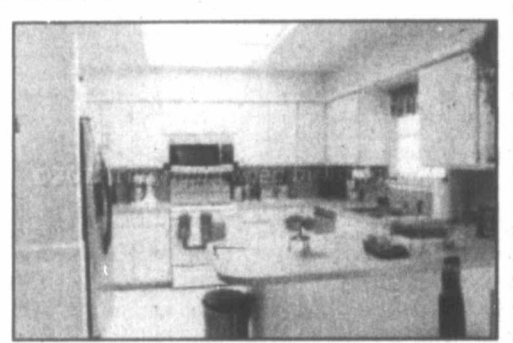
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: "Fed-Up Father in Minnesota" (Jan. 20) caught his difficult 16-year-old daughter smoking pot and is considering sending her to a place for "troubled teens." We sent our son to such a program on the advice of an education consultant, and he almost didn't make it back alive. An untreated mental illness had been misdiagnosed as a behavioral problem, and his illness went from bad to worse.

You gave the right advice. Get an evaluation from a reputable clinic or mental health professional, then look for options as close to home as possible. Adolescence is not forever. Parents need to hang on and not be lured into thinking there's a magical solution. -- ANN IN CHAPEL HILL, N.C.

DEAR ANN: I advised "Fed-Up" to have a psychologist identify what's troubling his daughter, and that sending her away should be only a last resort. Readers were eager to comment:

DEAR ABBY: "Fed-Up" should consider an intervention like the Scared Straight program. Teens are shown where their bad behavior leads, tour a prison and see inmates serving time for similar conduct. The inmates also share their stories in an effort to turn the teens' lives around. Sometimes a rude awakening is the answer for a young person traveling down the wrong path. -- BRITTANY IN THE SOUTH

DEAR ABBY: I was sent to boarding school because I was acting out and probably on my way to bigger troubles. While there, I was exposed to more than I'd ever been at home. There were poorly supervised kids engaged in sexual activity, every recreational drug imaginable and free-flowing alcohol. I survived, but had the good sense to tell my parents and didn't return for a second year. What worked for me was attentive parents and a good therapist who provided me a safe, constructive way to sort out my issues. -- BOARDING SCHOOL SURVIVOR

DEAR ABBY: "Fed-Up" said the problem with his daughter started when he married his second wife. There are obviously issues between his wife and daughter that need resolving. Shipping the girl off won't fix them.

My stepfather was abusive to me and my brother, but our busy working mom didn't believe us. My brother began having behavioral problems at school and at home, so Mom gave in to our stepfather's suggestion to send him to military school in another state.

My brother never forgave Mom for it. He left home at 17, and they have been estranged for 33 years. It is my mother's biggest single regret. -- MARY KATE IN ILLINOIS

DEAR ABBY: I work for a non-profit child-care organization that provides community-based services to families struggling with this situation. We tailor services to meet the specific needs of a family in their home environment, providing interventions without the disruption of out-of-home placement. Professional staff assess the case and develop a plan to resolve the issues, taking into account the family dynamic and home/school environment. This kind of family mentorship is a step in the right direction to restore relationships. -- BELINDA P., AMA-

RILLO, TEXAS
 DEAR ABBY: On the advice of a therapist, we enlisted the help of an education consultant and sent our 15-year-old son away for 21 months of psychological treatment for troubled teens. It saved his life and made us a family again. The consultant can steer the family to a reputable program that "fits." It can be an overwhelming decision, but the consultant's help was invaluable.

Don't wait too long. "Fed-Up" -- once your daughter is 18, many of the options disappear. The process isn't cheap, but what's the cost of a life? Our son is 17 now, sober, respectful and looking forward to his future. -- GLAD WE DID IT IN CALIFORNIA

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Each of the following six-letter sets can be rearranged to spell out a common word that starts with **BR** or **CR** or ends with **LE** or **TE**.

- LEVEL
- ABERRV
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Yesterday's Answer: DEMEAN, ANKLET, TAVERN, INFANT

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Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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avoid that confrontation. Trayvon Martin, you know, God bless him, he was an innocent kid, a wonderful kid, a box of Skittles in his hand. He didn't deserve to die. But I'll bet you money, if he didn't have that hoodie on, that nutty neighborhood watch guy wouldn't have responded in that violent and aggressive way."

Rivera might have thought he was well-meaning, but that's just nonsense. It wasn't Trayvon's hoodie that led to his death; it was the skin color. It was what was going through Zimmerman's mind when he saw the kid. We do a disservice to ourselves when we try to explain away such nonsense.

"In a show of solidarity, all of the members of the Miami Heat basketball team took a photo wearing the team's hoodies, with their hands stuffed in their pockets. The leader of this effort was my good friend Dwyane Wade.

"This situation hit home for me because last Christmas, all my oldest son wanted

as a gift was hoodies," Wade told The Associated Press on Friday. "So when I heard about this a week ago, I thought of my sons. I'm speaking up because I feel it's necessary that we get past the stereotype of young black men and especially with our youth."

The problem today is that minorities, especially black men, have long had to make accommodations for the negative view others have of us. See, it doesn't matter about our degrees. Our fine, tailored suits don't matter. We've made all of the accommodations to fit into this society. We've cut our hair. We are careful about the clothes we wear. We change how we talk so as not to sound threatening. We're fine, upstanding citizens. Yet we still are seen as suspicious. And as in the case of Trayvon Martin, we can end up dead.

We are sick and tired of being seen as suspicious. We are sick and tired of being seen as a stereotype and not

as a full human being. We are sick and tired of having to give our black boys "the talk" and still having to buy them so young.

As civil rights activist Fannie Lou Hamer stated so well during the civil rights movement, "we are sick and tired of being sick and tired."

For those who continue to tout this so-called post-racial America, look at the image of Trayvon Martin. You tell his parents that the age of Obama is a post-racial America. You tell his parents, Tracy and Sybrina, that their son was judged by the content of his character and not the color of his skin.

Even President Obama stated Monday that the murder of Trayvon requires a national "soul-searching."

"If I had a son, he'd look like Trayvon," Obama said.

America, no more. We no longer will accommodate your easily bruised feelings by clenching our teeth and praying it all will get bet-

ter. No more. What do we want? Justice. When do we want it? Now. If you think for a moment that we will be satisfied with a police chief's stepping down or press releases expressing outrage, you have another think coming.

This, folks, is war. This is war on racism. This is war on bigotry. This is war on stereotypes. This is a call to arms. This is time for the soldiers in the battle for social justice to stand up and say, "I report for duty, sir."

This fight will not become just a moment. We will not let that happen. This incident will lead to a movement. A movement for respect. A movement for decency. A movement to be treated equally and not be stalked and stereotyped because of the amount of melanin in our body.

Roland S. Martin is a nationally syndicated columnist.

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most Americans."

So you're Mitt Romney, and along comes the Republican chairman of the House Budget Committee, the man who the Wall Street Journal editorial page praises relentlessly as bold, courageous and intelligent. His name is Paul Ryan, and he has written a budget that while historically cutting healthcare and other special spending in its quest for fiscal solvency, would also cut the income tax rate of the richest Americans by at least 28.5 percent and extend the about-to-expire George W. Bush 2001 and 2003 tax-cuts at a cost to the Treasury of \$5.4 trillion over the next decade.

The average individual tax-cut for struggling American millionaires, the same guys with whom Romney and the Republicans are judged to be too chummy and/or subservient towards, would be a measly \$150,000 a year. At the same time, the Ryan budget (which Romney has embraced) would cut in the next 10 years \$770 billion in Medicaid spending and other programs for less affluent Americans.

You're Mitt Romney, and too many voters think you care too much about the rich and the powerful, and care and understand too little about their own struggles. You're Mitt Romney and with friends like the bold Paul Ryan, your task just got a little tougher.

STAAR

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Barry Haenisch, superintendent of the Pampa Independent School District, echoed Larkin's confidence.

"Knowing our high school staff and knowing our high school administrators, I know it went very smoothly," Haenisch said. "I haven't gotten any feedback over whether it was as hard as they expected it to be yet."

The teachers who proctor the exam are not allowed to see the tests — some do read the test aloud, but sign an agreement not to discuss it — so the high school's faculty has not had a chance to evaluate the exams themselves, Larkin said. It's traditional for teachers to speak to the kids after testing to determine their impressions and "debrief" to get the kids' perspective.

Haenisch said that the district is looking forward to the test's results to assess if its first year of preparing for the STAAR was a successful one.

"Hopefully, every day that a child has in the classroom is a day of preparation for the exam," Haenisch said. "That's what we're going to build. That's one of those things that we're going to be able to learn: Is our curriculum preparing students to be successful on these tests, or do we need to look at our curriculum and look at what we need to be doing? ... This is the first chance we've got to really use the test as an evaluation of our curriculum."

The STAAR exams go into full gear today, with testing beginning in elementary and junior high classrooms and continuing at the high school. Haenisch said that a STAAR pep rally was organized by the junior high students to pump the school up for the test.

"The student council planned it and put it on," Haenisch said. "They got the staff involved and it was really successful. I got a chance to visit the junior high at the end of the day and several of the kids told me what a stress reliever it was and how much fun it was."

Mark Shields is a nationally syndicated columnist.

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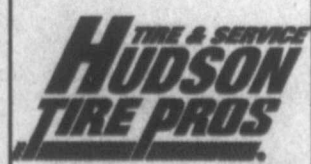
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Sports

PHS baseball looks to horse racing for motivation

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Head coach Kaleb Snelgrooes gave his team a message before it played its final inning against Perryton Saturday.

"Secretariat got faster with every quarter-mile," Snelgrooes said. "I want us to be fast."

The Pampa Harvesters are breaking down each third of district into a race to achieve their goal of winning district.

The team met at Snelgrooes' house on Friday to talk about goals for the season and watched the movie "Secretariat."

The movie is about Penny Chenery, who takes over her sick father's stables and ultimately breeds the first Triple Crown winner in 25 years.

For the baseball team, Every three games will be a different "race." The first three games is the Kentucky Derby, with the Preakness Stakes and the Belmont Stakes following.

"If we win two out of three or three out of three we win that race," senior Cole Engle said. "So if we win every

race we should be able to win district."

Snelgrooes tapes a printout about each race in the dugout. The printout has facts about each race. Pampa completes the first third with a home game against Dalhart at noon on Saturday and visits Borger 4:30 p.m. Tuesday. Senior Trace Carter said it helps the team focus better.

"It keeps our mind off the big picture," Carter said. "It helps us focus on the goal at hand. We aren't worried about the whole goal."

Last season, the Harvesters dedicated each game to a major league baseball player. Junior Tyler Powell said this year's theme is a little more motivating.

"Those baseball players were some of the greats," Powell said. "Snelgrooes did a good job with it. I think this year's theme is more motivating because the horse started as nothing and became something."

Snelgrooes said his players are motivated.

"They are buying in," Snelgrooes said.



Snelgrooes



Engle



Carter



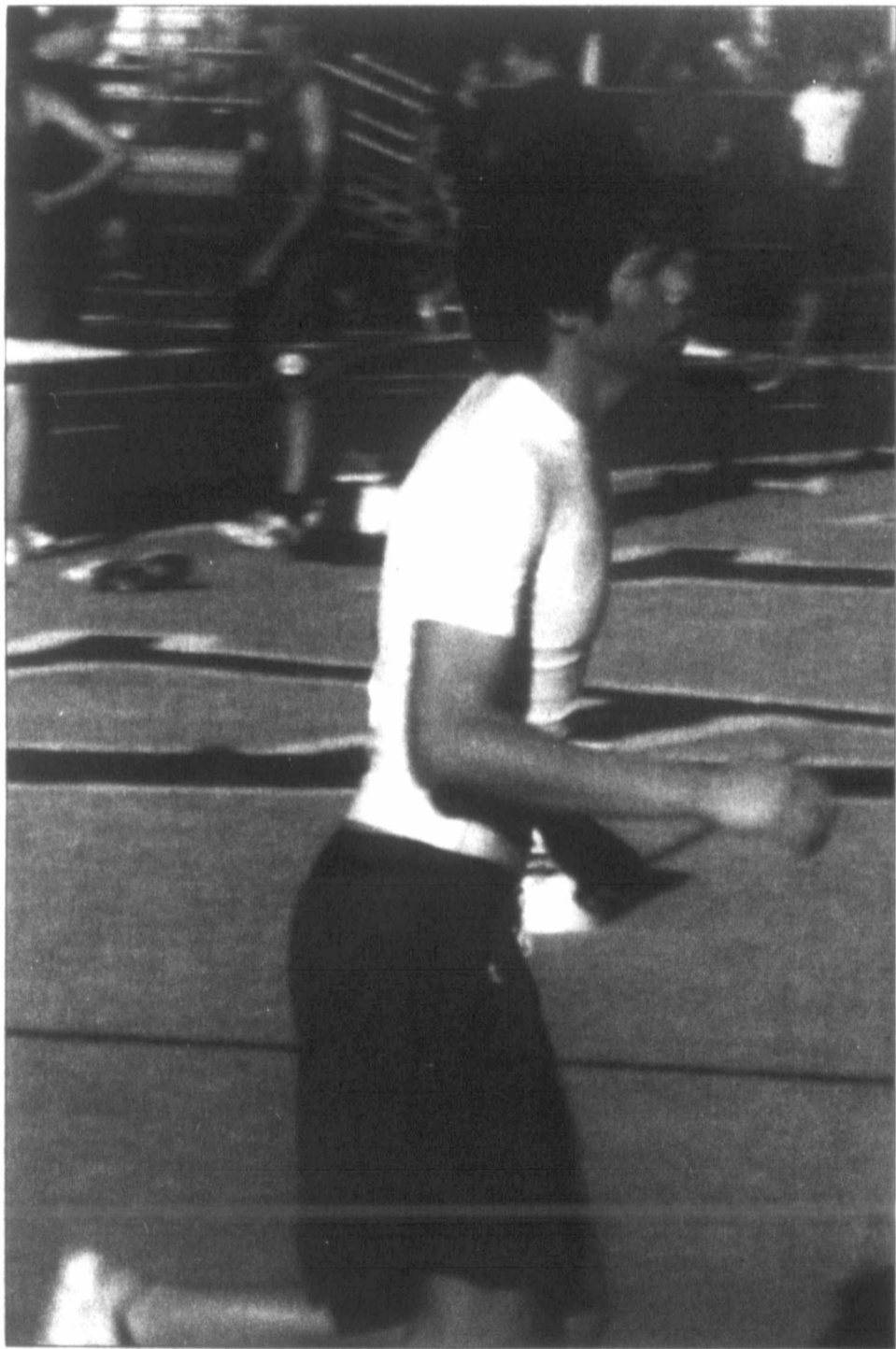
Powell



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Senior Jared Lusk hustles to first against Perryton Saturday. The Harvesters are using horse racing to motivate them in district.

Images from Friday's Top O' Texas Relays at Pampa High School



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Senior Flavio Gonzalez turns the corner in the 3200-meter run Friday. Gonzalez finished second.



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Junior Francheska Bridwell sprints out of the blocks Friday in the 400-meter relay.

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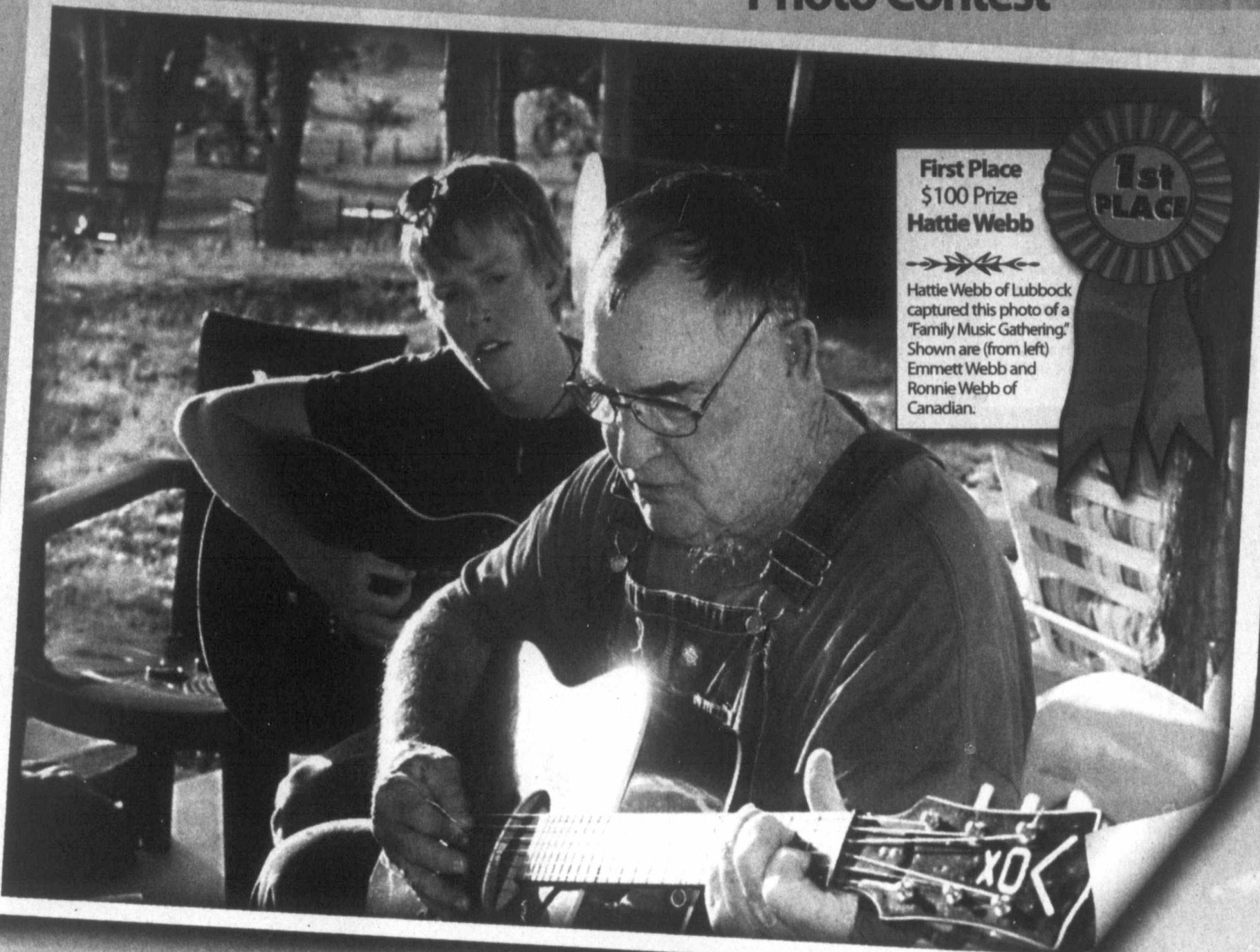
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Life on the High Plains Photo Contest

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First Place
\$100 Prize
Hattie Webb



Hattie Webb of Lubbock captured this photo of a "Family Music Gathering." Shown are (from left) Emmett Webb and Ronnie Webb of Canadian.

IN THESE MOMENTS

That's essentially what a photograph is, after all. A moment frozen in time, captured once in film, now more so in digital media. This year's Pride Week photo contest theme, "Life on the High Plains," asked photographers to encapsulate the Panhandle way with one of those single moments, and they responded with a spectrum of scenes from the Top of Texas. Here are some of our favorites; we hope you enjoy them, too.



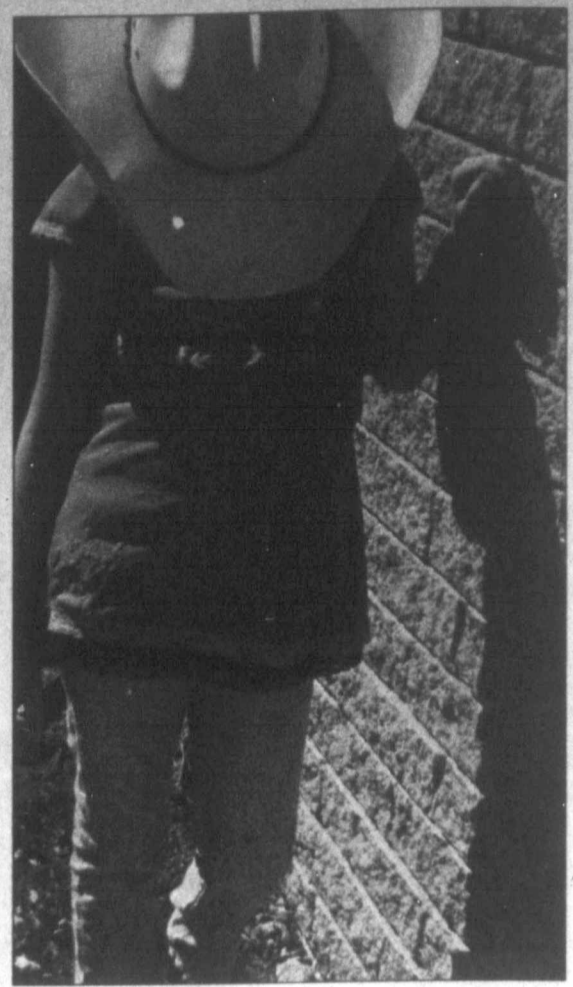
Second Place
\$50 Prize
Jennifer Clark

Jennifer Clark of Pampa snapped this cute shot of Judson Clark, 1 1/2 years old, walking along a rural road talking on his cell phone.



Third Place
\$25 Prize
Darla Starbuck

Darla Starbuck of Pampa took this creative shot of her son, Austin: "Austin decided he wanted to remove the bed from his truck and build a flat bed. After a 30 minute "show me how to weld" session with my dad (Austin's Pa Pa), Austin set out to build the bed. I snapped this picture as he was starting to box in the frame. It's one of my favorite pictures."

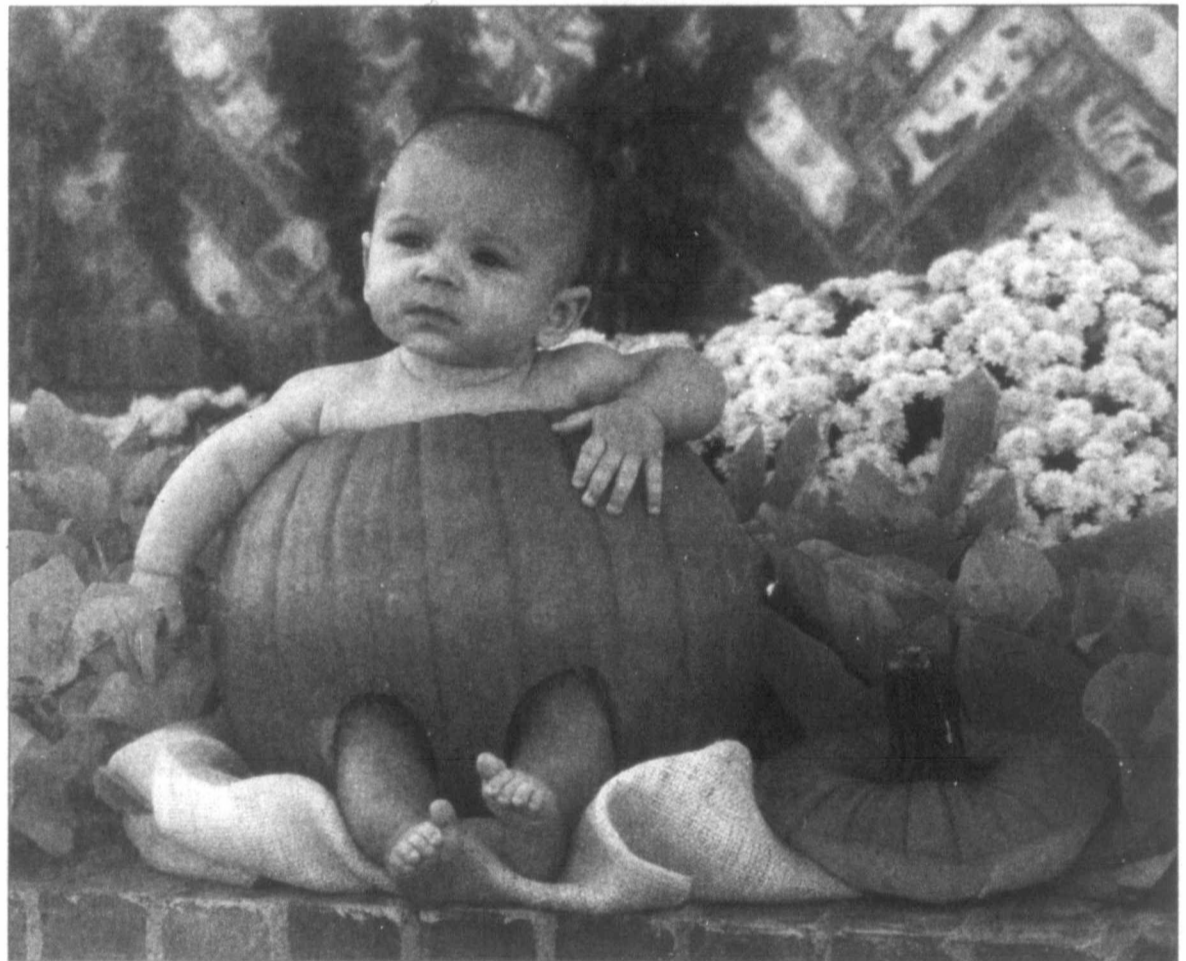


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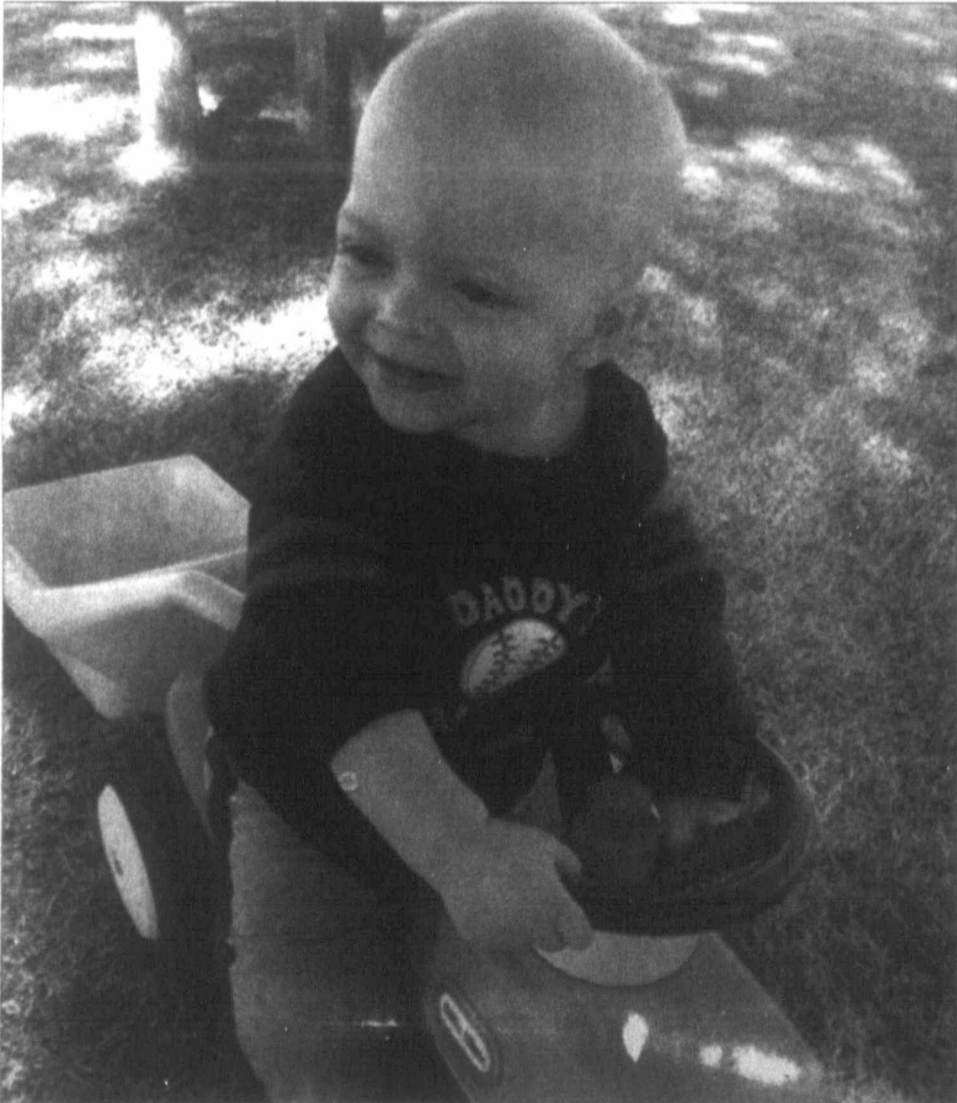


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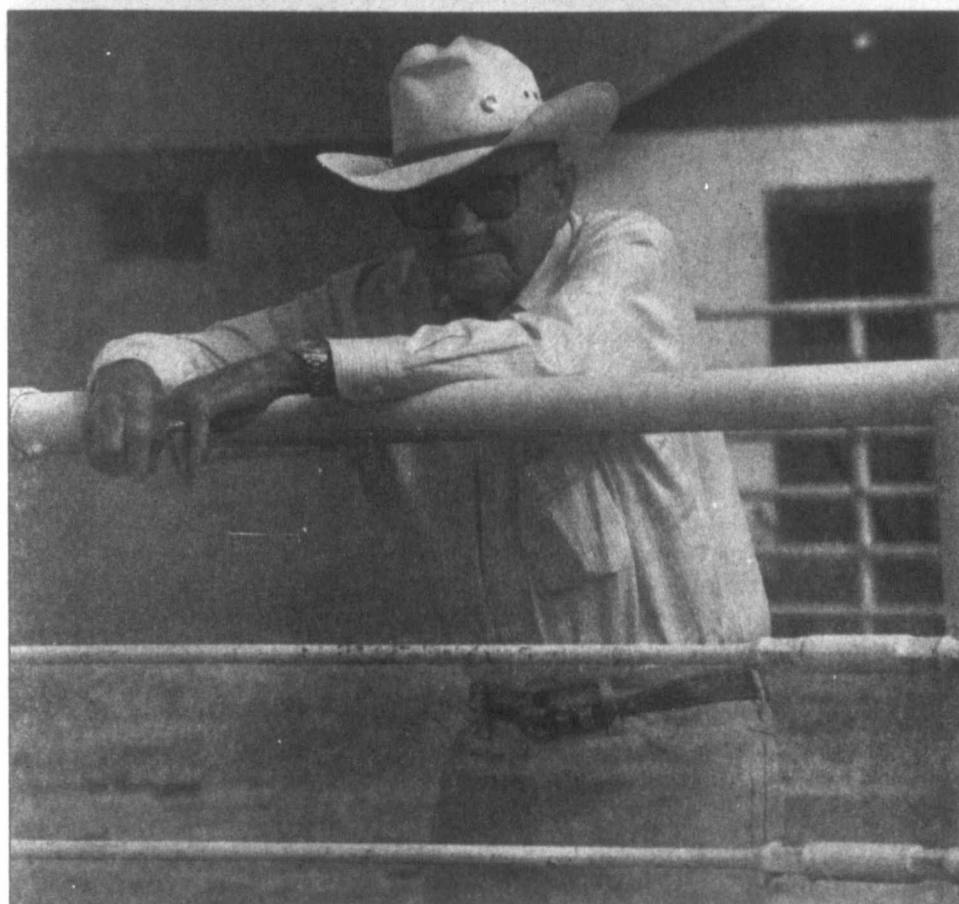


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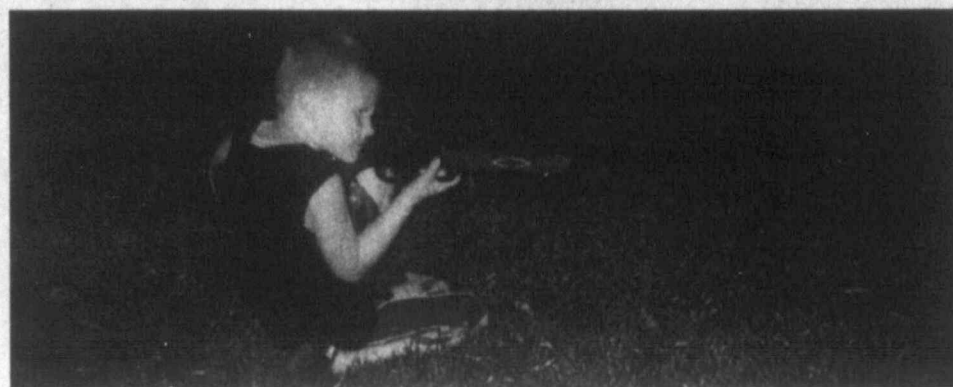
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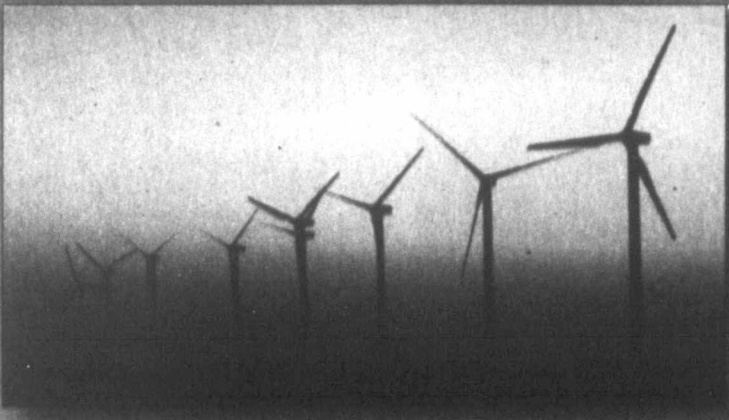
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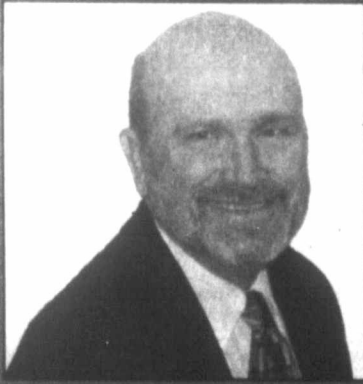


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