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## Parks & Rec adds league, tourney

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City of Pampa Recreation Coordinator Autumn Schaub is excited about some new developments in the city's adult athletic scene.

"We have a men's softball league that hasn't made (enough teams for a league) in four years, and it finally made this year," said Schaub. "We have four teams in the league, and that's as many as you need to make a league. We're starting up small, but it is something. I know the teams that are in this league are really excited about getting it going again and seeing it can grow even more."

"There were a bunch of people that talked to me about it, and I said that all I can do is offer it," she added. "We just got the word out there to see if it can happen, and it did."

The men's softball league will run alongside the two healthy mixed leagues the city offers. That's in addition to the kickball leagues that Pampa recreation currently runs, with more new leagues and sports coming on the horizon.

"We just got done with our flag football tournament, and that turned out really well," Schaub said. "We had eight teams with that, and we said we might have an actual league this summer. (The teams) are really excited about that."

The tournament, Schaub said, was a test run of sorts for a league, and with participation solid, a summer league looks to be the logical next step. Nothing is definite about the league

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## Easter Morn



staff photo by **Randy Pribble**  
 Peyton Demetriades (left) and Emily Armendariz were among the children of Pampa's First Presbyterian Church congregation who took part in an Easter Egg hunt early Sunday morning.

## Library book sale coming

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Friends of the Pampa Library will host its annual fundraising book sale from Thursday, April 19 through Sunday, April 22. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Books in the sale will come from the library itself, as well as donations, and people who attend are welcome to bring donations.

"It will be a little bit of everything, from paperback, hardback, fiction, nonfiction, mystery, romance, science fiction, children's books, books on tape, videos and DVDs," said Joe Weaver of Friends of the Pampa Library.

"As a user of the library and a previous library manager, I know the value of the library and the value of support from the Friends of the Library," added Weaver. "They can do things that the library can't do within their budget."

## Pampa athlete to lead Diabetes Walk in Central Park

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Eleven year olds' responsibilities usually aren't more than doing home work, household chores and taking care of pets. Ryne Richardson's was much greater as he was diagnosed with diabetes when he was in sixth grade.

"One false move with taking insulin and you could end up in the hospital for a week," Richardson said. "The stuff I went through with not wanting to cooperate with diabetes it got me to where I am now."

Richardson, now a senior at Pampa High School and battling the disease for the last six years will lead a diabetes walk at Central Park.

"Just to know how far I've come with this disease and what's it done for me, and the people that look up to me, is an honor," Richardson said.

The walk is put on by the Juvenile

Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) and the date is still being decided. The goal of the organization is to improve the lives of people battling the disease and accelerate progress on curing, treating and preventing the disease. According to the JDRF website, the organization is holding over 200 walks worldwide. Richardson said his mom Keziah Hoover was heavily involved with the organization and he wanted to participate because it was a good cause.

"It makes me really happy that people want to come out and support to find a cure for Type One Diabetes," Richardson said. Richardson said it was very challenging having to keep up with everything adding



**Richardson**

that he didn't for a while.

"I told my self at first that I couldn't do it," Richardson said. "I really didn't try for a while. After a while, I got tired of being sick and I turned around and started doing everything right. Its really helped out."

It was Richardson's mom that inspired him to be strong and take care of himself.

"She pushed me through," Richardson said. "Talked me up to it. Made it sound like if I did this, nothing will ever be wrong. I won't be sick. She really inspired me to take care of myself and be happy."

The last two years, Richardson was a starter on the varsity football team and is throwing discus and shot put in track. Richardson said getting to succeed at sports was the benefit of taking care of himself.

"It wasn't easy being in sports and managing diabetes," Richardson said. "There

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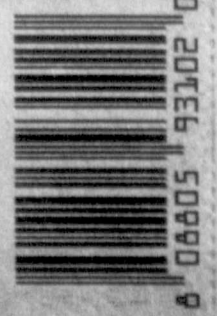
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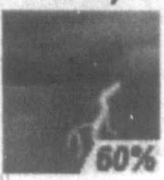


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## PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday
		
60%	60%	60%
High 74 Low 52	High 69 Low 56	High 72 Low 55

**Today:** Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 74. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

**Tonight:** Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

**Tuesday:** Showers and thunderstorms likely. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 69. South southeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

**Tuesday Night:** Showers and thunderstorms likely. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 56. Southeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

**Wednesday:** Showers and thunderstorms likely. Cloudy, with a high near 72. South southeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

**Wednesday Night:** Showers and thunderstorms likely. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55. Breezy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

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was so much you couldn't control but still could control. I just had to pay attention. During whole practices I had to make sure I was hydrated, make sure my sugar was all right. ... (Diabetes) was something I figured out I could take control over."

Richardson said he hopes that he can encourage others battling diabetes to be as strong as he is.

"It's not easy and will never be easy, but in the long run it's one of the best decisions in your life to take care of yourself," Richardson said.

# Mom says shooter 'depressed'

DALLAS (AP) - The mother of a man charged in the fatal shooting of a Texas police officer said her son is a talented software engineer who has been struggling with depression for months after a bitter breakup with his longtime girlfriend.

Mary O'Dell told The Associated Press on Saturday that she was struggling to come to grips with the arrest of her 24-year-old son, Brandon Montgomery Daniel. He is charged in the shooting death of Austin Senior Police Officer Jaime Padron.

She said she talked with her son Thursday evening, and that he had been taking the prescription anti-anxiety drug Xanax and drinking tequila. Hours later, Padron was fatally shot at a Walmart while trying to subdue a potentially intoxicated man who was later identified as Daniel, investigators said. Two employees tackled and disarmed him, then held him until help arrived.

O'Dell said her son graduated with honors from Colorado State University and had been on the "fast track"

at Hewlett-Packard. She described him as a bright young man who was published in three science journals while still in college.

But about three months ago, he began wrestling with a deep depression after a difficult breakup with his longtime girlfriend, she said. Daniel had not been behaving like himself recently and was charged with driving while intoxicated, his mother said.

Authorities said Padron, 40, was responding to a call about a drunk man inside the Walmart around 2:30 a.m. Friday. Police said the suspect tried to run and the officer chased after him before the two fell to the ground, then the man produced a semi-automatic pistol and shot the officer.

Daniel was booked on a capital murder charge. If convicted, he could face the death penalty.

O'Dell, who lives in Colorado, said she has not been able to speak with Daniel and that he not yet have an attorney. She said she was relayed

information from his DWI attorney, who was able to visit with him in the Travis County jail in Austin. She said Daniel had no memory of what happened after 2 a.m. Friday.

"He wasn't aware this whole particular incident had taken place, he was under the influence of tequila and Xanax," she said.

O'Dell expressed sympathy for Padron's family, saying she has "nothing but a deep felt pain" over his death.

Padron was the first officer shot and killed in the line of duty in Austin since 1978. He worked at the department for more than three years and had previously worked for the Austin airport police and the San Angelo police department for 14 years.

Padron, a former Marine, a veteran of the Gulf War

He left behind two daughters, ages 10 and 6.

"I don't know how this happened," O'Dell said. "There is so much loss here."

## In disasters, social media helps find lost pets

FORNEY (AP) - After seeing the remnants of his tornado-ravaged home, Juan Ventura Jr. held out little hope he would ever see his dog Oscar again. But later that day, about a mile away, a family snapped a photo of a frightened brindle boxer who, like many pets during natural disasters, had dashed away from home.

Oscar was in the backyard when a tornado swept through Forney, just east of Dallas, damaging about 100 homes last week. There was no sign of him when Ventura returned to the splintered wood and collapsed walls that had been his family's home. The dog house and the backyard fence were gone.

"When I saw the way his house was, I assumed the worst," said Ventura, who is married with two children ages 2 and 5, who have a special fondness for Oscar.

But within days, thanks to Facebook postings, the photo had spread across the Internet, including to at least one of several sites dedicated to helping owners find their beloved pets after wildfires, tornadoes, flooding or other natural disasters. Someone who saw Ventura on television talking about his missing dog also saw the photo, and word quickly got back to the family. Oscar and Oscar, tail wagging, got back to Ventura.

"I think this type of thing is really starting to pick up speed," said Heather Mathewson, who runs several Facebook pages and a website to help find missing pets in Texas,

including one featuring Oscar that was set up after more than a dozen tornadoes hit North Texas on Tuesday. "Social media can really function as such an effective means after this kind of disaster."

Mathewson got involved after the deadly wildfires last year that destroyed more than 1,600 homes in Bastrop, a town near Austin. She said information about lost or found animals will get posted on one site but quickly spread to others. If a shelter allows it, pictures of animals at the facility will get posted. They also try to be in touch with local veterinarians who may have been brought pets.

A day after a deadly outbreak of tornadoes hit Alabama on April 27, Michelle Amaral of Birmingham and other animal lovers set up a website and Facebook page. "Almost immediately" they began getting descriptions and pictures of lost and found pets, she said.

"Even though a lot of the electricity was knocked out in a lot of areas, people still had their cell phones or they had their car charger to still power up their cell phones," Amaral said. "They were able to communicate with us on social media through that mechanism. It was incredible."

Those who work with such sites say flyers, newspaper ads and contacting local shelters and veterinarians are still musts. Social media is simply another resource, said Amaral, whose network has since

expanded to include Twitter and Pinterest accounts and grown into a lost-and-found site in Alabama.

"So many people are on Facebook. If you have a photo that starts to go viral on a platform like that, somebody sees a pet outside and says, 'Wait a minute, I saw a picture of that guy somewhere' and then they pick him up and figure out where he belongs," she said.

That's exactly what happened when the tornado hit Ventura's subdivision on Tuesday. Trent Welch was spending the evening at his parents' house about a mile away when he and other family members spotted Oscar behind the house.

"He was just so shaken up and so scared. He didn't want to come to us. It took about an hour and a half," said Welch, who added that once they got ahold of Oscar, he was calm.

Then they started posting pictures online.

"I just started posting on Facebook, any chance I got I posted on Facebook. I posted on every website you can think of, every link somebody told me, I posted," said Welch's fiancée, Mandy Hernández, adding, "I had many, many friends share my picture."

Thanks to the observant web-surfing Good Samaritan, Welch reunited Ventura and Oscar less than two days after the tornado hit.

"As soon as he saw Juan's truck he started wagging his little tail," Welch said.

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just yet, although another tournament may be in the works to keep momentum going.

"Even though we have our schedule up on the Internet, not everything is set in stone," Schaub said. "If we want to have a tournament on one weekend, we just have to advertise and get it out there to the public. That's what we're thinking about doing — another flag football tournament again in May. All we have to do is contact those teams again to see if they're interested, and then in the summer, probably have a league. ... With flag football, I know a lot of guys here really want that to happen."

Schaub said such a league, if it comes to pass, would run concurrent with Pampa's other summer leagues, which begin the week of June 18.

The city is also offering a new 4-on-4 sand volleyball tournament at Recreation Park kicking off on May 12.

"We're excited about that, too," Schaub said. "To prepare for that, we're just going to maintain the sand some and get a new net out there. We'll start offering it about early May, probably. People can sign up then."

A 3-on-3 street basketball tournament is also in the works for the fall.

Schaub said that all the new offerings are part of a new direction for Pampa Recreation in which the

city is looking to give adult Pampans more options and more chances to compete athletically within the community.

"We've had softball and volleyball for the longest time, and that's great," she said. "Everybody loves those. Those are the main sports we have, but, you know, why not try something new and see how it goes? That's what the Recreation Department has done with kickball, and that's gone very well. Things like flag football seem like they'd do well, too. All we can do is offer them, and if people sign up and they catch on, we'll keep them going."

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## Some common brand names have gone generic

the iPad. Below is a list of other brand names that have become so popular that they've joined the world of common nouns. Some of the brands became so generic that they lost their trademarks.

**SORRY, YOU LOSE:**  
Aspirin — Bayer AG lost the trademark in 1921

Heroin — Bayer AG lost the trademark in 1919

Escalator — Otis Elevator Co. lost the trademark in 1950

Thermos — Thermos LLC lost the trademark in 1963

Yo-yo — Duncan lost the trademark in 1965

Zipper — B.F. Goodrich lost the trademark in the 1920s.

STILL HANGING ON:

Band-Aid — Trademarked by Johnson & Johnson

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# Natural gas glut means drilling boom will slow

## 1 dead in Texas beach shooting

SURFSIDE BEACH (AP) - Authorities say one person has been killed and three others wounded in a shooting during a packed beach party on the Texas Gulf Coast.

Brazoria County Sheriff Charles Wagner told The Facts newspaper that he had no immediate identification of those involved in the shooting at Surfside Beach and no immediate arrests had been made. Wagner says the circumstances were unclear.

The Facts said word of mouth about an unauthorized beach party spread on social media, drawing thousands to Surfside Beach, about 40 miles south of Galveston. Surfside Beach officials told The Facts that the party was not permitted nor authorized.

The Facts quoted a witness as saying the party began peacefully, but fights broke out and there was heavy drinking and also drug use.

## Residents find swastika on street

DALLAS (AP) - Authorities are investigating the appearance of a swastika found painted on a public street on the first day of the Jewish Passover holiday as a possible hate crime.

WFAA-TV reports that residents in the Preston Hollow neighborhood of Dallas discovered the large, fluorescent pink swastika on Saturday along with another Nazi symbol and the letters "SS", painted nearby in the dirt.

Neighborhood resident Andrew Elliott called 911 and told WFAA that it's "abhorrent to see a swastika painted on your street in this day and age."

Police say a resident reported seeing a group of middle school-age children running from the area before the swastika was discovered, but it was not clear whether they were involved.

## Program requirements raised

AUSTIN (AP) - The number of young children helped through an intervention program has dropped 17 percent because of more rigid eligibility requirements launched last summer.

Officials who oversee state-funded Early Childhood Intervention told the Austin American-Statesman they have gone from serving 30,000 children a month to .

Many of the kids have problems such as autism, cerebral palsy or complications from premature birth.

Parents, many of whom are low income, have been forced to seek services for their children with private providers, such as speech or physical therapists. But some of those specialists don't take Medicaid, and families are struggling.

Early Childhood Intervention is a state and federally funded program administered through local nonprofits and other organizations and serves children up to age 3.

## Oil Company donation buys iPads

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Scobey Public Schools officials say a \$130,000 donation from a Texas-based oil and gas exploration company means each of its students will have iPads next school year.

Superintendent Dave Selvig said the donation will buy about 250 of the Apple tablets.

Shale Exploration LLC made the donation, with Sam Tallis, company president, and Sid Greehey, majority stake holder, presenting a check last week.

"I just didn't believe it at first," Selvig said about first learning of the donation. "But the next day, they came through."

Tallis and Greehey say they plan to be in the area for years to come and they want to be more than just a company with an office in town. The company is working in North Dakota's Bakken oil fields.

"You can't tell someone you're going to be their long-term partner if you don't back it up," Tallis told the Billings Gazette (<http://bit.ly/HmWfMR>). "A Bakken may last 25 to 30 years, but an education lasts a lifetime."

## Revenge motive in Okla. shooting

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Police say a shooting spree that spread fear in Tulsa's black community and left three people dead may have been partly motivated by an Oklahoma man's desire to avenge his father's shooting by a black man.

Police spokesman Jason Willingham told The Associated Press on Sunday that investigators are still considering many possible motives, but based on messages posted in social media, revenge appeared to be a factor.

All five victims of the Friday shootings were black. Police have described the two suspects as white.

In a Thursday Facebook update, one suspect, 19-year-old Jake England, expressed anger over his father being shot and killed by a black man two years earlier. The Facebook page had been taken down by Sunday afternoon.

## Strike? - AT&T contracts expire

NEW YORK (AP) - About 40,000 AT&T landline workers are staying on the job this week without a contract, their union said Sunday.

The workers' contracts expired over the weekend, raising the possibility of a strike. But the Communications Workers of America and AT&T Inc. said that they'll keep working on a new deal.

CWA spokeswoman Candice Johnson said union representatives met with AT&T on Sunday after talks ended late on Saturday. She doesn't know how long it will take to reach an agreement.

"Everyone wants to get this done soon," Johnson said.

The employees, meanwhile, will continue to receive the same wages and benefits as before. If negotiations break down, they still have the option to call for a walkout.

AT&T spokesman Marty Richter also said talks were ongoing. He said earlier that the company has been planning for the possibility for a strike for two years, and managers and vendors will step in to keep service running if there is one.

At issue in the negotiations are job protection clauses and health care premiums and co-payments. AT&T says it wants employees to shoulder more of their growing health care costs and more leeway to downsize its shrinking landline operations.

JONATHAN FAHEY  
AP Energy Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - The U.S. natural gas market is bursting at the seams.

So much natural gas is being produced that soon there may be nowhere left to put the country's swelling surplus. After years of explosive growth, natural gas producers are retrenching.

The underground salt caverns, depleted oil fields and aquifers that store natural gas are rapidly filling up after a balmy winter depressed demand for home heating.

The glut has benefited businesses and homeowners that use natural gas. But with natural gas prices at a 10-year low - and falling - companies that produce the fuel are becoming victims of their drilling successes. Their stock prices are falling in anticipation of declining profits and scaled-back growth plans.

Some of the nation's biggest natural gas producers, including Chesapeake Energy, ConocoPhillips and Encana Corp., have announced plans to slow down.

"They've gotten way ahead of themselves, and winter got way ahead of them too," says Jen Snyder, head of North American gas for the research firm Wood Mackenzie.

"There hasn't been enough demand to use up all the supply being pushed into the market."

So far, efforts to limit production have barely made a dent. Unless the pace of production declines sharply or demand picks up significantly,

cantly this summer, analysts say the nation's storage facilities could reach their limits by fall.

That would cause the price of natural gas, which has been halved over the past year, to nosedive. Citigroup commodities analyst Anthony Yuen says the price of natural gas - now \$2.08 per 1,000 cubic feet - could briefly fall below \$1.

"There would be no floor," he says.

Since October, the number of drilling rigs exploring for natural gas has fallen by 30 percent to 658, according to the energy services company Baker Hughes. Some of the sharpest drop-offs have been in the Haynesville Shale in Northwestern Louisiana and East Texas and the Fayetteville Shale in Central Arkansas. But natural gas production is still growing, the result of a five-year drilling boom that has peppered the country with wells.

The workers and rigs aren't just being sent home. They are instead being put to work drilling for oil, whose price has averaged more than \$100 a barrel for months. The oil rig count in the U.S. is at a 25-year high. This activity is adding to the natural gas glut because natural gas is almost always a byproduct of oil drilling.

Analysts say that before long companies could have to start slowing the gas flow from existing wells or even take the rare and expensive step of capping off some wells completely.

"Something is going to have to give," says Maria Sanchez, manager of

energy analysis at Bentek Energy, a research firm.

U.S. natural gas production has boomed in recent years as a result of new drilling techniques that allow companies to unlock fuel trapped in shale formations. Last year, the U.S. produced an average of 63 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day, a 24 percent increase from 2006. But over that period consumption has grown half as fast.

The nation's storage facilities could easily handle this extra supply until recently because cold winters pushed up demand for heating and hot summers led to higher demand for air conditioning. Just over half the nation's homes are heated with natural gas, and one-quarter of its electricity is produced by gas-fired power plants.

But this past winter was the fourth warmest in the last 117 years, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. It was the warmest March since 1950.

Between November and March, daily natural gas demand fell 5 percent, on average, from a year earlier, according to Bentek Energy. Yet production grew 8 percent over the same period.

"We haven't ever seen a situation like this before," says Chris McGill, Vice President for Policy Analysis at the American Gas Association, an industry group.

At the end of winter, there is usually about 1.5 trillion cubic feet of gas in storage. Today there is 2.5 trillion cubic feet because utilities withdrew far less

than usual this past winter.

There is 4.4 trillion cubic feet of natural gas storage capacity in the U.S. If full, that would be enough fuel to supply the country for about 2 months.

If current production and consumption trends were to continue, Bentek estimates that storage facilities would be full on October 10.

Storage capacity, which has grown by 15 percent over the past decade, cannot be built fast enough to address the rapidly expanding glut. And analysts note there is little financial incentive to build more anyway.

The low price brought on by the glut has increased demand for natural gas among industrial users and utilities.

Makers of chemicals, plastics and fertilizers that use natural gas as a feedstock are expanding. Garbage trucks, buses and delivery vehicles are using more natural gas. Electric power producers are switching from coal to natural gas whenever possible.

This won't add up to enough new demand quickly enough to relieve the pressure on storage facilities this summer.

Scorching temperatures this summer would do the trick, but Mother Nature is not expected to cooperate.

Temperatures this summer are forecast to be about normal, and much cooler than the last two summers, says David Streit, a meteorologist at Commodity Weather Group expects.

Sultry winters, he said, do not usually develop into sultry summers.

## Support waning for Mexican gray wolf program

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - For the third time in recent weeks, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has had one of its partners abandon an agreement that was meant to bring more collaboration to the troubled effort to reintroduce Mexican gray wolves to the Southwest.

While it's no secret the effort has been a point of contention among ranchers and environmentalists, one federal official says there will undoubtedly be a loss of perspective with fewer partners at the table.

"We like to have that collaboration and that kind of thought process that leads to better decisions," said Wally Murphy, supervisor of the Fish and Wildlife Service's ecological services field office in New Mexico.

Murphy called the recent developments "disheartening," given that the wolf program is facing critical decisions this year that will affect its future direction. The Fish and Wildlife Service is working on revamping the wolf recovery plan, which, among other things, will spell out

what it will take to eventually get the animal off the federal endangered species list.

"We really need all of our partners in that decision-making process," he said.

Several counties, state agencies and tribal governments in Arizona and New Mexico had signed on to a memorandum of understanding in 2010. The purpose was to provide a framework of collaboration in hopes of balancing the program's goals of returning wolves to the wild with pressures on ranchers, their livestock and other wildlife.

Now, the Arizona Game and Fish Department, the White Mountain Apache Tribe and three Arizona counties - Greenlee, Navajo and Graham - are the only remaining partners aside from federal land and wildlife management agencies.

The exodus started last summer with the New Mexico Game and Fish Department. In late

March, Grant and Sierra counties abandoned the agreement, and the New Mexico Department of Agriculture joined them earlier this week.

Caren Cowen, executive director of the New Mexico Cattle Grower's Association, said the withdrawal is "indicative of how far awry the process is with people on the ground."

"There just doesn't seem to be any headway being made and input hasn't made a difference," she said.

Sierra County Manager Janet Porter Carrejo said residents were concerned

that millions of dollars have been spent on the program since 2003 without much return. She also said residents feel the federal government hasn't been forthcoming with information about how many wolves are in the wild.

The Fish and Wildlife Service's most recent survey, completed in January, puts the wolf population in New Mexico and Arizona at about 58.

Captive-bred wolves were first released in Arizona in 1998 as part of the reintroduction effort.

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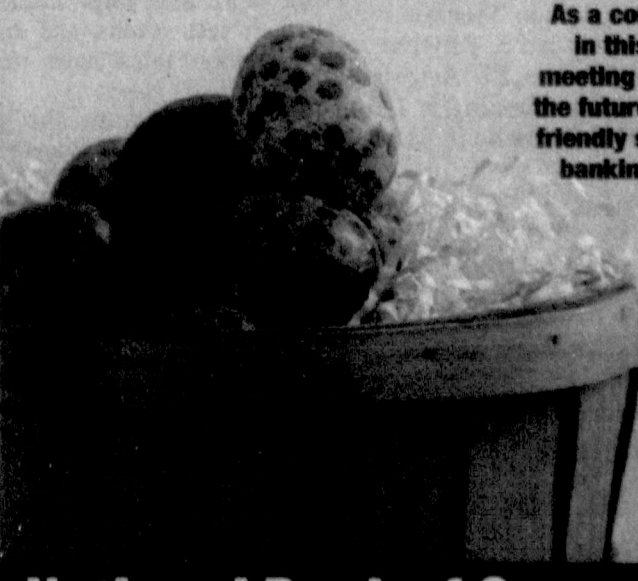
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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Monday, April 9, the 100th day of 2012. There are 266 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On April 9, 1942, during World War II, American and Philippine defenders on Bataan capitulated to Japanese forces; the surrender was followed by the notorious Bataan Death March which claimed thousands of lives.

### On this date:

In 1682, French explorer Robert de La Salle claimed the Mississippi River Basin for France.

In 1865, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia.

In 1939, singer Marian Anderson performed a concert at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., after being denied the use of Constitution Hall by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In 1940, during World War II, Germany invaded Denmark and Norway.

In 1947, a series of tornadoes in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas claimed 181 lives.

In 1959, NASA presented its first seven astronauts - Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Gus Grissom, Wally Schirra, Alan Shepard and Donald Slayton. Architect Frank Lloyd Wright, 91, died in Phoenix, Ariz.

In 1962, "West Side Story" won the Academy Award for Best Picture of 1961; Sophia Loren was named Best Actress for "Two Women," while Maximilian Schell received the Best Actor Oscar for "Judgment at Nuremberg."

In 1965, the newly built Astrodome in Houston featured its first baseball game, an exhibition between the Astros and the New York Yankees. (The Astros won, 2-1, in 12 innings.)

In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger ended its first mission with a safe landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1992, former Panamanian ruler Manuel Noriega was convicted in Miami of eight drug and racketeering charges; he served a 17-year U.S. prison sentence.

In 1996, in a dramatic shift of purse-string power, President Bill Clinton signed a line-item veto bill into law. (However, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the veto in 1998.)

In 2005, Britain's Prince Charles married long-time love Camilla Parker Bowles, who took the title Duchess of Cornwall.

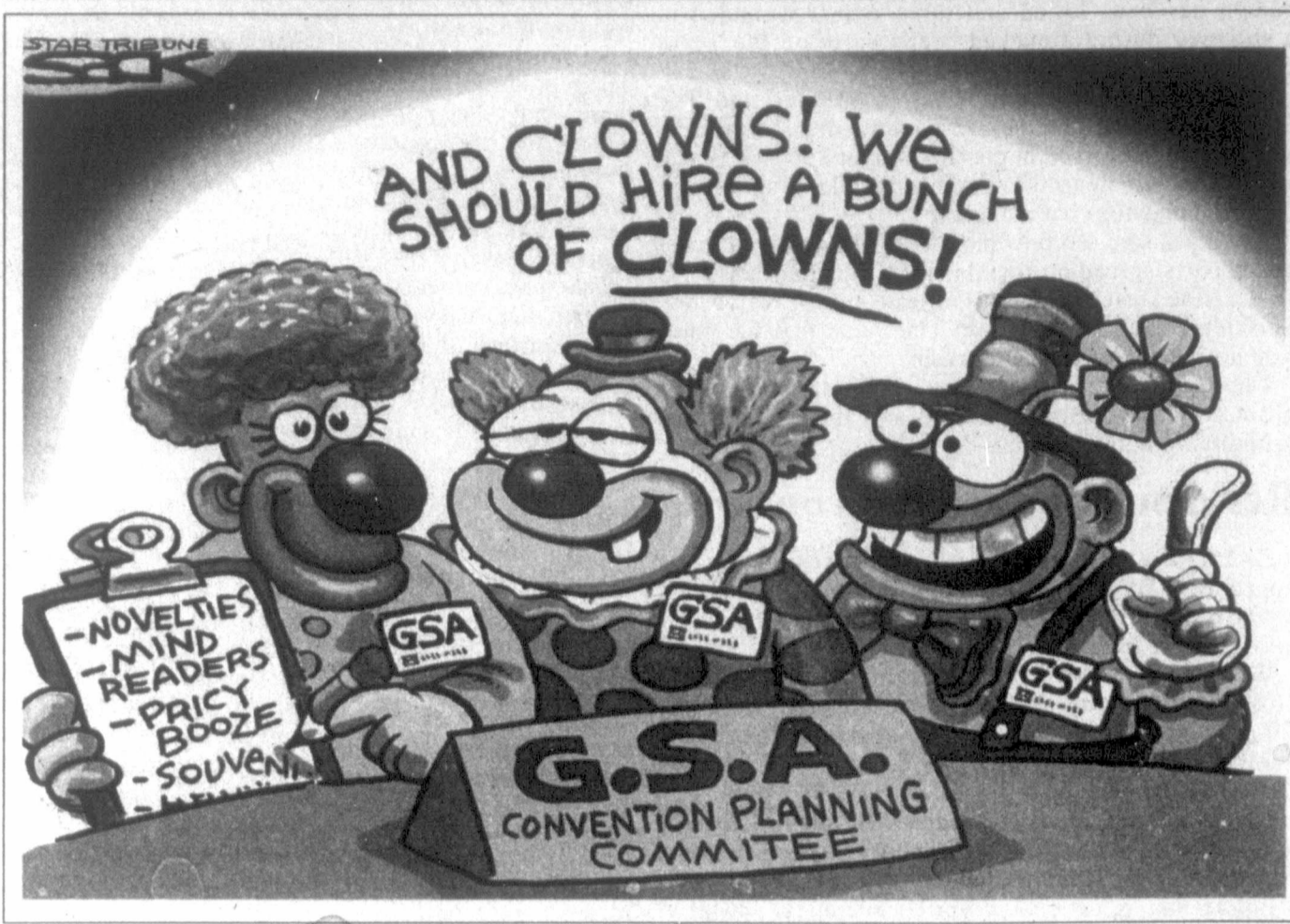
**Ten years ago:** Former Arthur Andersen auditor David B. Duncan pleaded guilty in federal court in Houston to ordering the shredding of Enron documents, and agreed to cooperate with prosecutors (however, Duncan later withdrew his plea). Palestinian militants killed 13 Israeli soldiers during intense fighting in a refugee camp in Jenin, West Bank. Britain said goodbye to the Queen Mother Elizabeth with a funeral at Westminster Abbey. Figure skater Michelle Kwan won the 2001 Sullivan Award as the nation's top amateur athlete.

**Five years ago:** Tens of thousands of Shiites marched in Iraq to demand that U.S. forces leave their country; some ripped apart American flags and tromped across a Stars and Stripes rug. President George W. Bush visited the U.S.-Mexico border to tout a guest worker program for immigrants.

**One year ago:** A man armed with several weapons opened fire in a crowded shopping mall in the Netherlands, killing six people before committing suicide. Minnesota Duluth won a 3-2 victory over Michigan in the NCAA men's ice hockey championship game, the first national title for the Bulldogs. Sidney Lumet, the award-winning director of such American film classics as "Network," "Serpico," "Dog Day Afternoon" and "12 Angry Men," died in New York at age 86.

**Today's Birthdays:** Playboy magazine founder Hugh Hefner is 86. Naturalist Jim Fowler is 80. Actor Jean-Paul Belmondo is 79. Actress Michael Learned is 73. Country singer Margo Smith is 70. Country singer Hal Ketchum is 59. Actor Dennis Quaid is 58. Humorist Jimmy Tingle is 57. Country musician Dave Innis (Restless Heart) is 53. Actress-sports reporter Lisa Guerrero is 48. Actor Mark Pellegrino is 47. Actress-model Paulina Porizkova is 47. Actress Cynthia Nixon is 46. Rock singer Kevin Martin (Candlebox) is 43. Rock singer Gerard Way (My Chemical Romance) is 35. Actress Keshia Knight Pulliam is 33. Rock musician Albert Hammond Jr. (The Strokes) is 32. Actor Charlie Hunnam is 32. Actor Ryan Northcott is 32. Actor Arlen Escarpeta is 31. Actor Jay Baruchel is 30. Actress Leighton Meester is 26. Actor-singer Jesse McCartney is 25. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jazmine Sullivan is 25. Actress Kristen Stewart is 22. Actress Elle Fanning is 14. Classical crossover singer Jackie Evancho is 12.

**Thought for Today:** "Thinking is like loving or dying. Each of us must do it for ourselves." - Josiah Royce, American philosopher (1855-1916).



## A million Texas children without insurance

CHRIS TOMLINSON  
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - More than a million Texas children remain without health insurance, and those kids are not getting the care they need.

The startling condition of the state's children came into vivid focus last week with the release of the annual Kids Count survey. The analysis of official state and federal data by the non-partisan Center for Public Policy Priorities found that 1.2 million Texas children have neither private nor public health insurance.

Almost 40 percent of Texas mothers received little or no prenatal care and one in seven babies were born premature, statistics show. The difference between being insured and uninsured is stark: 90 percent of insured kids are healthy, while only 58 percent of kids without insurance are considered healthy.

It comes as no surprise that the percentage of children covered by health care is directly related to the employment rate and the parent's economic status.

With 25 percent of Texas children living in poverty, a rate that consistently runs 5 percent above the national average, Texas ranks 41st in the nation in number of uninsured kids, even though the unemployment rate is lower than the national average.

When uninsured kids get sick, their parents have no place to take them other than a public hospital's emergency room, which by law cannot turn them away. And if those parents cannot pay the extremely expensive bill? The taxpayer picks up the tab.

Ask anyone who knows anything about health care, conservative or liberal, and they will tell you this is the most inefficient way to care for children. Neither is it the best care.

"A large percentage of those kids will end up in the emergency room as their primary source of care, which is hugely inefficient and ridiculously expensive," said Dr. Skip Brown, a medical professor and director of a pediatrics center at the University of Texas Medical Branch. "When you go to the emergency department, those guys are not there to be primary care providers."

Brown said the children also miss out on the most important factor in getting good care: a doctor who knows the patient and their medical history. Children with asthma and diabetes IC6 chronic diseases best treated by a family doctor on a routine basis IC6 comprise many, if not most, of the kids who show up in the emergency room.

"There are kids missing out on care," he added.

About half of the uninsured children would qualify for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program, if they applied, according to the Annie E. Casey Foundation. Many of the parents don't know they are eligible, have not bothered to apply or the state has not finished processing their applications.

From 2007-2010, Texas Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, for kids not quite poor enough to qualify for Medicaid, grew by 10 percent and did a good job of treating kids, according to an official review released last week. Texas' programs consistently scored above the national average in treating asthma, diabetes and mental health issues. Customer satisfaction

was consistently high, according to the independent assessment by the University of Florida.

Unfortunately, though, the Legislature cut state spending on Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program by \$2.03 billion for 2012-2013, according to a budget analysis by the Center for Public Policy Priorities. More than \$800 million of those cuts will be to reimbursement rates for doctors who agree to treat poor or disabled children.

The reduction in payments to doctors treating Medicaid patients will make it harder for patients to find care. Doctors can only afford to have about 25 percent of their patients on Medicaid to keep their business viable. Lower reimbursements means that fewer doctors will accept Medicaid patients, and more people will end up in the emergency room.

Brown, who has practiced medicine for more than 30 years, said he remembers the era before Medicaid and CHIP were widely available and the entirely preventable emergency cases that would turn up in emergency rooms.

"I have seen the change in my practice-lifetime that giving good basic care will do," Brown said. "I am really concerned we're going to see that back-slide a good bit."

Many lawmakers have promised to restore funding for programs that help kids stay healthy when they meet again in 2013, but officials at the Department of Health and Human Services warn of more budget deficits ahead. When the Kids Count survey comes out next year, it will offer Texans another check on the health of Texas kids.

## Colleges skimp on science, spend big on diversity

How many times have you heard Barack Obama talk about "investing" in education? Quite a few, if you've been listening to the president at all.

In fact, Americans have been investing more and more in education over the years, led by presidents Democratic and Republican. But it's become glaringly clear that we're getting pretty lousy return on these investments.

That's been evident at the K-12 level for a long time. Teacher unions and education-school types have had custody of most of our public schools for more than three decades, during which test results and high school graduation rates have been mostly stagnant.

It has come to the point that Democratic politicians like former New York City Superintendent Joel Klein, past and current Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley and Rahm Emanuel, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Newark Mayor Cory

Booker have taken on the teacher unions.

Obama's education secretary, Arne Duncan, deserves credit for doing a bit of this, as well. All this, despite the fact that teacher unions funnel millions of taxpayer-funded dollars into Democratic campaigns.

On higher education, Democrats and many Republicans as well have followed the same course as on public schools: Shovel in more money, in this case in the form of Pell grants and subsidized student loans.

College and university administrators have been happy to scoop up all the money by rapidly raising tuitions and fees. Higher-ed expenses have



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been rising much more rapidly than inflation for three decades.

And what has the money been spent on? Some of it presumably goes to professors in the hard sciences and the great scholars who have made American universities the best in the world. Well and good.

But many university administrators have other priorities. The University of California system has been raising tuitions and cutting departments. But, reports John Leo in the invaluable Minding the Campus blog, its San Diego campus found the money to create a new post of "vice chancellor for equity, diversity and inclusion."

That's in addition to what the Manhattan Institute's Heather Mac Donald calls its "already massive diversity apparatus." It takes Mac Donald 103 words just to list the titles of UCSD's diversitycrats.

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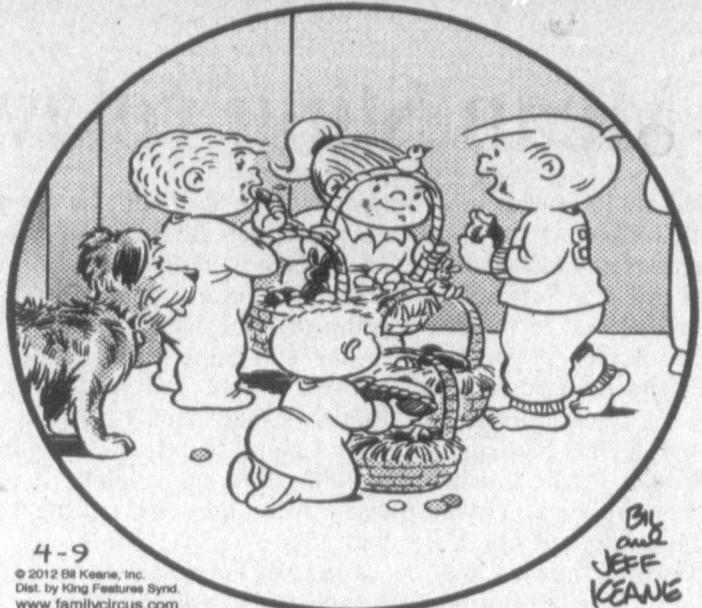
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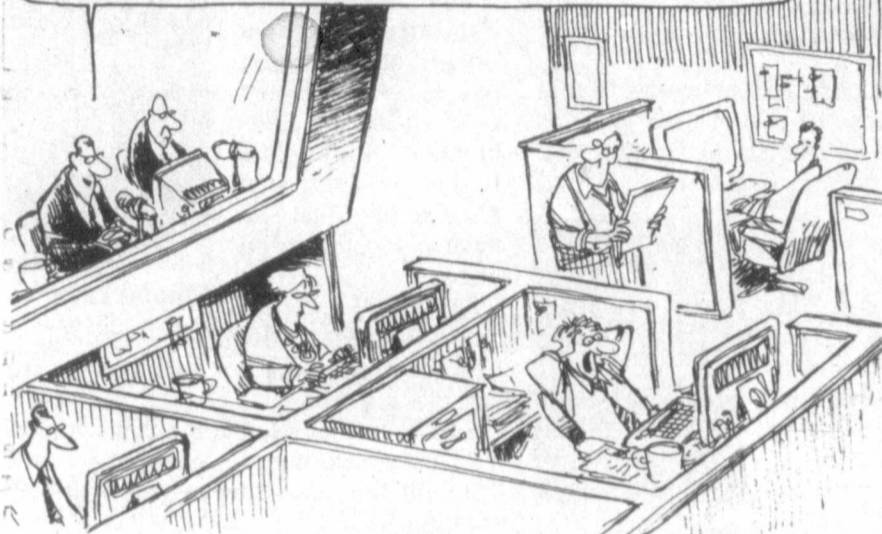


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### Nest Heads



## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Tuesday, April 10, 2012:

This year you will want to strengthen your communication, as you might experience a difficulty in being heard. Others are often preoccupied. Updating your style and learning a tip or two can never hurt. Others will be receptive to you. If you are single, you go after an exotic type. You crave learning, understanding different cultures and bridging barriers. If you are attached, you could become an armchair traveler. Your significant other will become more and more interested in your mental process. SAGITTARIUS makes you laugh and helps you see the big picture.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
★★★★ Rethink your stance with a community- or work-related matter. You might see a situation as one that takes away from your power base. Stop. The only power you have is over yourself. Now take another look at the situation. Has it changed? Tonight: Let your imagination decide.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★★ Success follows individual conversations, when others grasp what you are thinking. You could be overwhelmed by what is dropped on your plate. Ask others why they think you should honor their requests. Be flattered that you are so desirable and/or needed. Tonight: Dinner for two.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★ Others often test your patience and flood you with their ideas. It will serve you to listen well right now, as someone drops a nugget of wisdom that could impact you and your choices. Tonight: Go with the moment.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★★ Someone who is a key player in your actions and thoughts could do a total reversal out of the blue. As a result, you might need to take on more responsibility than you want. Tonight: Off to the gym.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★ Your sense of humor kicks in when you need it. A change involving your schedule and daily life could be frustrating. You still are committed to follow that path. Your playful manner allows you to go in a new direction. Tonight: Fun and playful.

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

★★★★ A loved one or potential new love could be turning your life upside down. Clearly you have no choice, at least in your mind. A key person could make a decision that you feel is yours. You might not even have a chance to verbalize what you are thinking. Tonight: At home.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★ You could be profoundly thrown off by events. Fighting city hall could be futile. Adjust to a present situation, and look to more positive interactions. A good friend or partner eases your path. Express your gratitude. Tonight: Chat the night away.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ Your words easily could be misunderstood and vice versa. Rather than taking a comment personally, give the situation some space. You might discover that the other party meant something totally different than you thought. Tonight: Buy that item you have been eyeing.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ You are strong and full of energy. Know that you can deal with what comes down your path; expect a surprise or two. A sense of understanding occurs between you and someone else. Tonight: Download music or go somewhere you can enjoy the tunes.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★ You finally decide to take action. You believe you need a change. What you are responding to is an inner transformation, and you want your outside world to reflect that change. You are more in tune with yourself and also those around you. Tonight: Be easy on yourself.

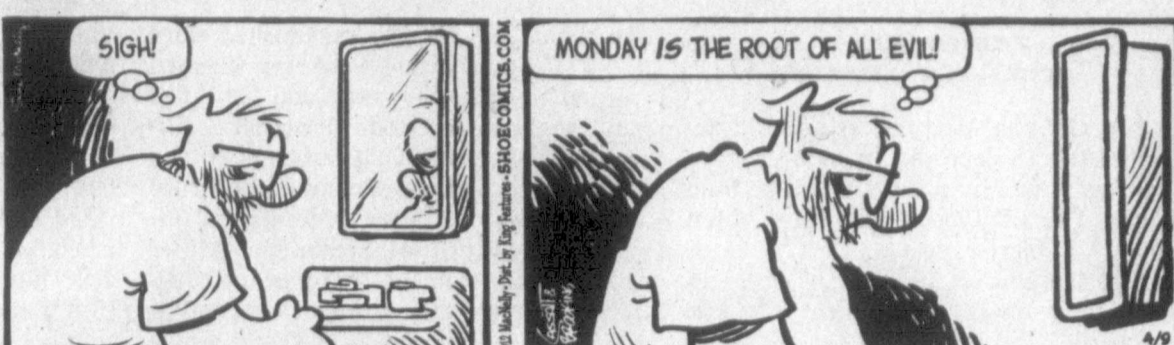
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★ Zero in on what is going on with a friend. You might be more concerned than you need to be. Loosen up and work with this person without revealing all the potential negatives you see. Tonight: Not alone. Anything else works.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ Stay on top of a situation at work or within your family circle. You can no longer put a matter on the back burner if you want a certain outcome. Loosen up with a friend who seems very erratic at the moment. Tonight: A must appearance.

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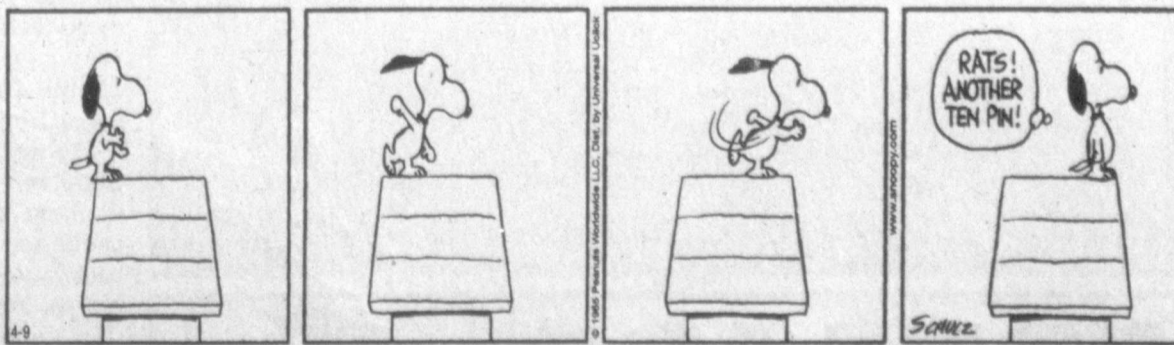
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# Sports

## Boys and girls track teams win Mean Sting relays

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The Pampa Harvesters and Lady Harvesters track teams finished strong as both won the Highland Park Mean Sting relays Thursday, their final meet before the 1-3A District meet.

"We scored a lot of points," Tad Smith, boys head track coach, said. "The kids ran hard."

The Harvesters scored 176 points. Sophomore Kody Maddox and junior Zane Robles tied for first in the 100-meter dash (11.22). Junior Samuel Smith finished third (11.35). Smith finished second in the 200-meter dash (23.37) and

freshman Brenden Ponce finished third (23.87). Senior Trent McAnear finished second in the 1600-meter run (4:53.57) and sophomore Jose Hernandez finished fourth (5:05.97). Freshman Brycen McClendon finished second in the 3200-meter run (10:44.76) and Hernandez finished fifth (11:41.44). Senior Reid Miller won the 110-meter hurdles (15.18). Senior Daniel Hulsey finished second in the 300-meter hurdles (43.43) and senior Joseph Vizcaino finished third (43.87).

The 4x100-meter relay team of senior Latigo Collins, Robles, Maddox and Miller won with a time of 44.28. The 4x200-meter relay team of Collins, Robles, Miller and Vizcaino won with a

time of 1:34.46. The 4x400-meter relay team finished fourth 3:42.03.

Senior Ryne Richardson finished second in the shot put (40'6"). Sophomore Chris Garcia finished second in the discus (122'3"), junior Kyler Allen finished fifth (116'4") and Richardson finished sixth (106'11"). Junior Jonathan Cox finished second in the high jump (5'8") and senior Robert Radke finished fourth (5'6"). Sophomore Brett Troxell finished third in the pole vault (11'6"). Sophomore Alex Marrufo finished sixth in the long jump (18'10"). Miller finished second in the triple jump (39'11") and Collins finished sixth (38'10").

"Reid did really well, got second," Tad

said. "Latigo did well, he got sixth. He did a good job. It gives them another even to compete in at district."

The Harvesters and Lady Harvesters compete in the district meet Thursday and Friday at Pampa High School's Randy Matson Track. Tad said he is looking forward to the meet.

"It's going to be fun," Tad said. "The kids like running at home. It seems like every meet they are getting better and better."

The Lady Harvesters scored 175 points. Results and coach Mark Elms' comments were unavailable as of press time.

## Lady Harvesters close in on second consecutive district title



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Junior Claire Hopkins hustles to first against Tascosa on Thursday. The Lady Harvesters are one win away from winning the district title.

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters are within striking distance of one of their goals as a victory against Dalhart on Tuesday will clinch their second consecutive district title.

"I'm pretty excited about that," head coach Bobbi Gill said. "Just excited to get this going. We got Tuesday, Saturday, next Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. Hopefully, looking down the road at playoffs and seeing where we are at."

The Lady Harvesters (17-7, 5-0) visit Dalhart at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday. Pampa beat Dalhart 10-2 at home on March 31. Entering Tuesday's games, Borger has four district losses and can't finish better than 5-4. Dalhart has lost three games and couldn't catch Pampa if it loses Tuesday. Pampa gave Perryton its third district loss on Saturday.



Gill



Stephens

The Lady Harvesters have beat Borger and Perryton twice, owning the head-to-head tie-breaker. Sophomore Bailey Wichert said it's exciting that the team is closing in on district.

"It will be great for us," Wichert said. "We've been doing our best every game and playing hard."

Senior catcher Alanna Stephens agreed. "That's exciting," Stephens said. "Second time in a row to win district is exciting."

Stephens said winning district is just one of the team's goals.

"It will be a momentum booster in playoffs if we go 9-0 again," Stephens said.

Gill said the team is taking one step at a time.

"We don't look forward," Gill said. "We are just looking for that district title."

Pampa opens the final round of district at home at noon on Saturday against the Borger Lady Bulldogs. The Lady Harvesters will be seeking a sweep of the series.

## Jets QB Tebow draws crowds at a Texas Easter service

GEORGETOWN, Texas (AP) — Tim Tebow drew a crowd of about 15,000 to an outdoor Easter church service Sunday, telling the gathering it's important to be outspoken about faith while admonishing athletes about not being better role models.

"In Christianity, it's the Pope and Tebow right now," Celebration Church pastor Joe Champion he said. "We didn't have enough room to handle the Pope."

Tebow — devout Christian, backup NFL quarterback and cultural phenomenon — has a flock of admirers drawn as much to his religious leanings as his Heisman Trophy skills.

Tebow told them he welcomed the attention on his convictions as well as the "Tebowing" prayer pose he often strikes on the field because it puts his faith and prayer in the public conversation.

"It's being talked about," he said. "That's exciting."

Some at the "Easter on the Hill" morning service under sunny skies about 20 miles north of Austin drove more 100 miles to hear Tebow speak. The service took on the feel of a rock concert with more than a 100 school buses shuttling people to the sprawling mega-church campus from local shopping centers and the nearby college.

The service was peppered with lively Christian rock songs and Tebow took the large stage to cheers from those who could see him while others toward the back watched on massive video screens. He sat for a 20-minute interview with Champion to talk about his faith and its role in his public life.

"It's OK to be outspoken about your faith," Tebow said.

He also took a shot at professional athletes who insist they are not role models.

"Yes you are. You're just not a good one," Tebow said.

Champion asked Tebow what he thought needed to change culturally in America.

"First and foremost is what this country was based on: one nation under God. The more that we can get back to that," Tebow

said to applause.

Although church officials had said they typically get their biggest crowds on Easter, Tebow was clearly the big draw Sunday. Several hundred started heading toward the exits after Tebow spoke, not waiting for Champion's main Sunday sermon so they could avoid the 80-degree heat and beat the traffic.

Some couldn't wait for the official 8 a.m. opening to the church grounds and showed up hours early.

Debbie Sandoval and her husband and two sons arrived before sunrise. They wore Tebow's Jets jerseys and set up camp close the large soundstage with a row of chairs.

"I love that boy. ... He's like my third son," said Sandoval, who is not a regular member of the church but wasn't going to miss a chance to hear Tebow speak. A self-described "lifelong Broncos fan," Sandoval said she became a Jets fan because of Tebow. The quarterback led the Broncos to the playoffs last season and was acquired by the Jets in a trade March 21.

"Everything about this young man's extraordinary life is special," Sandoval said.

Amanda O'Hara drove about 100 miles from San Antonio on Saturday and got to the church about 4:30 a.m. "to be one of the first ones here."

"I only got about four hours sleep, I was so excited," O'Hara said. "He doesn't hide who he is. Parents should see him as a role model."

The crowd included people dressed in Easter bunny costumes and one person dressed as the Sesame Street character Elmo. About an hour before the service, Elmo dropped to a knee with a toddler boy to mimic Tebow's prayer pose.

Media access to the event was tightly controlled inside the roped off field. Reporters and photographers were required to have an escort when walking through the crowd before the service. Television cameras were allowed to record only a portion of Tebow's speech and no live video streaming of the service was permitted.

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# athletes

## of the week

**Bailey Beck**  
Pampa High School

**Devin Coleman**  
Pampa High School

Pampa High School junior softball player **Bailey Beck** is The Pampa News Female Athlete of the Week. Beck hit a two-RBI triple against Borger on Wednesday that helped seal a 7-0 victory. Thursday against Tascosa, Beck hit a grand slam, first in her career.

Pampa High School senior baseball player **Devin Coleman** is The Pampa News Male Athlete of the Week. Coleman was 2 for 2 against Borger with an RBI double. Coleman has improved at the plate. This is Coleman's first athlete of the week honor for 2011-12.

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The money for the new vice chancellorship could have supported two of the three cancer researchers that the campus lost to Rice University in Houston, a private school that apparently takes the strange view that hard science is more important than diversity facilitators.

This doesn't just happen on the Left Coast. The University of North Carolina at Wilmington saved some money by lumping together two science departments and raised spending on its five diversity-multicultural offices.

But, to quote George W. Bush, is our students learning? Not very much, concludes the California Association of Scholars in its 87-page study of the University of California system.

Students aren't required to study American history or Western civilization. But they're subjected to a lot of political indoctrination by leftist activists. "Far too many" have not learned

to write effectively to read "a reasonably complex book."

"In recent years, study after study has found that a college education no longer does what it once did and should do," the report concludes. "Students are being asked to pay considerably more and get considerably less."

That's the sort of thing that happens when you pump money into an insular system and don't hold its leaders accountable for results.

Many politicians' instinctive response is to pump in more money. But if you're stuck in a hole, it's a good idea to quit digging.

Millions of young Americans are living with the results. In a time of economic stagnation, the degrees they've earned haven't equipped them with basic work skills, much less expert knowledge that can command a premium even in a sluggish market. And they're saddled with tens of

thousands of dollars of student loan debt, which -- darn it! -- turns out not to be dischargeable in bankruptcy. They can get by on partial payments for a while, but interest keeps accumulating, to the point that Social Security checks may get dunned to pay for college.

Glenn Reynolds, proprietor of instapundit.com and a law professor at the University of Tennessee, says we're watching a higher education bubble that's just about to pop. That's what happens when you throw a lot of money at college and university administrators who don't have much common sense.

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## Old West mail route could become an historic trail

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - Before riders saddled up on the Pony Express to move mail across the Old West, there were the stagecoaches that trundled across the Butterfield Overland Trail, a 2,800-mile, 19th century stage route from Missouri along the country's southern rim to California.

The Butterfield, which started in tiny Tipton, Mo., and ended in San Francisco, marked the beginning of land delivery of U.S. mail to California and played a key role in opening up the West, said John McLarty, president of the Heritage Trail Partners, an Arkansas-based nonprofit that has been working to win a national historic designation for the trail.

Before the Butterfield Trail opened in 1858, mail to the coast took an arduous boat trip around the tip of South America, McLarty said.

"It's just so iconic to the American West," McLarty said. "If you think of all the scenes you've seen in cow-

HISTORIC TRAIL cont. on page 10A

## Wolf

Biologists hoped to have at least 100 in the Blue Range Recovery Area after eight years.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has acknowledged that the effort to increase the population has been hampered by everything from illegal shootings, removals due to livestock kills and court battles over program management.

For New Mexico Agriculture Secretary Jeff Witte, the decision to withdraw came down to staffing levels, budget limitations and the program's lack of progress.

"If we get to the point where we get staffed up again and things start moving and input is requested and desired, then we'll reconsider," he said.

Some wolf supporters argue that the local partners that bowed out have done little to advance recovery of the

Mexican wolves.

"This is not a great loss to wolf recovery," said Michael Robinson of the Center for Biological Diversity, which has pushed for the release for more wolves into the wild. "They used their positions to organize against wolves and to try to be insiders in a process that should be more open to the public."

Murphy described all the partners as critical and said he hoped they would sign on again once the agency comes up with a new recovery plan.

"One hundred wolves in the Blue Range was the best information we had in 1998. It's 14 years later, so we've got better information now and going through this recovery planning process gets us to even a better place," he said.

## Facebook postings investigated in Tulsa shootings

TULSA, Okla. (AP) - A suspect in a series of shootings that terrorized Tulsa's black community appears to have posted on Facebook about his anger over his father being shot by a black man.

Tulsa police arrested 19-year-old Jake England and another man early Sunday. They say the two are expected to face murder and other charges in shootings early Friday that left three people dead and two wounded.

Tulsa police spokesman Jason Willingham says police are looking at a Facebook page that appears to be England's, although he couldn't say for certain it was his.

A Thursday post on the Facebook page says it's been two years since England's dad was shot by a black man and "it's hard not to go off."



## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I really need some feedback. When I was 13, I would cut myself. I stopped around 15 after an attempted overdose that didn't work. I did it because my parents were stressed due to money problems and ignored me or yelled at me a lot. I was also bullied in school. I had just moved here, so there was no one to turn to.

Suddenly, in the last week, I have begun binge eating. I see no hope for me graduating, no hope for my life or my future. I wake up wanting to go back to sleep or overdose. My wrists have throbbled at the thought of wanting to cut again, and last night I had a dream of jumping off a building. All day I have had the same daydream of hitting the ground. I cry randomly for no reason. I have thought of multiple ways to kill myself.

This just started. I can't see why I can't be happy. My brother is coming home from Afghanistan. I should be ecstatic.

I plan on talking to a counselor tomorrow because I am not sure how to handle this. I don't want to get into such a state that I'll let myself overdose again. Thank you for your time. I just need some guidance on how to handle this. - WAVERING GIRL IN WATERTOWN, N.Y.

DEAR WAVERING GIRL: You are also a smart girl to be reaching out for help. I hope by the time you read this you will have spoken to a counselor about your feelings, because it appears you are suffering from a severe depression, which can impair a person's judgment. Being bullied at school and worried about graduating would be enough to trigger it. The behaviors you describe mean you need to talk to -- and probably be medicated by -- a mental health care professional.

If you had given me your phone number, I would have talked with you personally

about this -- and, with your permission, spoken to your parents about it. Your counselor can help you reach out for the help you need, but if you experience more suicidal impulses, please contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by calling 800-273-8255.

DEAR ABBY: I work for a small company. Employees here bring in treats to share and leave them in our break area so co-workers can help themselves. One employee, "Karen," sits at a desk that is very near the lounge, and snaps to attention when anyone walks by with treats in hand. Then she jumps up and follows them into the lounge, where she lingers until the snacks are ready.

She'll hover over the trays of whatever is being offered while eating "samples." Then she takes a huge helping and stands nearby while she eats it. She follows that up by taking more back to her desk. It's annoying to see a plate of cookies or a pan of brown-

ies that were brought to share with everyone gobbled down by one person.

Karen earns a good salary. She certainly has enough money to buy her own food. So, Abby, what's a good way to tell her to stop? - MISSING MY COOKIES IN ERIE, PA.

DEAR MISSING YOUR COOKIES: Try this. The next time one of you brings a treat to the office, put a sign next to it that reads, "One to a customer, please," or tell "Miss Piggy" in plain English that she's taking too much of a good thing.

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DRAG RAN

GOAL GAL

HARD BET

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Yesterday's Answer: GAZEBO, ORATOR; GAMBOL, WARMUP; TRAUMA, ACCRUE

cont. from page 3A

**Sudoku**

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 40 Less relaxed

1 "Downton Abbey" butler

7 Agitate

11 Ring combo

12 Aware of

13 Laughed loudly

14 Deep voice

15 Said further

16 "Blue Chips" star

17 For fear that

18 1962 John Wayne film

19 Shaving target

21 Deep groove

22 Trifle

25 Spoil

26 It has its ups and downs

27 Kind of band

29 Vamp Theda

33 Entreaties

34 Out-spoken

35 Dainty drinks

36 Fall work

37 Hand or foot

38 Anxious

39 Corrals

DOWN

1 Pink shade

2 Battery end

3 Gets the mood of

4 Recover from a nap

5 Had debts

6 Auction signal

7 Metal man

8 Just for fun

9 "Honest!"

10 Blow one's top

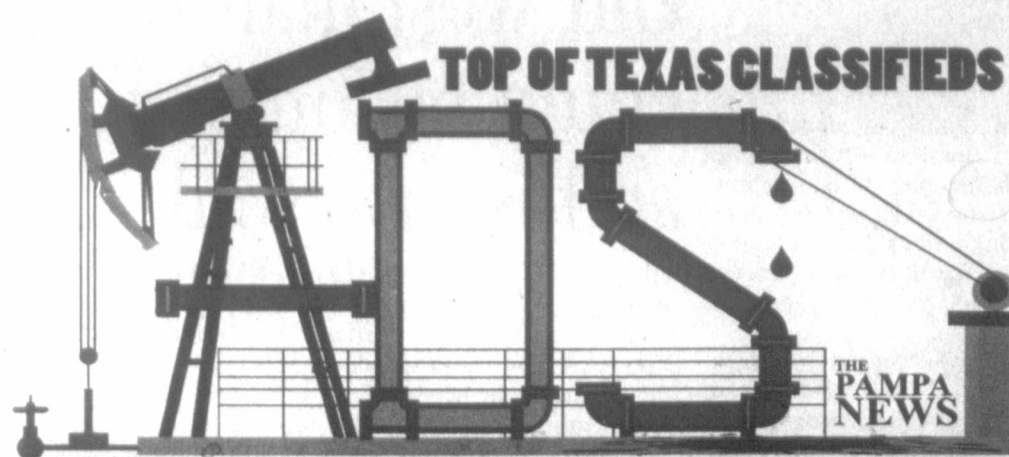
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Yesterday's answer

- 16 Frizzy-haired girl of comics
- 18 Try to pick up
- 20 George-town team
- 22 Nudist's lack
- 23 Enter slowly
- 24 Sinatra's home-town
- 25 Completes, as business
- 28 Ship staffs
- 30 Lab liquids
- 31 Scope of history
- 32 Hiss pointer
- 34 Wind pointer
- 36 Nonsense

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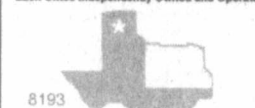
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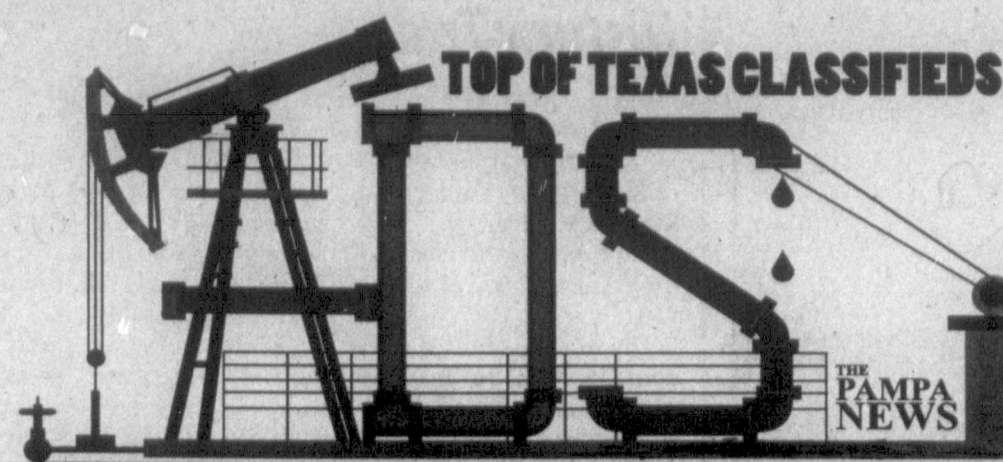
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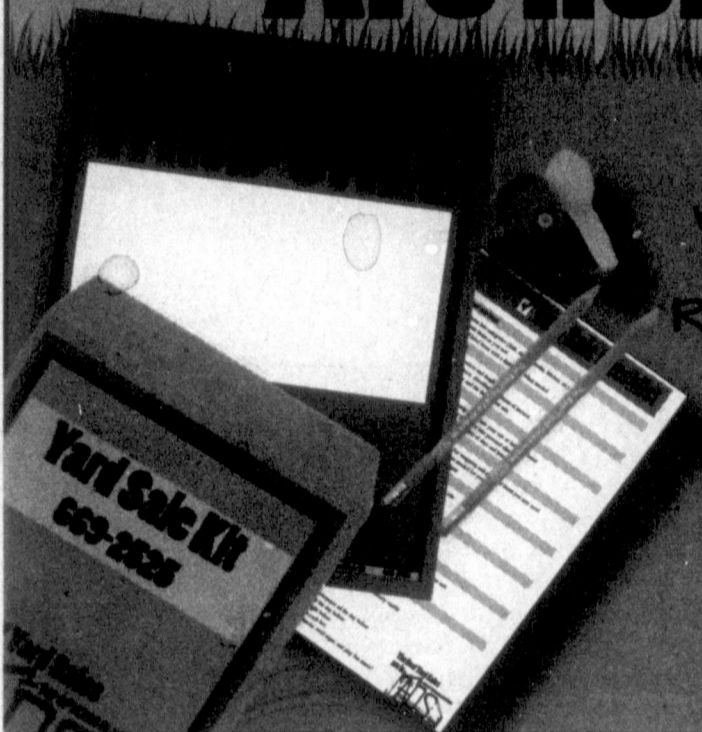
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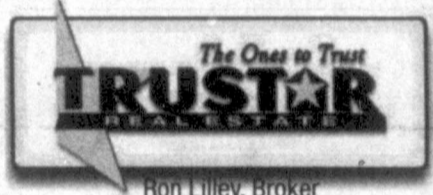
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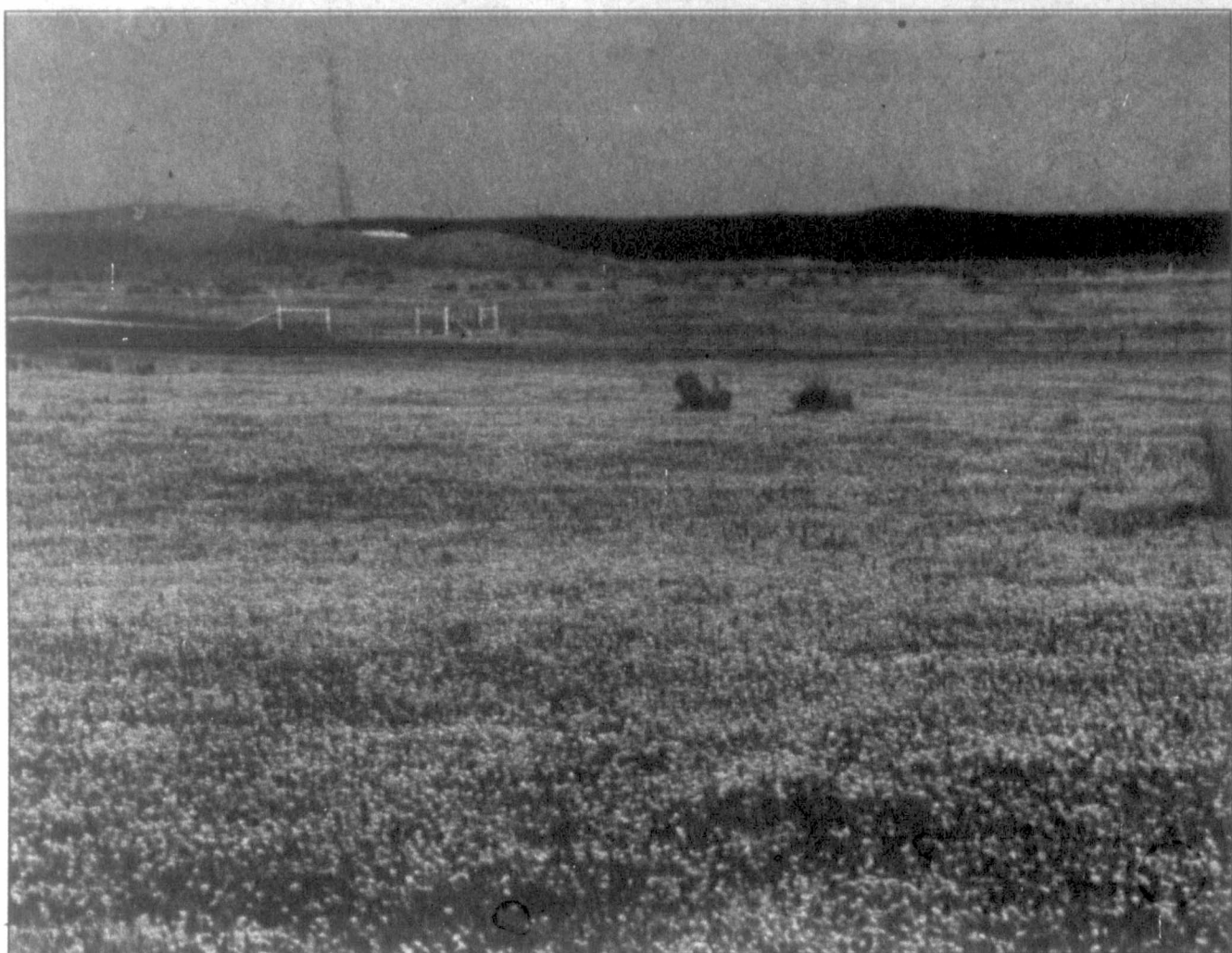
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## Forecast predicts dismal runoff for NM

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Gary Esslinger's chosen profession, delivering irrigation water to southern New Mexico farmers, looks like some sort of cruel joke these days.

The latest punch line came this week in the form of the federal government's April Rio Grande runoff forecast, which calls for just 29 percent of normal spring and summer runoff into Elephant Butte Reservoir.

That's the reservoir that supplies water to farmers in the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, in the Hatch and Mesilla valleys of southern New Mexico. Esslinger, the district's general manager, faces the unhappy task of going back to his farmers next week and telling them to expect even less than the meager allotment they had been counting on.

"The business that I'm in, of supplying surface water, is kinda like going out of business," Esslinger said Thursday.

This week's preliminary forecast, after a hot, dry March, showed a drop from expectations just a month ago that New Mexico State University hydrologist Phil King called "pretty catastrophic."

"Things in one month basically just went away,"

said Rolf Schmidt-Petersen, Rio Grande basin manager for the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission.

Low elevation snow is largely gone, and much of what has already melted has soaked into soil left bone dry from last year's drought, rather than flowing into New Mexico's rivers, King said Thursday. The latest weekly federal Drought Monitor showed an expansion of dry conditions, with the entire state ranging from "abnormally dry" in the northwest to "exceptional drought" in the southeast.

The federal forecast calls for 151,000 acre feet of water flowing into Elephant Butte between now and the end of July, which is the main snowmelt runoff season. That is 29 percent of the 1971-2000 average, which federal managers define as their long term "normal" for water management planning purposes.

Combined with what little water is left in Elephant Butte from last year, that could translate to enough water to irrigate each acre in the Elephant Butte Irrigation District 6 inches deep, Esslinger said, compared with an average allocation of three feet.

The district's farmers will have to depend on their groundwater pumps to make up the difference, which drives up their cost of operations, Esslinger

said. With similar drought conditions last year, the aquifers in the area dropped an average of 3 to 5 feet because of pumping, he said.

The closest thing to a bright spot was this week's storm, but as bright spots go, it was relatively dim.

"This latest snowstorm helped a little bit," said Tom Thorpe, spokesman for the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, "but not a lot."

The result is an irrigation season for Rio Grande farmers that looks in many ways like a repeat of last year — enough water in storage reservoirs in northern New Mexico for a decent irrigation season for farmers between Cochiti Dam and Elephant Butte, but another bad year to the south.

Rio Grande valley farmers, who depend on irrigation water from the river, suffer the biggest problems when flows drop during drought. New Mexico's cities generally use groundwater for some or all of their supplies, and those that use river water have groundwater to fall back on.

Santa Fe, for example, may have to reduce the amount of water available for environmental flows in the Santa Fe River this year, said Rick Carpenter, with the city's Water Resources Division. Snowpack in Santa Fe's Sangre de Cristo water-

shed is just 60 percent of normal, Carpenter said, but the city also has groundwater wells and water imported from the San Juan River Basin.

The drought could force Albuquerque to use less river water and pump groundwater instead in the late summer or early fall, but users shouldn't notice the difference, according to John Stomp, chief operating officer for the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority.

## Historic Trail

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boy movies, you think of it. You think John Wayne rode on the Butterfield Stage. It paved the way for the whole delivery of the mail and travel to the west."

The trail is now under consideration to become a national historic trail, a designation awarded in 1992 to the Pony Express route, a more northern path developed a few years after the Butterfield. The National Park Service has held a series of public meetings in locations along the Butterfield route this year to gauge public sentiment about making the route a national historic trail. More meetings are planned later this month and May in Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

The route, named for its founder John Butterfield, operated from about 1858 to 1861, heading from Missouri down through Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California. The trail also had a second eastern starting location in Memphis, Tenn. McLarty said stagecoaches on the Butterfield would travel the 2,800-mile route in 24 days, stopping briefly at stations about every 20 miles.

"They went literally day

and night," he said.

Gretchen Ward, chief of planning for the park service's National Trails Intermountain Region in Santa Fe, said the route varies considerably.

"Some areas are pretty rugged, and some areas you can still see wagon ruts," Ward said. "In some places you can actually drive down a road and be on the old Butterfield Stage route. It kind of depends on what part of the country you're in."

Ward said the park service is expected to have a completed report about the trail in 2014, and Congress will make the final determination about whether the route becomes a national historic trail.

McLarty, of Fayetteville, Ark., said Friday that the national trail designation would help raise awareness about the history of the American West and also be a boon to towns along the route. He compared it to the national designation for the Trail of Tears, which commemorates the forced relocation of American Indians.

"This would promote awareness of American history and the settling of the West and that nostalgic vision of the stagecoach rumbling along through the prairie," he said.



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