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Friends and community gather to help neighbors

“A group of friends were sitting around talking about how hard it would be.”
 — Hank Douglas

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“Family Fun Day” is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Saturday, August 25 at the Randy

Norris Pavilion at the Rodeo grounds west of Pampa on Highway 60. The fun day is to benefit Dan and Stacie Martindale, who according to Douglas need help “covering living expenses such as phone bills, utilities, and other contingencies” while they are getting treatment

at MD Andersons for Cancer. Martindale learned of his cancer when he was having an operation for a broken back. Before even being diagnosed with cancer the family had exhausted all vacation time and now the time spent in Houston goes unpaid. The festivities that will benefit the family are a bounce house, bake sale, food and drinks, silent auction, and a 50/50 raffle. Also on the agenda is the band Suicide Doors, and A.J. Swope will also play a

short set. The event will also sport a two on two sand volleyball tournament and Horseshoe tournament as well. The Cost to enter these tournament are \$20 per team and registration will be open up until each event begins. Volunteers had several loads of beach sand brought in and spread it out to create a genuine court for al participating in the event. The Volleyball tournament begins at 10 a.m. and the Horseshoe tournament at noon.

IT BEGINS



Photo courtesy of Pampa ISD

Opening The Season: Harvester football teams open up the 2012 season tonight at Harvester Stadium — Freshman and Junior Varsity at 5 p.m. and Varsity at 7 p.m., all versus Childress.

TxDOT today is closing County Road 2391

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Starting this (Friday) morning at around 7:30 a.m., County road 2391 will be closed near Hoover at the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad crossing near the grain silo, Paul Braun, public relations officer for the Texas Department of Transportation, announced Thursday. “The closing should only affect traffic Friday and Saturday,” he said. Burlington Northern Santa Fe operates 32,000 miles of track and over 1,400 trains travel upon their lines each day — and BNSF is doing routine maintenance. Burlington Northern Santa Fe spokesman Joe Faust emphasized that BNSF always work extended hours when any kind of maintenance affects people’s commutes. “Any work that occurs in any county is coordinated with local authorities, and we work closely with these entities,” said Faust. According to TxDOT, all traffic these two days will be routed to US Highway 60 to Loop 171, then north to State Hwy 70 / Hobart Street. It will then go east on Hwy 282 back to CR 2391. Work on the railroad crossing is scheduled to be completed sometime Saturday evening and should not effect traffic Sunday or the beginning of next week, officials said.

GRASS BLAZE



Staff photo by **Gayden Hays**

Firefighters extinguish a “suspicious” grass fire in the 500 Block of West Harlem Thursday afternoon.

DISTINGUISHED HONOR



John L. Triplehorn, left, congratulates Don W. Rader on a plaque he was awarded at a recent annual Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honor Banquet. SEE REPORT ON PAGE 5. Alvin Johnson of Pampa took the photo.

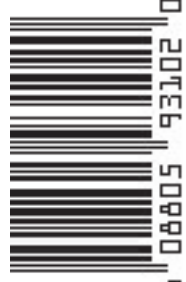
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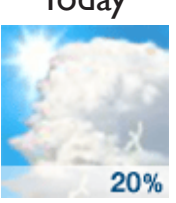
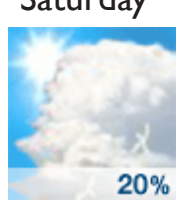
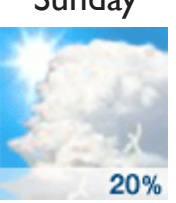
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday
		
20%	20%	20%
High 90 Low 66	High 88 Low 66	High 86 Low 65

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 90. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66. Windy, with a south wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to 15 to 20 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 88. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66. East southeast wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 86. East wind 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

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Obituaries

Hall of Fame running back Steve Van Buren dies at age 91

Steve Van Buren

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Steve Van Buren, the square-jawed Hall of Fame running back who led the Philadelphia Eagles to NFL titles in 1948 and 1949, has died. He was 91.



Van Buren

The Eagles said Van Buren died Thursday in Lancaster, Pa., of pneumonia.

The former LSU star, nicknamed “Wham-Bam” for his quick and punishing running style, joined the Eagles in 1944 as a first-round pick. He led the NFL in rushing four times and finished his eight-year career with 5,860 yards rushing and 77 TDs.

The five-time All-Pro player was selected to the NFL’s 75th Anniversary Team in 1994, and was the first Eagles player elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

“I’ve seen them all — Jim Thorpe, Red Grange, Bronko Nagurski,” Greasy Neale, Van Buren’s coach with the Eagles, told the Philadelphia Daily News in 1957, “but he’s the greatest.”

The 6-foot-1, 200-pound back sustained a leg injury in training camp before the 1952 season and retired as the NFL’s career rushing leader. The Eagles later retired his No. 15.

“On the field and off, as a player, a leader and a man, Steve Van Buren embodied the finest characteristics of our city and our sport,” said Jeffrey Lurie, the Eagles’ chairman and CEO. “He was a friend and an inspiration

to generations of fans, and the model of what an Eagle should be.”

Van Buren set the Eagles’ single-game rushing record with 205 yards against Pittsburgh in 1949, and is second in team history with his 77 touchdowns. He also holds the club record for most consecutive games with a rushing touchdown with eight in 1947.

“Watch those old films and you know that Steve Van Buren was something special,” Eagles coach Andy Reid said. “He was special in person, too, humble about his own accomplishments and encouraging to others. His memory will be with Eagles fans for as long as this team takes the field.”

One of his most memorable plays came in the 1948 NFL championship game, played in a driving snowstorm at Shibe Park. He scored the only touchdown of the game on a 5-yard run in the fourth quarter and the Eagles beat the Chicago Cardinals 7-0 for the franchise’s first title.

Nearly a year to the day later, this time in mud and torrential rain in Los Angeles, Van Buren ran for 196 yards and the Eagles beat the Rams 14-0 to become the first — and only — team to shut out opponents in consecutive championships.

Van Buren was born in La Ceiba, Honduras. His parents died when he was 10, and he moved to New Orleans to live with his grandparents. He failed to make his high school football team as a sophomore, but played well enough as a senior to earn a scholarship at LSU.

With the Tigers, Van Buren was used primarily as a blocking back until his senior season, when he led the nation in scoring with 98 points and rushed for 847 yards.

Van Buren is survived by three daughters.

Classes 2012



Parents and students at Austin Elementary, above and left, recently checked in to see what class the children were in. Below, Austin teachers on the same day. Courtesy photos.



MORNINGRUSH

Seven accused of fishing fraud

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND (AP) — Investigators say seven people have been charged with fishing fraud in a South Texas tournament.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game warden Jason Duke said Thursday that the suspects allegedly submitted a 2.6 pound flounder not caught during the contest.

The South Padre Island Chamber of Commerce sponsored the Aug. 10-12 Ladies Kingfish Tournament. Duke says the defendants won a \$5,000 second-place prize.

Duke says warrants were served last weekend to four women who entered the tournament and three men. All have been arraigned and are free on bond.

The fraud in a fishing tournament charge is a third-degree felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

A message left with the chamber for comment was not immediately returned Thursday.

Man jailed, attempted abduction

RICHMOND (AP) — A Texas judge has set bond at \$500,000 for an Illinois man who drove to the Houston area allegedly to abduct a girl he met online.

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office says James Wean Jr. was being held Thursday on a charge of attempted aggravated kidnapping. The 49-year-old from Pearl City, Ill., was arrested Tuesday night in Katy.

A detective this month began portraying a 14-year-old girl online after her parents noticed a suspicious exchange on Facebook. Investigators believe Wean planned to kidnap the girl and possibly take her out of the country.

A judge late Wednesday set bond and said Wean must surrender his passport, wear a tracking device and not contact the girl if he's freed. Jail officials had no information Thursday on an attorney for Wean.

Ex-officials sentenced for fraud

EL PASO (AP) — A federal judge in West Texas has sentenced a former school administrator to four years in prison in a public corruption case.

Tomas Gabaldon in December pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit mail fraud in the bribery investigation. Gabaldon was also ordered Wednesday to repay \$2 million to the El Paso Independent School District.

The former associate superintendent was sentenced in a plea agreement related to a vendor seeking a health care-related contract. Gabaldon apologized during sentencing.

Also Wednesday, an ex-Socorro Independent School District trustee pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit mail fraud in the sweeping public corruption investigation. No sentencing date was immediately set for Charles Garcia, who faces up to 20 years in prison.

UT regents to hear bonuses plan

AUSTIN (AP) — A proposal to grant bonuses to University of Texas System presidents if graduation rates improve will go before UT System regents.

The higher pay would be based on leaders increasing donations and meeting other higher education goals.

The proposal, which goes before regents Thursday, would apply to presidents of all UT System school presidents and other system executives.

Critics have raised ethical questions about financial rewards for meeting philanthropic goals. Other concerns have been raised about whether academic standards would be intentionally weakened so that students pass courses.

System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa has recommended approval, and an aide says Gov. Rick Perry strongly supports incentive pay.

Judge clears way for pipeline

PARIS (AP) — The developer of the disputed Keystone XL oil pipeline, planned to carry oil from Canadian tar sands to Texas Gulf Coast refineries, may condemn land across a northeast Texas farm for the pipeline's right of way, a judge ruled Wednesday.

In an email to attorneys Wednesday night, Lamar County Court-at-Law Judge Bill Harris ruled that the pipeline would be a common carrier and that TransCanada has eminent domain rights to right of way across the farm.

Messages left with TransCanada were not returned Wednesday night. However, landowner Julia Trigg Crawford planned to appeal the decision to a state district court in Paris, said Tom "Smitty" Smith, Texas director of the activist group Public Citizen that is part of the coalition fighting the pipeline project.

In a statement issued Wednesday night, Crawford said she was disappointed that Harris "wholly dismissed our entire case with a 15-word ruling sent from his iPhone."

Crawford had argued that TransCanada trampled her property rights and that the project could harm Caddo Indian artifacts on her farm. Her attorneys argued that the Keystone XL project did not qualify as a common carrier, meaning under Texas law that it lacked eminent domain powers.

Harris ruled otherwise, meaning the project is under the authority of the Texas Railroad Commission and qualified for land condemnation.

"Judge Harris' disappointing decision today further highlights the vulnerable and precarious position that Texas landowners are in," said Debra Medina, a former tea party-favored Republican candidate for Texas governor and property-rights activist.

Judge: suspect's beard disrupts court

FORT WORTH (AP) — A judge has the authority to order an Army psychiatrist charged in the 2009 Fort Hood shooting rampage to be forcibly shaved before his murder trial, military attorneys told an appeals court Wednesday.

The attorneys, in a document filed on behalf of Col. Gregory Gross, contend that forcibly shaving Maj. Nidal Hasan would not violate the American-born Muslim's religious freedoms and said it is similar to "and no more invasive than" a judge's right to restrain a defendant who is disruptive during a court-martial.

"Forced shaving is not a novel concept in the military," military attorneys said in the judge's response filed with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. They cited no specific cases of other soldiers being forcibly shaved. "Army regulations expressly authorize nonconsensual haircutting and face-shaving for recalcitrant incarcerated

soldiers. ... If the judge has authority to bind and gag a disruptive accused (soldier), then certainly he has authority to forcibly shave (Hasan)."

Last week that appeals court delayed Hasan's court-martial, which had been set to start earlier this week with jury selection, while it considers his appeal to being forcibly shaved. Now that the judge has responded, the court can make a decision or choose to hear oral arguments in the case first.

Hasan has grown a beard apparently to express his Muslim faith. His defense attorneys have said he won't shave since he's had a premonition that his death is imminent, and he doesn't want to die without a beard because he believes not having one is a sin.

Hasan faces the death penalty or life in prison without parole if convicted in the November 2009 attack on the Texas Army post that killed 13 people and wounded more than

two dozen others.

Gross has banned Hasan from courtroom hearings since he first showed up in court in June with a beard, letting him watch the proceedings on a closed-circuit television in a nearby room. But Gross said Hasan will be forcibly shaved before the trial if he doesn't shave himself. The judge has said he wants Hasan in the courtroom during the court-martial to prevent a possible appeal on the issue if he is convicted.

The government does not believe that Hasan's beard is based on a sincerely held religious belief, prosecutors have said. Even so, Gross' response also told the appeals court that his order does not violate Hasan's religious freedoms. Army rules prohibit beards, and those who join the military have agreed to give up certain personal interests over the needs of the service, according to the document.

Military courts have granted exceptions to

certain rules because of religious grounds, such as allowing a Jewish soldier to wear a yarmulke, but Hasan shouldn't be allowed to keep his beard because his religious beliefs are associated with the crime, said Jeff Addicott, director of the Center for Terrorism Law at St. Mary's University Law School. Addicott, who is not involved in the Hasan case, said soldiers have been forcibly shaved in the military but could not cite specific cases, saying most are not high-profile.

In urging the court to deny Hasan's appeal and to allow the trial to proceed, Gross' response said that his order to forcibly shave Hasan ensures "that a military trial proceeds without a distracting and disruptive sideshow featuring an officer-accused flagrantly disrespecting the Army, his superiors, and the military judge."

Supreme Court halts execution

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court again halted the scheduled execution of a Texas inmate convicted of a triple murder less than an hour before he could have been taken to the death chamber Wednesday.

Justices decided to stop the punishment of John Balentine, condemned for fatally shooting three teenage housemates in Amarillo in 1998.

Balentine also came within an hour of receiving the lethal injection a year ago and the high court took the same action on an appeal that ultimately was rejected. In 2009, he won a reprieve a day before his death date.

The high court said in a one-paragraph ruling Wednesday that it was giving the reprieve so it could consider Balentine's petition for a review. Attorneys said the appeal would be discussed by the court at a conference late next month. If the request for review is rejected, the reprieve would end and prosecutors again could ask for a judge in Amarillo to set another execution date.

Texas Department of

Criminal Justice spokesman Jason Clark said Balentine, who was inside a small cell near the death chamber when the court action came down, was laughing and smiling when Clark approached him about the decision. Clark said Balentine did not want to comment to reporters.

Balentine, from Newport, Ark., already had a long criminal record in his home state when he was arrested in Houston six months after the bodies of three teens were found at a house in January 1998.

His guilt was not an issue in court appeals.

Balentine's lawyer, Lydia Brandt, argues his legal help was deficient at his 1999 trial and in his early appeals. Lawyers failed to uncover evidence of Balentine's abusive and poor childhood that could have persuaded jurors to sentence him to life in prison, instead of death, Brandt contends.

Brandt says Balentine's lawyers, in his early appeals, didn't question those aspects of his trial defense and that the opportunity to do so has expired under court rules.

She contends that a recent court ruling in an Arizona death penalty case should open the door for justices to stop Balentine's execution and allow for a review of his case.

In court filings, lawyers for the state dispute Brandt's arguments, saying Balentine's trial lawyers did find character witnesses but decided not to use them because they would have described Balentine as hostile. They also argue that the Arizona case can't be applied to Balentine's because capital case appeal procedures in Arizona differ greatly from those in Texas. They also note that justices rejected four previous petitions to review Balentine's case.

Balentine was convicted of fatally shooting Mark Caylor Jr., 17, and 15-year-olds Kai Brooke Geyer and Steven Watson. Caylor was the brother of Balentine's ex-girlfriend, and prosecutors said a feud between Caylor and Balentine led Balentine to kill the teens in the house where he once lived. All three were shot once in the head with a .32-caliber pistol as they slept.

Planned Parenthood awaits funding cuts

AUSTIN (AP) — Planned Parenthood said Wednesday that Texas clinics are operating like normal for now, even as state officials move to quickly freeze funding after a federal court gave Republican lawmakers a victory in their efforts to punish health providers linked to abortion services.

The court ruling allows the state to cut off fund-

ing to Planned Parenthood, the largest provider in the Texas Women's Health Program, while a lawsuit over the issue moves forward. But just how fast Texas can sever funding remains unclear.

The health program provides family planning and other health services to more than 130,000 low-income women and is designed for those who

might not otherwise qualify for Medicaid.

At Planned Parenthood's more than 60 clinics statewide, nothing has changed yet. "But we're also letting (patients) know that we're not sure how long that will be the case," Planned Parenthood spokeswoman Rochelle Tafolla said. "Because of the ruling, it's jeopardized."

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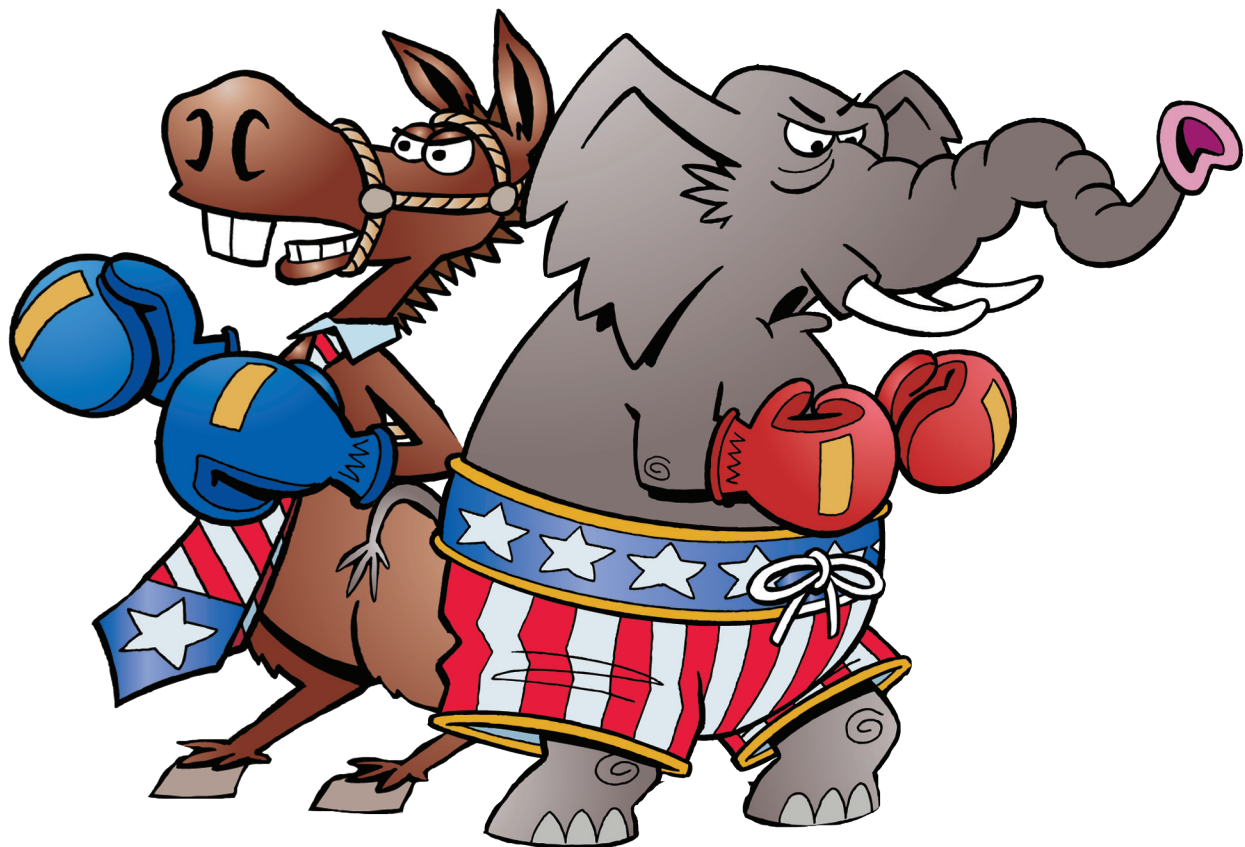
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Today in History

August 24 is the 236th day of the year (237th in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 129 days remaining until the end of the year.

EVENTS

- 49 BC – Julius Caesar’s general Gaius Scribonius Curio is defeated in the Second Battle of the Bagradas River by the Numidians under Publius Attius Varus and King Juba of Numidia. Curio commits suicide to avoid capture.
- 79 – Mount Vesuvius erupts. The cities of Pompeii, Herculaneum, and Stabiae are buried in volcanic ash (note: this traditional date has been challenged, and many scholars believe that the event occurred on October 24).
- 410 – The Visigoths under king Alaric I begin to pillage Rome.
- 455 – The Vandals, led by king Genseric, begin to plunder Rome. Pope Leo I requests Genseric not destroy the ancient city or murder its citizens. He agrees and the gates of Rome are opened. However, the Vandals loot a great amount of treasure.
- 1185 – Sack of Thessalonica by the Normans.
- 1200 – King John of England, signee of the first Magna Carta, marries Isabella of Angouleme in Bordeaux Cathedral.
- 1215 – Pope Innocent III declares Magna Carta invalid.
- 1349 – Six thousand Jews are killed in Mainz after being blamed for the bubonic plague.
- 1391 – Jews are massacred in Palma de Mallorca.
- 1456 – The printing of the Gutenberg Bible is completed.
- 1482 – The town and castle of Berwick upon Tweed is captured from Scotland by an English army
- 1561 – Willem of Orange marries duchess Anna of Saxony.
- 1608 – The first official English representative to India lands in Surat.
- 1662 – The Act of Uniformity requires England to accept the Book of Common Prayer.
- 1682 – William Penn receives the area that is now the state of Delaware, and adds it to his colony of Pennsylvania.
- 1690 – Job Charnock of the East India Company establishes a factory in Calcutta, an event formerly considered the founding of the city (in 2003 the Calcutta High Court ruled that the city has no birthday).
- 1812 – Peninsula War:** A coalition of Spanish, British, and Portuguese forces succeed in lifting the two-and-a-half-year-long Siege of Cádiz.
- 1814 – British troops invade Washington, D.C. and during the Burning of Washington the White House is set ablaze, though not burned to the ground; as well as several other buildings.
- 1815 – The modern Constitution of the Netherlands is signed.
- 1816 – The Treaty of St. Louis is signed in St. Louis, Missouri.
- 1820 – Constitutionalist insurrection at Oporto, Portugal.
- 1821 – The Treaty of Córdoba is signed in Córdoba, now in Veracruz, Mexico, concluding the Mexican War of Independence from Spain.
- 1857 – The Panic of 1857 begins, setting off one of the most severe economic crises in United States history.
- 1870 – The Wolseley Expedition reaches Manitoba to end the Red River Rebellion.
- 1875 – Captain Matthew Webb became first person to swim the English Channel
- 1891 – Thomas Edison patents the motion picture camera.
- 1898 – Count Muravyov, Foreign Minister of Russia presents a rescript that convoked the First Hague Peace Conference.
- 1909 – Workers start pouring concrete for the Panama Canal.
- 1912 – Alaska becomes a United States territory.
- 1914 – World War I:** German troops capture Namur.



DECISION PAMPA: 2012

Charlie Daniels: Mr. Daniels and the issue with Chick-Fil-A



CHARLIE DANIELS
Columnist

(Editor’s Note: This column was published on August 3, 2012.)

Regardless of how you feel about the same-sex marriage issue, whether pro, con or neutral, if you are a freedom loving American you have to be appalled and angry to one degree or another when elected officials denounce an American businessman and his business for having the moral integrity to stand by a deeply held religious belief.

I think that Boston Mayor, Thomas Menino, Chicago Mayor, Rahm Emanuel, and a few other “progressive” mayors showed the true colors of the left this week when they basically told Chick-fil-A, “If you don’t believe the way we do we don’t want you in our towns.”

I think that the encyclopedias should put pictures of Menino, Emanuel and their similarly minded counterparts next to the definitions of hypocrites and cowards, and I don’t say that lightly.

Muslims don’t believe in same-sex marriage either, but have any of the stalwart mayors attacked any Muslims or Muslim businesses or told them they were not welcome in Chicago, Boston or San Francisco?

Of course they haven’t, they don’t have the cajones. They never do.

This is the move of a desperate, morally bankrupt, tyrannical political genre realizing they are totally out of touch and distrusted by mainstream America and their only hope is to keep a demanding and ever changing base intact. The big tax, entitlement bunch who use the taxpayer’s money to curry favor and buy votes, never minding whose head they step on and now much collateral damage they leave in their wake.

Don’t look to hear about this in the mainstream media, but from what I hear from around the country, the inane tirades of these city officials had an unequal and opposite effect on Chick-fil-A and the American public, as they have awakened and angered a usually passive middle America who literally turned out by the tens of thousands all over country to show their support for Dan Cathy and the business his family founded by standing in long lines and waiting for open spaces in parking lots, some locations running out of food well before the business day was over.

These mayors have done more to identify the enemies of freedom in America than all the speeches at conventions, all the TV and radio ads and all the talking head commentaries put together.

They have put a face on a brand of politics that is

anti-business, anti-Christian and anti anything else that flies in the face of their socialistic, dictatorial agenda, exposing the supposedly totally tolerant left as the petulant, opportunistic gaggle of milksops who try to draw attention away from the true and important problems they face by making a big deal out of something insignificant.

Dan Cathy’s convictions have been known for a long time, he doesn’t even allow his brand to open for business on Sunday in accordance with his beliefs in observing the Sabbath, and since his remarks about same-sex marriage do not come as a surprise to anybody with a modicum of gray matter, why all of a sudden are the mayors of major American cities in an uproar about it?

Do you think that drawing attention away from the murder rate on the streets of Chicago, that Emanuel doesn’t seem capable of doing anything about, have anything to do with it?

It’s an old political trick that Bill Clinton developed into an art form and Barack Obama’s whole 2012 campaign is based on. When you have big problems you can’t deal with, you point attention at anything other than your own shortcomings. It’s called the tail wagging the dog.

But this time they’ve hit a nerve, walked into a fastball they didn’t see coming as hundreds of thousands of Americans went out of their way to

show their support and admiration for someone who would stand up for something they believe in and their distaste for out of touch, big city mayors who don’t respect anything that don’t agree with them.

Mr. Emanuel, Mr. Menino and your ilk, let’s see you go to a mosque and denounce the Muslim businessmen for their disapproval of same-sex marriage.

I double dare you.
 What do you think?
 Pray for our troops, and for our county.

God Bless America
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Deserving veterans honored for their patriotism

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On Saturday evening Aug. 18, the FREEDOM USA and Pampa VFW Post 1657 held the 22nd annual Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honor Banquet to honor some very deserving veterans.

Over one hundred patriots attended the event to show their appreciation for James W. Harrison of Floydada, Don W. Rader of Canadian, Richard Hendrickson of Fritch, Bob Curry of Pampa, and Homer Ratliff Jr. of Miami.

Don Rader was in attendance to receive his plaque recognizing his induction into the Hall of Honor while family members did the honors for their respective relatives. The event is held annually and is an attempt to recognize area citizen soldiers who distinguished themselves both in the service of the country they loved as well as being outstanding citizens in their communities.

The inductees represent the 26 counties of the Panhandle or served at the Pampa Army Airfield during WW II and come from all branches of the military. Decorations received by past inductees

range from the Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Flying Cross, Distinguished Navy Cross, to many awards presented by foreign nations to our veterans. Although each inductee has been very honored at their induction into the Hall, all have been very humbled and have questioned their worthiness for such an honor. Without exception, each individual has expressed the strong feelings that so many others were far more deserving of induction.

Although the banquet and induction are an attempt to show the gratitude of a grateful Texas Panhandle, words and plaques will never adequately equal the deeds and sacrifices of our fighting men.

When the US has issued a call to arms, the American Citizen Soldier has never failed to respond. "All have given some, some have given all" sums up our veterans throughout the years. The museum board wishes to encourage everyone to consider nominating worthy veterans who may be family member, neighbors and friends. Requirements for nomination can be obtained at the FREEDOM MUSEUM USA at 600 N. Hobart.

Change from iron water lines to copper

Dear Pat: I live in an older ranch house. Over the years, the water flow from the faucets has decreased. I think it has old galvanized iron pipes. Is there anything I can do to fix this problem?
— Bonnie H.

Dear Bonnie: I am glad you mentioned old galvanized iron pipes because that likely is the cause of the problem. It is a strong and durable piping material, but it does have a limited life. Today, copper or CPVC piping is usually used for the water supply lines throughout a house.

It is not difficult to identify galvanized iron pipes. They are usually about one-inch in diameter and have a gray color, similar to galvanized chain link fencing. You may also see threads at the elbows and joints instead of solder joints, as with copper piping.

The rough galvanized interior surface of the iron pipe tends to accumulate sediment and deposits that harden over many years. These deposits narrow the interior diameter of the pipe to the point where the water flow is greatly restricted. This happens most often in horizontal pipes between floors and to a lesser extent in vertical pipes.

There is no easy method to clean out these deposits. They may be throughout the plumbing system or isolated in just several spots, but you have no way of knowing where. If the galvanizing wears away or is disturbed in spots, water comes in direct contact with the iron. Iron and water react to create rust, and leaks can also occur.

The best solution to the problem is to replace the old plumbing with copper or CPVC piping. Since you do not know where the clogs are, replace all the plumbing throughout the house. If you just partially replace the pipes, there may be a corrosion problem where the copper connects and contacts the old iron pipes.

Since you have a ranch-style house, it will be fairly easy to access the plumbing to replace it. At least you can do as much of it as you can yourself and hire a plumber for some of the tricky spots. You can plan on spending about \$200 to \$300 for the copper pipe and about \$50 if you need the cutting and soldering tools.

If you have not soldered copper pipe before, it is not difficult to do. Make sure to use lead-free solder on plumbing. Solder with partial lead

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content is easier to work with, but you do not want to take the chance of introducing lead into your water supply.

The key to effective soldering is cleaning the pipe ends thoroughly and applying a thin layer of flux. You will be surprised how the molten solder draws itself into the joint for a watertight seal.

Another option is CPVC piping. Check your local codes to be sure

it is approved. It is easy to saw to length, and the elbows and connectors are glued together. Follow the manufacturer's installation instructions, and don't go overboard with the glue. You don't want excess to get inside the pipes.

When using CPVC pipe, be aware it expands quite a bit in length when it heats up from hot water. You may have to enlarge some holes in the lumber and increase clearance at the ends of long runs. If not, you will hear it rub on the lumber when you use hot water.

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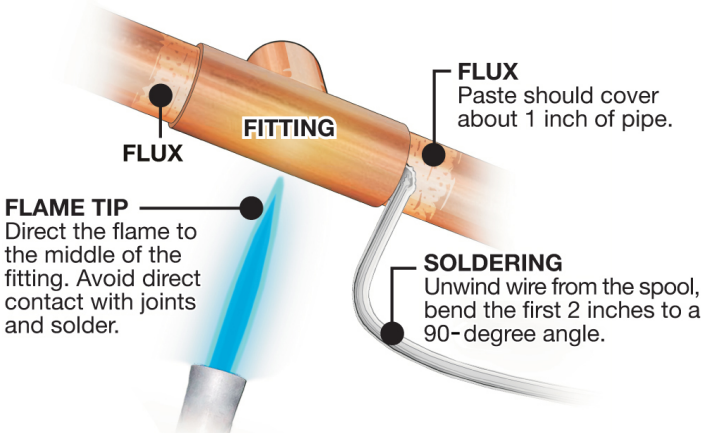
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Copper Pipe

Working with copper pipe demands some basic skills. The keys to success are practice and planning. Here are some tips and suggestions for soldering copper pipe.



- 1 Prepare surface of pipe with a wire brush or emery cloth.
- 2 Apply a layer of soldering paste (flux) to the end of the pipe using a flux brush.
- 3 Hold flame tip against the middle of the fitting for five seconds, until soldering paste begins to sizzle.
- 4 Touch solder to the joint. As the pipe gets hot, the solder will melt and get sucked into the joint and spreads evenly between the pipe and the fitting.
- 5 After solder hardens, wipe with a cold, wet cloth to cool pipe. Turn on water, and check for leaks.



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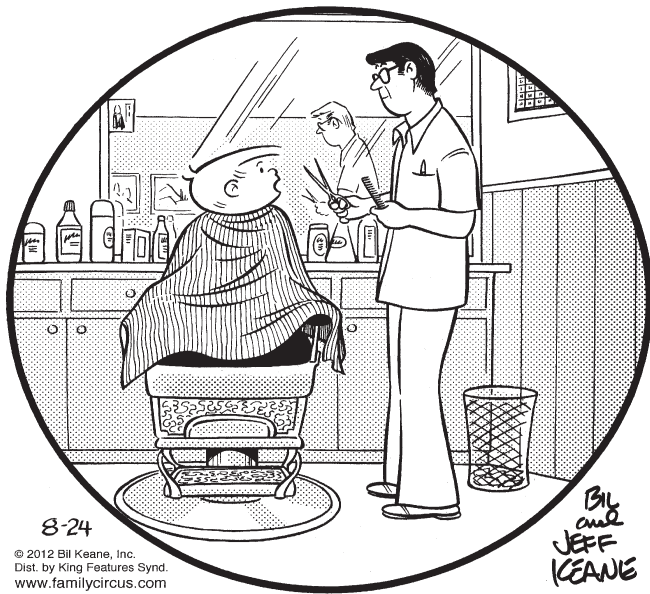
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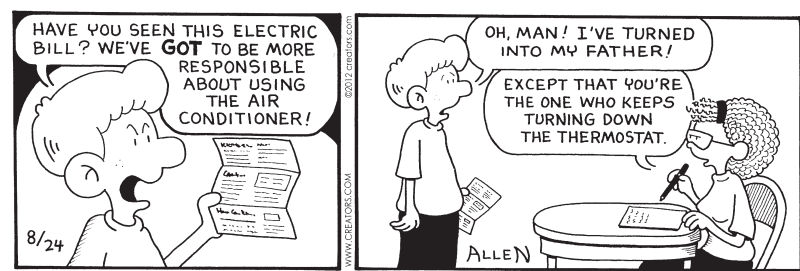


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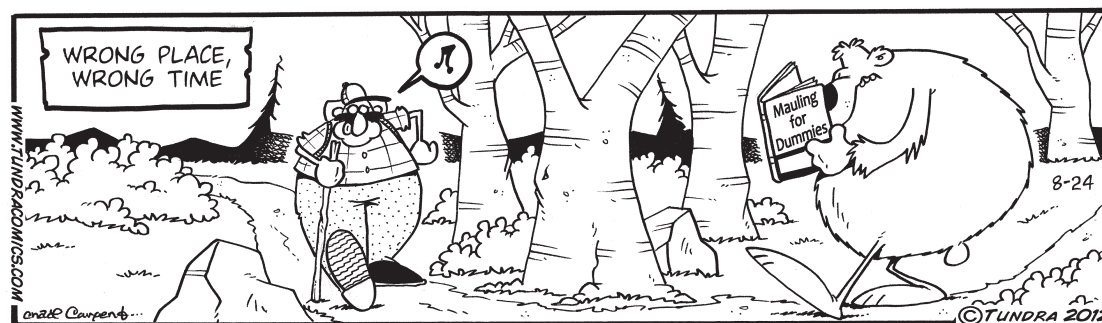
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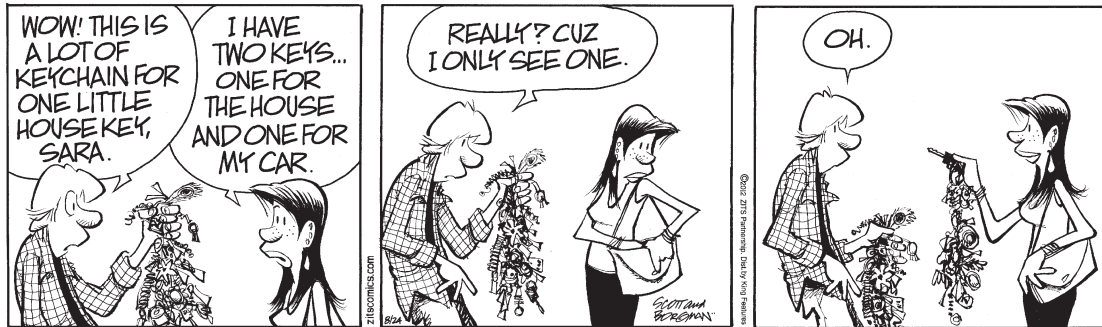
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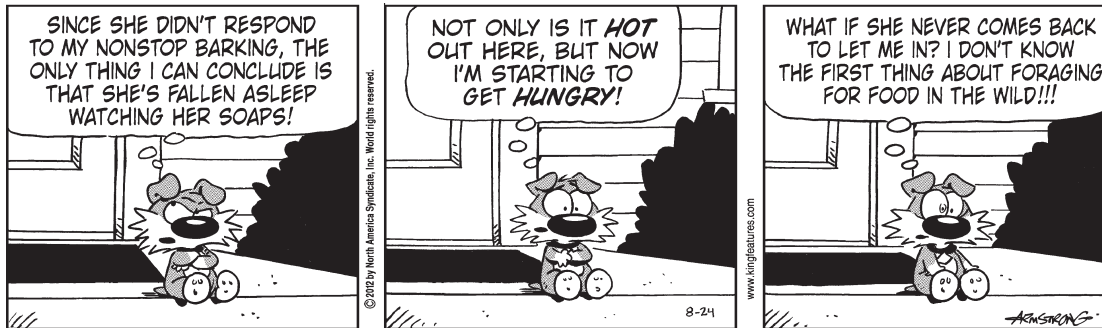
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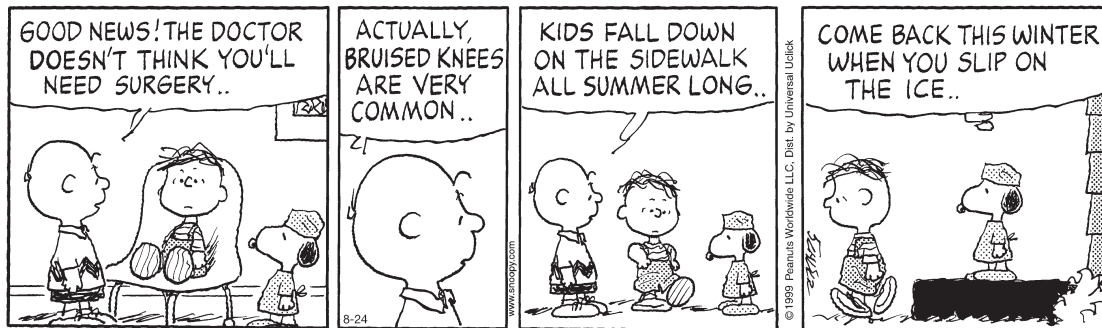
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Aug. 25, 2012:

This year you could be overwhelmed by how much you do, or have to do. The good news is that, because you handle responsibilities well, you could be in line for a pay raise. You also seem to be able to understand yourself well. If you are single, you might attract someone who is rarely understood by others, but who you seem to get. You'll enjoy that role. If you are attached, you find weekends away together to be good both for the soul and for the bond between the two of you. SAGITTARIUS often might irritate you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance, or make plans to visit this person. You might have quite a few people you have not spent time with in a while. Expect a lot of activity, and understand that you are the one who triggered it. A serious partner seems to lighten up. Tonight: Opt for adventure, not the same old ho-hum thing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ A partnership (and maybe not yours) demands attention. Whether you're helping a couple or actively relating to a partner or loved one, you have your hands happily full. You might not have the fiery get-up-and-go that others have, but you more than make up for it today. Tonight: How about dinner for two?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Make it your pleasure to defer to a friend, family member or loved one. You could afford to be docile and supportive, as you also demand a lot of support and feedback at times. A child or loved one is overserious. You know how to help this person lighten up. Tonight: Go with an offer.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Plunge into a project that you feel has been on the back burner for too long. Your ability to listen and honor others' ideas is high. Feel free to reject their ideas as well. You have a strong sense of what works for you. Let go of an uptight attitude. Tonight: Choose only what you want to do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You certainly know how to take a day off and enjoy yourself. Your choices vary according to your age and lifestyle. Choose something you absolutely love to do and share it with someone else. Clearly, you understand the benefits of give-and-take on all levels. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Share more often with a roommate or family member. You want the strength and support of that bond to stay intact. An opportunity arises surrounding a responsibility, a superior and/or work. Trust your abilities to balance these different factions in your life. Tonight: Time for some relaxation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ You continue to communicate as you always have, but you discover that others now immediately grasp what you are saying. See the difference a day or so makes? A call is packed with good news, which puts a smile on your face all day long! Tonight: Enjoy visiting over dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Do some price comparison before buying a big item. You still might go overboard, but at least you'll know why you chose what you did. This realization might eliminate any guilt. Do not let any negativity or insecurity impact your mood. Tonight: Treating again?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You whiz by others with a smile and lots of energy. Sure enough, certain people will want to know more. Expect inquiries, calls and tentative invitations. (The people doing the inviting probably want to join you in your good mood.) Tonight: Only what makes you smile.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

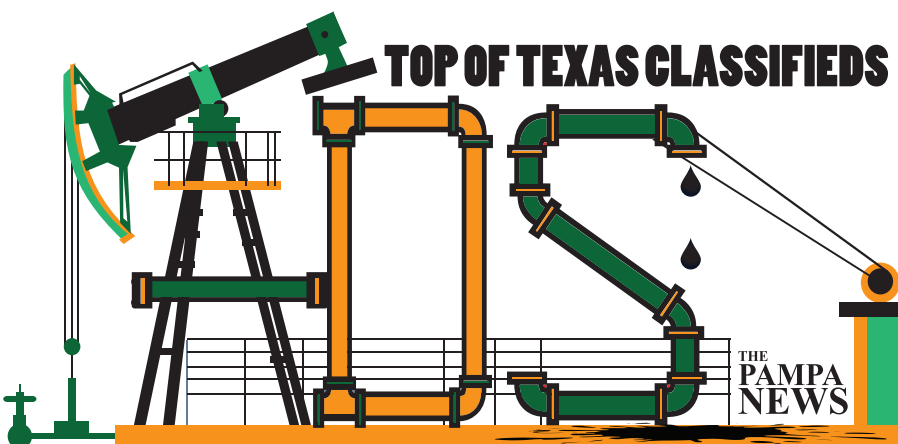
★★★ Take a step back from the here and now, especially if you have been negative or judgmental as of late. Try to walk in someone else's shoes in order to understand where this person is coming from. You will be more open-minded as a result. Tonight: No crowds, please.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Go where your friends are and where life at times seems silly yet meaningful. Your group of pals is one of the most important parts of your life. Do not get into anything that could prevent you from your primary agenda. Tonight: Let the party continue.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Visit with an older friend or relative. This person enjoys your company and values your presence far more than you might realize. If you want to make other plans, do so, but only after you make this trip. Good news occurs on the homefront. Tonight: Visible and loving the moment.



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Sports

Bright season ahead for young Harvester tennis team



Staff Photo by **Gayden Hays**
Brandon Gage serves during recent practice.

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Lady Harvester senior captain Emily Terry is one of only four returning lettermen for the Pampa High School tennis team. Play begins next Tuesday against Randall High School at the high school tennis courts at 4 p.m.

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The 2012 Fall Tennis Team will fall on the shoulders of two capable individuals, boys captain Nick Nelson and girls captain Emily Terry.

Coach Sarah Corse said she is excited about the upcoming schedule for the fall. Since moving to 3A athletic program there is not a Fall tennis season — only matches that do not go toward the final district standing.

Corse noted that these games are needed to help get her extremely young team ready for the Spring Season.

“I have a young team this year, I graduated nine seniors last year. We have only four returning players out of 16 members on the team” Corse said.

The Harvester tennis team is using the fall schedule for gaining experience for when the spring season arrives.

Also working against

the team is that many of the players who will be on the Spring roster are at the moment playing volleyball or football this fall.

Nick Nelson, a four year starter and two-time all-district doubles player, also noted the fact that the team was young, however he also pointed out the huge potential the new players had.

Nelson pointed out Blake Chisom and Ashton Robinson as players to watch, and also Brandon Gage a returning varsity player who is really “stepping it up”.

When asked about which team in district would pose the greatest threat to the Harvesters, Nelson explained that Borger is the only other team in district 1-3A that fields a full team, and the players they have are very competitive.

Fall tennis begins next Tuesday, August 28 at Pampa High School. Matches begin at 4 p.m.

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Lady Harvesters battle 4A Randall

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Playing Tough: The Lady Harvester volleyball team travelled to Randall on Tuesday night to play the 4A Randall Raiders. Despite tough play and solid defence the Lady Harvesters fell to the Raiders 18 - 25, 23 - 25, 16 - 25.

Pictured to the left: Members of the Lady Harvesters preparing to return the Raiders shot. Madison Joyce number 7 set the ball successfully during this point.

Pictured below left: Taylor Eubank and Taylor Giles blocking the Randall Raiders shot during the matches played Tuesday.

Lady Harvesters rally against Randall

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The Lady Harvesters despite losing team leader and senior setter Maddie Fatheree at the end of the second match, the Pampa ladies rallied Tuesday night while playing Randall High School in Amarillo.

Despite playing the larger Randall Raiders a 4A school, the Harvesters gave the Raiders all they

wanted and even more. The Lady Harvesters lead the Raiders for most of the second match before eventually falling 23-25.

The loss of Fatheree caused Coach Brooke Sanford to move players out of their normal positions, interrupting their momentum.

Final scores for the matches were 18-25, 23-25, 16-25, despite the loss it was the finest effort and game they have played so far.



Fritch has tournament

Friday & Saturday
August 24-25

Teams playing: Pampa, Fritch, Holy Cross, River Road, Borger, Memphis, Perryton, Ft. Elliot, Highland Park, Childress, West Texas High, and Tulia.

Lady Harvesters scheduled games for Friday are: Childress at 1:30 p.m., followed by Tulia at 2:50 p.m. At 4:10 p.m. they will play West Texas. Saturday's games are still to be determined.

**Lady Harvester
Junior Varsity
Tournament**

**Pampa High School
Gym
Friday and Saturday
August 24**

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Events for the week

Howdy Week

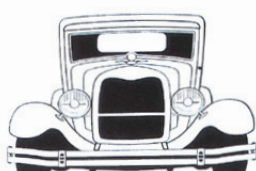
- 8/25 Howdy Dance 8 -11 p.m.
- 8/27 Dress up Day 80's
Dual credit Enrollment
- 8/28 Tennis vs. Randall at Pampa
V-ball vs. Dumas at Pampa
- 8/29 Dress up Day Rainbow
- 8/30 Dress up Day Howdy
9th F-ball at Iowa Park
JV F-ball at Iowa Park
- 8/31 Dress up Day Green and Gold
Lions Club Tail Gate Picnic 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Dance after game in PHS Commons
- 8/31-9/1 Varsity V-ball Frenship Tournament
- 9/1 Cross County at Borger
- 9/3 No School ~ Labor Day Holiday
Chautauqua at Central Park

Sport schedules may change.

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