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## 2nd round of Skinner DNA testing expected soon

**Death-Row inmate stills maintains innocence in grisly 1993 triple homicide.**

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**  
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Results from a second round of DNA testing in the Hank Skinner murder case, are expected soon according to the Texas Attorney General's Office.

"The second round of DNA testing is still pending," said Tom Kelley, a spokes-

man for the AG. "DPS anticipates results early this month."

In early November, the AG's Office released an advisory that crime scene evidence tested by a Texas Department of Safety lab consistently indicated that Skinner killed Pampa resident Twila Busby and her adult sons on New Year's Eve in 1993. Skinner was convicted of the crimes in 1995 and now sits on death



**Hank Skinner**

row at the Texas Department of Justice's Polunsky Unit in Livingston. His execution has been stayed three times, mostly recently by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2010, while 400 executions have been carried out in Texas.

The AG advisory was filed with the 31st Judicial District Court of Gray County. District Attorney Franklin McDonough said Monday the case is being prosecuted by the AG's Office.

For nearly 20 years Skinner has maintained his innocence, claiming he was unconscious from drugs and alcohol

when the murders occurred and that a relative of Busby's is the real killer.

Skinner said in a recent television interview that one piece of evidence, a windbreaker originally found at the murder scene, is missing and cannot be tested.

The windbreaker resembled one that was owned by Busby's uncle, Robert Donnell, who is now deceased.

Rob Owen, co-director of the University of Texas at Austin's Capital Punishment Clinic, said in November he found it troubling the AG's Office would release

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## Drug busts keep local cops busy

By **SASHA HELLER**  
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The Pampa Police Department and Gray County Sheriff's Office had their plates full this past weekend as both organizations pulled multiple drug arrests and even dissolved a volatile situation at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

The PPD late Saturday evening arrested Kala Dawn Seymour, 24, Pampa, and Corey Don Anglin, 32, Amarillo, after a routine traffic stop turned up around 29 grams of what department officials suspect is methamphetamine.

Seymour and Anglin were booked into the Gray County Sheriff's Office early Sunday morning.

PPD public information officer Stormy McCullar said all substances seized as evidence must first be tested using the department's drug kit before it is officially identified.

The PPD responded early Monday morning to a distress call from the Pampa Regional Medical Center in response to an incident involving assault with a deadly weapon.

McCullar said victim Zachary Organ had been stabbed by a known assailant but that he would recover from his injury.

"That's about it," McCullar said. "We don't know much about it. They're still investigating."

McCullar said Organ does not intend on pressing charges against the person who stabbed him.

Friday evening, the GCSO arrested two individuals on serious drug charges: Thomas Roman Brown, 34, Lefors, for possession of a controlled substance — greater than 400 grams and Edgar Hernandez, 25, Albuquerque, N.M., for possession of marijuana — over 5 and under 2,000 pounds.

## ROYAL DUO



Photo by Charla Shults

Seniors Rachel Andrews and Ty Hutto were crowned Senior Night King and Queen at McNeely Fieldhouse on Friday night. The King and Queen are chosen by nominations from everyone involved in the basketball program. For more Senior Night photos turn to pages 6A and 3B.

## Sweetwater Creek to be surveyed by state

By **SASHA HELLER**  
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The Gray County Commission heard a presentation Friday from representatives with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (ECQ) regarding a planned study of recreation levels at Sweetwater Creek.

Sweetwater sits at the most extreme northern end of Gray County and primarily runs through neighboring Wheeler County.

Sweetwater was initially placed upon the TX303(d) list, the statewide water

quality and inventory index, in 2002 for having a high level of bacteria.

The ECQ representatives said Friday the planned study will only analyze how the creek is being accessed by the public, how the public is using the creek and for what reasons.

"Is it accessible? Are there signs that people are using it?" said the group's spokesperson.

The commissioners seemed reassured to hear this as they noted Sweetwater Creek rarely has water in it so a study of it, they said, would be prove rather limited.

The ECQ's current study will not further investigate chemical levels present in the creek, officials said.

The group spokesperson said the Texas ECQ has studied Sweetwater's recreation levels periodically since 1974, upon passage of the federal Clean Water Act.

The TX303(d) list describes Sweetwater Creek, technically, as running "from the Oklahoma state line in Wheeler County to the upstream perennial portion of the stream northwest of Wheeler in Wheeler County, a tributary of North Fork Red River."

### Briefly

#### Pampa ISD to meet Wednesday morning

The Pampa Independent School District Board will hold a special session at 7 a.m., Wednesday to negotiate and execute a contract to purchase property at 1441 N. Charles St., Pampa.

Charles Street is located behind the Walmart shopping center near State Highway 70.

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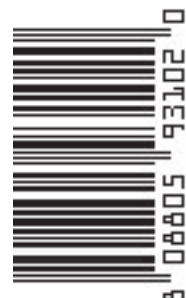
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## PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday
		
High 61 Low 34	High 67 Low 35	High 53 Low 31

**Tuesday:** Sunny with a high of 61 with no chance of rain. Wind north at 11 mph. Sunrise at 7:40 a.m.

**Tuesday night:** Clear skies with a low of 34. No chance of rain. Wind south southeast at 13 mph. Sunset at 6:1 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny and windy with a high of 67. No chance of rain. Wind south southwest at 20 mph.

**Wednesday night:** Partly cloudy with a low of 35. No chance of rain. Wind southwest at 13 mph. Sunset at 6:17 p.m.

**Thursday:** Mostly cloudy with a high of 53. No chance of rain. Wind north northeast at 19 mph. Sunrise at 7:38 a.m.

**Thursday night:** Clear skies with a low of 31. No chance of rain. Wind southeast at 8 mph. Sunset at 6:18 p.m.

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# Obituaries

## Patric Nichols

Patric Nichols, 28, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Patric was born Dec. 30, 1984 in Lubbock. He had been a resident of Pampa for the past 22 years, attending Pampa schools. He married Storm McCoy on June 6, 2009 in Pampa.

Survivors include his wife: Storm Nichols of the home; his father: Jack Nichols and wife Valerie of Pampa; his mother: Patsy Bridwell and husband Brian of Pampa; paternal grandmother: Joann Franklin of Littlefield; maternal grandparents: Bo and Gloria Applegate of Pampa; a sister: Renee Nichols of Pampa; a brother: Frank Nichols of Pampa; and step-brother: Alex Bridwell of Pampa.

Sign the on-line register at [Carmichael-Whitley.com](http://Carmichael-Whitley.com).



Patric Nichols

# For the record

## Pampa woman arrested on possession of controlled substance

■ 37-year-old Jana Elizabeth Turlington, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by the PPD on a possession of controlled substance — greater than 1 gram and less than 4 grams, possession/transport of a chemical with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

■ 22-year-old Derek Paul Kindle, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by the GCSO on a bond surrender for driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years old, possession of controlled substance — under 1 gram and credit card abuse.

■ 21-year-old Gerardo Dominguez, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the PPD for evading arrest/detention with vehicle and possession of marijuana — less than 2 ounces.

■ 57-year-old Steven Eugene Mathis, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by the PPD for public intoxication.

■ 20-year-old Brian Solis Gayton, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by the PPD for driving while intoxicated.

# DPS trooper seizes cash on traffic stop

SUBMITTED BY DPS

**CHILDRESS** — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) conducted a traffic stop Friday on U.S. Highway 287 yielding \$14,440 cash.

At approximately 10:26 a.m. Friday, a DPS trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2006 Chevy pickup traveling westbound on U.S. 287. The stop, which took place after a traffic violation, was conducted just west of Childress in Childress County.

The driver of the vehicle was Sean Didonato, 25, and his passenger was

Caitlin Leedle, 23, both of Santa Cruz, Calif.

During the traffic stop, the trooper conducted a search of the vehicle after smelling a strong odor of marijuana.

The cash was found in several pieces of luggage in the trunk. A Childress County K-9 also assisted during the traffic stop.

The driver and passenger were placed under arrest for money laundering, a state jail felony, and booked into the Childress County Jail.

The cash was allegedly being transported from Florida, to Santa Cruz, Calif.

## Texan wants accountability in wrongful conviction

**GEORGETOWN (AP)** — A Texas man who was wrongfully imprisoned for nearly 25 years in his wife's murder says he and his legal team were never informed that investigators knew his then-3-year-old son said he saw someone else beat the woman to death.

Michael Morton was released in 2011 after DNA testing showed he didn't kill his wife. A court of inquiry is examining if Judge Ken Anderson acted improperly in 1987 when he was a district attorney prosecuting Morton.

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# Rep. King appointed to key committees

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State Rep. Ken King, (R)-Canadian, announced his committee assignments as made by Speaker of the House of Representatives, Joe Straus, and issued the following statement:

"I am proud to announce that Speaker Straus has appointed me to the House Standing Committees on Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence and Public Education," King said.

"I thank the speaker for his confidence in me to con-

tribute to these important committees. I look forward to helping shape Texas' judiciary policy in the Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee and utilizing my years of experience as a member and president of the Canadian ISD school board in the Public Education Committee."

The Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee has jurisdiction over a wide range of topics such as civil law, civil procedure and administrative law, as well as the organization and functions of the courts in Texas and the Office of the Attorney General.

The Public Education Committee will deal with the public school system, elementary and secondary education programs, and have

jurisdiction over the State Board of Education and the Texas Education Agency.

King continued: "Speaker Straus had the extraordinary responsibility of assessing the talent and ability of over forty new members, coupled with the seniority and overall diversity of the House membership.

King was elected to serve the citizens of District 88, which contains counties in both the South Plains and Panhandle sections of Texas, in November 2012. He served as member of the Canadian ISD school board for five years and president for three.

He also serves as Vice President of King Well Service Inc. a 50-year-old, family-run energy services firm based in Canadian.

# Perry's tech fund shows \$6M in potential losses

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry's pet fund that gives taxpayer dollars to high-tech Texas startups is leaving room for \$6 million in potential losses due to troubled investments, according to a new state report.

The allowance for bad debts is a drain on the value of the Texas Emerging Technology Fund, which Perry calls an economic sparkplug but that critics have blasted because of its performance and politics.

An annual report released last week shows that barring the state getting its money back from failed projects, the fund now stands at \$2.4 million above what the state has put in — down from \$4.6 million a year ago.

Employment levels also fell at more than 130 companies in the fund, but a true employment picture is unclear because several startups didn't submit new figures.

It makes for a muddled snapshot of the tech fund that Perry launched in 2005.

Lawmakers started budget talks in January with no new funding for the program that has absorbed criticism over accountability and transparency.

Perry spokeswoman

Lucy Nashed said investments in startups take time to mature and that massive hiring is not the chief goal of the tech fund, which Perry has trumpeted as one of his signature economic development initiatives.



# Iraq war vet accused of shooting on suicide watch

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The Iraq War veteran charged with killing a former Navy SEAL sniper and his friend on a Texas shooting range had to be shocked with a stun gun and restrained in his jail cell overnight after becoming aggressive, a sheriff said Monday.

Eddie Ray Routh, 25, is on suicide watch in the Erath County Jail, where he's being held on \$3 million bond, Sheriff Tommy Bryant said. Routh is charged with one count of capital murder and two counts of murder in the shooting deaths of Chris Kyle, author of the best-selling book "American Sniper," and his friend Chad Littlefield at a shooting range Saturday in Glen Rose.

Routh, a member of the Marines Corps Reserve, appeared ready to assault jailers Sunday night when they entered his solitary confinement cell because he refused to return his food tray, Bryant said.

After warnings, jailers used a stun gun once and then put Routh in a chair that restrains his arms and legs, Bryant said.

Bryant said has an attorney but hasn't met with him at the jail in Stephenville, about 75 miles southwest of Fort Worth, and he has not said anything to investigators.

Authorities say the three men arrived at the sprawling Rough Creek Lodge on Saturday afternoon, and a hunting guide discovered the bodies of Kyle and Littlefield about two hours later and called 911. Bryant said Sunday that Kyle and Littlefield were shot more than once.

Routh then drove Kyle's pickup to his sister's house in Midlothian and told her that he killed two people, and she called police, Erath County Sheriff's Capt. Jason Upshaw said Monday.

Routh was arrested after a short police pursuit in Lancaster, near his home.

Routh joined the Marines in 2006 and rose to the rank of corporal in 2010. His military specialty was small-arms technician, commonly known as an armorer.

He had been stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and served in Iraq from 2007-

08 and in the Haiti disaster relief mission in 2010.

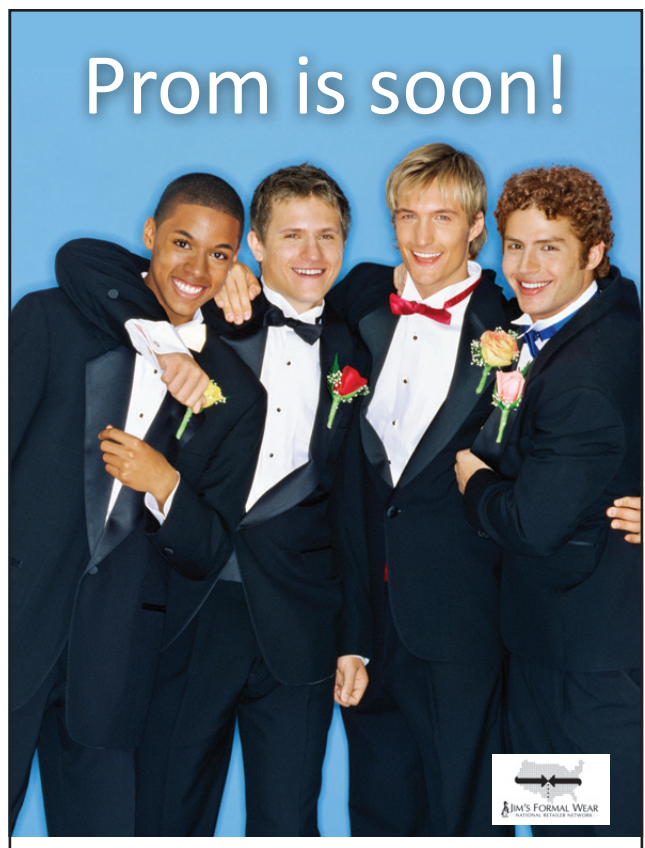
He is now in the individual ready reserve, which basically means he's a civilian. He could be called to duty, but it's uncommon unless he volunteers, said 1st Lt. Dominic Pitrone of the Marine Forces Services public affairs office.

Travis Cox, director of FITCO Cares — the non-profit that Kyle set up to give in-home fitness equipment to physically and emotionally wounded veterans — said he believes that Kyle and Littlefield were helping Routh work through PTSD.

Cox said Routh's mother may have asked Kyle to help her son, but Cox didn't know how Routh and Kyle knew each other. He said the shooting range event was not a FITCO session.

Lt. Cmdr. Rorke Denver, who served with Kyle in Iraq in 2006, wasn't surprised that Kyle apparently used a shooting range to help someone with PTSD.

FITCO Cares offered life coaching for veterans, a daily support group and weekly group counseling.



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# Skinner

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an advisory before all the evidence was tested.

Owen did not immediately return phone messages left on Monday.

Skinner claims that Donnell was abusive toward Busby and sexually assaulted her before he murdered her.

But DNA testing by DPS rebuts Skinner's claim, showing that Busby was not sexually assaulted before she was murdered. Six vaginal swabs and smears collected from Busby's body found no semen or DNA from any other person, the advisory states.

For years Skinner and his defense blocked any DNA testing, but last summer agreed believing the testing would exonerate Skinner.

The DPS test results do not support Skinner's claim an alternative suspect is the real killer, the AG advisory states.

During the trial, the state proved Skinner's bloody handprints were found throughout Busby's house.

Skinner admitted he was in the home during the murders but failed to call police or seek help for the victims.

Skinner chose instead to flee to a friend's house wearing clothes soaked with the victims' blood, according to the advisory.

Skinner arrived at the friend's house with a cut would in the palm of his hand. He threatened to kill the friend and her children if she called police, and was hiding in a closet still wearing the bloody clothing when police arrived and arrested him a few hours after the triple murder.

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## Prairie Plains Perspective

### Texting while driving bans are essential

If I could text and drive, I remember my politically slanted right of Attila the Hun mother dearest complaining aloud about seat belt usage in automobiles becoming a state law. "I'll never wear mine and how dare they (the government) tell me what to do!" In righteous indignation she would proclaim "Why, I'd rather get a ticket!"

I don't know if she ever got a ticket for not wearing a seat belt, but for many years after the law went into effect, she didn't click it.



**DENNIS PALMITIER**

You know, click it or ticket. If she were alive today it would be the slimmest of modern technology possibilities she even used a cell phone. But now with Pampa's ban on texting while driving going into effect, she would more than likely in a defiant text-away attitude, do so while driving the city streets around city hall. "Personal responsibilities and accountability" she would aver. Of course, tell that to a parent whose child or loved one or any person for the matter who has lost someone in a car crash due to a driver texting while behind the wheel. How's that personal responsibility and accountability working for them?

I have to fess up and face the fact: I am not a tech savvy person when it comes to working my smart phone. The idea that a 4- by 8-inch piece of plastic surrounding a chip and microprocessor is smarter than me is somewhat disconcerting, but I digress. Have you tried (present day teens and Generation X adults

excluded) driving and texting at the same time? I have. Did so the other day out on a traffic-free farm to market road to see how my coordination and senses worked. They didn't, and mind you, my texting skills while doing anything are dismal. In the presence of my granddaughter while texting, I've been forced to deal with her loud guffaws and laughing over texting abilities, which for me literally require one hand to hold the phone while the other's index finger is doing the walking. I used that same technique behind the wheel and am proud to say, could not accomplish the task.

Let's return, if you please, to my exclusion of teens and Generation X adults from my texting while driving test. With my soon-to-be-15-year-old granddaughter in mind, her father, step mother, uncle and every other person between the ages of 15 and 35 who has grown up using a keyboard rather than perfecting handwriting and spelling skills (another digressing), texting while driving bans are essential.

Every day we read or hear in the news of traffic fatalities caused by drivers of those ages texting behind the wheel.

From my point of view, the ban is more important than this gun-control brouhaha. I know, a third digression.

Humor aside, I do have an issue or two (go figure) with Pampa's upcoming driving while texting ban. With my concern over Pampa's lack of enforcement of the no cars parked on your front yard ordinance in mind, I can see enforcement of the driving while texting ban an iffy situation. Excluding of course, when Pampa's law enforcement officers are investigating a

horrific auto crash resulting from such. Aside from that point, how can law enforcement pick out someone texting behind the wheel? Which, ahem, brings up another issue per the law's wordage and I quote, "... unless the motor vehicle is lawfully parked (no problem) or stopped at a traffic control signal (problem ...)" You mean to tell me texting behind the wheel while stopped at a red light will be lawful? How did that auto get to the traffic signal?

The more I know, the less I understand. All I have to say is it had better be a long light and I'll wager this:

Expecting a texter/textee to cease what they are doing when the light goes green is a reach.

What this upcoming driving while texting ban does create is the likelihood in the near future for a new Pampa city ordinance banning all cell phone use while driving except when hands-free devices are used.

Yup, Amarillo has done the total deed and many folks there are upset because they think government has taken yet another freedom away — upset to the point a recall petition is being passed around there with hopes of getting enough signatures to put the ordinance to a vote. When a total cell phone use when driving ban is implemented here, I wonder how many Attila attitudes similar to my mother dearest's will come forth?

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## Forgotten, but not gone

Last weekend, the 2012 Republican presidential nominee, Mitt Romney, and his wife, Ann, were in Washington, where they met with friends and supporters and attended the annual Alfa Club dinner, an exclusive black-tie event.



**MARK SHIELDS**

One of the more memorable lines from last year's closed-to-the-press dinner was former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush's needling of his most famous sibling, when — while addressing the then-unsettled GOP nomination contest — he reported that at one point his brother even thought about running again: "George," I said, "the Constitution prohibits you from running again." He said, "Wow, they put my name in the Constitution?"

The weekend's real political news, however, was being made by the GOP's 2008 standard-bearer, Arizona Sen. John McCain, along with GOP Senate colleagues Jeff Flake of Arizona, Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Marco Rubio of Florida, all of whom had been working with Democratic Sens. Chuck Schumer of New York, Michael Bennet of Colorado, Bob Menendez of New Jersey and Dick Durbin of Illinois to produce a comprehensive compromise immigration plan.

That plan — which said that after measures were taken to secure the border, undocumented immigrants could obtain legal status on a probationary basis once they had undergone a background check, and paid a fine and any back taxes owed — was proudly unveiled by the eight senators.

By losing the growing Hispanic vote nationally 71 percent to 27 percent to President Barack Obama after running a fierce get-tough-on-illegal-immigrants campaign, Romney not

only made the senators' bipartisan immigration proposal possible. For his fellow Republicans, Romney made the switch on immigration imperative.

As McCain put it on Wednesday at a breakfast hosted by Politico, "If you have a large bloc of Americans who believe you're trying to keep their ... fellow Hispanics down and deprive them of an opportunity, obviously that's going to have an effect."

What sort of an effect? McCain: "The trend will continue of lack of support from Hispanic voters, and also, as you look at the demographics of states like mine, that means we will go from Republican to Democratic over time."

One irony is that McCain was one of Romney's most important 2012 endorsers for the nomination. This surprised some of us who remembered the Romney TV spot four years earlier that charged that McCain had "pushed to let every illegal immigrant stay here permanently — even voted to allow illegals to collect Social Security. And Mitt Romney? He opposes amnesty for illegals."

Earlier in 2007, Romney test-drove his 2012 campaign when he attacked an Arkansas plan that enabled the children of undocumented immigrants to apply for college scholarships. Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee counter-punched: "I'm standing here tonight on this stage because I got an education. If I hadn't had the education, I wouldn't be standing on this stage. I might be picking lettuce. In all due respect, we're a better country than to punish children for what their parents did ..."

In 2008, Romney got even tougher on Texas Gov. Rick Perry and the Lone Star State's Dream Act: "One of the things I still can't get over is the idea that a state would decide to give \$100,000 discounts to the children of illegals to go to school in their state."

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## Cutting down Hillary only makes her bigger

Anyone truly concerned about the safety of U.S. diplomatic personnel abroad — and that should include every American — has fresh reason for fury over last September's disaster in Benghazi and its aftermath. But the target of public anger should



**JOE CONASON**

not be Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, whose conduct has been exemplary ever since the U.S. ambassador to Libya and three of his brave colleagues lost their lives last September. Far more deserving of scorn are the likes of Republican Senators Rand Paul of Kentucky and Ron Johnson of Wisconsin and all the other grandstanding, conspiracy-mongering, ill-informed politicians who questioned her Wednesday on Capitol Hill.

Four months after the tragedy occurred, Republicans on both the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee still seem to be obsessed with the talking points provided to U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice before she appeared on television to discuss the incident.

According to Republican folklore, unsupported by facts, the Obama White House engaged in a conspiracy to conceal the true nature of the terrorist attack by mischaracterizing it as a "demonstration."

The continuing focus on that trivial issue — long since explained by Rice herself, as well as retired General David Petraeus and others, under oath — understandably provoked an exasperated Clinton to scold Johnson, one of the dimmer idols of the Tea Party.

When the Wisconsin Republican began to harp on this topic yet again — interrupting her answer, after stupidly asserting

that Clinton could have resolved any questions about the attack with "a very simple phone call" to the burned-out Benghazi compound — she responded sharply: With all due respect, the fact is we had four dead Americans. Was it because there was a protest or was it because there were guys who went out for a walk one night who decided they would kill some Americans? What difference at this point does it make? It is our job to figure out what happened and to do everything we can to make sure it never happens again.

No doubt Clinton's utterly sane retort will undergo dishonest editing, in the style of James O'Keefe, to make her sound cavalier or arrogant. But it is the Republicans in Congress whose attitude toward the deaths of Ambassador Christopher Stevens and his fallen comrades has seemed cynical and false, ever since they first sought to exploit the incident politi-

cally during the presidential campaign.

Meanwhile, having historically supported reductions in federal spending on diplomatic security, they have done nothing useful so far to enhance the safety of Americans serving abroad. Worse still, their questions to Clinton indicate that very few of them, even at this late date, have bothered to learn the basic facts surrounding the Benghazi incident.

By contrast, Clinton has assumed responsibility in a meaningful way ever since Sept. 11 — which is to say that she has taken action to ensure a serious response. As required by law, she empowered an independent investigation, which resulted in dozens of recommendations for improved security and held several high-ranking State Department officials to account for the lapses in Libya. It is worth noting that Thomas Pickering, the distinguished **CONASON** cont. on page 3

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# Conason

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former diplomat who led the probe, fixed culpability for the security flaws at Benghazi at “the assistant secretary level,” rather than with Clinton herself. Nobody in Washington understands the workings of the U.S. foreign service better than Pickering, who served in top positions under both presidents Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush. Certainly not John-

son or Paul, who rather comically asserted that “if (he) were president,” he would have fired Clinton. Always hard to imagine, a Paul presidency seemed even more remote when he quizzed her about obscure right-wing conspiracy theories involving Syria, Turkey and Libya.

As Joan Walsh observed in Salon, those irate and ignorant inquisitors on Capitol Hill appeared small and peevish in their confrontation with Clinton, a woman whose serious,

diligent, tireless approach to public service has armed her with an enduring popularity at least three times greater than her Republican adversaries in Congress. Their feeble attempts to cut her down, echoed by the usual loudmouths on radio and cable television, only make her bigger.

If they persist, she probably will be president someday.

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# Shields

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tions from the respected Pew Research’s Social & Demographic Trends, Hispanics, who constituted just 3.5 percent of the U.S. population in 1968 and 17 percent in 2011, will jump to 29 percent of the U.S. total in 2050. Asian-Americans, who were a tiny 0.6 percent in 1960, will increase to 9 percent. With African-Americans growing to 13 percent of the nation, this would mean that whites — who had been 85 percent of all Americans in 1960 — would shrink by the middle of the century to approximately 47 percent.

A bipartisan immigration bill staking out the path to citizenship will not, by itself, be a political silver bullet for a GOP still trying to shake off the anti-immigrant baggage the Romney candidacy

saddled it with. But it could mean that Republican candidates might eventually, after hard work, hope to reach the 40 percent of the Hispanic vote George W Bush won

in 2004.

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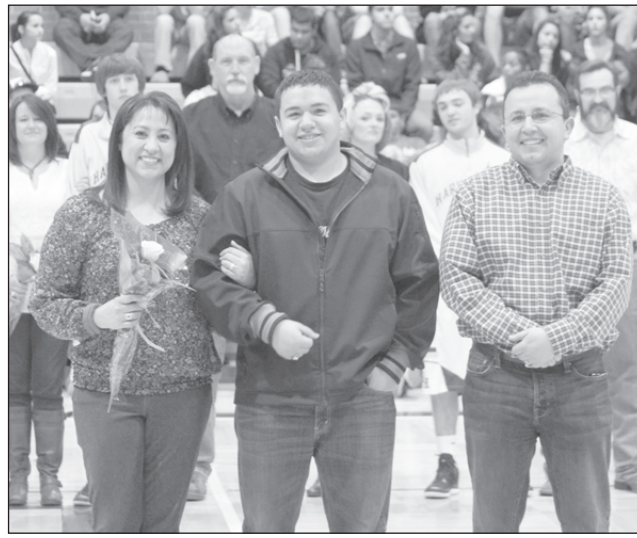
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Above, statkeeper Drew Facio escorted by his parents Bino and Melissa Facio. Right, manager Jacob Crippen escorted by Lori and Emil Minasyan.



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## Gov. Perry praises charter schools, voucher plan

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry is calling for increasing the number of public charter schools in Texas and lauding a voucher plan.

Addressing the State Board of Education on Friday, Perry told its members that "in terms of philosophy, this is where the rubber meets the road."

He said more students should be able to leave traditional campuses for charter schools. Current law caps licenses to operate charters statewide at 215.

Perry also repeated his previous support for "scholarships," or vouchers allowing parents in poor performing school districts to use public money to send their children to private schools.

The governor added that all high school students need increased exposure to technical training on everything from engineering to veterinary science. He said that leads to "stable, good paying" jobs.

### Russian judge fired for falling asleep in court

MOSCOW (AP) — A Russian judge has been

fired after he caught 40 winks in court and then sentenced an outraged defendant to five years in prison.

Judge Yevgeny Makhno of Blagoveshchensk City Court in Russia's Far East was forced to resign Friday for obviously falling asleep several times while trying a businessman on charges of fraud.

The case became a national scandal after the defendant's lawyer posted several videos online of Makhno asleep in court. The videos were then shown on state television.

Makhno claimed that he was not sleeping, but listening with his eyes closed, the reports said.

But since a higher court decided not to punish him, Makhno only has to take an exam to be reinstated.

The defendant, however, will be given a new trial.

### 'Timebomb' label a store, not a threat

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh police say an abandoned backpack with the word "timebomb" on it prompted a bomb scare, though it appears the alarming label was a bum-

per sticker from a nearby store called Timebomb Clothing.

Shop owner Brian Brick tells the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette that his store sells merchandise, including bumper stickers bearing the shop's name. A bomb squad official says the "timebomb" label appeared to be a bumper sticker.

The bag was found on the front steps of an apartment building Thursday, prompting the bomb squad response before the bag was found to be harmless about 10 a.m.

Brick says this isn't the first time the store's name has alarmed authorities. He says postal officials asked him to stop mailing items in plain brown wrappers because the "Timebomb" label caused such parcels to be inspected for threats.

### 11 horses perish in North Texas fire

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Fire officials in Fort Worth say 11 horses have been killed in a fast-moving stable fire.

A Fort Worth police officer spotted flames about

2:30 a.m. Monday. Firefighters and police were able to rescue eight horses from their stalls as they battled the fire.

Fire Department spokesman Tim Hardeman tells the Fort Worth Star-Telegram three of the animals have been burned and one isn't expected to survive.

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Mrs. applicants must be married and between the ages of 21 and 56 as of July 1.

Miss applicants must be unmarried and between the ages of 19 and 29 as of July 1.

Teen applicants must be unmarried and between the ages of 13 and 18 as of July 1, 2013. The women selected as "Mrs. Gray County," "Miss Gray County" and "Miss Teen Gray County" will become ambassadors

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Mrs. contestants will compete in Interview, Fitness Wear and Evening Gown. Miss and Miss Teen contestants will compete in Interview, Fitness Wear, Evening Gown and Fashion Runway. (There is no talent or swimsuit competition and no experience necessary.) Women living or working in — Gray County — interested in applying, should email to request a bio form: Miss Teen, Miss and Mrs. Texas International Pageant at [Kristin@TexasInternationalPageants.com](mailto:Kristin@TexasInternationalPageants.com). More info can also be found at [Missteentexasinternational.com](http://Missteentexasinternational.com), [Mistexasinternational.com](http://Mistexasinternational.com), or [Mrstexasinternational.com](http://Mrstexasinternational.com).

# Reader's reactions to past columns

TOM MARGENAU  
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Q: In a recent column, you advised a woman not to work just to build up her own Social Security account because she would get higher benefits as a spouse on her husband's Social Security record. I think you did this woman a disservice. You failed to mention important disability protection she could earn by working and paying taxes on her own account. You also didn't tell her husband about survivor's benefits he might be due on his wife's record if she should die before he does — benefits he wouldn't get if she doesn't work and pay Social Security taxes.

A: I don't think I did the reader a disservice. I considered the disability and survivor benefit options but decided they were not worth bringing up — and certainly not worth all the Social Security taxes she would pay for very minimal return. Before I explain my reasoning, let me review the situation.

A 57-year-old woman had spent her life as a homemaker. She was considering taking a job and wondered if it would be worth it from a Social Security perspective. I told her that if she was taking a job to help fulfill her life or to bring extra income into the household, then she should go for it. But if she was working just to get the Social Security credits, then it was probably not a very good idea. That's because anything she might be due on her record would just reduce what she will already be able to get on her husband's account. Based on what she told me about her husband's situation, she would be due about \$600 per month in wife's benefits on her husband's record at age 62. (He is 10 years older than she is.)

And whatever she gets in retirement benefits, probably less than \$200, would simply reduce what she is due

from her husband, so she'd end up with the same amount of monthly Social Security benefits.

You are right that she would potentially be due disability benefits if she worked and paid Social Security taxes. But she would have to work for about five years before that disability protection would kick in. In other words, she wouldn't qualify for disability until age 62. And again, at that point, whatever disability payment she received (maybe about \$500 monthly), would come off the top of spousal benefits she is due, leaving her with the same total Social Security benefits.

In her case, the only advantage to qualifying for Social Security disability benefits at age 62 is that she would get Medicare coverage at age 64, as opposed to waiting until the normal Medicare eligibility age of 65. (People on Social Security disability get Medicare coverage two years after their benefits start.) So if she wanted to work and pay Social Security and Medicare taxes for five years, based on the slim chance that she might become disabled and thus get Medicare one year before she'd normally qualify for it, she should go ahead and work. But I don't think that makes much sense.

And there is even less reason to work and pay taxes in order for her husband to get survivor's benefits on her record. He is getting a much higher Social Security retirement benefit than she would ever be due. So that means that he would never qualify for any monthly widower's benefits on her account. The only survivor's benefit he would be due, on the off chance that his much younger wife might die before he does, is the very meager one-time \$255 death benefit. It



hands of Medicare business. As a retired SSA employee, I tend to wash my hands of Medicare issues, too.

But since you brought it up, I will point out that the Medicare Part B premium paid by all but the most well-to-do beneficiaries went up from \$99.90 in 2012 to \$104.90 in 2013 — a five dollar monthly increase. The average monthly Social Security retirement benefit went up \$21 this year, so factoring in the Medicare increase, most people's net Social Security check increased by \$17.

As I pointed out in the column on Social Security changes, the annual COLA increase is based on changes to an inflation-measuring tool called the Consumer Price Index. But changes to the Medicare Part B premium are tied to increases in the cost of health care. Specifically, the law says the Part B premium must cover 25 percent of the costs of running that part of the Medicare program. The taxpayers pick up the other 75 percent. I predict that any coming reforms to the Medicare program will call for its beneficiaries to pick up a larger percentage of program costs.

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# Nine wrestlers headed to El Paso

By ZACHARY GREEN  
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The Pampa boys and girls wrestling teams hit the road Saturday to wrestle in the district tournament at Caprock High School in Amarillo.

The top four finishers from each individual weight class will get to travel to regionals in El Paso on Feb. 8-9.

For the girls, Sam Clancy finished third for Pampa in the 95-pound weight class. At 102 pounds, Miranda Foreman placed second. Sierra Sieber placed second in the 110-pound weight class. At 128 pounds, Erika Spence took third place. Dinah Radke took fourth in the 148-pound class and Bella Wilson took first in the 215-pound weight class.

On the boys side, Tacoma Mathews just missed regionals at fifth place in the 106-pound weight class.

In the 113-pound weight class, Cade Ferguson took fourth. Nikki Clancy placed sixth in the 119-pound class. In the 132-pound weight class, Joseph Slaten just missed regionals by placing fifth. Arnulfo Garcia had the same result as Slaten for Pampa in the 145 class. In the 152-pound class, John Cryer just missed regionals at fifth place. Joseph Radke came up just short at fifth place in the 160-pound weight class. Shaylor Sokolosky booked a regional ticket with his fourth place finish in the 182-pound class. Finally, Isidro Estrada placed first in the 215-pound class.

As a team, Pampa took home fourth for the girls and fifth for the boys.

Clancy, Foreman, Sieber, Spence, Radke and Wilson will make the trip to regionals in El Paso for the Pampa girls. Ferguson, Sokolosky and Estrada will travel to El Paso for the boys.

# Brock fuels freshman girls' win Friday

By ZACHARY GREEN  
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Pampa's freshman girls team hosted Dalhart Friday night in hopes to end their season on a high note with a win.

After the first, Pampa led 10-7. At halftime, Pampa led 26-12. After three, Pampa led 36-22. And the final score was Pampa 46, Dalhart 28.

Megan Brock led Pampa with 25 points. She hit 4-6, or 67 percent, from the free-throw line and sank one three-pointer. Sarah Dennis added eight points.

Kathlyn Cummins finished with six points. Cameron Schaub scored four points and Angel Brumfield had three points.

With the win, Pampa improves to 13-10 on the season and 5-3 in district. The win completes their 2012-13 basketball season.

### Freshman boys

The Pampa freshman boys team played host to Dalhart on Friday. Pampa trailed 18-8 after the first quarter. At the half, Pampa trailed 29-14. After three, Pampa trailed 38-19. The

final score was Dalhart 56, Pampa 33.

Kambrin Scott and Colton Thompson tied as Pampa's leading scorers with 11 points. Scott hit one three-pointer. Bryson Burrell finished with five points. Kolton Jefferis added four points and Alec McClendon had two points.

With the loss, Pampa falls to 8-7 overall and 3-3 in district.

They will be back in action at 4:30 p.m. tonight against Panhandle in McNeely Fieldhouse.

## The PAMPA NEWS Sports Briefs

For the full schedule and latest updates visit Pampaids.net, then click on "District" and then click on "Athletics Department." Changes can be and sometimes are made after the sports briefs are published. To keep up to date with the latest information visit the website. Both varsity basketball teams will not play tonight. They are on their bye.

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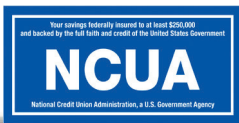
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# JH teams in tournament action

By ZACHARY GREEN  
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Saturday, the Junior High boys went to Borger to compete in the district tournament. The tournament hosted six teams and started with a pool play schedule. Both teams ended the day with a 2-1 tournament record.

The eighth grade B team, with the second best record at 7-1, got placed in a pool with No. 1 Bushland (8-0) and No. 3 Perryton (6-2). The other pool was No. 4 Borger, No. 5 Dalhart, and No. 6 River Road.

Pampa started the day off with a two-point victory over Perryton, 32-30. Brett West led the team with 12 points. Juan Perez and Chaseton Brown had good games inside with five and six points.

In the second game of pool play, the Harvesters played a great game, but they were defeated in overtime by Bushland, 30-27. Chaseton Brown played well with 16 points. Brett West had seven.

Pampa's 1-1 record put them in the game for third place, which they handily won 35-7 against Dalhart. Braxton Snell and Jorge Martinez both came into the game and played really well. Greyson Wilson, Derek Norris, and Kade Woods played great defense throughout the whole tournament. Their steals were the key to Pampa's success.

The eighth grade A team pool didn't have much of a bright side, either. Pampa, the No. 4 overall team at 4-4, was placed against No. 1 Perryton (7-1) and No. 2 Bushland (7-1).

In the first game, Pampa proved that they were no slouch when they defeated Perryton 38-36. Nick Stevens led the team in scoring with 15 points while Bryce Parker had nine. Parker led the team in steals and also drew three charges.

Pampa was able to put Perryton away for good in the fourth quarter by sinking seven out of 10 free throws from Stevens and Brandon Sieck. Enrique Villanueva also had a good game with six points. Pampa turned around and played a fresh Bushland team an hour later. The emotional impact and physicality from Pampa's previous game took its toll as Bushland overwhelmed them 53-31.

Stevens led the team again with 14 points followed by Parker with seven. That large deficit ended up being the deciding factor for what game Pampa would play in after pool play. Perryton beat Bushland later on in the day, tying all three teams at 1-1.

Pampa lost the tie-breaker which was based on total points scored, so they were placed in the fifth place game against River Road, where they won 53-33. Stevens had 21 points,

Parker had 10. Brandt Logan and Brandon Sieck each had five points.

The B team is now 9-2 with both losses coming from Bushland.

The A team is 6-5. Both teams played Bushland on Monday night. Look for those results later in the week.

## JH GIRLS

Saturday the eighth grade girls basketball teams played in their district tournament in Perryton. The A team started the day off by playing Borger.

This was an exciting game that Pampa won 35-33. Leading the team was Elise Kennedy with 10 points and Holland Poole with eight points.

The next game was against Bushland. Bushland is a very physical team and ended up beating Pampa 43-19. Shavonna Fields was Pampa's top scorer with six points. The A team ended up tying for third place.

The B team had a bye to start the tournament, then played Borger for their first game. Pampa won 22-18 with Darian Harkcom leading the team with eight points. This put Pampa in the championship game against Bushland. Pampa won 24-13 with Abby Olveda scoring 10 points and leading the team in steals as well.

"I have really enjoyed coaching this group of girls. I am so proud of how they handled themselves and how hard they played Saturday," said Pampa Coach Jeanna Cramer. "They worked hard all season and improved so much since their first game. Thanks for a great season girls."

The teams were in action Monday night. Look for those results later in the week.

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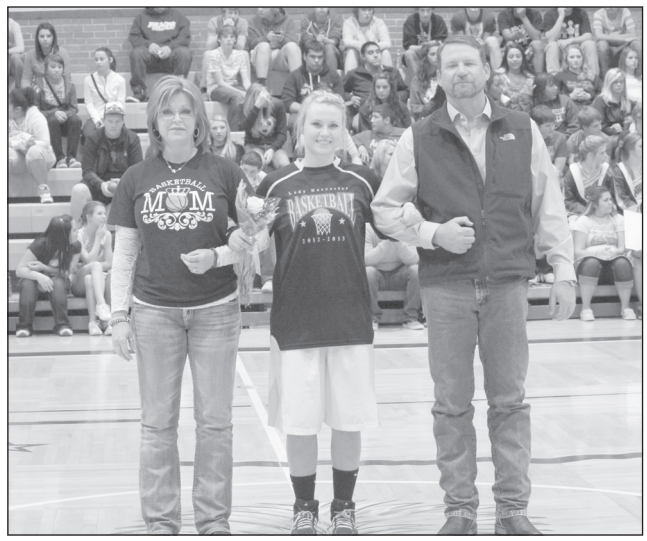
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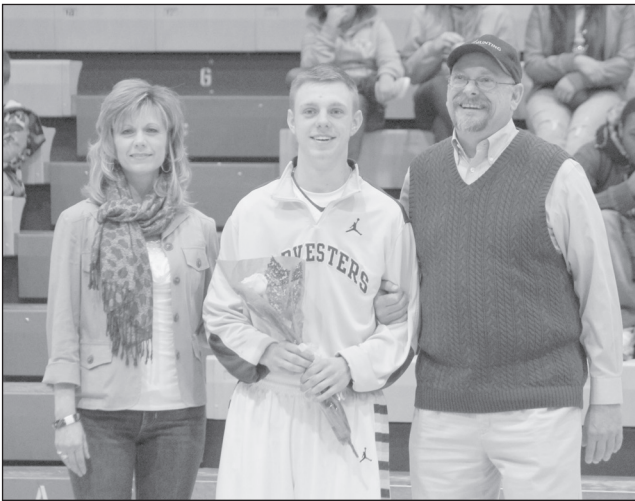
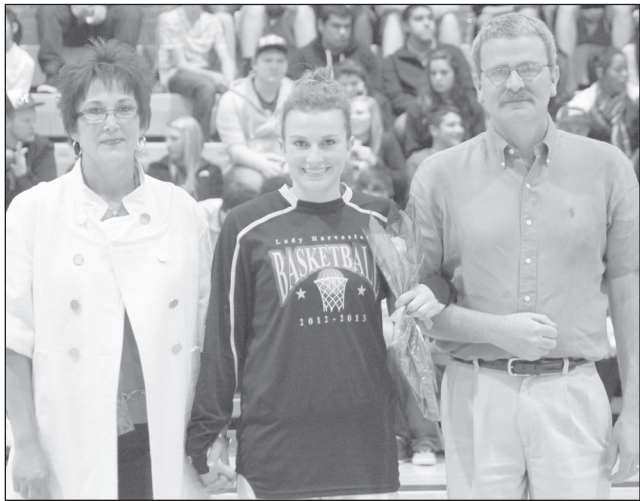
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Above, Allison Ceyanes escorted by her parents Ben and Elena Ceyanes. Below, Rachel Andrews escorted by her parents Jeff and Sharon Andrews.



Above, Hannah Baker escorted by her mother Lori Baker. Below, Jake Green escorted by his parents Guy and Laura Green.



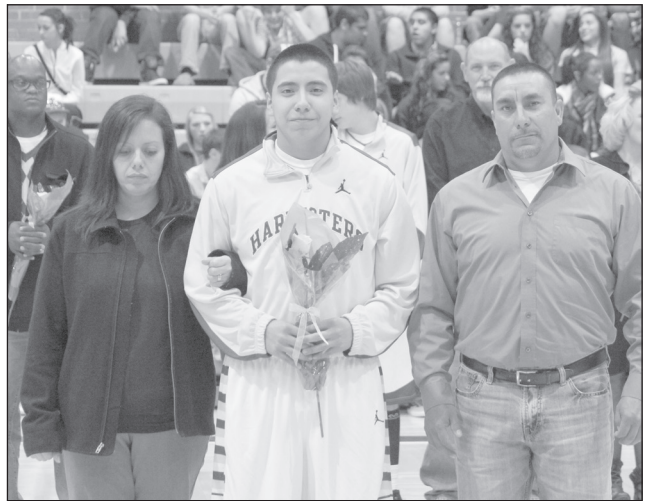
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Above, Ty Hutto escorted by his parents Ted and Becci Hutto. Below, Tyler Powell escorted by his mother Kristy Powell and his brother Ryan Powell.



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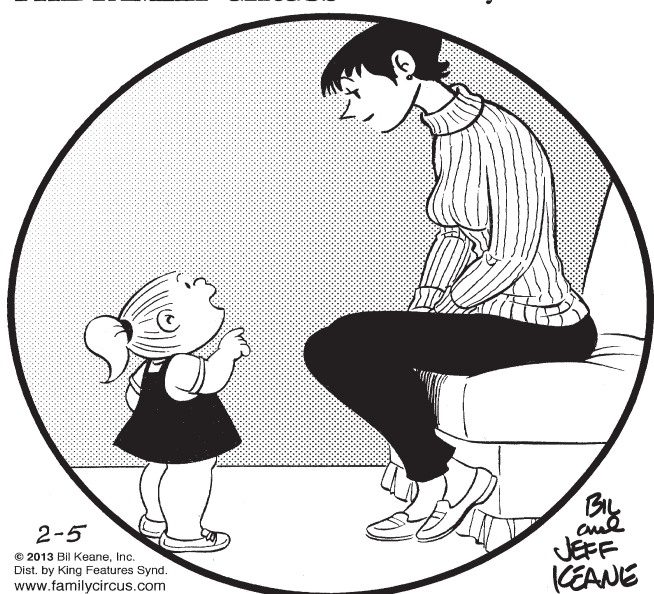
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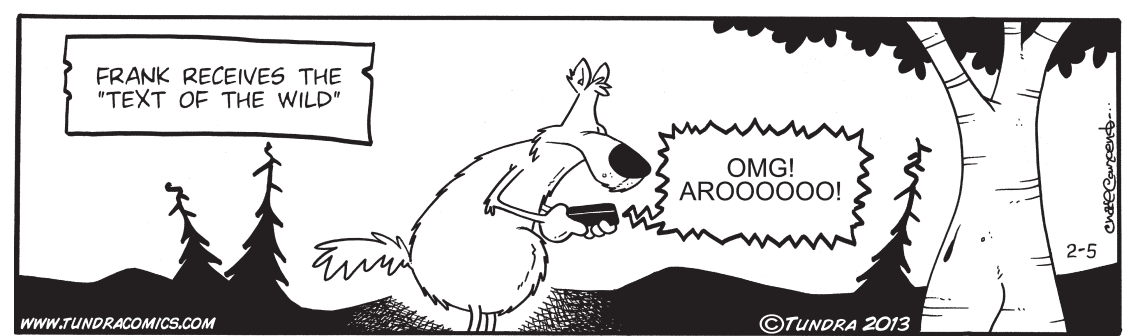
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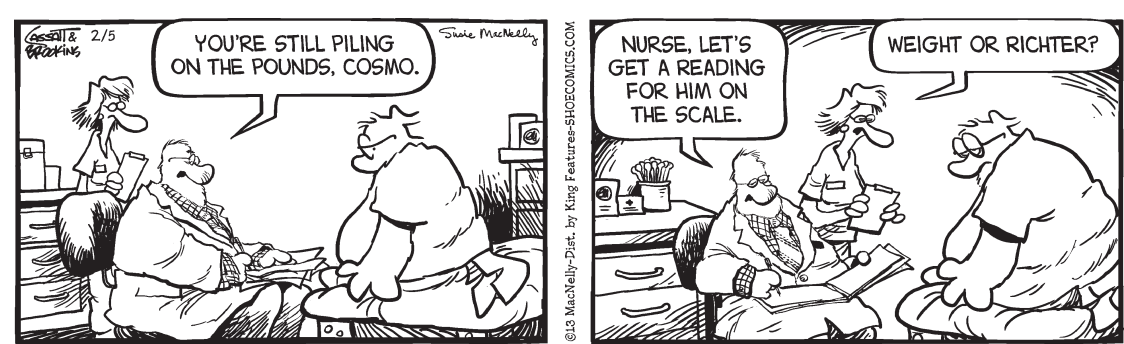
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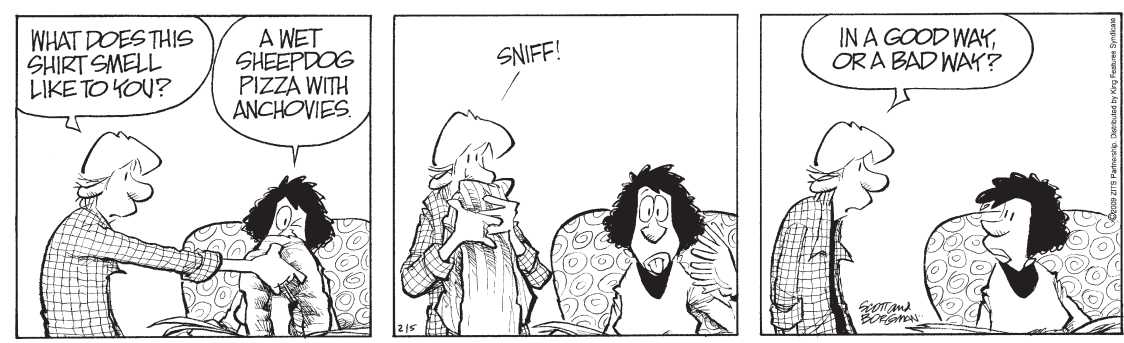
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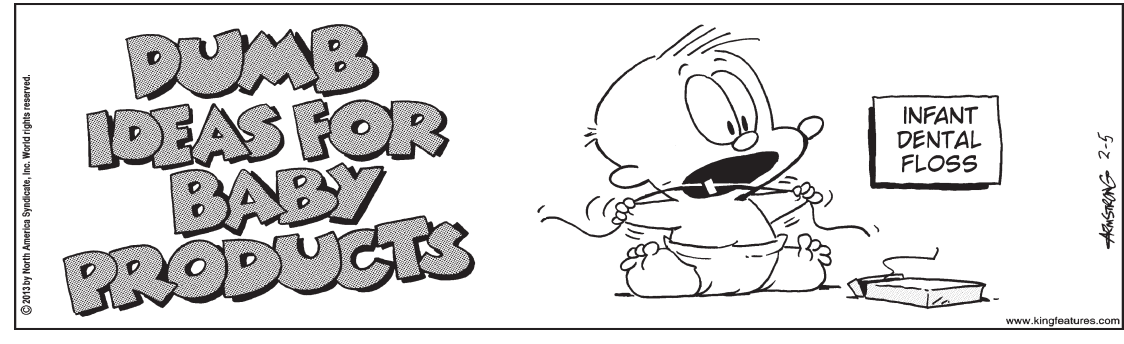
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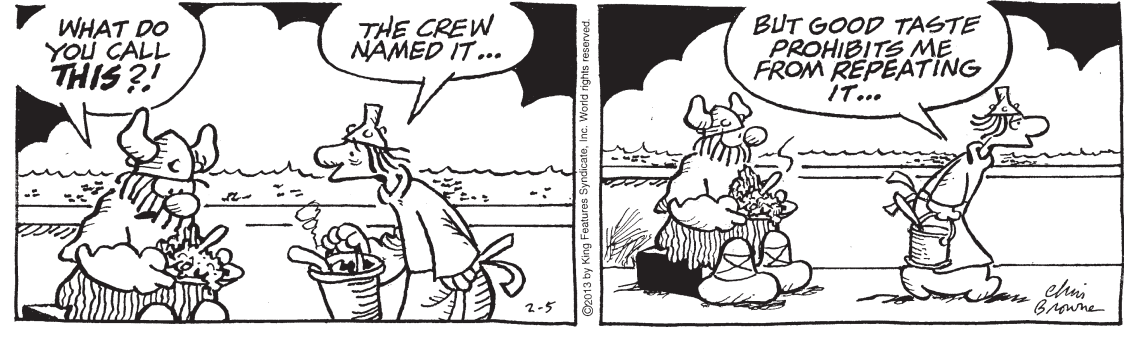
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# daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2013:  
 This year you forge a new path. You also often stop and reflect. This combination proves to be very effective in your day-to-day life. Recognize the need to spend more time alone in order to ground yourself. If you are single, your friends or colleagues might prove instrumental in introducing you to someone who intrigues you. Be careful when meeting this person, as he or she might not be everything he or she seems to be. If you are attached, spend several weekends together as a couple; it will nurture your relationship. You will see the results quickly. **CAPRICORN** reads you cold  
 The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
 ★★★★★ Your willingness to look at the bigger picture impresses a higher-up. This person notes your ability to impart knowledge swiftly. Your softer side emerges when dealing with a child. Your protective nature is very admirable. Tonight: Put in some extra hours.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
 ★★★★★ Follow the advice of a well-meaning associate or partner, as shocked as you might be by this person's insights. Even if you don't think that you have all the facts, stay kind and supportive. Ignoring the issue can only cause a problem. Tonight: Make weekend plans.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
 ★★★★★ Others could be challenging beyond any level you might have thought possible. Understanding emerges from your ability to come to terms with someone you care a lot about. You will discover the value in saying little. Tonight: Catch up on a loved one's news.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 ★★★★★ You will get a lot done ... and quite efficiently, at that. Be careful when making plans in advance, because you might need to cancel them, as you will today. You might be surprised by an older person's useful insight. Listen carefully. Tonight: Go with a different choice.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
 ★★★★★ Make time to visit with a child. You might not be sure what your expectations are with a professional matter. Your positive attitude and willingness to pitch in can only win you friends. Funnel your energy toward completing a project. Tonight: Get some exercise first.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
 ★★★★★ Understanding what is expected of you might be difficult. You could be quite exhausted from trying to switch gears. Listen to news carefully, especially if it is coming from a key person. He or she will share information that could shock you. Tonight: Follow someone else's lead.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
 ★★★★★ Do not underestimate the liabilities involved in a work relationship. It might be best to keep things professional, no matter what the cost. What you might believe to be a mutual understanding could be a hot volcano that is on the verge of erupting. Tonight: Take a long walk.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
 ★★★★★ Be sensitive to how much you have spent as of late. A little self-discipline in the fiscal area will feel much better in the long run. Quit worrying about a potential problem. Understand what is happening with a child or new friend. Tonight: Add some mischief to the moment.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
 ★★★★★ Handle a problem first thing in the morning. Key associates or loved ones could come into a meeting with some interesting news. Carefully evaluate what you hear before launching into action. Do not be surprised if a key person decides to act up. Tonight: Your treat.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
 ★★★★★ By midday, you'll feel energized. Know that information you might be keeping from a close loved one or roommate is fine. Some matters are best kept to yourself. An unexpected revelation could shake you up. Do your best to stay calm. Tonight: Time for a midweek break.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
 ★★★★★ Your efforts don't go unnoticed, even if you feel that way. Recognize that your hunches have more validity than you'd originally thought. Follow-through counts, especially when dealing with a money matter. Don't forget to count your change. Tonight: Vanish if you want.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
 ★★★★★ Your playfulness might not be appreciated by a boss or older relative, but the friends in your immediate circle love your sense of humor. Be selective in what you choose to share with others. Someone reads you far better than you think. Tonight: Where all the fun is.

# Pampa JV teams in action vs. Dalhart

By ZACHARY GREEN  
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Pampa's JV boys team hosted Dalhart on Friday night. Pampa had a 12-11 lead after the first quarter. At the half, Pampa trailed by only one at 15-14. After three quarters, Pampa fell behind 33-18. A solid fourth quarter was not enough for Pampa as they dropped the game 46-40. Brandon Stokes led the team with 14 points, including two three-pointers. He also sank both of his free throw attempts. Kenneth Hair added 10 points and made all four of his free throws. Jonathan Stevens finished with eight points. Ty Hooper hit one three to finish with three points. Alex Marrufo and Blayne Troxell each added two points. With the win, Pampa improves to 13-9 overall and 3-3 in district play. They will be back in action on Friday against Perryton.



Photo by Charla Shults

Brandon Stokes soars over a defender for a layup. Blayne Troxell, Alex Marrufo and Ty Hooper prepare for a potential miss.

a 19-6 lead into the second quarter. At the half, Pampa would lead 35-16.

After three quarters, Pampa led 52-23. The final score was Pampa 63, Dalhart 33.

McKinli Thomas led Pampa with 12 points.

Reata Collins scored 11 points and made 3-4 of her free throws. Raven Neal added 10 points.

Caragan Niccum scored nine points.

Keshia Daniels finished with seven points.

Tyranda Johnson added five points.

Tiah Brown, Genesis Delatore and Gracie Brown all finished with three points.

Gracie Brown banked in a three-pointer for her points.

With the win, Pampa improves to 18-7 overall and 6-2 on the season.

They have now completed their 2012-13 season.

## JV Girls

Pampa's JV girls hosted Dalhart in their final game of the season on Friday.

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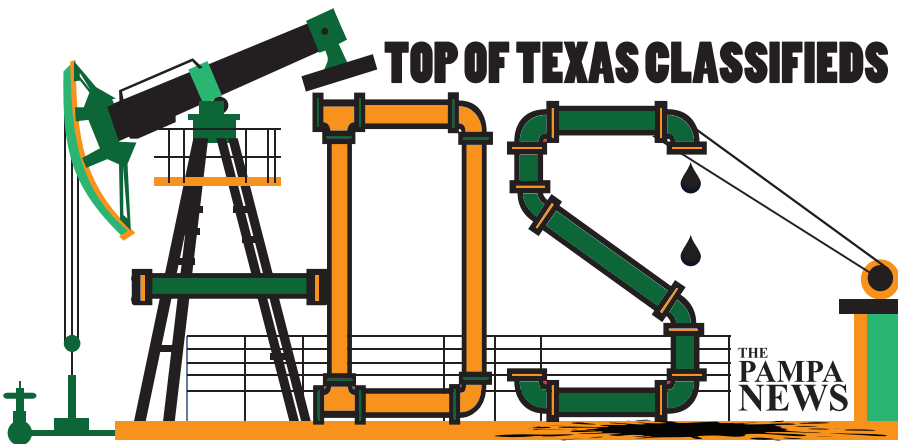


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E N T L L Z N N J T W F E P P B E V Z  
 P Z G T B P Z N J E W W B X V B X W H K Z  
 F E X O Y B F Z N , E W M E O N M B Y U  
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# PHS tennis tournament action

BY ZACHARY GREEN  
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Pampa's tennis team played in Frenship Tournament for the first tournament of the spring over the weekend.

In boys doubles, Brandon Gage and Nick Rodriguez placed eighth. Chase Cree and Ajay Mitchell placed 12th.

In girls doubles, Kindle Hunt and Genevieve Zavala placed 12th. Zoe Hulsey and Chantelle Tidwell placed 16th.

In girls singles, Kaycee Sellers took 10th place and Harley Elliott took 15th place.

Head Coach Sarah Corse said, "we did alright in some places and need a lot of work in others, but overall the kids played good. Nick and Emily had our best results finish, third in mixed. Doubles looked good but we got some work to do so we can do better."

The team of Nick Nelson and Emily Terry placed third for Pampa in mixed doubles.

The team of Blake Chisum and Maddie Fatheree placed seventh in mixed doubles.

The next tournament for Pampa will be this weekend in Andrews.

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Senior Hannah Baker plays great defense on a Dalhart ballhandler. Taylor Morgan looks on.

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