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While working with kids, Rubin Carter stresses the importance of the choices they make and the consequences that result from them. Carter has been one of the first or only African Americans in several projects he;s undertaken throughout his life.

# Life about choices for Pampa's Carter

### DAVID BOWSER

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"I just picked up the game of golf about T0 years ago," said Rubin Carter, 67, who spends most of his time organizing track and field events Nebraska, Minnesota, in. Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota.

When he travels, he takes his golf clubs with him.

"The future holds a lot of



playing of golf," he laughed.

He's putting together a golf tournament at the National Track and Field Championships in Wichita, Kan., next summer. The question is whether he'll

have time to play golf with all the administrative duties he has with USA Track and Field.

Carter said he has enjoyed working with students in Pampa since moving here almost three years ago.

"I've spoken to several peo-" ple about organizing a local (track) club," he said.

But it's not feasible because of the distances the club would have . to travel in order to compete. CARTER cont. on page 2

McGinty, it won't be free

With the state budget woes, McGinty said beginning Tuesday. there will be a fee for attending Texas AgriLife educational meetings.

'Everybody's in it," he admitted. "It's not different from one outfit to the next." GRAIN cont. on page 3

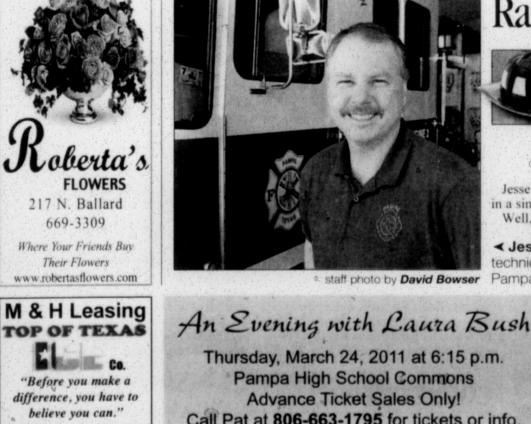
# County to look at crossings, talk burn ban

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Com-The Gray County missioners' Court will meet Tuesday to consider three roadcrossing requests.

The commissioners in their first meeting in March will consider road crossing requests at Boydston and Deep Lake Road, COUNTY cont. on page 3



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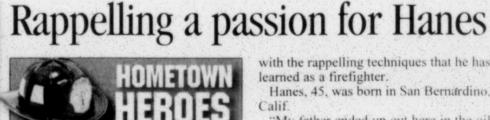


Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 6:15 p.m.

Pampa High School Commons

Advance Ticket Sales Only!

Call Pat at 806-663-1795 for tickets or info.



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Jesse Hanes is able to leap tall buildings in a single bound.

Well, at least, he can jump off of them

< Jesse Hanes uses rappelling techniques to rescue people for the

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with the rappelling techniques that he has learned as a firefighter.

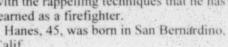
Hanes, 45, was born in San Bernardino,

"My father ended up out here in the oil fields," Hanes said.

After he moved to Hemphill County, he joined the Canadian Volunteer Fire Department 1989.

Following several years of being on the volunteer fire department, he went to school for training as a paramedic and worked as a paramedic for a number of years.

"I decided I liked the firefighting and HANES cont. on page 3



### Monday, February 28, 2011 — The Pampa News

### PAMPA FORECAST





High 69. High 65 High \_W 38 LOW 37 .OW 3.

Tonight: Clear with a low around 31 Wind chill values between 22 and 27 Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph with gusts as high as 20 mph

Tuesday: Sunny with a high near 69 Wind chill values between 21 and 31 early Windy with a south southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy with a low around 30. North northeast wind around 10 mph

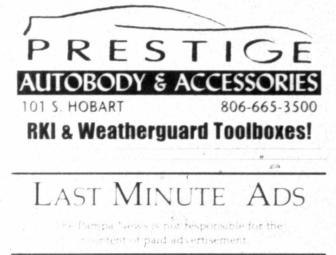
Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a high near 65 Breezy with a north northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy with a low around 38 Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph

Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high near 75 North northwest wind around 10 mph

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy with a low around 37 Breezy with a north northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph

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OPTIMIST BASEBALL and Sotthall program need you! one to the organizational meeting, Mon. Feb 28th, 7.00 Sit Optimist Club meeting room. Chris Porter 662-3921 ir Kimur, Davis Artik 2542

### Carter

He said he would like to organize track and field competition among the elementary schools in Pampa.

"I want to provide kids sports, no matter where they are, no matter what they are doing," Carter said.

He said he wants the kids to learn to use the skills they have and not be intimidated by people who look different.

"That's what l've been trying to teach kids," he said, "to be successful in life. Life is about choices, Carter said, and choices have consequences, good

and bad "I was raised in the projects," he said.

Carter was born in Galveston and raised in New Orleans "I started school there."

he said of the Crescent But he moved back to

Texas and finished school. in the Lone Star State He was Senior Class

President and captain of the varsity basketball team. at Booker T. Washington High School in Texas City. Carter attended Prairie View A&M his freshman ear, but then he joined

the Marines. "I ended up serving four years, four months and 28 days," he grinned.

Carter returned to Texas after the Marine Corps and while waiting for a night game at the then newly built Astor Dome in Houston, he wandered down to the ship channel and ended up applying for a job with Armco Steel.

"I stayed there over 17 years," he said.

He went back to school at the University of Houston and moved into the Personnel Relations Department at work.

When Armco Steel shut down its Houston operation, Carter moved into

management positions with Applied Energy Services, J.M. Huber and then Northwestern Steel and Wire Company.

It was during this time that Carter met a consultant that remembered him and called him later for a job with Duquesne Light Company in Pittsburgh.

"While in Pittsburgh." Carter said, "I got involved in a lot of things. Carter joined the Omaha

Public Power District in September 2000, in Omaha, Neb., where he retired in 2009. But it was while he was still in Texas, that he began working with the track program at Sugar-

land. He was also involved with the Boy Scouts in an economically disadvantaged neighborhood.

"I just went out there on my own," Carter shrugged, "and began working with two or three kids.

He had been involved with Boy Scouts as a vouth: "Lawas two merit badges

short of my Eagle," he said He had gotten involved

in sports and never had gone back to the Boy Scouts, but it had always remained close to him. The group of two or

three kids that he had recruited grew in to a troop of a dozen. By the time it numbered 30, Carter went to the local Jaycees for

some help. "The way they helped," Carter said, "is they gave money. When the circus came to town, they took all these underprivileged kids and bought them nice uniforms and sent a chartered bus over to the projects and took them down

to the circus." The kids had a great time, Carter said.

"Monday, when we started up again." he said,

"I was the only one there again." He remained active in

mer," Carter said, "when he shows up in August, he's in shape.

When Carter moved to Omaha, Neb., he started the Wings of Omaha. Now, he's involved in

starting one in Ohio. In Pennsylvania and in Nebraska, they now

feature the Rubin Carter Race, a 400-meter race. "I love the 400 meters,"

Carter said. That had been his favor-

ite race when he was running track.

Carter said he played football as a youth, but his love was track.

He said that throughout his life he's been one of the first or the only African American in a variety of projects.

"When I was in the Marine Corps back in the 1960s," Carter said, "there were not very many African-Americans in the Marines."

He said there were about -105 that went into the Corps with him, but only about 80 graduated from boot camp.

"The majority of those that didn't graduate," he said, "couldn't live up to the physical and mental demands of being in the Marine Corps."

While he was in the Marines, Carter said he got two accelerated promotions.

"They weren't giving them to me because of my skin color." Carter said. 'Affirmative action really hadn't started yet. I was getting promotions, l think, on the basis of my ability."

He said that he doesn't think the color of his skin has played much of a part in his successes, either in sports or in business.

"I was born in Texas," he said. "I was raised in Louisiana. I spent 10 years on the east coast and 12 years in the Midwest. People hear me talking on the phone, they say, 'Well,

"When I knew I was

moving here," he said,

"the first thing I did was

I went to the city com-

mission meeting and the

school board meeting. I

wanted to know what was

going on in the commu-

Carter and his wife

He talked to the people

in Pampa school district's

athletic department and

explained his interest in

track and his experience in

Pennsylvania and Nebras-

ka, but he found out that

he couldn't officially be-

come involved in school

athletics unless he worked

Still, Chad Dunham

had just been named the

new track coach at Pampa

High, and he told Carter

that he could use some

"I spent quite a bit of

time here learning the ath-

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expect to do," Carter said. He said sports teach self-determination and discipline.

When Carter was in Nebraska he worked with a group, One Hundred Black Men of Omaha, to help instill pride and discipline in students.

"To work in the world of business today," Carter said, "you have to assimilate into that organization and look and act like everyone else."

As part of the program, the students had to weara suit and tie each Friday. They soon found that their teachers and their peers treated them differently on Fridays.

"They changed the way they acted," Carter said.

In Pampa, he helped mentor some of the students and work with them, but he's also helped the school district with recruiting African-American teachers.

While he's been doing that, Carter said he's also been working with Pampa High School Principal Tanya Larkin and Pampa Junior High Principal Paul Nies with their intervention programs.

Working for the school district in such a manner, Carter was able to coach and began working with the student athletes last year.

"I've been "really impressed with the people that I've met in the schools here in Pampa," Carter said.

Success is not measured by those who finish first," he said. Success is measured by those who try the hardest

"Currently, I am vicepresident of the State. of Nebraska for track," Carter said of his track and field endeavors. "I'm regional coordinator for USA Track and Field."

That includes the states of Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, North

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the scouts until his own kids became involved in sports and in running TA track. His oldest son went on to play college football at JRL

the University of Texas at El Paso. His middle son ended up

going to Iraq for Desert Storm. That was about the time

that Carter moved the rest of his family to Pittsburgh. moved to Pampa as he retired to help take care "The youngest son was in third grade," Carter of his wife's mother and said.

Carter continued to be active in sports.

"While I was in Pittsburgh," he said, "I founded my own track club."

It was known as the Wings of Moon. Moon was the suburban community in which he lived. During the time that Carter was in Moon, they won 13 section titles in track. They had never won one prior to that. "We were recognized

almost annually," he said. The township of Moon declared a Wings of Moon Day, as did the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The football coach there

wanted his team to be in shape for fall.

"When you've got a kid running track all sum-

# Obituaries

### Ka'Dazion Deon Lee Meyer

Ka'Dazion Deon Lee Meyer, 31 minutes, died February 23, 2011, in Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at Fairview Cemetery, with Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Church, officiating.

Ka'Dazion was born February 23, 2011 chael-whatley.com. in Amarillo.

### CORRECTION

Jazmyn Hair was misidentified as Carrie Hair on page 3B of the weekend print edition of The Pampa News. The newspaper apologizes for the error.

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Dakota and South Dakota. where are you from? He coordinates the Ju-Carter moves easily in nior Olympics. the community.

"We move from that to our national championships," he said,

He's also on the Executive Committee for Youth. "I'm a USA Track and

Field Level One Certified Coach." Carter said. This week, he'll be at

Texas Tech for the National Junior College Championships.

In July, he'll be in Minnesota for his regional track meet. Two weeks later, he'll be in Wichita. Kan., for the Junior Olympic National Champion-

ships. "I'm still very active with my other activities." Carter says, "but I like this as my home. I like Pampa for a lot of reasons. I kind of like the laid back life that's here."

He said there are the same challenges here as in Pittsburgh, in Omaha and in New Orleans.

"It's a little easier to work here because the kids still believe that they can do something," Carter said.

He said the thing he like about being back in Texas is that the kids are all so polite.

Survivors include mother, Cheyenne Meyer of the home; grandparents, Tina and Richard Castleberry and Maggie Taylor, all of Pampa; six aunts, Amber Meyer, Angie Huneycutt, Ashley Cornish and Rhonda Cornish, all of Pampa, Naomi Meyer of Florida, and Ashley Meyer of Amarillo; an uncle, David Meyer of Pampa, and numerous cousins.

Sign the online register at www.carmi-

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# NBRIEF

### 'Speech' big Oscar winner

LOS ANGELES (AP) - "The King's Speech" took home Best Picture as well as three other prizes at the 83rd annual Academy Awards on Sunday, beating out several trendier, more daring films such as "Inception," "127 Hours," "The Social Network," and "Black Swan."

Colin Firth won Best Actor for his work in the film, which also earned director Tom Hooper a statuette. Other winners included best-actress Natalie Portman for "Black Swan," and supporting actors Christian Bale and Melissa Leo, both for "The Fighter.

"The King's Speech" also won for Best Original Screenplay. "Inception" also won four, all in technical categories: visual effects, cinematography, sound editing and sound mixing.

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McGinty said the extension service has tried to take a pro-active approach during this budget session.

He said that beginning Tuesday, the AgriLife producer meetings will be \$10 per person.

That money, he said, goes directly to the state organization to support agents statewide so that no positions will have to be cut.

"Ninety-three percent of our budget is salaries," McGinty said

He said that beginning March 1-Texas AgriLife will start charging \$10 per person for each producer meeting they have

'I'd like to say that some of that money is going to stay in Gray County," McGinty said, "but as of right now that \$10 is going to go to Texas AgriLife Extension administrative offices.

The money will be used to keep the extension program going, he said.

The meals will still be sponsored, McGinty said.

"That's not an added cost," he said. "We hope that our sponsors stay strong with us."

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at Gray I and Gray 5 and at County Road 2.

The commission will also update the county's road policy under Utility Code 351 and consider extending the existing Burn Ban.

They will consider receiving land for a new goute of Johnson Ranch Road.

Commissioners are also expected to recognize additional education of the county's Veteran Service Officer.

Hanes

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thought about making a career out of it," Hanes said, He went to the fire academy in Kilgore, Tex., and then came back to the Panhandle looking for a job with a fire department.

'I was fortunate enough to get on here," Hanes said. In addition to his work at the Pampa Fire Department, he is still part of the Canadian Volunteer Fire Department. In his spare time, Hanes teaches rope rescue at Texas A&M's municipal fire school.

# Tips for finding info on the SS website

### TOM MARGENAU Creator's Syndicate

Q: I really love your column and the information you provide. One reason I appreciate your advice is because I find it so hard to find answers to my questions on Social Security's website. Did they purposely design it to confuse people?

A: I've got to be a bit diplomatic and tactful in my answer. As a former long-time employee of the Social Security Administration, I've got to admit that some of the people involved in designing and maintaining Social Security's website are friends of mine. Although, like me, 1 think several of those old friends have retired and all of us old fuddy- duddies are convinced the agency has gone downhill since we left. While we were there, we kept the place humming like a well-oiled machine. But now that we're gone, the agency ---including its website - is starting to show some cracks around the edges. (Isn't that what everyone thinks about his or her old place of work after retirement?)

OK, I'll stop being an old goat and tell you what I really think. I believe the Social Security website (www.socialsecurity.gov) is a good site to use and navigate, especially when you consider the vast amount of information it has to contain. After all, little old ladies get on the site to replace a lost Medicare card. Attorneys use it to find references and precedents for various Social Security laws. A young bride might go to the website to get information about changing her name on her Social Security card. A rapidly aging baby boomer will use the site to file for Social Security benefits. A guy from England who was sent to this country by his employer might need to find out about a Social Security treaty agreement between Britain and the U.S. The possible uses for Social Security's website may not be endless, but they certainly are beyond most people's comprehension.

Most of my readers are looking for answers to simple questions involving their Social Security benefits or future benefits: "Will I get widow's benefits when my husband dies?" "I plan to retire this



year. How much can I earn and still collect my Social Security?" "How do I apply for disability benefits?" "How does my teacher's pension impact my Social Security?" And on and on the questions go.

And here is a handy place to find the answers to those and many other questions. It's the "Publications" section of Social Security Administration website. SSA produces hundreds of publications covering almost every major Social Security topic. Those pamphlets and fact sheets are lumped into a variety of categories, such as "Retirement Benefits" or "Survivor Benefits" or "Medicare" or "Social Security Number.

I am very familiar with those publications because I used to be chief editor in the SSA office that produced them. (Of course, they are not quite as clear and concise today as they were when I edited them, but they are still very good!) In fact, I will frequently turn to those publications, gven today, to verify some little nugget of information that I had forgotten or wasn't clear about.

To find these fact sheets and pamphlets, click on "Get a publication" in the "Top Services" section of the homepage at www.socialsecurity.gov. That will lead you to hundreds of sources of information in about a dozen different categories. And they are generally written in an easy-to-understand manner.

Q: You provided me with some information about how my Social Security benefit will be computed. I appreciate your efforts, but I'd like to see this in more detail. I want to know precisely how my benefit will be figured, step-bystep, and right down to the penny.

I want to know about "average indexed monthly earnings." I want to know about "bend points" and "primary insurance amounts." tried to get help from my local Social Security office, but all they told me is: "The computers do all our calculations." Where can I get

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### this information?

A: You're an engineer, right? Or you're just the kind of guy who has to take a watch apart to learn how it works.

I'm sorry the folks at your local SSA office weren't very helpful. In my day (we old guys say that a lot). we had to manually do the retirement calculations when a customer filed for Social Security benefits. But today, almost all those calculations are done by computer -- and frankly, probably done more accurately! So, I understand a current SSA employee's confusion when it comes to the complicated math involved in figuring a Social Security benefit. Still, he or she should have referred you to a source of information.

You'll find that information at SSA's website: www.socialsecurity gov. One of the fact sheets discussed in the prior answer is called "How your retirement benefit is figured." But I've got a hunch that's not going to be thorough enough for you, so I'll steer you to the benefit computation "bible." On the right side of the homepage, you'll see a section labeled, "About Our Agency." Pull down the little box that says "More" and then click on "Our Program Rules." That takes you to a page where you will find all of Social Security's laws and regulations.

But you'll also find that "bible" mentioned, which contains every single rule and instruction for every kind of Social Security benefit. It's called the "Program Operations Manual System" or "POMS." Click on it. In the Table of Contents, click on "Retirement. and Survivors Insurance." Finally, click on "Determination of PIAs and Benefit Amounts." This seca tion tells you exactly how every Social Security benefit is calculated. It's a huge catalog of information.

In the old days, before things were computerized and online, this benefit calculation section of "POMS" took up several 3-inch binders in a bookcase in my office. Good hick!

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas margenau@comcast.net.

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That entails rappelling off tall buildings and putting injured people in baskets and getting them down,

His interest in rappelling, Hanes said, stems from when he joined the Canadian Fire Department.

"There were a couple of guys that were into that," Hanes said. "We'd travel down to some of the other areas for schools and training and got into just the rappelling side of it. We thought it was fun. We just expanded it from there.

What was not so much fun were the wildfires a few years ago that blackened much of the Texas Panhandle.

Hanes said he was out of town on the Sunday when a wildfire started that windy March near Borger in 2006.

His flight home landed in Amarillo about 8 a.m. that Monday morning.

"I had not so much as gotten off the airplane when my phone was ringing," Hanes said.

He came in to work that day and worked for part of the day in Pampa, and then went on to Canadian.

"When I-got to Canadian that Monday night, I went out with them," he said.

He was out with the Canadian Volunteer Fire Department until the following Wednesday.

Hanes was with the unit that helped extinguish the final flames that had burned a million acres of grassland across the eastern panhandle.

"We were north of the river near the corner of Ochiltree, Hemphill and Roberts Counties," Hanes said. He said the wildfire had burned up out of the river

breaks during the day. The firefighters had set up a defensive line across one of the east-west highways there.

'We started some backfires to stop it," Hanes said.

By the evening, he said the wind had shifted and the fire started coming back.

"We came in with a maintainer and probably 15 or 20 trucks," Hanes said.

In a box canyon, they put a good fire guard in and started backfires and let it burn out.

"That was quite impressive how fast it moved," he said.

Hanes said when they started the backfires, they could just see the glow of the wildfire approaching.

"We were probably two miles away," he said. By the time they finished setting their backfires, the

wildfire was meeting them. Hanes said he hopes that there's not another March

like that. He was called out a few weeks ago when Pampa was

asked to help fight wildfires in Lipscomb County. Hanes said he didn't think at first that it would be bad. There was still snow on the ground in Pampa. But

the wind had dried the range in Lipscomb County and fanned the flames.

"It dries up fast," he said.

High winds on Sunday spread wildfires around Amarillo and Borger.

"That's one thing about this job," Hanes said. "There's always something new and fresh.

### Fires

fighters suspect sparks from a passing train ignited said someone told him that his "whole street was ash." another fire in Hutchinson County that led to the evacuation of parts of Borger's southeast side.

The National Weather Service recorded gusts of nearly 70 mph in the Amarillo area Sunday afternoon Amarillo. that helped to spread the fires. The agency forecast much calmer weather Monday, although winds of 15 mph in Amarillo are expected.

"We will still have sustained winds," Kearney said, calling it "another tough day for firefighters.

At least 68 homes have been destroyed, including 10 in Colorado City and the rest in the Amarillo area, since the fires started early Sunday afternoon, Kearney said. Midland, Abilene, Panhandle and Lubbock also remain at a high risk of fire Monday, he said.

The forest service grounded its firefighting planes Sunday because of the high winds, but the aircraft including a large tanker and six smaller aircraft similar to crop dusters - were expected to be able to fly Monday, Kearney said.

Wes Reeves of Xcel Energy said that, as of 11 a.m. Monday morning, there were only 26 customers in the whole Texas Panhandle waiting to have their power restored. Reeves added, however, that the number does not include people in the fire-affected zones of Mesilla Park and Palisades in Amarillo, where flames have destroyed a number of homes and power has been de-energized.

"There may be pockets of rural outages between Amarillo and Borger and Pampa," Reeves continued. "We're out patrolling in Carson County right now ... we've heard reports that there are some (Xcel power) facilities out. I haven't heard any reports in any major problems in Gray County. We'll know more by the end of today.

Daniel Cook, a volunteer firefighter in Palisades, said he heard over the radio that blaze had engulfed

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Stanford of the Texas Forest Service. Borger fire- his home in the Panhandle northeast of Amarillo. He

"I'm glad everyone got out safe," Cook, 34, said, noting that his uncle and his two dogs safely fled the house. He was staying at a shelter in a church south of

Sunday's fires occurred two weeks before the fifth anniversary of the 2006 wildfires that killed 13 people and consumed more than 900,000 acres in the Panhandle.

The Pampa News editor Arnie Aurellano added to this report.



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# Viewpoints

# **Today in History**

Today is Monday. Feb. 28, the 59th day of 2011 There are 306 days left in the year

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 28, 1911, President William Howard Taft nominated William H. Lewis to be the first black Assistant Attorney General of the United States. (Lewis took office in March 1911 and served until April 1913.)

### On this date:

In 1849, the California gold rush began in earnest as regular steamship service started bringing goldseekers to San Francisco.

In 1861, the Territory of Colorado was organized

In 1951, the Senate committee headed by Estes Kefauver, D-Tenn, issued an interim report saying at least two major crime syndicates were operating in the U.S.

In 1953, scientists James D. Watson and Francis H.C. Crick announced they had discovered the double-helix structure of DNA, the molecule that contains the human genes

In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon and Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai issued the Shanghai Communique at the conclusion of Nixon's historic visit to China.

In 1986, Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme was shot to death in central Stockholm. (The killing remains unsolved.)

In 1993, a gun battle erupted at a compound near Waço, Jexas, when Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents tried to serve warrants on the Branch Davidians; four agents and six Davidians were killed as a 51-day standoff began.

Ten years ago: A powerful magnitude 6.8 earthquake rocked the Northwest, shattering windows, showering bricks onto sidewalks and sending frightened people running into the streets in places. like Seattle and Portland, Ore. A train collision in northeast England killed ten people and injured more than 80.

Five years ago: A 20-year-old legal fight over protests outside abortion clinics ended with the Supreme Court ruling 8-0 that federal extortion and racketeering laws could not be used against demonstrators

One year ago: sedney Crosby scored the winming goal in overtime to give Canada a 3-2 victory over the United States in the final event of the Vancouver Olympics

Today's Birthdays: Producer Saul Zaentz is 90. Actor Charles Durning is 88. Actor Gavin MacLeod is 80. ActorDon Francks is 79. Hall of Fame auto racer Mario Andretti is 71. Singer Joe South is 71. Actor Frank Bonner is 69. Actress Kelly Bishop is 67. College Football Hall of Famer and retired NFL player Bubba Smith is 66. Actress Stephanie Beacham is 64. Writer-director Mike Figgis is 63. Actress Mercedes Ruchl is 63. Actress, Bernadette Peters is 63. Nobel Prize-winning economist Paul Krugman is 58. Actor John Turturro is 54. Rock singer Cindy Wilson is 54. Actress Rae Dawn Chong is 50. Actor Robert Sean Leonard is 42. Rock singer Pat Monahan is 42. Actress Maxine Bahns is 40. Actress Ali Larter is 35. Thought for Today: "Who will give me back those days when life had wings and flew just like a skylark in the sky." Marcehne Desbordes Valmore



# The 21st century educator has evolved

On the surface, it may seem that schools have remained pretty much the same since you were a student. Public schools are public schools, right?

I like to think that I am a fairly "young person" comparatively, I mean after all, I did graduate from high school in 1990. As I think back over my careep thus far as an educator. I realize that the profession has drastically changed in the past sixteen years. The 21st century educator has evolved.

When I began my teaching career in 1995. Is telt very well prepared by my college courses. In my teacher certification program, we were taught how to plan thematic units. how to teach using the "whole language" method, and the tried-andtrue Madeline Hunters lesson cycle.

We took one computer technology course in our four-year college program, took our tests in bluebooks, and created posters by hand swith markers.

I began my teaching career using textbooks as resources and knowing how to create immaculate lesson plans in a lesson plan book using pencil. I was on the cutting-edge of technology at that time because Ityped up my daily lesson plans on a word processor and printed them at the end of the week instead of the beginning. Technology was definitely different that many years ago. Each teacher had one computer (maybe), and we had a central computer lab filled with white Apple computers. which used large black floppy disks and had no sound. Computers were used mainly for games and typing. We did not have curriculum on computers or use computers much for gathering data about our students as we do now. We disaggregated data by making hand-hewn spreadsheets on stone a tablet We marked each student's grades in what was called a "grade book". Data had a very different meaning back then. Instruction was very different sixteen years ago as well. In order to be successful in school, you had to be able to read and answer questions. You had to be able to write answers in complete sentences.



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manipulative sto gain a concrete concept. It was all done at the abstract level. Teachers taught in the way that they were taught in the way that their taught nothing changed.

When presenting a lesson, the students' needs' were really very rarely even considered. Students had to assimilate to the teaching method in order to learn the material. Or cheat. Or fail.

But I am proud to say, that our profession has evolved over the pastdecade-and-a-half. It's almost as if

to new contexts, learning more rigorous content.

Kids are required from a very young age to perform successfully on standardized testing. Schools, educators and kids are held accountable for their work . Teachers now plan based on the needs of their students. We might use one vocabulary strategy here, a graphic organizer there, a kinesthetic activity to solidify a concrete concept over here, and a musical application strategy there.

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We mix it up. We must. Our learners are very different and have very different capabilities today than when we were students. Our kids teachers weres have aptitudes with technology we never had, and wegare able to infuse that into lessons and gain motivation and understanding through use of technology. No more record players -- now we use complex calculators, smart boards, phone apps, laptops and computers, graphing programs, and the list goes on.

> Teachers not only address academic needs in this day and age, but we must address any type of need a student has in order to ensure that he can be successful. We work with his academic and cognitive development, his physical development. nutrition, emotional well-being, social abilities, material needs. every aspect of the child is carefully considered and steps taken to assist where assistance is needed. We love our kids, who still come from all walks of life, and we understand that they learn best when all of their needs are being met.



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Solving problems meant writing down every step and never using a we didn't even realize it was happening. We look back to where we were then as compared to what we do now, and it is very evident that we have changed. We almost don't even recognize ourselves.

The work of teachers looks very different now. New teachers are better prepared than ever, with many strategies in their practiced tool bag to use with kids of all walks of life.

Classrooms look different - technology is available to teachers and students alike in multiple forms and is used for multiple purposes. Students create with technology, practice and review, research, and receive interventions that are individualized.

Teachers analyze student response data and objective performance to make instructional decisions for their students. Class and individe ual goals are set which help motivate students and whole classes to improve. Flexible groups are created based upon similar instructional needs

As for instruction, gone are the days of sit-and-get which we mechanically regurgitated and daydreamed our way through. Kids are actually required to think - solving real world problems, applying skills

But no matter how different the 1st century educator looks today.

e is one thing I am certain about.

ents still need us to connect with them on a personal level on a daily basis. They still need to feel love and acceptance from the adults in their lives. Educators still need to feel appreciated and be given voice.

The people that make up this system of free, public education are the root of its success. Educators, still go into the profession for the same reasons - because we want to make a difference for a child.

The kids - that is what it is still all about.

Melissa True is the principal of Wilson Elementary School

## Don't drive into smoke across the road

Texans have lost their lives during on fire danger. past wildfire seasons because wildfire ; overtook them in their vehicles. The following safety tips can save your life:

Never drive into dense smoke. You could become a fire fatality.

High winds may cause wildfires to spread rapidly and jump across natural barriers such as roads and even waterways. Strong winds can force smoke to stay low to the ground, obscuring roadways and traffic signs. Texas wildfires have been propelled by wind gusts as high as 60 mph.

When wildfires threaten, pay attention to TV and radio broadcasts before you travel. Be aware of fire and weather conditions along your route. Avoid traveling into areas where wildfire activity has been reported. As you travel, monitor local radio and TV news broadcasts - and watch for highway signs providing information

Watch for traffic control personnel, fire fighters and law enforcement officers. Slow down and be prepared to stop if they signal you to do so.

When you prepare to turn around because you have encountered dense smoke, slow down and activate your emergency flashers. Make sure you warn vehicles behind you that you are decreasing your speed or preparing to stop. Turn around when you have checked for oncoming traffic and car turn safely.

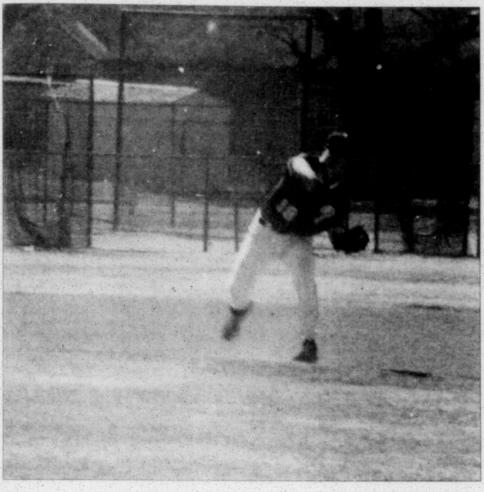
For more information on fire danger and advisories, see the Texas Forest Service Web site at: http:// texasforestservice.tamu.edu

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# Sports

# Bulldogs edge Harvesters for Cavalier Classic title



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Tyler Powell throws to first in the top of the first Saturday against Borger. Powell drove in the tying run but the Harvesters lost 6-4 in 11 innings.



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### ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

Saturday's baseball game between Pampa and Borger was a non-district match. The Cavalier Classic championship game gave a preview of the district meetings as the Borger Bulldogs won 6-4 in 11 innings.

Head coach Kaleb Snelgrooes said it. was a good game but wished his team was on the other end.

\*Anytime you play 11 immings in the championship game, you know you have the best two teams in the tournament," Snelgrooes said. "That's what we had. You hate losing one of these but you hopes it builds some character and gets your ready for the rest of the season:

Senior second baseman Mitch Simon said the team needed to play better earlier in the game.

"If we would have made the plays we needed to earlier in the game we wouldn't have played so many extra innings," Simon said. "We didn't do some of the small things as good as we could have

Borger took the lead in the top of the second with two runs on two hits and an error. Hunter Hertel and Acton Smith singled. Hertel and Chase Tracy scored. The Bulldogs added to their lead in the top of the fifth. Garrett Irwin led off with a walk and scored on a double by Brandon Garcia. Borger got two hits in the fifth.

The Harvesters rallied back in their half of the fifth with two runs on one hit. Sophomore James Thompson led off with a walk and scored. Senior Tyler Malone singled to left field and scored.

Borger added a run in the top of the seventh, Zach McDonald led off with

# Miller places fourth at state

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Freshman Krysten Miller finished fourth at the state wrestling tournament in Austin Friday and Saturday.

Miller opened the tournament by heating Zana West from Shoemaker doing by saying the men her, you don't approve, one asks how your son 13-11. In the next round, Miller defeat- able as of press time will cheat anyway, so why and want no contact with and his family are doing ed Cadey Widacki from Morton Ranch

a single and scored on a double by Hertel. The Bulldogs got two hits in the inning.

Pampa had a last inning rally with runners on first and second with two outs. Junior Devin Coleman singled to right and scored Simon. Sophomore Tyler Powell singled to right and scored junior Jared Lusk to tie the game at four. The inning ended when Thompson struck out.

Malone pitched the first three extra innings and part of the fourth. In the first three, Malone allowed one hit, hit two batters and struck out six.

Snelgrooes said he was impressed with how Malone pitched considering it's been a couple weeks since he was on the mound.

"For him not to pitch since the scrimmages and pitch four innings, my hat off to him," Snelgrooes said. We are going to be just fine. With the group of seniors we have we will be fine.

The Bulldogs scored two runs on two errors, one walk and two hit batters. Smith was hit with the bases loaded and McDonald scored the go ahead run. An error by senior Brent Green allowed another run to score.

Simon doubled to center in the eleventh but was stranded there when freshman Ethan Hunt and Lusk struck out to end the game.

Snelgrooes said he wanted to win but hopes his team will beat Borger when it matters.

"Really it matters in a couple of weeks when we are playing for a gold glove for district instead of a plaque at the Cavalier Classic.

The Harvesters (3-1) compete in the Burkburnett tourmament Thursday through Saturday.

11-2. Miller was pinned by Byelka Soto from Irvin, who won the championship. The freshman defeated Shea Smith from Wakeland 5-3 and fost the third place match 5-1 to Elda Mendoza from Hereford.

Pampa High School wrestling coach Rilly Smith's comments were unavail.

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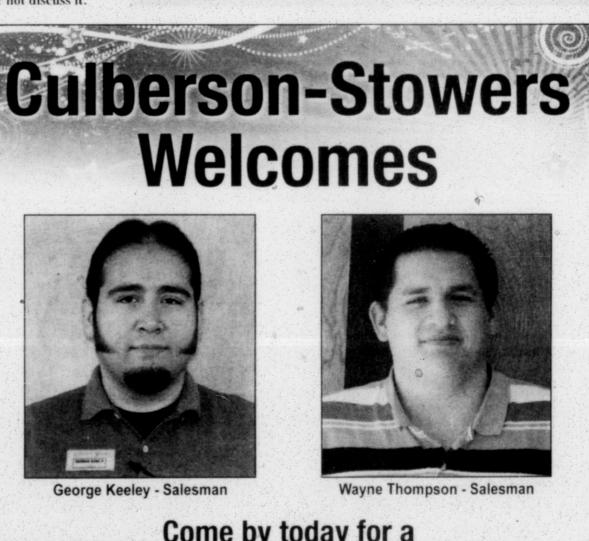
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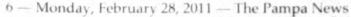
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ent segments of a problem. Dealing with one facet is not the answer. Note fatigue. Think about a visit to the doctor, or perhaps establish better sleep, exercise and eating patterns, as boring as it might seem. Tonight: A must appearance.

### GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)

\*\*\*\* Your ability to read between the lines, detach and observe singles you out as an astute intellect when dealing with people. Sometimes it might be smarter not to let on about your perceptions. A child or loved one is closed down. Torright: Ever playful, act on an idea

### CANCER (June 21 - July 22)

\*\*\*\* Revel in the moment. Under stand where a partner or associate is coming from. Instinctively, you might want to pull back and rethink a situation because of feeling vulnerable. Curb a tendency to cover emotional issues with intellectual logic. Root out the real issue. Tonight: Think about taxes, if you haven't already

### LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\* Others want to assume a greater role and might not relate to your ideas. Establish new boundaries. Others will listen when they get that you are for real. Cut some of the charm! Tonight: As

emanating from that person. Tonight: Tell it like it is.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\* Thoughts about money preoccupy and color a decision. You might teel negative about your job or role in the community. Realize what is happening here, but refuse to make any speedy decisions today. Check in on an older friend or relative Tonight: Run errands on the way home

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\* You bloom in the present atmosphere. Someone you seek information from could seem to be withholding something. He or she simply might not be in the mood to talk or elaborate. Deal with a legal matter quickly. Tonight: Let your imagination rock and roll.

### PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20)

\*\*\* Say less and listen more than normal. A partner might be holding back but comes through anyway. You will know what ails this person if you stop and reflect. Joint projects in general could be touchy. Tonight: Your last chance for some extra R and R. You will need it! BORN TODAY

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# Sports

# Early mistakes cost Harvester soccer against 'Horns

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Sometimes there are games where a team does all the right things but still don't prevail. Saturday for the Pampa Harvesters soccer team was one of those days in a 4-1 loss to the Caprock Longhorns.

Head coach John True said his team did everything he asked and added that he wish the officiating would have been better.

It was like fighting three extra people on the field." True said. "We played good There's absolutely no reason some of those calls should have been made but there's nothing you can do about that. (my team) did everything Lasked. We changed our formation and did a great tob with it."

tumor torward Flavio Gonzalez said they improved from their first meeting with ( aprock.

"We played pretty good," Gonzalez and "We got to get ready for the next tame. That's all you can do."

The Longhorns jumped out to a 2-0 lead with goals at the 14 minute and 23 minute inark. The second goal was a strong kick that went past Pampa's goalie Raul Vasquez. Ryan Stoffle got Pampa on the board with a header at the 33 minute mark.

True said that goal was the result of good pressure.

"We got the ball in the box and put enough pressure on them that they weren't ready for that," True said. "Their keeper bobbled the ball and we put that in."

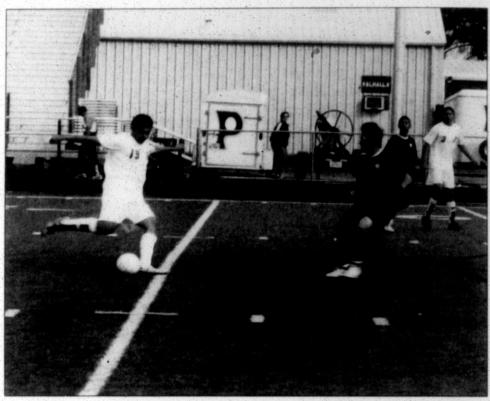
The Longhorns expanded their lead 24 minutes into the second half kicking one in the top part of the goal. With 10 minutes left, Vasquez was called for a yellow card for tripping an incoming Longhorn. Senior Brenden Rice defended the penalty kick and allowed the ball to go through his legs.

Gonzalez said some of the calls didn't go their way but they had to play through them.

"We have different refs every game," Gonzalez said. "He called the way he wanted to. You ean't change it now."

The Harvesters (1-10-1, 0-7-0) visit Borger 7 p.m. Tuesday. True said he's confident his team can win.

"It's going to be a knockdown, drag out fight," True said. "That's kind of what we want. We want to win ugly games."



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Salvador Lopez winds up for a shot against Caprock Saturday at Harvester Field. Pampa lost 4-1 and fall to 0-7 in district play.

# Lady Harvesters show improvement, fall to Caprock



Tiffany Oliver hauls in a penalty shot against Caprock Saturday at Harvester

ield. The Lady Harvesters lost 3-0 and fall to 0-11 on the season.

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters soccer team is still getting used to playing together as they lost 3-0 to the Caprock Lady Longhorns Saturday at Harvester -Field.

Head coach John True said they played "better and just had missed opportunities. "We had some opportunities to score

but couldn't get one in," True said. Senior Crystal Garcia said the team

improved and are playing together. "We have come together as a team," Garcia said. "It's much more than we did in our past games. Today we finally clicked as one and played the best we could."

The Lady Longhorns scored early in the first half and led 1-0 at halftime. It only took four minutes into the second half for

Lady Longhorns scored another towards the end of the game.

True said his team thought they heard a whistle before the goal.

"Someone blew a whistle and my girls stopped," True said.

Garcia said she thinks the team played as well as they could.

"We did everything our coach told us to do," Garcia said. "There's not really anything we can improve on."

True said he is pleased with the girls effort.

"I got a girl who is a keeper, playing in her second varsity game, who is a good keeper," True said. "I got a forward playing in her third varsity game ever that's a sophomore basketball player. I got freshmen and other people that haven't played before. They are doing everything I ask of them."

The Lady Harvesters (0-11-0, 0-6-0)

Caprock to expand their lead shooting the visit Borger 5 p.m. Tuesday ball over Pampa's diving goaltender. The

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PHS tennis finishes fifth in Caprock

The Pampa Harvesters tennis team finished fifth in the anyon Tournament Friday and Saturday.

Seniors Holly Gage and Aaron Silva got back on the winning track and won mixed doubles. Camila Vallejo finished third in girls singles. Head coach Sarah Corse said the has been impressed with how Vallejo is developing.

Camila is really starting to play well," Corse said.

Logan<sup>®</sup>Karbo and Nick<sup>®</sup> Nelson won the boys doubles onsolation. David Moore finished 10th in boys singles.

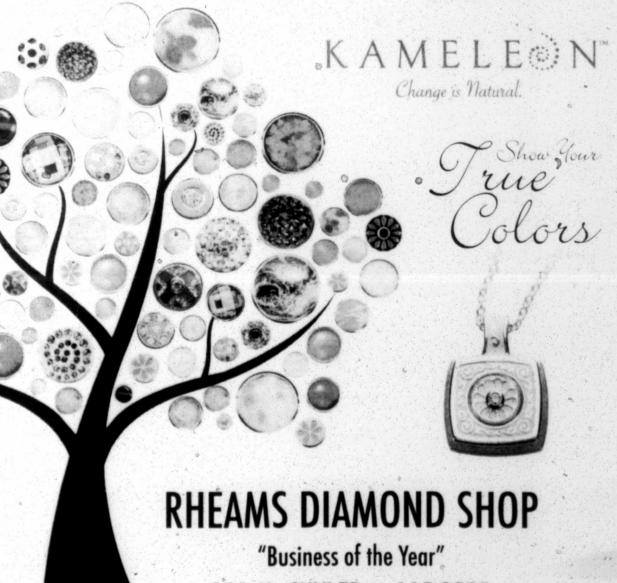
In other results, Matt Albracht and Elizabeth Terry finrshed 13th in mixed doubles. Landon Karbo and Braden Russell finished 17th in boys doubles. Makayla Hampton finished 11th in girls singles and Emily Terry finished 17th Alex Gutierrez and Maddie Fatheree finished 17th in girls doubles. Davis Moore finished 10th and Collin McClendon finished 18th in boys singles.

The Harvesters compete at Wichita Falls Friday and Saturday.

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