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SOFTBALL SPLITS



photo courtesy of Christy Wyant

Sophomore **Alexa O'Brien** hits a pitch in Game 1 Friday at Canyon. O'Brien was the winner in the first game, but Pampa couldn't pull out the Game 2 victory. Full story in **SPORTS**, page 1B.

Early city voting sees big turnout

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With a big, divisive issue on the ballot, early voting at the City of Pampa saw a high turnout in 2012, according to city secretary Karen Price.

Five hundred and sixty-eight Pampans took advantage of early voting, which lasted from April 30 until this past Tuesday. It's an incredibly healthy number, Price said.

"It really is," Price said. "It's a very good turnout. I think a lot of that turnout was due to the animal shelter being on the ballot. It's an issue that people, whether for or against, really care about."

Price declined to speculate on whether or not the high early voting turnout would foreshadow high Election Day attendance today, although she expressed optimism that crowds at M.K. Brown would be equally healthy.

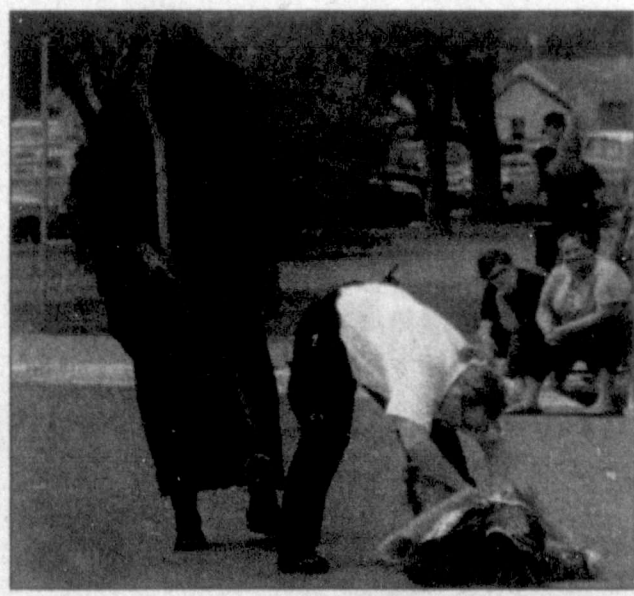
"You just never know because there's so much going on on this Saturday," Price said. "There's prom and some other things, but we are hoping that because we did get a high turnout for early voting, that it will bring a lot of people out for the actual election on Saturday. Usually, there is an indication. Usually, when you have a high early voting turnout, you have a high Election Day turnout."



GRIM REMINDER

staff photos by Della Moyer

LEFT: Dylan Hooker reacts to the scene at Shattered Dreams on Thursday. **BOTTOM:** Dustin Miller, as the Grim Reaper, surveys the "accident."



Senior among art students in show

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For Pampa High School senior Celby Snapp, taking up painting was something that started from a little bit of creativity and some art lessons with Kay's Creative Kids. "I've always drawn on homework, and my grandma suggested art lessons, so it was a Christmas gift," said Snapp. "I thought, oh, I just get to color. Then we started painting, and I really got interested. It just blossomed from there."

Snapp paints on canvas with acrylics and oil, a medium she especially enjoys.

"I really love oil, because you can mix it and keep adding layers and adding layers and it won't matter," she said.

For a painter she admires, Snapp looks no further than Georgia O'Keefe.

"Other than that, I'm all over the place," she said. "I've done several of hers, so she's kind of the main one, just taking her perspective and putting it into mine, not really copying what she's done, but adding to it and making it my own."

Snapp describes her Eiffel Tower painting as more abstract than her other work.

"I really like the detail oriented stuff, the stuff that takes a lot of time and a lot of detail, stuff like that," she said.

Snapp's love for the Eiffel Tower inspired to painting, in part.

"I really want to go, and then I found this picture in a book Ms. Crouch has, and I took the tower out, and then wanted to do something different than what was in the book, so I just added the heart," she said.

To get started with a painting, Snapp divides a picture and canvas into identical sections, and then she works on one section

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PHS senior Celby Snapp is among a group of students to be featured in an art show on Sunday, May 20 at the White Deer Land Museum.

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Today	Sunday	Monday
		
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Today: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 66. North northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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Sunday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65. East northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 68. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 49. East northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

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Ex-officer says he didn't beat suspect

HOUSTON (AP) — A former Houston police officer accused of taking part in a videotaped beating of a 15-year-old burglary suspect told jurors Friday that he didn't mistreat the teen, insisting he never kicked or stomped on his head or neck as prosecutors have alleged.

Andrew Blomberg testified he only used his foot to move and secure Chad Holley's arm during the March 2010 arrest after the suspect tried to run away from police who were investigating a break-in.

"Did you intend to mistreat?" asked Blomberg's defense attorney, Dick DeGuerin.

"No sir, I did not," replied Blomberg, 29, who was fired after being accused in the alleged violence.

But prosecutors asserted

that the video showed the teen wasn't resisting arrest and that Blomberg unnecessarily kicked the boy, causing his body to involuntarily spasm. Prosecutors played the video as they questioned Blomberg, often advancing it frame by frame to illustrate their points.

The defense rested its case on Friday. Prosecutors are scheduled to present rebuttal witnesses on Monday.

Blomberg is charged with official oppression, a misdemeanor, and faces up to a year in jail if convicted. He is the first of four fired police officers to stand trial in the case.

A security camera recorded footage of Holley's daylight arrest. The boy, who is black, is seen falling to the ground after trying to hurdle a police

squad car and is then surrounded by at least five officers, some of whom appear to kick and hit his head, abdomen and legs.

A community activist released the video to the media, prompting fierce public criticism of the police department. Black community leaders said they believed Holley's treatment was another example of police brutality against minorities and that the misdemeanor charges were not serious enough.

The ex-officer told jurors that when Holley fell to the ground, he only used his right heel to yank the teenager's left arm back, never stepping on his hand or arm.

"I run right up to him. I yell at him, 'Get your hands behind your back.' I don't see him complying. I use my foot, to try to move

his hand back," Blomberg said.

Blomberg said he tried again to secure Holley's arm with his foot before helping another officer arrest another suspect.

During questioning by prosecutor Clint Greenwood, Blomberg stepped down from the stand and demonstrated how he tried to put his right foot into the crook of Holley's left arm. Greenwood suggested the video showed Holley had his hands on the back of his head as a sign of surrender to police, but Blomberg said he couldn't tell that from the video.

His response elicited groans from some people in the courtroom.

Greenwood asked Blomberg whether Holley was "resisting or threatening you or any other officers in BEAT cont. on page 7A

Obituaries

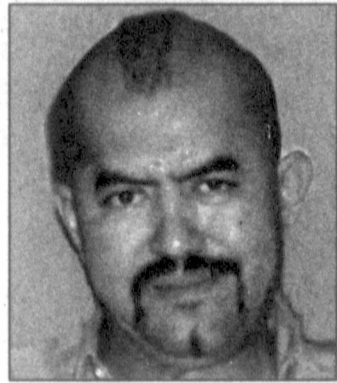
Roberto Adame Mendoza, 44

Roberto Adame Mendoza, 44, died May 10, 2012, in Amarillo.

Vigil was at 6 p.m. Friday, May 11, 2012, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Arockia Raj, associate pastor of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, officiating. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 12, 2012, at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, with Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Mendoza was born March 25, 1968, in Odessa.



Mendoza

He moved to Pampa in 1974, and graduated from Pampa High School in 1987. Roberto was employed by J.E. Carlson Inc. for over 25 years. He was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church. He enjoyed outdoor cooking and fishing, but most of all, he enjoyed spending time with children, especially his nieces and nephews. Roberto was a loving husband, son brother and the coolest uncle, and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his wife, Carmen Mendoza of the home; a stepdaughter, Thalia Rodriguez of Pampa; a nephew, Eduardo Robles of the home; two brothers, Juan Daniel Mendoza and wife Ashley of Porter, and Ruben Mendoza and wife Lena of Pampa; a sister, Micki Perez and husband John of Liberal, Kan.; four nieces, Nadalin Mendoza of Fort Worth, Carissa Mendoza of Houston, Kayla Mendoza of Lubbock and Margo Mendoza of Pampa; two additional nephews, Zane Mendoza of Houston and Xavier Perez of Liberal, Kan.

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For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police De-

partment reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Friday, May 11 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 14 traffic related incidents. Animal Control agents reported five animal re-

lated incidents. The Pampa Fire Department responded to one medical call.

Thursday, May 10

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1200 block of South Nelson.

An accident occurred at the 1000 block of East Frederic.

A theft was reported at the 600 block of North Nelson.

Public intoxication was reported at the 4000 block of North Bad Cattle Company.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 900 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 900 block of West 22nd.

A domestic disturbance was reported.

A vehicle fire was reported at the 3100 block of North Perryton.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 100 block of East Craven.

A theft was reported at the 500 block of North Dwight.

Friday, May 11

Suspicious persons were reported at the 400 block of East Atchison, the 1300 block of North Williston, the intersection of Hobart and Randy Madison and the 700 block of East Craven.

A theft was reported at the 1700 block of North Banks.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Friday, May 11 at 7 a.m.

Thursday, May 10

Keith Deshawn Stewart, 36, was arrested by deputies on a probation violation regarding possession of a controlled substance.

Undral Dewayne Jerri-gan, 29, was arrested by deputies on an enhanced charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Teri Lynn Furgerson, 38, was arrested by deputies for assault causing bodily injury.

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Mexico nabs suspected killer

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The Mexican navy said Friday it has captured a member of the hyper-violent Zetas cartel who allegedly participated in the torture-slayings of four marines.

Suspect Marcos Jesus Hernandez Rodriguez allegedly served as a top hit-man for the Zetas in the Gulf coast state of Veracruz. He was caught with guns and drugs on Wednesday, said Navy spokesman Jose Luis Vergara.

The four marines were assigned to duty as drivers and were kidnapped and killed on April 18 as they returned from a training course in the state capital of Xalapa, Vergara said.

"These lamentable acts, far from frightening Mexican navy personnel, reinforce the need and desire to not let up in carrying out actions against organized crime," Vergara said.

Marines have largely taken over security duties in many parts of Veracruz because the Zetas intimidated or corrupted local police, and the zetas have frequently attacked or kidnapped and killed Navy personnel.

Vergara said another Zetas member detained earlier had implicated Hernandez Rodriguez in the crime and said he is suspected in at least seven other killings.

Tornado injuries in southeast Texas

WEIMAR (AP) — An apparent tornado touched down in a small Southeast Texas town, damaging a hospital, derailing 25 cars of a freight train and injuring eight people in a high school parking lot.

The storm touched down about 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Weimar, a town of about 2,200 residents 85 miles west of Houston. City Emergency Management Coordinator Charles Rogers says the eight injured were working in a trailer preparing food for a fundraiser at Weimar High School. He said their injuries didn't appear to be life-threatening.

Rogers said the school and a hospital suffered roof damage, forcing 10 patients to be moved to other hospitals.

The storm winds also toppled 25 cars of a Union Pacific freight train. Union Pacific spokeswoman Raquel Espinoza says none of the crew was injured.

NM white gang membership up

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Officials say that New Mexico's prisons are seeing a rise in white supremacist gang memberships as some white inmates seek protection against largely Hispanic gangs.

State officials say membership in white supremacist gangs has nearly doubled in state prisons over the last 10 years, and state officials worry the numbers may continue to rise.

Dwayne Santistevan, administrator of the state's Security Threat Intelligence Unit, says white supremacist gangs are involved in a number of criminal activities and often battle with Latino gangs.

Santistevan says white supremacist gangs like the Aryan Brotherhood and the Nazi Low Riders are affiliated with gangs in other states.

He says at least two Hispanic inmates are members of white supremacist gangs.

Last straw for smuggling woman

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A New Mexico woman is facing contraband charges after authorities said she tried to smuggle drugs to her inmate husband by sticking a broom straw through a prison visitor's speaker hole.

Mariana Montoya, who was with her young daughter, was arrested Thursday at the Central New Mexico Correctional Facility in Los Lunas, and charged with introduction of contraband into a prison and child endangerment.

Authorities believe that an orange-colored string connected to the piece of straw was laced with Suboxone, a narcotic used to treat heroin addicts.

Prison officials say her husband, 39-year-old Mario Montoya, swallowed the item and refused to take a urine test. He faces contraband and drug charges.

It was unclear if Mariana Montoya had an attorney.

Bus overturns; driver hurt

HUMBLE (AP) — Investigators say a school bus has overturned in a Houston-area wreck that left the driver hurt.

Officials with the Humble Independent School District say no children were on board during Friday morning's accident.

District spokeswoman Karen Collier says the bus had dropped off children at one elementary school and was headed to another to pick up students for a field trip.

Investigators are trying to determine what caused the driver to lose control of the bus, which ended up on its side in a ditch.

The driver suffered injuries that are not believed to be life-threatening. He was transported to a hospital. His name and further details on his condition were not immediately released.

American agrees to study merger

DALLAS (AP) — American Airlines says it is agreeing with creditors to consider potential mergers while it is still under bankruptcy protection.

American parent AMR Corp. says that the company and its bankruptcy creditors agreed to develop "potential consolidation scenarios," but that didn't mean it would pursue a deal with any particular party.

Still, Friday's announcement suggested that events could be moving faster than AMR had

expected since US Airways turned up the pressure for merger talks.

AMR CEO Thomas Horton has said for months that he wanted American, the nation's third-biggest airline, to emerge from bankruptcy protection as an independent company. A bankruptcy judge granted AMR the exclusive right through late September to present a reorganization plan to the court. Politicians including Texas' senior U.S. senator appealed for everyone else to leave AMR alone.

Show

at a time.

"On a smaller piece, I just go, and hope it looks like it's supposed to," she said.

But she doesn't get hung up on mistakes while she's painting.

"To me, it's just adding character," said Snapp. "It's no big deal. You just have to keep going. You can't be down on yourself. No one knows what it's supposed to look like, especially if it's your own work. No one's seen a replica, so they just think it's part of the painting."

Taking art lessons with Kay Crouch has been especially valuable to the young artist.

"I think Mrs. Crouch is an awesome teacher," Snapp said. "She's very patient. She has kids that are three, all the way up to eighteen. She's had adults. I think she deserves a lot of credit, because she sparked the interest into us, and once we found where we stood, she's helped us bloom from there. She didn't say, 'You can't do that. You have to do it this way.' She just says, 'If you

think it's going to be good, then you just keep going.' I think she's really wonderful, and she's helped a lot of us find our way into what we're really interested in."

Snapp's work will be featured in a show with the rest of Crouch's students on Sunday, May 20 at the White Deer Land Museum from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m..

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Today in History

Today is Saturday, May 12, the 133rd day of 2012. There are 233 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 12, 1937, Britain's King George VI was crowned at Westminster Abbey; his wife, Elizabeth, was crowned as queen consort.

On this date:

In 1012, Pope Sergius IV died, ending a nearly three-year papacy; he was succeeded by Pope Benedict VIII.

In 1780, during the Revolutionary War, the besieged city of Charleston, S.C., surrendered to British forces.

In 1812, English poet Edward Lear, known for nonsensical verse like "The Owl and the Pussycat," was born.

In 1902, anthracite coal miners in Pennsylvania went on strike. (The strike effectively ended in October 1902 with the appointment of an Anthracite Coal Strike Commission by President Theodore Roosevelt.)

In 1922, a 20-ton meteor crashed near Blackstone, Va.

In 1930, Chicago's Adler Planetarium first opened to the public.

In 1932, the body of Charles Lindbergh Jr., the kidnapped son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh, was found in a wooded area near Hopewell, N.J.

In 1949, the Soviet Union lifted the Berlin Blockade, which the Western powers had succeeded in circumventing with their Berlin Airlift.

In 1958, the United States and Canada signed an agreement to create the North American Air Defense Command (later the North American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD for short).

In 1970, the Senate voted unanimously to confirm Harry A. Blackmun as a Supreme Court justice.

In 1982, in Fatima, Portugal, security guards overpowered a Spanish priest armed with a bayonet who attacked Pope John Paul II. (In 2008, the pope's longtime private secretary revealed that the pontiff was slightly wounded in the assault.)

In 1992, actor Robert Reed of TV's "The Brady Bunch" died in Pasadena, Calif., at age 59.

Ten years ago: Jimmy Carter arrived in Cuba, becoming the first U.S. president — in or out of office — to visit since the 1959 revolution that put Fidel Castro in power.

Five years ago: Virginia Tech held its first commencement ceremonies since the April 16 shooting rampage that claimed 32 victims and the shooter. Voters in the Dallas suburb of Farmers Branch became the first in the nation to back an ordinance prohibiting landlords from renting to most illegal immigrants. (Court challenges have kept the law from taking effect.) A U.S. patrol was attacked south of Baghdad; four Americans and an Iraqi interpreter were killed, three soldiers were kidnapped and later found dead. A U.S.-led coalition operation supported by NATO troops killed the Taliban's most prominent military commander, Mullah Dadullah.

One year ago: CEOs of the five largest oil companies went before the Senate Finance Committee, where Democrats challenged the executives to justify tax breaks at a time when people were paying \$4 a gallon for gas. A German court convicted retired U.S. autoworker John Demjanjuk of being an accessory to the murder of tens of thousands of Jews as a Nazi death camp guard. (Demjanjuk, who maintained his innocence, died in March 2012 at age 91.)

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall-of-Famer Yogi Berra is 87. Critic John Simon is 87. Composer Burt Bacharach is 84. Actress Millie Perkins is 74. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jayotis Washington is 71. Country singer Billy Swan is 70. Actress Linda Dano is 69. Musician Ian McLagan is 67. Actress Lindsay Crouse is 64. Singer-musician Steve Winwood is 64. Actor Gabriel Byrne is 62. Actor Bruce Boxleitner is 62. Singer Billy Squier is 62. Country singer Kix Brooks is 57. Actress Kim Greist is 54. Rock musician Eric Singer (KISS) is 54. Actor Ving Rhames is 53. Rock musician Billy Duffy is 51. Actor Emilio Estevez is 50. Actress April Grace is 50. Actress Vanessa A. Williams ("Melrose Place") is 49. Country musician Eddie Kilgallon is 47. Actor Stephen Baldwin is 46. Actor Scott Schwartz is 44. Actress Kim Fields is 43. Actress Samantha Mathis is 42. Actress Jamie Luner is 41. Actor Christian Campbell is 40. Actress Rhea Seehorn is 40. Actor Mackenzie Astin is 39. Actress Malin (MAH'-lin) Akerman is 34. Actor Jason Biggs is 34. Actress Emily VanCamp is 26. Actor Malcolm David Kelley is 20. Actors Sullivan and Sawyer Sweeten ("Everybody Loves Raymond") are 17.

Thought for Today: "Mistrust the man who finds everything good; the man who finds everything evil; and still more the man who is indifferent to everything." — Johann Kaspar Lavater, Swiss theologian (1741-1801).



Art, business and water on the road

On the Road Again

Some old friends from Dumas came for a visit last weekend and we had a great time. We took a road trip on Saturday, with the original intention of checking out Lake McClellan. After a hearty breakfast at Dixie Cafe, though, we headed north to check out the scenery and were not disappointed. We turned east at the Little Red Schoolhouse for the drive to Miami. Remembering how dry things were last year, there were constant comments on how much better the ranges looked. We traveled on to Canadian, mainly for a scenic drive, but ended up spending most of the day there.

I've Been Framed!

Our first real stop, after using the facilities at the Chamber, was the Canadian River Art Gallery and Academy downtown, where they were preparing for a show that evening featuring Lipscomb artist Amy Winton. Director Marie Bean was very gracious and told us all about the gallery and the academy, inviting us to the show which we had to reluctantly refuse. Check out their website at canadianriverart.com.

And the Beat Goes On...

If our trip had ended there, we would have been satisfied, but we decided to check out the Citadelle, the art museum founded by Malouf and Therese Abraham. The building was once the First Baptist Church, which the Abrahams had converted to their home before turning it into the gallery/museum. As luck would have it, Dr. Abraham himself was on the premises and regaled us with a number of stories before we toured the facility, which is truly a jewel. There are many fabulous pieces



by world-renowned artists, which made it all the more pleasing to find a piece by Dumas artist Carolyn Stallwitz in the collection.



JOE WEAVER

Wanna Trade?

I attended the Business Connection in Amarillo this week. I didn't get to see much of it, as I had other business in town, but what I got to see was good...lots of exhibitors. I'm always amazed at exhibitors at trade shows, though. They fit into three categories. There are those that size you up immediately and determine that you are not a prospect, so they have little time for you. (Some just ignore you—some look at you as if you are something they hide in their handkerchief.) Then there are the ones that are so busy visiting with the other exhibitors or friends that they don't have time for attendees questions. (In another life I once stopped at a booth for information—I was in the market for their product—and the booth staff was too busy talking with each other to speak to me at all.

The third group, of course, are the ones you look for—the ones who treat any visitor as if they had waited all day to see them. They know their product and have all the time in the world to answer questions or

demonstrate the product. They are the ones that keep me going to trade shows...and I can't help but think that they move more product.

Watered Down

I briefly stopped at the Culligan booth. I recognized the red-headed fellow I have seen on the TV commercials. I introduced myself and told him that if I had to watch a Culligan commercial, I'd rather see the one with Sue Fatheree. He threw me for a loop when he said "Why do you say that?"

What's In a Name?

I drove into Amarillo on the boulevard (Northeast 8th, my mother always called it), which I do about once a year, just to see what's new. Some businesses had interesting names, but my favorite? In the Oriental section was a used car lot run by someone whose last name was Dang. The company was "Dang Used Cars and Parts".

Incidentally, my visiting friends own the Dumas Burger King and commented that they had two employees named Mercedes.

"Wow", I told them. "Franchising must be good if you can afford two Mercedes!"

My friend's maiden name was Flake. If her brother Lonnie went into business with Brooklyn Golden (who did a fantastic job with the national anthem at the Rick Perry event this week), they could make real...call it "Golden-Flake."

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While others bail, young Texas cattle rancher rare breed

ERA (AP) — Daniel Bowles is bucking a trend. He's a young rancher trying to grow a cattle operation while many producers are hanging up their spurs or Craigslisting their all-terrain vehicles.

It seems that many Texas mamas listened intently to Willie Nelson and didn't let their babies grow up to be cowboys.

But in Era, an unincorporated community in Cooke County just south of Gainesville, Bowles is following a dream he's had so long he can't remember ever not having it. A self-assured, snuff-dipping 28-year-old, Bowles believes he's the right kind of cattle producer at the right time.

"He may never own 10,000 acres but Bowles finds every opportunity he can to build his empire," said Stan Bevers, an agricultural economist with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Vernon.

Bowles is not unique, but there just aren't that many young producers like him replacing older retiring ranchers, Bevers said.

Texas cattle country is in crisis. Prolonged drought, expensive feed and other factors reduced the state's beef cow herd by 13 percent last year, leaving the nation's biggest beef cattle state with the fewest breeding animals in more than half a century.

It's been a two-decade slide, with the decline sharply accelerating last year, said Ron Gill, an extension service cattle expert. That's when 660,000 head disappeared from Texas, according to the U.S. Agriculture Department. They included carefully bred seed stock shipped as far north as Montana in search of literally greener pastures. Many more were sold to out-of-state producers or sent to slaughter, their owners no longer able to provide water or forage.

Spring rains have helped some pastures, but not all. And ranchers like Bowles, whose fields are full of fresh-baled hay, say seasonal grasses that should be appearing now may be failing.

As a result, some producers are no longer willing, or able, to restock. Some fields might take two years to recover.

About 15 percent of ranchers surveyed last summer by the Fort Worth-based Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association said they were closing their operations despite high prices paid by feedlots and packinghouses. Another estimate put the figure at 25 percent.

"Some of the smaller guys sold completely out," said Rocky Vinson, an extension agent based in the West Texas town of Albany.

The lucky ones convert their acreage to leased hunting operations or, if their land is accessible to a city, sell to a housing developer.

Ranchers retiring
Kevin Good, senior market analyst with Denver-based CattleFax, which collects and interprets industry data, believes that continued good cattle prices will eventually provide enough incentive to restock in Texas. Asked whether there could be a recovery in two years, he said, "Probably not."

"Will it ever be as big as it once was, say, in five or 10 years? No, but not anywhere," he added.

The 2007 Census of Agriculture put the average age of Texas ranchers and farmers at 59, while 6 percent were under 35. And many of the older cattlemen no longer want to weather the risky environment.

"It was so devastating that a lot indicated that they are not going to fight it again," Gill said.

The latest census, state Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples said, "shows young farmers are becoming an endangered species. As today's farmers and ranchers near retirement, we must find ways to support a younger generation that will be tasked with feeding a growing population."

Meanwhile, the high cost of land, cattle and feed, compounded by tight credit, create a formidable barrier to younger would-be ranchers building their first herds — if they don't have family land or hadn't already left for urban careers like their siblings and classmates. The Texas Agriculture Department offers matching grants to young farmers and ranchers, which Staples said can help them get started or become more firmly established, but the grants are capped at \$10,000.

"With the cow herd at such a critically low level, Texas will start to lose infrastructure if cow numbers do not increase soon," said Gill, who organized a series of daylong seminars around the state to attract new people to the industry as a way to reverse the trend. He was hoping to encourage innovative partnerships between retiring ranchers or landowners and a young generation of producers starting out.

But the event planned for Graham was canceled for lack of interest and another in Abilene attracted people already in the industry, eager to hear how to safeguard their investment and livelihood.

Bevers said the extension service had hoped to attract young Texans starting out with similar ambitions to Bowles'.

Starting small
A graduate of Texas Christian University's ranch management program, Bowles in a few years has built a herd of 1,000 yearlings — mainly heifers, or young females, kept for six months, then sold — and a smaller cow-calf operation with 50 breeding cows of unknown bloodlines — "Heinz 57 kinds" — and a spotted Charolais bull. The French breed is known to produce good crosses. His calving rate is an enviable 90 percent, meaning 9 in 10 cows produce an offspring yearly. "If not, they're out."

He also works auction barns three days a week, both as an hourly ring hand and as an independent livestock buyer for other producers. His ability to spot less-than-fit cattle earned him the nickname "the ring doctor." And he hires out to do a range of cattle chores for other producers.

The various revenue streams translated last year into a six-figure income, with about 40 percent coming from his own cattle, said Bowles, dressed one day last week in plaid shirt and black Stetson, with a pie-plate-size TCU ranch program belt buckle glowing off his Cinch jeans as he "doctored" six freshly bought calves with various medications.

"Hey little lady," Bowles coaxed as a heifer squirmed with violent head twists when he aimed his oversize syringe, then fastened a bright green ear tag declaring her brucellosis protected. "Wish all of them were black. Black is beautiful."

Bowles is not a scion of a Texas cattle baron dynasty. His mother was a nurse, and his father worked at the Peterbilt truck plant in Denton, taking needed parts to the assembly line. The family rarely had more than 30 cows.

But he learned cattle raising from his father and a local farmer, Jack House, for whom he worked as a teenager.

His operation is called Three Cattle Co. because, he explained, "I started with three."

That refers to a trio of registered Hereford heifers he bought in Wolfe City with \$1,000 he got by winning a Houston rodeo calf scramble. He remembers the day. "Feb. 16, 2001."

"I had the 'want to' and the 'will,' but I didn't have all the knowledge," he said. He took ag courses for three years at North Central Texas College in Gainesville and hoped to attend the TCU program but didn't have the money. A wealthy Dallasite, whose horses Bowles exercised and cared for, offered him a zero-interest loan of \$10,000 toward tuition and expenses, to be repaid in five years.

"I paid him back in three years."

'A big step'
The management course, he said, "reprogrammed my mind," allowing him to delete outdated theories while adding record-keeping skills on spreadsheets, and tips that abetted his native market savvy.

Afterward, he lived in what he described as a shanty, which broiled in summer and froze in winter. A gap below the door was big enough to allow a snowdrift to form inside one day. He lived there five years.

While he was working at a cattle auction, two ex-dairy farmers recognized Bowles' ability to judge livestock and asked him to buy 400 as a custom-order buyer. "I must have thrown enough gab at them," he said with a laugh. It was his first custom-buying assignment. (Such work pays about \$3 a head, and he can earn \$200 or more a day.)

Bowles agreed — with one condition: They had to allow him to graze his own animals on their land. He

bought 74 calves, weighing an average 522 pounds. He sold them at 750 pounds, at no cost to him for the weight gain — in return for minding the landowners' herd for six months. The deal netted him nearly \$16,000 on a \$39,400 original investment for the cattle, aside from his buying commission.

"That was a big step for me," he said. Generally, Bowles uses his ring job to keep an eye out for good value. Often it can come from market mistiming by city folks who might keep cattle as ranchette ornaments. "I make a lot of money out of the weekend warriors."

After shots and tagging, he keeps the calves a month, then places them with a cutting horse operation, which prefers heifers for training or competition. The operation pays Bowles nothing but takes good care of the cattle, which put on about 80 pounds apiece.

Afterward, he hands the calves over to cattle people with proven abilities and ample pasture. They receive 65 cents for every pound of weight gained. That way Bowles doesn't have to invest in more land — he owns 40 acres and leases 850. And the people who take in the calves don't have to invest savings or borrow money to acquire their own livestock, or gamble on market gyrations.

Among his mentors, Bowles cites Van Baize of Wellington State Bank, who saw early promise in the young rancher and occasionally second-guesses some of his cattle-buying strategies.

Not all work out. "I got greedy," Bowles said of a recent decision to hold onto a load of calves even though prices were historically very high. He thought they'd go even higher. They didn't. In fact, prices dropped \$15 a hundredweight.

Things are looking up. He weathered the drought thanks to his varied jobs in the cattle industry and an ability to stock a pasture conservatively. He moved into a new home with air conditioning. And he plans to marry a nursing student in June.


What's more, Daniel Bowles is waiting to buy a good number of cattle at the right price — say, \$1.60 a pound for an animal 300 pounds or more. Healthy ones are fetching \$1.90 now.

"Right now," he said, "I think we're fixing to buy a whole lot of fat, bawling, sucking calves."

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\$13M restitution ordered in oil scam

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Six men convicted in an oil and gas drilling scheme must pay a total of \$13 million in restitution to victims in a case where a federal judge found that all aspects of the business were intertwined with acts of fraud.

Senior U.S. District Judge Joseph M. Hood on Friday found that the men deliberately misled investors about the risks and possible rewards of investing in a company called Target Oil & Gas.

Hood determined that the company "operated in such a way as to obscure the true nature of the risk on which investors were placing their bets."

"Fraud is fraud, regardless of the risk involved," Hood wrote in a 22-page opinion.

The case centered on how the men raised money for Target Oil. Prosecutors contend the company raised \$15 million from investors between 2003 and 2008, but only paid out about \$1.19 million in royalties. Prosecutors say the company asked investors to fund drilling projects in Kentucky, Texas, West Virginia and Tennessee but used fraudulent marketing materials and false geological surveys to persuade them.

Hood divided up the restitution proportionally. The judge ordered 56-year-old Michael D. Smith of Lancaster to pay \$5.4 million, about 30 percent of the loss to investors. He ordered Christopher Cello Smith of Prestonsburg, Shaun Michael Smith of Cookeville, Tenn., Joshua Scott Harris, Ray Garton of Barrackville, W.Va., and Mark Irwin of Cookeville, Tenn., each to pay \$1.6 million in restitution — about 12 percent each of the total.

The men were sentenced to federal prison in 2011, with Irwin and Shaun Michael Smith each ordered to serve 30 months, Michael D. Smith sentenced to 10 years, Garton to five years of probation, Christopher Cello Smith to five years in prison, and Harris to a year in prison.

Michael Smith was president of Target Oil and Gas in Albany and controlling interest holder of Kentucky Indiana Oil and Gas in Danville. His brother, Christopher Smith, was the company's vice president.

Michael and Christopher Smith contested the amount

of restitution sought by prosecutors. The men argued that investors knew oil and gas was a high-risk field and therefore forfeited the right to complain about losing money.

The judge noted that some oil and gas drilling did take place with investor funds and wells produced some natural gas, but the sales to investors were tainted by misrepresentations.

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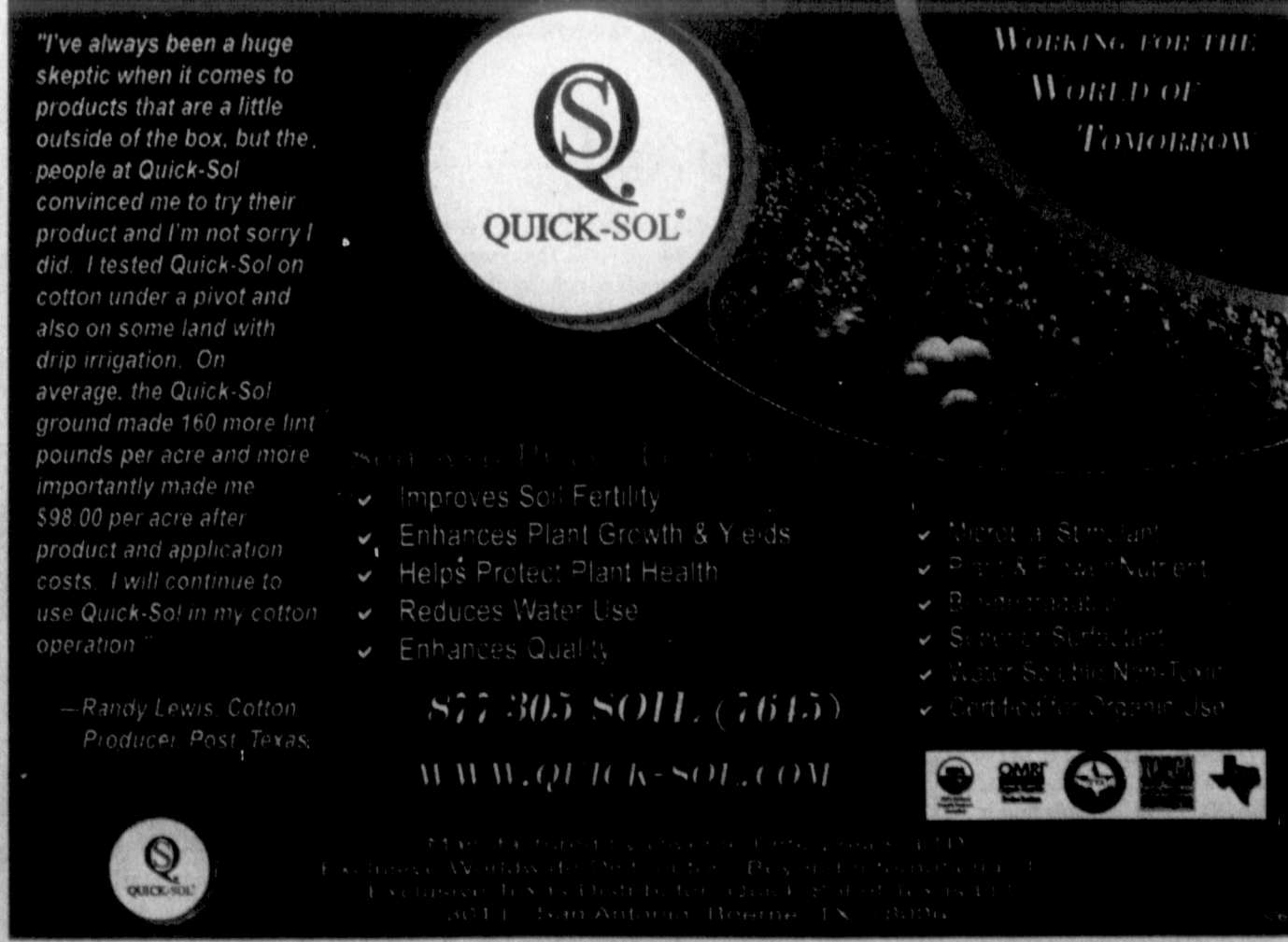
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sunday horoscope

Note: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Taurus and a Moon in Pisces if born after 4:42 a.m. (PST). Before that time, the Moon is in Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, May 13, 2012:

This year you open up to networking and expanding your group of friends. You will have a constant sense of renewal. If you are attached, as a couple you realize a long-term goal or desire this year. If you are single, you meet many people. One person could be unusually appealing, but you'll often butt heads. Learn acceptance in order to make this bond work. Communication flows, and you often are inclined to take off and do what you want. **PISCES** is always a friend.

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)

★★★ You quickly feel your energy drain. You could be surprised by your need for a snooze or a change of pace. Rather than meet up with friends, why not just call a few of them and catch up on their news? Your temper could soar if you do not take good care of yourself. Tonight: Not to be found.

This Week: Use care with your emotional and

financial dealings, mid-week. Others are out of sorts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Others seek you out. The problem is that you already have plans, and you could be put in an either/or situation. Know where your interests are. Do not get angry at someone because you made plans with him or her. Tonight: Where you want to be.

This Week: You enter a period of bad hair days. Make no major personal decisions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Whether you are involved in a community project or have an older relative or friend nearby, you seem to need to answer to someone. You could become quite irate and difficult if a roommate or family member starts a problem. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.

This Week: A child or loved one could start acting up. Do not take this person's actions personally.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Much can be accomplished by getting on the phone and making calls. You could be overtired and withdrawn. Be careful, as you could be unduly sarcastic with someone who really does not deserve it. Tonight: Around music and friends.

This Week: You have many responsibilities, and a friend you were counting on might not fulfill his or her promise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ A close loved one does want to speak

to you. Understand what needs to happen between you and a key associate.

Defer to this person about your finances, especially if you both are involved.

This party needs to feel your support and trust. Tonight: A close discussion.

This Week: A unique window of opportunity opens up to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Others seem passionate about what they want. You would not want to be placated in this situation, so don't interfere with their desires; otherwise, you might find yourself in a hot discussion. Tonight: Go with someone else's plans.

This Week: Let others run the show. You could have time to do whatever you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Let others know what you want to do. Many people could try to coax you out of your plans. You might have a difficult time convincing them that you are quite content. Perhaps you need to let a loved one or friend know when you will have some time to visit. Tonight: Make it early.

This Week: Others decide to claim their power. Do not get defensive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Your creativity surges, and wherever you are, you seem to make interactions much livelier. A friend could be a little difficult or angry. If you ask for more information, you could be surprised by what you hear. Tonight:

Make love, not war.

This Week: Dig right in. You have a lot to do. What is stopping you?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Sometimes you must take a day off to relax. You might be tempted to clear up a misunderstanding. Choose your words with care; otherwise, you could cause yourself even more of a problem. Tonight: Happy to be home.

This Week: Add more fun into the mix. Your smile helps others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You might feel like a social butterfly, which is quite different for such a solid and grounded Capricorn. Let go and worry less about responsibilities. Love the people who surround you. Tonight: Dinner at a favorite spot.

This Week: You will get more accomplished if you take frequent breaks.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ You might feel a little deflated after recent events. Be careful about how much you tend to overcompensate, or else you could live to regret today. Use care with a feisty friend or loved one. Tonight: Slow down the pace.

This Week: Perhaps you need to share less. Let others initiate plans.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You feel so together and content that you could take flight. The problem lies with a partner, loved one or dear friend who is in the opposite mood and rains

on your parade. A lively discussion might be more healing than anticipated. Tonight: Forget tomorrow. Live it up.

This Week: Be extremely careful when mixing

money and love.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am in a relationship with someone I graduated from school with, so we have known each other for a number of years. We are both divorced. Because I'm an only child, my mother has always been protective and controlling. She hasn't recovered from my divorce, although it happened more than 10 years ago, and constantly finds fault with my current relationship.

She argues with me almost weekly that I should get married because it "looks bad for her" that I live with this man, and "in the sight of God this isn't right." One minute she doesn't want me in a relationship, the next she's telling me I need to be married. I respect her beliefs, but don't think we should get married just because she wants us to.

I was married long enough to realize that a piece of paper doesn't make it right, so why force the issue? I love my mother, but her nagging is making it extremely difficult not only for me but for my relationship. How do I handle this? — **STRESSED-OUT ONLY CHILD**

DEAR STRESSED OUT: You may be an only child, but you are a child no longer. You are entitled to live your life the way you wish.

While there are legal protections for a wife that a live-in does not enjoy, if you prefer not to formalize your relationship, you should not be pressured into it. The next time your mother starts in, tell her firmly you will not argue the point and change the subject.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a single mother of three kids, ages 10, 8 and 7. Their father and I have been divorced for two years. He moved 300 miles away and sees the kids mainly in the summer and

on holidays. He has remarried, and she has children as well.

My problem is my kids feel he treats her children better than he treats them. I try hard not to badmouth him, but from what they tell me it's a one-way street. He has told our kids that he loves them more than I do, and that he wishes he didn't have to pay child support. It hurts me to see them hurt.

What can I do? We don't have a good relationship. He refuses to listen to anything I say. I don't want the kids to hate their father, but unless he changes, they will. They have already asked me if they can talk to the judge to get their visits made fewer and shorter. — **PROTECTIVE MOM IN VIRGINIA**

DEAR PROTECTIVE MOM: You cannot control the behavior of another adult, much as you might wish to. Your children are intelligent and they have already gotten the picture. Unfortunately, they are

still too young to be able to convince a judge to shorten their visits or spend time with their dad less often. But as they enter their early teens they will be. Help them to be patient and ride it out in the meantime, because they have no other option.

DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law is demanding to know why I won't accept her friend request on Facebook. Personally, I don't consider her a friend and prefer not to allow her access to my Facebook page. How can I politely and honestly answer her questioning? — **PREFER TO DECLINE**

DEAR DECLINE: Because she is forcing the issue, be forthright and answer her question by telling her that while she may be your sister-in-law, you do not feel personally close enough to her to be comfortable having her review your activities and thoughts on a daily basis.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 23 Andy Hardy's portrayer
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- 25 Conrad or Cotten
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EPA: Well water in Pennsylvania drilling town safe to drink

ALLENTOWN, Pa. (AP) — Federal environmental regulators say testing of scores of drinking-water wells in a northeastern Pennsylvania village has failed to turn up unsafe levels of contamination, providing ammunition to a gas driller that denies it polluted the aquifer with hazardous chemicals while prompting accusations the government is distorting the data.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released test results for an additional 12 homes on Friday and said they "did not show levels of contaminants that would give EPA reason to take further action." It was the fourth and final release of data for homes in Dimock, a rural Susquehanna County community that's found itself in the middle of a passionate debate over the safety of drilling and hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, in deep rock formations like the Marcellus Shale.

The EPA testing is only a snapshot of the highly changeable aquifer and will not be the final word on the health of the water supply. But pro-industry groups and Cabot Oil & Gas Corp., the Houston-based driller whose faulty gas wells were previously found to have leaked methane into the aquifer, assert the test results justify their position that Dimock's water is safe.

"Cabot is pleased that EPA has now reached the same conclusion of Cabot and state and local authorities resulting from the collection of more than 10,000 pages of hard data — that the water in Dimock meets all regulatory standards," spokesman George Stark said Friday.

But residents who are suing Cabot and anti-drilling activists say the EPA has issued a series of misleading statements on what the tests show. They say some of the wells had a combination of chemicals, metals, gases and salts that suggest the influence of drilling and fracking; that drinking-water standards have not been established for some of the toxic substances that turned up in the wells; and that testing also revealed high and sometimes explosive levels of methane in about a third of the wells. Opponents also raised technical concerns about the data.

"The fact remains, EPA's own tests have already vindicated the long-standing allegations of water contamination and clearly shows that the water of the affected residents is unfit for human consumption," said Claire Sandberg, executive director of Water Defense, an anti-drilling organization.

The group distributed a statement from Ron Bishop, a drilling opponent and chemist at the State University of New York at Oneonta, that said many of the wells are "significantly contaminated" with pollutants that threaten human health.

EPA spokesman Roy Seneca defended the quality of the testing, saying "the agency has used the best available scientific data to provide clarity to Dimock residents and address their concerns about the safety of their drinking water."

The EPA sampled the well water of a total of 61 homes, though it released data on only 59 because regu-

lators were unable to contact two of the homeowners. The agency said it will resample four wells where earlier testing by Cabot and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection showed unsafe levels of contaminants. The EPA is also planning to follow up with an additional three homeowners who want their wells tested.

"Once all of the sample results are complete, we will conduct a comprehensive review to determine if there are any trends or patterns in the data as it relates to home well water quality," Seneca said.

State environmental regulators previously determined that Cabot contaminated the aquifer underneath homes along Carter Road in Dimock with explosive levels of methane gas, although they later determined the company had met its obligations under a consent agreement and allowed Cabot to stop delivering bulk and bottled water last fall.

The EPA said Friday one of the 12 water wells was found to have an elevated level of methane. The agency notified the homeowner, state officials and the Susquehanna County Emergency Management Agency.

Amid the squabble over test results, the Dimock plaintiffs, who sued Cabot in 2009, appear to have quietly entered into settlement talks with the company. One of their lawyers, Tate Kunkle, mentioned "progressing settlement negotiations" in a court filing late last month.

Judge reverses ruling on Perry records

AUSTIN (AP) — A judge has reluctantly reversed his own ruling and found that the Texas Department of Public Safety doesn't have to release travel records of Gov. Rick Perry's security detail.

The Austin American Statesman reported Friday that District Judge Scott Jenkins decided a day earlier that releasing officers' travel vouchers and receipts could compromise the governor's safety. Jenkins had ruled in 2008 that the information should be released under Texas Public Information Act

requests by the Statesman, Houston Chronicle and San Antonio Express-News.

"It's a sad, sad world where we have to do this ... and it leads to less transparency," the judge concluded this week.

The paper sued after their open records requests were denied in 2007. They sought travel vouchers for a detailed accounting of how public money was spent protecting Perry when he or his wife, Anita, traveled to Europe, Mexico, Japan, Turkey and other places from 2001 to 2007.

The 3rd Court of Appeals agreed with Jenkins' initial decision, but the Texas Supreme Court reversed those lower court rulings in July. It found that "the public's right to 'complete information' must yield when disclosure of that information would substantially threaten physical harm."

Jenkins said Thursday that the Supreme Court's direction that he must consider "prospective" harm left him little choice but to issue the new ruling this week, the Statesman reported.

The judge rejected a

request by the newspapers to require the Public Safety Department to release at least one travel voucher per trip as a way of ensuring the public that taxpayer money wasn't spent inappropriately. Jenkins said he had reviewed enough of the 8,000 pages of travel records at issue to see patterns in the security detail's actions and discover if someone could exploit them to do harm.

As a result of the newspapers' case, the Texas Legislature last year approved language that going forward will make security details' travel vouchers public after 18 months. Those documents also will be subject to the state Supreme Court's prospective harm standard.

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any manner?" "Other than not putting his hands behind his back, no," Blomberg responded.

Following Blomberg's testimony, which lasted several hours, retired Texas Ranger Maurice Cook told jurors that he believes Blomberg "acted as a reasonable officer" when he tried to arrest Holley. Cook now teaches classes on the use of force at a local community college.

Several officers who testified for Blomberg also said Holley was resisting arrest. Blomberg and the officers testified that before arresting Holley,

they had been told the teen and several other suspects could be armed and dangerous participants in a series of bold daytime burglaries.

Holley, now 18, has testified that he didn't resist arrest as he lay on the ground and that officers hit him so much that he briefly lost consciousness. Holley was convicted of burglary in juvenile court in October 2010 and placed on probation.

Blomberg, whose family was in the courtroom, told jurors that he thought Holley might be in the Bloods gang because he was wearing a red shirt.

The teenager has denied being in a gang.

A federal lawsuit that Holley filed against Blomberg, the other fired officers and the city of Houston is pending.

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Softball splits with Lamesa; Game 3 today in Canyon



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McKinlee Stokes slides safely into home to score the go-ahead run in Game 1 against Lamesa in the regional quarterfinals at West Texas A&M. Pampa wasn't able to clinch as it lost Game 2 5-3.

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CANYON — On Friday at Lady Buff Yard on West Texas A&M's campus, the Pampa Lady Harvesters entered Game 2 with the momentum of a 7-3 victory. Eight errors kept Pampa from clinching a spot in the regional semifinals as the Lamesa Golden Tornadoes won 5-3 to force a third game on Saturday.

The Lady Harvesters took the lead in the first inning. Junior Claire Hopkins led off with a single. An error and a stolen base advanced Hopkins to third. Junior Tiffany Britton grounded out to third to drive in Hopkins. Pampa added a run in the third and fourth innings.

Lamesa rallied. The Golden Tornadoes took advantage of five errors and seven walks. Lamesa cut the lead down to two in the fourth, as Miranda Cortez reached on an error, scoring Johnna Prather. The Lady Harvesters were playing on turf for the first time.

Lamesa tied the game in the fifth inning scoring on a bases loaded hit by pitch and walk. The Lady Harvesters made a pair of solid defensive plays, though, to keep the Golden Tornadoes from taking the lead. Junior Martecia Alexander was unable to come up with a ball, but threw to junior Bailey Beck to get Ashley Casarez out at third for the first out. Beck fielded a grounder and threw home for the second out.

The Lady Harvesters regained the lead immediately, thanks to the baserunning of senior McKinlee Stokes. With one out, the senior singled to short. With senior Heather Coffee up to bat, Stokes stole second and third. Coffee struck out, but the catcher couldn't hang to the ball, allowing Stokes to score the go-ahead run.

Pampa padded its lead in the top of

the seventh. With one out, Alexander doubled and Hopkins was hit by pitch. Alexander would be thrown out on a fielder's choice. Britton hit an RBI single to left. Lamesa's catcher Shelby Dederloin tried to get Beck out at third but threw the ball into left field. Beck and Britton scored.

Sophomore Alexa O'Brien was the winning pitcher striking out eight in a complete game.

In Game 2, Lamesa jumped out. The Golden Tornadoes loaded the bases on two infield singles and a walk. Darian Diederloin cashed in, hitting a two-RBI triple. Diederloin scored on a passed ball.

Lamesa added a run in the top of the third. The Lady Harvesters had a golden opportunity to get back in the game as they loaded the bases with one out in the bottom of the third. Only one run scored as Alexander scored on a ground ball. Senior Alanna Stephens and Stokes grounded into fielder's choices.

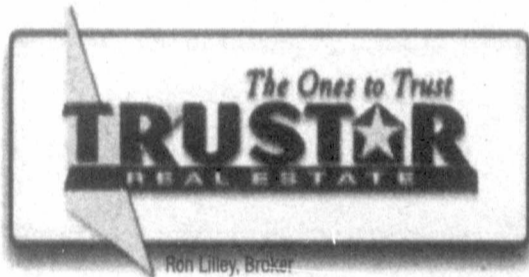
Pampa had another opportunity in the bottom of the fifth when Britton reached on an error and gave the Lady Harvesters runners on-second and third with one out. Stephens and Stokes flied out to end the inning.

Pampa rallied in the seventh with Beck and Britton hitting singles. Stephens got her first hit of the series with a two-RBI double to center. Lamesa's pitcher Makayla Hunter struck out Stokes, and got Coffee and sophomore Bailey Wichert to ground out to end the game.

Coffee pitched the first three innings and took the loss despite striking out six. Pampa's defense miscues hurt her effort.

Game 3 is 11 a.m. today at Lady Buff Yard.

"We are going to approach Game 3 like we did Game 1," Head coach Bobbi Gill said.



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Sports

PHS senior Hardman playing well in right after injury

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Last season, was supposed to be exciting for then-junior Nakayla Hardman, as she was playing in her first varsity season. During warm-ups at a tournament in March of last year, things changed.

"I was chasing a ball that I overthrew," Hardman said. "I wasn't paying attention and got hit (by an incoming ball)."

Hardman broke her jaw in two places and missed most of her junior season. Now as a senior, Hardman has established herself in right field.

It took six weeks for Hardman to recover, and most of that time she had her jaw wired shut.

Hardman said she had to adjust but added there were some benefits.

"Soup," Hardman said. "Tried a lot of puree stuff. Lost 15 pounds, I would do it again."

Hardman returned in the last game of the area round last season. Though she didn't get to play most of the season,

she still participated in most of the team activities.

"My teammates were pretty supportive," Hardman said. "If we had to run, I would run with them. It was just me being there for them and them being there for me."

Hardman said it was tough having to sit out a whole year.

"It was hard watching," Hardman said. "I couldn't do anything about it."

This season, Hardman played in every game and batted third in non-district. Hardman recorded four RBI against Henrietta (Feb. 24) and three against Fort Worth North Side in March. In right field, Hardman recorded 14 putouts in 17 chances.

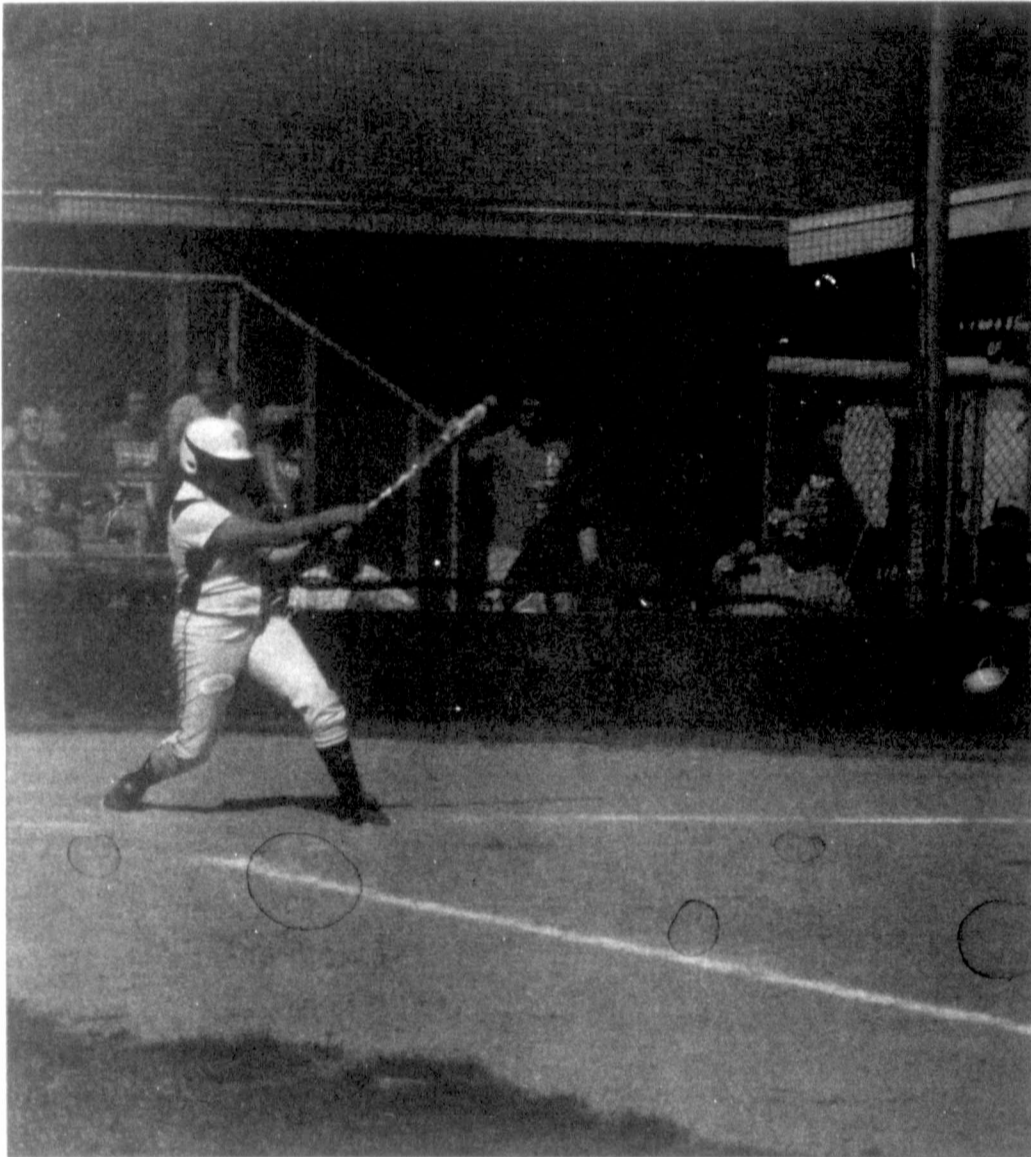
"Thankfully, nothing happened this year," Hardman said.

Hardman was also a member of the varsity cheerleading squad this year. After graduation, Hardman is going to San Angelo State and majoring in education, hoping to be a coach.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Senior Nakayla Hardman hustles to first in a March 16 game. Hardman has played every game this season after breaking her jaw last season.



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Senior Nakayla Hardman hits a ball against Vernon on March 16. Hardman recorded 12 hits, scored 14 runs and drove in 14 entering Friday's playoff

Lady Harvesters' basketball camp

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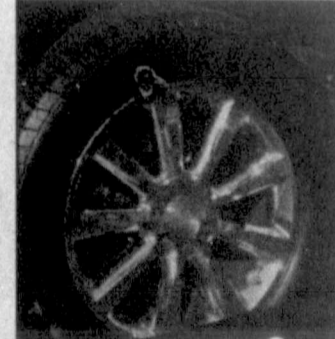
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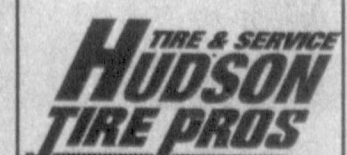


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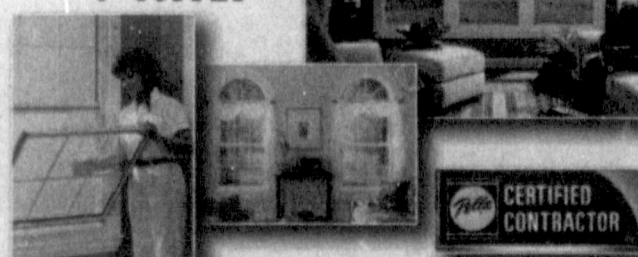
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Sports

WEEKLY SCOREBOARD

Varsity Baseball

FRIDAY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	
Pampa	1	0	0	0	0	
Estacado	0	4	2	0	5	
TEAM	R	H	E			
Pampa	1	2	5			
Estacado	11	9	0			
PAMPA BATTER	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
C. Engle	2	1	1	0	0	0
J. Thompson	1	0	0	0	1	0
J. Lusk	2	0	0	0	0	2
C. Killgo	2	0	1	1	0	0
J. Lemons	1	0	0	0	1	0
D. Coleman	2	0	0	0	0	1
Z. Graves	2	0	0	0	0	1
T. Woods	1	0	0	0	0	0
T. Carter	1	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	14	1	2	1	2	5
ESTACADO BATTER	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
A. Buitron	3	1	0	1	0	0
M. Flores	3	0	0	0	1	1
Q. Johnson	4	0	2	1	0	0
V. Gomez	3	2	1	0	0	0
D. Cruz	2	0	0	0	1	1
S. Garcia	3	3	2	2	0	0
M. Garza	1	2	1	2	1	0
J. Garcia	3	1	2	0	0	0
S. Aguilar	3	2	1	0	0	0
Totals	25	11	9	6	3	2

2B - C. Killgo. V. Gomez; S. Garcia. SF - M. Garza. SB - M. Flores; V. Gomez; D. Cruz; S. Garcia. CS - J. Thompson; R. Powell; C. Killgo.

PAMPA PITCHER	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
James Thompson	4.17	9	6	2	2	2
Ethan Hunt	0.12	2	2	1	0	0

ESTACADO PITCHER	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Austin Buitron	5.2	1	1	2	5	0

Win - Buitron. Loss - Thompson. Save - None.

SATURDAY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Estacado	0	0	0	0	0	12	
Pampa	2	1	0	2	1	0	X
TEAM	R	H	E				
Estacado	3	5	1				
Pampa	6	7	0				
ESTACADO BATTER	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	
A. Buitron	4	1	1	0	0	2	
M. Flores	3	0	0	1	0	0	
Q. Johnson	4	1	1	0	0	0	
V. Gomez	3	0	1	1	1	0	
D. Cruz	2	0	0	0	0	2	
S. Garcia	3	0	1	0	0	1	
M. Garza	1	0	0	0	0	0	
J. Garcia	1	0	0	0	0	1	
S. Aguilar	1	1	0	0	1	0	
L. Salinas	1	0	1	0	0	0	
R. Carrillo	0	0	0	0	1	0	
R. Salinas	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	24	3	5	2	3	6	
PAMPA BATTER	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	
C. Engle	2	1	1	2	1	0	
J. Thompson	3	0	1	0	1	2	
J. Lusk	3	1	0	1	0	0	
C. Killgo	4	0	1	0	0	2	
J. Lemons	3	0	1	2	1	1	
T. Woods	0	1	0	0	0	0	
D. Coleman	3	0	0	0	0	1	
Z. Graves	3	0	1	0	0	1	
C. Howard	2	1	1	0	1	1	
T. Carter	1	1	1	0	0	0	
B. Stokes	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Totals	24	6	7	5	4	8	

2B - V. Gomez. C. Engle; C. Killgo. SF - M. Flores. C. Engle. SAC - T. Carter. SB - A. Buitron; S. Garcia; S. Aguilar; K. Alcorte. J. Thompson. CS - E. Espinoza.

ESTACADO PITCHER	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Jonathan Garcia	1.14	3	3	0	2	0

Luis Salinas	2.23	3	2	4	4	
Ryan Salinas	2.0	0	0	0	2	
PAMPA PITCHER	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Collin Killgo	7.5	3	3	3	6	0

Win - Killgo. Loss - Garcia. Save - None.

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	
Pampa	0	0	0	1	0	
Estacado	0	0	1	7	3	
TEAM	R	H	E			
Pampa	1	6	3			
Estacado	11	9	0			
PAMPA BATTER	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
C. Engle	2	0	1	0	0	0
J. Thompson	2	0	0	0	0	0
J. Lusk	2	1	2	0	0	0
C. Killgo	2	0	0	0	0	1
J. Lemons	2	0	1	1	0	1
D. Coleman	2	0	0	0	0	0
Z. Graves	2	0	1	0	0	1
C. Howard	2	0	0	0	0	0
T. Carter	2	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	18	1	6	1	0	3
ESTACADO BATTER	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
A. Buitron	3	0	0	0	1	0
M. Flores	4	0	3	4	0	0
Q. Johnson	3	1	1	2	0	0
V. Gomez	2	0	1	0	0	0
S. Garcia	3	2	2	1	0	1
L. Salinas	0	1	0	0	0	0
D. Cruz	3	2	1	0	0	0
M. Garza	2	2	1	2	0	1
P. Marrudo	3	1	0	0	0	1
S. Aguilar	1	1	0	1	2	0
K. Alcorte	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	11	9	10	3	3

2B - J. Lusk; J. Lemons; T. Carter. M. Flores 2. HR - Q. Johnson. SB - L. Salinas 2; D. Cruz; S. Aguilar. CS - C. Engle; T. Woods.

PAMPA PITCHER	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Ethan Hunt	3.14	6	5	1	3	0
James Thompson	0.22	2	2	0	0	0
Ryan Powell	0.13	3	2	2	0	0

ESTACADO PITCHER	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Ryan Salinas	2.4	0	0	0	1	0
Matthew Flores	3.2	1	1	0	2	0

Win - Flores. Loss - Hunt. Save - None.

Varsity Softball

FRIDAY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Pampa	2	0	3	1	2	13	
Greenwood	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM	R	H	E				
Pampa	12	16	1				
Greenwood	2	5	4				
PAMPA BATTER	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	
C. Hopkins	5	3	2	1	0	0	
B. Beck	5	3	4	3	0	0	
T. Britton	5	0	1	0	0	3	
A. Stephens	5	2	5	3	0	0	
M. Stokes	5	1	1	0	0	0	
H. Coffee	5	0	2	3	0	2	
B. Wichert	4	0	1	0	0	3	
A. O'Brien	4	1	0	0	0	0	
M. Alexander	3	1	0	0	1	1	
F. Bridwell	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Totals	41	12	16	10	1	9	
G'WOOD BATTER	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	
J. Schoultz	3	0	0	0	1	2	
S. Cobb	3	1	0	0	1	0	
E. Dye	2	1	0	0	2	0	
Ke. Maddox	4	0	1	0	0	0	
Ka. Maddox	3	0	2	2	0	0	
A. Stone	3	0	1	0	0	0	
M. Thompson	1	0	0	0	0	0	
C. Kraft	2	0	1	0	0	0	
K. Ebenstein	3	0	0	0	0	2	
Totals	24	2	5	2	4	4	

2B - A. Stephens. Ka. Maddox. 3B - C.

Luis Salinas	2.23	3	2	4	4	
Ryan Salinas	2.0	0	0	0	2	
PAMPA PITCHER	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Alexa O'Brien	7.5	2	2	4	4	0

Win - O'Brien. Loss - Maddox. Save - None.

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Greenwood	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Pampa	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
TEAM	R	H	E				
Greenwood	2	5	2				
Pampa	3	8	1				
G'WOOD BATTER	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	
J. Schoultz	1	1	0	0	3	1	
S. Cobb	2	0	1	0	0	0	
E. Dye	2	0	0	0	2	1	
Ke. Maddox	3	0	0	0	1	2	
Ka. Maddox	4	1	3	2	0	0	

Logan Martindale limited Texas Rose Steakhouse to three hits in leading Glo-Valve Service to a 13-3 win Tuesday at Optimist Park. Martindale struck out seven and walked four to pick up his second win of the season. Braden Fry relieved in the fourth inning for Glo-Valve. He allowed no runs or hits but walked a pair of batters. Chance Kerbo pitched for Texas Rose. Jace Ware got Glo-Valve on the scoreboard in the bottom of the first inning. He walked, stole second and third and scampered home on a passed ball.

Texas Rose took a brief lead in the top of the second. Seth Langley led off the inning with a single to right centerfield. Bryan Rodriguez followed with a walk. After a popup and a strikeout, Ries Pickrell walked to load the bases. Todd Fleetwood unloaded a double to right centerfield to clear the bases and give Texas Rose a 3-1 lead. Glo-Valve came back with a vengeance in the bottom of the second. Jakob Wilson and Brenden Courtney walked. Martindale aided his own cause with a double scoring Wilson. Tyler Orand followed with a single to center scoring Courtney and Martindale. Orand stole two bases and came home on a passed ball. Tyler McCarn struck out but hustled to first when the ball got past the catcher. Ware walked again. Thomas Costley singled home McCarn while Ware stopped at third. Ware scored the sixth run of the inning when Kade Parker made it to first base on a dropped third strike.

In the third inning Glo-Valve picked up another run when Martindale was safe on a fielder's choice and stole two bases. He scored when Orand grounded out. McCarn started a rally for Glo-Valve in the bottom of the fourth with a single. Ware followed with a single to right. After a fly out, Fry singled past the shortstop bringing in McCarn. Ware and Fry thundered home on wild pitches. Parker walked. Wilson singled to right to keep the rally going and bring in Parker. A walk to Courtney and a pair of errors brought Wilson in for the final run of the game. Orand made the outstanding defensive play for Glo-Valve by grabbing a popup at first base and stepping on the bag for an unassisted double play to get Glo-Valve out of trouble in the fourth inning. Cody Smith caught three fly balls in centerfield and turned one into a double play at second base for Texas Rose's outstanding defensive plays. In the early game Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency, behind the pitching of Ethan Lemke and Derek Norris, turned away Panhandle 19-0. Thursday's Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken action will see Texas Rose travel to Groom for a 6 p.m. game while Cabot takes on Rotary at 7:45 p.m. at Optimist Park. The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

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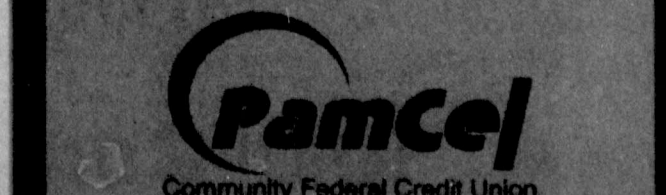
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Sports

'Average' defense getting it done for top-ranked San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Gregg Popovich doesn't remember calling these San Antonio Spurs the worst defensive bunch in his 16 seasons.

"But you might be right," said Popovich, laughing. In other words, it's not that far-fetched considering the defense Tim Duncan anchored in his heyday.

Yet while the NBA coach of the year really did lambast this defense as his worst following a loss to Milwaukee in January — "We have a long way to go," Popovich scowled — the Spurs have become at least good enough since then to carry the No. 1 seed with a 14-game winning streak into the Western Conference semifinals.

The start of that series remained unknown Friday, even though it's been five days since the Spurs finished sweeping Utah in the first round. San Antonio was awaiting the winner of the Clippers-Grizzlies series.

The layoff has given the Spurs unparalleled practice time in this lockout-shortened season. They returned to the gym Friday for a session that players described as feeling more like training camp than an in-season practice. Tim Duncan slowly shuffled barefoot to reporters afterward, his 36-year-old knees wrapped in bags of ice.

Duncan said the Spurs are just trying to keep conditioned. Stay in rhythm, scrimmage 5-on-5 and fine-tune some plays.

And, of course, keep improving defensively. "We're not as good a defensive team as we have been in the past, four or five years ago," Popovich said. "We all know that. Because we know that, it seems wise to try and do something to improve your team, if it's not going to be defense. We're going to try to get better at it. What we are

is pretty good in spurts."

What now passes for passable defense in San Antonio is a level that half the coaches in league would likely embrace. The Spurs ranked squarely in the middle of the pack in team defense, allowing 96.4 points per game while letting opponents make 45 percent of their field goals, a category that Popovich has long valued above most.

It's hardly the vaunted, lockdown defense the Spurs were famous for while winning three titles in five years. From 2003-04 until their last championship in 2007, the Spurs gave up fewer points than any team in the league except for 2006, when they finished a close second to Memphis.

But in 2009, when the Spurs were knocked out in the first round for the first time in nine seasons, Popovich began accepting the Spurs no longer had the age or personnel to keep dominating defensively. That's when the shift began: Acquire more offensive firepower, increase the tempo and get easier baskets.

The last two seasons, San Antonio has averaged 103.7 points a game — the most since Popovich took over the Spurs in 1996.

Ginobili said the Spurs this season began picking up the slack defensively in March, when they finished by winning 23 of their last 27.

"I think we're doing a pretty good job," Ginobili said. "Of course we're not the best team in the yet, but we can still improve."

Popovich's scathing rip on the defense came after forward Stephen Jackson, then with the Bucks, lit up the Spurs for 34 points. Jackson brushed off those remarks

as likely a motivating ploy by the coach he refers to as "Obi Wan," even though Jackson, like center Boris Diaw, hadn't joined the Spurs yet.

Diaw hardly had a reputation for defense while playing for Phoenix and its oft-called "Seven Seconds or Less" offense under then-coach Mike D'Antoni. Duncan said Friday that Diaw has become a better defensive player than he remembered facing, and Popovich has acknowledged Diaw's contributions to San Antonio's defense as a pleasant and unexpected surprise.

At least on what he used to regard as his worst defensive team. "They must think I really wasn't good at all," Diaw said.

WEEKLY SCOREBOARD

2B - C. Kraft. M. Alexander. HR - Ka. Maddox. SAC - S. Cobb 2. SB - C. Hopkins; B. Beck; M. Stokes CS - M. Stokes

G'WOOD PITCHER IP H R ER BB SO

Kendall Maddox 6.18 3 3 2 6

PAMPA PITCHER IP H R ER BB SO

Heather Coffee 3 4 2 1 4 4

Alexa O'Brien 4 1 0 0 4 5

Win - O'Brien. Loss - Maddox. Save - None.

Optimist Baseball

TEAM	1	2	3	4
D.E. Chase	0	0	0	0
Holmes	1	0	0	0

TEAM	R	H	E
D.E. Chase	0	0	0
Holmes	1	5	0

D.E. CHASE BATTER AB R H RBI BB SO

R. Lee 1 0 0 0 1 1

B. Childress 1 0 0 0 1 1

B. Maul 0 0 0 0 2 0

C. Thompson 2 0 0 0 0 2

L. Kinser 1 0 0 0 1 0

L. Chavez 1 0 0 0 1 1

C. Brown 2 0 0 0 0 1

J. Downs 2 0 0 0 0 2

T. Matthews 1 0 0 0 0 1

Totals 11 0 0 0 6 9

HOLMES BATTER AB R H RBI BB SO

Z. Johnson 2 1 2 0 0 0

A. Zuniga 2 0 1 0 0 0

T. Hooper 1 0 1 0 1 0

E. Hunt 2 0 1 0 0 0

J. Green 1 0 0 0 0 0

R. Harden 1 0 0 0 0 0

B. West 0 0 0 0 1 0

J. Velasquez 1 0 0 0 0 0

A. Beck 1 0 0 0 0 0

Totals 11 1 5 0 2 0

GIDP - D.E. Chase 0 Holmes 2. 2B - Z.

Johnson. SB - Z. Johnson. CS - L. Kinser.

Z. Johnson.

D.E. CHASE PITCHER IP H R ER BB SO

R. Lee 3 5 1 1 2 0

Loss - Lee.

Third (61): S. Pike; D. Spike; R. LeCrone; M. Lane

WEDNESDAY

4-man scramble

First (62): E. Maxwell; H. Knutson; F. Snow; H. Wells

Second (63): L. Etchison; J. Stephens; H. Musgrave; J. Richardson.

Third (63): B. Hammer; L. Neighbors; B. Henderson; B.M. Millican.

Fourth (63): A. Bolton; B. Robben; J. Lee; L. Allison

Closest to the hole #6: M. Crain

Closest to the hole #15: R. Porter

Longest Drive D player #4: L. Moreno.

Country Club

Shelly Cook shot a hole-in-one from 139 yards with a four hybrid on hole #5.

Recreation Leagues

SPRING KICKBALL STANDINGS

MIXED Conf. Overall

Got the Runs 0-0 6-0

Bad As is 0-0 4-2

The Pansies 0-0 4-2

Tracker Jackers 0-0 3-3

Briarwood 0-0 2-4

The Chunts 0-0 2-4

Clifton Supply 0-0 0-6

SPRING SOFTBALL STANDINGS

MIXED D1 Conf. Overall

Bush Leaguers 5-0 10-0

Extra Auto 4-1 8-2

Scared Hitless 3-2 5-5

Killgo's Woodworks 2-3 4-6

Brock 2-3 4-6

The Pampa News 0-5 0-10

MIXED D2 Conf. Overall

Quality PWC 0-0 9-1

First Presbyterian Church 0-0 8-2

Priscilla's Boutique 0-0 6-4

NOV 0-0 5-5

BYOB 0-0 4-6

Aqua Cielo 0-0 4-6

La Pasidita 0-0 1-9

MENS Conf. Overall

OCB 5-0 6-2

HCP 4-1 6-2

Bad Element 1-4 2-6

Brick Squad 0-5 2-6

Hidden Hills

SATURDAY

American Red Cross of the Eastern Texas Panhandle

4-person scramble

McElroy Flight

First (58): C. Morgan; R. Baker; P. Montoya; H. Knutson

Second (59): J. Stephens; B. Hammer; J. Howell; L. Etchison

Third (60): C. Stout; C. Morrison; B. Connally; C. Cortez Jr.

Watson Flight

First (58): P. Diaz Jr.; P. Diaz Sr.; R. Pacheco; M. Diaz

Second (60): S. White; G. White; C. White; D. White

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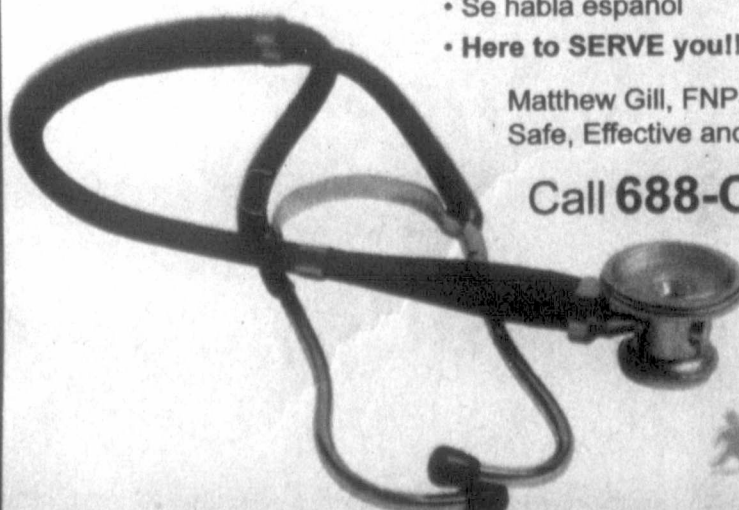
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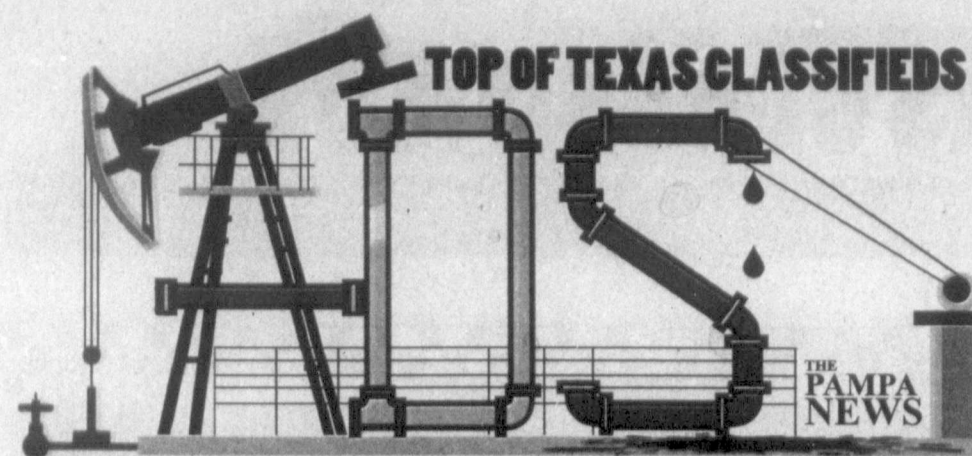
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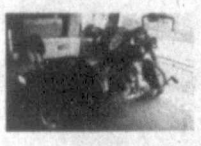
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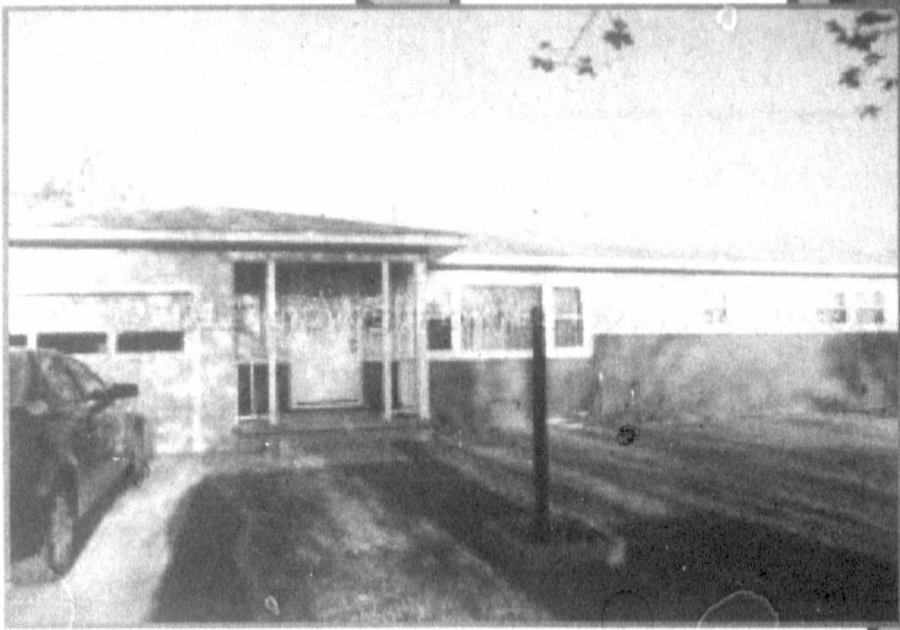
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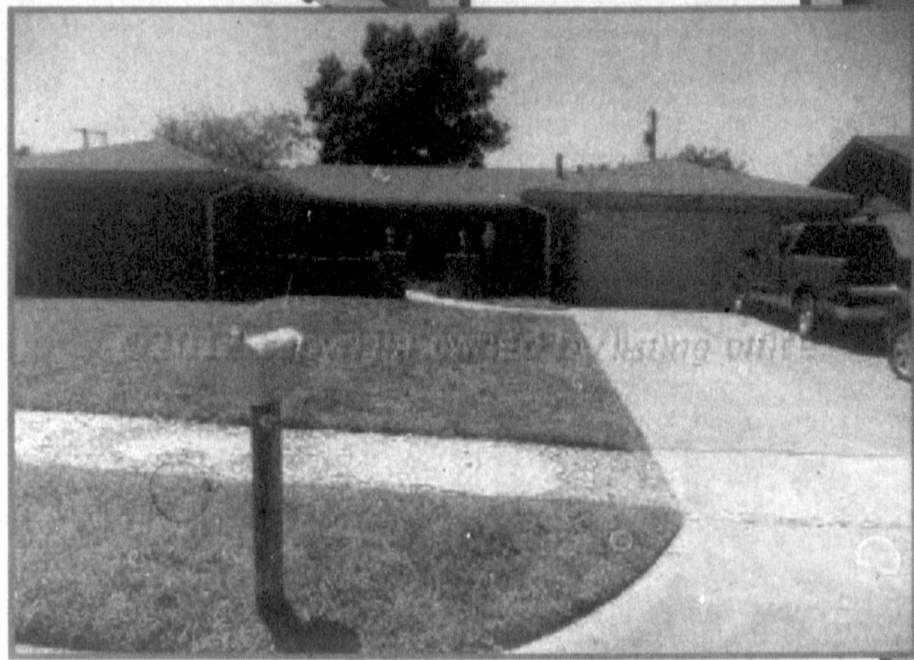
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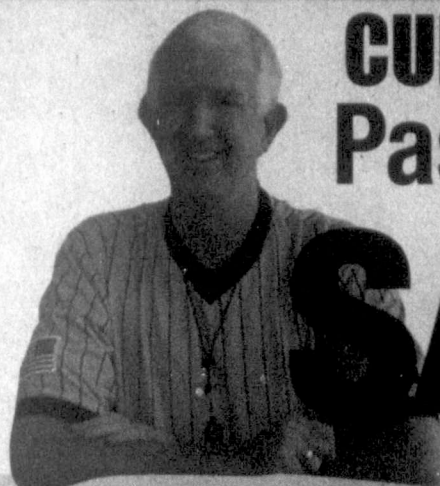
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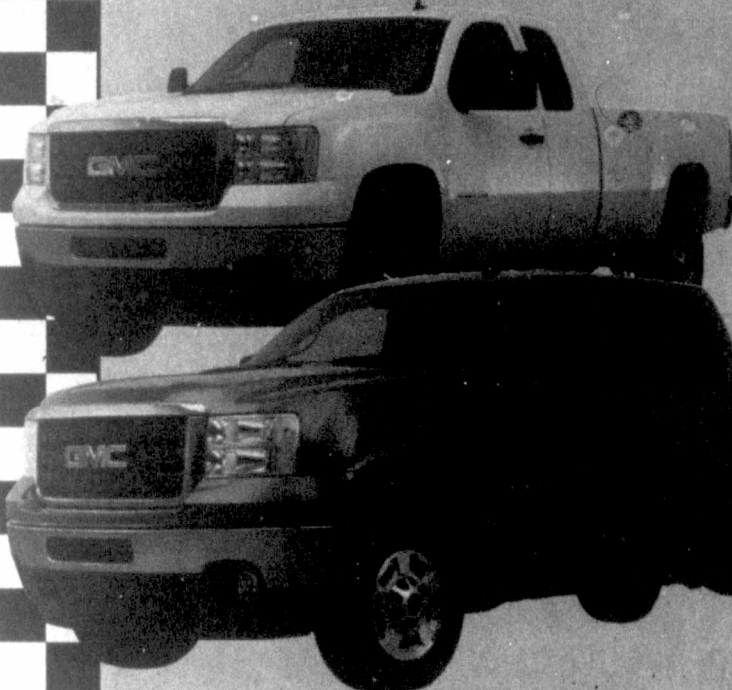
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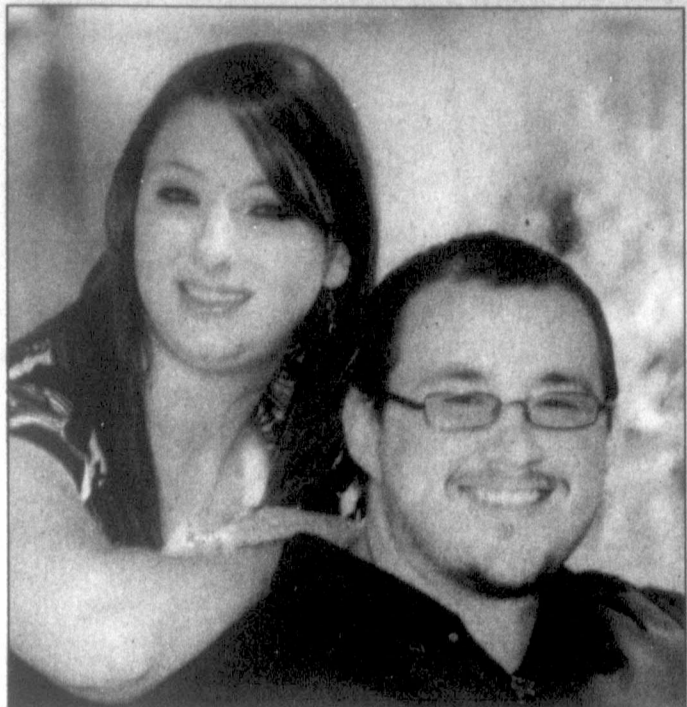
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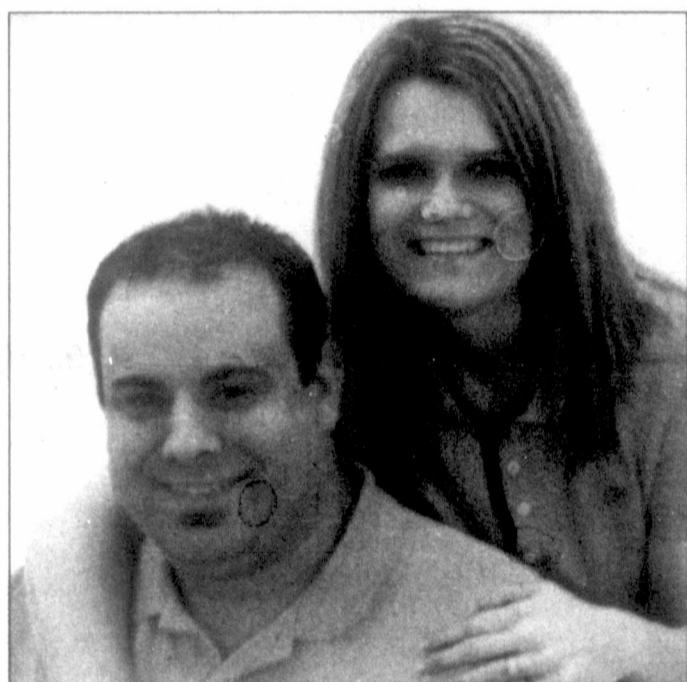


Julie Davenport and Kiah Hiltbrunner

Davenport, Hiltbrunner announce engagement

Roger and Shari Davenport of Pampa announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Davenport, of Amarillo, to Kiah Hiltbrunner also of Amarillo. Julie is a Miami High School graduate of 2004. She received a Bachelor's of Business Administration in General Business from West Texas A&M University. Julie is employed as the Assistant Manager by Walgreens in Amarillo. Kiah is the son of Boyd Hiltbrunner of Shamrock and Donya Thibodeaux of Ingram. Kiah is also the grandson of Dorothy George of Shamrock. Kiah is a Samnorwood High School graduate of 2004. He attended Academy of Professional Careers and received his license in Massage Therapy. He is employed by Party Stop in Amarillo.

The wedding is planned for June 9, 2012 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Pampa.



Bryan Johnson and Kera Kent

Kent, Johnson to wed

James & Kim Ivey and Kim Johnson, all of Pampa, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kera Kent, to Bryan Johnson also of Pampa. Kera is a 2004 graduate of Pampa High School, and a 2006 graduate of Frank Phillips College with an associate degree. She is employed at National Bank of Commerce in Pampa. Bryan is the son of Brad & Michele Johnson, Meridian, Idaho and Patricia Johnson of Kuna, Idaho. He is a 2002 Payette High School, and a 2004 graduate of Amarillo College Fire Academy. He is employed by Pampa Fire Dept. and Pampa EMS.

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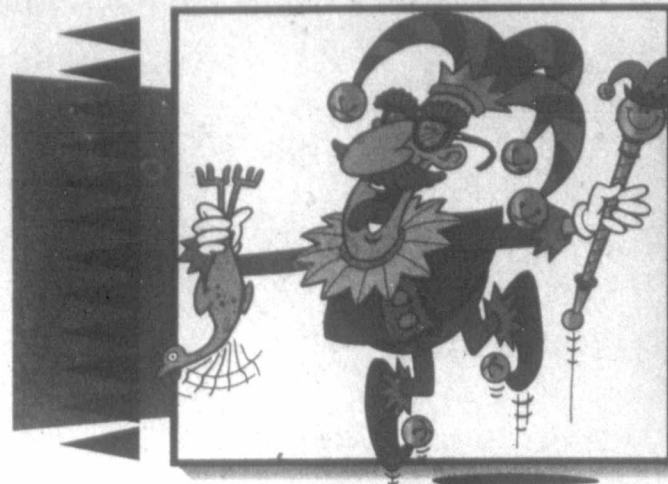
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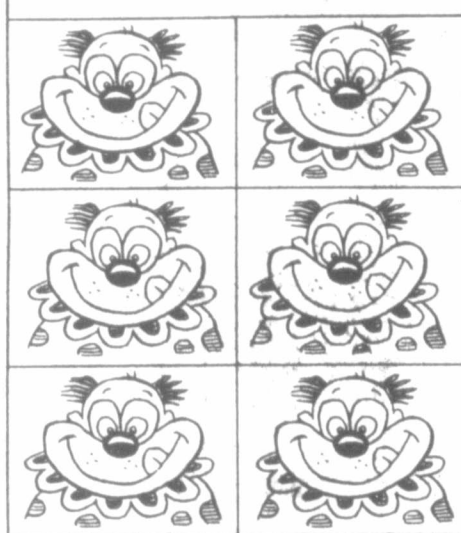
AM I A HAPPY OR SAD CLOWN? YOU DECIDE!



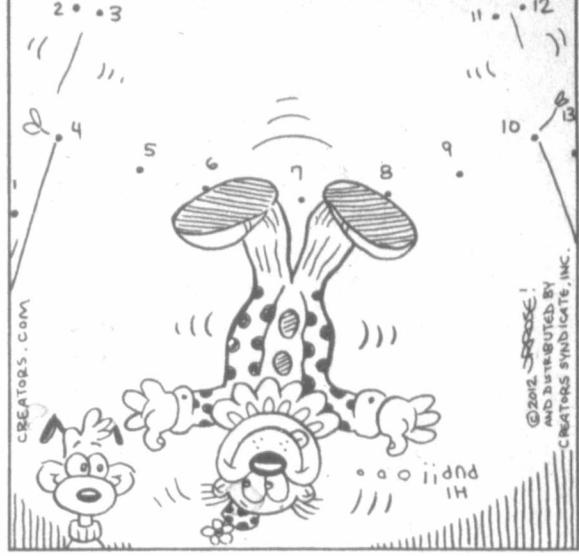
USE YOUR CRAYONS AND MAKE ME UP LIKE A CLOWN...



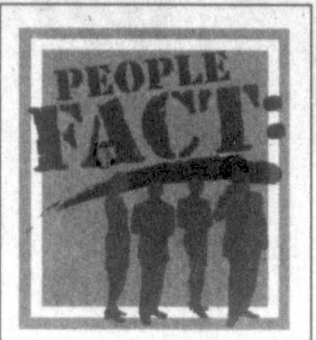
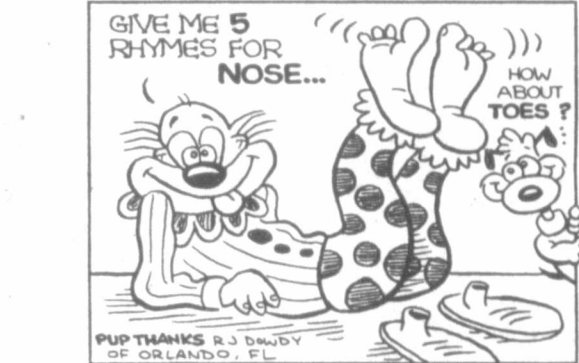
WHICH ONE IS DIFFERENT?



EVERYBODY LOVES A CLOWN, EVEN ONE THAT'S UPSIDE DOWN! JOIN THE DOTS AND YOU WILL SEE HOW HE'S UPSIDE DOWN WITH ME!



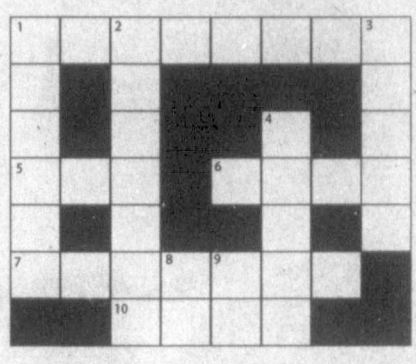
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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
 1. Things using mechanical power
 5. Sick
 6. String
 7. Where to store cars
 10. Baths that make bubbly hot water

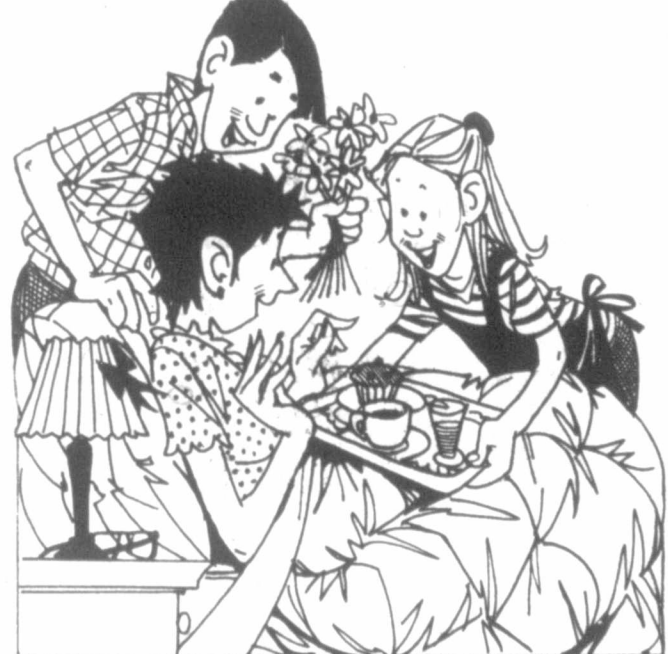
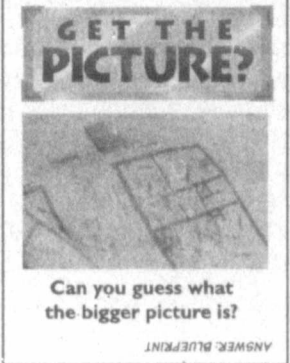
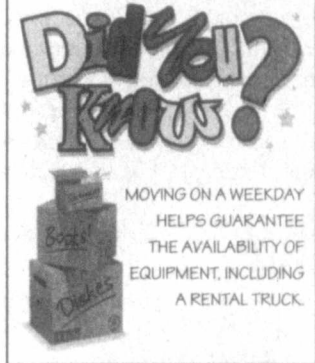
DOWN
 1. Relocating
 2. Control dogs
 3. Move on a smooth surface
 4. Containers that are square in shape
 8. Associated Press (abbr.)
 9. Peach state (abbr.)

ANSWERS:
 Across: 1. Moving 2. Collars 3. Slide 4. Boxes 8. AP 9. GA
 Down: 1. Machines 5. Ill 6. Cord 7. Garages 10. Spas

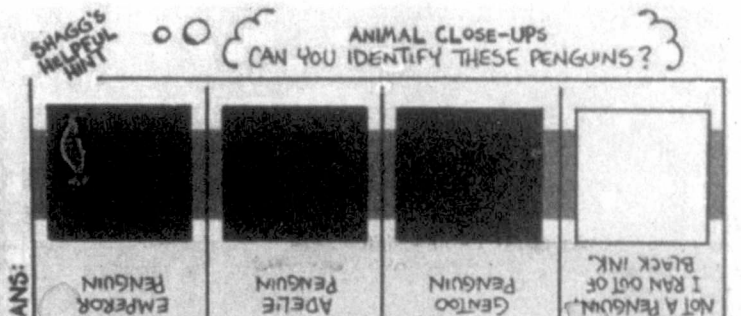
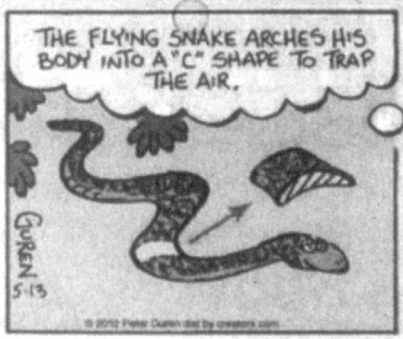
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 50 Milan money
 51 Fuss

DOWN
 1 Luxurlant
 2 Concerning
 3 Plebeian
 4 Gully
 5 Talk, in Tours
 6 Waikiki feast
 7 Founded: abbr.
 8 Conveyed ownership
 9 Hawaiian state flower
 10 Trinity author
 11 Solitary
 12 No if, ___ or buts
 14 School curricula
 20 Hawaii Five-O star
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 25 Cain's brother

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Crossword Puzzle Answers

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Word Search Answers

SHADY HOLLOW SOLUTION

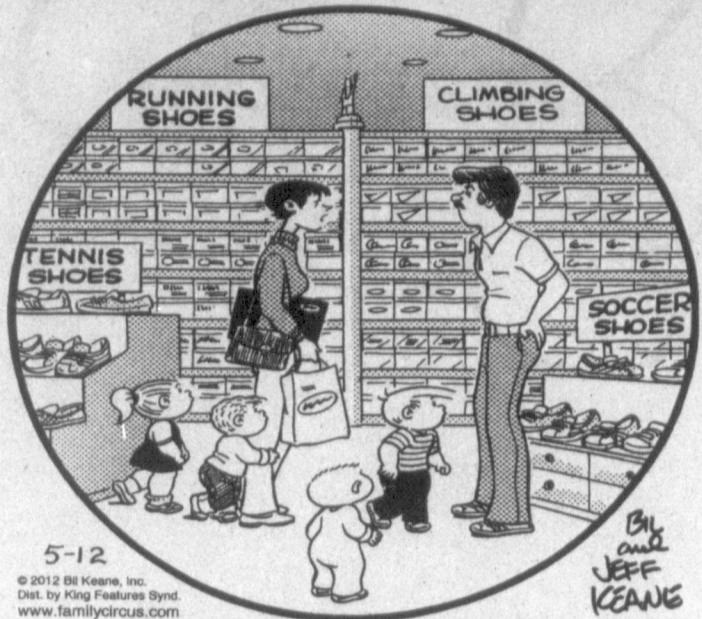
SHADY HOLLOW

THERE ARE ELEVEN HOLLOW SHAPES IN THIS PUZZLE. IT IS YOUR CHALLENGE TO SHADE IN FOUR SHAPES WHICH DO NOT BORDER ONE ANOTHER.

Shady Hollows Solution

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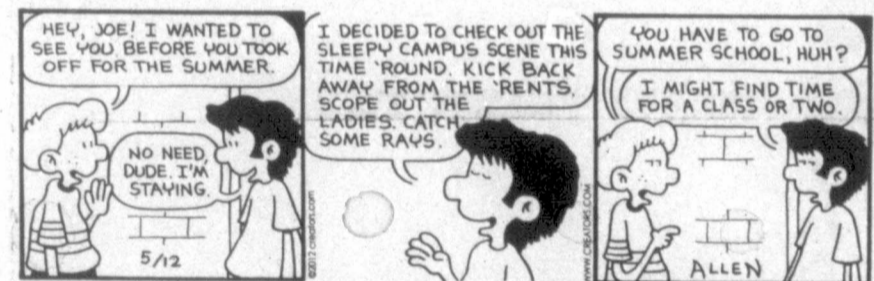
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ON THE TOWN WITH THE MAN WHO WON'T TAKE NO FOR AN ANSWER

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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, May 14, 2012;
 This year you focus on your long-term goals and desires, and many windows of opportunity open for you. Knowing what you want will help you make positive choices. Your mental expansion takes you to a new level of understanding. Others become even more comfortable with you. If you are single, you meet someone special through a friend. Also, a friendship could become more. If you are attached, be aware of a tendency to harp on certain issues. Let go, and accept your sweetie as he or she is. **PISCES** can be an enchanting friend.
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★ Understand that as much as you want to be in command of your life, sometimes the only wise action is to step back. You might revel in the fact that you learn some information that was not meant to be shared. With better communication and through detachment, you could gain an amazing insight. Tonight: Put up your "Went Fishing" sign.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★ You can only hurt yourself by not being proactive. Your sense of direction emerges in a meeting, and everyone will recognize your abilities. That acknowledgment will drive much more responsibility your way, like it or not. People finally will acknowledge your innate skills. Tonight: Enjoying the moment.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★ Take charge, knowing full well the results you desire. This knowledge might not guarantee success, but it promotes a sense of direction that increases the likelihood of accomplishment. Be aware of the fact that someone might think you are trying to replace him or her in some way. Tonight: Could go to the wee hours.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★ Keep reaching out for someone who might be an excellent adviser. Issues will transform when you air out your views with this person. A partner or dear friend has yet a different view. Count on variety rather than agreement. Tonight: Let your mind roam.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★ Deal with others directly, preferably in private. Your communication is important, and it provides much-needed, if not desired, feedback. Add a touch of diplomacy and your message will be received. Tonight:

Expect intensity, no matter what you choose.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★ Others have a lot to share. You might not be up for certain comments, but stay centered and know what is needed. Let go of restrictions in a brainstorming session. Everyone will benefit when you let go of your judgments. Your creativity becomes a vehicle in solution-finding. Tonight: Sort through invitations, then decide.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★ Focus on a pivotal moment or discussion. You understand the importance of diplomacy, but also how sharp words can change a life. If you are not feeling sure of yourself, step back. Your mind wanders to home and family. Tonight: Choose the most relaxing pastime possible.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★ You have the right blend of intellect, ingenuity and creativity to come up with an improbable solution that will work. Get together with someone you find unusually childlike yet also wise. A lengthy lunch might be perfect for catching up on others' news. Tonight: Don't worry about tomorrow. Live in the now.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★ You could feel tension rising and have difficulty dealing with it. Remain positive. Look at your assets beyond money-making talents. You can present a different persona, but wouldn't it be best to be authentic? Tonight: Happy at home.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★ You are able to communicate what is on your mind with ease, and you have a receptive audience. Go within yourself for answers, as you are changing more than you realize. Others also sense the difference, and you might get odd or different reactions. Tonight: Out.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★ Be sensitive to someone and what he or she offers. You might not want to share your intuitive hunch about this person to others. Confirm your instinct through observation. Curb a tendency to go overboard. Tonight: Your treat.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★ You are all smiles, as you feel your energy level rise and sense Lady Luck riding on your shoulder. Do not take a situation for granted. Be open to change and someone's needs. In the long run, openness will achieve your goals. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

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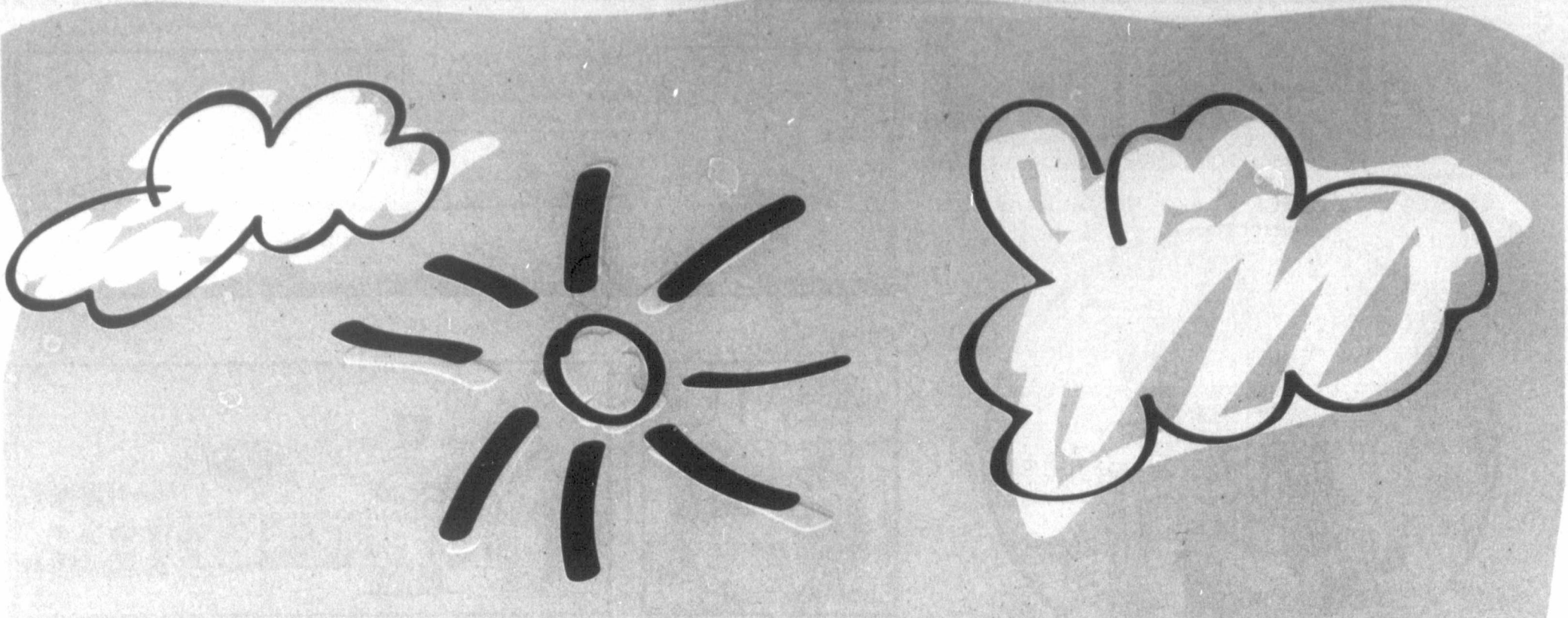


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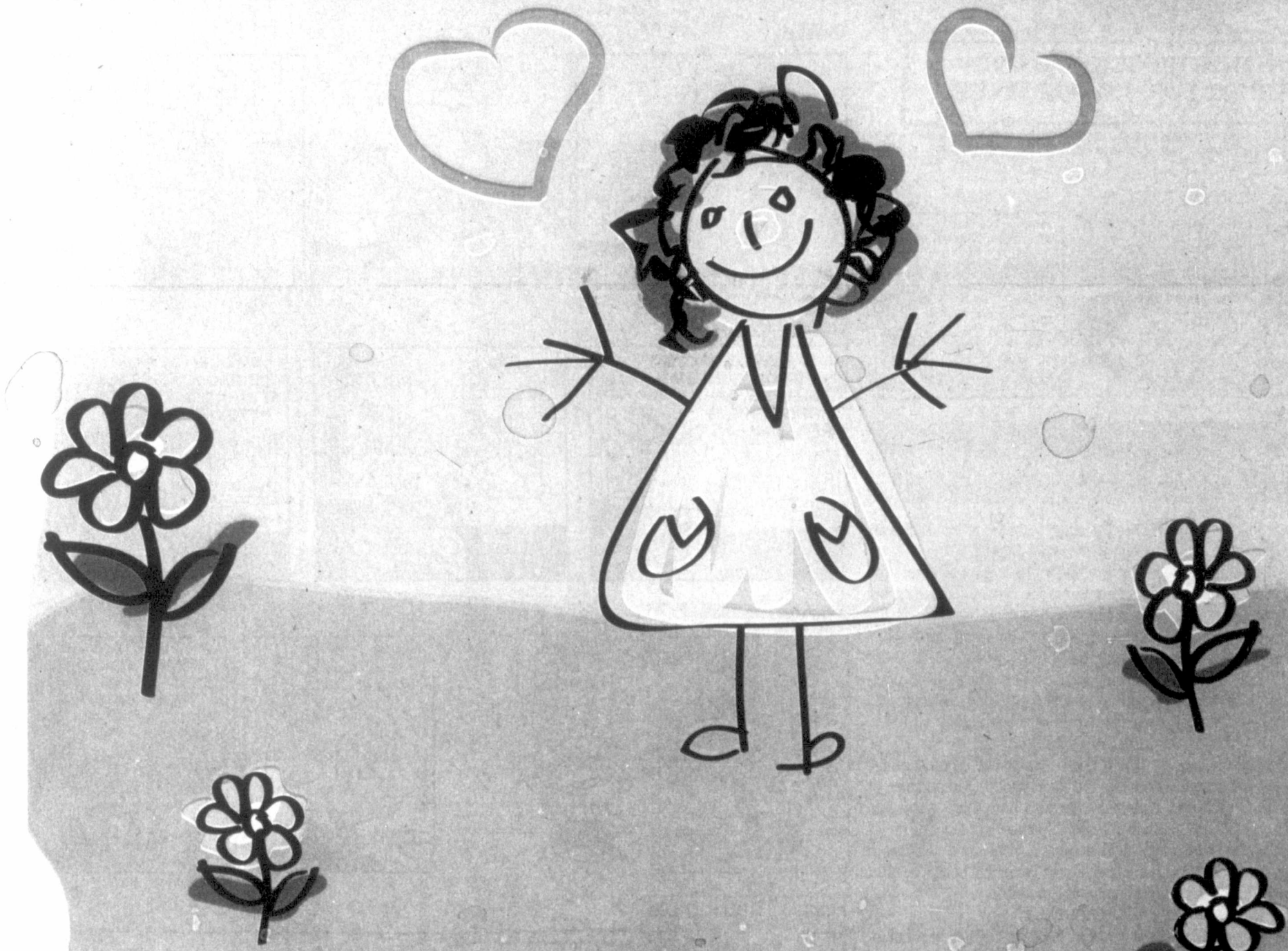


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U.S. Representative, District 13

Pamela Barlow

Veterinarian, Bowie

Political Experience: No prior elected office

In her own words:

On deciding to run for office: "Over the last several years, I didn't think Washington was going in the right direction, and one day I decided, if I'm going to complain about it, I'd better be ready to stand up and do something about it."

Source: Top O' Texas Republican Women candidate forum

Her approach to government: "The good guys in Congress seem to be finishing last, and we need somebody who's willing to stand up and fight and change things from the direction they're going. I raised my right hand and swore an oath to the constitution that I would defend this constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. I ask to be held to that oath, and as long as there's breath in my body and a heartbeat in my chest, I will do my best to make sure this country is not fundamentally changed from what we know that it should be by the constitution. We need a limited federal government. We need to drag the federal government back, kicking and screaming, to the Constitution, where it is supposed to be."

Source: Top O' Texas Republican Women candidate forum



Mac Thornberry

Rancher/U.S. Representative, Clarendon

Political Experience: Deputy assistant secretary for legislative affairs in State Department under Ronald Reagan; U.S. representative since 1995; vice chairman of House Armed Services Committee; serves on House Intelligence Committee

In his own words:

On his core political beliefs: "I believe that the federal government should safeguard those Creator-given rights mentioned in the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights listed in the Constitution. ... I believe that taxes should be low because I trust the individual to spend his or her money wiser than the government will. I believe in few, common sense regulations that help ensure equal opportunity but do not determine outcomes. I believe in a strong defense because protecting the country is the first obligation of the federal government. I believe in continuing to push government to work smarter and more efficiently."

Source: thornberry.house.gov

On his biggest goal if reelected: "The real opportunity over the next two years is to make some fundamental changes in government and how it interacts with people."

Source: Associated Press



Texas Railroad Commissioner

Becky Berger

Geologist, Houston

Political Experience: No prior elected office

In her own words:

On why she's the best candidate for the post: "I'm the only candidate in this race who has earned a living drilling oil & gas wells. I've made my living on the well-site - from finding the location to completion of oil and gas wells ... Having been the landowner and the company representative, I can tell you when regulations are prohibitive to good management of resources, time and expense - and when they are not sufficient. That's why my experience combined with my education makes me the best and only choice for the Railroad Commission seat I seek to fill."

Source: beckybergerfortexas.com

On why she wants the job: "The oil field is a way of life for my family and thousands of other families in Texas. Protecting our ability to continue being the largest supplier of petroleum products in the United States and making sure it is done in a conscientious and controlled manner is why I seek this office."

Source: Associated Press

On the makeup of the TRC: "My opponents are all good people - but being exposed to an industry is not the same as sleeping, breathing and working in it. ... Right now, we have an accountant that took office on the Commission in January 2010 and an attorney appointed by the governor in July 2010 to finish the term vacated earlier this year. ... A third novice on the Commission could be detrimental to the Texas energy business and our economy."

Source: beckybergerfortexas.com



Beryl Burgess

Retired border officer, San Benito

Political Experience: No prior elected office

In his own words:

On the need to conserve our oil and gas: "One day far in the future, we're going to say that we needed to preserve and conserve our oil resources, because far in the future, our oil will be gone. ... We must not just throw away our valuable natural resource, so that 1,000 years in the future, we should still be retaining some of (oil) because we've been preserving it and conserving it and using it wisely."

Source: The Pampa News interview

On why it might be good to have a commissioner who isn't directly connected to the oil and gas industry: "People who are too connected to the oil and gas industry may not be good at all for operating that office. ... Too many connections to it, it just might make it possible that a person cannot do a fair job. There should be some kind of disconnect or distance between that person (in the TRC) and others involved in the industry. Otherwise, there could be illegal things happening, things not in the public interest."

Source: The Pampa News interview



Warren Chisum

Oil & Gas Businessman, Pampa

Political Experience: State representative since 1989; former chairman of the House Environmental Regulation Committee; currently serves on Appropriations and Environmental Regulation committees

In his own words:

On why he's in the race: "We have never in the history of the Railroad Commission had an independent (oil and gas) operator on the Railroad Commission. The Commission regularly regulates us, and to not have someone on there who's actually performed as an independent operator, it's just time we had someone there who understands the day-to-day operations of oil and gas."

Source: The Pampa News interview

On why he's the best candidate for the post: "I am the only candidate for Texas Railroad Commission who's met a payroll and risked his own money producing energy. I hold the experiences needed to spur the industry forward in a way that supports free market principles."

Source: chisumfortexas.com

On the urgency to protect oil and gas interests: "The attack from the EPA and the federal government is real and could slow down or even eliminate fracking and the way we produce oil and gas in the state of Texas. It's a very serious time for Texas oil and gas people, and we have got to do the right thing. That's the reason I'm running."

Source: The Pampa News interview



Christi Craddick

Attorney, Austin

Political Experience: No prior elected office

In her own words:

Her goals as a TRC commissioner: "As commissioner, I will stand up to the Washington liberals and be a strong advocate for Texas and our interests. I will work every day to ensure a fair and balanced approach when instituting and enforcing regulations that should protect our citizens while freeing our businesses to safely and effectively grow and create jobs."

Source: christicraddick.com

On the state's oil infrastructure: "Texas has more miles of pipeline than we do highway miles, delivering the energy we so desperately need from the wellhead to the consumer. And Texas' pipeline safety record is second to none. Ensuring our pipes are in good working condition to safely transport oil and gas is among the most important duties of the Commission and it's a responsibility I will take very seriously."

Source: christicraddick.com

On safeguarding our resources: "We should be responsible guardians of our air and water. And on the Railroad Commission, I will not hesitate to levy harsh penalties for those who abuse our land, our resources and our people. The vast majority of energy producers are good stewards of the environment, and they should be included as partners in a united front as we develop our natural resources."

Source: christicraddick.com



Joe Cotten

Financial advisor, Frisco

Political Experience: No prior elected office

In his own words:

On reducing the TRC: "I support reducing the Texas Railroad Commission to one elected member. I believe that the responsibilities of the Commission could be reasonably managed by one person. Additionally, reducing the number of commissioners will eliminate unnecessary government bureaucracy and expense from the state budget."

Source: Dallas Morning News

On the future of renewable energy: "I believe that a comprehensive energy plan for Texas should focus on increasing use of natural gas as a replacement for more traditional energy sources. I am also in favor of investing in the development of renewable energy sources, but we must find a cost-effective way to produce renewable energy before it can play a significant role in our state's energy plan."

Source: Dallas Morning News



Roland Sledge

Attorney/Energy executive, Houston

Political Experience: No prior elected office

In his own words:

On the Keystone XL pipeline: "The President has made a serious strategic mistake not approving the Keystone XL Pipeline. His decision will undoubtedly cost thousands of Americans jobs (that would have been created to build the two year project), at a time when unemployment nationwide is around 9 percent. This will also threaten our nation's energy security by not adding 700,000 barrels of oil a day from Canada that would help offset the 5 million barrels of oil per day we import from OPEC. The issue of the 1,700 mile pipeline crossing a sensitive aquifer had already been solved. The company had agreed to reroute the pipeline a hundred miles around the aquifer, satisfying all parties except one of the President's vocal constituents, the radical environmentalists. This is politics at its worst, when our President gambles with the nation's future for political purposes."

Source: rolandsledge.com

On the safety of fracking: "When implemented using the industry's best practices, fracking is a safe process that poses no risk of polluting either our precious groundwater or land. Shale gas development means thousands of new jobs every year, and guarantees American independence from foreign oil. It truly is our energy savior."

Source: rolandsledge.com



State Senator, District 31

Kel Seliger

Businessman/state senator, Amarillo

Political Experience: Sworn into Texas Senate in 2004; mayor of Amarillo from 1993-2001; former Amarillo city commissioner; served on former Texas Attorney General John Cornyn's Municipal Advisory Committee; serves on Education, Finance, International Relations & Trade and Natural Resources committees



In his own words:

On his qualifications: "I have worked hard for eight years for this district and for West Texas and for our industry and small businesses, for schools and for the quality of public education to ensure that it prepares young people for the future. I believe in serious budgetary restraint. When I was mayor in the city of Amarillo, we reduced taxes by 27 percent and created 20,000 jobs. In the Senate, I have supported reduction of local property taxes and a real reduction in state spending and believe that the job of legislatures is not just find more ways to get more money from taxpayers but to reduce the cost of government."

Source: Associated Press

On issues important to West Texas: "When the federal government overreaches, Kel is there. He opposes the Dunes Sagebrush Lizard being listed on the federal government's Endangered Species List. He opposed the Obama administration's overreach on Obamacare and the Keystone XL Pipeline, while supporting a Federal Balanced Budget Amendment resolution. Kel is a leader on groundwater policy. He has also worked hard to ensure there is water for future generations."

Source: kelseliger.com

Randy Rives

Oil/gas operation team leader, Midland

Political Experience: Former member and three-year president of Ector County Independent School District Board of Trustees



In his own words:

On the oil industry: "Having worked in the oil industry for over 35 years, Randy understands this industry, its people, and their issues. He understands that history has shown that limited government frees unlimited innovation and growth while unfounded and excessive regulations hamper productivity. The oil industry has been instrumental in creating jobs and stimulating our sluggish economy. Randy will work to prevent excessive regulations on the oil industry so that Texas can continue to enjoy our resources and a thriving economy."

Source: randyrives.com

On immigration: "Randy supports the Arizona bill passed as their effort to crack down on illegal immigration. Randy would support similar legislation in Texas."

Source: randyrives.com

On being a conservative candidate: "I'm not a 60 percent or a D+ conservative (in reference to 'conservatism ratings' Seliger was given by the Texas Eagle Forum and Empower Texans). My main part of this campaign is to let people know that there's a choice."

Source: Associated Press

Texas House Representative, District 88

Ken King

Energy services entrepreneur, Canadian

Political Experience: Canadian Independent School District board of trustees president



In his own words:

On why he opposes the STAAR exam: "The STAAR test shouldn't have ever been implemented. Essentially, the STAAR test was put in to be the next level of standardized testing, but my biggest problem with the STAAR test is, number one, we underfunded education by \$5.5 billion. We couldn't afford to put it in this year. Number two, the state wasn't ready to put it in, and neither was Pearson, the makers of the test. That's why they had to suspend their 15 percent rule. It took accountability to a whole new level. There's not a superintendent in the state of Texas who doesn't believe in accountability, or a teacher, for that matter, but it's just government overreach."

Source: The Pampa News interview

On the downside of Four by Four requirements: "While we're making sure all students, whether they're going to college or not, take physics, we're getting rid of classes that teach them to actually do something. I think that's a problem. ...That's one issue that affects rural schools differently than it affects large schools. Large schools have enough kids that they can keep those programs. Not all kids get to take them, but still they have that option."

Source: The Pampa News interview

On the future of wind energy: "Wind is coming on. There are some parts of this district that wind is going to be a big deal for. I'm for anything that creates a job and stimulates our economy. We're so sparsely populated up here that if we don't do something to create jobs and encourage people to move to the Panhandle, we're going to keep losing our voice in the legislature."

Source: The Pampa News interview

Jim Landtroop

Businessman/state rep, Plainview

Political Experience: District 85 state representative since 2011; member of House Republican Caucus Policy Committee, House Committee on Agriculture and Livestock, Defense and Veteran's Committee, Rural Caucus and Energy Council



In his own words:

On the meaning of 'common sense conservative': "Well, it means just doing things that make common sense, and being willing to stand in the face of adversity to do what's right. I'll give you an example; the education votes. You know, both SB8 and SB1 that had all the cuts to education in it. Those were Republican bills. Those were heavily favored and championed by leadership, but they were bad for my district and so I voted against them. Being willing to take a stand against the pressure to do what is right, I think, is one thing to be courageous."

Source: The Pampa News interview

On the big issues: "I think there are several big issues. Education is certainly one of the big issues. Water I think is going to be a big issue, and my belief is that the water belongs to the land owners, not the water district, and that's a little different than Mr. Walker as a ground water district manager and as a lobbyist for the water district. Even in his time in the house, he passed bills to take rights away from landowners and give them to water districts, and I think that's the wrong approach. The budget, again, can be a significant issue, and that's why the tax issue is so important. Both Gary and Ken have records of raising taxes."

Source: The Pampa News interview

Why he's critical of opponents for the amount they've borrowed: "I just think it's a basic philosophy. Now, if you're borrowing your own money, that's different, but if you're borrowing somebody else's money, that's all that's wrong with government right now. That's why the federal government's in the problem that it is, because it's borrowing all the money to run the country, and so somebody that I think would go out and borrow money from others to run a campaign, that's just indicative of their philosophy of how you do things, and if they're going to do that with other money, what are they going to do with taxpayer money? I just think it's a question that the voters need to ask themselves."

Source: The Pampa News interview

Mac Smith

Businessman, Pampa

Political Experience: No prior elected office



In his own words:

On the value of vocational education: "When you're talking about small areas like these, if a kid wants to go to college, that's great. We need to do everything we can to prepare them and get them ready for that. But a lot of kids don't want to go to college. They have no desire to do that. They know they want to drive a truck out of high school. They know that they want to learn to weld and weld in the oil field, or they want to learn to plumb, or they want to learn to do any number of things, like go into an ag program. We need to put more focus, I believe, in these areas in small towns in rural Texas on training kids to do those things. Programs like that prepare kids well to work on the family farm, work on a ranch, and give them those skills to become productive parts of society."

Source: The Pampa News interview

On a balanced budget: "It will be a difficult session, but we have a great place to start with the balanced budget amendment. From there, I think you just go through and prioritize. Where do we need to fund the most? How do we need to fund correctly? You have to make hard choices, and some of that means cutting programs that might be good programs, because we just have to live within our means. When I'm working my personal budget for my home or for a business, it doesn't even occur to me that I could spend more than I'm bringing in. It's not the way the real world works, and it's not the way the government should work either, state or federal."

Source: The Pampa News interview

On bipartisan cooperation: "I don't think anybody will argue that both the state and the federal government just sit around and bicker all the time. ...I am sick and tired of the partisan nonsense, the bickering. I think it's time to go and get things done. I think a lot of people are sick of seeing government argue, and want to see government work for the people."

Source: The Pampa News interview

Gary Walker

Former state representative, Plains

Political Experience: First elected to state House in 1994; four terms as state representative



In his own words:

On the water supply issue: "The thing that's facing us, obviously, in the Ogallala (Aquifer) which is generally considered our only supply of water for most of us in the Panhandle/South Plains. Now, you know, we'll hear a little bit about, 'Well, we had Lake Meredith.' Well, we don't have Lake Meredith today; a little bit about Lake Allen Henry that's basically going to be a little bit of water for Lubbock, but by and large, our water supply in the Panhandle/South Plains region is the Ogallala. Now, if that's our only supply, in my opinion there's no way we can afford to let water leave the basin."

Source: The Pampa News interview

On the second biggest issue facing the district: "For us, water's got to be first, and public education's got to be second, because if our small schools were to go away then we'd have towns that would actually go away. In your region, you know, Lefors, McClain, Hedley, back up north, Gruver N places that aren't the county seats, that community revolves completely around the school system. As equally important, there's the basic function of educating our kiddos, so it's important to maintain that."

Source: The Pampa News interview

On retaining his seniority: "You keep your seniority. I would be a fifth-term member, likely a chairman. My seniority number will be somewhere in there about, I'm guessing, 42 to 50, so I'd be in the top third of all the 150 members. That gives you better committee assignments because you get some of your assignments on seniority, and because, out of the 42 to 48 or 49 members, some of those would be Democrats. ... We have a huge leadership void out here for our region of Texas, and with me having seniority, I'm in a good position to help move into that."

Source: The Pampa News interview

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A Letter from District Attorney Lynn Switzer

I wholeheartedly endorse Jason Ferguson for the position of 31st District Attorney. Having served as your District Attorney for the past seven years, I have had the unique opportunity to hire and train both Franklin McDonough and Jason Ferguson. Jason has been a standout.

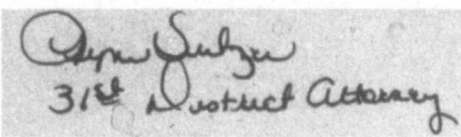
I was impressed with Jason from the very beginning and continue to be. He has an excellent work ethic and is extremely good in the Courtroom.

I have no doubt that Jason would be an excellent District Attorney. He is fair minded and skilled in the practice of law.

From the moment Jason arrived, he was able to establish a good working relationship and earn the trust of Law Enforcement, the Defense Bar, Court personnel and the Community Supervision office.

Jason has a tough but fair approach to criminal prosecution. Jason has the maturity necessary to take on the responsibilities of the position of District Attorney. I have no doubt that he will be a District Attorney the people of Gray, Hemphill, Wheeler, Roberts, and Lipscomb counties can be proud of.

He believes in accountability and responsibility for criminal offenders and that is why he should be your next 31st District Attorney.



Lynn Switzer
31st District Attorney

Voices from Our Community

"I have been in law enforcement for over 38 years and I know the importance of having a strong and qualified District Attorney. I have had the pleasure of working with Jason Ferguson and I know him to be very hard working, professional and honest person. I strongly endorse Jason Ferguson for District Attorney for the 223rd and 31st Districts." - Gary Henderson, Texas Ranger, "C" Company Pampa, ret.; Hemphill County Sheriff, ret.

"I have been employed with Wheeler County Sheriff's Office for two and a half years. The service Jason Ferguson has provided to law enforcement in Wheeler has been exceptionally professional. Mr. Ferguson has been dedicated to law enforcement on a 24 hour a day, 7 days a week basis, regardless of the situation. Mr. Ferguson is considerably passionate about what he does. If you have served on a jury in one of the 5 counties, then you have witnessed his attributes at work. Mr. Ferguson is extra qualified to be the next 31st District Attorney. It is with strong conviction that I feel he will continue the working relationship that he has established with law enforcement. I am looking forward to continuing to work with Mr. Ferguson and the staff of the 31st District Attorney's office." - Larry Ashurst, Sergeant, Wheeler County Sheriff's Office

"A short time ago I was treated to the exciting news that Jason Ferguson had announced his candidacy for the office of the 31st District Attorney. I was especially happy to hear this news, not only because Jason is an outstanding citizen, but because, through my profession as a law enforcement officer in the 31st District, I have had the unique opportunity to witness Jason's exemplary skills as a prosecutor both in and outside the courtroom. In my ten years as an employee of the criminal justice system I have rarely seen such a skilled trial attorney, and Jason's admirable conduct on the job is rivaled only by the passion with which he serves the citizens of our district. I believe, if elected, Jason will continue to serve using the precedent that has been set of being tough on crime and compassionate to the victims of crime. I believe without a doubt that Jason Ferguson should be our next District Attorney." - Anonymous Law Enforcement Officer of the 31st District.

"I have been an law enforcement officer for almost 30 years. I have had the opportunity to observe several District Attorneys in the courtroom. I have had the same opportunity with District Attorney Candidate Jason Ferguson. Mr. Ferguson has demonstrated the ability, confidence, and determination needed to bring the criminal offenders of the 31st and 223rd Judicial Districts to justice." - Anonymous Law Enforcement Officer of the 31st District.

"I have worked with Jason and I like the direction that the current DA's office has us headed. I also think that it would be a smooth transition if he were elected DA. My vote will be for Jason Ferguson." - Jerrod Imel, President, Top O Texas Oilfield Services.

"I believe Jason Ferguson is the right choice for our next District Attorney. He has my support and my vote." - Dick Stowers, Culberson Stowers.

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A Letter from Hemphill County Sheriff Morse Burroughs

I am currently the Sheriff of Hemphill County. I first met Jason approximately two years ago. I was then the Chief Deputy for Hemphill County.

During the time that I have known Jason, I have called on him for advice and direction on a number of different types of offenses.

I have always found Jason to be knowledgeable and willing to go the extra mile to assist me with those investigations. He is reachable at any time even on weekends and holidays.

I have seen Jason in Court and have watched him present his case to the court, as well as numerous Grand Juries.

He has done this with the highest degree of professionalism and integrity coupled with a great deal of compassion, not only for the victims, but for all those that were involved with the cases.

He is always eager to assist law enforcement not only with various cases but with general guidance and training to make sure the citizens of the 31st District receive the highest quality of service which they have come to expect not only from their officers but from the prosecutor's office as well.

Sheriff Morse Burroughs
Hemphill County, Texas.

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Q&A with 31st District Attorney Candidate Jason Ferguson

Q: What made you decide to run for District Attorney?

A: As some people know by now, I got into this race late. For a couple of months, there was only one candidate. However, I kept hearing dissatisfaction from both the community and from law enforcement.

I decided to join the race because I believe the community wants and deserves an option who will maintain an aggressive stance against crime and who is willing to stand up and say "I will fight for the safety of our community. I will be tough on crime."

Q: Why are you qualified to be the District Attorney?

A: I have handled every level of felony case, up to first degree murder and first degree drug cases. I have taken advanced legal education classes in prosecuting homicide cases and prosecuting drug cases. I have gone up against defense attorneys from here, from Amarillo, from San Antonio and Dallas/Fort Worth, and I have come out on top. I have the knowledge and dedication required to do this job well. Perhaps most importantly, I have the respect for justice and am not afraid to do what it takes to make sure justice is done for our community.

Q: Why is it important for the people of the District to vote for someone who is already in this District?

A: I have been working as an Assistant District Attorney here since 2010. My opponent hasn't prosecuted a case here since he left over 4 years ago. That is extremely important. Each of our 5 counties is a little different. They have different approaches to crime and they expect different things out of our office and law enforcement. Only someone who is in touch with those needs and expectations can be an effective District Attorney.

Q: What kind of support have you received so far?

A: The support has been great. I have spent the past couple of months out in our communities, knocking on doors in Pampa, Wheeler, Canadian, Shamrock, and more to give people the opportunity to meet me and to ask questions. We have even found support in local businesses.

The support I have received from law enforcement has been equally impressive. Guys from Pampa Police Department, Gray County Sheriff's Office, Wheeler County Sheriff's Office, and the Shamrock Police Department have my signs in their yards and are out spreading the word for me. The Hemphill County Sheriff was kind enough to write a letter on my behalf.

Q: There has been a lot of talk about a case backlog in Gray County. What are your thoughts on that?

A: The simple truth is that isn't true. Look, my opponent is the ADA in Hutchinson County. I am the ADA in Gray County. Those two counties are almost identical in population, yet over the past 5 year reporting period, Gray county had over 2,000 more arrests.

Over that time, however, our office has disposed of a **higher percentage** of cases than his. That means that despite the fact that we have more arrests and more cases, we still are able to work more efficiently.

In fact, **none** of our 5 counties have a percentage as low as Hutchinson over that period.

I want to continue to improve our ability to handle cases in an appropriate and timely manner. I am our office's representative to DPS and the Crime Reporting group. I believe in handling cases both quickly and fairly and will seek continued improvement.

Q: What would be your main goals as the next District Attorney?

A: First, I want to provide training and equipment for our law enforcement at little or no cost to the taxpayers. As District Attorney, I believe one of my primary duties is to provide law enforcement with the tools they need to better serve the community. I want to continue to provide training to our officers, because they are the ones who work so hard to keep our community safe.

Second, I want to target manufacturing and distribution of narcotics. Look, anyone who says they can stop drugs is foolish. However, we are seeing more and more drugs creeping into our schools and our neighborhoods. Drugs lead to burglaries and violent crimes.

We have to stand strong and attack the source. By targeting the manufacturers and the distributors, we can tell those criminals that their drugs will not be tolerated here.

Q: Why are you the best candidate?

A: Just look at my campaign. Remember, this election is about who will do the best job as District Attorney. I have focused my campaign on the job, not on my personal life or my family.

I believe in taking a strong stance against crime. I believe in protecting our community.

I believe that it is my job to seek justice for victims and their families.

I got into this race because I believe the people of this District want someone who will not tolerate crime and who will make the safety of our community his top focus.

I am and will continue to be that person.

State Board of Education

Anette Carlisle

Nonprofit director, Amarillo

Political Experience: Elected to Amarillo ISD Board of Trustees in 1996 and served as president for five years



In her own words:

On the importance of local control: "We need to restore local control for our public schools. Today our schools are more accountable to Austin and the Federal Government than they are to their local communities. We need to restore local control and decision-making to the locally-elected school boards, the taxpayers and parents, and the education experts in our schools and classrooms."

Source: anettecarlisle.com

On the curriculum: "The Texas (State Board of Education) is mired in the weeds of curriculum development. The overly-intrusive and detailed level at which the current curriculum is set by the SBOE does not create globally competitive graduates. ... We need to create frameworks for our curriculum that establish more general curricular guidelines, which will allow for greater depth of instruction on the important concepts, giving educators opportunities to utilize their expertise in the classroom."

Source: anettecarlisle.com

Marty Rowley

Attorney/mediator/retired pastor, Amarillo

Political Experience: No prior elected office



In his own words:

On the curriculum: "There's been a lot of division, a lot of discussion, on what should be contained in our curriculum. The state board of education decides what goes into the textbooks that your children study every day that they're in school. I'm a conservative Christian, and I believe that what goes into those textbooks should have a Judeo-Christian appeal to it. We should recognize and understand that our founding fathers had in mind a Christian nation upon which our Declaration of Independence and Constitution was based."

Source: [Top O' Texas Republican Women's Forum](http://TopO'TexasRepublicanWomen'sForum.com)

On standardized testing: "The current system of assessing the progress of Texas schoolchildren is not working. Instead of giving teachers the freedom to create a productive learning environment, it creates a "teach to the test" mentality, which frustrates teachers and hinders individual learning. I support a testing system that makes sure minimal standards of knowledge and skills are being taught, but not so much as to stifle individual learning for the student or creativity on the part of the teacher."

Source: martyrowleyforeducation.com

Precinct 3 County Commissioner

John Mark Baggerman

Farmer/county commissioner, Pampa

Political Experience: Gray County Commission member for three and a half years



In his own words:

On Lake McClellan: "We've come a long ways. We've done a lot of work out there. We need to try to get a permit office built back, a concession building up for them, and a place for the camp host to stay so there's someone down there all the time."

Source: [The Pampa News interview](http://ThePampaNews.com)

On preparing for the future: "(There are) unfunded mandates that come from Austin that we have to deal with, our health care, trying to keep it adequate, and trying to make the budget work within our means and not get into debt, because once you're in debt, it's very difficult to get out."

Source: [The Pampa News interview](http://ThePampaNews.com)

On the Commission's recent decision to not hire a full-time emergency management coordinator: "There's a limit to how big government needs to be, and if you can have one person do more than one job, it saves a lot of money, saves the tax base and doesn't create redundant paperwork. One person should be able to do more than one, if they're willing to put the effort out. Once you make a position, it doesn't go away. It just grows from there."

Source: [The Pampa News interview](http://ThePampaNews.com)

Neil Fulton

City commissioner, Pampa

Political Experience: Six-year member of Pampa City Commission



In his own words:

On his track record: "Nobody ever called me when I was city commissioner that I didn't go see what their problem was. ... I don't care whether they were in my ward, where they were at, where they were living in Pampa. I went and saw them, and I have a lot of respect from them (when it comes to) getting something done. I'm pleased that I can do that."

Source: [The Pampa News interview](http://ThePampaNews.com)

On what makes a good public servant: "I believe that when you're on the commission, that you need to be prepared and take a side, understand what the situation's about and vote your heart. Vote for the people that put you in there. Respect those people, work for those people, and when you do that, you'll be a good commissioner."

Source: [The Pampa News interview](http://ThePampaNews.com)

On community cooperation: "I want to work towards the city, the county, the EDC and the Chamber of Commerce pulling in the same direction. Hook the horses to the tongue of the wagon and pulling the same way, and this community will go over the top."

Source: [The Pampa News interview](http://ThePampaNews.com)

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**Please
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Randy
Stubblefield
for Gray County
Sheriff**



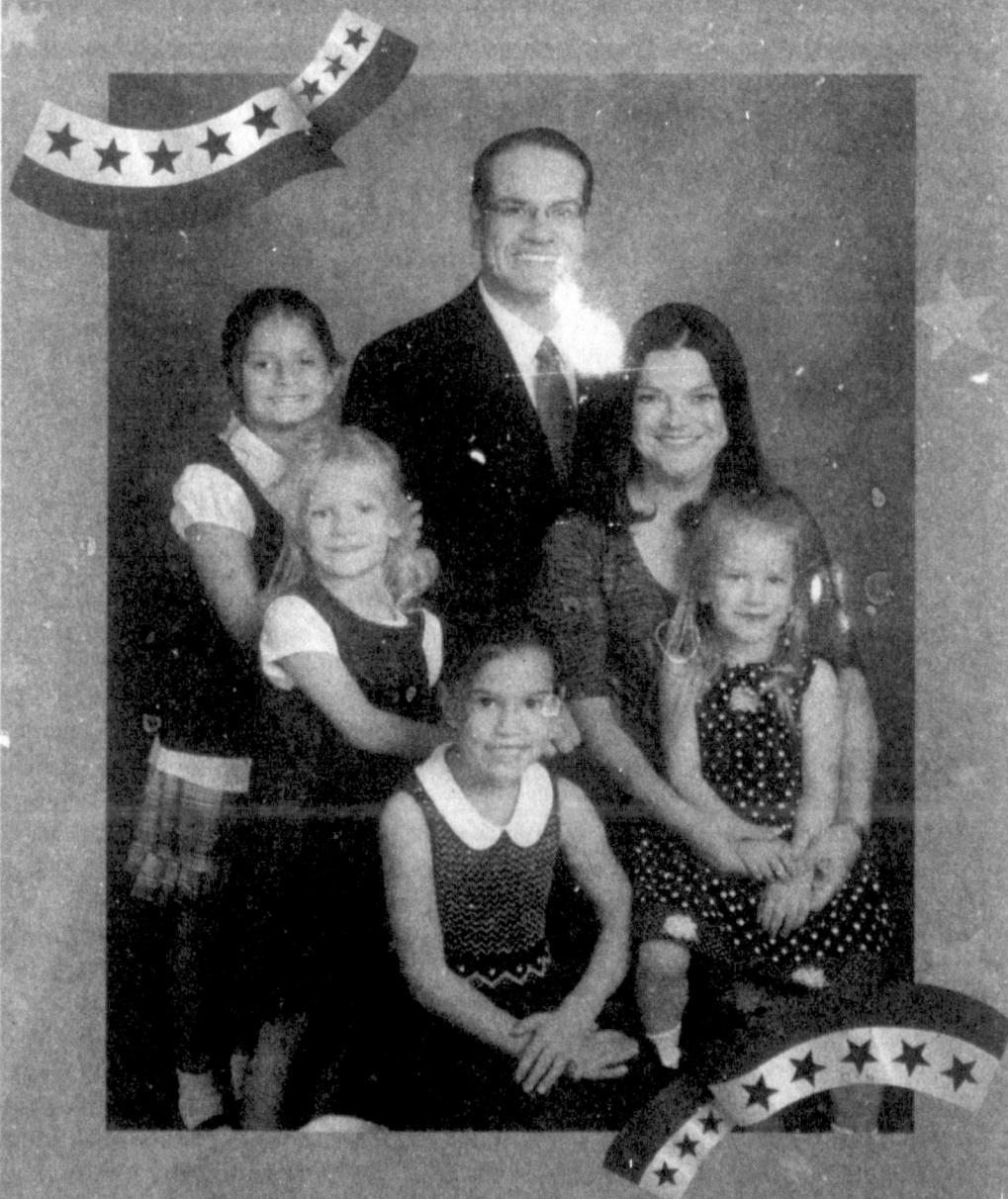
- Former Gray County Sheriff 1993-1996
- Currently Deputy Sheriff for Donley County (11 years.)
- Holds Master Peace Officer's License
- 24 years law enforcement experience
- Certified Instructor

While I was Gray County Sheriff, I worked hard to be sure the law was enforced fairly and equally. I was able to upgrade the office with new computers and started the new vehicle lease purchase program to save the county money by not repairing old, worn out vehicles. Each of my 4 years, I was able to operate the office and stay under budget, saving the taxpayer's money. I feel there are changes that need to be made to the sheriff's office now and would appreciate the opportunity to serve you again as Gray County Sheriff. Thank you for your vote and support.

Pol. Adv. Paid for by Randy Stubblefield, Treasurer, 1711 Chestnut, Pampa, TX

Franklin McDonough

for District Attorney
31st Judicial District



**"Unless someone like you cares
a whole awful lot, nothing is
going to get better. It's Not."**

Dr. Seuss, The Lorax

We Need Your Vote!

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Presidente

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- Barack Obama
- Darcy G. Richardson
- John Wolfe

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Senador de los Estados Unidos

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- Sean Hubbard
- Paul Sadler
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Member, State Board of Education, District 15
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- Steven D. Schafersman

County Chairman
Presidente del Condado

- Janie Street

PROPOSITION 1

Any graduate of a Texas high school, who has lived in the state for at least three years and lived here continuously for the last year, should be eligible for in-state tuition at state supported colleges and universities and given the opportunity to earn legal status through a higher education or military service.

PROPOSICION 1

Cualquier graduado de una escuela secundaria de Texas, que ha vivido en el estado por lo menos tres años y vivió aquí de forma continua durante el último año, debe ser elegible para la matrícula estatal en los colegios y las universidades públicas de Texas y debe tener la oportunidad de obtener un estatus legal a través de una educación superior o servicio militar.

- For

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- Against

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PROPOSITION 2

"Because a college education is increasingly necessary for jobs that allow our citizens to achieve middle class lifestyles and become the entrepreneurs who create the jobs that our economy relies on, we call on the Texas Legislature to fund colleges and universities such that tuition and fees can be affordable to all Texans."

PROPOSICION 2

"Debido a que una educación universitaria es cada vez más necesaria para los trabajos que permitan a nuestros ciudadanos lograr estilos de vida de clase media y convertirse en los empresarios que generen los empleos en que se basa nuestra economía, hacemos un llamado a la Legislatura de Texas para financiar colegios y universidades de tal manera que la matrícula y las cuotas pueden estar al alcance de todos los tejanos."

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PROPOSITION 3

Should the Texas Legislature allow the people of Texas to vote to legalize casino gambling with all funds generated being used only for education?

PROPOSICION 3

¿Crees que la legislatura de Texas debe de permitir que los Tejanos voten para legalizar los casinos si las ganancias generadas para el estado son usadas únicamente para la educación pública?

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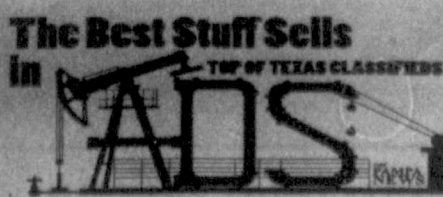
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Constable, Prct. 1 & 3

Randy Hendrick



Law Enforcement Experience: None, but works as correctional trainer

In his own words:

On committing to the job: "If I'm elected constable for you guys, I will commit 100 percent of my time and my effort for this county. My family's been in this county for over 80 years. We were part of the Duncan family that started this area. We're not leaving. I will be here for you 100 percent."

Source: Top O' Texas Republican Women's forum

Gary McFall



Law Enforcement Experience: 21 years law enforcement experience

In his own words:

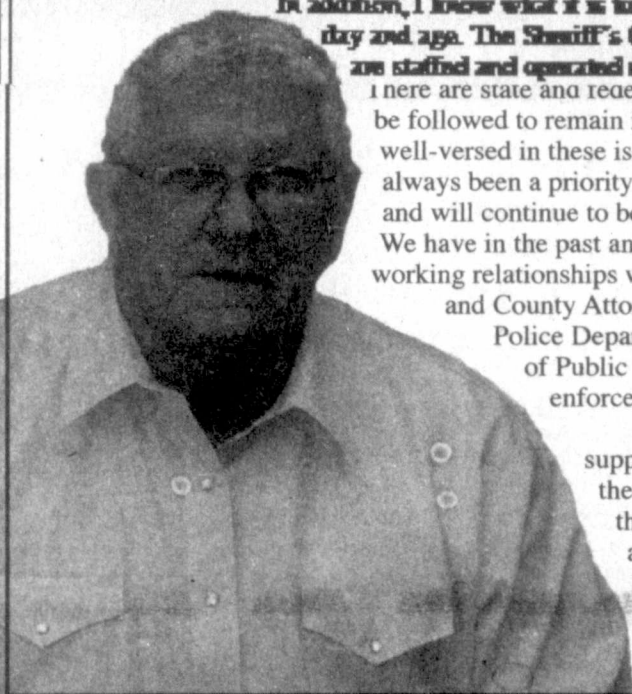
On why he's running: "I've already served papers as the deputy sheriff. ...I've got a little more over 3,000 hours training in law enforcement. I've got a little over 2,000 hours training through (the) security department at Pantex. So, yes I'm more than qualified, I believe, to be a constable."

Source: Top O' Texas Republican Women's forum

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To the Citizens of Gray County:

It has been my privilege to serve you this past 15 years as your Sheriff. I can think of no greater honor than to be entrusted by you to do this job. I have served the public as a Peace Officer most of my adult life, beginning in 1963. I have been a city police officer, a deputy sheriff, and served 27 years as a Texas DPS Trooper. In total, I have 47 years experience in my profession. I know what it takes to be a law enforcement officer.



In addition, I know what it is to be an administrator in this day and age. The Sheriff's Office and Gray County Jail are staffed and operated every minute of every day. There are state and federal regulations that have to be followed to remain in compliance, and we are well-versed in these issues. Integrity and trust have always been a priority during my time as Sheriff, and will continue to be.

We have in the past and continue to have a good working relationships with the Courts, the District and County Attorney offices, the Pampa Police Department, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and other law enforcement agencies.

I want to thank you for supporting me as your sheriff these past 15 years. I still have the passion for law enforcement and greatly desire to be your Sheriff for another FULL 4 year term.

~Don Copeland

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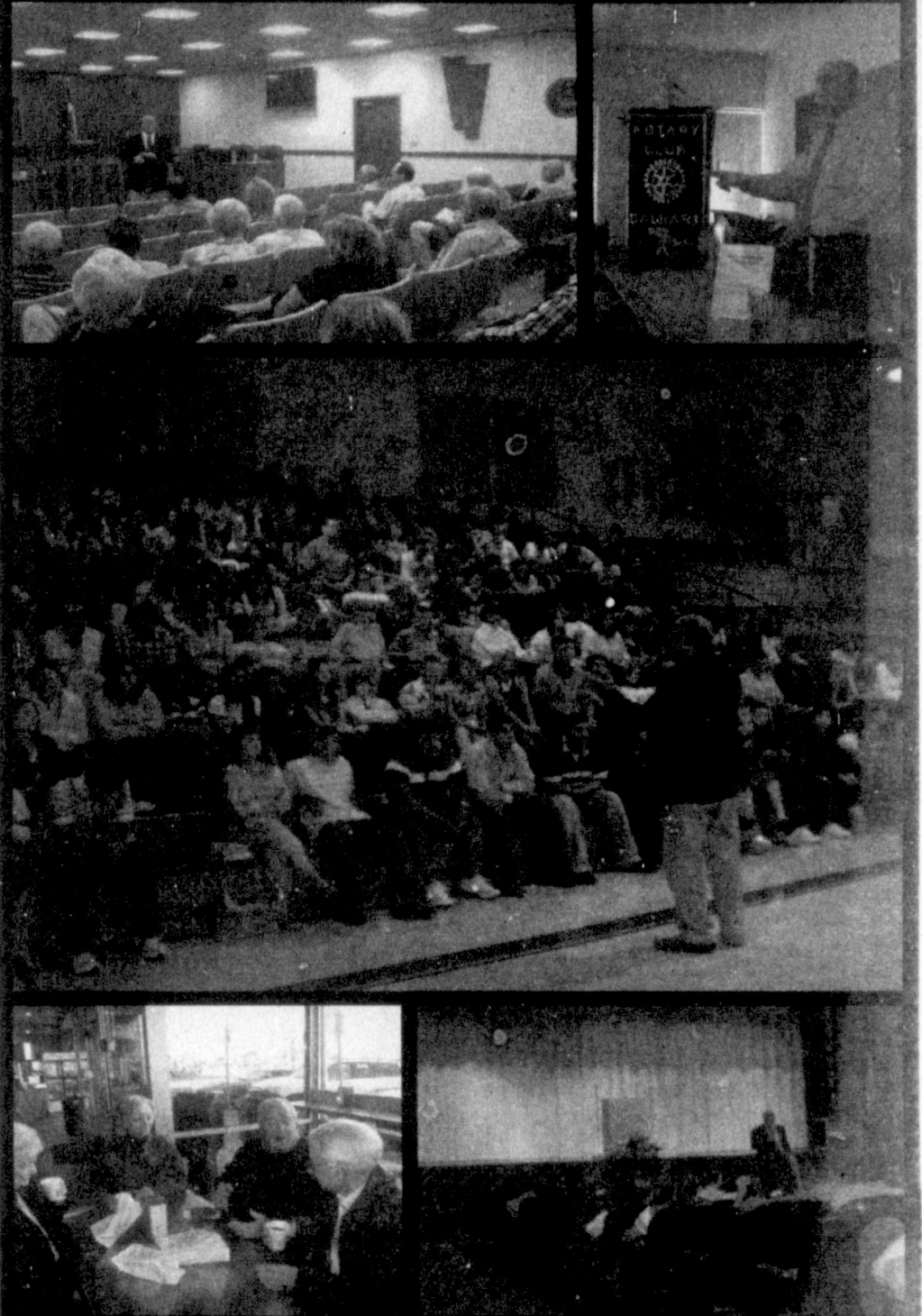
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Gray County Sheriff

Don Copeland



Law Enforcement Experience: Gray County Sheriff for 16 years

In his own words:

On his current staff: "We have excellent employees at the Gray County Sheriff's Office in the jail, deputies, dispatch and secretaries. Everybody's good and they take care of the citizens of Gray County very well."
Source: The Pampa News interview

On the strengths of the Sheriff's Office: "We have a sufficient number of jail staff now, and we have strong advocates of good law enforcement who act with honesty and integrity."
Source: The Pampa News interview

On the importance of training: "Training is very important to law enforcement to stay up with what's new. We've had 500-plus hours distributed among our deputies since last August, and we continue to do that."
Source: The Pampa News interview

Robert Douglas



Law Enforcement Experience: 10 years overall law enforcement experience with Gray County, Donley County and Collingsworth County

In his own words:

On changes needed at the jail: "We don't have an interview room (in the jail), and that's something that should be addressed. The people in the jail, this proves their innocence or guilt either way. That's something that really needs to happen. The jail is owned by the citizens here in Gray County, publicly owned, and it should be a non-smoking facility, because it's the only public building that I know of anywhere that still allows smoking inside."
Source: The Pampa News interview

On retaining employees: "You want to have a sense of stability there, too. We're working on our ninth chief deputy in 14 years. We've got the eleventh maintenance man in 14 years. ... You want to hire people you can keep and retain those people. You don't want to retrain everybody. That's an expense to the county, and these people have put in a lot of time and effort, and they're a valuable investment to Gray County, and we need to keep them instead of changing over all the time."
Source: The Pampa News interview

On the importance of training: "That's something that you never get enough of, and then you have to go out and apply that. That goes back to stability of people being here, not changing them, so they'll know everybody, know people in the other counties. We are centered in Gray County, but we're part of the top 26 counties in the Panhandle. Everyone's kin, from here to Amarillo. I don't care where you go. You're going to find someone kin to Pampa, and you have to have that relationship. Your officers have to work with these people. Everyone has to mesh."
Source: The Pampa News interview

David Lee



Law Enforcement Experience: Started in 1977 at Amarillo PD; retired from 22 years of Pampa PD, Special Task Force and US Marshal

In his own words:

On his experience: "I am a man of my word. I've worked narcotics, I've worked of everything you can think of in a law enforcement career including Texas homicides. I, at one time, held three badges, and that was Pampa PD, Special Task Force badge and a U.S. Marshal badge that gave me the right to go anywhere I wanted to in the United States to arrest people."
Source: Top O' Texas Republican Women Forum

On improvements needed for the department: "There's some of the jail area that needs to be updated, too, plus computers. A lot of the training (for deputies) has to be done online, and a lot of people have the opinion that when we go to training schools, all you do is mess around, but when we do go to these training schools, we do get to associate. You meet these people and (learn) how they do things, and officers do learn something in these training schools."
Source: Top O' Texas Republican Women Forum

Randy Stubblefield



Law Enforcement Experience: Originally started with Pampa PD in 1974; former part-time deputy in Roberts County; Gray County Sheriff from 1993-1997; deputy in Donley County for the past 11 years

In his own words:

On why he's running for sheriff again: "I started my law enforcement career here in Gray County, and I want to finish it up here in Gray County."
Source: The Pampa News interview

On the need for an investigator: "The main thing I see that the Sheriff's Department needs is a full-time investigator. The system they have now is that an officer goes out and takes an initial report, and he's supposed to follow up on that. That's just not working out. ... With a full-time investigator, the officer would go out and make the initial report, and then the full-time investigator would go out and talk to suspects, follow up on the case and carry the case all the way through to presentation to either the county attorney or the district attorney. It's not the officer's fault. It's the way the system is right now."
Source: The Pampa News interview

On overcrowding in the county jail: "We're going to have to figure out some way to work with the judges and the prosecutors to relieve the overcrowding in the county jail. When I was sheriff, we tried to hold the jail population down into the 50s range. Right now, we've been having to farm out prisoners down to Childress, and that's been costing Gray County tax dollars to have them down there. What we need to do is work with the prosecutors and work with the judges, and the cases they feel would be better served justice-wise by doing plea bargains, we need to do that and get those cases taken care of and get those individuals out of jail."
Source: The Pampa News interview

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Campaign Conservative or Voting Conservative? You Decide!

My opponent, Kel Seliger, doesn't want you paying attention to his voting record. But then again, he probably doesn't want you paying much attention to his campaign promises either.

His failing conservative performance ratings by the top conservative state organizations are:

- Texas Eagle Forum gave him a failing conservative rating of **60**
- Empowered Texans gave him a failing conservative rating of **D+**
- Young Conservatives of Texas gave him a failing conservative rating of **50** and a failing career conservative rating average of **55**.

Among all the State Representatives and Senators the Young Conservatives of Texas listed him as:

- One of the **top 6 Certified RINOs** (Republican In Name Only) in the state.
- Out of all the State Representatives and Senators, the YCT voted Mr. Seliger as one of the **three worst Republicans in Texas**.

Out of **684 roll-call votes**, Mark Jones, chairman of the Political Science Department at Rice University in Houston, determined that, in listing the 19 Senate Republicans from most conservative to least conservative, Mr. Seliger's conservative rating was the **third from the bottom of the list**.

Maybe he is in favor of "lowering taxes", but just not when serving as a member of the Texas Senate.

- He voted to speed-up the due date for the state's complicated, inefficient, and mostly unfair gross margins tax that punishes start-up business, small businesses, and struggling enterprises. This is the same tax on business that he helped create back in 2006.
- In 2009 he voted for a bill that would have allowed, as a funding option, the ability to hike the gasoline tax by 10 cents a gallon and imposed a radical set of new fees.

Randy has a proven track record for fighting for solid conservative values. As Ector County School Board president, Randy worked to drop the tax rate 2 years in a row and still give teachers a raise.

Randy led the fight against the ACLU's attacks on the elective Bible curriculum that he helped implement and he worked with the Texas State Board of Education in 2010 to pass a resolution preventing Anti-Christian/Pro-Islamic bias in textbooks.

Randy supports gun rights and a citizen's right to bear arms and strongly believes in the right to life.

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31st District Attorney

Jason Ferguson

Assistant D.A., 31st District

Law Experience: Assistant D.A. in 31st District since 2010

In his own words:

On the district's biggest criminal issue: "It's drugs. If I could, I would wave my magic wand and put the bubble down that keeps drugs out of the district. It sounds simple, but with that comes burglaries, comes robberies, comes sexual crimes. It brings so many terrible things with in, and they all flow off it. With drugs, the thing is there's no quick out, and that's why we work so hard in controlling that problem."

Source: The Pampa News interview

On his good working relationship with area law enforcement: "The best part of our relationship with law enforcement is simply the fact that we're available for them. (Recently), I had a law enforcement guy call me just to ask about a case. That's a pretty rare thing when a district attorney's office works that close with law enforcement, and that's by far our best asset."

Source: The Pampa News interview

On the asset forfeiture fund: "Basically, the idea is we get to take this money from criminals and turn it around and use it against them. Whether it's for equipment for law enforcement or training for law enforcement, this is stuff that needs to be and will be purchased no matter what. The only question is, does it get paid for by taxpayer money, or does it get paid for by money that we take from criminals? That's the definition of fiscal conservatism, to me."

Source: The Pampa News interview



Frank McDonough

Assistant D.A., 84th District

Law Experience: Former assistant D.A. in 31st District; ran private law firm for a year; current assistant D.A. in 84th district

In his own words:

On reducing the office's travel: "As far as running an office, I can tell you as DA, I would absolutely trim the budget. I think that right now you have a large amount of travel that's done that's not necessary to maintain a great team, specifically, a lot of out-of-state travel."

Source: The Pampa News interview

On making use of the asset forfeiture fund: "The reality is, those funds should be used for law enforcement purposes, exactly what they were obtained for. I think those funds generally sit dormant until campaign time, and I think that's terrible. You have a large amount of funds that should be used for officer training, equipment and nonprofit programs that assist victims in being made whole. So, the reality is, those funds should be spent to do that."

Source: The Pampa News interview

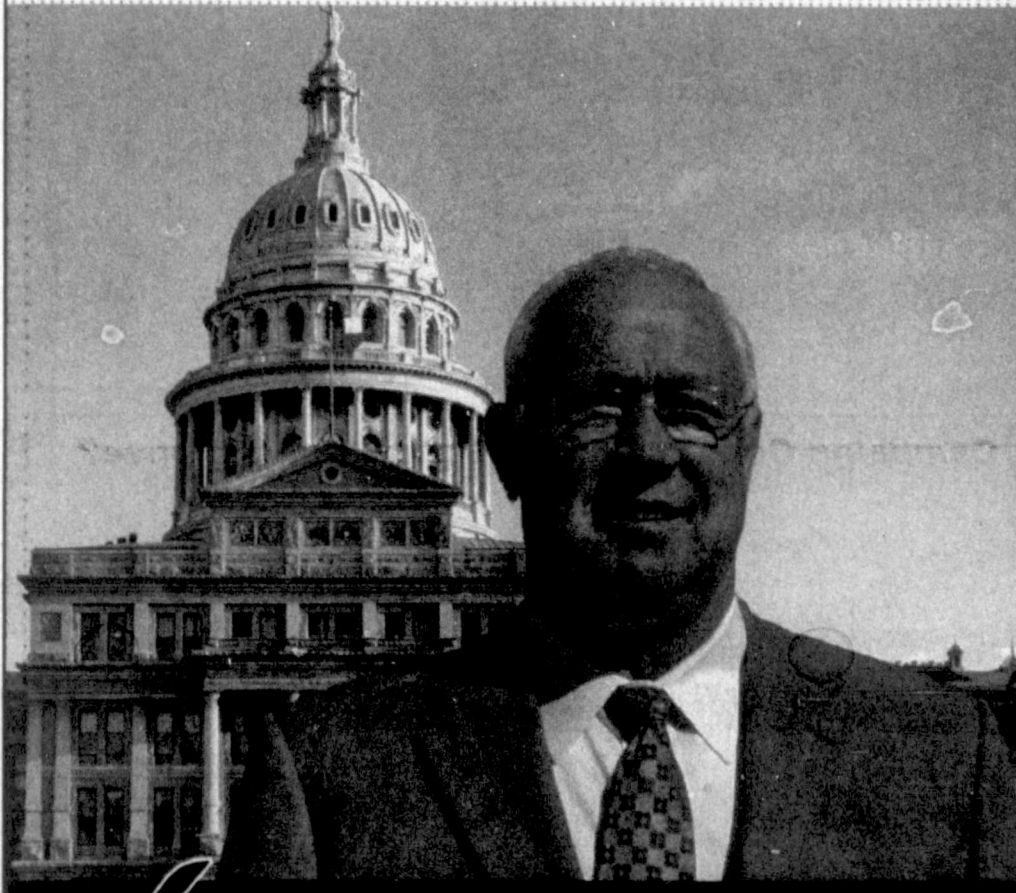
On the effect of drugs on crime as a whole: "I would say, the biggest problem facing the district is drugs. It's a little cliché to say that drugs are the big problem, but the reality is, you could trace the root of a majority of criminal activity to drugs, whether it be oldfield theft, home burglaries, vehicle burglaries, a number of assaults and a number of major crimes involving children."

Source: The Pampa News interview



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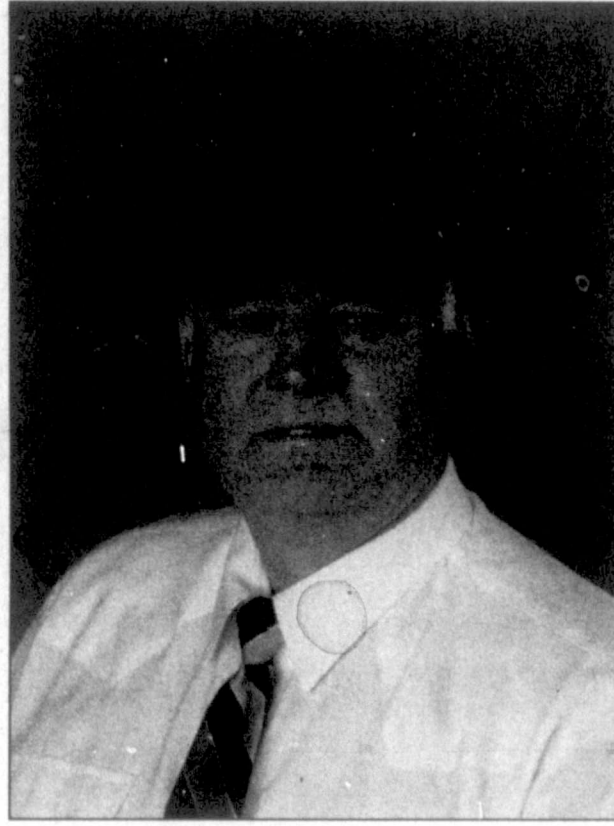
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