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## City seeks grant for park cameras

**BY DAVID BOWSER**  
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 Pampa parks should be safer if the city can get

funding from the state for camera surveillance, according to the Pampa's police chief. The Pampa City

Commission approved a resolution Tuesday for Police Chief Kelly Rushing to apply for a grant from the governor's office for

cameras in the city's parks. The governor's office is offering \$21,208 in criminal justice grants to cities in the state. Rushing is hoping to get \$21,208 in matching funds from the Pampa Economic Development Corporation for a total of \$42,416. He said the grant for which he's applying requires a 50 percent match of funding.

representatives of the PRPC (Panhandle Regional Planning Commission)," Rushing said, "they thought we should go ahead and apply for grant funding in order to place some surveillance cameras in certain areas."

"We had been talking before this about some ways to enhance the safety and security in our parks," Rushing said.

He said the city was considering placing the cameras at Recreation Park, Central Park around the skateboard area and at the Super Playground.

"We had suspected sex offenders, predators, in the park area," Rushing said.

If the city is able to get the grant, Rushing said he would like to have enough money to also install cameras at the new aquatic center when it's built.

He also pointed to a drowning and a near drowning at Recreation Park.

Rushing explained that the cameras would be set up with an internet connection that would allow officers to keep an eye on the parks from the police station at city hall.

"We've been discussing ways we could enhance the security out there," he said.

The police department could record video footage of any problems.

Rushing said he hopes to use a criminal justice grant available from the governor's office to install cameras in at least three of the city's parks.

The grants for which the city is applying will be awarded in July or August for Fiscal Year 2011.

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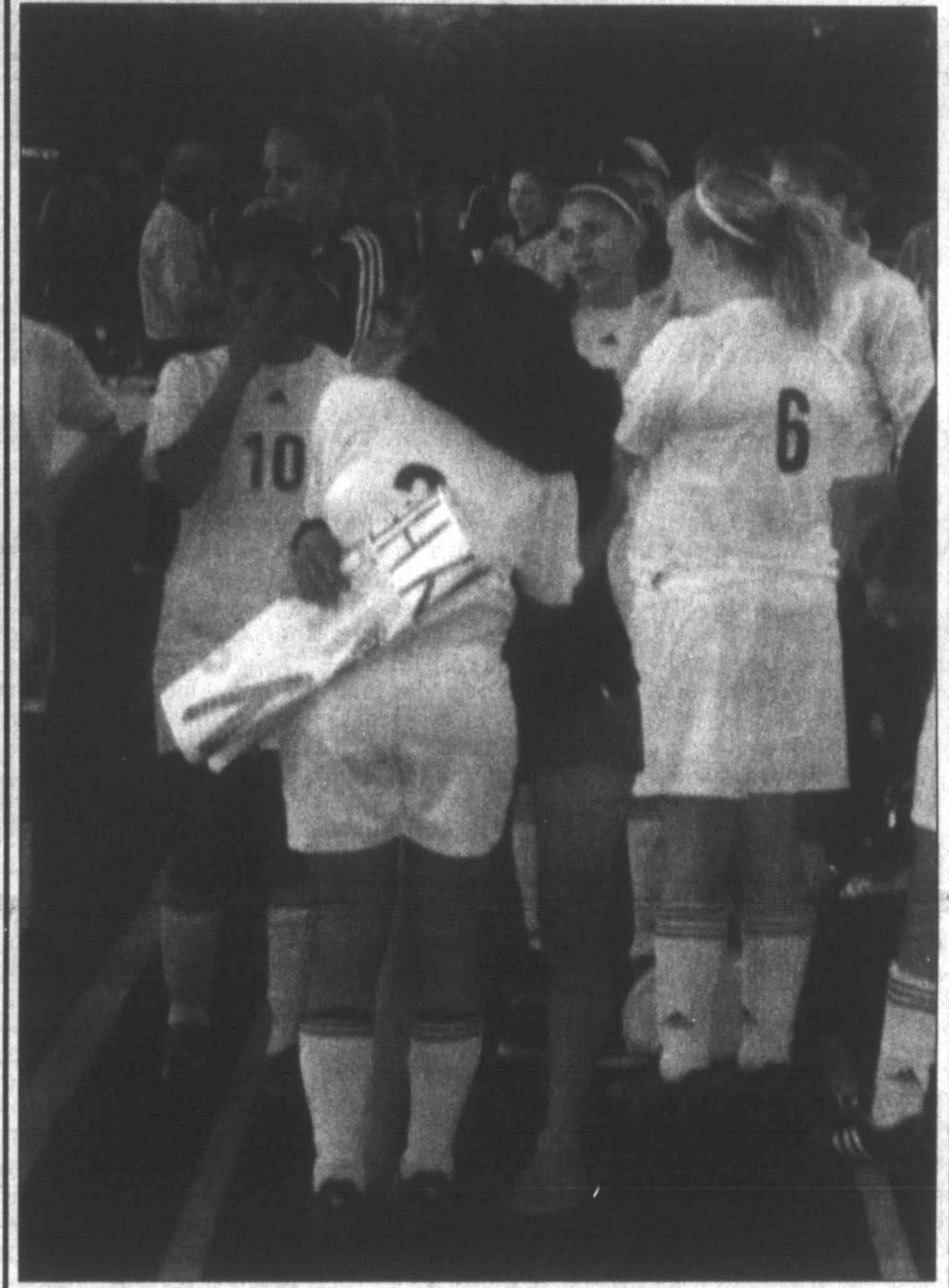
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## End of the season



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**  
 Valeria Resendiz (dark shirt, center) and Viente Ellison (3) comfort each other and Cindy Meza (10) wipes away tears after the Lady Harvesters were eliminated from playoff action Tuesday at Harvester Field. This was Meza's last game. See the complete coverage of the game on Page 8.

## Continental will cancel flights before fines

DALLAS (AP) — Continental Airlines plans to cancel flights rather than risk stiff fines under new federal rules designed to punish carriers for delaying passengers. CEO Jeff Smisek said Tuesday the result will be that passengers will have more trouble getting to their destinations. Under a federal rule taking effect next

month, airlines can be fined up to \$27,500 per passenger if planes are delayed three hours and passengers can't get off. Smisek said at an investor conference in New York that long delays are rare, and mostly caused by an outdated air CONTINENTAL cont. on page 5

## Texas judge rescinds anti-death penalty ruling

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas judge who came under criticism for his ruling declaring the death penalty unconstitutional took back his controversial decision on Tuesday. However, Judge Kevin Fine said he still wants more information on whether the state's death penalty statute is unconstitutional because it allows for the possible execution of an innocent person. The Democrat who is heavily tattooed and says he's a recovering alcoholic and former cocaine user, is a state district judge in the county that sends more inmates to death row than any other in the nation. During a court hearing

Tuesday, Fine rescinded his ruling, which he made last week in granting a pre-trial motion in a capital murder case. But he asked Harris County prosecutors and defense attorneys to submit motions on the issue. A hearing in the case is set for April 27, and Tuesday's decision will delay the trial, which had been set to begin with jury selection at the end of this month. Fine said there was no precedent to guide him in resolving the issues raised by defense attorneys in a case involving a man accused of fatally shooting a Houston woman and

wounding her sister during a robbery in front of their home in June 2008. Attorneys for John Edward Green Jr. argued Texas' death penalty statute is unconstitutional because it violates their client's right to due process of law under the 5th Amendment because hundreds of innocent people around the country have been convicted and sent to death row and later exonerated. Fine said in his ruling Thursday that it is safe to assume innocent people have been executed. A string of high-profile Texans, including Gov. Rick Perry, strongly criticized Fine's ruling last week. Fine declined to comment Tuesday on why he took back his ruling. "We are reviewing the court's latest ruling and are briefing the issues," said Donna Hawkins, a spokeswoman for the Harris County District Attorney's Office. An attorney for Green did not immediately return a telephone call seeking comment. A court hearing in the case had been set for Wednesday, when Fine was expected to rule on prosecutors' motions to have him reconsider his decision or to still proceed with the trial as a death

penalty case. Tuesday's hearing was called at the last minute. Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott last week called Fine's ruling one of "unabashed judicial activism." Perry also slammed it, saying he supports the death penalty as do the majority of people in Texas. Last year, the state executed 24 people, including six cases from Harris County. Three people have been executed so far this year, none from Harris County.

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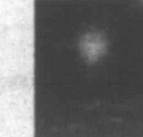
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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		
High 50 Low 33	High 56 Low 32	High 58 Low 33

**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Thursday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 50. Wind chill values between 21 and 31 early. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 33. Wind chill values between 25 and 30. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. Windy, with a northwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 32. Northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 58. West northwest wind around 5 mph becoming south southeast.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. Southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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## POLICE REPORT

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Officers reported 10 traffic-related calls and three accidents.

Animal control officers reported 11 calls. Three of the calls involved pit bulls.

Pampa EMS reported three ambulance calls. Pampa Fire Department report one medical call and Lefors Volunteer Fire Department reported two medical calls.

### Tuesday, March 9.

Officers were assigned crossing guard duty in the 2300 North Primrose Lane.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2100 block of North Hobart.

Warrants were served in the 400 block of North Russell and in the 1400 block of West Somerville.

Officers were assigned escort duty in the 600 block of North Ward.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

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## Obituaries

### Melitta Emma Goeth Sutherland, 94

Pampa - Melitta Emma Sutherland, a longtime resident of Uvalde County, passed away at the Pampa Nursing Center, Pampa, Texas on March 8, 2010 at the age of 94.

The youngest of three sisters, she was born May 20, 1915 to Max and Mary Von Rosenberg Goeth at Cypress Mill, Texas on the Goeth Ranch in the large rock house built by her grandfather Carl Goeth in 1882. As with many people who grew up in the early 20th century, family heritage was an important part of life. She had many cousins who came to visit at the Goeth ranch for long periods, making these cousins like a second set of siblings. In these surroundings Melitta learned to cook for large family gatherings, which was one of her great enjoyments. Melitta attended schools

at Cypress Mill and Austin and graduated from Marble Falls High School in 1934. She married the love of her life, Edward Lesesne Sutherland on October 3, 1936 at her family's home at Cypress Mill.

Melitta and Lesesne moved to Uvalde in 1949 and were residents of Uvalde County for over 50 years, where they raised their sons. Melitta worked for Uvalde Retail Merchants for almost 20 years, and for The Uvalde Leader News until her retirement in 1977. In 1971 Lesesne and Melitta moved to their new home on the Nueces River where they welcomed family and friends and where their grandsons and great grandchildren had many happy memories.

Melitta was a very generous and caring person. She loved to cook and to grow

beautiful houseplants, often sharing both with her many friends, neighbors and relatives. She and Lesesne were members of the Montell Country Club and spent many pleasant hours meeting with friends and playing cards and dominoes. For many years Melitta and Lesesne were active members of the Montell Methodist Church where faith was an important part of their lives.

Melitta was preceded in death by her husband of 70 years, her parents and two sisters, Else Youngblood and Regina Shifflett.

She is survived by her sons Gary and wife Karin of Pampa; Eddie and wife Rose of Austin; by two grandsons, Jason and wife Serina and Noah and wife Amy, all of Pampa. She is also survived by five great-grandchildren, Kenadie, Colin, Zane and



Sutherland

Sierra Sutherland and Lauren Aderholt and husband Taylor, all of Pampa, and by several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at the Montell Methodist Church on Saturday, March 13 at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Heart Association, or to Montell Methodist Church, c/o Laura Whipple 614 Dorothy Jo, Uvalde, Texas 78801.

### Dovie Ola Westfall, 93

Pampa - Dovie Ola Westfall, 93, died Monday, March 8, 2010 at Pampa.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 11, 2010, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Jeff Taylor, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Westfall was born May 20, 1916 in Ranger, where she attended school.

She married John Westfall, Sr., on December 2, 1937 in Corpus Christi. He preceded her in death in November of 1993. Dovie worked in retail sales for many years. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1976. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and the WinSome Sunday School class. In her spare time, she loved to garden and raise her own vegetables. She also bred and raised Pekinese dogs. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Bridges of Phoenix, Arizona and Margaret Haverfield of Pampa; a son, John Westfall and wife Joyce of Falls Church, Virginia; a sister, Tempie Lacke of Sulphur Springs; a brother, Firman Dean of Dallas; two grandsons, John Griffith of Pampa and Phillip Westfall of Falls Church, Virginia. Dovie was preceded in death by four sisters: Lelia Nelson, Eda Thorpe, Leota Miller and Esther Friend.



Westfall

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### J. D. Barnard, 72

Barnard and wife Tammy of Amarillo, and Gary Barnard and wife Cynthia, of Pampa; a daughter, Amy Devers and husband David of Pampa; two grandsons, Dylan Barnard of Amarillo and Michael Feagin of Trinidad, Colorado; eight granddaughters, Amanda Heightman and husband Jason of El Reno, Oklahoma, Brittany Barnard, Chelsea Barnard and Marissa Barnard, all of Amarillo, Misty Hogue and husband Josh of Borger, Michelle Barnard, Alisha Nelson and John Nelson, all of Arlington, and Nicole Devers of Trinidad, Colorado; eight great-grandchildren; a brother,

J. E. Barnard of Amarillo; a sister, Reba Hanks; and many nieces and nephews. J. D. was preceded in death by three brothers, Harold Lee Barnard, Desmond Barnard, and S. A. Barnard; and two sisters, Mozell Deihl and Virgie Buford.

Memorials: Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106, or Pampa Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, Texas 79066-0939.

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### Debra Ann Garcia, 39

Debra Ann Garcia, 39, of Pampa died Monday, March 1, 2010 in Pampa, Texas. Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, March 5, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at La Iglesia de San Jose with Reverend David Contreras, Pastor officiating. Interment followed at St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors. Prayer Vigil was held Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Rix Funeral Chapel.

Mrs. Garcia was born May 28, 1970 in Hereford to Henry A. and Odella

Trevino Garcia. She was employed as a restaurant cook and a member of the Catholic Church.

Mrs. Garcia is survived by: two daughters Candis Lopez and husband Garna of Dudley, North Carolina. Kristine Coronado and husband Jose de Jesus Andrade of Pampa. Two sons Danny Coronado and wife Angelita Cantu and Jacob Coronado both of Pampa. Three sisters Delma Edwards and husband Tony of Salt Lake City, Elma Garcia and husband Benjamin of Seven Springs, North Carolina,

and Belma Garcia of Pampa. Three brothers Arthur Garcia and wife Rosa, Henry Garcia and wife Monica Diaz both from Pampa, and Salvador Salazar from Lubbock. Mother Odella Salazar and husband Salvador from Hereford. Four grandchildren Christian Lopez and Kandi Lopez from Dudley, North Carolina. Joseph Coronado and Yarel Coronado from Pampa.

Memorials in Mrs. Garcia's name may be made to the American Diabetes Association, West Texas Office, 8008

block of Starkweather 1:30 p.m.— An MICU unit responded to PRMC, transported one patient to BSA Hospice

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## SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

**Tuesday, March 9.**  
Wilma Steward, 56, of McLean, was arrested by deputies on charges of interfering with the public duties of an official.

Jesus Maria Velasquez Jr., 40, was arrested by deputies on charges of theft of property.

Steven Soto, 28, was arrested by a constable on charges of possession of dangerous drugs.

## EMS REPORT

Guardian EMS responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Monday, March 8, 2010.

**Monday**  
8:51 a.m.— An MICU unit responded to Highway 70 North, 10-22

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# AP-GfK Poll: Obama more popular than Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) - Americans have come to detest Congress ever more deeply as it nears the end of a nasty fight over health care. But more than half still back President Barack Obama, a bright spot for a Democratic Party counting on its leader to help stave off expected losses in elections this fall.

The latest Associated Press-GfK poll found that fewer people approve of Congress than at any point in Obama's presidency. Support has dropped significantly since January to a dismal 22 percent as the health care debate has roiled Capitol Hill. Neither Republicans nor Democrats are safe; half of all people say they want to fire their congressman.

Conversely, Obama's job-performance standing is holding fairly steady at 53 percent. And over the past two months, the Democrat has gained ground on national security issues, specifically the subsiding Iraq war and the escalating Afghanistan war, as he has spent most of his time - at least publicly - on domestic matters like the economy and health care. On those issues, he still has the support of about half the people.

"I agree with what Obama is trying to do, but nobody is listening to him," said Grace Pope of Waterville, Maine. But this 75-year-old Democrat added, "I don't think that the Congress is doing anything."

Such sentiments and the survey's results make clear that Obama remains far more popular than House and Senate members as he leads a Democratic Party facing a volatile election-year environment that, so

far, seems to be trending in Republicans' favor. Judging by his standing at this point, Obama seems to be an asset for his rank and file.

But, given the fickleness of this electorate, the uncertainty of the health care debate and the stubbornly high unemployment rate, the president could just as quickly turn into a liability. His own clout will be on the line in the first midterm elections of his presidency. And the outcome is certain to shape the remainder of his first term, if not his likely re-election bid in 2012.

For now, it's unclear just how much Obama can do to prevent midterm election shellackings. Democrats lost recent statewide elections in Massachusetts, New Jersey and Virginia even though he campaigned for them. Presidents typically lose House and Senate seats in their first midterm elections. And the party in power usually bears the brunt of voters' ire when the country is in turmoil.

Thus, another of the poll's findings may not bode well for Obama and his Democrats: A clear majority of Americans - 56 percent - now say the country is headed in the wrong direction.

Democrat Benny Newman of Tulsa, Okla., laid the blame for the nation's ills on both Obama and the Democratic-controlled Congress.

"Just bundle them in the same bag," said Newman, who at 79 just lost a job with a local public school district because of budget woes. "I don't think either one of them is interested in the general public. ... They're always stalling,

"It is quite unusual for voters to tear down their own member of Congress. People often dislike the institution of Congress but usually support their own representatives. But not this year. Half said they wanted to elect someone other than their current congressman; only 40 percent wanted to re-elect their lawmaker."

playing politics, trying to jockey for a better position for their own re-election."

In recent weeks, Obama has increasingly blamed the ways of Washington for a lack of progress on his agenda - even though he's in the White House and his party is leading Congress. The disparity between his popularity and Congress' shows his pitch may just be working.

Obama's overall standing hasn't really moved since January. Neither have his ratings on health care and the economy.

But his marks have jumped on Iraq and Afghanistan. More than half of people approve of how he's handling the

wars, with 55 percent backing him on Iraq and 57 percent supporting him on Afghanistan. That's compared with 49 percent for each two months ago. The new poll was taken during weekend elections in Iraq, where a U.S. troop draw-down is under way, and in the midst of a buildup in Afghanistan, as the U.S. notches victories in rooting out suspected terrorists.

By comparison, Congress' approval rating has dropped 10 percentage points since January, perhaps an indication that people are blaming lawmakers more than the president for gridlock that has paralyzed Washington on a host of fronts.

Republicans still trail Democrats on the question of who should win control of Congress come November; 44 percent say Democrats, 38 percent say Republicans.

And the GOP has a slight disadvantage on two issues that voters deem among the most important - the economy and health care.

Still, Democrats are vulnerable, and perhaps nothing illustrates that vulnerability better than this: By 67 percent to 59 percent, more independents disapprove of Democrats in Congress than disapprove of Republicans. This matters because independents usually determine who wins elections. And they have been moving away from Democrats, after heavily supporting them in 2006 and 2008.

The AP-GfK Poll was conducted March 3-8, 2010, by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Media. It involved landline and cell phone interviews with 1,002 adults nationwide, and had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 4.2 percentage points.

## Wildfire risk heightened on Texas southern plains

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — A potent, upper level system is expected to cross the Southern Plains on Wednesday, heightening the risk of wildfire, according to a forecast from the National Weather Service in Midland.

The dry, windy weather conditions are similar to those experienced in April 2009, when a wildfire ravaged two North Central Texas communities, charring more than 140,000 acres, destroying 114 homes and killing three people in just one day.

Affected areas currently include Midland, Fort Stockton, Ozona as well as areas south of Interstate 40 and west of a line leading from Childress to Abilene to San Angelo to Ozona.

The dangerous conditions are expected to last two to three days.

The weather system is dry and producing sustained winds of 30 mph with gusts of 45-50 mph. Temperatures are near 70 degrees with minimum relative humidity (RH) ranges from 15 to 25 percent. For more information visit: <http://radar.srh.noaa.gov/fire/?address=midland>.

"The high winds could down power lines and start rapidly-spreading wildfires," said Mark Stanford, Texas Forest Service chief of fire operations.

Texas Forest Service officials ask emergency response personnel and members of the public to be prepared when a wildfire happens.

Local fire departments are the first line of defense for wildfires, but the state agency has mobilized ground resources in the area.

Visit [texasforestservice.tamu.edu](http://texasforestservice.tamu.edu) or [firewise.org](http://firewise.org).

## Toyota says sales rise 50 percent from last March

BERLANGER, Ky. (AP) — A high-ranking Toyota executive says the automaker's North American sales spiked around 50 percent the first eight days of March as incentives helped lure customers after a series of embarrassing safety recalls.

Don Esmond, senior vice president of automotive operation for Toyota Motor Sales, says that the early numbers surpassed the company's expectations.

Esmond says there is pent-up demand from buyers who didn't shop for cars during last year's economic downturn. He also credits new sales incentives enacted this month, including 0 percent financing offers for eight Toyota models.

Earlier Tuesday, he addressed about 800 officials from Toyota supply companies attending an annual business meeting.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Wednesday, March 10, the 69th day of 2010. There are 296 days left in the year.

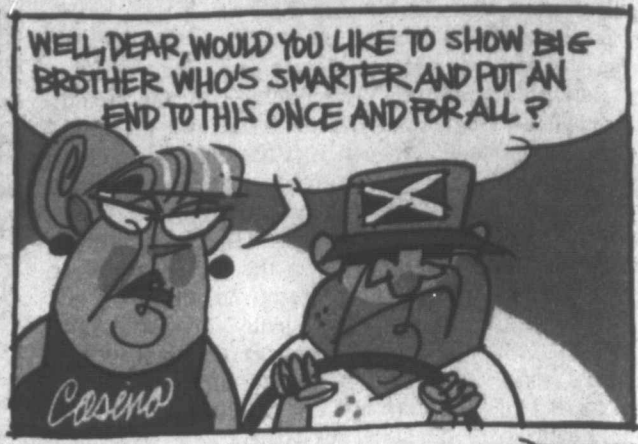
- Highlights in history on this date:**  
 1496 - Christopher Columbus concludes his second visit to the Western Hemisphere as he leaves Hispaniola for Spain.  
 1624 - England declares war on Spain; Dutch send expedition to Bahia, Brazil.  
 1629 - England's King Charles I dissolves Parliament and doesn't call it back for 11 years.  
 1785 - Thomas Jefferson is named U.S. Minister to France, succeeding Benjamin Franklin.  
 1848 - U.S. Senate ratifies the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the war with Mexico.  
 1862 - Britain and France recognize independence of Zanzibar; the U.S. government issues its first paper money.  
 1876 - The first successful voice transmission over Alexander Graham Bell's telephone takes place in Boston as his assistant hears Bell say, "Mr. Watson, come here. I want you."

'Show me a man who claims he is objective and I'll show you a man with illusions.'

— Henry R. Luce  
 American magazine publisher  
 (1898-1967)

- 1880 - The Salvation Army arrives in the United States from England.  
 1893 - French colonies of French Guinea and Ivory Coast are formally established.  
 1900 - Britain signs treaty with Uganda to regulate government with British commissioner as adviser.  
 1919 - Nationalists riot in Cairo following deportation from Egypt of Said Zaghlul Pasha.  
 1922 - Strikes break out in Johannesburg, South Africa, and martial law is declared.  
 1942 - Rangoon, Burma, is now Yangon, Myanmar, falls to Japanese forces in World War II.  
 1946 - Italian women vote for the first time.  
 1948 - The body of the anti-communist foreign minister of Czechoslovakia, Jan Masaryk, is found in the garden of Czernin Palace in Prague after 'mysteriously' falling from a window, making it easier for the Communist Party to consolidate its control.  
 1949 - Nazi wartime broadcaster Mildred E. Gillars, also known as "Axis Sally," is convicted in Washington, D.C., of treason. She served 12 years in prison.  
 1952 - Soviet Union proposes four-power conference on unification and disarmament of Germany.  
 1959 - The Dalai Lama leads a rebellion against Chinese rule. The revolt fails and the Dalai Lama flees to India.  
 1969 - James Earl Ray pleads guilty in Memphis, Tennessee, to the assassination of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., but later repudiates his plea.  
 1972 - Cambodia's Premier Lon Nol takes over complete control of Cambodian government.  
 1975 - North Vietnamese troops seize most of South Vietnam's provincial capital of Ban Me Thuot in central highlands.  
 1985 - Konstantin U. Chernenko, who was the Soviet Union's leader for just 13 months, dies at age 73.  
 1989 - About 100,000 workers move into Iraq's war-battered southern port of Basra to hasten reconstruction of what once was called the "Venice of the East."  
 1990 - Georgia becomes the fourth Soviet republic to condemn its annexation to the Soviet Union.  
 1991 - A half million people rally in Moscow in support of Russian President Boris Yeltsin.  
 1993 - Police in Cairo kill at least 20 Muslim extremists in raids, displaying an increasingly hard-line approach against the fundamentalist movement in Egypt.  
 1994 - The leader of the South African apartheid homeland Bophutatswana retreats from his capital in the face of a popular uprising after he tries to boycott participation in South Africa's first all-races election.  
 1997 - Despite U.S. reservations, the Vatican establishes diplomatic relations with Libya.  
 1998 - Gen. Augusto Pinochet, the 82-year-old former dictator of Chile, steps down from his position as army commander and is sworn in as senator for life under a provision written into the constitution by his regime.  
 2001 - The Nuu-chah-nulth, the largest native tribal group in British Columbia, agree to a treaty with the provincial and federal governments; giving the natives a measure of autonomy, a share in the land's resources and a large one-time payment.  
 2002 - Candidates allied with independent and far-right Colombian presidential contender, Alvaro Uribe, post gains in congressional elections amid mounting violence between leftist rebel groups and government forces.  
 2005 - After years of denials, Pakistan admits its top nuclear scientist sold centrifuges to Iran, though it sticks by its claim it knew nothing of his activities and insists he will not be turned over to another country for prosecution.  
 2006 - Six young Japanese are found dead from asphyxiation in a car northwest of Tokyo, victims of a surge in suicide pacts arranged over the Internet.  
 2007 - Yearlong talks on the future status of Kosovo between Serbia's government and the disputed province's pro-independence ethnic Albanian leadership end in deadlock with Serbia rejecting a U.N.-mediated proposal.  
 2008 - Hundreds of Tibetan exiles begin a six-month march from India to Tibet to protest Beijing's hold on the Himalayan region and China's hosting of the Summer Olympic Games.  
 2009 - A gunman, 28-year-old Michael McLendon, kills 10 people, including his mother, four other relatives and the wife and child of a local sheriff's deputy across two rural Alabama counties before committing suicide.

- Today's Birthdays:**  
 Friedrich Schlegel, German poet (1772-1829); Pablo Sarasate (Martin Meliton), Spanish violinist (1844-1908); Prince Edward, fourth child of England's Queen Elizabeth II (1964-); David Rabe, U.S. playwright (1940-); Chuck Norris, U.S. actor (1940-); Sharon Stone, U.S. actress (1958-); Edie Brickell, U.S. singer (1966-); Timbaland, U.S. rapper/producer (1972-).



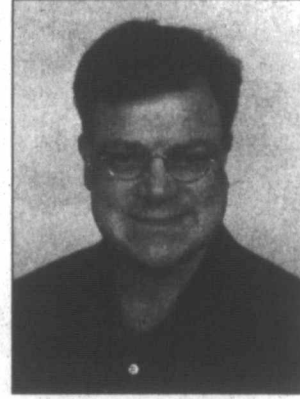
## Cussing and other legislative issues

BY TOM PURCELL

"What in the h-e-double-hockey-sticks did California lawmakers think they were doing?"  
 "Ah, yes, you speak of a resolution the California State Assembly passed recently to make the first week of March 'Cuss-Free Week.' It embraced the idea from a teenager who had formed a No Cussing Club in 2007 at his school."  
 "But considering what California's overzealous politicians have done to their state -- spending, high taxes, high unemployment -- cursing is one of the few occupations Californians have left!"  
 "You make a fair point. With a \$20 billion deficit in the state's budget -- and many of the state's lawmakers still living in denial about cuts that need to be made -- some argue there are more important matters to deal with. The California Senate decided to shelve the resolution until the budget is dealt with."  
 "They should kill the gosh-darn thing! Why should any state government try to control the words people use?"  
 "Good intentions. Some politicians feel that the resolution -- unlike a law, a resolution has no penalties associated with it -- might encourage more civility among citizens, something that has waned considerably in recent years."  
 "Ah, put a sock in it. Cussing isn't the cause of incivility -- it is a symptom. People cuss because

they are stressed, broke and worried about the future. When government bodies overstep their bounds, they encourage manners to get even worse!"  
 "Funny you mention that. Judith Martin, Miss Manners, says that good manners and etiquette are the philosophical basis of civilization. When manners are strong, people restrain their impulse to cuss or be rude and abrasive -- without the need for government laws or resolutions."  
 "Miss Manners said that. Kiss my grits!"  
 "She says the chief role of our government bodies should be to focus on the big issues -- to punish serious conflict involving the loss of life, limb or property -- but now our government has gotten into the business of controlling what people say."  
 "And controlling what people cannot say, those dirty, lousy basset hounds!"  
 "The California resolution is mild compared to what some states have done. According to the First Amendment Center, South Carolina tried, last year, to impose criminal penalties of up to five years for cursing in public places. Many other states have laws that prohibit profane, vulgar or blasphemous language."  
 "You're shishkabobbing me!"  
 "What is interesting is that all such laws are unconstitutional. The First Amendment 'protects profanity in the public sphere unless it crosses the line into true threats, fighting

words or incitement to imminent lawless action,' says the center."  
 "Well, 'stuff' on a shingle!" "The U.S. Supreme Court clarified the matter in 1971. It reversed the conviction of a man who had worn a jacket into a California courthouse that displayed the words '(BLANK) the Draft.' The court ruled that the state had no right to 'cleansc public debate to the point where it is grammatically palatable to the most squeamish among us.'" "California stepped into the horse pucky on that one!"  
 "The point is this: the upside of difficult economic times is that we are all forced to get back to the basics, including government bodies. Rather than meddle with personal behavior and other extraneous matters, local governments should clear roads when the snow falls; states



Purcell

should have the National Guard ready when disaster occurs; the feds must get the deficit under control before they even think about initiating new programs."  
 "Son of a bushel basket, I know how we can slash the deficit! We make our politicians cut spending by \$1 every time they do something that causes us to cuss!"  
 "Now there's an idea."

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# Texas ed board set to take 1st vote since primary

BY APRIL CASTRO  
AP Writer/Columnist

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - Texas' state education board, rocked by primary elections that may push the influential panel's far-right leanings toward the center, is set to take its first vote on a new social studies curriculum that could reverberate in classrooms nationwide.

The board - long led by social conservatives who have advocated for ideas such as teaching Texas children more about the weaknesses of evolutionary theory - has worked on, and squabbled about, the social studies standards for months. The board's ultimate decisions affect the textbook content around the country because Texas is one of publishers' big-

gest clients.

A three-day meeting beginning today is the first since voters in last week's Republican primary handed defeats to two veteran conservatives, including former board chairman Don McLeroy, who lost to a moderate GOP lobbyist. Two other conservatives - a Republican and a Democrat - did not seek re-election. All four terms end in January.

McLeroy, a 10-year board veteran, has been one of the most prolific and polarizing members. The devout Christian conservative has been adamant on several issues, including that the Christian influences of the nation's Founding Fathers are important to studying American history. "I think there'll be lots

of amendments ... a lot of media attention, and it's important," McLeroy said of the meeting, adding that his 'lame-duck status won't affect his approach. "Our country is divided on how we see things and these things really come into sharp focus, especially with history and how you present it to your children."

The 15-member board is expected this week to finish debating social studies, history and economics curriculum before taking a preliminary vote. The final vote is expected in May. Aside from the Founding Fathers' beliefs, debate could flare over issues such as border security and how much children will study the impact of government regulation on the free enterprise system.

Amendments were debated late into the night during the board's last meeting, in January, when members smoothed over early clashes about how much prominence to give civil rights leader Cesar Chavez and whether Christmas should be in the curriculum.

In Texas alone, the board's decisions will set guideposts for teaching history and social studies to some 4.8 million K-12 students during the next 10 years. The last public meeting drew a long line of personal pleas, including Hispanic activists who asked that more Latinos be in the standards and conservatives who complained of too much emphasis being given to historic figures' race and ethnicity. Several people asked that

Sikhism be given more attention.

A group of University of Texas students plan a protest march before the meeting Wednesday to ask "the far-right, conservative faction of the state board to not inject their political agenda into the social studies and history curricu-

lum," said Garrett Mize, a senior government major.

"There seems to be a misinformed view of religion in American history, that America is somehow founded on Christianity," Mize said. "We just ask that things be historically accurate."

## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law, Edye, was a wonderful cook and an accomplished hostess. Friends and family enjoyed being a part of her events, not only because of the food but also because she made everyone feel so welcome.

Before my husband and I were married, I met Edye for the first time at a dinner she hosted in my honor. Of course, I was nervous about meeting her and wanted to make a good impression. After the introductions, I followed her into the kitchen and offered to do what I could to help.

She smiled and said, "No thank you, dear. I like to do things my way," and then she pointed to a poem she had framed and hung on her wall. The title was, "Stay out of My Kitchen," and she told me it had come from your "Keepers" booklet.

Edye passed away two years ago, and the poem now hangs in my sister-in-law's kitchen. I think of my dear mother-in-law every time I see it. How can I get some copies of your "Keepers" booklet? I will be hosting a wedding shower for my niece and would like to use them as part of the gift bags I'm assembling for the luncheon. -- STILL MISSING EDYE IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR MISSING EDYE: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your mother-in-law. From your description, she must have been a talented and special lady. I'm pleased Edye found my Keepers Booklet enjoyable, and I hope your guests will, too. It can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$6 (U.S.

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The poem your mother-in-law framed is brief, polite and succinct -- and here it is:

STAY OUT OF MY KITCHEN by Susan Sawyer

Please stay away from my kitchen

From my dishwashing, cooking and such;

You were kind to have offered to pitch in

But thanks, no, thank you so much!

Please don't think me ungracious

When I ask that you leave me alone;

For my kitchen's not any too spacious

And my routine is strictly my own.

Tell you what: You stay out of my kitchen

With its sodden, hot, lackluster lures --

When you're here, stay out of my kitchen

And I promise to stay out of yours!

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT: How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and the strong -- because someday you will have been all of these. -- GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

## Commish

with Welch State Bank for a Caterpillar front-end loader. The original agreement had been approved by the commission earlier this year.

Also Tuesday afternoon, the Pampa City Commission approved on first reading two amendments to city ordinances.

One amendment was to include the 2008 Panhandle Residential Foundation Manual in the city's construction ordinances. The other was to add the Texas Food Establishment Rules to the city's ordinances.

The city commission also approved bids received on 10 tax delinquent proper-

ties.

Larry Beck bid \$1,010 on 2530 North Hobart. Herminia Medina bid \$850 on 502 North Starkweather. Jonathan Media bid \$1,250 on 123 South Ballard. Darrel Martin bid \$303 on 216 North Nelson. Vernon Noble bid \$405 on 705 North Banks. William

Shelton bid \$2,205 on 822 Frost. Daniel Trujillo bid \$1,510 on 511 Yeager. William Kazakoff bid \$325 on 448 Pitts. Juan Manuel Madrid bid \$350 on 808 Reid. Leticia and Omar Lopez bid \$1,100 on 638 North Wells.

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## Continental

traffic control system that the government has failed to upgrade.

Airline industry officials say they should decide whether to wait out delays, even if the delays go past three hours.

Smisek said many passengers on delayed flights "really want to go to LA or Mumbai, but the government by God says, 'We're going to fine you \$27,500.' Here's what we're going to do: We're going to cancel the flight."

Because airlines have cut flights, leaving the remaining ones more crowded, passengers will have fewer chances to rebook on

another flight. Passengers, he said, won't get to their destinations "for maybe days."

The federal rule grew out of passenger frustration over incidents in which planes were stuck on the tarmac for hours before takeoff. With Congress considering legislation to crack down on delays, the Transportation Department imposed its own 3-hour rule, including fines of up to \$27,500 per passenger.

That means that for a fully packed medium-sized plane such as a Boeing 737, fines could approach \$4 million per flight.

At the same conference,

Smisek repeated earlier comments that Continental is beginning to see a return of business travelers.

Houston-based Continental, the nation's No. 4 airline, is still thinking about growing by combining with another airline. Continental cut off merger talks with United Airlines a

couple years ago, but both are now smaller in comparison to Delta, which acquired Northwest to become the world's largest airline.

"If we think it's in our best interest to bulk up defensively, we'll do so," Smisek said.

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Happy Birthday wishes were given to Bob Curry recently. From left are Mary McDaniel, Irvine Riphahn, Bob Curry, and Billie Bruner, who celebrated Bob Curry's 97th Birthday at the Plaza Restaurant on March 8. The surprise party was hosted by the Winsome Fellowship Class of First United Methodist Church.

**Sudoku**

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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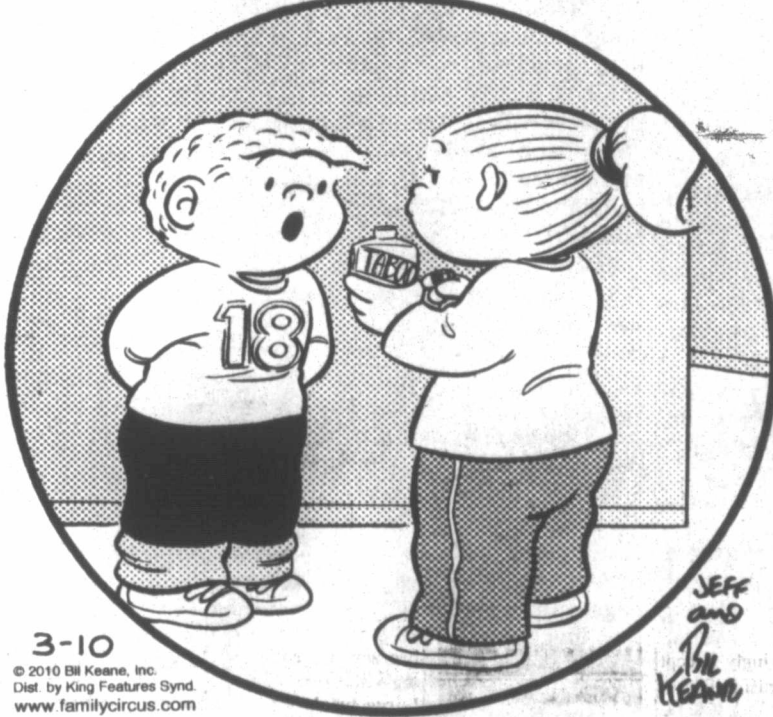
Marmaduke



"Lucky for us, Marmaduke never chased our car."

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

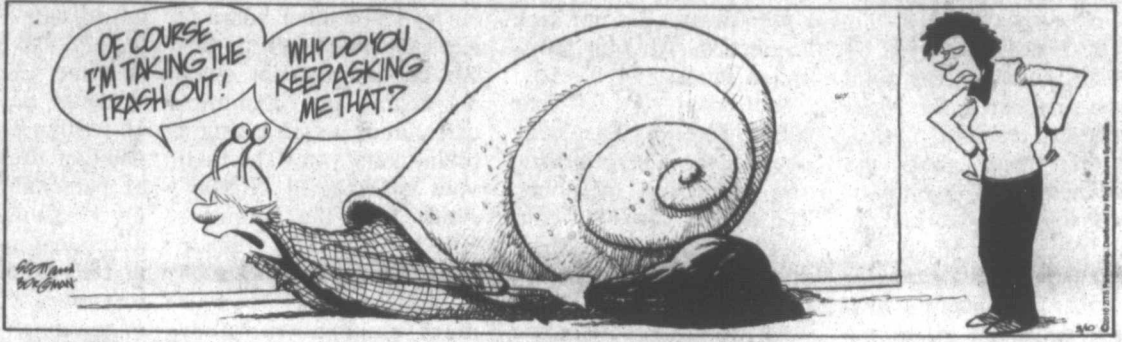


"Sorry, the only perfume I'd like would smell like a chocolate-chip cookie."

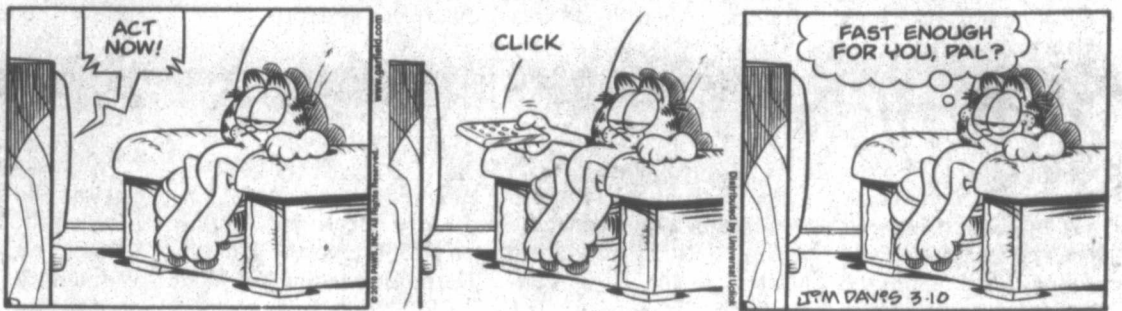
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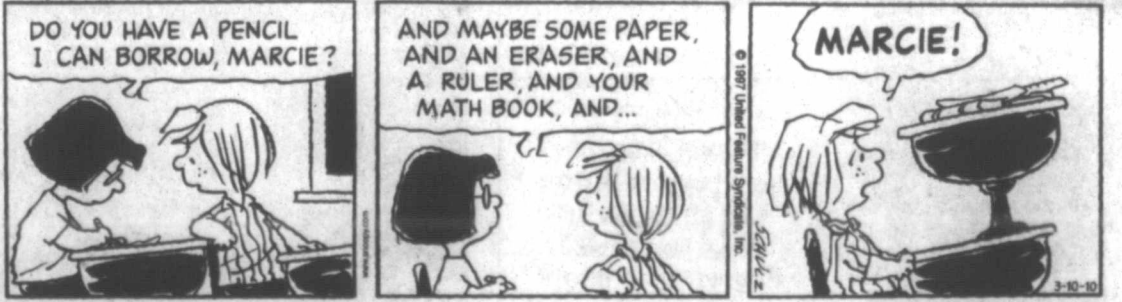
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## Daily Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 40 "As You Like It" forest
  - 6 Abacus piece
  - 10 Comics orphan
  - 11 Good judgment
  - 12 Threaded fastener
  - 13 Small, to Simone
  - 14 Foot features
  - 15 Texas town
  - 16 Important time
  - 17 Number-system base
  - 18 Writer Stout
  - 19 Going to seed
  - 22 Fleet unit
  - 23 Franc replacer
  - 26 Publicly condemning
  - 29 Topper
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  - 33 Roadster
  - 34 Charm
  - 36 Grow dim
  - 37 "Olympia" painter
  - 38 Madame Curie
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- DOWN**
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  - 9 Addict's program
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  - 31 Irene of "My Favorite Wife"
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## DAILY HOROSCOPE

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
\*\*\*\*\* You decide that you can do whatever you want to do. Just don't allow anyone to stop you. You could end the workweek with a rather spectacular event or finale. You have many reasons to celebrate. Tonight: Where the action is.  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
\*\*\* All eyes turn to you. You have no choice: If you want to get out of the office, you will have to do nearly everything yourself. Investigate new possibilities or ways of delegating in the future. Tonight: A must appearance.  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
\*\*\*\*\* Keep reaching out for new information. You'll get past a problem because of your ability to see beyond the immediate situation. Listen to what is being shared, but don't lose sight of the big picture. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
\*\*\*\*\* You are able to clear through much more working as a team. Single-handed, you simply don't have enough oomph. Someone has a dream, but you can make it a reality if you give it your practical touch! Tonight: Say "yes."  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
\*\*\*\*\* Others dominate, and you really have no choice but to defer to them. Listen to suggestions and, if you can, put them on the back burner until you are ready to deal with key issues. Realize what is needed here. Tonight: All you want and more.  
**VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept. 22)**  
\*\*\*\*\* Focus on getting the job done. Evaluate what is happening behind the scenes at work. You might need to clear out a problem if someone is causing a snafu. You might want to mellow out some come late afternoon. Tonight: TGIF.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
\*\*\*\*\* Your creativity peaks as you seem to remove obstacles that are preventing you from enjoying yourself. Use your imagination to open doors that seem closed. You could surprise even yourself with your accomplishments. Tonight: Fun and games.  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
\*\*\*\*\* Stay centered and understand what you can do. If you can make home your base of operations, at least for the day, go for it. Your imagination could play a role. Be sure you are not distorting the facts. Tonight: Entertain from your pad.  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
\*\*\*\*\* You might be excited by every-

thing that heads down your path. You could be wondering which way is best and in which direction would you most like to head. If you tap into your imagination, there can hardly be a choice. Tonight: Hanging out is fun to do.  
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\*\*\*\*\* Your sixth sense could be right-on. Until some people actually see how intuitively accurate you can be, they might not trust that instinct of yours. Don't feel pushed by someone close who makes one demand after another. Tonight: All smiles.  
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
\*\*\*\*\* Investigate what is happening behind the scenes. You might want to take your time deciding which way to go. The less said the better off you will be. Understand your limits and honor them. Someone could be quite pushy. Tonight: Get some extra sleep.

**BORN TODAY**  
Actress, singer Liza Minnelli (1946), poet, author Jack Kerouac (1922), actor Aaron Eckhart (1968)

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# Sports

## Harvesters soccer cracks win column in final game

BY ANDREW GLOVER  
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If you saw how the Pampa Harvesters soccer team was celebrating at the end of the game, you might think they just won the district title. In actuality they won their first game since the 2007 season as they defeated the Caprock Longhorns 2-1 Tuesday at Harvester Field.

Head Coach John True said the win was very exciting but wished it happened earlier than the last game of the season.

"The kids played awesome," True said. "They had the potential they just didn't believe. I think they finally believed and to bad it's the last game it's great for the seniors going out. I appreciate all the work they put in."

Colten Adams got the Harvesters on the board in the first half as he hustled a Longhorn and put the ball in the net for a 1-0 lead. Pampa's lead would stand as they went into halftime. Caprock would tie the game in the second half as they got the ball in the corner of net. Pampa quickly took the momentum back as Uriel Diaz scored from about 30 yards

out to put Pampa ahead for good.

Emotions ran high in this game as well. Three yellow cards were given out in the game all to Caprock including their coach, mostly for the manner they disagreed with the officials calls. True was pleased that his team kept their emotions under control and pulled out a win.

"That's the deal," True

said. "We've been in some games this year and we haven't been able to handle it, we haven't been able to stay focused. I just think we've been on them the whole time telling them if you get your opportunity you got to take it, you can't be OK with not winning. I think today they took their opportunities and defended well in the end and made it happen for the whole

team."

After the final whistle blew, the Harvesters on the sideline rushed to the ones on the field and shared hugs, while the Longhorns walked off in shock. The team took the remaining ice water and doused True at midfield. Pampa finished the season 1-15-1 and 1-8-1 in district.

## Lady Longhorns burst Pampa's playoff bubble

BY ANDREW GLOVER  
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March is the month where college basketball teams try to clinch a spot in the NCAA tournament. The Pampa Lady Harvesters soccer team had playoff hopes as well but The Caprock Lady Longhorns ended that with a 3-0 win.

Head Coach John True said his team didn't deserve to win the game and that Caprock was the better team.

"We were really young and only had two seniors on that team," True said. "We kind of showed that during the game. They got that first goal and we put our heads down and never picked them back up. To the seniors credit we were

in it this year."

The Lady Longhorns scored in the middle of the first half to take a 1-0 lead. After that neither team scored as both teams were unable to put one in the back of the net. Caprock led 1-0 at halftime. The Lady Longhorns expanded their advantage about six minutes into the second as they found an opening in the goal to make it 2-0. Caprock got their final goal with about a minute left, running the ball into the goal. True said he was proud that his team was able to give them a chance to make playoffs in the final game.

"I think they earned that," True said. "They played hard. They tied teams everyone thought

would beat us. I know when we got into district no one thought we were going to have a chance because we had a lot of injuries and hadn't won a game. They earned the right to play that game to win in. I think if we were a little more mature we could have taken advantage of that situation."

After the game, emotions were high. The Caprock Lady Longhorns were celebrating a playoff berth and tears started rolling down the Lady Harvesters' faces as they realized their season was over. Pampa finished the season with a 2-10-4 record and 1-5-4 in district.



staff photo by Andrew Glover  
Kirsten Kuhn tries to kick the ball away from a Caprock defender Tuesday.

## JV softball wins first in Dumas in dominating style

BY ANDREW GLOVER  
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The Pampa Lady Harvesters junior varsity softball team won first place in the Inferno JV tournament in Dumas Friday and Saturday.

The Lady Harvesters won all six games by no less than 11 runs and shut out their opponent in four of six games. Coach Jim Gill said a coach couldn't ask for a better performance from any team.

"These girls came out and did a fantastic job," Gill said. "They deserve to be champions."

In the first game, Pampa defeated Palo Duro's B team 27-0. Heather Coffee hit a home run. Callie Brewer, Nakayla Hardman and Delaney Clendening each got triples. Coffee, Steward and Kaylene Wyant each got doubles. The Lady Harvesters sent 32 batters to the plate and got 18 hits.

Coffee was the starting pitcher and didn't allow a hit, as she only faced four batters, striking out two. Steward was the catcher. Gill said they came out and hit well.

"We were able to bat 52 of the 60 minute time limit up," Gill said. "You will be very successful when you are able to do that."

In the second game Pampa beat Palo Duro's A team 16-0. Clendening hit her second triple and Coffee hit her second double of the tournament. The Lady Harvesters sent 21 batters to the plate and got 10 hits. Coffee was the pitcher again and allowed no hits and struck out four. The Lady Dons only had seven batters bat. Gill said the team continued where they left off.

"Heather Coffee aided by Caylee Steward at catcher were able to dominate the hitters again," Gill said.

In their third game the Lady Harvesters defeated Dumas junior varsity B team 24-0. Brewer hit her first home run of the tournament. Coffee hit her third double of the tournament. Brewer hit her first double of the tournament and Wyant hit her second and third double. Pampa got 16 hits in the game.

Coffee was the pitcher again and only allowed one hit, facing eight batters and struck out five.

In the final pool play game, Pampa beat Dalhart's JV 13-2. Claire Hopkins hit her first triple of the tournament and Brewer hit her second triple. Wyant hit her fourth double of the tournament. Pampa got 11 hits. Coffee faced 13 batters and allowed two runs on one hit and struck out six. Gill said a double play helped get the team going in that game.

"Nakayla (Hardman) had an amazing diving catch then threw it to Jaynare Garcia to end a two-run scoring threat the game was close until then it really helped us to breakout," Gill said.

In the semifinals, the Lady Harvesters beat Dumas junior varsity A team 16-2. Clendening hit a double, Brewer hit her second double of the tournament, Hardman hit her first double of the tournament, and Reyes hit her first double. Pampa got 10 hits and sent 32 batters to the plate.

Coffee allowed two runs on one hit and struck out six.

In the championship Pampa beat River Road 12-0. Clendening hit her third triple of the tournament and Brewer hit her third triple also. Martecia Alexander hit a double, Clendening hit her second double of the tournament, Coffee hit her fourth and fifth double and Steward hit her second double. Pampa got 17 hits. River Road only got one hit in the game. Coffee struck out 14 Lady Wildcat batters. Gill said Coffee's performance on the mound helped them win.

"Her first eight batters were strikeouts," Gill said. "We needed it that night. The bats came alive."

Coffee's strong pitching and hitting earned her the tournament MVP. Clendening, Brewer and Steward made the all-tournament team.



Callie Brewer hits a triple Saturday in the Inferno Tournament at Dumas. The junior varsity softball team won first, winning all six games. Brewer was named to the all-tournament team. Photo by Kenneth Gill.

**Parkinson's Disease Community Meeting**

When: Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.  
Where: Pampa Chamber of Commerce  
200 N. Ballard Pampa, Texas

For Whom: All Parkinson and movement disorder family members in the Pampa area. The Parkinson Foundation of the Heartland is hosting this event to educate the public and bring together all area families affected with Parkinson's Disease and other movement disorders.

Jim Keating, Director of the Parkinson Foundation of the Heartland will facilitate the meeting. You will learn how to better communicate with your physician, understand Parkinson's Disease, and cope positively with your diagnosis. Refreshments will be provided. The meeting is offered as a community service with no charge.

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