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## Commissioners accept bids, approve facility

BY DAVID BOWSER  
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Peet

The Gray County Commissioners Court accepted bids on tax delinquent properties, approved a resolution to build facilities for a medical helicopter and Pampa EMS, approved transfer of hangar usage at the airport and decided the cost of new skylights at the bull barn was too expensive.

The commissioners court passed a resolution expressing their support for an agreement in which Pampa Regional Medical Center

will deed over property to the county for the development of a hanger and facilities for LifeStar and Pampa EMS during their meeting Monday. The reason the hospital will deed the land over to the county, Judge Peet said, is because there are state monies available. State Rep. Warren

Chisum, R-Pampa, was able to get the funding passed by the legislature, but the funding has to go to a governing entity, in this case the county.

"Once that is built," Peet said, "we will lease it to the medical service that runs the ambulance service."

The ambulance service will be responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the building.

"They're just using us to get the money," Peet said.

He said it should have been done by now, but there were contracts to

be worked out. Unrelated, Bourland-Leverich is transferring one hanger and part of another at Perry Lefors Airport to Rusty Stevens.

"It's Hanger 35 and the west part of Hanger 36," Peet said.

The county owns the land on which the hangers sit, he explained.

In other business, the county is in the process of repairing storm damage at the Clyde Carruth Agricultural Pavilion, commonly referred to as the bull barn.

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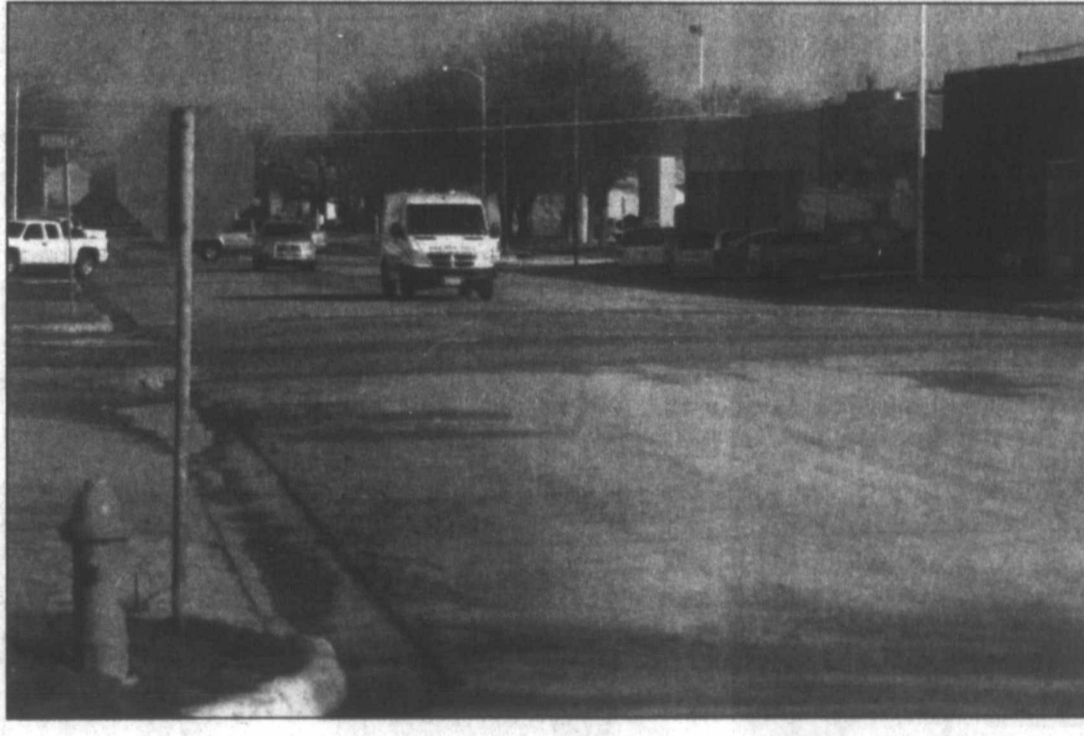
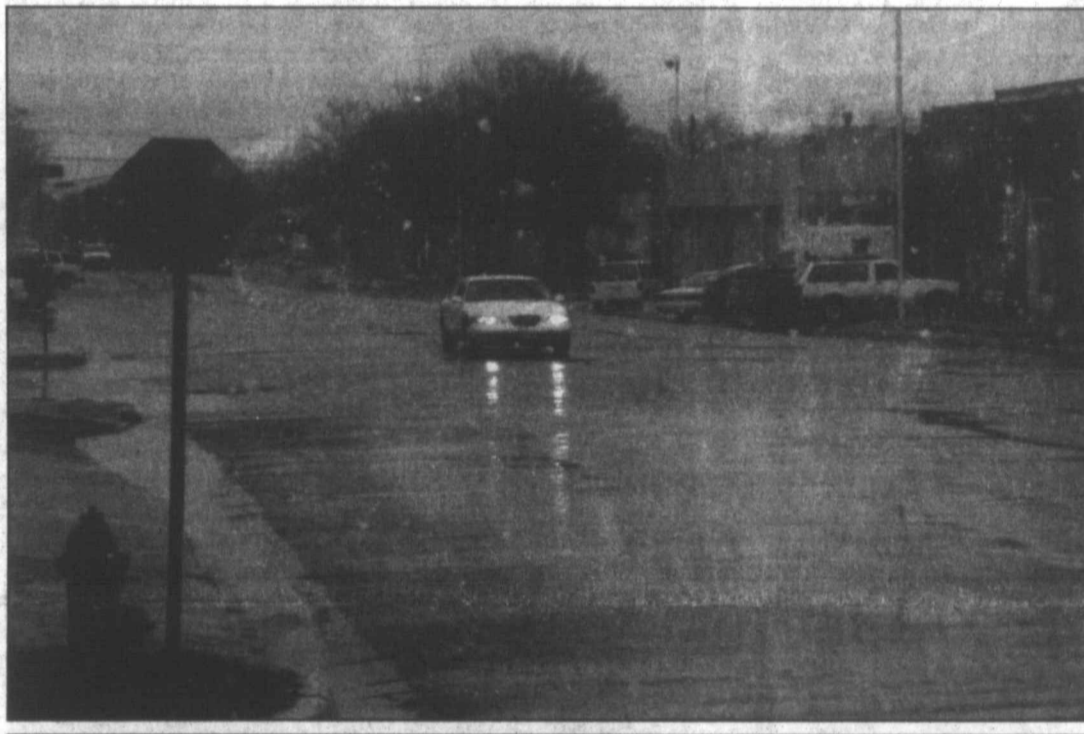
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## What a difference a day makes



staff photos by Andrew Glover

Pampa was subjected to Mother Nature's fickle temperament during the past couple of days, as shown by the view down Somerville St. during Monday afternoon's unexpected snow shower (top) in contrast to today's clear skies (bottom).

## 'Banner year' for White Deer Land Museum

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John Curry of the White Deer Land Museum board of directors said 2009 was a banner year for the museum.



Curry

Reporting to the Gray County Commissioners Court Monday on the museum's activities last year, Curry said that what began 21 years with the purchase of a small building south of the museum became a reality last year.

With the opening of exhibits in the museum annex last spring, Curry said the project was beginning to be fully realized. The new museum space at the corner of Cuyler and Atchison hosted its first exhibition in April.

Under the leadership of John Forster, the planning for the annex started more than six years ago and was made possible by gifts from the Harrington Family Trust, the M.K. Brown Foundation and other private donors, Curry said.

Prescilla Wilson, granddaughter of Minnie and T.D. Hobart, was at the opening last spring to sign her book, A Pioneer Love Story, that tells the story of her grandparents' early days together, including their time in Pampa.

In conjunction with the opening of the museum annex, the museum hosted over 400 fourth grade student on April 17. The students were from public, private and home schools, Curry said. Museum board members and The Frontier Regiment of the High Plains cavalry re-enactment group lead tours and performed during the Museum Day.

Curry said that the museum also inaugurated a new Friends of the Museum organization last year.

"This brought in \$4,600 in funds," he said.

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## Shamrock St. Patrick's Day Festival this weekend

BY DAVID BOWSER  
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**SHAMROCK** - While Wednesday is St. Patrick's Day, this town named for the Old Sod will celebrate the holiday this weekend. The St. Patrick's Day celebration here was the idea of Glen Truax, a Shamrock bandmaster, who wanted to capitalize on the town's name.

The first St. Patrick's Day Festival was celebrated in 1938, attracting several thousand people and 12 bands. The festivities were cancelled during World War II, but revived in 1950, when the American Legion and Junior Chamber of Commerce co-sponsored the celebration. Cancelled again in 1951 because of the

Korean War, the Shamrock Chamber of Commerce reactivated it again in 1952. It's been celebrated annually ever since.

This year the St. Patrick's celebration will begin at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, March 18, with an invitational track meet.

At 2 p.m. Friday, there will be a dedication of a plaque to Grammy Award-winning and Shamrock native Bill Mack at the U-Drop Inn. The carnival opens at 4 p.m., followed by the Kickoff Banquet with Bill Mack with a dance at the Shamrock Country Club to follow featuring the Clear Creek Band.

A 5K run will take off from Water Tower Plaza at 8 a.m., Saturday.

The Arts and Crafts Show at the Shamrock Junior High gym opens at 9:30 a.m., Saturday.

The Donegal Beard Contest is at 10 a.m. at

the parade reviewing stand. The Old Settlers Reunion is at 10 a.m. at the Shamrock Volunteer Fire Department.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. is the Health Fair at First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

At 10:30 a.m., the parade starts in the 800 block of North Main Street. The carnival opens at noon. Also at noon, a motorcycle rally starts off from the Shamrock Area Community Center.

The car show featuring antique cars, classic cars, trucks and motorcycles will begin at 1 p.m. at the U-Drop Inn.

A bull buck-out is scheduled for 3 p.m. at the Shamrock Rodeo Grounds.

Miss Irish Rose will be crowned at 3 p.m. in the Shamrock High School Auditorium.

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## PAMPA FORECAST

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		
High 60 Low 34	High 67 Low 42	High 64 Low 28
<b>Tonight:</b> Mostly clear, with a low around 33. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest.		
<b>Wednesday:</b> Sunny, with a high near 60. Wind chill values between 25 and 35 early. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.		
<b>Wednesday Night:</b> Mostly clear, with a low around 34. North northeast wind around 10 mph becoming south.		
<b>Thursday:</b> Sunny, with a high near 67. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.		
<b>Thursday Night:</b> Partly cloudy, with a low around 42. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.		
<b>Friday:</b> A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 64. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.		
<b>Friday Night:</b> A chance of rain and snow. Some thunder is also possible. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.		

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## Commissioners

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concerning roofing, the commissioners elected not to replace the skylights in the roof.

"We're going to be re-doing that roof out there," Peet said. "There are new state regulations now that if you put a skylight in, you have to build structures over it to protect it."

The judge said that would cost an additional \$3,500. "Instead of doing that," Peet said, "we're going to eliminate the skylights."

Peet pointed out that replacing the old skylights with sheet metal would also reduce the cost of the insurance on the bull barn.

Commissioners approved the bids on tax delinquent properties in the county.

Larry Beck bid \$1,010 on 2530 North Hobart. Herminia Medina bid \$850 on 502 North Starkweather. Jonathan Medina 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.

The City of Pampa approved the tax sales last week.

The commission also recognized three of the four sitting commissioners, Joe Wheeley, John Mark Baggerman and Gary Willoughby, for their continuing education efforts. Earlier this year, Commission Joe Hefley was recognized for his continuing education courses.

The commission also recognized Gray County Chief Deputy Carey Rushing for his National Incident Management System (NIMS) training for emergency situations.

They also heard reports on the White Deer Land Museum activities for 2009 and reports from Gray County Treasurer Scott Hahn and Gray County Clerk Susan Winborne.

## Shamrock

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At 7 p.m., the Shamrock Ministerial Alliance will

host a program at the 11th Street Baptist Church. There will also be a youth night at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

Trent Willmon and Texas Crossroads are scheduled to perform at the St. Patrick's Day Dance beginning at 8:30 p.m.

The carnival will open at noon on Sunday.

There is a roping starting at 1 p.m. at the Shamrock Rodeo Grounds, and the Arts and Craft Show will open again at the junior high gym.

Also at 1 p.m., Sunday, the Lad 'n' Lassie Beauty Pageant will begin at the Shamrock High School Auditorium.

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## Obituaries

### Maxie Lawrence Poole, 84

Borger—Max Poole, 84, of Borger, passed away Sunday, March 14, 2010.

Maxie Lawrence Poole was born Tuesday, February 2, 1926 in McCurtain County, Okla. near Broken Bow to Henry & Willie (Woodruff) Poole. He married Wilma McCollom on Oct. 9, 1953 in Borger. Max worked for many years as the Dr. Pepper route man in this area. He retired from the Maintenance Dept with Borger ISD. Max also served in the United States Army.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Paul Poole in 2007 and

Mark Poole in 2010; a grandson, Matthew Poole in 1997; a granddaughter, Wendy Poole in 1973; a brother, Argus Poole and two sisters, Alma Boyd and Christine and husband Lewis Stone.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma; four sons, Maxie Poole and wife Barbara of Rosesharon, Roger Poole of Katy, Rodney Poole and wife Debby of Fritch, and Tracy Poole of Borger; two daughters, Barbara Kerr of Houston, and Reesa Kellin of Wheeler; eleven grandchildren, twenty great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren; four brothers, Red Poole and

wife Leona of Monticello, UT, Lloyd Poole and wife Virginia of Amarillo, Gene Poole and wife Gail of Pampa, and Virgil Poole and wife Patsy of Pampa; three sisters, Helen Nokes of Pampa, Imer Jean Bond and husband Raymond of AZ and Maudine Skidmore and husband Freddy of Dove Creek, CO.

Funeral services will be at 1:00PM, Friday, March 19, 2010 at Central Baptist Church in Borger, with burial to follow at Westlawn Memorial Cemetery in Borger.

Mr. Poole will lie in state at Brown Chapel Of The Fountains in Borger,



Poole

Wednesday and Thursday, March 18 and 19, 2010 from 8:00AM to 8:00PM.

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### Pauline "Polly" Vanderburg, 90

Pampa—Pauline "Polly" Vanderburg Arnold died March 13, 2010.

She was born November 25, 1919 in Pampa, Texas to J.B. 'Ben' and Allie Barrett. Married to W.F. "Van" Vanderburg from 1936 until his death in 1969. She married Grover Arnold in 1983.

Polly was a member of First Baptist Church, Dallas since 1963 and was devoted to her love for God, family, and friends.

You could not know her without being touched by the passion she had for these commitments in her life.

She is survived by her husband Grover Arnold, daughters Paula Jo Johnson, Debbie Dufford, Denese Johnson; siblings Floyd Barrett, Doris Bateman, and Raymond Barrett. Seven grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, six great-great-grandchildren, and count-

less other family members provide a long legacy of her life.

Visitation will be at the Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home in Pampa, March 17, from 2-3 p.m. A graveside service and burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa at 4 p.m. on March 17.

Notes of encouragement are welcomed, but the family has requested, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Annie Armstrong



Vanderburg

(home) or Lottie Moon (foreign) missions of First Baptist Church Dallas in memory of Polly Vanderburg Arnold.

### Louise Bowers Slentz, 97

Pampa—Louise Bowers Slentz, 97, died March 15, 2010 in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

## PAMPA POLICE REPORT

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

Officers reported four traffic-related calls and one accident.

Animal control officers reported nine animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported five ambulance runs. The Pampa Police Department reported one medical call. The Pampa Fire Department reported one medical call.

**Monday, March 15.**  
An alarm was reported in the 400 block of East

Frederic.  
A 911 hangup call was reported in the 1200 block of North Hamilton.

Officers were assigned escort duty in the 900 block of East 23rd.

A threat was reported to police.

Found property was reported in the 600 block of North Wells.

An alarm was reported in the 800 block of West Francis.

Harassment was reported in the 1100 block of Sirroco.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 400 block of East Browning.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of South Miami.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

**Monday, March 15.**

Tom Douglas Williams, 19, was arrested by deputies on capias pro fine warrants for failure to appear, not having a valid driver's license and bail jumping.

Johnny Lee Dorman, 41, of Lefors, was arrested by the Lefors City Marshal on charges of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction and evading arrest.

Shane Edward Estes, 27, of McLean, was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of

marijuana and driving while his license is suspended.

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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)  
★★★★★ Some people feel more Irish than others. Some signs feel more Irish than others. This year, many Aries will feel greener than they have in many years. Loosen up and enjoy the moment. Communication flourishes. Tonight: Romance flourishes, too!

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★ You just might not feel up to snuff. Others want you to join in, whether it is business or personal. You simply aren't in the mood and could cause a situation without trying to. Knowing when enough is enough is important. Tonight: Vanish if you want.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★ You can be found in meetings, talking to friends, associates or bosses, but most certainly not alone. You could be surprised by everything that occurs and opens up. A conversation demonstrates that you are on the same page as someone else. Tonight: Painting the town

green.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★★ As usual, you seem to be the one who is left holding the bag. You discover an awful lot about someone you care about. Know when to say "enough." Your sense of humor emerges, and you become far more caring. Tonight: On top of your game.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★★ You have more zip than many signs. Even in the face of another's issues and uproar, you are able to remain grounded and look forward. Look at a situation from a different point of view. Keep listening to another person, but do your own thing. Tonight: Let your imagination play out.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★★★ Deal with others directly. You might want to understand what motivates a key person. Your instincts are right in line, as you'll discover. Don't fill in the blanks. That way, you will learn more about what motivates others. Tonight: Hook up with a friend.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★★ Don't allow anyone else's mood to color your day. Stay on top of your game, knowing full well which way to go. Realize what is happening behind the scenes. Someone finally opens up. Tonight: Defer to another's suggestion.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★ Focus on getting a project done. In some manner, you will feel very responsible for others. Relax more, but complete as much as you can. Others count on your sense of organization. You are on top of your game. Tonight: Easy works.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★★ Funnel your ingenuity where

it counts. Look at what happens otherwise. Situations could unravel. You are on top of your game, whether you realize it or not. If you follow your instincts once you are focused, you'll succeed. Tonight: Think Irish.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★ Do whatever you need to do to make yourself more comfortable at work. You simply might close the door or add a new plant. Others might want to work from home. Do what you must. Staying so tightly wound could be difficult. Tonight: Close to home.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★ Keep talking and share with others. Look at what comes down your path. In fact, surprises walk hand in hand with you right now. Keep smiling, even if a partner is a bit caustic. A soft style goes a long way. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ Be aware of how much you have to offer. Understanding will evolve to a new level if you do a lot of listening. You could be surprised by what occurs between you and another person if you indulge this person. Stay on top of what is going on. Tonight: Your treat.

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# Weather continues to delay corn planting statewide

COLLEGE STATION — Extraordinary cool and wet weather continued to bog down all field work and delay corn planting in most of the state, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service statewide agronomist.

"February weather was somewhat amazing," said Dr. Travis Miller, AgriLife Extension specialist and associate department head of the Texas A&M University soil and crop sciences department.

"Miller said that according to Texas A&M climatologists, mean temperatures throughout Texas averaged about 8 degrees below normal for February. Precipitation ranged from 80 percent to 346 percent of normal, but averaged about 150 percent of normal.

"That on top of a very wet winter puts us well behind the eight-ball, both in soil temperatures and, of course, in fields being too wet to get into," Miller said. "There's a spot or two out there where they've planted, but it's just that, spotty."

In 2009, Texas farmers planted 1.95 million acres, down a little bit from 2008. About 60 percent of that acreage is typically in eastern side of the state on non-irrigated cropland. About 40 percent is irrigated corn grown on the High Plains, according to Miller.

"It's all that eastern side of the state that's running late. They haven't hit normal planting dates in the High Plains yet," he said.

Miller said he's been hearing from seed salesmen that people are beginning to trade corn seed in for sorghum.

"It would be hard to put an exact number on this, but a lot of people in South Texas are feeling real nervous about planting this late, and we're going to see a transition from planting corn to sorghum," he said.

The following summaries of the Panhandle and nearby regions were compiled by AgriLife Extension district reporters:

**PANHANDLE:** Except the far northeast corner of the region, soil-moisture levels were good. A slow snow melt during the past month resulted in deep penetration of moisture, which will be a good for spring crops. Warmer days helped wheat start to grow again.

Producers were still trying to get into fields to prepare for upcoming planting of spring crops, but because of wet conditions, most were only able to speculate on what crops to plant. Cattle were in fair condition with some improvement as feedlots started to dry out and wheat fields became grazable again. Producers continued to provide supplemental feed to cattle on rangeland.

**SOUTH PLAINS:** From 0.5 inch to 1 inch of rain fell. Temperatures remained mild. Soil-moisture levels were adequate. Many producers were behind on field work because of wet conditions but were expecting a good crop year. Winter wheat was in fair to good condition and continued to mature. Pastures and rangeland were in fair to good condition and were



photo by Blair Fannin/Texas AgriLife Research

Field preparations continued in the Brazos River bottoms near College Station. Extremely wet conditions have put field work and corn planting far behind the optimal date in the eastern half of the state.

expected to improve with warmer weather. Livestock were in good condition as producers supplied supplemental feed on cold, wet days.

**ROLLING PLAINS:** Daytime temperatures began to warm to the 60s. Farmers were trying to prepare fields and put out fertilizer for this year's crop, but some areas were still too wet to plow. However, high soil moisture levels were encouraging for spring crops. Wheat looked



good and was expected to really take off as soon as warmer, sunnier weather arrived. Pastures were in good condition, and as a result cattle were in good condition too. In response, producers reduced supplemental feeding and moved cattle to winter wheat fields.

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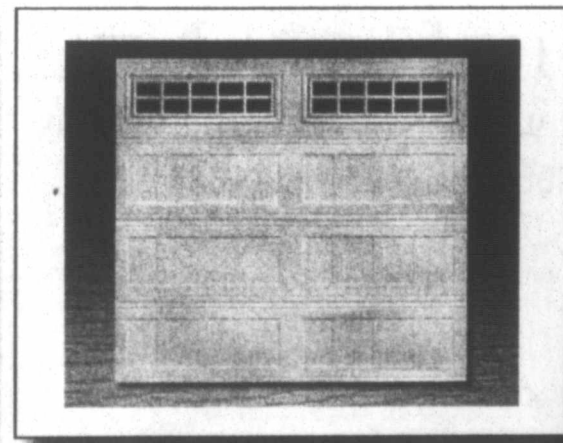
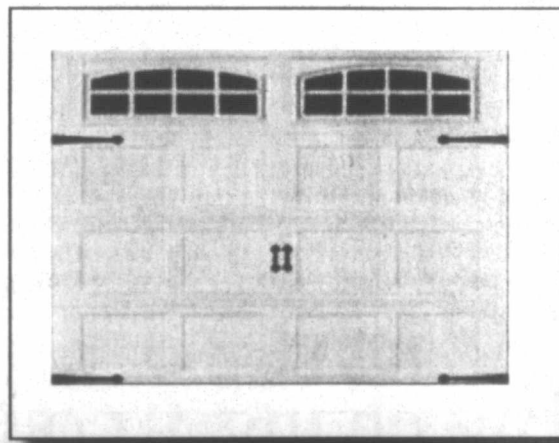
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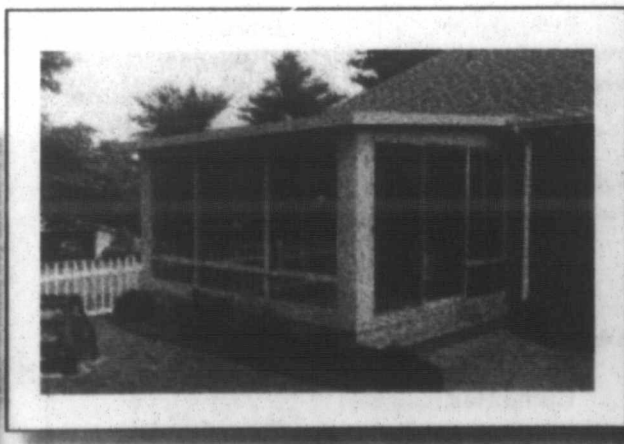
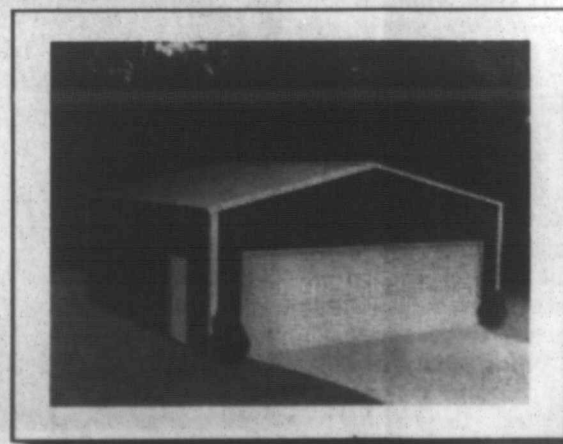
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## Response questioned in Coldspring deaths

COLDSRING, Texas (AP) — Dispatch records and audio recordings appear to conflict with a southeast Texas sheriff captain's claim that deputies were too busy to respond to a call from a home where four people were later found shot to death, according to the Houston Chronicle.

The records showed that San Jacinto County sheriff's deputies did not reach the home near the southeast Texas town of Coldspring, about 60 miles north of Houston, until seven hours after a phone call from Gloria Bills. The 71-year-old widow reported that she was concerned about the behavior of her 43-year-old adopted son, Oliver "Bubba" Bills Jr.

Authorities say Bills Jr. fatally shot his girlfriend, 27-year-old Shara Torres; her 4-year-old daughter; and Gloria Bills at the family's home before killing himself Nov. 7.

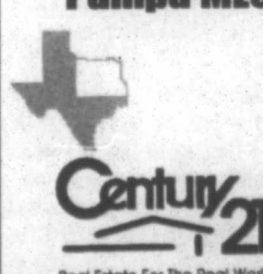
"We were busier than a cat covered in Meow Mix," sheriff's Capt. Carl Jones said at the time.

Now, records obtained by the Chronicle showed that four hours passed without significant police activity during that seven-hour period before deputies responded to a wreck. In an audio recording, Jones tells a dispatcher not to make a welfare check on Bills.

In her first phone call to the sheriff's office, a frightened-sounding Gloria Bills reported, "I need some help and I need it now." She said she had heart trouble and was unable to control her son, who she said might need to be taken to a mental facility.

Jones declined to comment on the recorded exchange because of a possible lawsuit by Torres' family. But Sheriff James Walters said an internal investigation led to no disciplinary action against his personnel.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Tuesday, March 16, the 75th day of 2010. There are 290 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On March 16, 1850, Nathaniel Hawthorne's novel "The Scarlet Letter" was first published.

**On this date:**  
In A.D. 37, Roman emperor Tiberius died; he was succeeded by Caligula.

In 1751, James Madison, fourth president of the United States, was born in Port Conway, Va.

In 1802, President Thomas Jefferson signed a measure authorizing the establishment of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

In 1915, the Federal Trade Commission began operations.

In 1926, rocket science pioneer Robert H. Goddard successfully tested the first liquid-fueled rocket, in Auburn, Mass.

In 1935, Adolf Hitler decided to break the military terms set by the Treaty of Versailles by ordering the rearming of Germany.

**Ten years ago:** Independent Counsel Robert Ray said he found no credible evidence that Hillary Rodham Clinton or senior White House officials had sought FBI background files of Republicans. Thomas Wilson Ferebee, the Enola Gay bombardier who dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, died in Windermere, Fla. at age 81.

**Five years ago:** A jury in Los Angeles acquitted actor Robert Blake of murder in the shooting death of his wife, Bonny Lee Bakley, four years earlier. (A civil court jury later ordered Blake to pay Bakley's four children \$30 million, an award that an appeals court subsequently cut in half; Blake has declared bankruptcy.) A judge in Redwood City, Calif. sent Scott Peterson to death row for the slaying of his pregnant wife, Laci.

**One year ago:** Joining a wave of public anger, President Barack Obama blistered insurance giant AIG for "recklessness and greed" for handing its executives \$165 million in bonuses after taking billions in federal bailout money. British actress Natasha Richardson, 45, was fatally injured in a skiing accident at a resort in Quebec; she died two days later at a Manhattan hospital.

**Today's Birthdays:** Comedian-director Jerry Lewis is 84. Country singer Ray Walker (The Jordanaires) is 76. Game show host Chuck Woolery is 69. Singer-songwriter Jerry Jeff Walker is 68. Country singer Robin Williams is 63. Actor Erik Estrada is 61. Country singer Ray Benson (Asleep at the Wheel) is 59. Rock singer-musician Nancy Wilson (Heart) is 56. Rapper-actor Flavor Flav (Public Enemy) is 51. Actress Lauren Graham is 43. Actor Judah Friedlander (TV: "30 Rock") is 41. Actor Alan Tudyk (TOO'-dihk) is 39. Rhythm-and-blues singer Blu Cantrell is 34. Actress Brooke Burns is 32.

**Thought for Today:**  
"Nearly all our disasters come from a few fools having the 'courage of their convictions.'" — Coventry Patmore, English poet (1823-1896).

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## Pampa ISD provides the tools to help students achieve their dreams

BY EVAN SMITH  
Assistant Superintendent,  
PISD

Recently, one of our teachers shared an experience she had at church. It seems that there is a very neat, older gentleman who always asks her about her teaching career. It is a normal pleasantry that she looks forward to. However, on this particular evening, as he extended his hand in goodbye, he asked her if she had seen any potential presidential candidates in her students. After a couple of seconds, she exclaimed, "Yes, yes, I have!" While the uniqueness of the question had thrown her off momentarily, the longer pause was due to the myriad of students that fit the criteria of the question. What an exciting and adventurous thought that is!

In every classroom, campus staff is working hard to ensure success for each and every student in our district. In 2002, Congress passed No Child Left Behind (NCLB). NCLB is legislation that was designed to ensure that all students are proficient in reading and math. Proficiency is determined by a series of standardized tests administered to each student. Every administra-



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tor, teacher, and support staff member is working diligently to meet these goals. Professionals in Pampa work daily to provide for and challenge the unique academic needs of our 3,406 unique students. Pampa ISD offers our students many opportunities to succeed. First and foremost, all of our teachers provide high quality instruction. Along with great academic preparation, students participate in many academic, extra-curricular, campus clubs, and social events. Just a sampling of additional activities include; UIL competition through academics, athletics, band, choir, and theater arts, Career and Technology competitions, National Honor Society, and Students Against

Destructive Decisions (SADD). To further support students in the classroom, a team of professionals works closely with teachers to identify and provide additional interventions to help students as they encounter challenges.

Administrators, teachers, and support personnel meet regularly to identify students who are experiencing difficulty in school. These professionals discuss and prescribe interventions for individual students. Response to Intervention (RTI) is the process used to identify problems and prescribe remedies to assist students. Campus teams have been trained to work in close collaboration with classroom teachers in order to design an appropriate plan to assist students. The team focuses on the unique learning needs of the student. They meet regularly to track each student's progress, to identify weaknesses, and to make any adjustments that are warranted. Staff from each campus can attest to this process has had; students are showing academic improvements.

Historically, there are countless examples of famous and important

people who have needed an extra boost, academically, at one time or another. Many people I know, including myself, have struggled at some time during their formal schooling. Through RTI, our Pampa campuses have the tools in place that allow teachers and campus personnel to identify and address student struggles as they appear. In the future, our dedicated professionals will continue to implement, fine tune, and strengthen intervention plans that will support our students. As they work to gain the knowledge that will allow them to meet or exceed their academic requirements and to develop the skills necessary to achieve their dreams.

It is exciting to watch as the students in our schools mature. As they grow into and fill the shoes of their fathers and mothers, students must adequately prepare to participate in the greater adult responsibilities of our community and our country. At Pampa ISD, it is not only our responsibility but our commitment to ensure that each child is given the tools to convert dreams to reality — even if that dream is to become the President of the United States of America. Why not?

## Big changes could be on the way for Texans' groundwater ownership rights

BY TODD STAPLES  
Texas Commissioner  
of Agriculture

Last November, Texans voted overwhelmingly for Proposition 11, an amendment that prohibits the government from acquiring land for non-public use. Texans also expect similar rights when it comes to owning and controlling the groundwater beneath their land. However, the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) is proposing a law change that would leave existing and future groundwater users with little or no ability to protect their investments or rights.

Last month, the Texas Supreme Court heard verbal arguments in the case of EAA and the State of Texas v. Burrell Day and Joel McDaniel. If the court supports the EAA's position, landowners may lose ownership rights of the water beneath their own land — something that could be particularly dam-



Staples

aging to Texas farmers and ranchers. As a result,

I filed a letter of amicus curiae supporting landowners' vested property rights in their water.

According to the USDA's 2008 Farm and Ranch Irrigation Study, more than 12,000 Texas farms irrigate more than five million acres of crops annually. Specific to groundwater, almost 80,000 irrigation wells provide water to approximately 9,000 farms across the state.

For the past 100 years, Texas courts have consistently recognized landowners' ownership of

groundwater beneath their land. If the Texas Supreme Court doesn't act to preserve the rights of landowners, Texas agriculture and the Texas economy will be negatively impacted.

Stay tuned to this important topic as it will likely take center stage this next legislative session. This precious resource must be managed properly to ensure continued agriculture production, and that landowners are respected in the process of growth that we welcome in Texas.

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# Investigators look for motive in three Mexico slayings

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — The two families climbed into white SUVs and almost simultaneously left the children's birthday party put on by the U.S. consulate. One headed deeper into one of the world's most dangerous cities, the other toward a bridge to El Paso, one of America's safest.

Neither made it. Gunmen chased down the two vehicles and opened fire in attacks that raised the chilling prospect that Mexico's cartels have dropped any reservations about killing American officials in their battle for the multibillion-dollar U.S. drug market.

Three adults with connections to the U.S. consulate were killed, and two children were wounded.

Mexico said U.S. intelligence pointed toward the Aztecas street gang, which is aligned with the murderous Juarez drug cartel. Authorities raised the possibility that only one of the families was targeted, while the other was chased because they both drove white SUVs. They offered no details of this theory.

Authorities in both countries said they don't know yet why the families were attacked.

"There is a concern at the possibility of attacks specifically aimed at diplomats stationed in the country, and that would be very serious," Ciudad Juarez Mayor Jose Reyes told a local radio station.

The FBI joined the investigation Monday, working with U.S. State Department agents and Mexican authorities.

Consulate spokesman Silvio Gonzalez said the party Saturday was thrown by the U.S. diplomatic mission in Ciudad Juarez. Were it not for that connection, the attacks

would hardly have been remarkable in a city where 2,601 people were killed in drug violence last year.

After the slayings, the U.S. Embassy warned Americans to "delay unnecessary travel to parts of Durango, Coahuila and Chihuahua states."

Authorities wouldn't say where the party was held, but said it was not at the consulate. As the party wound down, the families left separately.

Arthur H. Redelfs, an American who works as a jail guard in El Paso, was at the wheel of his white Toyota RAV4, driving along the broad riverside avenue leading to the Santa Fe Bridge across the border. His wife, Lesley A. Enriquez, a consulate employee who was four months pregnant, was at his side. Their baby girl was strapped into a car seat in back.

A Suburban fell in behind them, and Redelfs gunned the engine. They raced for a half-mile, coming within sight of downtown El Paso before Redelfs paused at the last intersection before the bridge. It was enough of an opening for the gunmen to slam into the driver's-side hood, then open fire.

Enriquez was killed by a single bullet in the head; her husband by two shots in the neck and arm. Their baby was unhurt, left wailing in the back seat.

Meanwhile, Jorge Alberto Salcido Cenicerros, a Mexican citizen who works at a factory south of the border, left the party with his two children, ages 4 and 7, in his white Honda Pilot. His wife, a Mexican citizen who works at



Redelfs

the consulate, was not with them. They headed in the opposite direction, into Ciudad Juarez, where they lived. Salcido speeded up when a car gave chase, racing down an avenue for 600 yards before the gunmen caught up with him. He was killed, and both children were wounded in a hail of bullets from an assault rifle.

"As to whether this was a particular incident directed at U.S. diplomats, I think we're not prepared to draw that conclusion yet," State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said in Washington.

Enriquez's job involved aiding U.S. citizens, Crowley said. It was not immediately clear what kind of job Salcido's wife held at the consulate.

While several U.S. citizens have been killed in the drug war — most of them people with family ties to Mexico — it is rare for American government employees to be targeted.

The last high-profile slaying of a U.S. official in Mexico was the 1985 murder of Drug Enforcement Administration agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena by Mexican drug traffickers.

## Mexico violence affects Spring Breakers

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, Texas (AP) — Marquette University senior Kelly Magennis wasn't even up prepping for the start of the biggest spring break week on Texas' South Padre Island when the first text message arrived from her mom forbidding her from crossing into Mexico.

"I said, 'don't worry, I didn't even bring my passport,'" Magennis said, surrounded by several thousand like-minded spring breakers on the beach Monday.

Whether it was grisly murders of three people with ties to the U.S. consulate in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, over the weekend or months of reports about the bloody drug war south of the border, students at the popular spot just off the southern tip of Texas said they were avoiding the short drive to Mexico. For many, parents' admonitions short circuited spring break plans before they began.

"Parents should not allow their children to visit these Mexican (border) cities because their safety cannot be guaranteed," Texas Department of Public Safety

Director Steve McCraw said in a warning issued March 4.

The alert applied specifically to border towns and did not include other popular Mexican destinations such as Cancun and Puerto Vallarta, but University of North Texas student Katie-Ross Ward said the strong warning closed the deal for her parents.

"My parents wouldn't let me go (to Mexico) because I have blonde hair and blue eyes," said Ward, 18. "They said I'd get kidnapped."

The U.S. State Department issued its own warning Sunday, a day after an American consulate employee, her husband and the husband of a Mexican employee were gunned down in separate incidents in Juarez. Suspected drug gangsters chased down and opened fire on two SUVs carrying the families from a children's party, killing the adults and injuring two children.

"Drug cartels and associated criminal elements have retaliated violently against individuals who speak out against them or whom they otherwise view as a threat to their organizations," the government warning said. Families of U.S. government employees in several northern Mexico cities were authorized to leave the country until April 12.

Dan Quandt, executive director of the South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau, said Texas week — the biggest week of the collegiate vacation season on the island — was packed and he couldn't tell if the violence in Mexico was impacting the island's business one way or another.

## Houston crash sends 19 people to hospitals

HOUSTON (AP) — A transit train and bus collided in downtown Houston on Monday, sending 19 people to hospitals with non-life-threatening injuries, authorities said.

The afternoon accident happened at the same intersection where another bus and light-rail train collided five weeks earlier, sending nine people to hospitals after the bus apparently ran a red light and struck the train, according to the Metropolitan Transit Authority.

The cause of Monday's collision was being investigated by Metro transit police. Most of the people hospitalized complained of neck and back injuries, officials said.

Officials will be looking into why two accidents have occurred at the same intersection, which is just outside Metro's headquarters, spokeswoman Raequel Roberts said.

"We're going to do diagnostics on the traffic signals," Roberts said. "We're going to find out if this is another unfortunate accident or if there is something systemic going on here."

## Museum

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Joe Weaver of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce gave a presentation at the museum concerning the state archeological exploration on the Courson Ranch, south of Perryton.

An exhibit of Camp Cantonment that had been in storage for several years was added to the collection in the annex.

Curry said the museum had an exhibit in the Holland Wing of the museum on bras in September and October to highlight breast cancer awareness. Last spring, there was an exhibition in the Holland Wing of the Betty Bates Collection of period clothing from the 20th Century.

The Pampa Fine Arts Artist of the Year, Larry Love, was featured in an exhibit that ran through December, Curry said.

An enclosed walkway connecting the main building and the annex was planned, Curry said. Funding is being provided by the Museum Foundation and a grant from the Nona Payne Foundation. The museum building was also painted this past year, he said. The funding for that was provided by the county.

Kenny Schneider, technical director of the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum of Canyon, evaluated at no cost a proposal for new lighting in the annex. He recommended enhancing the exhibits.

Curry told the Gray County Commissioners that almost a half dozen class reunions from the 1950s in Pampa toured the museum during the year.

**Sudoku**

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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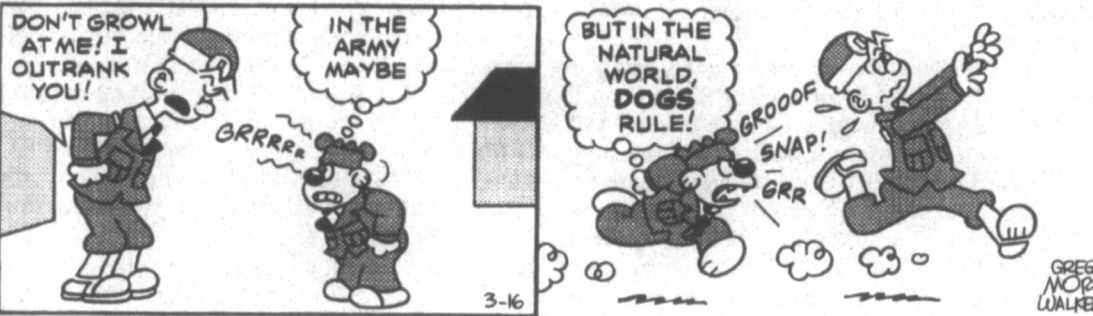
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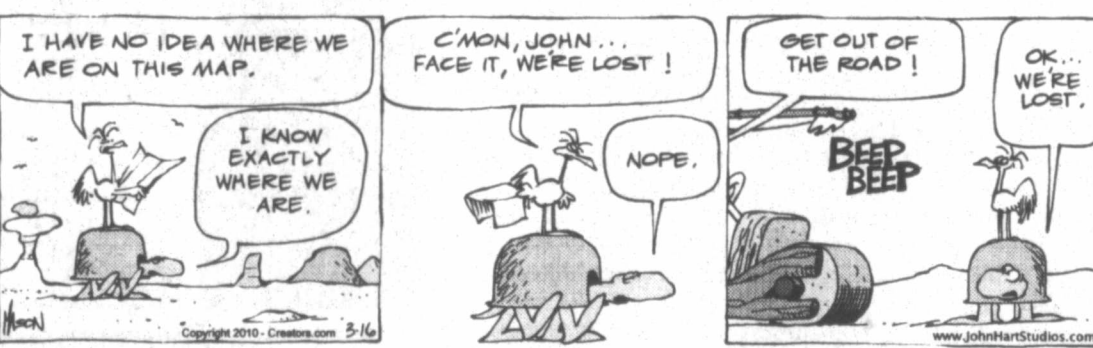
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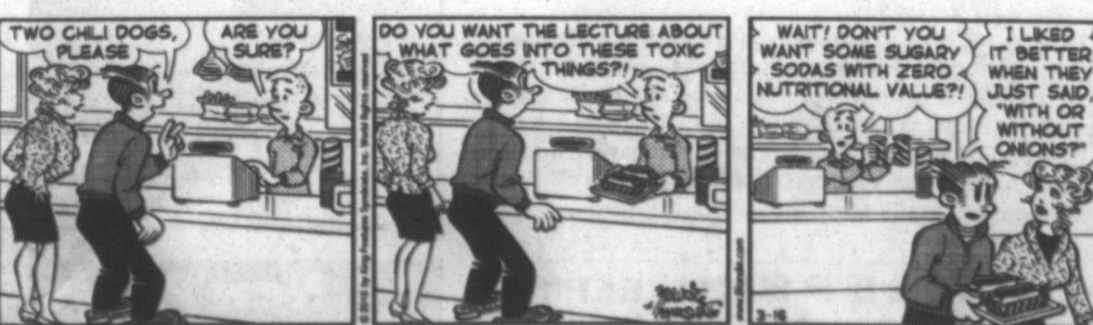
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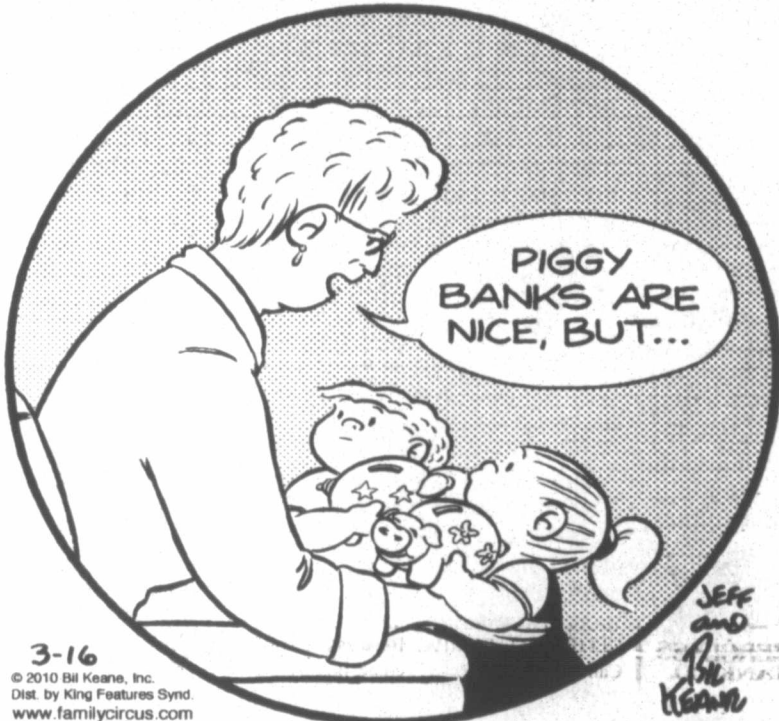


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- 12 Wading bird
- 13 Perfectly restored
- 15 Glimpse
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- 17 Use the couch
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- 23 Thai or Korean
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# Sports

## Nova will win it all, Aztecs will turn some heads

BY ANDREW GLOVER  
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During the third week in March, one of the major sports championships also kicks off, the NCAA Tournament. One of the major traditions associated with the men's college basketball tournament is predicting who will win the tournament.



Andrew Glover

Every sports website has a bracket predicting contest and thousands to millions of people participate in these contests as soon as the tournament is announced on Selection Sunday. I was one of those people spending hours predicting brackets. There is all sorts of ways to predict brackets. Some go with general knowledge about the teams. Or others go with non-basketball related ways to predict teams, like which mascot is tougher or which school is the closest to where someone lives.

So, I thought I would share my picks for the tournament. Unlike my column on the bowl games I'm not going into detail on every game because that would take a whole section to do. Plus 31 of those games may not happen in real life. I will tell who I think will win it all and which team I think could pull some surprises.

First, the team I have winning it all is the Villanova Wildcats, who is the second seed in the South Region and currently ranked ninth in the AP rankings. The Wildcats enter the tournament with a 24-7 record

including wins over West Virginia, Georgetown and Maryland, all three of those schools are top four seeds in their respective region. Playing in the Big East, Villanova played some tough competition that should help them win games in deeper rounds. The Wildcats played eight games against the Top 25 and won three of them.

With the way their region is setup, Villanova shouldn't face a ranked team until the Sweet 16 which will likely be No. 19 Baylor, who is the number three seed. The Wildcats probably won't face someone in the top ten until the Elite Eight where they could potentially face top-seeded Duke, who is ranked third in the AP. The Wildcats have a great team leader in Scottie Reynolds and if they can have some players step up to support Reynolds, this team can be dangerous.

Now, one the exciting aspects of the NCAA Tournament, is the Cinderella teams. These are the teams who just

made it into the tournament and aren't expected to do anything. These teams are usually seeded below six and could have you highly frustrated because they knocked out a team you had predicted to be in the Final Four. In my predictions, I have the San Diego State Aztecs being one of those teams.

San Diego State plays in the Mountain West Conference and is the number eleven seed in the Midwest Region. During the season the Aztecs compiled a 25-8 record and have won 10 of their last 12. San Diego State's wins include two over New Mexico, who only lost four all season and two over UNLV, who is the eighth seed in the Midwest. The Aztecs have won two of five games against teams from the top 25.

On the court, this team is quick and can shoot a high percentage, which that right there can beat any team. The Aztecs will be tested quickly playing No. 15 Tennessee in the first round and if they win, they could potentially face No. 14 Georgetown in the second round. But Tennessee has the same record as San Diego State and Georgetown has a worse overall record. So this could give the Aztecs a run into the Sweet 16.

To close out this column I will include my picks below. Keep in mind the odds of everyone of these picks happening is one half to the 63rd power. So in

other words, it's more likely you'll win big at Vegas, or hit a hole in one at Hidden Hills golf course than all 63 picks being correct.

### Midwest

**First Round**  
No. 1 Kansas over No. 16 Lehigh  
No. 8 UNLV over No. 9 Northern Iowa  
No. 12 New Mexico State over No. 5 Michigan State

No. 4 Maryland over No. 13 Houston  
No. 11 San Diego State over No. 6 Tennessee  
No. 3 Georgetown over No. 14 Ohio

No. 10 Georgia Tech over No. 7 Oklahoma State  
No. 2 Ohio State over No. 15 UCSB

**Second Round**  
No. 1 Kansas over No. 8 UNLV

No. 4 Maryland over No. 12 New Mexico State  
No. 11 San Diego State over No. 3 Georgetown  
No. 2 Ohio State over No. 10 Georgia Tech

**Regional Semifinals**  
No. 1 Kansas over No. 4 Maryland

No. 11 San Diego State over No. 2 Ohio State

**Regional Final**  
No. 1 Kansas over No. 11 San Diego State

**West Region**  
**First Round**  
No. 1 Syracuse over No. 16 Vermont

No. 8 Gonzaga over No. 9 Florida State  
No. 12 UTEP over No. 5 Butler

No. 4 Vanderbilt over No. 13 Murray State

No. 11 Minnesota over No. 6 Xavier  
No. 3 Pittsburgh over No. 14 Oakland  
No. 7 BYU over No. 10 Florida

No. 15 North Texas over No. 2 Kansas State

**Second Round**  
No. 1 Syracuse over No. 8 Gonzaga

No. 4 Vanderbilt over No. 12 UTEP  
No. 3 Pittsburgh over No. 11 Minnesota  
No. 7 BYU over No. 15 North Texas

**Regional Semifinals**  
No. 1 Syracuse over No. 4 Vanderbilt

No. 3 Pittsburgh over No. 7 BYU

**Regional Final**  
No. 1 Syracuse over No. 3 Pittsburgh

**East Region**  
**First Round**  
No. 1 Kentucky over No. 16 East Tennessee State

No. 8 Texas over No. 9 Wake Forest  
No. 5 Temple over No. 12 Cornell

No. 4 Wisconsin over No. 13 Wofford  
No. 6 Marquette over No. 11 Washington

No. 3 New Mexico over No. 14 Montana  
No. 7 Clemson over No. 10 Missouri

No. 2 West Virginia over No. 15 Morgan State

**Second Round**  
No. 1 Kentucky over No. 8 Texas

No. 4 Wisconsin over No. 5 Temple  
No. 3 New Mexico over No. 6 Marquette

No. 2 West Virginia over No. 7 Clemson

**Regional Semifinals**  
No. 4 Wisconsin over No. 1 Kentucky

No. 2 West Virginia over No. 3 New Mexico

**Regional Final**  
No. 2 West Virginia over No. 4 Wisconsin

**South Region**  
**First Round**  
No. 1 Duke over No. 16 Arkansas Pine Bluff or Winthrop

No. 8 California over No. 9 Louisville  
No. 5 Texas A&M over No. 12 Utah State

No. 13 Siena over No. 4 Purdue  
No. 6 Notre Dame over No. 11 Old Dominion

No. 3 Baylor over No. 14 Sam Houston State  
No. 10 Saint Mary's over No. 7 Richmond

No. 2 Villanova over No. 15 Robert Morris

**Second Round**  
No. 1 Duke over No. 8 California

No. 13 Siena over No. 5 Texas A&M  
No. 3 Baylor over No. 6 Notre Dame

No. 2 Villanova over No. 10 Saint Mary's

**Regional Semifinals**  
No. 1 Duke over No. 13 Siena

No. 2 Villanova over No. 3 Baylor

**Regional Final**  
No. 2 Villanova over No. 1 Duke

**Final Four**  
No. 2 Villanova over No. 2 West Virginia  
No. 1 Kansas over No. 1 Syracuse

**Championship**  
No. 2 Villanova over No. 1 Kansas

## Mixed Doubles Champions



Holly Gage returns a serve in her doubles match with Aaron Silva in Amarillo March 12. Silva and Gage won first in mixed doubles in the Amarillo Tournament. Photo by Synda Foreman



Aaron Silva uses a strong backhand in his doubles match with Holly Gage in the Amarillo Tournament March 12. The tennis teams' next match is March 26 in Dumas. Photo by Synda Foreman

## Baseball drops four in Burkburnett

BY ANDREW GLOVER  
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The Pampa Harvesters baseball team lost all four games in the Burkburnett Tournament Thursday through Saturday.

Pampa opened the tournament Thursday, playing Wichita Falls Rider and lost 15-4. Garrett Ericson (1-2) was the losing pitcher. Cole Engle was one-for-two in hitting, Mitchell Killgo was also one-for-two and Collin Killgo was one-for-three with one RBI.

The Harvesters continued play Friday and lost 5-4 to Abilene Wylie in the final inning of the game. Wylie won with two outs left in the bottom of the seventh. Collin Killgo (1-3) was charged with the loss. Mitch Simon was a perfect three-for-three and one RBI. Tyler Malone was two-for-three with one RBI. In their second game Friday, Pampa lost 19-4 to Fort Worth Birdville. Braden Hunt was charged with the loss falling to 1-3 on the season. Mitchell Killgo led the team in hitting with a home run, double and 2 RBIs. Collin Killgo was one-for-one, Hunt was one-for-two, and Engle and Anthony Allen were both one-for-three.

In their final game of the tournament, Pampa lost 12-4 to host school Burkburnett Saturday.

Allen was the losing pitcher, dropping his first decision of the season. Ericson was one-for-one with an RBI and Engle was one-for-three with an RBI. Mitchell Killgo was two-for-three, Collin Killgo was one-for-two, and Hunt and Simon were both one-for-three. Head Coach Kaleb Snelgrooves thought the team played well for who they went up against.

"I'm hoping that playing competition like this, will help us as we make our playoff push in district," Snelgrooves said. "We played well in each game, but we had one bad inning each game that we could not overcome, and against good teams it can get out of reach fast."

The Harvesters close out non-district with a 5-9 record and open district today at Randall. Pampa will return home March 19 to host Palo Duro. Snelgrooves said he is looking forward to playing at home.

"After being on the road for two solid weeks we are glad to be home playing in front of our fans," Snelgrooves said. "We know that our district is going to be tough with Randall and Canyon on top, but we feel that we can make the playoffs, if we play consistent baseball."

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