



### PAMPA FORECAST

Tuesday    Wednesday    Thursday

30%

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High 34  
Low 18

**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 23. Wind chill values between 14 and 19. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Tuesday:** A slight chance of snow before noon, then areas of blowing snow and a chance of snow after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 30. Wind chill values between 13 and 23. Windy, with an east southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north northeast between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

**Tuesday Night:** Snow likely and areas of blowing snow. Cloudy with a low around 7. Wind chill values between -2 and -12. Windy, with a north wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90 percent.

**Wednesday:** A 30 percent chance of snow, mainly before noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 18. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 8. North northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 34. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 18. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

## Obituaries

### William Joseph Dyson, 77

WHEELER—William Joseph Dyson, 77, died Friday, February 04, 2011, in Wheeler.

Church services were held Monday, February 7, 2011, at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church Mobeetie, with Rev. Gary Jahnel and Rev. Dick Irvine officiating.

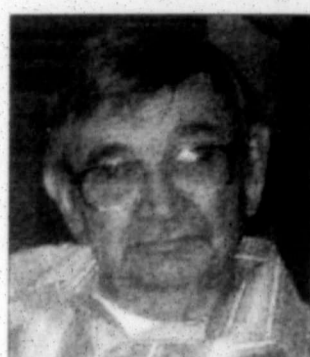
Burial was in the Mobeetie Cemetery, Mobeetie, under the direction of Wright Funeral Home, Wheeler.

William was born December 19, 1933, in Wheeler, to Clarence Dyson and Ether Meek Dyson. He graduated from Briscoe High School in 1954. William farmed and ranched all his life. He worked at the Beef Cattle Co. from 1969-2004. He married Shirley Fugate Dyson on April 4, 1959, in Pampa. He was a resident of the Wheeler Care Center for four years. William was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Mobeetie and served as a trustee for 10 years. William served in the United States Army. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Nelson Dyson.

William is survived by his wife, Shirley Dyson of Pampa; one son, Jerry Dyson and wife Linda of Pampa; one daughter, Debbie Hammer and husband Todd of Chico; three brothers, R.H. Dyson and wife Betty of Pampa, Richard Dyson and wife Helen of Sayre, Okla., Robert Dale Dyson and wife Carol of Pampa; two grandchildren, Libby Dyson of Pampa, Thomas Hammer of Chico; and several nieces and nephews.

The family has requested in lieu of flowers memorial be sent to Wheeler Care Center 1000 S. Kiowa Wheeler, TX 79096 or First United Methodist Church of Mobeetie P.O. Box 7 Mobeetie, TX 79061

Please sign online guest book at [www.wrightfuneral-directors.com](http://www.wrightfuneral-directors.com).



Dyson

Pampa, officiating.

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

Mrs. Batson was born Feb. 23, 1913, in Pampa and was a lifelong Pampa resident. She graduated from Pampa High School. She married Lloydde Batson on June 8, 1936, in Pampa. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Pampa and loved working with children with special needs. She volunteered at Pampa Regional Medical Center for many years. Mrs. Batson spent the last few years at Park Place Retirement Center in Amarillo.

Survivors include three nieces, Mona Jeffries of Tyler, Georgia Kern and husband Dennis of Amarillo, and Marcie LaFon and husband Bob of Houston; a nephew, Andy Burleson of Gruver; a great-nephew, Terry Curtis and wife Rita of Durango, Colo.; and numerous other great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two brothers, and four sisters.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, Book of Remembrance, 525 N. Gray, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register book at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

### Marcelina Pineda, 71

Marcelina Pineda, 71, died February 5, 2011, in Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, February 8, 2011, at Memory Gardens Mausoleum with Rev. Lucio Moreno, minister at Primera Iglesia Bautista in Borger, officiating.

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

Mrs. Pineda was born October 30, 1939, in De Cardenas, San Luis Potosi, Mexico. She has lived in Pampa over thirty years. She was a member of Iglesia Bautista Emanuel. She loved sewing, cooking, playing with her grandchildren, and her church. She was a loving mother and wife.

Survivors include her husband, Manuel Pineda of the home; one son, Roger Juan Pineda of Vernon; two brothers, Marcial Cahixto Gonzalez and wife Julia Martinez De Calixto of San Luis Potosi, Mexico and Eujenio Calixto Gonzalez and wife Flora Gonzalez De Calixto of De Guadajara Jalisco, Mexico; two nephews, Santiago M. Calixto and wife Lorena of Pampa and Jose Calixto of San Luis Potosi, Mexico; and two grandchildren.

Sign the online register at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

### Anna Laura Batson, 97

MANCOS, Colo.—Anna Laura Batson, 97, died Thursday, Feb. 3, 2011, in Mancos, Colo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011, at Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Pampa, Texas with Rev. Kenny Rigoulot, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in

## For the record

### Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents over the weekend.

Police reported 39 traffic-related calls and four accidents.

Animal Control Officers reported 11 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported 14 ambulance calls. The Pampa Fire Department reported one medical call.

The Pampa Water Department was flooded with 42 broken water line calls beginning Friday about 5 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 4**  
Alarms were reported in the 1500 block of North Ho-

bart and in the 1000 block of South Prairie.

A vehicle fire was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Officers had escort duty in the 800 block of W. 23rd.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1900 block of North Fir.

An alarm was reported in the 100 block of North Cuyler.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of South Prairie.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of South Neel.

Hazardous waste was reported in the 100 block of North Price, in the 13000

block of FM 1325 and in the 800 block of West Francis.

Officers were put on special assignment in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Phone harassment was reported in the 700 block of East 15th.

Hazardous material was reported in the 1100 block of South Nelson.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of West 28th.

An alarm was reported in the 1500 block of North Hobart.

Carbon monoxide was reported in the 800 block of East Scott.

A prowler was reported in the 500 block of North Sumner.

Officers checked buildings in the 600 block and 400 block of West Foster.

### Saturday, Feb. 5

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Jordan and Sloan.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of South Reid.

Officers checked a building in the 2800 block of North Charles.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of South Hobart.

Officers had escort duty in the 600 block of North Ward.

Abandoned vehicles were reported in the 2600 block of North Fir and in the 2400 block of North Evergreen.

Officers were put on special assignment in the 100 block of East Harvester.

A suspicious person was reported in the 2000 block of North Lea.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1600 block of East U.S. Highway 60.

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# AFTERNOON RUSH Frigid weather knocks out water in El Paso

## State could be sued for ed cuts

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas could see an increase in lawsuits when blind children are refused admission to The School for the Blind and Visually Impaired as a result of cuts in the proposed state budget.

The school is required by state and federal law to enroll students who cannot be adequately served by their local school districts. But under reduced funds in the state Senate's draft budget, the school would be forced to turn students away, superintendent Bill Daugherty told senators on Monday.

Daugherty said that in the past, parents of blind children have not hesitated to sue if their children are not provided adequate services. Restoring funding that the Senate bill takes away would decrease the likelihood of litigation, he said.

Texas is facing a \$27 billion budget shortfall to maintain services.

## Midland preserve to add trails

MIDLAND (AP) — With an inflow of funds, the Midland's I-20 Wildlife Preserve and Jenna Welch Nature Study Center expects to add trails, bridges and bird blinds by this time next year.

The nonprofit is set to get a \$1 million grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, which comes in addition to \$1 million matching funds already raised and \$750,000 it hopes to raise in the coming months.

Building will begin with the main portion of the 3.4 mile trail that loops around the wetland area located near Interstate 20. Nathan Knowles, preserve land manager, tells the Midland Reporter-Telegram that after that they'll add boardwalks, bridges and bird blinds.

The plans also include space for a hawk tower, viewing platforms and a butterfly garden.

## Man accused of smuggling drugs

RICHWOOD, La. (AP) — Richwood police have arrested a Texas woman on charges of intent to bring contraband into Richwood Correctional Center.

The News-Star reports that 20-year-old Kyera Elizabeth Rowe, of Kingwood, Texas, was arrested Saturday after jail officials found a bag of suspected marijuana in her coat pocket. Officials said she was visiting an inmate at the correction center.

Rowe was booked into the Ouachita Correctional Center and released on a \$2,500 bond.

It was not immediately known whether Rowe has an attorney.

## Capsized boat leaves two dead

STANTON (AP) — Two West Texas women have died after their boat capsized during a family fishing trip.

Martin County Sheriff John Woodward says Melody and Kyle Cook were fishing along with Kyle Cook's son, Kevin Cook, and Kevin's wife, Erin Cook, when their boat capsized on Lake Thomas on Saturday evening.

Woodward tells the Midland Reporter-Telegram that the boat overturned.

Authorities say Kyle Cook stayed with the boat while his wife, son and daughter-in-law tried to swim to shore in 34-degree weather.

Kevin Cook and his wife reached shore, but she later died at the hospital from hypothermia. Melody Cook never made it to shore and her body was found Sunday morning.

Woodward says Kyle Cook was rescued. Both he and his son were treated and released for extreme hypothermia.

## Ex-prison official on trial

LUBBOCK (AP) — Jury selection starts Monday in Lubbock in the trial of an ex-jail administrator accused of sexually molesting teenage inmates in West Texas.

John Paul Hernandez is on trial this week in a Lubbock County state district court. He's the former principal at the West Texas State School in Pyote (PYE -oht).

The trial was moved from the West Texas town of Monahans in Ward County. It comes six years after the Texas Rangers first investigated the sex scandal that upended the Texas Youth Commission.

The case prompted the ouster of several top commission officials and landed another jail official in prison. The state alleges Hernandez and another jail official sexually molested more than a dozen boys at the school. He has pleaded not guilty to 11 counts.

## Five killed in crash

MIDLAND (AP) — Five people are dead, including three children, after a Volkswagen Beetle slammed head-on into a dump truck.

All four people in the subcompact car were killed on impact in the Saturday afternoon crash on Farm Road 1788, about five miles north of Midland.

The Texas Department of Public Safety identified them as driver Deborah Beck of Andrews and her three grandchildren: 8-year-old Tiffany Klein, 3-year-old Jeremiyah Rodriguez and 2-year-old Sebastian Savage.

DPS Trooper John Barton says dump truck driver 56-year-old Edwin Timmer apparently was killed in the ensuing flames. Barton says Timmer was talking with his wife after the crash but was unable to escape the truck, which was towing a trailer.

Barton says all five were wearing their seat restraints.

## No travel disruptions for fans

DALLAS (AP) — Super Bowl fans should have no fear of weather-related disruptions to their flights home.

Now, if only they'll show up 3 hours early for their flights.

That's the advice from American Airlines spokeswoman Mary Sanderson. Fort Worth-based American operates most of the flights in and out of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

Sanderson says there have been no DFW flight cancellations and few at American's hub at Chicago O'Hare International Airport. She says most of the inclement weather expected for Monday was expected to pass between the two hubs.

But Sanderson urged travelers to arrive at DFW 3 hours before flight time because of the surge of homebound passengers expected at the airport.

EL PASO (AP) — El Paso's mayor declared a water emergency Sunday to stiffen enforcement of a ban that restricts residents and businesses from using water for anything but drinking.

Mayor John Cook took the step after frigid temperatures put some of El Paso's water distribution network out of commission, prompting a water shortage.

The emergency proclamation allows the city to cut off water service to customers found to have violated the restrictions. Hospitals and other emergency services are exempt. A citywide alert continues urging the public to boil water before drinking.

A statement issued by the city says the restrictions will remain in effect indefinitely.

Some improvement had been seen in reservoir levels Sunday. City Manager Joyce Wilson told the El Paso Times on Sunday. However, El Paso Water Utilities customers have been asked to boil their drinking water and refrain from showering, using dishwaters, washing cars and other activities that might use large quantities of water.

"The bottom line is there are still a lot of breaks and leaks through-

out the system," Wilson said. "The water demand, in terms of what they are pumping, is still very high compared to what it should be."

The 72 hours of sub-freezing temperatures in El Paso is unique in recent history, Wilson said.

"This has impacted everything. This community was not built for sustained sub-freezing temperatures," she said.

Meanwhile, in South Texas, marine biologists and volunteers worked urgently to try to save hundreds of sea turtles left stunned by the frigid conditions along the beaches of South Padre Island and Boca Chica, near the mouth of the Rio Grande.

Rescuers had found 575 sea turtles in hypothermic shock because of the weather, said Kat Lillie of Sea Turtle Inc. That was nearly double the record set in the 1980s, she said. Twenty died, however, and the toll was expected to rise, said Jeff George, a curator with the nonprofit turtle-rescue group.

Most of the inert turtles were found on the beach, but some were rescued from the cold surf, Lillie said.

"We saved as many as possible, but there are places we couldn't

access," she told the Valley Morning Star of Harlingen, Texas, for a story in Sunday editions.

Most will be released once the Gulf of Mexico surf warms, George said.

However, Super Bowl fans trying to catch flights home from Sunday's game should not find any weather-related complications, an American Airlines spokeswoman said.

There have been no flight cancellations at Fort Worth, Texas-based American's base at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and few at its hub at Chicago O'Hare International Airport, said spokeswoman Mary Sanderson. Most of the inclement weather expected for Monday was expected to pass between the two hubs, she said.

However, she urged travelers to arrive at DFW three hours before flight time to pass through security because of the surge of homebound passengers expected at the airport.

Warming weather was leaving the rest of Texas to deal with widespread water pipe breaks as more frigid temperatures loom for North and West Texas a few days later, along with the promise of sleet and snow for North Texas.

# Museum remembers '03 shuttle tragedy

HEMPHILL (AP) — Eight years later and the name of the space shuttle that broke apart in the sky over Texas on re-entry and left debris scattered around the town of about 1,000 remains on the tip of everyone's tongue.

"They still talk about it like it was yesterday," said 65-year-old Cecelia Hetchler, sitting on a black leather stool at Lane's restaurant and grocery in Hemphill, one of the more popular hangouts in town.

To mark the recent anniversary of the Columbia tragedy, Hemphill opened a museum in honor of the seven astronauts who died Feb. 1, 2003.

The Columbia broke apart after a slab of foam broke loose, gouged a wing and let superheated air of more than 2,650 degrees into the left wing.

As it traveled at more than 13,000 mph, the heated air further damaged the wing. Columbia began to tumble and the crew could not regain control. It eventually ripped apart.

The Sabine County Columbia Memorial Committee partnered with NASA and the astronauts' family members to get biographical information, pictures and artifacts for the museum.

In an odd sense, the Columbia STS-107 disaster put Hemphill and Sabine County on the map.

Residents remember hearing their town's name mentioned in national news reports, and the media's reports about the volunteers who gathered debris — including a shuttle version of the all-important flight data recorder — was always positive, townsfolk say.

Cruising around the city, it's hard to find anyone who doesn't have a recollection from the disaster. Even more difficult is finding someone who wasn't impacted by it.

If they didn't help with the search, they cooked for the volunteers. If they didn't find any debris, they welcomed strangers into their home who told

stories about the debris they found.

Hetchler, who lives in Milam, a town seven miles north of Hemphill, cooked about 40 pounds of meat loaf and enormous pots of green beans and corn for the 400 volunteers who were in town in the weeks following the Columbia tragedy.

That's what people call it in East Texas — a tragedy or a disaster.

"A lot of people were weeping and crying," Hetchler remembered. "It was very emotional. Everybody was like ... I don't know how to describe it. They were sad all the time."

Retired Texas Forest Service worker Mark Gandy still remembers the people who came from around Texas to help search for shuttle debris and the astronauts' remains.

Bgom shook store One man had no feet and walked around using his fists, Gandy recalled. Another told Gandy he drove from Dallas as soon as he heard what hap-

pened in Sabine County. And one man asked Gandy where the bathroom was when they were searching in the woods.

"Some of these people had never been out of the city," he said, chuckling as he remembered that man's reaction when he told him to relieve himself anywhere in the woods. "All they wanted to do was come in and help."

Gandy, 60, was at Fat Fred's Grocery on Sabine Street around 8 a.m. on Feb. 1, 2003. He, like many Texans, heard a loud thunder-like boom. It made the store shake.

"I'll always remember the shaking," Gandy said.

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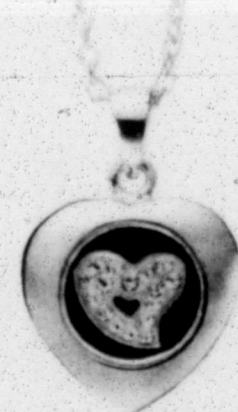


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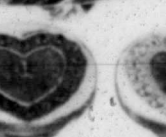
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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Monday, Feb. 7, the 38th day of 2011. There are 327 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 7, 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt authorized a flag for the office of the vice president.

### On this date:

In 1857, a French court acquitted author Gustave Flaubert of obscenity for his serialized novel "Madame Bovary."

In 1861, the general council of the Choctaw Indian nation adopted a resolution declaring allegiance with the South "in the event a permanent dissolution of the American Union takes place."

In 1904, a fire began in Baltimore that raged for about 30 hours and destroyed more than 1,500 buildings.

In 1943, the government announced the start of shoe rationing, limiting consumers to buying three pairs per person for the remainder of the year.

In 1948, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower resigned as Army chief of staff; he was succeeded by Gen. Omar Bradley.

In 1971, women in Switzerland gained the right to vote through a national referendum, 12 years after a previous attempt failed.

In 1984, space shuttle Challenger astronauts Bruce McCandless II and Robert L. Stewart went on the first untethered space walk, which lasted nearly six hours.

In 1991, Jean-Bertrand Aristide was inaugurated as the first democratically elected president of Haiti.

**Ten years ago:** The Senate voted to release \$582 million in dues owed the United Nations. The space shuttle Atlantis blasted off on a trip to the international space station. Jean-Bertrand Aristide was sworn in as Haiti's president, five years after leaving office.

**Five years ago:** Some 10,000 mourners, including four U.S. presidents, said goodbye to Coretta Scott King during a service in Lithonia, Ga. Abu Hamza al-Masri, a radical Muslim cleric linked to 9/11 plotter Zacarias Moussaoui, was sentenced in London to seven years in prison for inciting followers to kill non-Muslims.

**One year ago:** A nearly completed Kleen Energy Systems power plant in Middletown, Conn., exploded, killing six people and injuring 50. Pro-Russian opposition leader Viktor Yanukovich declared victory in Ukraine's presidential runoff, but his opponents rejected the claim, saying the vote was too close to call. Yanukovich was inaugurated Feb. 25.

**Today's Birthdays:** Country singer Wilma Lee Cooper is 90. Author Gay Talese is 79. Sen. Herb Kohl (D-Wis.) is 76. Actor Miguel Ferrer is 56. Reggae musician Brian Travers (B40) is 52. Comedy writer Robert Smigel is 51. Actor James Spader is 51. Country singer Garth Brooks is 49. Rock musician David Bryan (Bon Jovi) is 49. Actor-comedian Eddie Izzard is 49. Actor-comedian Chris Rock is 46. Actor Jason Gedrick is 44. Actress Essence Atkins is 39. Rock singer-musician Wes Borland is 36. Actor Ashton Kutcher is 33. Actress Tina Majorino is 26.

**Thought for Today:** "The time on either side of 'now' stands fast." —Maxine Kumin, American poet



If Reagan were a Republican today...

## Urge our legislators to prioritize education

As you may have been reading recently, our Texas legislature is in session, and the legislators are grappling with a state budget crunch. While the exact amount of the revenue deficit is debatable, one fact is not open for debate: every agency that depends upon the State of Texas for its operation will experience a budget cut for the next two year period. Your schools depend upon the state for approximately half of the money used for day-to-day operations.

The Foundation School Program provides state funding to schools, and the state budgets, submitted to both Houses of the Legislature, have proposed a 24% reduction in the amount of Foundation School Program funds needed to fully fund the Program for the 2012-2013 biennium. Assuming that this would translate into a 10% reduction in our district's local budget for each of the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years (as compared to the district's current budget), our district would lose \$2,400,000 each of the next two years. Our school board will have to consider all opportunities to reduce expenses and to increase revenue for our school operations.

While a reduction in student travel, teacher travel, extracurricular activities, and other visible activities would be curtailed or reduced, those savings could not approach the amount needed to continue to offer students the services to which they are accustomed. With 80% of the school budget being personnel salaries and benefits, the board must seriously consider reducing personnel costs. That means eliminating some jobs. If the school budget is reduced by 10%, that could mean a loss of forty professional jobs in the Pampa ISD.

Increased revenue through higher taxes is one possible solution, but our district does not have the ability



BARRY HAENISCH

to raise the local tax rate high enough to generate local revenues to offset the anticipated state funding cut. With voter approval, local school taxes could raise about 80% of the anticipated funding deficit, but an additional tax rate of four and one-half cents would be needed to fully fund the expected revenue loss. The district's current Maintenance and Operation tax rate is \$1.04. A rate of \$1.215 would be needed to continue at the level we currently operate. Under current law, that tax rate is not allowed.

In anticipation of "hard times" as the district began planning for this year, the budget was reduced from the prior year even though we anticipate more students. As an example, all departments' supply budgets were reduced by 25% or more at a savings of about \$500,000.

Many people believe that school districts spend a disproportional amount of their resources for administrative costs, but that is not true in our district. Last year 4.3% of the operating budget was classified as "district administrative" expenses. "District administrative" expenses include the salaries and work of the superintendent's office, the curriculum and instruction department, the human resources department, special education administration, and the business office. 5.6% of the district's operating expenditures

were classified as "campus administration". "Campus administration" includes a principal at each school, and the assistant principals at the secondary level. Pampa High School and Pampa Junior High each have one assistant principal to work with students with discipline problems and one assistant principal to focus on curriculum and instruction issues. The bottom line is this: less than 10% of the total school district budget pays for the administrative functions of the schools.

During the next two years, the state's expectations for schools may cause some areas of the budget to increase. We will, for instance, begin the new STARR testing program in grades 3-8 and end of course exams in high school. To prepare our students for the rigor of the new exams, the district has budgeted over \$300,000 in this year's budget for training and programs. In Pampa, your teachers are professional and student-centered in their approach to preparing young people for success. They are open to expanding their craft by learning and implementing new strategies and techniques to "capture" their students' imagination and interest in the work that must be done. Academic success often depends upon the availability of information and fiscal resources.

Your help is needed to ensure a quality education for the children of our community. Please make education a personal priority for yourself, and please, please urge our legislators to make education a priority during the 82nd session by protecting funding for your public schools. Working together with our legislators, we may be able to ensure a bright and successful future for all of our children!

Barry Haenisch is the superintendent of the Pampa Independent School District.

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# Disability benefits can pay out higher than retirement payments

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Q: I have a 40-year-old friend who is getting Social Security disability benefits. I know that she was averaging only about \$20,000 per year while she was working. And she told me she is getting \$1,600 per month from Social Security. I am 63 years old and I get about \$1,400 per month in Social Security retirement benefits. I worked all my life, and when I retired, I was making about \$30,000 per year.

Why is my friend getting more than I am from Social Security, even though I made more money and paid Social Security taxes for many more years than she did?

A: It really doesn't seem fair, does it? But it all has to do with how Social Security benefits are figured.

A Social Security benefit is intended to replace a portion of a person's average earnings during his or her working lifetime. Although you were making more than she was at the time you both stopped working, your friend's average earnings during her shorter working life were probably greater than your average earnings during your longer working career. Does that make sense? If it doesn't, maybe a look at some actual numbers will help.

Your Social Security benefit was based on your average wage during your highest 35 years of work. (And that formula applies to all retirees.) For most people, their highest 35 years of earnings were their last 35 years. Let's say you retired in 2010. That means your Social Security benefit was based on your earnings between 1975 and 2010. I've got a hunch that back in the 1970s, you were selling fries at McDonald's (or some similar job) making minimum wage. Factoring in all those low-earning years from more than three decades ago, your overall average lifetime wage will



be reduced, which in turn lowers your Social Security benefit.

On the other hand, your disabled friend's Social Security benefit was based on fewer-years of earnings. The formula is complicated, and I won't get into it here. But assuming she started getting benefits last year, my guess is that they went back about 15 years to figure her disability payment. That means they based that payment on her earnings between 1995 and 2010. And it is likely that her average wage between 1995 and 2010 is greater than your average wage between 1975 and 2010. So, that's one reason her Social Security benefit is higher than yours.

The other reason is that she is receiving a full payment while yours is reduced. Social Security disability benefits are always paid at the full (100 percent) rate. But your retirement benefit was reduced about one-half of 1 percent for each month you started those payments before age 66.

Q: My good friend is in her early 60s and is struggling to get along on a very small Social Security retirement benefit. She was married to a man for more than 25 years, but they are divorced. He has remarried and is well off, but he refuses to give my friend his Social Security number. He won't permit her to file for any benefits as his ex-wife. Is there anything she can do?

A: Yes, she can file for divorced wife's benefits on her ex's record without having the guy's Social Security number. And she certainly doesn't need his permission to do so. Social Security Administration personnel will be able to find his

number and look up his records, if they can get a bit of identifying information from the ex-wife.

If she can give them her former husband's name, his date and place of birth and his parents' names, they should be able to find his SSN and she should get divorced wife's benefits on his Social Security account. And then let's hope the old goat has a heart attack when he finds out. That way, your friend will receive even higher divorced widow's benefits!

Q: I am 72, and getting benefits as a wife on my husband's Social Security record. He is 84. I spent my entire adult life as a wife and mother and never paid into Social Security. But I recently started working. Someone told me the money I'm paying in Social Security taxes is doing me no good. Is that true? And if so, can I get out of paying those taxes?

A: Yes and no! I mean, yes, the money you are paying in Social Security taxes will never come back to you in the form of higher Social Security benefits. Unless you work long enough, like maybe about 25 years, your own benefit could then finally surpass the amount you're getting as a spouse. But of course, that's not going to happen.

And no, you can't get out of having Social Security payroll taxes deducted from your earnings. So how about if you think of it this way: the money you pay in school taxes, for example, doesn't do you any good, but it helps someone else -- and your community as a whole. And now the money you are paying in Social Security taxes isn't doing you any good, but it's also helping someone else -- and your country as a whole.

*If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at [thomas.margenau@comcast.net](mailto:thomas.margenau@comcast.net).*

# Obama: Gov't, CEOs must work together

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama prodded American businesses to do their share to help the economy, calling on executives to "get in the game" and begin investing nearly \$2 trillion accumulating on their balance sheets.



Obama

The president, in a speech Monday to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, called for a cooperative relationship with the private sector and argued government and business have a shared responsibility. He highlighted new efforts by his administration to improve the nation's infrastructure, invest more on entrepreneurs and foster greater innovation.

But to a polite, subdued audience he offered a stout defense of government regulations, even as he promised to eliminate those that are too burdensome. He reached back to history, invoking President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's outreach to corporate leaders and evoking the strains of self-sacrifice expressed by President John Kennedy.

"I want to be clear: even as we make America the best place on earth to do business, businesses also have a responsibility to America," Obama said. "As we work with you to make America a better place to do business, ask yourselves what you can do for America. Ask yourselves what you can do to hire American workers, to support the American economy, and to invest in this nation."

Obama said his appearance at the Chamber was in the interest of "being more neighborly" — literally true as the trade organization's headquarters are so close to the White House that Obama was able to walk across the street to make his comments. His appearance came as Obama aims to smooth his relations with corporate leaders and persuade major businesses to spend their cash, expand hiring and promote economic growth.

The Chamber and the White House have feuded loudly over the past two years, particularly over the new health care law and an overhaul of financial regulations meant to address weaknesses that led to the Wall Street meltdown in 2008. But in the aftermath of the November elections, which gave Republicans control of the House, both the White House and the Chamber have focused on areas of common ground, despite their lingering differences.

The speech was highly anticipated by the business community. Chamber President Thomas Donohue introduced Obama, saying seats at the event were "one of the hottest tickets in town."

Donohue said the business community had an "absolute commitment to working with you and your administration to advance our shared objectives."

He added: "Our focus is finding common ground to ensure America's greatness in the 21st century."

Obama, who has faced liberal criticism for his overtures to Republicans and to the business community, argued on behalf of the financial regulation and health care initiative that his administration pushed through Congress last year. "The perils of too much regulation are matched by the dangers of too little," he said.

He called for changes in the corporate tax code and increased exports, but pointedly warned his audience that businesses could not translate those benefits into "greater profits and bonuses for those at the top."

"We cannot go back to the kind of economy - and culture - we saw in the years leading up to the recession, where growth and gains in productivity just didn't translate into rising incomes and opportunity for the middle class," he said.

## Skinner

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Alvey was expected to complete questioning potential witnesses before noon.

Skinner's father, Henry Watkins "Hank" Skinner, is in prison awaiting execution in the deaths of his girl friend, Twila Busby, and her two sons in the New Year's slayings of 1994.

Part of his appeal is before the U.S. Supreme Court.

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heart. She said he apparently has several blockages.

An account has been set up at FirstBank Southwest in Pampa to help defray costs.

Marcy Francis at FirstBank Southwest is handling the fund.

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# Russia warns U.S. over missile defense

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia sees the planned U.S. missile defense system as a potential threat to its nuclear forces and may review its participation in a landmark nuclear arms treaty, officials said Monday.

The New START deal, the centerpiece of Barack Obama's efforts to reset ties with Russia and the most significant arms control pact in nearly two decades, took effect last week. It limits each country to 1,550 strategic warheads, down from the current ceiling of 2,200.

The treaty doesn't prevent the U.S. from building new missile defense systems, but Russia has warned that it reserves the right to withdraw from the treaty if the United States significantly boosts its missile shield.

Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov reaffirmed Monday that a buildup in the U.S. missile defense capability would prompt Moscow re-consider its obligations under the New START treaty.

"If the U.S. increases the qualitative and quantitative potential of its missile defense ... a question will arise whether Russia should further abide by the treaty or would have to take other measures to respond to the situation, including military-technical measures," Ryabkov said, according to Russian news agencies.

Russia was strongly critical of the previous U.S. administration's plan to deploy missile defense sites in Poland and the Czech Republic and hailed Obama's

decision to scrap it. But the Kremlin has remained concerned about revamped U.S. missile defense plans and continued to see them as potentially dangerous to its security.

NATO last fall approved a plan for a U.S.-led missile shield in Europe and invited Russia to join, but Moscow hasn't yet made a definite commitment. Experts from both sides will analyze the issue and report to defense ministers in July.

Ryabkov warned Monday that Russia won't cooperate with NATO on the project unless it's treated as a full partner.

"This must be a joint system with shared responsibilities, information exchange and decision-making in order to make us an equal and responsible member," he said.

"If two separate networks are built, things won't change for us and we will see a situation when the NATO system could potentially be used against Russia's security interests. Cooperating on such a system would mean hurting ourselves."

Russian officials have remained skeptical about U.S. and NATO claims that the proposed shield is designed to fend off a missile threat from Iran.

Russia's Deputy Defense Minister Anatoly Antonov said Monday the U.S. missile defense could only be aimed against Russian missiles. "This system could undermine Russian nuclear deterrent forces," he said.

## Gardner

Topographical Land Surveyors in Pampa.

"I worked for them for almost 10 years," he said.

Then he went to work for another company, but just before Christmas one year, they laid off everybody in the shop. The state, however, offered educational grants for those being laid off.

"I tried to get into law enforcement," Gardner said.

He had tried before, but he couldn't pass the test to get into the academy.

"For the life of me," Gardner said, "I never could figure out why."

After he found out that he was being laid off, he and his wife were at church, and he was talking to a retired school teacher.

He told her that he wanted to go to the police academy, but he'd never been able to pass the test.

She asked him if he had ever been tested for dyslexia.

He had gone all through school and had never been tested for dyslexia, he admitted.

"Sure enough, I had full-blown dyslexia," Gardner said.

Further testing and a new set of glasses

corrected the problem.

"It cleared everything up for me," he said.

Initially, his test scores to get into the academy had been in the low 20s. With his new glasses, his score jumped into the 90s.

Gardner went through the academy, but he said he literally had to learn how to read all over again. He credits his wife Charlotte with that.

"I came through with flying colors," he said with a broad grin.

He graduated from the academy in March, 2005.

He said his biggest worry going through the academy was not learning the law. It was the spelling test.

"If you failed any test three times during the academy," Gardner said, "you were gone."

After graduating from the police academy, the Pampa Police Department hired Gardner in May 2005.

"I've been here ever since," he said.

Gardner had been out on patrol until Jan. 26, when he was offered the opportunity to move to the detective division.

He's had several chances to change to the criminal investigation division, but

his sergeant told him that he needed at least five years on patrol before moving into the detective division.

"I've really enjoyed every bit of it," Gardner said.

He said it can get overwhelming, but the department has a good staff, and the staff is very supportive.

Gardner said that he learns something new every day. He credits the people with whom he works for most of that, ranging from his fellow officers in Pampa to the pathologist the city uses in Lubbock.

He said they've all had something to teach him, and it's helped him both in his career and in his personal life.

Gardner said he loves helping people, and in turn, he's been helped in many things.

"I try to be nice," he said. "I try to leave them with a smile if I can."

Gardner said that even with all the traffic stops that he made as a patrolman, he only had about five where he didn't receive a "thank you" when he walked away.

He said his grandfather taught him to leave people smiling.

"That's my theory," Gardner said.

He said he likes solving cases and catching the bad guys in lies.

"Our lieutenant and sergeant have a lot of years of experience," Gardner said.

He said the other detectives, the district and county attorneys and the sheriff's office have all been a great help.

Gardner said Sgt. David Lee with the department has been a huge influence on him.

The new police detective said he is where he wants to be.

"I plan on retiring from here," Gardner said. He said he enjoyed being a patrolman, but he's now seeing the world from a different perspective. Gardner said that the officers on patrol are getting a lot better information and reporting it.

"Tracking the victims down, tracking the suspects down," Gardner said, "it makes it a little easier, and that's half the battle."

With a new viewpoint on his job, Gardner said now he has much more appreciation for the system, all its working parts and the need for cooperation. Life, he said, has been and is a learning opportunity, and he plans to take advantage of it.

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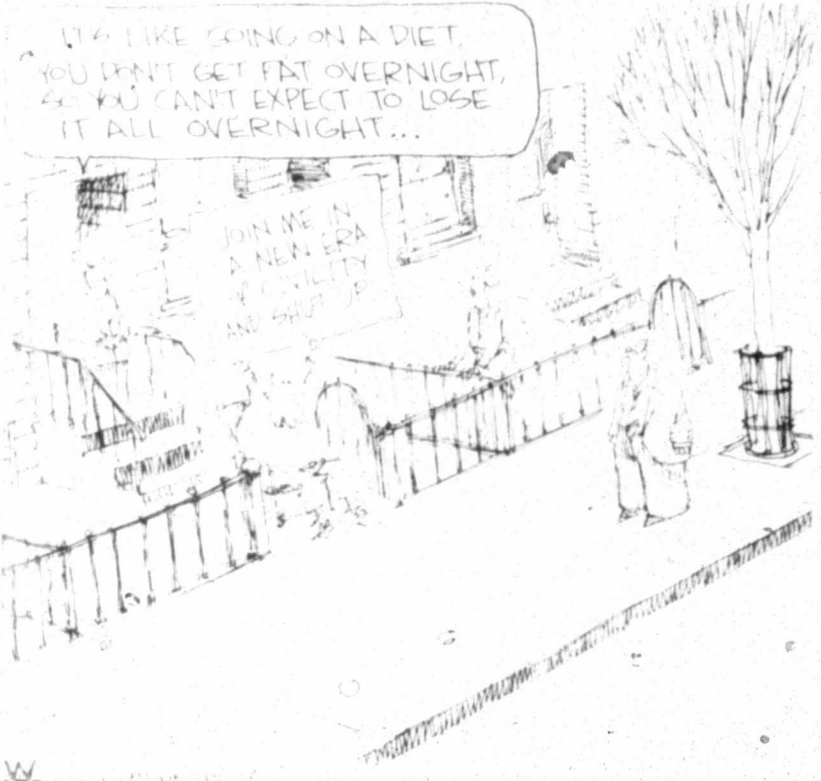
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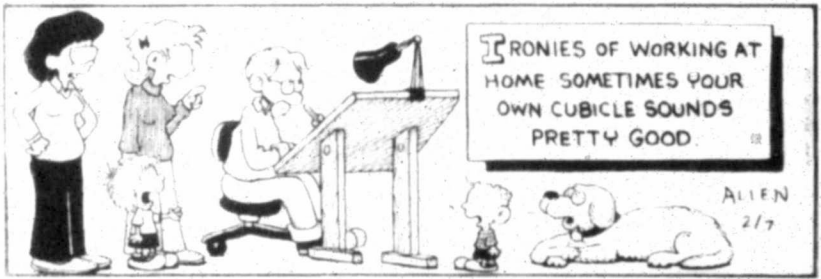
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## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011:

This year, you are energized and vital. Sometimes, people absolutely love this more expressive you. Other times, you push people away. Be aware of the dimensions of your rhetoric. News from a distance could be more touchy than in the past. If you are single, you meet people with ease. With your hot temper, an easy, steady hand might be difficult to achieve. Isolating becomes easy if you are attached, once you soften your style. Your sweetie will want to come in closer as a result. **AURUS** says be an albatross.

*The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:* 5-Dynamic, 4-Positive, 3-Average, 2-Sad, 1-Difficult

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* You might be slow to start, but you zoom by maddly. Ascept a difficult person. He or she is not changing for a while, if ever. A male friend could be unusually assertive. Tonight, Where the action is.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
 \*\*\* Assume a low profile. Fatigue drags you down. A boss could become difficult. You know the words to soothe his or her soul. Be ready to back up what you say with action. Tonight, Get as much R and R as possible.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Go for what you want. When speaking to a group of people, express your imagination. Fatigue could mark a child or loved one who might be difficult. Go back and do more research as more facts appear. Tonight, Where the crowds are.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
 \*\*\* An active stance surprises no one. A family member doesn't support your approach or desire to get key matters under control. A partner or associate could be too assertive for your taste. Know that anything can happen. Tonight, Burning the candle at both ends.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Make an effort to get past another person's vitriol and to get to the real issue. This person might not be able to explain his or her stance, forcing you to do the work to decipher his or her message. Conversations will allow more give-and-take once there is mutuality. Tonight, Follow the music.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* You often defer to a partner. Today this person is happy to pitch in. You

might be overwhelmed by others' need to get to the bottom of a problem. Everyone wants something done yesterday. You can and will be able to cover all the bases with help. Tonight, Togetherness is the theme.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* If you stop and consider various situations, you could be raming on your own parade - the problem is you, not others. Rather than sabotage yourself, express your emotions. Your creativity encourages a fiery display. Tonight, Listen to a suggestion. Like this person seriously!

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Your ability to make a difference reflects in your productivity when you are focused. Evaluate what a family member really expects. Keep the different elements of your life separate. This style of living might be necessary with all the needy people in your life. Tonight, Working too late!

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Once more, let your imagination flow. You might push away a friend who is touchy, but you cannot remain positive and upbeat with "that someone" around. Self-expression remains highlighted. Your words are heard. Tonight, Talking up a storm.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Stay anchored and direct. Fatigue marks your professional interactions. You could be too involved sometimes, and not taking good care of yourself. You might decide to spend a lot of money in order to add to your comfort. A family member is delighted by your focus. Tonight, Deal with a situation.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* You might be uncomfortable or too direct. You wonder what is going on and have a tremendous need for answers. Someone close could walk away from you, causing more conflict. Be patient, and you'll get answers. Tonight, Hanging out with a friend.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Curb a tendency to overdo it. What you think is helping could be quite off. More and more, a partner becomes closed off. Take some time alone to center before you cause yourself a problem. Ask yourself what role money plays in your life. Tonight, Fun doesn't need to cost.

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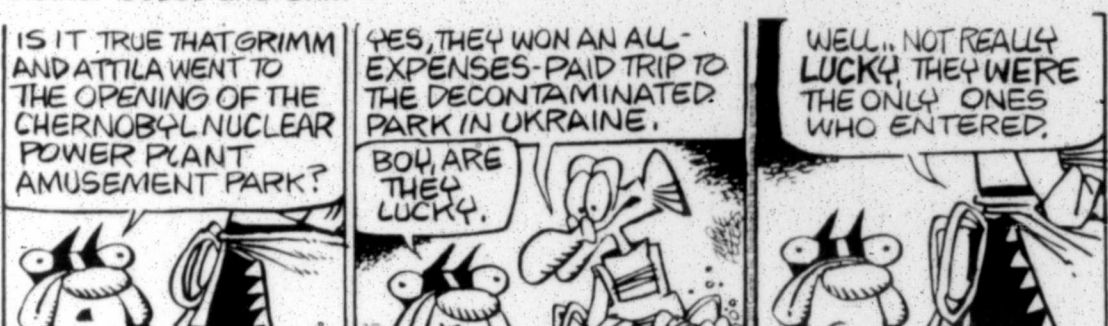
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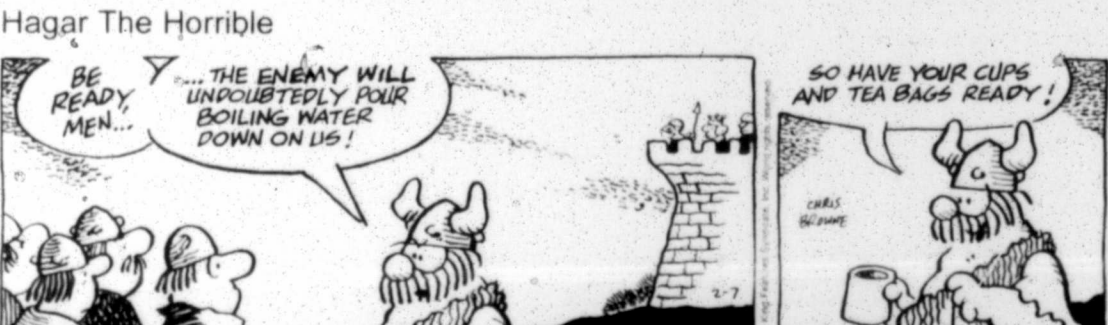
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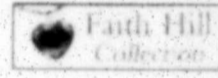
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# Sports

## Harvesters squander first half lead, fall to Borger

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The Pampa Harvesters got off to a great start against the Borger Bulldogs but squandered it in the second half in a 3-2 loss Saturday at Harvester Field.

Senior Brenden Rice said they were playing not to lose in the second half instead of playing to win. "It caught up with us," Rice said.

Head coach John True said his team kind of laid back in the second half.

"We played our back line too high," True said. "They just played over us. We made mistakes and they capitalized on it."

The Harvesters (1-5-1, 0-2-0) got on the board in the first half with two breakaway goals from Adrian Ramos in the first half of the first. Ryan Stoffle made a pass just in front of Ramos, who kicked it past Borger's sliding goalie for the first goal. Ramos scored his second dribbling in from the right side of the field and caught Borger's goalie out

of position. Pampa took that lead into the locker room.

Pampa maintained their lead through the first seven minutes of the second. Borger took advantage of a flurry at Pampa's net and cut the lead in half. Borger struck again, kicking the ball above the left shoulder of Pampa's goalie. Borger scored the game winner on a penalty shot.

True said his goaltender allowed Borger to get to close to the net.

"That goal was on the lack of experience of our goalkeeper letting those two guys sit in front of him," True said. "He's got to understand he can't just let them sit in front of him. He's got to them because he has right to the ball in the box."

The Harvesters opened district Friday with a 7-1 loss to Caprock. Pampa visits Randall 7 p.m. Tuesday at Kimbrough Stadium. True said they just need to play two halves like the first half.

"If we put together two halves like the first half today, we will be in that game against Randall," True said.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Trevor McVay chases down a loose ball against Borger Saturday at Harvester Field. The Harvesters lost 3-2 and fall to 0-2 in district. Pampa visits Randall 7 p.m. Tuesday.

## Lady Bulldogs run loose on fatigued Lady Harvesters

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters soccer team had to overcome fatigue Saturday against the Borger Lady Bulldogs after playing Friday afternoon. The Lady Bulldogs proved to have more energy in a 6-0 victory over Pampa at Harvester Field.

The Lady Harvesters lost to Caprock 3-0 Friday at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo, making up their game from Monday. Head coach John True said his team just needs to play and not make excuses.

"We didn't come to play physically," True said. "The girls were way way tired from last night."

Junior K'lyn King said they have to play better as a team.

"We need to do a better job of working through (fatigue and injuries)," King said.

Borger scored 10 minutes into the first half catching the left side of the net wide open. The Lady Bulldogs added to their lead six minutes later, when Pampa's

goalie Bree Howard couldn't hang on to a shot. Borger took that lead into halftime.

Senior Crystal Garcia said they had a bad first half.

"Coach gave us a strong talk at halftime," Garcia said. "We played more physical in the second half but things didn't go as planned."

The Lady Bulldogs tallied four goals in the second half with strong rushes to the net. True said his team was dominated by two players on Borger.

"Their number four and number ten manhandled us," True said.

The Lady Harvesters (0-7-0, 0-2-0) visit Randall Tuesday. Garcia said they need to start games better.

"We need to put our heads together and figure out how to get things turned around," Garcia said.

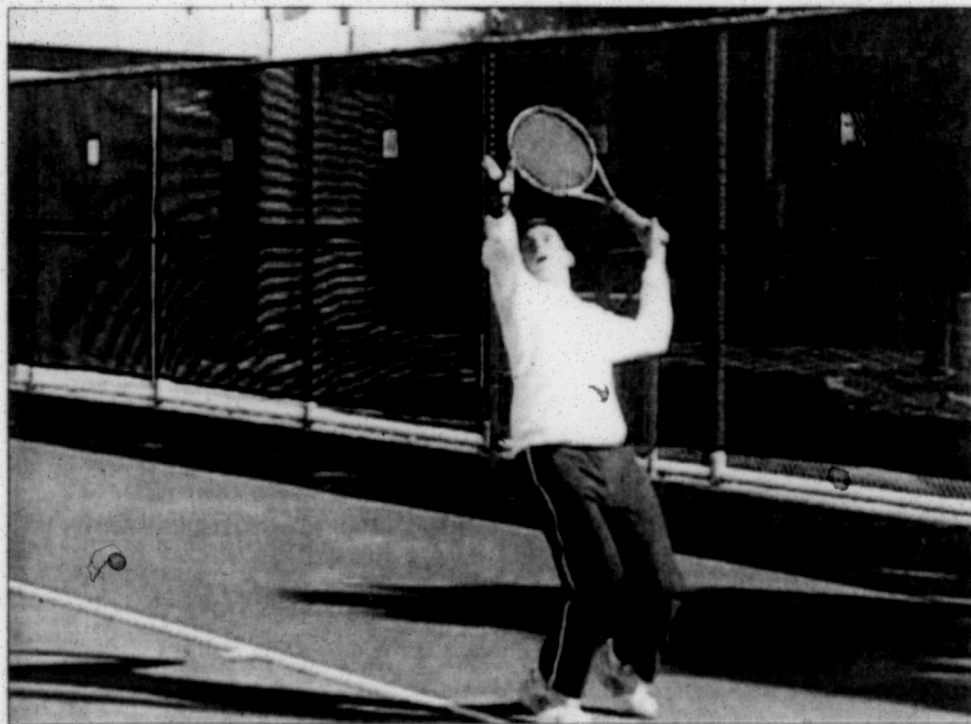
True said his team will have their hands full but are improving.

"First part of district is just that," True said. "There is two halves. We have choices we can either get better or give up."



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Viante Ellison battles a Borger player for the ball Saturday. Pampa lost 6-0.



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David Moore throws the ball up to serve in his singles match at the Andrews Tournament Saturday. Moore finished second in boys singles.

## PHS tennis takes first at Andrews

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The Pampa Harvesters tennis team won first at the Andrews Tournament Friday and Saturday.

Head coach Sarah Corse said her team played excellent.

"The kids played very well and I'm very excited in the way they played," Corse said.

Senior Holly Gage and Aaron Silva won first in mixed doubles. Camila Vallejo beat her teammate Makayla Hampton in the girls singles championship. David Moore finished second in boys singles. Logan Karbo and Matt Albracht finished fourth in boys doubles. Maddie Fatheree and Emily Hart finish second in the girls doubles consolation bracket.

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Pampa High School senior basketball player **Jonathan Polasek** is *The Pampa News* Male Athlete of the Week. Polasek scored five points and grabbed two rebounds in Pampa's victory over Borger Tuesday. On senior day Friday, Polasek scored three threes, scored eight points and drew a charge. Polasek has been a solid contributor for the Harvesters in their quest for a district championship.

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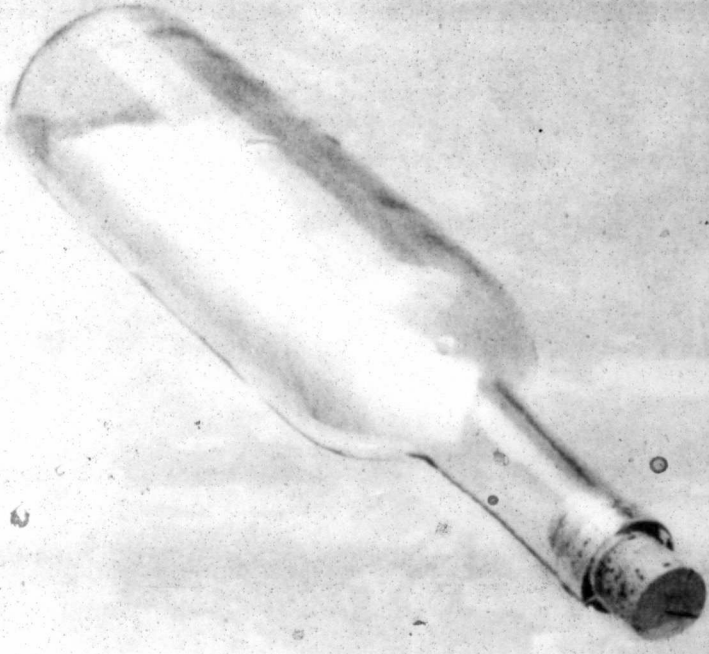
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# Sports

## Many place, but no swimmers to state

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The Pampa Harvesters and Lady Harvesters swimming teams placed eight and had several people place but no one advanced to state at the 1-4A regional meet Saturday in Andrews.

Head coach Edward Garvin said he would have liked to win some events, but was just looking for his swimmers to improve.

"Swimming is one of those sports that you might have gotten last place in your event, but that does not mean you had a bad meet," Garvin said.

"What I tell my swimmers is, if you went faster than the last time you swam, then it was a good meet."

"In the end, we want first place, but it is a building process, and as long as you are always improving then you will get there eventually."

The Lady Harvesters finished with 96 points, a point behind seventh-place El Paso Chapin. El Paso High won the girls regionals. Junior Jessica Covil finished 12th

in the 200 yard freestyle with a time of 2:33.51. Senior Jessica Gutierrez finished 11th in the 200 yard individual medley with a time of 2:46.28.

Junior Treyce Carroll finished 13th in the 50 yard freestyle with a time of 29.91. Covil finished 14th in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:24.77.

Gutierrez finished ninth in the 500 yard freestyle with a time of 6:27.48. Junior Kendle Ramey finished 11th with a time of 6:35.75. Pampa finished sixth in the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 2:02.37. Senior Lindsay Cole, Ramey, Gutierrez and Covil were the swimmers.

Ramey finished ninth in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:14.42. Freshman Katlyne Hulsey finished 13th with a time of 1:27.92. Pampa finished seventh in the 400-yard relay with a time of 4:32.82.

The Harvesters finished with 99 points, a point behind seventh place El Paso Riverside. Pecos High won the boys regionals.

Pampa finished 11th in the boys 200 yard medley relay. Senior

Cory Hudson, junior Karl Pfitzner, sophomore Travis Hinkle and freshman Michael Foreman were the swimmers.

Hudson finished 11th in the 200 yard individual medley with a time of 2:35.21 and Pfitzner finished 12th with a time of 2:35.35.

Junior Spencer Estes finished eighth in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 24.42. Hinkle finished 15th in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:14.11. Pfitzner finished 16th with a time of 1:16.75.

Freshman Chris Garvin finished 14th in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 6:21.34. Sophomore Ramon Portillo finished 16th with a time of 7:13.16. Pampa finished 12th in the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:46.53. Portillo, Hudson, Hinkle and Estes were the swimmers.

Estes finished sixth in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:03.99. Hudson finished sixth in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:09.76. Pampa finished eighth in the 400-yard relay with a time of 4:02.03.

## PHS pair to wrestling regional meet

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The Pampa Harvesters wrestling team sent two to the Regional meet at the District 5 meet Saturday in River Road.

The boys finished fifth eight points behind

Bushland. Dumas won their 12th straight title. Pampa's Robert Radke pinned Boys Ranch's Jacob Myers to win the 140 pound weight class championship. Carlos Reglado was pinned in the 189 pound weight class.

The girls finished tied for third with Boys Ranch

with 14 points. Bushland won the girls district championship. Freshman Krysten Miller won the 148 pound weight class with a pin on Bushland's Kellie Crawford.

Head coach Billy Smith said he thought his team fared well considering what they've dealt with this season.

"With how our season has gone with injuries I felt we had a strong showing at district," Smith said. "We didn't get the upset wins that I was hoping for but we did have two district champions."

Radke and Miller compete in regionals Friday and Saturday at Randall.

## BANANAGRAMS!

There is one letter that when added to all of the four-letter words below can be used to form new five-letter words. Find the letter that works for all four words, add it to each word, and then rearrange each set of letters to form a new word.

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: How long should I hold onto greeting cards from family and friends who send them on my birthday and holidays? I feel guilty throwing away something that someone spent time and money on for me, but they're doing nothing more than taking up space in a drawer.

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DEAR CLUTTERED: Don't feel guilty. Contact a children's hospital, nursery school, nursing home or senior center and ask whether they would like the greeting cards to use for craft projects. However, be sure to cut off identifying names and addresses before you donate them. Alternatively, consider taking them to a recycling center.

DEAR ABBY: I have employed the same cleaning lady every week for nearly 20 years. She worked for my grandparents before me. "Dora" is 70 and shows no hint of retiring. In fact, she tells me from time to time she has no intention of ever stopping.

Although I admire Dora's spunk, the truth is she is becoming increasingly careless in her work. I often come home to find something broken, knocked over or spilled. I can see she has

trouble managing the stairs and carrying the vacuum cleaner. I know she needs the income and I can't imagine letting her go. What can I do? — HOUSEBROKEN IN BUFFALO

DEAR HOUSEBROKEN: Point out the broken, spilled or knocked-over items and ask Dora what happened. Then offer to schedule her for an eye exam if she can't afford one herself. She may be breaking and spilling things because she has a vision problem that is correctible.

If that doesn't resolve the problem, I have another suggestion. Have Dora come to you every other week, and hire a cleaning crew to fill in and do the "heavy lifting" in the week she's not there. That way, Dora will have her dignity, a lighter load to carry and some income. And you'll have a house that's spick-and-span, and no guilty conscience.

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago, my boyfriend, "Dwight," and I set a date for our wedding. He wanted to be married on his birthday. We happily announced the date to all our family and friends.

Six months ago, Dwight informed me that his divorce is taking longer than expected and the wedding

date would have to be changed. I was very upset. I refused to set another one until after his divorce is final.

Now as the original date approaches, Dwight is mentioning things he'd like to do on his birthday. Abby, it was supposed to be my wedding day! I do not want to go to an action-adventure movie that day. I don't know what to do with all the feelings of sadness associated with that missed date. Am I being childish? Should I just celebrate his birthday the way he wants? — DEPRESSED IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR DEPRESSED: Your sadness may be less about depression than anger — turned inward. While I sympathize with your disappointment, you need to accept that when you date a man who is still married, this goes with the territory.

Because you are close enough that you had set a wedding date, you should also be close enough to discuss your feelings. It is understandable that you don't feel like celebrating this birthday, and intelligent of you not to set another date until he is actually free to marry you. Do nothing that makes you uncomfortable.

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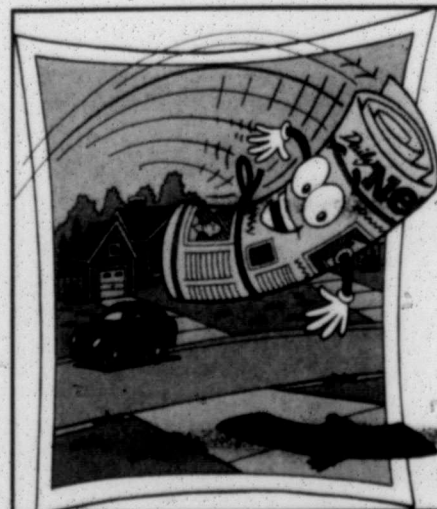
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## Green Bay wins Super Bowl without Woodson, Driver

ARI (NIGHTON, AP) — Aaron Rodgers grew up watching Joe Montana and Steve Young have their best games on the biggest stage. Now it's his turn to bring the Lombardi Trophy to the club.

Rodgers carried a patchwork lineup into the Super Bowl, then kept it together when Green Bay's depth was tested in the first half. His most accomplished receiver and the heart-and-soul of his offense were knocked out at halftime, yet Rodgers guided the Packers to a 31-25 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday night.

Rodgers, the Vince Lombardi Trophy is headed back to Littletown for the first time in 14 years. Rodgers can lead the championship parade with his shiny hardware riding on top of the red convertible he received as the NFL's MVP.

"It's the top of the mountain in my sport, the passion," Rodgers said. "It's what you dream of as a kid and think about in high school, college, D-I get the opportunity and you would you do?"

Rodgers led his team ahead 17-0 in the second drive and they were never behind. He went back to work in the second half after they had a turnover, some-thing that the very next play he threw three touchdowns and had no turnovers.

Rodgers also proved Green Bay general manager Ted Alverso was right to insist on trading Brett Favre so he could become the starter. Favre led the Packers to their last championship, but was never the Super Bowl MVP.

Alverso led back in 2005 and wouldn't be sorry with the pick, Rodgers said. He told him in '08 that I was going to repay their investment and get us this opportunity.

Rodgers' promotion was right for a lot of guys. No matter how many times the Packers lost last season, and they were on injured reserve, leading a half-dozen others, someone else was always ready to step in. They were still being prepared in this game.

Rodgers thanked these contributors by guys who weren't counted on when the season began.

On Pittsburgh's first play after Green Bay made a safety, lineman Howard Green made a mid-season pick-off, bulldozed through the line and hit Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger as he was throwing. The ball fluttered to safety Nick Collins and he returned the interception 35 yards for a touchdown, making it 14-0.

The Packers sacked Big Ben only once. The play was made by Frank Zombo, an undrafted rookie linebacker who became a starter only after an injury, then became a reserve again when Erik Walden did a solid job in his place. But Walden was inactive because of an ankle injury, so Zombo got the start.

Jarrett Bush and Pat Lee filled in for Charles Woodson and Sam Shields at cornerback. Bush had an interception and came tantalizingly close to another on the play that sealed the game. Bush only remembered playing two games in the secondary this season, Lee just one.

"I don't know if we're

just well-coached or what it is," Zombo said. "We just make plays."

Green Bay led 21-3 with a few minutes left until halftime, but the championship-stealed guys from Pittsburgh had plenty of resolve of their own.

Roethlisberger got a quick touchdown before the intermission, then another early in the third quarter. The Steelers were driving in search of a go-ahead touchdown when Rashard Mendenhall tumbled on a hit by Clay Matthews at the start of the fourth quarter.

Rodgers marched from there to a touchdown, stretching the lead and making the Packers 3-for-3 in scoring touchdowns off turnovers.

But Roethlisberger brought Pittsburgh back again, throwing a 25-yard touchdown pass to Mike Wallace and following with a nifty 2-point conversion on an option. Green Bay's 18-point lead was down to a field goal.

Rodgers got to the Pittsburgh 5-yard line on the next series, only to see Jordy Nelson fail to make what would've been a tough catch in the end zone. Mason Crosby kicked a short field goal, but the six-point lead left the Packers and their fans uneasy, even if Roethlisberger had to go 87 yards in 1:59 with only one timeout.

Some thought about last year's game against Pittsburgh, when Roethlisberger threw a touchdown pass on the final play of the game and they lost by one point.

Others thought about the Super Bowl two years ago, when Roethlisberger threw a touchdown pass in the final minute to beat Arizona.

"This time," Packers defensive coordinator Dom Capers said, "it was our turn."

Roethlisberger got a first down on the first play, then threw three straight incompletions. His season that began with a four-game suspension for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy ended with his head down, hands on his hips, feeling something he never experienced: defeat in a Super Bowl.

"I feel like I let the city of Pittsburgh down, the fans, my coaches and my teammates and it's not a good feeling," Roethlisberger said.

Defensive Player of the Year safety Troy Polamalu and outside linebacker James Harrison rarely did anything to give a decidedly black-and-gold crowd reasons to twirl their Terrible Towels.

"I had some opportunities to make some plays," Polamalu said. "I was just off a step here or there."

Woodson wept in the Packers' locker room at halftime. His left collarbone broken, he tried to give a motivational speech but the words couldn't come out, trapped by his pain and emotion.

Still, players got the message — just like coach Mike McCarthy's gambit of having players' ring sizes measured on Saturday night.

"Subconsciously, it motivated us," nose tackle B.J. Raji said. "Another great tactic by our head coach."

The Packers became only the second No. 6 seed to win the championship. The other was the 2005 Steelers, led by Roethlisberger. Several players kissed

the Lombardi Trophy as Cowboys great Roger Staubach walked through a line of green and gold to present the prize to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, who in turn handed it to the team.

"Wow! It's a great day to be great, baby," said Greg Jennings, who caught two of Rodgers' three touchdown passes.

About an hour after the game, Roethlisberger was dressed in a suit heading down a hallway on his way out of the building. He came within a few feet of Rodgers, who was still wearing his new championship T-shirt and cap, surrounded by reporters and others hanging on

every word from the new star.

Already considered an up-and-comer, Rodgers broke through with two late-season victories just to make the playoffs as a wild card, then guided Green Bay to wins at Philadelphia, Atlanta and archrival Chicago.

Facing a Pittsburgh team that gave up the fewest points in the league this season, Rodgers threw for 304 yards, including a 29-yard touchdown to Nelson, who had nine catches for 140 yards to make up for three big drops. Rodgers found Jennings, normally his favorite target, for scores of 21 and 8 yards. Veteran

standout Donald Driver was lost to an ankle injury in the first half.

The Packers upped their record of NFL titles to 13, nine before the Super Bowl era. The Steelers still own the most Super Bowl rings — six in eight tries.

The game capped an interesting week in Dallas for the teams and fans alike.

Snow and ice caused traffic snarls, canceled flights and injuries to several people when it fell from the roof of the stadium. Sunny skies and milder temperatures returned Sunday, but issues arose with seats at the game. In all, 1,250 fans with tick-

ets needed to be re-seated or put elsewhere because temporary seats were not ready in time for kickoff.

As that was being settled, Christina Aguilera botched the lyrics to the national anthem. At least the Packers and Steelers put on a terrific show after that.

"Obviously throughout childhood, you dream of having the opportunity to play in the Super Bowl. And being afforded this opportunity to fulfill it, it speaks volumes not only about this organization but about the guys that made up this team this year," Jennings said. "We were able to overcome a lot of adversity, even throughout this game, and we got it done."

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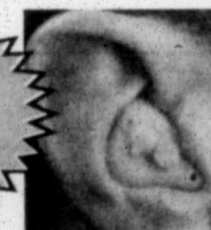
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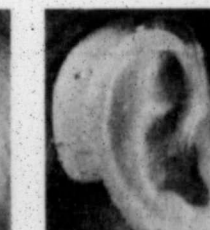
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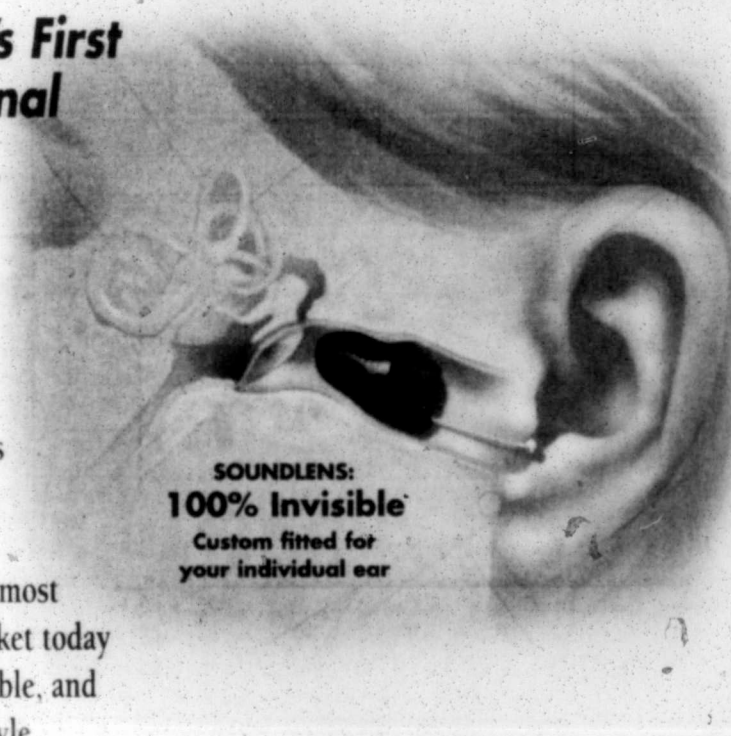


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