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Karen Price, Pampa's first African American city secretary, concentrates on her work in her office at City Hall. Price, a Pampa native, was part of the first integrated class at Lamar Elementary.

Price recalls struggles, sees progress

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(Editor's Note: Over the month of February, The Pampa News will be running a series of features highlighting prominent members of Pampa's African American community. The series will explore the trials that our black community has faced, the triumphs it has seen in the struggle, and the progress that still needs to be made.)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

a fence — just something else she walked by on her way to school.

"It was just a fence," said Price, her fingers folded together as she sat behind her desk at City Hall. Price, the city's secretary since 2007, is the first African American to hold that position in Pampa's history.

"We didn't think anything of it. It never occurred to us that it was a racial divide."

That fence, you see, used to separate the young Price's neighborhood from Prairie Village, then a completely white subdivision. Price, 53, attended now-defunct, all-black Carver Elementary until

the third grade, when her class was the first to integrate at Lamar. It wasn't until much later that she realized the fence was more than just wooden rails and whitewashed slats.

"When I came back as a teenager, of course, you know more," Price said. "You realize that that fence separated the black neighborhood from the white neighborhood. You realize, 'Oh my gosh, all the time, we were being fenced out.'"

It was a shock to her system at the time, as any epiphany of that magnitude would be. In retrospect, though, it made things make a lot more sense.

"I can remember my grandmother picking us up from school, (and she would go) straight down Crawford," Price said. "Never detoured into Prairie Village. She probably never thought about crossing that line."

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Z. Skinner trial goes to jury today

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Zachery Wade Skinner's fate is in the hands of a five-woman, seven-man jury today.

Skinner, 25, faces a possible life sentence in prison in connection with aggravated kidnapping charges.

The case went to trial Monday in the 31st District Court of Judge Steven Emmert.

Assistant District Attorney Jeromie Oney presented his case Monday afternoon, telling the jury that Skinner's girl friend, Chauntyl Martinez, 28, was beaten and held by Skinner in March of 2010.

Defense attorney Todd Alvey told the jury that Martinez had called Skinner in the early morning hours of March 27, 2010, to come get her at a friend's house even though she knew Skinner would be upset with her.

Alvey said she had the opportunity to get out of Skinner's Ford Bronco that night, but didn't. He said Martinez stayed with Skinner of her own free will.

Alvey admitted that Skinner repeatedly slapped her, but told the jury that he did not kidnap her.

Now, it is the jury's turn to tell the court what they think.

The jury went into deliberation about 10:30 a.m. today. They can find Skinner not guilty or guilty of aggravated assault, but not of a lesser charge.

In closing arguments today, Oney said that to find Skinner guilty of aggravated kidnapping, the jury would have to find that Martinez wanted to leave, Skinner made her stay, and Skinner held her in a place where she could not be found.

Alvey, in his closing remarks, said the case was summed up best by a potential juror during jury selection who said that kidnapping was taking someone

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Chamber hard at work on banquet

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A Pampa Chamber of Commerce committee is putting the finishing touches on the chamber's award banquet this month.

The annual Pampa Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet is scheduled for 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 24, in the Heritage Room of the M.K. Brown Civic Center.

Christy Robinson, chairman of the planning committee, said the Citizen and the Business of the Year would be announced at the banquet.

The Pampa High School Jazz Band will provide the entertainment.

The Dixie Cafe is catering the event.

Tickets are \$25 per person and are available at the Amarillo Federal Credit Union, Happy State Bank, NBC Bank, the Pampa Chamber of Commerce offices, Rasco/Pampa Glass and Hamburger Station.



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A Pampa Chamber of Commerce committee gets together to plan the organization's annual awards banquet later this month. Pictured are (left to right) Jodi Allen, Joe Weaver, Heather Thompson, Bob Pendergraft and Christi Robinson.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		
50%		
High 20 Low 7	High 34 Low 16	High 45 Low 24

Tonight: Snow and areas of blowing snow. Low around 1. Wind chill values between -8 and -18. Windy, with a north northeast wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100 percent. New snow accumulation of around 4 inches.

Wednesday: A 50 percent chance of snow before noon. Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 20. Wind chill values between -10 and -20. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 7. Wind chill values between -4 and 1. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 16. West southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 45. West northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 24. West southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Skinner

that didn't want to be taken. Alvey said Martinez had called Skinner and gotten into Skinner's vehicle of her own free will. Alvey claimed she was never prevented from escaping and that the only time Skinner prevented her from getting out of the vehicle was when it was moving.

The defense attorney said Skinner may be guilty of other charges, such as hitting Martinez, but he was not guilty of kidnapping.

Testimony started Monday afternoon with the prosecutor putting on the witness stand a marriage and family therapist who specializes in sexual abuse and violence cases.

Jon Klein told the jury that a "batterer" has an over-inflated sense of self and over-controlled those with which whom he might be involved.

A batterer would put the victim in an inferior position, but then would claim it would never happen again.

Klein said it was a complex relationship involving psychological and physical abuse.

He testified that 30 percent of people in such relationships end up dying violent deaths.

While Klein testified as an expert witness on relationships, he admitted under cross-examination that he had never talked with Skinner or Martinez.

Martinez admitted to Oney from the witness stand that she had asked that the case against Skinner be dismissed.

"He's my boyfriend," she testified.

Martinez said that she didn't want to be in court.

Under questioning from Oney, she admitted that when she got into Skinner's Bronco that March night, Skinner told her he wanted to kill her. She said he repeatedly hit her.

The prosecutor displayed photographs showing cuts and bruises that Martinez suffered that night along with the blood covered shirt and jeans she was wearing.

Martinez told how she went with Skinner to where he was living and stayed with him until the next morning when she left and went to the home of her grand-

mother Juanita Smith.

Smith testified that when Martinez came into her house, Martinez had blood on her clothes and bruises on her face, neck, arms, shoulders, back and legs.

At her grandmother's house, Martinez' mother had her daughter call the Gray County Sheriff's Department.

Deputy Joe Montgomery testified that he was dispatched to Smith's home.

He and Deputy Steven White testified that they had taken pictures of Martinez's injuries and had questioned her. Based on her statements, they obtained a warrant for Skinner's arrest.

Gray County Deputy J.C. Skinner (no relation to the defendant) testified that he had arrested Skinner later that day on Alcock as the defendant was pulling out of a restaurant.

Under questioning by Alvey, Martinez said that she and Zachery Skinner were engaged, and that Skinner had bought her a ring after the March 27 incident.

Martinez testified that she had called Skinner late that March night and asked him to pick her up because she was drunk.

She testified that Skinner was angry, but that he didn't force her into the Bronco. She had gotten out of the vehicle to let others out and then gotten back in.

Martinez testified that the only time Skinner prevented her from getting out of the SUV was when it was moving. Skinner had pulled her back into the vehicle by her hair.

She said that they had gone to the house where he lived and spent the night. Skinner had slapped her, but he never punched her, Martinez said.

She testified that Skinner held her that night after they went to his place and asked her if she wanted him to take her to the hospital.

Martinez then testified that her mother did not like Skinner and had forced Martinez to call law enforcement officers. She said she doesn't think he should be sent to prison.

Skinner faces the possibility of life in prison on the aggravated kidnapping charge.

For the record

Continued from Mon.

Police Department

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2800 block of North Rosewood.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of East 27th.

Alarms were reported in the 1300 block of North Banks and in the 2100 block of North Charles.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Officers were put on special assignment in the 1100 block of North Hobart.

A person was reported missing in the 900 block of South Schneider.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

A structure fire was reported in the 2300 block of North Duncan.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of North Lefors.

Officers assisted another agency at Short and Stark-weather.

Sunday, Feb. 6
A domestic disturbance was reported at Short and Yeager.

A threat was reported in the 1900 block of North Grape.

Officers assisted a motorist in the 800 block of West Kingsmill.

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

A theft was reported in the 1000 block of West Wilks.

An alarm was reported in the 2500 block of Christine.

Officers assisted another agency in the 1100 block of North Perry.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1900 block of North Faulkner.

Officers assisted a motorist at Russell and Ken.

Disorderly conduct was reported to police.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of North Nelson.

An assault was reported in the 100 block of West 30th.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville.

An alarm was reported in the 1100 block of Gwendolyn.

Monday, Feb. 7
A suspicious person was reported at Huff and Prairie.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of East Frederic.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests over the weekend.

Friday, Feb. 4
Brandi Nicole Maurer, 29, of McLean, was arrested by deputies on charges of driving while intoxicated with a child passenger, possession of dangerous drugs and municipal warrants out of Lefors.

Juan Miguel Salas, 26, of Wheeler, was arrested by deputies on charges of driving while intoxicated, failure to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to display a driver's license.

Amanda Nicole Barnes, 29, was arrested by deputies on charges of driving while intoxicated with children as passengers and insufficient bond.

Joseph Eugene Perry, 40, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of burglary of a habitation.

Stephanie Marie Dorsey, 23, of Amarillo, was arrested by deputies on charges of engaging in organized criminal activities.

Scott Lee Baker, 48, was arrested by police on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.

Evaristo Jimenez, 31, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of possession of a controlled substance, driving while

intoxicated and tampering with physical evidence with intent to harm.

Saturday, Feb. 5
Jesus Gallegos-Gutierrez, 48, was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Steven Wayne Canaday, 39, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Sunday, Feb. 6
Alfredo Calvillo Jr., 44, was arrested by deputies on a blue warrant.

Kelly Ray Fingure, 41, was arrested by police on charges of theft over \$50 but under \$500.

Lourdes Perez, 32, was arrested by police on charges of driving without a driver's license and failure to appear.

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Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls over the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Officers reported eight traffic-related incidents and two accidents.

Animal control reported seven animal-related incidents.

Pampa EMS reported five ambulance calls.

Monday, Feb. 7
Criminal trespass was reported in the 1100 block of N. Duncan.

Officers provided escorts in the 800 block of W. 23rd and the 900 block of E. 23rd.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 1300 block of N. Hobart.

Abandoned vehicles were reported in the 1300 block of E. Kingsmill, and the 1200 block of E. Darby.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of E. Harvester.

Abandoned vehicles were reported in the 500 block of S. West and the 1500 block of N. Faulkner.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 800 block of Locust.

Abandoned vehicles were reported in the 2100 block of N. Faulkner, the 2200 block of N. Nelson, the 2100 block of N. Hamilton and the 300 block of W. 17th.

A 911 hang-up was reported in the 2300 block of N. Navajo Rd.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of E. Darby.

Officers conducted a welfare check in the 400 block of N. Magnolia.

An information call was reported in the 1400 block of E. Browning.

Criminal mischief was reported at Brown and Cuyler.

Water was shut off in the 2000 block of N. Duncan.

A motorist assist was reported at Hobart and Wilks.

Water was shut off in the 500 block of N. Nelson.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1900 block of N. Coffee.

An information-call was reported in the 2600 block of N. Hobart.

An alarm was reported in the 2200 block of N. Hobart.

An agency assist was reported in the 300 block of E. Tuke.

A motorist assist was reported at Charles and Pennsylvania.

A prowler was reported in the 1700 block of N. Chestnut Dr.

Tuesday, Feb. 9
A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of E. Hwy. 60.

A prowler was reported in the 2500 block of Christine.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1900 block of N. Hobart.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Feb. 7
Travis Nicholas Tambunga, 18, was arrested by officers on capias pro fine warrants in connection with minor in possession of alcohol.

Isidoro Moreno Deleon Jr., 33, was arrested by officers on charges of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces, and warrants for no valid driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

Amy Diane Coil, 21, was arrested by officers on warrants concerning no valid driver's license, a department of corrections warrant and failure to appear.

Tuesday, Feb. 8
Marvin Monroe Finney III, 35, of Lefors, was arrested by deputies on capias pro fine warrants in connection with unsafe backing, expired motor vehicle registration, driving with an invalid license and expired motor vehicle insurance.

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AFTERNOON RUSH Specter of shootings still haunts Tucson

Sexting to be misdemeanor?

AUSTIN (AP) — Teens younger than age 18 could face a misdemeanor charge, not a felony, for "sexting" under a bill filed in the Texas Legislature.

Sexting is cell phones are used, typically by teenagers, to send each other sexually explicit messages or images. The measure by state Sen. Kirk Watson of Austin was endorsed Monday by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott.

The bill would reclassify a sexting offense as a Class C misdemeanor for underage first-time violators.

Current Texas law says anyone who transmits an explicit image of a teen can face felony charges of possessing or trafficking child pornography.

Watson's bill, filed last week, would also require school districts to provide education for students on the dangers of sexting.

Judge reprimanded over rant

AUSTIN (AP) — A judge has been reprimanded for improperly jailing a Caldwell County man after a 2009 restroom confrontation in a custody dispute.

The State Commission on Judicial Conduct issued the private reprimand against State District Judge Jack Robison. The judge did not immediately comment.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Monday that the Jan. 26 reprimand says Robison "exceeded the scope of his authority and failed to comply with the law."

Don Bandelman was ordered to serve 30 days for contempt of court without a hearing or advance notice of the charge.

The newspaper reports Bandelman followed Robison into the courthouse men's room and called him as "a fool" after a custody ruling against his son. Bandelman served two days until an appeals court ordered Robison to explain his contempt ruling.

Commission to probe outages

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Railroad Commission has summoned key leaders in the natural gas industry to explain why power plants unexpectedly shutdown, or could not get started, during a cold snap last week.

The failure of 82 out of 550 Texas power plants triggered rolling power outages across the state on Feb. 2. An arctic cold front with high winds drove temperatures into the teens early that morning.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said a lack of adequate weatherization was the main cause for the power plants to shut down, including the lack of sufficient pressure in natural gas lines to fuel electric generators. The Railroad Commission regulates natural gas operations in Texas.

The commissioners want to hear from the Texas Energy Reliability Council, an industry group, to explain what happened.

Miss San Antonio sues for crown

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Miss San Antonio has gone to court to try to keep her crown after being ousted over alleged insubordination.

A judge in San Antonio has set a Feb. 16 hearing on the breach of lawsuit filed on behalf of 17-year-old Dominique Ramirez.

The lawsuit names the Miss Bexar (bays) County Organization Inc. A judge Monday issued a temporary restraining order.

The suit, filed with the help of the League of United Latin American Citizens, says the teen's mother received a Jan. 25 e-mail indicating Ramirez was no longer Miss San Antonio.

Board president Linda Woods says Ramirez has not complied with rules, has been late to appearances or did not show up, and gained weight.

The lawsuit alleges Ramirez was not provided with a chaperone and transportation to events.

El Paso water restrictions lifted

EL PASO (AP) — El Paso's water emergency appears to have passed.

The West Texas city's water utilities department lifted stringent water use restrictions Monday night, two days after it essentially banned water use for anything but drinking.

Mayor John Cook had issued a water emergency on Sunday to stiffen enforcement of the restrictions. The clampdown came after last week's frigid temperatures caused leaks in the West Texas city's water distribution system that lowered the city's reservoir levels.

A city statement Monday says those reservoirs have been replenished and the crisis appears to be easing. However, the statement urges residents to continue conserving water.

Deputy guilty in drug scheme

HOUSTON (AP) — A former Harris County sheriff's deputy pleaded guilty Monday for his role in what prosecutors described as a scheme to rob drug loads from dealers.

Richard Bryan Nutt Jr. pleaded guilty during a hearing in federal court to a charge of conspiracy to interfere with commerce by extortion.

Nutt, who faces up to 20 years in prison when sentenced June 6, remains free on bond.

Nutt, 43, and four others were arrested in December after taking what they thought was cocaine from a vehicle that was actually part of a sting operation by Houston police and the FBI.

Prosecutors said Nutt conspired with four others to use his position as a law enforcement officer to steal drug loads from dealers and split the proceeds after the drugs were sold by co-defendants.

Nutt's attorney, Mark Thering, disagreed with prosecutors' description of his client's role in the scheme. Thering said Nutt was not part of an ongoing effort to rob drug dealers but only made a one-time mistake.

Thering said Nutt agreed to take part only in one robbery of a drug dealer and that he had been told he only was going to steal money and not drugs.

"He is very remorseful and accepts responsibility and is embarrassed by the shame he has put on his family and the sheriff's department," Thering said.

Nutt was fired from his job shortly after he was arrested.

One of the other four men indicted in the case also pleaded guilty Monday. The remaining defendants are set for trial in March.

PHOENIX (AP) — A month after a lone gunman shot U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and 18 others, the southern Arizona city and those whose lives were changed by what happened outside that Tucson grocery store are still reeling from the shockwaves that the massacre sent throughout the country.

Tuesday marks one month since the tragedy, but the families of the six people killed in the Jan. 8 shooting remained awash in grief and the 13 survivors are struggling with their injuries and the emotional scars left behind.

Giffords, who was critically wounded after being shot in the head, has been recovering at a rehabilitation hospital in Houston.

By appearances, Tucson has largely returned to normal, with massive makeshift memorials to the victims dismantled and boxed in locked storage for a future permanent memorial.

Meanwhile, more than a hundred miles north in Phoenix, state lawmakers are taking action in the aftermath of the shooting.

Democrat legislators introduced a bill late Monday that would ban the sale of large-capacity gun magazines, like the one used in the Tucson rampage. It faces a difficult road to passage at the Republican-led Legislature, which has a strong record on gun rights.

A second piece of legislation has bipartisan support. It would require educational institutions and public agencies to notify health authorities about terminations, expulsions and suspensions resulting from violence or threatening behavior.

Jared Loughner, the 22-year-old Tucson man charged in the shooting, was booted out of Pima Community College because of behavior that campus police consid-

ered disturbing. He was told to get a mental health evaluation or not return.

Some lawmakers say they're comporting themselves with new restraint and respect amid increased bipartisanship.

"Things have changed," said state House Speaker Kirk Adams, a Mesa Republican who, on the Jan. 10 opening day of the legislative session, said he prayed that the Legislature and society would be more attuned to respect and value.

"The relationships on an individual basis between the majority and the minority are better," Adams said Monday. "We're communicating a lot. We're cooperating on everything that it's possible to cooperate on."

Two Democratic leaders offered somewhat differing assessments.

House Minority Whip Matt Heinz said he was finding Republicans receptive to work on several policy issues in the session's first month.

"I certainly feel a sense of more unity, and it's not so much us versus them," he said.

But Tucson Democrat Rep. Steve Farley, the chief sponsor of the gun-magazine bill, said he thinks that the shooting is now fading for many lawmakers, particularly those from other parts of the state.

"When I come up 1-10, it's almost like it never happened," said Farley, referring to the major interstate freeway that links Arizona's capital city with Tucson. "In Tucson, we're still in the middle of it."

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Three teens shot to death in Mexico

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Three teenage boys were shot to death in the Mexican border city of Ciudad Juarez, at least two of them U.S. citizens and high school students in Texas, authorities said Monday.

The boys were killed at 4:22 p.m. Saturday while looking at cars in a dealership in the city across the border from El Paso, Texas, Chihuahua prosecutors' spokesman Arturo Sandoval said. One was found inside a white Jeep Cherokee and the other two in the courtyard.

There were no leads on suspects or a motive, Sandoval said. Two managers were also in the dealership during the attack. One refused to give a statement, while the statement from the other manager was not released because of the pending investigation, Sandoval added. At least 60 bullet casings were found at the scene.

CORRECTION

In the story titled "Filing for election ballots begins Feb. 1," the first day of early voting was incorrectly printed as May 12. The correct date is May 2.

The location of the uniform election has also been changed to M.K. Brown Auditorium.

The Pampa News apologizes for the errors.

Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 8, the 39th day of 2011. There are 326 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 8, 1910, the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated.

On this date:

In 1587, Mary, Queen of Scots was beheaded at Fotheringhay Castle in England after she was implicated in a plot to murder her cousin, Queen Elizabeth I.

In 1693, a charter was granted for the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg in the Virginia Colony.

In 1837, the Senate selected the vice president of the United States, choosing Richard Mentor Johnson after no candidate received a majority of electoral votes.

In 1904, the Russo-Japanese War, a conflict over control of Manchuria and Korea, began as Japanese forces attacked Port Arthur.

In 1924, the first execution by gas in the United States took place at the Nevada State Prison in Carson City as Gee Jon, a Chinese immigrant convicted of murder, was put to death.

In 1960, work began on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, located on Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street in Los Angeles.

In 1968, three college students were killed in a confrontation with highway patrolmen in Orangeburg, S.C., during a civil rights protest against a whites-only bowling alley.

In 1971, NASDAQ, the world's first electronic stock exchange, held its first trading day.

Ten years ago: The House Government Reform Committee opened hearings into former President Bill Clinton's last-minute pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich, with former prosecutors complaining that they hadn't been consulted before the pardon was granted.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush condemned deadly rioting sparked by cartoons of the prophet Muhammad as he urged foreign leaders to halt the spreading violence. U2 captured five Grammy awards for their album "How to Dismantle An Atomic Bomb," including album of the year.

One year ago: Endeavour and six astronauts rocketed into orbit, hauling a new room and observation deck for the International Space Station.

Today's Birthdays: Composer-conductor Jolin Williams is 79. Former ABC News anchor Ted Koppel is 71. Actor Nick Nolte is 70. Comedian Robert Klein is 69. Actor-rock musician Creed Bratton is 68. Singer Ron Tyson is 63. Actress Brooke Adams is 62. Actress Mary Steenburgen is 58. Author John Grisham is 56. Actor Henry Czerny is 52. Rock singer Vince Neil (Motley Crue) is 50. Rock singer-musician Sammy Hanes (The BoDeans) is 50. Environmental Protection Agency administrator Lisa P. Jackson is 49. Actress Mary McCormack is 42. Rock musician Keith Nelson (Buckcherry) is 42. Retired NBA player Alonzo Mourning is 41. Actor Seth Green is 37. Actor Josh Morrow is 37. Rock musician Phoenix (Linkin Park) is 34. Rock musician Jeremy Davis (Paramore) is 26. Rock musician Max Grahn (Carolina Liar) is 23. Actor Ryan Pinkston is 23. Actress Karle Warren ("Judging Amy") is 19.



Fall of ex-ally Egypt will vex United States

Most campaign rhetoric and political punditry is underpinned by an assumption that perfect solutions are possible, if only people would have the good sense to adopt the candidate's or the pundit's course of action. Alas, that is not always so.

Case in point, the apparent revolution in Egypt. Most Americans would like to see the emergence of a democratic government that respects human rights and nurtures a growing economy. But how to get there?

Barack Obama, so brimming with confidence when he took office, has stumbled around trying to find the right response. Gone was the self-assurance of the man who seemed confident he could win the hearts and minds of Muslims in his June 2009 speech in Cairo.

To the first peaceful demonstrations in Cairo, he was almost as stonily indifferent as he was to those in Tehran in June 2009. Almost a week later, in a less than surefooted televised statement, he said change must occur "now." The next day, pro-regime thugs started beating up protesters in Tahrir Square.

Now he finds himself burdened with the responsibility to try to shape Egypt's form of government for the future. The United States clearly has an interest in preventing the emergence of an Islamist government in a nation of 80 million people in the heart of the Middle East.

We have an interest in having Egypt continue to maintain at least the current cold peace with Israel. We have an interest in an Egypt that will be an ally in important causes, as Hosni Mubarak's regime was in the Gulf

War, or at least an untroublesome observer, as in the struggle in Iraq.

In fairness, it's not at all clear what we can do to assure such an outcome. The scholar Walter Russell Mead notes that American presidents have been faced numerous times with revolutions — the fall of Louis XVI of France and the czar of Russia, the takeovers by the Chinese communists and Fidel Castro, the overthrow of the Shah of Iran — and have never managed to come out ahead.

"In all of these cases, the United States failed to find an effective policy response to the revolution, and each time the foreign revolution created thorny political problems for the sitting president," he writes.

"President Obama will do well if he can avoid being blamed by everyone involved for all the ways in which the new situation in Egypt falls inevitably short of their hopes."

It is tempting to look back and try to identify mistakes made by Obama and his predecessors that helped create the current dilemma. Obama could have pressured Mubarak harder to make concessions to his people and to gracefully retire.

He and his predecessors could have placed less reliance and trust in authoritarian and dictatorial leaders in the Middle East, as George W. Bush forthrightly stated in his first term as president and in his second inaugural speech. And Bush himself could have

stayed truer to that vision in his last years in office.

If you want to go back far enough, you could criticize Dwight Eisenhower and John Foster Dulles for canceling U.S. aid for the high dam in Aswan, which led Mubarak's predecessor-but-one Nasser to turn to the Soviet Union for aid and an alliance.

But when you go through this exercise, you come to the conclusion that American leaders not only face difficult decisions, they often must make tragic choices. The decision to back Hosni Mubarak ensured that Egypt, the only Arab country with the demographic heft to pose an existential threat to Israel in conventional war, would remain at peace instead.

It provided us with an ally in at least some important policies for a period of 30 years — a very long time, just about as long as the time between the outbreak of World War I and the end of World War II.

American leaders have never had the luxury of allying our country only with pristine partners. We entered World War I allied with the odious regime of czarist Russia. We won World War II only with the aid of the even more horrifying communist regime of Josef Stalin.

The time we bought with our support of Mubarak is now obviously coming to an end. Let's hope that the outcome is one we can live with at least as well.



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Blagojevich claims record 'missing'

CHICAGO (AP) — Attorneys for Rod Blagojevich filed a pretrial motion Tuesday seeking what they claimed was missing evidence in the impeached Illinois governor's corruption trial, including records of a phone call between a Blagojevich aide and then White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel.

The motion claims the telephone conversation took place just a day before Blagojevich's December 2008 arrest on charges that include allegations he sought to sell or trade the appointment to President Barack Obama's vacated Senate seat for personal gain. The motion says details of that conversation could bolster a defense contention that Emanuel, who has not been accused of any wrongdoing, was willing to help with a political deal in which Blagojevich would have named Illinois' attorney general to the seat.

But the call between Emanuel and then Blagojevich chief of staff John Harris is not among hundreds of transcripts of secret FBI wiretaps recorded before Blagojevich's arrest. The defense motion points only to circumstantial evidence that it even happened, including a reference in a White House transition-team report from after the arrest that said Emanuel had "about four" conversations with Harris. The defense was given records of only three conversations, according to the motion.

"The fourth and final phone call is the call that is mysteriously missing," it adds. "Piecing together multiple documents after the first trial, Blagojevich uncovered the fact that the December 8th phone call... took place."

A spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's office in Chicago, Kim Nerheim, declined any comment on the motion.

Blagojevich faces 23 charges at his April retrial, after jurors at his first trial last year agreed only on one of 24 counts and convicted him of lying to the FBI. Both prosecutors and defense attorneys have been ordered to file all pretrial motions by next week.

The defense's latest filing comes just two weeks before Chicago's mayoral election. Emanuel has a considerable fundraising advantage and leads in polls in the race to

replace retiring Mayor Richard Daley.

Emanuel has said little about the Blagojevich case publicly, often citing the ongoing legal proceedings for not commenting in detail. The White House report released in 2008 by the then president-elect's office concluded neither Emanuel nor anyone else on Obama's staff had had any "inappropriate discussions" with Blagojevich or his aides.

It found that Emanuel had had "one or two telephone calls" with Blagojevich and "about four" with Harris, who testified for the government at Blagojevich's first trial.

Tuesday's motion also goes out of its way to say the defense isn't accusing Emanuel of doing anything untoward.

"Blagojevich makes absolutely no assertion that Rahm Emanuel was ever involved in, or aware of, any wrongdoing, criminal or otherwise," it says.

Still, the motion's focus suggests the ousted governor's attorneys could make Emanuel a part of their defense strategy, which could cause him some political discomfort. He did not testify at the first trial, though both prosecutors and the defense have left open the possibility he could be called at the second trial.

A voice message left overnight for Emanuel campaign spokesman Ben Labolt was not immediately returned.

In their motion, defense attorneys contend details of a final conversation they say took place between Emanuel and Harris would support Blagojevich's claim that he merely hoped to forge a deal in which he would name Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan to the Senate seat in exchange for her father, powerful Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan, pushing a legislative package favored by the governor.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I'm an independent, 41-year-old woman who attracts men who are 10 to 13 years younger than I am. I'm not interested in them because I feel they are only after one thing. Another problem is, when I start getting close to a man my own age, he always makes me feel "smothered." It seems I'm either loved too much or not at all.

Is there a balance, or am I just afraid of getting close? — AVOIDING GETTING HURT IN MILWAUKEE

DEAR AVOIDING: I suspect that it's the latter. Not all younger men are interested in only one thing. Some are, but not all. And men your age who are ready for commitment are not "smothering" you -- but they do seem to want something you are unwilling or unable to give.

Unless you can determine what's holding you back, you will remain single and looking. A psychologist could help you get to the heart of the matter quickly, and that's what I'm recommending so I won't hear from you with this same problem when you're 50.

DEAR ABBY: After nine years of marriage, my husband, "Brett," and I welcomed our first child 10 months ago. We are happy except for a problem with Brett's mother, "Carol."

Carol and I have had a rocky relationship, although in recent years things seem to have gotten better. My complaint (and Brett's as well) with Carol is that she is intrusive. She always wants to be in the middle of everything and won't ease up on "mothering" Brett. Furthermore, Carol has decided our child should call her "Grandmommy" or "Mommy Smith."

I object to that name because I feel "Mommy" is the one name reserved for me. I don't mind "Grandma," "Grandmother" or "Granny." But Carol won't back down. We tried coming up with another name, but she has ignored our suggestions.

Am I being unreasonable? Please advise. — THE ONLY MOMMY HERE

DEAR ONLY MOMMY: You and Brett need to calm down. Your child won't be doing a lot of talking for a while. And when your baby does, he or she isn't going to be calling Carol by any multisyllabic appellations. Your child will probably call her a name that's easy to pronounce and entirely original.

DEAR ABBY: I am the youngest of three children. Whenever my mom looks through our family photo albums, she makes comments about "the good old days" while she's looking at the pictures taken before I was born. It offends me when I hear it, because it feels like she's saying the years she remembers most fondly are the ones before she had me.

Am I overreacting, or do those comments seem inappropriate to you as well? — OUT OF THE PICTURE, LEWISTON, IDAHO

DEAR OUT OF THE PICTURE: When your mother looks at the photo albums, she may be reminded of a time when she was younger, experienced less stress and had fewer responsibilities. Not knowing her, I can't tell you if you're overreacting. But I can suggest that you discuss this with her because your feelings may be a mile off target. Please don't wait and let this fester.

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Know your reverse mortgages

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If you know a senior homeowner who is running out of money, a reverse mortgage might generate enough cash to allow them to stay in their home for many more years. Last fall, the Federal Housing Administration created new rules, and opportunities, for lower-cost reverse mortgages. Now that most lenders have launched these new products, it's worth an updated look.

A reverse mortgage turns your home into your pension, either giving you a lump-sum payout from the equity in your home or a fixed monthly check that will keep paying you as long as you live in the home.

This reverse mortgage is available to homeowners age 62 or older who either have paid off their mortgage or have a small remaining balance. The amount you can receive is determined by your age, the value of your home and current interest rates. Basically, the older you are when you take out the reverse mortgage, the more money you can receive — either in a lump sum or monthly payout.

And all the money you withdraw is tax-free, since it is the return of your own capital.

You don't need a credit check, and you retain title to your home. You won't have any mortgage payments, although you will be responsible for homeowners insurance, property taxes and upkeep on your home. But you'll now have a monthly check to pay for those expenses, or a pool of money in the bank to cover emergencies.

Basically, you are just borrowing from yourself — although you will be paying interest on that loan. But the interest is added to the amount of equity taken out of the home. When you sell the home, or die, the amount you have borrowed out of your home's equity must be repaid from the sale proceeds.

Importantly, you — or your heirs — can never owe more than the home is worth. And you can never be forced out of your home because you've "run out" of equity. Eventually, when the home is sold, because you move or die, any proceeds (minus the withdrawals, interest and fees) are returned to you, or your heirs.

If that sounds too good to be true, this is the one product that really is as good as it sounds — if you understand all the details and costs.

There are basically two kinds of reverse mortgages, and they are offered by many banks. Since all of these mortgages are insured by the Federal Housing Administration, they must follow the same basic rules — although there could be some differences in cost.

A reverse mortgage is called a HECM loan, which stands for Home Equity Conversion Mortgage. There are two types of loans — the Standard HECM and the newer "HECM Saver." Each lets you borrow a different percentage of your equity, and each has different fees.

The amount you can borrow on a reverse mortgage depends on the appraised value of your home. But no matter how valuable your home, the FHA has determined that the maximum amount of equity that will be considered for a reverse mortgage in 2011 is \$625,500.

The interest paid (taken out of your remaining equity) on both of these loans can be either at a fixed or variable rate. These days, few lenders will promise a fixed monthly payment at a fixed interest rate for the rest of your life. So most loans are variable rate, based on an index set by the FHA, and typically the interest is adjusted monthly. The initial interest rate on the Saver loan is slightly higher than on the Standard loan.

The Standard HECM loan allows you to access more money from your home equity than the Saver HECM, which allows access to about 20 percent less equity. But the Standard requires a 2 percent upfront premium — again taken out of your equity — while the Saver has a tiny .01 percent upfront fee. Both loans also take a monthly insurance premium of 1.25 percent out of your equity to pay for the FHA insurance on these products.

(The FHA insurance protects the lenders, so they don't lose money: Think about it this way: If the bank promises to pay you \$2,000 a month for life in a reverse mortgage, and if you live to be 100, instead of the expected 85, the bank will lose out on the deal. The FHA insurance covers that possibility.)

The one place lenders do compete is in origination fees on these loans. The law allows banks to charge a maximum of \$6,000 in origination fees, but many lenders today advertise that they will waive the entire origination fee. (They know they will make money on the loan interest over the years — as long as you don't live too long.)

If you're interested in knowing what you could get in a reverse mortgage, go to ReverseMortgage.org, and use the online calculator to see what monthly payment or lump sum may be received out of your home. You can also search for reverse mortgage lenders in your area.

In the box here, you can see an example of what you could receive in a reverse mortgage.

Are you still worried about taking money out of your home? It's understandable if you are because a reverse mortgage is only available to a homeowner who has paid off the mortgage or has a small remaining balance. If you fall in that category, you've been a good saver all your life. So think of it as your home repaying you for all those years of saving.

Before taking out a reverse mortgage, you must go through a counseling process to make sure you understand how this works. And as part of that process, the lender must estimate for you how much you will have withdrawn from your equity after three, five and 10 years, and up to the youngest borrower's 100th birthday, even if the interest rate adjusts upward to the cap. (Important note: On all these adjustable loans, the rate can rise up to 10 percent higher than the initial rate.)

There is one good way to beat the lender on a reverse mortgage. That's to stay healthy and live in your home for many years, while you keep collecting the money. That's what I keep telling my own father about the reverse mortgage I organized for him nearly a decade ago. I think it's an inspiration for him.

And it could be the answer for you, so if you're planning and hoping to stay in your home for a while, check out a reverse mortgage. Lenders know they are dealing with seniors and their families, so they are set up to patiently explain the process. It doesn't cost anything to investigate a reverse mortgage, and it may pay off big time. That's the Savage Truth.

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Four agencies to vanish under Perry's budget efficiency plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry will ask the Legislature on Tuesday to indefinitely suspend funding for four Texas agencies and consolidate the functions of dozens more as part of a sweeping budget plan that would make deep spending reductions across state government.

Funding for the Texas Historical Commission and the Texas Commission on the Arts would be eliminated altogether, according to a summary of Perry's top government efficiency proposals obtained by The Associated Press ahead of Perry's State of the State address on Tuesday.

Those two agencies, which provide funding for the promotion of Texas arts and culture and the upkeep of state historic structures, were given over \$100 million in the previous budget when bond proceeds and federal dollars are counted.

Two smaller agencies, the Board of Professional Geoscientists and the Board of Professional Land Surveying — which oversee licensing requirements for people in those professions — would also disappear under a list of "suspensions/consolidations" that will accompany the governor's budget proposal to the Legislature, documents obtained by the AP show. Those agencies got about \$2.4 million to spend in the current budget.

Taken together, the proposals to zero out funding for some agencies while consolidating others would save the state about \$50 million. That's a tiny fraction of the multibillion dollar budget shortfall confronting lawmakers this year, but it marks a significant departure from what other Republican leaders are discussing.

Perry's office declined to discuss in detail the governor's policy initiatives ahead of his speech scheduled for Tuesday morning in the Texas House of Representatives. But spokesman Mark Miner said the governor would talk about "streamlining government

and making it more efficient." "State government must live within its means," Miner said.

Texas is facing a budget shortfall of at least \$15 billion. Republican leaders from Perry on down are vowing not to raise any new taxes to make up the shortfall. Like the draft budgets already released in the House and Senate, Perry will propose billions of dollars in cuts that would make dramatic reductions touching every corner of the state budget.

There will be plenty of give-and-take before the Legislature concludes its regular session at the end of May. But Perry's bureaucratic streamlining proposals represent a different approach from draft proposals being debated in the two chambers.

Besides the four agencies that would go away, Perry would target at least 21 agencies for consolidation and put their responsibilities into 11. He would put the Texas Facilities Commission, which oversees government buildings, into the General Land Office, for example.

Perry would also create a new Health Professions Agency, and fold into it a variety of agencies that oversee health professionals — including the Texas Medical Board, the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners, the Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Dental Examiners.

The governor traditionally submits a budget to the Legislature every year, but they are under no obligation to enact any of it. The governor's main budgetary authority comes from his veto power, including "line-item" discretion to zero out specific spending proposals.

"The governor doesn't talk about any kind of vetoes until the end of the session," said Miner, the Perry spokesman. "It's premature to talk about vetoes until something hits his desk."

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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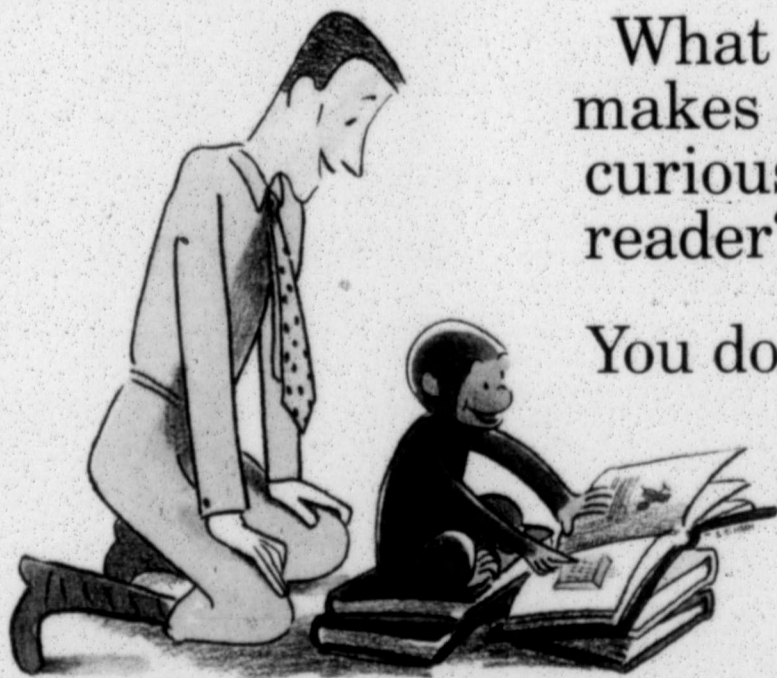
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Price

It was largely symbolic, of course, of a turbulent time in Pampa's history, microcosmic of the nation's racial troubles as a whole. While the schools were in the process of integration, there was easily still tension within, and Price was one of the kids in the crossfire.

"It wasn't easy," Price said. "Being taken from an all black school to a school that was integrated, there was lots of fighting, misunderstandings. It just was a difficult time, especially for kids that had all grown up together. We'd never really had racial experiences, because you can't have racial experiences if you're not integrated."

Even if you went to the grocery store or whatever, you never came into play. We'd buy groceries and then go home. The race card for kids never came into play. Not when we went to that school, it did."

Price said that those racial anxieties often manifested in hostile ways.

"I have to tell you," she said, "there were a lot of instances of the 'n' word being used. Even in class. I remember, there was a boy — and he and I are what I would consider good friends now — but he called me the 'n' word. We were playing the game where you put your head down on the desk and somebody would tap you on the shoulder and you'd get to get up and do the game. I touched him and he was like, 'You 'n---,' don't put your hand on me ever again.' We were just playing a game."

She looked all of her willpower, Price said, not to react. But Price realized, even in her youth, that the struggle for equality couldn't be won with more hate.

"Probably a few months, maybe a year later, a big white brother was getting ready to beat that boy up," she recalled, smiling. "I was like, 'No! Not happening. Not the way we're supposed to behave.'"

"He probably tell you now, 'She saved my life,'" she imagined. "But I'm saying, he just judged me on the color of my skin, not the content of my character, you know. I wasn't going to let that bring me down (to that level)."

Price acknowledged that it was maddeningly difficult to deal with, day in and day out. As a child, she found it hard to understand why people allowed their prejudices to manifest such hard, cruel boundaries. Defense mechanisms were a natural part of the process.

"I was just going up and up immediately," she said. "As a child, you just go up. We don't know any better. We just go up. As far back as I remember, I was always being a factor in our home, so I was always going up. It was not easy."

Price said she was talking to (my family) about it, but she said she was already knew, because

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I believe, have been held back except for by (our own) choice. It has been hard, don't get me wrong, but I didn't let that become a mindset with me."

That attitude helps drive Price every day at City Hall, she said. So does the fact that her generation has come so far in leaving behind such divisive hatred, and that she is now part of a group that's working for the good of Pampa.

"When I first got the city secretary job, I wrote down something," Price said, reaching into her desk drawer to pull out an old, worn business card. She held it between two fingers and read what she'd scrawled on the back.

"It was kind of a goal," she said, "and I still have it all the time, right here. It says, 'To see the city of Pampa continue to be the leader it is in our region and to continue to offer consistent, quality, ethical customer service to our citizens.' This team that we have now (at City Hall), I think we do that. That's what I'm most proud of."

"For a while, Pampa wasn't recognized for all the good that there is here. There is a lot in Pampa. It just has to be tapped into and nourished. I see that this team is doing that, and for me to be a part of that, it gives me great pride... Look back at where we were, like what I saw in school, and compare that to now, when I am a part of a team that's able to do good things for this city. To know that I am in a position to help do that, that gives me a lot of pride. We're working for a common goal, and we're not letting race, nationality, creed, religion — we're not letting any of that deter us from progressing this city."

That hurt she felt as a child hearing racial slurs in class

has been replaced by hope for future generations. While she acceded, undeniably, that racial apprehensions still exist in Pampa as well as in our society as a whole, she said that the arrow of progress is pointing in the right direction.

"I'm hopeful," she said. "We're not there yet — no way — but we're moving forward."

"When I first went to Lamar Elementary School, there were only Lamar and Baker where black kids went. Now here, every school in the city is mixed. There's no limit as to where you want to go. That is wonderful to see that. I hope that (our children) are able to learn together without the distractions that I had. That right there makes it all worth it if they are all learning together, working together, living side by side."

That fence that Price used to walk along to school has mostly crumbled now, weathered by time and forgotten by many. A small part of it, though, still stands, as Price was quick to point out, and perhaps it's fitting that way. Fifty years later, it's still an apt metaphor: The divide may be mostly gone, but even now, some yet remains.

To Price, it means that the struggle for the black community is not over, not by a long shot. But throughout the struggle, we cannot overlook the triumphs, she said, and in those triumphs, there is reason to celebrate.

"I believe in God, and I believe in his great plan," she said. "In the end, it all pans out. Martin Luther King, he expected to suffer. But in the end, based on what he fought for, if he could look down on us from heaven right now, he'd be like, 'Yeah. Progress.'"

"We're not at the mountaintop yet, but progress."

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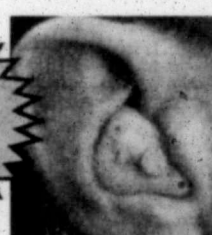


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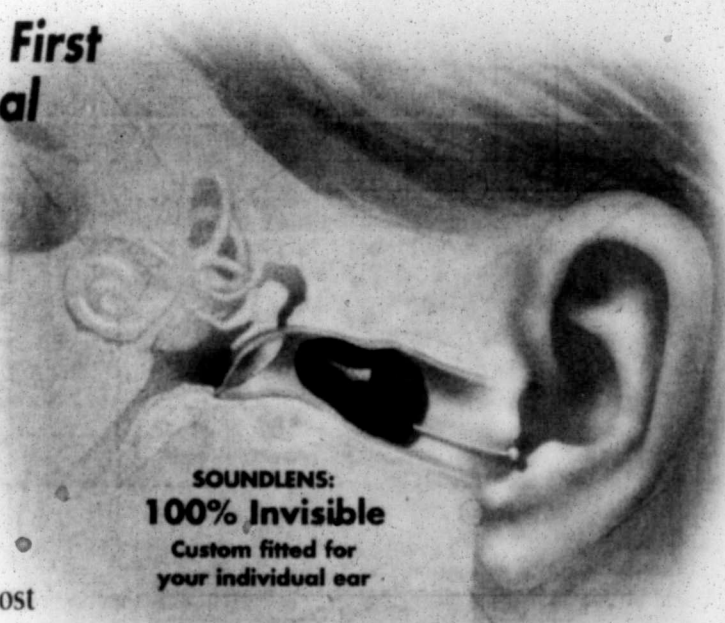
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Sports

Sr. Chairez makes impact with minutes off bench

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Senior swingman Brandon Chairez may not play a lot of minutes in games.

The small amount of minutes he does receive, however, have made an impact, as the senior is a spark off the bench in his first varsity season.

Chairez said he has embraced his role and understands the impact it has on the team.

"I just go in with a mindset that I need to just do my part and help out with what the team is lacking," Chairez said.

Friday night against Perryton, Chairez entered the game with the Harvesters trailing. Within a matter of seconds the senior nailed a wide open three to tie the game.

The very next possession Chairez, put in a layup that gave Pampa a lead they didn't relinquish.

Head coach Dustin Miller said Chairez was great Friday night, and that was just an example of what he's done during the season.

"Brandon brings us an edge," Miller said. "He will get in and mix it up with anyone."

Chairez also was the first one Miller called when Reid Miller got injured at Panhandle. The

senior swingman said he had to get used to the game speed this season after coming up from the junior varsity.

"The main differences I've noticed from JV and varsity is the game speed, the crowd and there are much more taller people," Chairez said.

The senior swingman said it was fun being on junior varsity in his last season and thinks the experience helped the team strive for success this season.

"It was competitive," Chairez said. "Coach (Matt) Embry made sure we all worked hard and played like we were trying to achieve district champions."

"I think that's why we have the strive and ability we do now on varsity to really achieve and want that goal."

Chairez, like many basketball players, idolizes Michael Jordan. Though Chairez likes him not just for being a great basketball player but individual.

"Due to his high school career, it tells me that you can be anything you set yourself to be," Chairez said.

"He made me realize that you don't need to give up on anything and be a quitter. He is a man that truly loves the game as much as I do."



Staff photo by Andrew Glover

Brandon Chairez penetrates in a Dec. 5 game against White Deer. Chairez, in his only varsity season, has been used to create a spark for the Harvesters.

Schedule Changes

- The Varsity-Boys and girls soccer games at Randall are tentatively postponed till Thursday
- The JV and Varsity softball scrimmage at Canyon has been moved to Thursday with Varsity starting at 4:30 and JV at 6.
- The Lefors Girls and Boys basketball game at Groom has been moved up to 5 and 6:30 p.m.

If you know of any more cancellations or schedule changes please call Andrew Glover at 669-2525 or email him at aglover@thepampanews.com.

CORRECTIONS

The tennis photo on 1B of Tuesday's edition was taken by Ellen Gage and not Andrew Glover.

The story "Many place but none to state" on page 3B misidentified Cody Hudson, as Cory Hudson.

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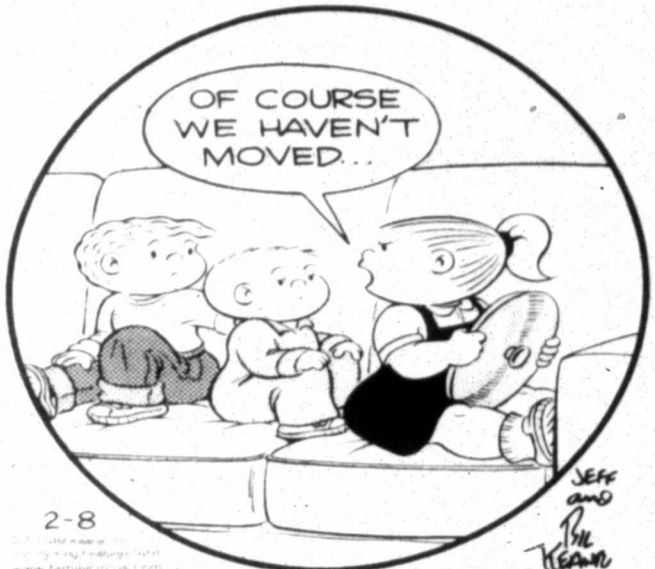
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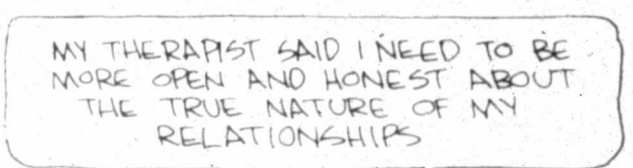
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011:

This year, you have much going on that you might not choose to reveal. Holding your feelings back could prove to be a problem, especially as you could get hurt easily. You might enjoy a home-based business, where you can alternate activities. If you are single, you could become involved with someone who is emotionally unavailable but represents him- or herself differently. Use someone as an ally. If you are attached, the two of you benefit from frequent getaways together. **TAURUS** grounds you.

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)
 ***** Rushing around as you have, take advantage of a slowing down. Realize what you have to offer, especially to a boss or supervisor. Your sense of self comes through. Sometimes it isn't necessary to always be proactive. Demonstrate your self-confidence. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** You are forthright and all smiles. Others receive your message clearly. Finally, where previously you have been confused or overwhelmed by events and people, now you are right on target. Stay on top of your work. Don't test your boundaries with a boss. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** Consider calming down and centering yourself. Your strength comes from integrating information and getting a sense of the appropriate direction. You might not want to share everything that is on your mind, though you will listen to another person expressing his or her desires. Tonight: Share with a partner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** One-on-one relating — no matter which realm of your life you are dealing with — serves you well. You might feel as if another person is making demands. Initiate a conversation in order to clear the air. You could be surprised by how responsive another person might be. Tonight: Hang where there are people.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** You deal with others well and enjoy the intensity and the openness that follows. Caring grows with others, especially with those with whom you have daily contact. Know your limits and honor them.

Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Keep reaching out for others. You could be frustrated by what occurs with a child, but a discussion with someone who has a totally different perspective helps you gain a better understanding. Stay grounded, but explore new ideas and let go of rigidity. Tonight: Where there is music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** Deal with a partner hands-on. You might find that, in general, others become more responsive if you deal with them directly. A new approach draws a family member up. Suddenly you note less flack and far more cooperation. Tonight: Dinner with a special friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** Others come forward and finally reveal what they previously have been hesitant to. Suddenly you see and feel your choices. You might wonder about a new direction. Recognize what has influenced you when you make a choice. Tonight: Open up to potential.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** Focus on one project at a time. You might not have the juggling skills of recent days, and a project demands your immediate attention. Finances play a major role in your thoughts, if not actions. Tonight: Buy a token of affection on the way home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** You might feel as if a situation is more complicated than you would like. If you apply your ingenuity, you could see the things in easier terms. Creativity comes from you. A new mental outlook is instrumental too. Tonight: Take the night off?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** Often you do your best thinking at home by yourself. If you have a project that needs alone time, what better place than home? Make sure you aren't exaggerating the importance of another person's comment. Don't make mountains out of molehills. Tonight: Maintain your distance from the world.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** Others finally listen, and their words ring like magic. You finally appear to have cleared away a boulder. You ask yourself why are you pushing so hard. Let others pitch in more often. Know what you want. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

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IS LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

2-8 CRYPTOQUOTE

QLJDI ODJ OTVOWH KTGVDH

KGD QLGHI VLG VOMQ QG

HJJ QLIP - LJMDC POQCHHJ
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: YOUTH IS A WONDERFUL THING. WHAT A CRIME TO WASTE IT ON CHILDREN. — GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

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