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Infractions doom soccer team against Dumas

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PHS bus shot with pellet gun after Borger game

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Less than an hour after defeating the Borger Bulldogs 73-61 to clinch the district title, Pampa basketball coaches and players received a bit of a scare as they rode the team bus home.

Pampa Independent School District athletic director Stuart Smith said someone drove up to the bus and shot the side window with a pellet gun.

"It didn't go all the way through," Smith said. "Glass splintered across the four seats."

Players and coaches were covered in glass, but no one was seriously hurt. The window will have to be replaced.

Pampa High School boys athletic director Heath Parker said it could have been worse.

"Just think what could have happened if it hit the driver's window," Parker said.

This incident was the third prominent act of vandalism since Pampa returned to Borger's district. Someone spray painted Borger's logo over Pampa's midfield 'P' at Harvester Field in September.

Parker's garage was also spray painted weeks before Pampa's football game with Borger.

Head boys basketball coach Dustin Miller said he has experienced a lot of pranks, but none like Friday night.

"I have had the bus egged and beat on by students while we were in it," Miller recalled. "We have had to have police escorts out of town but (Friday) was a new experience to me."

Smith said his main concern is that Pampa students don't look to reciprocate.

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SWEET TOOTH

staff photo by David Bowser

Dr. William Buck was giving away red roses along with sparkling smiles at his dental practice this Valentine's Day. The recipient of this particular rose was Cyndee Parks.

CREZ lines on county's schedule

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The Gray County Commissioners Court will meet in a regular session at 9 a.m. tomorrow at the County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

On the county commissioners' agenda is a discussion of the proposed Competitive Renewable Energy Zone (CREZ) power lines with Kathy Boydston of Texas Parks and Wildlife. The discussion was originally scheduled for the commission's Feb. 1 meeting, but was postponed due to inclement weather.

Continuing old business, the commission will also consider the funding of the McLean ambulance service. During financial discussions last year, the commissioners increased the budget for the ambulance service to \$20,000; the level of service, however, has dropped because of the lack of a paramedic, according to Gray County Judge Richard Peet.

"There's no need to be paying them that additional money if they're not at that level," Peet said at the last county commissioners' meeting.

The commission will also consider receiving land for a new routing of Johnson Ranch Road. The **COUNTY** cont. on page 7

Car wreck leads Bell to career with Pampa EMS

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Wade Bell has a pretty clear perspective about his job.

"Whenever they call us out," Bell said, "somebody's having a bad day."

Bell, 50, is a supervisor with Pampa EMS and his experience with emergency situations is on both sides of the care-and-patient divide.

Bell, a native of Happy, started his emergency medical career as a volunteer in Wayside.

For 21 years, Bell worked at a farm and ranch store in Wayside.

"The closest EMS ambulance was Happy, 25 miles away," he said.

The community of Wayside started its emergency team in 1982 with an Emergency Care Attendant class.

"Then we started an EMT class in 1983," Bell said. "At that time, I

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believe there were about 12 to 15 of us that took that in Wayside."

By the time the class was over, Wayside had the most paramedics and emergency personnel per capita of any town that size in the state of Texas.

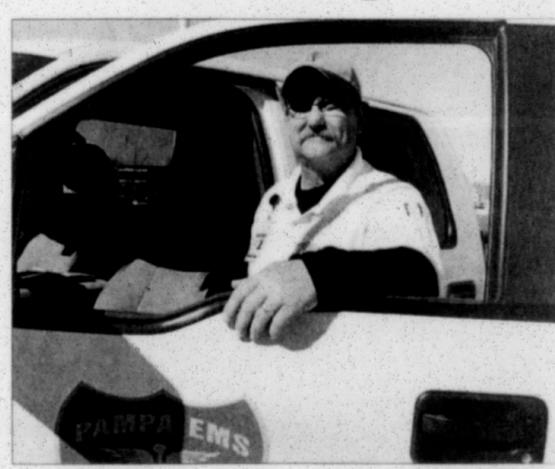
"I've been doing this a while," he said with a grin.

Bell said he started out doing it as a volunteer for his community.

"As the community got smaller," he said, "and CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) took over more, our farm store was struggling."

Bell said he felt that medicine was his fallback position.

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Wade Bell transitioned to a career in medicine from his original job operating a farm store.

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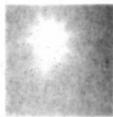
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PAMPA FORECAST

Tuesday Wednesday Thursday



High 62
Low 35



High 70
Low 41



High 71
Low 31

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 31. Wind chill values between 24 and 29. South-east wind around 10 mph becoming southwest.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 62. Wind chill values between 22 and 32 early. North northwest wind around 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 35. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 70. Windy, with a southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 41. Breezy, with a southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 71. Windy, with a west wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 31. Windy, with a north northwest wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

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Obama budget resurrects tax increases

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama's budget proposal resurrects a series of tax increases that were largely ignored by Congress when Democrats controlled both chambers. Republicans, who now control the House, are signaling they will be even less receptive.

The plan unveiled Monday includes tax increases for oil, gas and coal producers, investment managers and U.S.-based multinational corporations. The plan would allow Bush-era tax cuts to expire at the end of 2012 for individuals making more than \$200,000 and married couples making more than \$250,000. Wealthy taxpayers would have their itemized deductions limited, including deductions for mortgage interest, charitable contributions and state and local taxes.

"These policies were unfair and unaffordable when enacted and remain so today," Obama said in his

budget message.

Obama's proposal would extend tax credits for college expenses and child care, as well as a more generous Earned Income Tax Credit for the working poor. The plan would enhance and make permanent a popular business tax credit for research and development, and would provide tax breaks for investing in advanced manufacturing and for making commercial buildings more energy efficient.

Many of the tax increases were in the president's previous budget proposals, offered when Obama could expect a more friendly reception from Congress. Lawmakers from both political parties, however, have been wary of limiting the ability of high earners to deduct charitable contributions out of concern it will hurt non-profit organizations.

A group of Senate Democrats has come out in favor of raising taxes on

oil and gas companies, but Republicans, who generally oppose such tax increases, have the votes to block them in the Senate.

House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., called Obama's proposal a missed opportunity to address the nation's fiscal problems.

"We need a government that finally does what every other American has to do in their households and their businesses, and that's to live within our means," Cantor said in a statement. "Instead, President Obama's budget doubles down on the bad habits of the past four years by calling for more taxes, spending and borrowing of money that we simply do not have."

Obama has called for reforming individual income taxes and corporate taxes, saying he wants to eliminate special interest tax breaks and use the additional revenue to lower overall tax rates.

Obituaries

Brent Keith Crossman, 52

Brent Keith Crossman, 52, died February 13, 2011, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Crossman was born July 13, 1958, in Pampa, to Paul, Jr., and Glenda Laycock Crossman. He had been a lifelong resident of Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School in 1976. He married his soul-mate, Tina Mansell, and she preceded him in death in 1998. He worked as a machinist in Pampa and was a member of First Baptist Church. He loved to fish and hunt. He loved his family and friends with all his heart. Every time he parted ways with his family, he always had a peck on the cheek and always told them he loved them. He loved his mother,

daughters and grandchildren with all his heart. He will be sorely missed.

Survivors include his three daughters, Betsy Crossman, Mollie Crossman and partner Krissy Green, and Julie Cook and husband Michael, all of Pampa; his mother, Glenda Crossman of Pampa; a sister, Roxane Funderburk of Pampa; three grandchildren, Kenzi Johnson, Mason Crossman, and Marley Cook, all of Pampa; a niece, Shelley Funderburk of Amarillo; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father in 1965. Memorials may be made to Gray Cares, 511 N. Hobart, Pampa, TX, 79065, or Pampa Meals on Wheels, 302 E. Foster, Pampa, TX 79065.

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For the record

Police Department

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

Police reported 37 traffic-related calls and three accidents. They reported 11 abandoned vehicles over the weekend.

Animal control officials reported 13 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported 15 ambulance calls. The Pampa Fire Department reported three medical calls. The Lefors Volunteer Fire Department reported two medical calls.

The city reported 17 waterline breaks.

Friday, Feb. 11
Officers assisted a motorist at Browning and Warren.

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

Officers made a welfare check in the 1000 block of East Fisher.

Officers had escort duty in the 1300 block of North Mary Ellen.

Alarms were reported in the 800 block and in the 1100 block of North Charles.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 100 block of North Faulkner.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 800 block of North Nelson.

A hit and run was reported in the 2800 block of North Charles.

Officers assisted a motorist at Hobart and Somerville.

A suspicious person was reported at Tyng and Miami.

Carbon monoxide was reported in the 500 block of North Starkweather.

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

A burglary was reported in the 300 block of South Tignor.

A theft was reported to police.

Hazardous material was reported in the 1500 block of North Christy.

Officers assisted a citizen in the 800 block of West McCullough.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Boyd and Wells.

Found property was reported in the 1100 block of Gwendolyn.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1300 block

of North Hobart.

A structure fire was reported in the 1100 block of North Terrace.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

An intoxicated driver was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 1800 block of North Duncan.

An assault was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A domestic dispute was reported in the 1700 block of North Hamilton.

Saturday, Feb. 12
An intoxicated driver was reported at 19th and Hobart.

Officers had escort duty in the 100 block of West 30th.

A theft was reported in the 1700 block of North Hamilton.

A suspicious person was reported in the 300 block of East Brown.

A fire investigation was launched in the 1300 block of North Charles.

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

An assault was reported to police.

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

A theft was reported in the 900 block of North Mary Ellen.

Officers made a welfare check in the 1500 block of North Banks.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Browning and Magnolia.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Officers checked a building in the 100 block of East Craven.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 100 block of East Craven.

Officers assisted another agency at Duncan and Pennsylvania.

Officers checked buildings in the 100 block of West Foster and in the 100 block of East Craven.

Sunday, Feb. 13
Officers assisted another agency at Browning and Russell.

Alarms were reported in the 2200 block of North Hobart and in the 2500 block of North Perryton Parkway.

A suspicious person

was, reported at 20th and Charles.

Criminal mischief was reported at Cuyler and Brown.

A suspicious person was reported at Beryl and Canadian.

An open door was reported in the 700 block of Prairie.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

An alarm was reported in the 900 block of Walcock.

Officers made a welfare check in the 600 block of North Dwight.

A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block of East Browning.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of West 30th.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1600 block of West Kentucky.

Harassment was reported in the 900 block of South Wells.

A gas drive off was reported in the 1000 block of West Wilks.

An unattended death was reported in the 600 block of North Frost.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Frost and Atchison.

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

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of North Mary Ellen.

Phone harassment was reported in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

Officers assisted another agency in the 200 block of North Russell.

Monday, Feb. 14
A prowler was reported in the 900 block of South Wells.

Sheriff's Office

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

Friday, Feb. 11
Michael William Justice, 24, of Borger, was arrested by deputies on charges of theft by check out of Hutchinson County.

Saturday, Feb. 12
Billy Bob Stowers, 25, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Angel Aron Araiza, 22, was arrested by police on charges of driving with-

out a driver's license, not wearing a seatbelt and failure to appear.

Haili Ann Kotara, 20, of Amarillo, was arrested by police on charges of fraudulent use of identification and driving while license invalid.

Julio Cesar Salas, 26, of Wheeler, was arrested by deputies on charges of having an expired registration and driving while license invalid.

Juan Miguel Salas, 26, of Wheeler, was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Sunday, Feb. 13
Tony Earl Davis, 47, was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Dustin Levi Jefferis, 31, of Elk City, Okla., was arrested by police on charges of displaying an expired inspection sticker, not having insurance and failure to appear.

Kevin Ray Kirkham Jr., 20, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Donald David Privitt, 21, was arrested by police on charges of theft under \$50, failure to appear, non-payment of child care and fines.

Jule Amanda Velasquez, 33, of Amarillo, was arrested by police on charges of driving without a valid driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

William David Hiser, 29, of McLean, was arrested by deputies on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Monday, Feb. 14
Jacquilyne Lee Mears, 35, of Lefors, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Juan Luis Morales, 27, was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Desmond Parnell Jackson, 47, was arrested by police on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to display a driver's license, having an expired motor vehicle inspection, failure to appear and displaying an expired registration.

AFTERNOON RUSH

Paul wins straw poll

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas congressman Ron Paul won the presidential straw poll at the Conservative Political Action Conference for the second straight year Saturday and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney finished second.

Paul got 30 percent, while Romney got 23 percent of those who cast votes at the conference in Washington. Former New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty, Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann and Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels were among those in single digits.

Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, two high-profile Republicans who did not attend, were also in single digits.

The CPAC straw poll was co-sponsored by The Washington Times.

State considers gas guzzler fee

FORT WORTH (AP) — State officials are considering levying a \$100 surcharge on some new vehicles that fall short of federal fuel efficiency standards.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram says no legislation has been filed to add the surcharge, but it's among several recommendations in a recent Legislative Budget Board to cover an anticipated massive budget shortfall. The board is a joint committee of top Texas House and Senate members, including Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Straus.

The report says light-duty trucks and sport utility vehicles pollute more than average size vehicles and are less energy-efficient.

Attorney: Edwards deposed

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Two-time presidential candidate John Edwards has testified under oath in a lawsuit over a videotape that purportedly depicts him in a sexual encounter, an attorney for a former Edwards aide said.

Robert Elliot said Edwards was deposed last week as part of a dispute between former Edwards aide Andrew Young and Edwards mistress Rielle Hunter. Elliot declined to discuss the content of the testimony. A judge said last year he didn't want the details discussed publicly and warned both sides that he could hold people in contempt if the deposition material is talked about outside of the case.

Hunter has sued Young to reclaim materials, including a video that Young has said depicts a sexual encounter involving Edwards and a woman he assumes to be Hunter. Young has said he helped cover up the affair and contends the tape was found amid trash Hunter left behind in a home he was renting.

Blagojevich asks to admit tapes

CHICAGO (AP) — Attorneys for impeached Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich filed their second pretrial motion in less than a week on Monday — this latest one asking a judge to let them play around 100 excerpts of secret FBI recordings at Blagojevich's upcoming corruption retrial.

The new motion says the tapes from before Blagojevich's 2008 arrest show he tried to cut a legal political deal to name Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan to President Barack Obama's vacated U.S. Senate seat.

Blagojevich will face a retrial in April on 23 charges, including allegations he sought to sell or trade an appointment to Obama's seat. At his first trial, jurors deadlocked on all but one count of lying to the FBI.

The motion contends Blagojevich's multiple references to Madigan in the recordings counter government assertions that talk of a Madigan deal was merely a ruse to obscure other bids by Blagojevich to profit personally.

Wash. fire destroys 18 homes

WHITE SWAN, Wash. (AP) — Dozens of firefighters battled a blaze fueled by strong winds on Washington's Yakama Indian Reservation that destroyed 18 homes, officials said.

The fire apparently started in one house in the early Saturday afternoon and then spread in the town of White Swan, bolstered by 40 mph winds.

The blaze raged for most of the day.

Early Sunday, Yakima County District 5 Fire Chief Brian Vogel told The Associated Press that the wild land fires had been controlled, but thousands of logs on log decks at one of the mills were still burning. They're expected to burn for another 24 hours, the *Yakima Herald-Republic* reported Sunday.

No residents were hurt but two firefighters were treated for minor injuries, Sgt. George Town of the Yakima County Sheriff's Office told the AP.

Austin leaders take up rail plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Austin leaders could spend \$1.2 million for more studies of a proposed light rail line or a streetcar system.

The Austin City Council on Thursday is scheduled to consider approving \$700,000 for a federally mandated environmental study. About \$500,000 is sought for a joint project with Capital Metro to update the area's transit plan.

A commuter line, Capital Metro's MetroRail, opened in March 2010 with service connecting Leander (leander) and downtown Austin.

The *Austin American-Statesman* reports a formal bond proposal on the city's \$1.3 billion urban rail plan is not expected to go before voters until at least November 2012. About \$2.6 million already has been authorized for consultant studies.

Father, son die in shootings

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Police say an apparent argument led to gunfire that has left a father and son dead in South Texas.

San Antonio police say 69-year-old William Patterson allegedly shot his 23-year-old son before turning the gun on himself. Police say William Patterson was found dead at the family's home on Saturday.

Police say Christopher Patterson was transported to a San Antonio hospital. The Bexar (bexar) County Medical Examiner's Office says Christopher Patterson died Sunday.

Fact sheet explains politics, finance

TOM MARGENAU
Creator's Syndicate



I'm probably going to be sorry I did this, but I've written another Social Security fact sheet that I'm offering free of charge to my readers. I'm feeling sorry for myself because as many of you know, I'm a one-man show sitting alone at my computer in the corner of the family room in our little retirement cottage. In other words, I don't have a staff to help answer all my e-mail requests (other than my wife who occasionally pats me on the shoulder and says, "Can I get you something to drink?").

But frankly, I don't think I'll be inundated with requests because this latest fact sheet deals with the political and financial side of Social Security. After working with Social Security issues for over 40 years, I've learned that people are mildly interested in those aspects of the program, whereas they are keenly concerned about how Social Security personally impacts them. In other words, they'd much rather know "What's in it for me?" as opposed to "What's in it for the country?"

I call this fact sheet, "The Sacred Cow, the Cash Cow, Holy Cow ... The Politics, Financing and Future of Social Security." I wrote it because there is so much confusion and misinformation out there about these subjects. Here are examples of the kinds of rumors, false accusations and half-truths the fact sheet clears up. I'll bet you've heard (and possibly even have spread) some of this aggravating gossip:

- "President Johnson moved Social Security money into the general funds to spend it."
- "President Bush spent the Social Security surplus to help finance the war in Iraq!"
- "Social Security money has been used to pay for other government programs."
- "Congress has stolen every nickel of Social Security money and never paid it back!"
- "Social Security's trust funds are stocked with worthless IOUs!"
- Some of those "half truths" are

just that. The little kernels of fact they contain have been so distorted over the years that no one knows what to believe. So, the fact sheet cuts through all the muck and misinformation, explains how Social Security really works, describes what's happened to all the money the system has taken in over the years, and lays out the problems facing its near and long-term future. But then the fact sheet offers proposals for reforming Social Security by giving arguments for and against each possible solution and, more importantly, indicating how effective each proposal is.

So if you would like an electronic copy of this fact sheet, just send an e-mail to thomas.margenau@comcast.net. And as long as my wife keeps those drinks coming, I should be able to get the fact sheet to you within a few days of your request.

Q: Do you want to know how we can fix Social Security? We can force congressmen to pay into the system just like everyone else. If they had to pay Social Security taxes and then someday collect Social Security benefits instead of their cushy government pension, they would fix Social Security tomorrow!

A: This is why I wrote the fact sheet. It's just one more example of the many misunderstandings people have about Social Security. Members of Congress, along with the president, top government officials and all other federal government employees, have paid into Social Security since 1983. But their Social Security benefit can be supplemented with a federal pension — just like my wife's Social Security benefit is supplemented by a pension from the county library system she used to work

for, and my neighbor's Social Security benefit is supplemented by his pension from the company he used to work for.

Q: If Congress wouldn't have messed around with it and added all the extra giveaway programs over the years, Social Security wouldn't be in the red as it is today. I say take Social Security back to the good old retirement system it started out as. Giveaway programs like disability and SSI should be paid from general funds like any other welfare program.

A: Social Security never really was the "good old retirement system" you seem to think it was. Although the original Social Security Act passed in 1935 was essentially a retirement program, dependent's benefits and survivor's benefits were added in 1939, even before the first monthly benefits were paid. And today, those programs still make up the vast majority of Social Security payments.

Disability benefits were added in 1956. But what makes you think of them as "welfare"? People getting Social Security disability have to work and pay taxes to qualify for benefits, just like someone getting retirement benefits. Actually, the Social Security disability program is really just an early retirement benefit for someone who has to stop working prematurely because of a physical or mental impairment.

However, the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, added in 1973, is indeed a welfare program. But SSI is not a Social Security program, and its benefits are funded out of general tax revenues, not Social Security taxes. After the SSI law was passed, the government handed the program over to the Social Security Administration to manage because they had experience dealing with similar beneficiaries and they had a vast network of field offices.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.

Texas declaration to go on public display

AUSTIN (AP) — The original copy of the Texas Declaration of Independence, a document that makes Texas special among the nation's states, is getting a new home for a now rare public appearance.

Brittle, fading and suffering the ravages of exposure to light and the acidic nature of the 19th century black iron gall ink bleeding through its likely handmade paper, pages of the document go on display starting this week in the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building in Austin.

The library, across the street from the Texas Capitol, is finishing a \$20 million renovation that includes cabinetry specifically designed to exhibit sensitive and aging historic documents such as the declaration and William Barrett Travis' famous letter from the besieged Alamo that pleads for help but promises no surrender.

On March 2, 1836, the first of 59 men to sign the Texas Declaration of Independence from Mexico put their names on the document as they huddled at a convention at Washington on the Brazos, about 80 miles northwest of present-day Houston. The goal of the declaration — the founding of the Republic of Texas — was sealed the following month when the Mexican army under Santa Anna was routed by Texan forces led by Sam Houston at the Battle of San Jacinto.

Texas entered the United States when it was annexed a decade later.

"We are the only state that was its own sovereign nation, so it's extremely unique in American history," state archivist Jelain Chubb said. "I think the other unique thing about it is the story of the document and its own survival. How did it survive when we know so many things get lost to history over time?"

What's known is that in addition to the original, there were five authentic handwritten copies, distributed to five major towns in Texas of the time. They've all been lost. Another 1,000 copies were printed and a handful of those still exist. The original handwritten version somehow ended up in Washington at the U.S. State Department, possibly sent there when Texas was about to be annexed.

"How did it get here? What did it go through over time? Who handled it? How did they treat it?" Chubb said. "Sometimes the documents survive just through benign neglect. Others because people actually understood what they were and they handled it with care. What we're trying to do is continue that legacy of handling it with care in terms of the best knowledge and resources that we have."

Some accounts indicate someone in the State Department discovered the declaration in a file cabinet and it was returned to Texas after June 1896.

"We don't know the documentation," Chubb said. "Some of what we have is very sketchy."

"Like all good history, there are mysteries that go along with it that make it more intriguing."

What's known is that it wound up in the care of the now defunct Texas Board of Control, a kind of umbrella organization created in the early 20th century to manage state buildings and grounds among its numerous duties. Records indicate the state archives received it for care in July 1940.

By then, it had been on display in the Capitol building for at least a decade.

"They didn't know the science we do today in terms of how light affects paper and ink," Chubb said. "We know better now. And so we're going to use those practices to make sure this document continues to survive on into the future so 175 years from now your grandchildren's grandchildren will be able to come here and hopefully it will look quite a bit the same."

It will still go on display periodically but only temporarily. The current exhibit likely will run through San Jacinto Day in late April.

At the time of the Texas sesquicentennial 25 years ago, the declaration underwent restoration to ease the effects of acidity and reduce the yellowing and brittleness of the paper.

"That was a great help," said Sarah Norris, a conservator at the archives. "You can help the paper but there's not as much you can do about the ink."

The ink, now faded brown, includes iron and tree material among its ingredients.

George Childress, a lawyer credited with being the declaration's author, added to the preservation challenges today by writing on both sides of the paper, cut into six sheets about the size of present-day legal-size paper. He probably used a quill as his writing instrument.

"One characteristic of iron gall ink is that it actually deteriorates the paper it's sitting on," Norris said. "That's why you see the writing coming through the other side. ... And if it gets really bad, those sections will actually become so degraded they'll drop out of the paper."

In this case, the ink is working from both the front and back sides of the sheets.

Norris said another problem has been the extended exhibition of the declaration in previous years that accelerated the ink fading.

"The light damage is cumulative and irreversible and there's no conservation treatment that can bring ink back once it has faded," she said. "The problem here is we've got the ink from the other side starting to burn through. ... It's starting to cause some problems with legibility."

Bus

"I just don't want anyone getting retaliation," Smith said.

Miller echoed Smith's concerns and hopes Pampa continues to stay civil despite the escalating incidents.

"I'm proud of our town and our kids and even more proud that we haven't responded to these inci-

dents in any negative way," Miller said. "Hopefully, we continue to be classy and leave it all on the field and court."

Smith said the team may increase safety measures next time they travel to Borger.

"We might have to have a police

escort or take our officer with us," Smith said. "That will have to be taken up with the city. We did it in the past, but it hasn't been necessary the past few years."

Pampa's next trip to Borger is February 18-19 with the girls golf team.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Monday, Feb. 14, the 45th day of 2011. There are 320 days left in the year. This is Valentine's Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 14, 1961, the radioactive element lawrencium was first synthesized at the University of California, Berkeley.

On this date:

In 1778, the American ship Ranger carried the recently adopted Stars and Stripes to a foreign port for the first time as it arrived in France.

In 1859, Oregon was admitted to the Union as the 33rd state.

In 1895, Oscar Wilde's final play, "The Importance of Being Earnest," opened at the St. James's Theatre in London.

In 1903, the Department of Commerce and Labor was established (It was divided into separate departments of Commerce and Labor in 1913.)

In 1912, Arizona became the 48th state of the Union.

In 1920, the League of Women Voters was founded in Chicago; its first president was Maud Wood Park.

In 1929, the "St. Valentine's Day Massacre" took place in a Chicago garage as seven rivals of Al Capone's gang were gunned down.

In 1979, Adolph Dubs, the U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, was kidnapped in Kabul by Muslim extremists and killed in a shootout between his abductors and police.

In 1989, Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini called on Muslims to kill Salman Rushdie, author of "The Satanic Verses," a novel condemned as blasphemous.

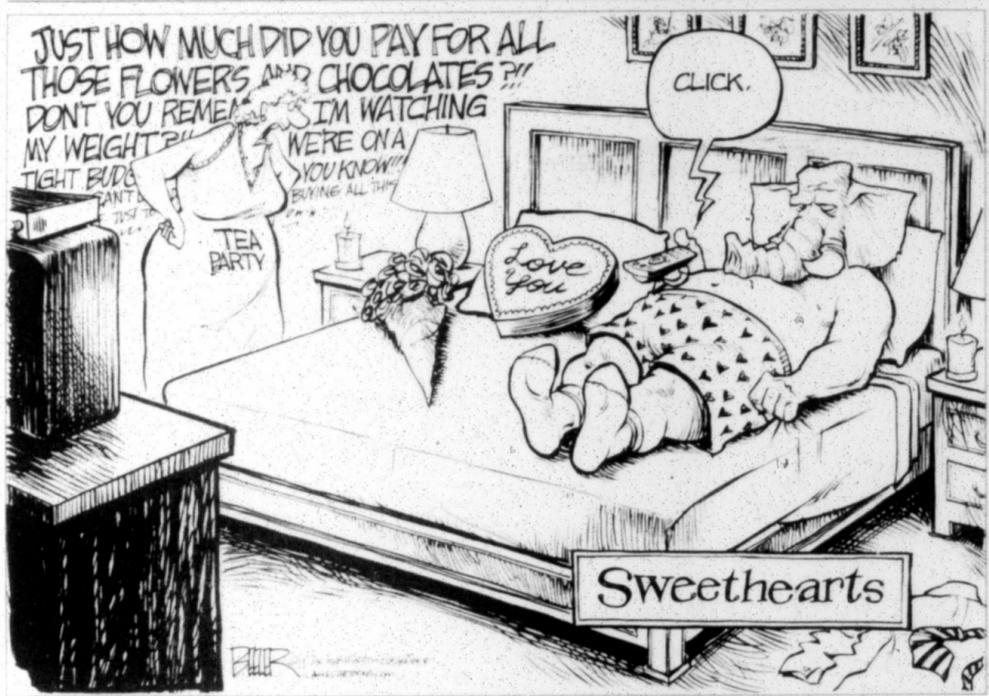
Ten years ago: The Kansas Board of Education approved new science standards restoring evolution to the state's curriculum.

Five years ago: Attorney Harry Whittington, the man accidentally shot by Vice President Dick Cheney, suffered a mild heart attack when a shotgun pellet traveled to his heart, but he later recovered.

One year ago: The Americans broke through the Nordic combined barrier at Vancouver, winning their first Olympic medal in the sport dominated since its inception by the Europeans.

Today's Birthdays: TV personality Hugh Downs is 90. Actress-singer Florence Henderson is 77. Actor Andrew Prine is 75. Country singer Razy Bailey is 72. New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg is 69. Jazz musician Maceo Parker is 68. Movie director Alan Parker is 67. Journalist Carl Bernstein is 67. TV personality Pat O'Brien is 63. Magician Teller (Penn and Teller) is 63. Cajun singer-musician Michael Doucet (Beausoleil) is 60. Actor Ken Wahl is 54. Actress Meg Tilly is 51. Pro Football Hall of Famer Jim Kelly is 51. Singer-producer Dwayne Wiggins is 50. Actor Enrico Colanoni is 48. Actor Zach Galligan is 47. Actor Valente Rodriguez is 47. Rock musician Ricky Wolking (The Nixons) is 45. Tennis player Manuela Maleeva is 44. Actor Simon Pegg is 41. Rock musician Kevin Baldes (Lit) is 39. Rock singer Rob Thomas (Matchbox Twenty) is 39. Actor Matt Barr is 27. Actress Tiffany Thornton is 25. Actor Freddie Highmore is 19.

Thought for Today: "A life without love is like a year without summer." Swedish proverb.



Funding shortfalls bring new challenges

It is time to take a deep breath and talk turkey.

As we are all aware, money is scarce this year. As you can imagine, the future financial state of public education was a very hot topic during the recent Mid-Winter Conference of the Texas Association of School Administrators in Austin. Unfortunately, due to many factors, funding for Texas public school education is projected to be more than \$9 billion less over our next budgeting biennium.

When you stop to think about the implications of this gigantic deficit, the fallout becomes a major concern for our own Pampa Independent School District.

Pampa ISD is projected to lose between \$1.8 - \$3.5 million in funding. While this news is bad enough, it is further complicated by the fact that the exact amount of dollars lost will not be known until much later in the school year, perhaps as late as the summer months.

This unpredictability creates a difficult situation when preparing to plan for and finalize our budget for the 2011-2012 school year.

In response to this uncertainty, our district administrators are planning for several scenarios in order to be fully prepared for the final allotments.

Unfortunately, in order to prepare a budget that has been forecast to be 5 percent to 15 percent less than our current budget, we must consider every area of spending in the district.

While any cuts will be uncomfortable, this crisis does provide us with the unique opportunity to focus on the important, high quality educational experiences that are occurring in classrooms across the district.

Our greatest asset remains our professional staff at Pampa ISD. They are prepared and equipped to do "more with less." Measured planning with thoughtful input is currently underway to carefully analyze those areas that will be decreased, minimized, or cut entirely.



County Class

All departments and campuses in the district are currently being evaluated for cost saving opportunities. Additionally, measures will be put in place to determine exactly how much money can be saved through the elimination or reduction of discretionary budget items. For example, professional development opportunities, travel, and supplies will be significantly reduced this year.

Additionally, more than 80 percent of a school district budget is in salary costs; therefore, in response to the extent of cuts being forecast by the state, it will be necessary for districts throughout the state to reduce staffing.

At Pampa ISD, we will absorb as many positions through attrition as possible. Administrators will do their best to create the necessary savings in

personnel costs with the least disruption to our highly skilled and professional staff.

Certainly, our future ground can seem uncomfortably shaky as the legislature wrestles with the daunting task of fairly and judiciously appropriating our ever shrinking educational resources.

However, regardless of political wrangling, each member of our community can rest assured that, regardless of financial shortfalls, Pampa ISD will be fully prepared and ready to continue our professional service to each student in our district.

While many difficult decisions must be made during the upcoming months, you may rest assured that each decision will be made with the primary interest of student learning at the core.

Pampa is fortunately led by a very committed Board of Trustees and Superintendent who keep the children of their community as the common denominator in every equation and every decision made.

While this is a time for us all to keep informed and to stay in tune with the work of our legislators, these challenging times also provide a new opportunity for us all to think creatively, to find solutions together, and to unite as a community.

Evan Smith is the Deputy Superintendent at Pampa Independent School District.

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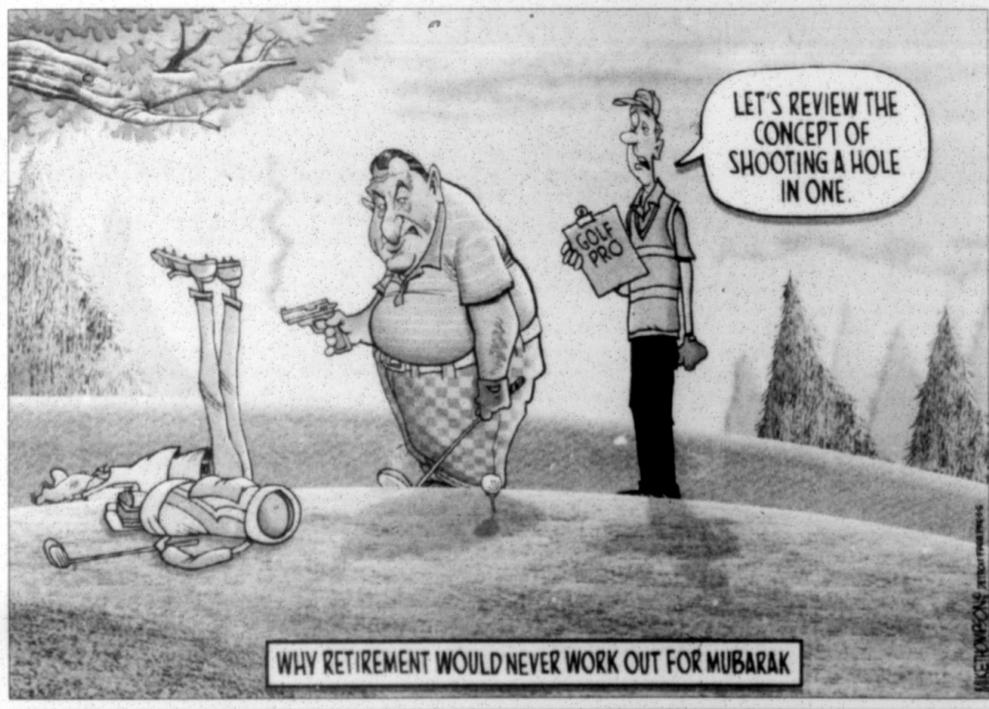
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Chamber

Pampa Chamber volunteers are the peachy-keeniest

The "Winter Break" is over. The last big event of the Chamber year is usually the Christmas parade in early December. After that, there's a bit of a break until we gear up for the annual awards banquet in February.

However, we have been pretty busy ever since Christmas, rearranging, repainting and reorganizing.

We now have voice mail, so if you call and no one answers, it likely means we are on the phone and just can't get free, so please leave a message, we WILL get back to you.

Then there's the fact that we have two banquets coming up. The first is the awards banquet coming up the 24th of this month. Chair-elect Christy Robinson and her committee (Heather Thompson, Bob Pendergraft, Jodi Allen, Alissha Jeffris, Aubrey Hill) have done most of the work, and we certainly appreciate all the businesses that have responded by sponsoring tables, printing, service and other items.

The Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year have been selected, and

Chamber Music



JOE WEAVER

they are certainly deserving. (Incidentally, the names I listed in the Chamber newsletter were names from the 1920s, when the Chamber was founded, so if you have heard that Clara Bow is the Citizen of the Year,

don't believe it!).

The awards banquet will be on Feb 24 at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Room at the MK Brown Civic Center. The Pampa High Jazz Band will be entertaining. Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased by February 18 at the Chamber of Commerce, Happy State Bank, NBC,

Amarillo Community Federal Credit Union, and Rasco Construction/Pampa Glass.

Plans for the "Evening with Laura Bush" on March 24 are progressing well. Tickets are still available. Call Pat Montoya at 663-1795.

The exciting thing to me in February, however, is the Young Professionals group we are organizing. All interested parties are encouraged to meet this Tuesday (February 15) at noon in the back room of Dixie Café, where we will be gathering ideas and forming a plan.

This has been a fun week at the Chamber, not least because several people have come in to say they are starting businesses. Watch the "Chamber Music" column for details, as the plans come to fruition.

It's tough to be politically correct, because the rules keep changing. To me, admittedly a geezer, a "peach" is "a sweet or nice person". I usually think of the term regarding the female gender, but the online slang dictionary

is not so specific. With that in mind, I firmly state that we have a "bushel of peaches" at the Chamber—the ladies and gentlemen who volunteer in the office.

Thanks guys and gals—you are gems, jewels, prizes, treasures and yes, peaches in the best possible sense of the term. Stay warm and safe.

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- Carol Fields
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- Thelma Bray
- Donna Shook
- Myrna Orr
- Darville Orr
- Linda Weaver
- Faustina Curry
- Ron Schmidt
- Christy Robinson
- Sharon Horst
- Julia Sparkman
- Jana Vinson

the chamber around town



Tires Plus joins Chamber

Goldcoats at the Tires Plus ribbon-cutting included: (from left) Bob Marx, Charles Henry, Joe Crain, Darville Orr, Jason Davis, Ricardo Martell, Justin Fortner, Monty Danner, Benny Horton, Mary Cruz (front) and John Warner.

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Chamber February Calendar of Events

- Feb. 15** - Young Professionals organizational meeting, Cooder's Dixie Café, back room, noon.
- Feb. 22** - Barbra & Frank Concert, 7:30 p.m. MK Brown Civic Auditorium. Sponsored by the Pampa Community Concert Association. Tickets sold at the door. For ticket prices contact 665-9432.
- Feb. 24** - Annual Chamber Awards Banquet, 7 p.m. MK Brown Heritage Room. Citizen and Business of the Year recognition. Advance ticket sales only. General Admission \$25.00, some tables still available for sponsorship. Steak dinner included.
- Feb. 25** - Town Hall meeting with Rep. Mac Thornberry, 9:00 a.m. (time tentative) at the Chamber.
- Mar. 24** - "An Evening with Laura Bush", 6:15 p.m. PHS Commons. Advance Ticket Sales Only. For more information or tickets call Pat Montoya 663-1795.



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Giffords can converse, mouth songs

PHOENIX (AP) — Rep. Gabrielle Giffords can walk while holding onto a cart, mouth the lyrics to easy songs and have simple conversations, according to family, staff and her doctors.

Mark Kelly said in an interview broadcast Monday on NBC that he can ask his wife questions and she can respond.

"The communication is coming back very quickly," he said.

Kelly said she is trying so hard that her speech therapist, who only a few days ago was trying to get her to talk more, is now asking Giffords to slow down and make sure she hears the question before giving an answer.

As an example, Kelly spoke of a time when the therapist had three cards on a table, one with a picture of George W. Bush, one with a picture of President Barack Obama and another with an image of George Washington.

"Before she was asked a question,

she'd picked up the card and held it up and said 'George Bush,'" Kelly told NBC's Brian Williams. "She's a hard worker and she's trying. She's speaking a lot and at some level they are asking her to slow down a little bit."

The New York Times, citing doctors and her staff, reported on its website late Sunday that Giffords' efforts to relearn how to speak have included mouthing song lyrics, such as "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" and "Happy Birthday to You," as friends and family sang along.

Giffords also briefly spoke with her brother-in-law Scott Kelly by telephone, Sunday afternoon as he orbited aboard the International Space Station.

"She said, hi, I'm good," her chief of staff, Pia Carusone, told the paper. He is the brother of Giffords' husband, who is also an astronaut.

She has also been receiving bedside briefings from aides on the recent uprising in Egypt and on last

week's decision by Republican Sen. Jon Kyl of Arizona not to seek reelection.

"We tell her everything that's going on," Carusone said. "Don't get the idea she's speaking in paragraphs, but she definitely understands what we're saying and she's verbalizing."

Giffords was shot in the head Jan. 8 while meeting with constituents outside a Tucson grocery store. Six people, including a 9-year-old girl and a federal judge, were killed in the attack, and 13 others, including Giffords, were wounded.

The congresswoman began intensive rehabilitation at TIRR Memorial Hermann in Houston late last month. *The Times* reported that an e-mail sent to friends about a week ago by Giffords' mother said that Giffords has been doing squats and repetitive motions to build her muscles and walking through the hospital's halls while holding onto a cart.

BANANAGRAMS!

Each of the two-letter groups below may be extended both on the right and the left to form a six-letter word. Use the tiles directly to fill in the blanks.

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Yesterday's Answer: ROMANCE, DIARY, BROCHURE, BLOOD, NEWSPAPER, STORY, MAGAZINE, REPORT

County

county hopes to simplify the road's configuration by eliminating a bridge, with a rancher offering to give the county land to re-route the road.

Per the meeting agenda, the county will also pay bills and salaries as approved by the county auditor and con-

sider line item transfers, budget amendments, reports and the extension of depository contract with Happy State Bank. County Treasurer Scott Hahn will also be recognized for continuing his education as a County Investment Officer.

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Bell

"The water went away," Bell said of the farm economy. "CRP came in and cut our sales down dramatically."

He estimated that sales dropped by two-thirds.

His business got so small that Bell needed to find other employment, so he went to work for Amarillo Medical Services.

"When I left AMS, I went to Boys Ranch," Bell said.

That was after the Pampa EMS Foundation took over the contract for ambulance services at Boys Ranch.

"I worked there seven or eight months, and (Pampa EMS) brought me over here as a supervisor," Bell said.

But it was the needs of the community that actually got Bell into emergency medicine.

In 1978, Bell and his wife-to-be were in a bad car wreck between Happy and Wayside.

He said that is one of the reasons he volunteered when the Wayside

Emergency Medical Service was established.

Bell explained that when he was in the wreck, he was taken care of by the emergency crew with the Happy Volunteer Fire Department.

"I was critical," Bell said. "I had two fractured femurs. I had chest trauma."

But he remembered the rescue efforts of the Happy firefighters.

"I remember a whole lot of that rescue," he said. "There are parts where I blacked out, but there are part that I remember where the paramedics worked on me and took care of me."

Bell said his car exploded into flames just minutes after emergency workers got him out of it.

"It burned completely up," he said.

When Wayside organized an Emergency Medical Service a few years later, Bell said volunteered. The Happy paramedics had taken good care of him, and he felt it was his turn to step up and

volunteer to help others.

"We have an outstanding service in Wayside," Bell said.

His girlfriend, Kandi, in that wreck in 1978, is now his wife.

"We'll have been married 30 years this May," Bell smiled.

Kandi Bell and her father still run the farm store in Wayside.

"We still have it," Bell said.

But it's his career as a paramedic that has been the most fulfilling for Bell.

"This is what I really love to do," Bell said.

Although he's moving into supervision and administration, Bell said he likes patient care.

"I like being able to help the community," he said. "To me that's been the most satisfying part."

Bell said that when he had his wreck between Happy and Wayside, he can still remember the farmer that was there to pull him out of his burning car.

"I can imagine the panic

that he was feeling," Bell said. "He was thinking he might not get me out."

Bell later told his rescuer that there's one thing that the paramedics don't know about a wreck. When the fellow asked what that was, Bell answered, "How good y'all look coming!"

Bell said he's seen that in people's faces.

"It's like the world's being lifted off their shoulders when we show up," he said.

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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Saturday's answer

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: After 33 years, I recently reconnected with my first girlfriend. We are both 49. I have been married twice, and she is ending a long relationship.

We have been talking and e-mailing, and she came to visit for a few days — no sex, just laughing and reminiscing about how we've grown since we were 16. It seems we have spent years looking for each other in different people. But now we want to be together for the rest of our lives. This may sound ridiculous, but we both know it's true. Abby, is there such a thing as true love? — NEW JERSEY LOVER

DEAR NEW JERSEY LOVER: Yes, there is. And it appears that after years of traveling down separate paths, you and your lady have finally found it. It's not "ridiculous," and it has happened to many other couples.

DEAR ABBY: Five years ago, my daughter's mother left me. She has moved on and remarried a year ago. I haven't had a date in four years. I fell into a depression that is now affecting my relationship with my daughter. It's hard to spend a time with her without feeling low.

I lost my job, my driver's license, my self-worth. I know I need to talk to a doctor, but lack of money puts me in a tough spot. As for family members, they are busy with their own problems. Please help. — DISCOURAGED DAD IN INDIANA

DEAR DISCOURAGED: If you can't afford to see a doctor, then seek help from your county mental health agency or from a clergyperson. Many of them are trained to counsel those with personal problems — and if you need more help than your spiritual adviser can offer, there may be someone in the congregation who can provide what you need.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have different opinions about TV watching when we have guests. I was always taught that unless guests were specifically invited to watch something on TV, it is impolite to have it on. Having the TV on in the background is a distraction to the visit. What do you think? — TURNED OFF IN SALINAS, CALIF.

DEAR TURNED OFF: It's rude to turn a television set on in the presence of guests because it sends the mes-

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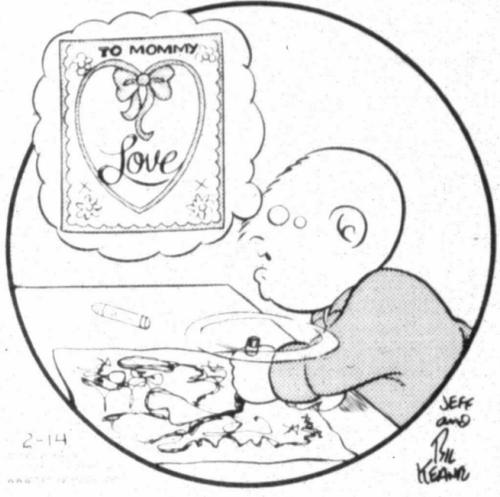
DEAR READERS: It's Valentine's Day, a day guaranteed to bring joy to lovers and often a mild depression to singles who are not romantically involved. If this could be you, try this home remedy to raise your spirits:

Be a sweetheart and clean out your closets. Take any items you no longer wear (or can't fit into) and donate them to someone else can enjoy them. Call your friends and say "I love you." Bring flowers to someone in a nursing home. Offer to run an errand for someone who doesn't drive.

Donate blood; pay someone a compliment; listen to your teenager; pray for your friends; or invite a lonely acquaintance — male or female — to join you for lunch. Obey the traffic laws. Do something nice for someone anonymously. And, before the day is over, resolve to be a "sweetheart" more often than just today.

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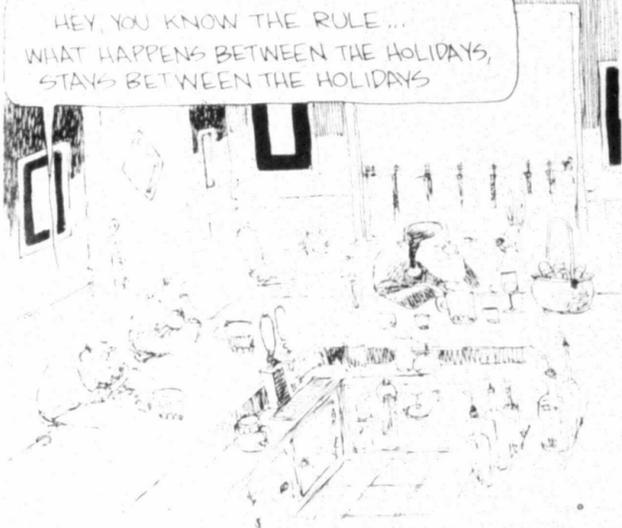
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011:
 This year you will be juggling many responsibilities with your ability to be extremely innovative. The question might be where it would be most effective to streamline the process. Explore creative options. Those at a distance don't seem to be as receptive or as caring as in the past. If you are single, you could meet a fun playmate to share with in the spring. If you are attached, the two of you do a lot more sharing and bond even more strongly. A CANCELLER in your daily life adds to the quality of your life.
 A baby born today, Feb. 15, 2011, is an Aquarius with a Moon in Cancer.
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)
 ★★★ Stay centered. Your time will come. Calming down a volatile situation might be a problem. Perhaps letting it go might be best. Through observing, an unexpected insight becomes plausible. Tonight, Home is where the heart is.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)
 ★★★★★ Others might be in a unique position of facilitating one of your long-wished-for goals. You will gain a perspective about others as a result of what occurs. Know when to say "enough" or to delegate. You cannot be everything to all people. Tonight, Visit with friends.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)
 ★★★ You might not appreciate being on a budget, yet you might not be able to do otherwise. Your sense of direction comes into play, as well as long-term goals. An unexpected offer or opportunity could color your perspective. Tonight, Run errands on the way home.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22)
 ★★★★★ Your smile goes a long way toward making you a winner. Evaluate and consider your options with more depth. Unexpected avenues will open up if you are willing to let go of your comfort level mentally. Look at your rigidity about issues. Perhaps that locked thinking is really about protection. Tonight, The world is your oyster.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
 ★★★ Know when not to get involved. Someone you count on reveals unusual unpredictability. Decide to trust his or her judgment and sit on the sideline in order to see what comes up. Fatigue could mark your decisions. Buy time rather than act. Tonight, Much-needed personal time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ A meeting clears the air. The spirit of cooperation is renewed. Still, you find others to be full of surprises. Honor each person's uniqueness. A great idea floats in from out of left field. Knowing your limits is key. Tonight, Only where there are crowds.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ A must appearance is clearly the only way to go. Investigate a new technique or technology. You don't need to understand what is motivating someone, simply decide if you can deal with his or her energy. Negativity needs to be curbed, in either case. Tonight, Forget obligations. Be happy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ Follow through on a lead. Think about what is presented. An unusual idea comes forward that at first you might need to rethink. Be careful if you feel that you are heading in the wrong direction. Tonight, Follow an emotional suggestion.

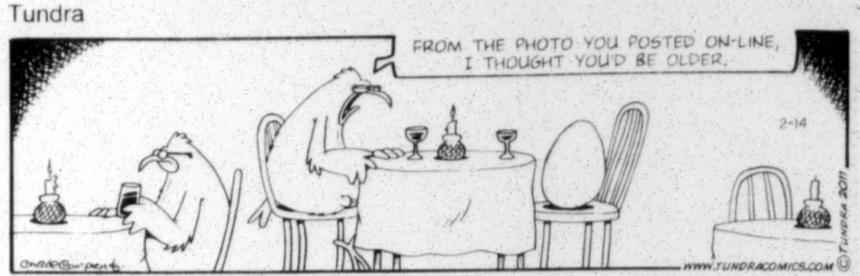
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ Work with individuals, knowing full well what is happening and your choices. A meeting could be difficult, creating an underlying sense of tension. Postpone dealing with a private matter until you have the time to process and really think it through. Tonight, Where the action is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ Keep talking and sharing. People in general might command a lot of attention. You know how far you are willing to go. Reveal more of your thoughts, yet be willing to deal with different ideas as well. A boss could be difficult. Tonight, Go with another's plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ Remain easygoing, but don't allow your finances to get involved with a choice of direction. You might wonder what is the best way to handle someone who feels that he or she has more say-so in your life than you would like. Perhaps an honest chat is needed. Tonight, Choose a relaxing activity.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20)
 ★★★★★ Your creativity keeps bubbling up. The real decision is which idea you want to follow through on. You could jolt not only others but also yourself with the decisions you make. Remain easygoing, despite a partner's innate tension-laden behavior. Tonight, Lighten up.

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Sports

Fouls send Demons to victory over Harvester soccer

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Oftentimes, the first hit turns the referee's head to see the second hit.

The Pampa Harvesters were the ones getting noticed, and it was costly in a 3-1 loss to the Dumas Demons Saturday at Harvester Field.

Head coach John True said those fouls were the key to the game.

"Three fouls, three goals — that's pretty much what it comes down to," True said.

"I think we played better than we did against Borger, but you can't make those mistakes down there."

Junior forward Colten Adams said they have to be more disciplined.

"We have to make better decisions when we are in our 20-yard area," Adams said.

The Demons scored 10 minutes into the first half when they sent a penalty kick past Pampa's diving goaltender, Raul Vasquez. Dumas was rewarded with a penalty kick after a trip.

Three minutes later, Pampa tripped another Dumas player. The Demons sent the penalty kick underneath Vasquez.

The Harvesters were called for another foul with two minutes left in the first half. Dumas scored on a 20-yard kick that went above Vasquez's shoulder.

True said there were several things the team could have done to avoid those fouls.

"We had a couple people that are out of position because we have injuries," True said.

"We have to be a little bit more sound defensively technique-wise so we don't make mistakes that other people have to cover up."

Wesley Rivera scored Pampa's only goal with five minutes left in the game.

The Harvesters had to deal with numerous schedule changes because of Tuesday's snowstorm. Their game against the Randall Raiders was moved three times.

True said that the weather definitely affected their practice, but added that he isn't making excuses.

"We haven't been able to practice outside," True said. "We have had to practice in gyms, but that's really not an excuse. In varsity athletics, if you make mistakes, oftentimes teams make you pay."

Pampa got the turf cleared of snow Friday afternoon and had the snow piled up on the sidelines.

The Harvesters (1-6-1, 0-3-0) visit Palo Duro 7 p.m. today. True said it's still early in district.

"We've only played three district games out of 12, so we still have nine to go," True said.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Miguel Pacheco attempts to head the ball into the goal Saturday against Dumas. The Harvesters lost 3-1 and visit Palo Duro 7 p.m. today.



Delaney Clendening
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Garrett Ericson
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Pampa High School senior basketball player **Delaney Clendening** is *The Pampa News* Female Athlete of the Week. Clendening scored seven points and led the team in field goals with two against Dalhart Tuesday.

Pampa High School senior basketball player **Garrett Ericson** is *The Pampa News* Male Athlete of the Week. Ericson scored 10 points against Dalhart Tuesday and scored 18 points against Borger Friday. Ericson hit two three-pointers in the first quarter Friday and helped Pampa to a 25-4 run in their district clinching victory.

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