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Local firefighters aid in combating grass fires

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Pampa and Gray County firefighters joined area units Tuesday afternoon to battle one of two grass fires spread by high winds across Lipscomb County.

Lipscomb County Judge Willis Smith said there were estimates of 10,000 acres of grass destroyed. There were also reports of several out buildings and possibly one

historic vacant home that were destroyed by the fire.

"It was pretty wild," Smith said.

Fire Chief Joe Millican with the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department said he was notified of a fire by the governor's emergency assistance office Tuesday afternoon and assembled a strike force from the Pampa area.

The firefighting strike force included two units from the Hoover Volunteer Fire

Department, one unit from the Pampa Fire Department, one unit from the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department and one unit from the Skellytown Volunteer Fire Department. Lt. Joe B. Hoard with the Gray County Sheriff's Office said today.

They were joined by two units from the Miami Volunteer Fire Department.

The fire in the northern part of Lipscomb County was

first reported about 3:30 p.m. Wednesday. Hoard said the firefighting units battled the blaze until about 10 p.m.

Millican said Lipscomb County firefighters were battling another blaze near Higgins when the grass fire was reported near Follett. Millican said high winds across the panhandle fanned the flames, making it difficult to bring under control.

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staff photo by Arnie Aurellano
 VFW National Commander-in-Chief Richard Eubank (left) addresses an attentive crowd of veterans at an honorary reception at Post 1657 on Tuesday evening. To his right is State Commander Wayne Depute.

VFW commander addresses Pampa

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In a brief message full of war metaphors aimed toward his audience of combat veterans and their families, the National Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign

Wars emphasized the threat of declining membership.

Richard E. Eubank, the national commander, was the keynote speaker at dinner and reception Monday evening at Pampa's VFW Post 1657.

"Not only did we fight for our country, but we chose to

fight for veteran's rights and issues after we left the service," Eubank told the crowd. "There is no better patriot than that as far as I'm concerned."

Seated with Eubank at the head table was VFW State Commander Wayne Depute.

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Pampa Young Professionals takes shape

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Pampa Chamber of Commerce Director Joe Weaver, 56, couldn't help but laugh when Bryan Guymon, 31, opened Tuesday's first meeting of the Pampa Young Professionals by reaching for his "notes."

"He pulled out his phone," said a smiling Weaver. "Never in a million years would I have done that. I've got everything right here (in my folder)."

It's a simple generational difference that Weaver cited as one of the reasons it was important to get the Pampa Young Professionals off the ground. The new group will function under the umbrella of the Chamber and will serve as, among other things, a networking organization for local professionals under the age of 40.

"We need the input of young people to keep the Chamber viable going forward," Weaver said. "I really do believe that's important."

Meeting at the Dixie Cafe, Weaver and the group's initial seven members discussed what their primary goals should be, including organizing an event or events potentially geared towards Pampa's younger working crowd. The group also talked about possibly taking the reins of one of the Chamber's existing annual events, such as the Cookin' on the Bricks barbecue.

Guymon also brought up the possibility of scheduling

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Two men arrested for possession after traffic stop

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Two Alabama men were in Gray County jail today after being stopped on Interstate 40.

Randall Cortez Beasley, 23, of Birmingham, Ala., was in jail on charges of possession of a controlled substance and charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Kelvin Piere Jackson, 24, also of Birmingham, Ala., was in jail on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon.

The two men were westbound on Interstate 40 just west of

Alanreed a b o u t 4:30 p.m. Wednesday when they were stopped for a traffic violation by Deputies Lynn Hudson and Trey Dolloff, according to Lt. Joe B. Hoard of the Gray County Sheriff's office.

Hoard said today that Jackson was driving the black 2008 BMW four-door sedan, and Beasley, the



Beasley **Jackson**

owner of the car, was in the passenger seat.

The deputies requested permission to search the car, but permission was denied.

Deputies with dog teams from the Wheeler County Sheriff's Office were called to the scene. Both dogs alerted on the car, and using that as probable cause, Hudson and

Dolloff searched the car.

The deputies reported seeing a handgun in Beasley's waistband. Deputies also reported finding a handgun on Jackson.

The officers said they found liquid codiene in the German-made car.

The two Alabama men were brought to the Gray County jail in Pampa where Beasley was charged with unlawful carrying of a weapon and possession of a controlled substance over 28 grams but less than 200 grams and Jackson was charged with unlawfully carrying a weapon.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 60 Low 40	High 68 Low 44	High 69 Low 30

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34. Breezy, with a west northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 60. Wind chill values between 27 and 37 early. Breezy, with a north northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 40. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 68. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44. Breezy, with a south southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 69. Windy, with a west southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30. Breezy, with a west southwest wind around 15 mph becoming north. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

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For the record

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests on Monday.

Monday, Feb. 14
Thomas Ray Kirby, 17, of Pampa, was arrested for theft of property greater than \$50 value, less than \$500.

Jeremy Dean Perry, 18, of Amarillo, was arrested on a warrant for criminal mischief greater than \$1500 value, less than \$20,000.

Joe Jacob Rodriguez, 20, of Pampa, was arrested on a bench warrant.

Ollie Ray Kirven, 56, of Pampa, was arrested on a warrant for theft of property greater than \$50 value, less than \$1500, a capias pro fine warrant for no drivers license, and a capias pro fine warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

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Obituaries

Robert Bennett, 47

Robert Bennett, 47, passed away on February 13, 2011, of complications from pneumonia.

Robert was forth generation pipeliner. Robert worked pipeline all of his life for many companies Great Plains, Murphy Bros, Gregory & Cook, Counties, SE Drilling, TG Mercer to name a few.

Robert was the son of Leon Bennett and Glenda Bennett and brother to Mack Bennett and sister, Brenda Rynders.

Robert leaves four daughters behind, Amanda Bennett, 18, of Pampa; Nicole Bennett, 23, of Wheelerford; Morgan Bennett, 2, of Granbury; Ashley Bennett, 27, of Keller. Robert will be missed in our hearts, but not in our thoughts.

In lieu of flowers; donations may be made in Robert's name to Triple Cross Cowboy Church, 3470 Lipan Hwy, Granbury, TX 76048.



Bennet

arillo, and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Lloyd Keith French and Robert Lee French; and a great-grandson, Tyler Jordan Reeves.

Memorials may be made to Odyssey Hospice, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, TX 79106, or Covenant Medical Center, 3615 19th, Lubbock, TX 79410.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Patricia Ann Lunsford Brazeal, 74

Patricia Ann Lunsford Brazeal, 74, died February 14, 2011, in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 19, 2011, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Ms. Brazeal was born September 3, 1936, in Pampa. She attended Pampa schools, graduating from Pampa High School in 1955. She attended Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Okla., where she received her B.A. degree in chemistry in 1960. She then attended Baylor University for clinicals for medical technology. Patricia married Charles Brazeal on April 22, 1961, in Dallas. She was a medical technologist at the Collin Memorial Hospital in McKinney, the VA Medical Center in Leavenworth, Kan., the David Grant Hospital in Fairfield, Calif., and in 1995, she went to work for Pampa Regional Medical Center. She enjoyed traveling, birdwatching and gardening, and she especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. She was an honest, hard-working, God-fearing, Christian woman who would do anything for the people she loved. She will be sorely missed.

Survivors include her two daughters, Laura Baird and husband Shawn of Fairfield, Calif., and Susan Springman and husband John of Portsmouth, Iowa; two grandsons, Aaron Baird and James Baird, both of Fairfield, Calif.; two granddaughters, Cameron Springman and Hailey Springman, both of Portsmouth, Iowa; brother, Donald Lunsford of Pampa; sister, Mary Kay LaFrance of Amarillo; a sister-in-law, Bernie Lunsford of Moore, Okla.; and her former husband, Charles Brazeal and wife Jayne of McKinney. She was preceded in death by her parents, Dewey and Ruby Lunsford; and a brother, Richard Lunsford in 2010.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065, or Chronic Disease Fund, 6900 N. Dallas Parkway, Suite 200, Plano, TX 75024.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6-7:30 p.m. on Friday, February 18, 2011.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Brazeal

Helen Sue Hoover, 90

Helen Sue Hoover, fondly called Meme, passed from this world into the arms of Jesus on Tuesday Feb. 15, at her home surrounded by her family.

Meme was born in Burk Burnett, on Oct. 1, 1920, to Mack B and Leatha Cooper. She grew up in Pampa and lived there until retiring to Sherman.

She was preceded in death by husband, Chuck, a brother, J.L. her parents, and two grandsons, Oren Jones and Eddie Miller.

Meme is survived by her sister-in-law, Mildred Cooper and her four daughters; Dale Browne, her children, Terry Lynn Garner, Diette Berry, Kae Vaughn, Pete Lewis and Lari Quigg, and Dale's 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; her daughter, Patty Miller, her daughter, Shelly Vandiver and her husband Chad, and their children Benjamin, Samuel, Lucas, and Liliana Helensue, daughter-in-law Alane Stone; her daughter, Karen and her husband Jerry Masterson, their two daughters, Leah Masterson, and Sarah Lattimore, her husband J.V. and their children, Taylor and Jack; her daughter, Kim and her husband Gary Stroope, their children, Griffin Stroope and his wife Kami and their son, Sullivan, and Murphy Stroope and his wife Lauren.

Meme was a beloved grandmother to 11 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Services for Helen Sue Hoover will be held 10 a.m. Saturday morning at North Park Baptist Church in Sherman. Burial will follow at Cedarlawn Memorial Park in Sherman. Family night will be held from 7-8 pm on Friday evening at Waldo Funeral Home in Sherman.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Home Hospice of Grayson County.

The online register book may be signed at www.waldofuneralhome.com.



Hoover

Harold Dean Blackmon, 64

Harold Dean Blackmon, 64, died February 15, 2011, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Friday, February 18, 2011, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Dallas Stringer, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Cremation will follow the services, under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Blackmon was born July 2, 1946, in Gatesville. He attended schools in Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School in 1964. He married Vicki Ellis in 1970 in Pampa. He worked at Cabot/Ingersol Rand/IRI International for 20 plus years, retiring in 1995. He was a member of Highland Baptist Church. Harold liked to collect knives. He especially enjoyed the outdoors where he liked to camp and fish. He absolutely adored his children and grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Vicki Blackmon of the home; two sons, Shawn Blackmon and wife Camille of Happy, and Josh Blackmon and wife Courtney of Pampa; two brothers, Kenneth McAnally and wife Gila of Rio Vista, and Keith McAnally and wife Nancy of Mexia; a sister, Mary Nelson and husband John of Douglas, Wyo.; three grandsons, Joey, Jarrod and Vinny; and many treasured nieces and nephews. Harold was preceded in death by a brother, Junior McAnally, and his parents.

Memorials may be made to LifeGift Organ Donation Center of West Texas, 1200 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106, or a favorite charity.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Blackmon

Frances Tarrant French, 77

Frances Tarrant French, 77, died February 15, 2011, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, February 18, 2011, at Central Baptist Church, with Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. French was born March 17, 1933, in Borger. She graduated from Pampa High School and attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1944. She married Robert "Bob" French on January 18, 1952, in Pampa, and he preceded her in death. She was a member of First Baptist Church, and she was a homemaker.

Survivors include her son, James Lance French of Pampa; daughter, Lainie French of Amarillo; brother, Andy Tarrant of Smackover, Ark.; seven grandchildren, Julie Ann Towles of Iowa Park, Misty Lea Singleton of Little Elm, Kevin Daniel French, Rhiannon Lee French, and Gary Eldridge French, all of Dallas, Keith Christian Cuyler Brewer and Lauryn Anne Gollighugh, both of Am-



French

For the record

Police Department

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

Police reported 18 traffic-related calls and five accidents.

Animal Control Officers reported eight animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported three ambulance calls.

Tuesday, Feb. 15
Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of South Neel.

Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 4000 block of North Bad Cattle Company Lane.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 1400 block of North Somerville.

Officers served a warrant in the 1000 block of South Neel.

A runaway was reported in the 1000 block of South Huff.

Lost property was reported in the 600 block of Red Deer.

Identity theft was reported to police.

Officers attempted to serve legal papers in the 400 block of North Magolia.

A suspicious person was

reported at Kentucky and Hobart.

City employees turned off the water in the 700 block of North Sumner.

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

A fire alarm was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Phone harassment was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Carbon monoxide was reported in the 2000 block of North Coffee.

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

City employees turned off the water in the 800 block of South Banks.

Officers served a warrant at Varnon and Neel.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1800 block of North Chestnut.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1900 block of North Nelson.

Officers assisted another agency in the 600 block of Doucette and in the 700 block of South Scott.

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

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1700 block of North Chestnut.

Wednesday, Feb. 16
A suspicious person was

reported in the 600 block of North Sumner.

AFTERNOON RUSH

Census to show Hispanic growth

AUSTIN (AP) — Census numbers set for release Thursday afternoon are expected to show huge growth in the Hispanic population in Texas.

Estimates already indicate that more than 80 percent of the growth in Texas from 2000 to 2009 came from minority populations, and the percentage of Anglos dropped to 46 percent of the total in 2009. Latinos accounted for about two-thirds of the growth during the period, according to the estimates. On Thursday, Texans will find out the exact count down to the block level, officials say.

The detailed demographic data will be used to redraw boundaries for Congress and the Legislature. Texas is getting four new Congressional seats, more than any other state, and Hispanic leaders say more Latino-dominated seats should be drawn.

Two dead in Dallas shootings

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas police followed a trail of blood to an apartment and arrested a wounded suspect and another person over a drug-related double killing.

Sr. Cpl. Kevin Janse said Thursday that it appears gunfire broke out when one set of individuals tried to rob the other during a drug deal. The shootings happened Wednesday night near a fast-food restaurant.

Officers found 27-year-old Chad Ryan dead at the scene. Another man, 29-year-old Robert Allen, died at a Dallas hospital.

Janse says both suspects who are in custody, including the one found shot in the arm, will be charged with capital murder.

Slain agent's privacy honored

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The privacy of the family of a slain U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent from South Texas is being protected.

Brownsville police and ICE officers on Thursday blocked the entrance to a road leading to the family home of 32-year-old Special Agent Jaime Zapata.

The Brownsville native and Special Agent Victor Avila were shot Tuesday while in an SUV returning to Mexico City from a meeting in the Mexican state of San Luis Potosi. Avila, who was shot in the leg, was discharged Wednesday from a Houston hospital.

The attackers are sought. A spokesman for Buena Vista Funeral Home in Brownsville did not immediately return a call Thursday from The Associated Press.

Man convicted of wife's murder

DENTON (AP) — A North Texas man has been convicted of murder in the 2004 disappearance of his estranged wife the day before their divorce was final.

The penalty phase was scheduled Thursday in Denton for 55-year-old Charles Stobaugh (STOH'-bah). He faces up to life in prison.

The body of Kathy Stobaugh has never been found. Jurors on Wednesday convicted the husband in a case where several prosecution witnesses testified that the victim was afraid of her spouse.

Investigators say Kathy Stobaugh was last seen Dec. 29, 2004, after meeting with her husband and his farm near Sanger.

The defense maintained that the woman, who was 43 at the time she disappeared, remains a missing person.

Foundation offers relief grants

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Applications will be accepted from March 15 to May 13 for the Gulf Coast Restoration and Protection Foundation's second round of financial assistance grants for oil rig workers affected by the federally imposed deepwater moratorium that followed the last year's Gulf oil spill.

The grants are limited to people who were working as of May 6 in direct support of any deepwater drilling rig that was subject to the moratorium. Eligible applicants include people working for offshore supply companies and offshore support companies such as fuel, industrial chemical and food supply firms and diving and crew boat service businesses.

The foundation, created to help people affected by the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and provide for the long-term sustainability of wildlife in the coastal ecosystem, estimates that up to 9,000 people might qualify for the awards ranging from \$3,000 to \$30,000.

Award checks for approved applicants are expected to be sent by June 15.

In the first round, the foundation distributed \$5.3 million in grants to workers directly employed on the 33 rigs. The average grant was \$15,914.

Cash found in condo wall

EL PASO (AP) — Workers fixing broken pipes in an El Paso home after a cold snap came upon some cool cash.

The El Paso Times reported Thursday that the total recovered could be nearly \$1 million.

The Drug Enforcement Administration referred questions to El Paso police.

Police spokesman Darrel Petry on Wednesday only confirmed a "large sum" of money was found in the wall of a condominium. Further details on the discovered cash were not immediately released.

El Paso County District Attorney Jaime Esparza says the case is under investigation.

Forty years for dragging death

ORANGE (AP) — A Southeast Texas man has been sentenced to 40 years in prison for killing a woman he knew and dragging her body behind his truck.

A judge in Orange on Wednesday accepted the murder plea agreement from 35-year-old William Baker Bibb of Kountze (koontz).

Bibb pleaded guilty over the June death of 26-year-old Theresa Adell Ardon.

Bibb was arrested after calling 911 to report that he and the woman were attacked.

Orange County Sheriff Keith Merritt initially said Bibb and the woman possibly planned to do drugs and have sex, but then the pair argued.

Bibb told investigators that he killed the woman, put a rope around her and used his truck to drag her body to a canal, where the victim was found.



staff photo by Arnie Aurellano

VFW Commander-in-Chief Richard Eubank (left) thanks Mayor Lonny Robbins for issuing a proclamation in his honor during his visit to VFW Post 1657 on Tuesday. Eubank and VFW State Commander Wayne Depute were in town as part of a tour of the organization's posts in the Panhandle.

VFW

The officials were on a tour of the Panhandle posts. In fact, Eubank said he would only be home three days from Feb. 1 to June 1.

"I represent 1.5 million combat veterans," the commander said. "My responsibility and my task is to make sure I go to war for veterans' rights and issues."

Eubank compared each member of the organization as a "bullet" in that war, part of the number that is required to talk with members of congress when it comes to budget issues.

"You may recall that we had a Congresswoman out of Minnesota — I'm not going to mention her name — who decided it would be great to cut \$4.5 billion dollars from (programs for) disabled veterans, he said, referring to Rep. Michele Bachmann. "Well, this Commander-in-Chief went to war, fixed his bayonet, and a few days later she relented and said she would never bring it up again."

"We took an obligation — each and every one of us — when we served our country that we would take care of each other. It doesn't matter what war you were in."

"Part of that responsibility is lying flat on the ground right now unless our membership starts going up."

Eubank urged members to take the job of recruiting new members seriously.

"For those who were in combat — right now we are on the perimeter," he said. "It took a long time to fight our way up that hill. There is nothing worse than the Gunny coming by, or the First Sergeant, or the Platoon Sergeant, saying 'Listen, you are going to have to fix bayonets, boys, because we don't have any more ammunition.'"

"That is what is happening right now with veterans' rights and issues. We are going to war every day, but we are running out of ammunition because we don't have enough people joining this organization."

The national commander's remarks also touched upon ongoing efforts with other countries in reclaiming the remains of veterans. He said he recently returned from a trip to Russia.

"As (the Russians) went through Germany during World War II liberating prisoner of war camps, they helped those who could get back to their country," Eubank said. "But some of them were too sick and died in the hospital camps and were buried at those sites. The Russians are going to allow us in to look at the records and hopefully gain some closure for those families. We need to make sure we get that done."

The VFW is attempting to do the same thing in China, he noted, but that effort is being complicated by political issues.

"China was our ally when we were fighting Japan and sometimes the pilots would go down," he told the group. "Every time we get close (to getting China to allow representatives to come in and look at the archives), the U.S. sells arms to Taiwan and we have to start all over again."

"We are hoping we are able to fulfill that mission. I told the Chinese in October that the Veterans of Foreign Wars will not be coming back. They wanted to know why. I said, 'I'm tired of sending our officers over here at our expense to beg you to come in and find our missing. We do not belong to the government, we are not some political puppet you might think is spying on you. All we want is closure for families.'"

Eubank said he was on a satisfying mission in Vietnam last year.

"We went on two excavation sites in Vietnam last year. One was an F4 Phantom that went down. We feel we found the remains of the pilot and the co-pilot and we are waiting for identification from a Hawaii lab."

Those efforts can only continue with a strong organi-

zation, he noted.

"Part of our responsibility is to go out and find people who are eligible to join the Veterans of Foreign Wars or its auxiliary," he said. "I'm not asking you to come out and be with me in the combat zone. I'm asking you to be a bullet one way or another."

"Every time we find a person qualified to join this organization, it gives me one more bullet to fire down-range."

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Today in History

Today is Thursday, Feb. 17, the 48th day of 2011. There are 317 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 17, 1801, the U.S. House of Representatives broke an electoral tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr, electing Jefferson president; Burr became vice president.

On this date:
In 1809, the Ohio legislature voted to establish Miami University in present-day Oxford. (The school opened in 1824.)

In 1864, during the Civil War, the Union ship USS Housatonic was rammed and sunk in Charleston Harbor, S.C., by the Confederate hand-cranked submarine HL Hunley, which also sank.

In 1865, Columbia, S.C., burned as the Confederates evacuated and Union forces moved in. (It's not clear which side set the blaze.)

In 1897, the forerunner of the National PTA, the National Congress of Mothers, convened its first meeting in Washington.

In 1947, the Voice of America began broadcasting to the Soviet Union.

In 1959, the United States launched Vanguard 2, a satellite which carried meteorological equipment on board.

In 1964, the Supreme Court, in Wesberry v. Sanders, ruled that congressional districts within each state had to be roughly equal in population.

In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon departed on his historic trip to China.

In 1986, Johnson & Johnson announced it would no longer sell over-the-counter medications in capsule form, following the death of a woman who had taken a cyanide-laced Tylenol capsule.









Ten years ago: Former Nation of Islam official Khalid Abdul Muhammad, known for his harsh rhetoric about Jews and whites, died at a hospital in Marietta, Ga., at age 53.

Five years ago: Ten U.S. service members died when a pair of Marine Corps helicopters crashed off the coast of Africa. A federal jury in New Orleans cleared Merck and Co. in the death of a 53-year-old Florida man who'd taken the painkiller Vioxx.

One year ago: President Barack Obama marked the one-year anniversary of the \$787 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, saying it had staved off another Great Depression and kept up to 2 million people on the job.

Today's Birthdays: Bandleader Orrin Tucker is 100. Actor Hal Holbrook is 86. Mystery writer Ruth Rendell is 81. Singer Bobby Lewis is 78. Country singer-songwriter Johnny Bush is 76. Actress Christina Pickles is 76. Football Hall-of-Famer Jim Brown is 75. Actress Brenda Fricker is 66. Actress Rene Russo is 57. Actor Richard Karn is 55. Actor Lou Diamond Phillips is 49. Basketball Hall of Famer Michael Jordan is 48. Actor-comedian Larry, the Cable Guy is 48. Movie director Michael Bay is 46. Actress Denise Richards is 40. Rock singer-musician Billie Joe Armstrong (Green Day) is 39. Actor Jerry O'Connell is 37. Country singer Bryan White is 37. Actress Kelly Carlson is 35. Actor Jason Ritter is 31. TV personality Paris Hilton is 30. Actor Joseph Gordon-Levitt is 30. Actress Meaghan Martin is 19.

Thought for Today: "People show their character by what they laugh at." — German proverb

<p>Drastically slash school budgets?</p> <p>What a horrible blow to my child's future.</p> 	<p>Lay off police officers and firefighters?</p> <p>Our safety will be put in jeopardy.</p> 	<p>Shutter our neighborhood libraries?</p> <p>Such a huge loss to the community.</p> 	<p>Close parks and recreation centers?</p> <p>So much for our quality of life.</p> 
<p>Allow our roads and bridges to crumble?</p> <p>But that will make traveling dangerous.</p> 	<p>Gut services to the poor and unemployed?</p> <p>This is just cruel and unacceptable.</p> 	<p>Watch while our standard of living erodes?</p> <p>What can we do?</p> 	<p>Consider raising taxes to avoid this nightmare?</p> <p>THAT'S OUTRAGEDUS!</p> 

Obama hoping for Reagan-like rebound

TOM RAUM
AP analysis

WASHINGTON (AP) — Betting on an improving economy to reduce government deficits worked for Ronald Reagan, and it may for Barack Obama as well.

But the president's big budget submission for 2012 does not deal with the deep problems of huge benefit programs such as Social Security, something Reagan did address. And it doesn't cut nearly as deeply as today's Republicans want. That guarantees a stormy — and probably lengthy — fight with congressional Republicans.

Despite GOP rhetoric, the bulk of the current budget deficit has little to do with Obama's stimulus spending or other Democratic policies. It is basically due to a shortfall in tax revenues because of the recession combined with "structural" deficits — fast-rising costs of Social Security, Medicare and other guaranteed-benefit programs — carried over from previous budgets.

And these longer-term issues are not addressed directly — either in Obama's new budget or in various GOP proposals.

"My view is that the president's budget punted on the structural deficits issue. He did not give us any clear path forward to deal with them," said David Walker, former U.S. comptroller general and now head of the balanced-budget advocacy group Comeback America Initiative.

Obama told Congress his budget embraced "hard

choices" to chip away at the government's mountain of debt.

But a large-chunk of the deficit reduction he envisions would come from higher tax revenues, both from a return of healthy corporate profits and from selective new tax increases, and from lower recession-fighting costs associated with an improving economy.

And tax revenues are coming back. His budget projects revenues growing from \$2.16 trillion in 2010 to \$2.6 trillion next year and \$3 trillion in 2013.

Reagan's GOP lost 26 House seats in 1982, two years after his sweeping presidential victory. The losses were due in large part to the deep recession of 1981-82. But by 1984, the economy was once again humming. And Reagan was re-elected in a landslide.

As part of bringing down deficits then, Reagan signed a big tax increase in 1982, reversing much of his signature tax cuts of the year before. Obama also is proposing some tax increases, including a long-promised 1% but so far delayed 1% tax hike for households earning above \$250,000 a year, beginning in 2013, after the next election.

"I don't think there's any question that the Obama team is focused on the Reagan re-election strategy," said GOP consultant Rich Galen. "Reagan won 49 states in 1984 because it was 'morning in America' again because the economy had come back. I think the Obama people are rolling the dice."

Reagan also later teamed with Democratic House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill to rescue Social Security from bankruptcy by raising the retirement age and Social Security tax rates while briefly lowering some benefits.

Obama did not embrace the key recommendations of his own deficit commission, which in December proposed stiff tax hikes and spending cuts it said would save \$4 trillion over ten years. Obama's new budget would trim just \$1.1 trillion over that period. The commission also proposed an eventual rise in the Social Security retirement age to 69.

White House Budget Director Jacob Lew, who was O'Neill's top domestic-policy adviser during the Reagan years and worked on that earlier Social Security compromise, said Obama's budget "draws heavily on the ideas of the commission."

"They put a lot of good ideas on the table," Lew said. "We've done what's most constructive and productive." He said Social Security's finances are not adding to budget deficits right now, and that crisis can be dealt with later.

In the earlier rebound of 1982, jobs returned relatively quickly.

Now the unemployment rate is at 9 percent even though the recession officially ended in the summer of 2009, and private forecasts suggest it will still be 8 percent or higher by Election Day 2012.

Obama's own budget document projects jobless rates falling to just 8.2

percent in the final three months of 2012.

That's still high, of course. But David Wyss, chief economist at Standard and Poor's in New York City, said, "At least it will be going in the right direction, down."

Still, Wyss suggested, deficits will keep rising even in the face of big spending cuts "if you don't get tax revenues back."

The White House predicts the annual deficit will spike at a record \$1.65 trillion in the current budget year. The national debt, largely the sum of current and past annual budget deficits, stands at \$14.1 trillion.

At the same time Obama promotes his budget for the upcoming fiscal year, House Republicans are pushing stiff tea-party inspired cuts for the current one, which ends Sept. 30.

"There's so much jumbled this year," said veteran budget analyst Stan Collender. "Republicans want to do a radical direction of the old budget even as the new one is being proposed. And they are talking about the deficit, but what they're really talking about is spending cuts."

Collender, partner-director of Qorvis Communications, a Washington consulting firm, said it's still early in the budget game to expect compromise. "This is not a situation where everybody is ready to start negotiating," he said. "The first thing you've got to figure out is where you're standing, and what you're standing on."

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Last week: How much money are you planning to spend on Valentine's Day?

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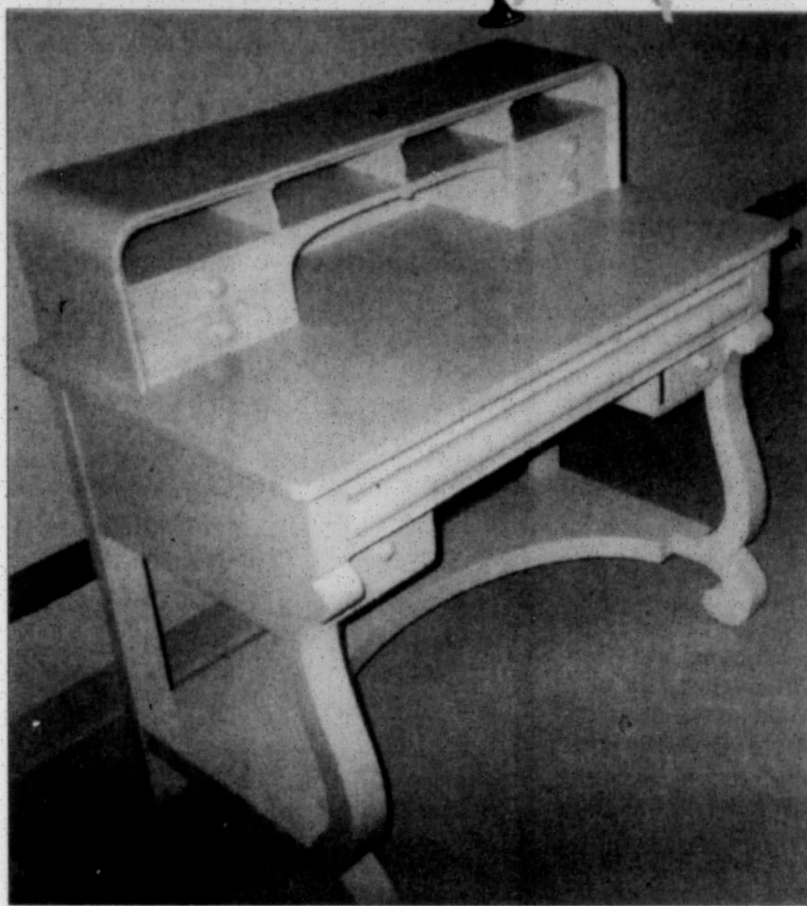
Q: I would appreciate anything you can tell me about the age and value of the pictured desk. Marked inside one of the drawers, there's a circle with the words: "Berkey & Gay Furniture."

A: Located in Grand Rapids, Mich., Berkey & Gay Furniture was founded in 1866 and manufactured high quality furniture. Most of the designs were revivals of earlier periods. Based on the scrolled legs and feet, trestle base and ogee drawer, the style of your desk is Empire Revival. The white finish is not typical, and the original finish may have been painted. Most pieces were made of mahogany.

Berkey & Gay went out of business in 1948. Your desk was made sometime between the years 1905 to 1929, when the factory was operating at its peak.

Your desk would probably be worth \$300 to \$600.

Antique
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Berkey & Gay Furniture made high quality furniture.



Dresden was part of Potter's Co-operative Co. in East Liverpool, Ohio.

Q: I have enclosed the mark that is on the back of my antique porcelain plate. Still in very good condition, the plate is 10 inches in diameter. It is decorated with the face of a woman wearing a huge, green old-fashioned hat. She has an elaborate hairstyle and her clothes match her hat.

Anything you can tell me about the age, maker and value will be appreciated.

A: Dresden China Co. was located in East Liverpool, Ohio, for just a few years around 1925. They were part of Potter's Co-operative Co., which existed from 1882 to 1925. You have a portrait plate. In both the United States and Europe, several companies made plates featuring portraits of women in period costumes. Many were historical figures from the 18th century.

Similar portrait plates are selling in the range of \$100 to \$125.

Q: My husband's foster mother gave him a White sewing machine that she bought on Dec. 31, 1924. It was an original treadle that she had converted to electricity. We still have the bobbins, needles

and the warranty. I was wondering about its worth.

A: White Sewing Machines Co. was founded in Templeton, Mass., in the 1850s. In the 1920s, Sears sold the sewing machines.

Because there were so many made, they are not rare and not in great demand.

Your sewing machine would probably be worth \$75 to \$125.

If you have any antique inquiries, address your questions to Anne McCollam, P.O. Box 247, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Items of a general interest will be answered in this column. Due to the volume of inquiries, she cannot answer individual letters.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Fires

"It was pretty smoky," Judge Smith said today.

Smith he had gone to his home in Higgins for lunch Wednesday and was returning to the Lipscomb County Courthouse when the first fire broke out.

Hoarse from the smoke, Smith said Lipscomb County Sheriff James Robertson and county crews were out this morning surveying the damage.

Smith said the fire near Higgins jumped U.S. Highway 60 and burned about 11 or 12 miles to the northeast along a creek bottom.

He said that with the second fire breaking out in the Follett area, the county's firefighting resources were stretched thin.

Firefighters from Canadian and Oklahoma helped battle the grass fire near Higgins while the Pampa area firefighters were dispatched to the Follett area.

Smith reported that one county employee, using a maintainer to cut a fire break, reported flames up over the blade of his equipment.

"He said it got pretty hot in the cab," Smith said.

The judge said that the firefighters caught a break Wednesday evening when the wind died down at dusk.

Smith said that there were no reports of any

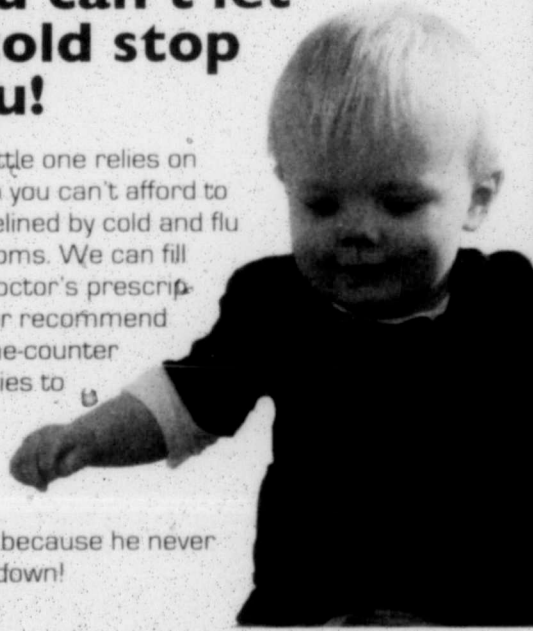
injuries or homes damaged by the blazes, although he said several homes near the fires had to be doused with water as a precaution.

It was under similar conditions in 2006, that a grass

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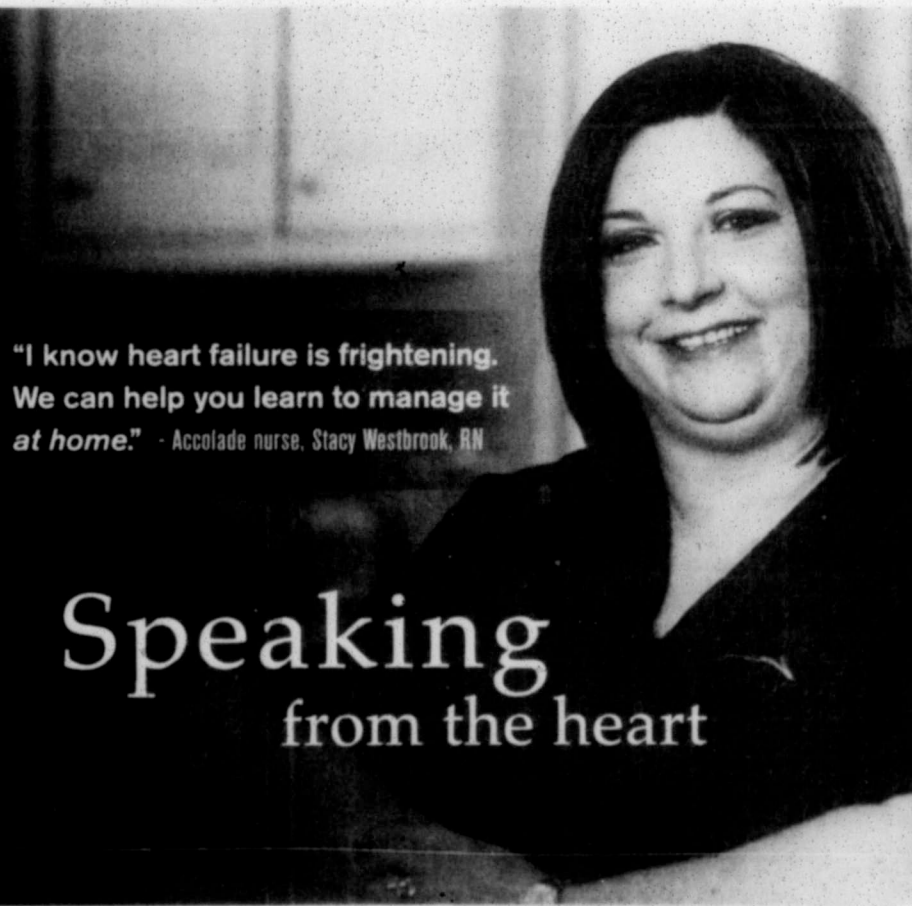
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Professionals

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presentations regarding topics that would be of interest to young working adults.

The group's next meeting will be 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 14, at The Plaza restaurant.



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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My family was invited to my cousin "Kirk's" wedding — a small affair for family and close friends only.

My brother "Ryan" and his wife, "Dawn," decided to schedule their daughter's first birthday party on the same day and not attend the wedding. The birthday party was at 4, the wedding at 6. The locations were an hour apart. We attended the birthday celebration and left early to get to the wedding on time, as did Mom and Dad.

As a gift, we chipped in to get Kirk and his bride, "Kallie," an upgrade on their cruise cabin. They loved it. Ryan and Dawn contributed as well. The bridal couple asked that, since Ryan and Dawn didn't attend, I thank them although they planned to send written formal thank yous after their honeymoon. I called Ryan the next day to tell him Kirk and Kallie were appreciative, the wedding and reception were beautiful, and they were missed.

Six weeks have passed and my brother and sister-in-law refuse to speak to me. I learned they felt the phone call I placed after the wedding was "inappropriate." I was "throwing the wedding in their faces" and "had no right" to leave the birthday party. I apologized, but they still

won't talk to me, though they're speaking to our parents. Ryan and I were inseparable as kids, but now what? — **HURT SIBLING IN MICHIGAN**

DEAR HURT SIBLING: Unless there is more to the estrangement than what you have written, the problem could be that your brother has displaced his anger at your parents for not staying at the birthday party and directed it solely at you because it's "safer." Is it wrong? Yes, childish? Yes. Can you do anything more than you already have to fix it? Probably not.

Your parents might take a moment to remind Ryan that they also left to attend the wedding, and that it would have been better to schedule the festivities earlier so that everyone could have stayed longer. But if Ryan and Dawn choose to hold a grudge, nothing you can do will change that until they're ready to let it go.

DEAR ABBY: My sister "Mimi" died two years ago. Throughout her 40-year marriage she and her husband lived away from family and barely kept in touch, although we were close while growing up. Since her death, my husband and I have tried to keep in touch with her husband, "Clint."

The problem is, when I call him, all he talks about is the past, when we were all in school. That's OK, but it invariably has some kind of sexual overtone — about what I wore or did as a teen. I have tried redirecting the conversation to Mimi — anything — to no avail.

Now I'm wondering if my sister kept Clint away from the family for a reason. He was always like this to a degree, but it was under more control when she was alive.

What do I do when the conversation heads in this direction? I don't want to lose contact with him and their children. — **UNCOMFORTABLE IN NEW MEXICO**

DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE: The next time it happens, tell Clint in plain English that he's making you uncomfortable and tell him to quit dwelling on the past because it's boring. If that doesn't discourage him, call him only with your husband on another extension.

And as to staying in contact with your sister's children — if their parents were married for 40 years, they are adults now. Contact them directly and let them know you care about them and want them to be a part of your lives because you are all family.

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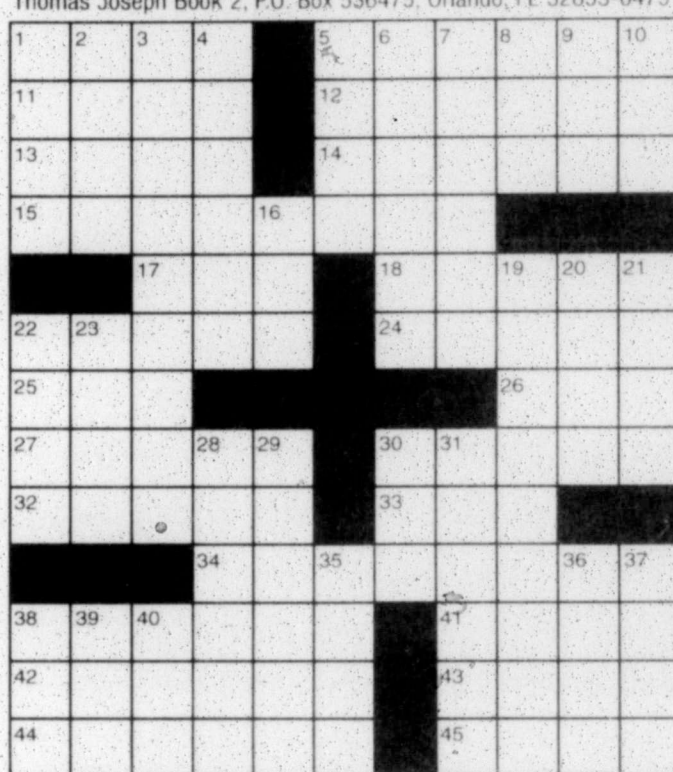
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Sports

Harvesters' goals in front of them after Tuesday's loss

Tuesday night didn't quite end the way the Pampa Harvesters and their fans wanted it as Pampa suffered a 62-61 loss to the Perryton Rangers. The loss isn't anything to worry about, though, because the Harvesters' goals of a state championship are still in front of them.

After the game Tuesday, the Harvesters looked like they had suffered a season ending loss. Senior forward Garrett Ericson was as emotional as he was when the football team lost to Lubbock Cooper. Granted, some of those tears were probably because he just got through playing his last game at McNeely.

Let's put the loss in perspective. It didn't change anything. The Harvesters are still district champions and still have a bye in the first round. All a win would have gained was a 7-2 district record and



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that wouldn't be bad thing. The Harvesters are playing a practice game Saturday at Randall. Though it would be nice to win, it isn't necessary. As long as Pampa leaves that game feeling prepared for the area round February 25, they will have accomplished what they needed.

The Harvesters could get another crack at the Rangers in the regional quarterfinals. If I had to have my choice, I would rather lose in the regular season finale than win the regular season finale and lose in the playoffs. Pampa will definitely

be hungry for a victory after losing two out of three. Remember, the volleyball team won the majority of the games against Borger in the regular season. Sadly, it was the red and white celebrating after the regional quarterfinals. If the Harvesters square off with the Rangers in this round, hopefully, the green and gold will be Lubbock bound.

The Harvesters have already taken home one gold ball, and hopefully they will have six more when everything is said and done. For that to happen, the Harvesters will have to play a solid 192 minutes of basketball. Let's take it one game at a time. Pampa has to avoid lapses at any point in the game. In the first half, the Harvesters have to stay with their opponent. If Pampa has a big lead, they need to slam the door on their opponent.

The Harvesters will be playing much better competition than their district opponents. Once a team has momentum it's hard to stop them.

For the Harvesters to have a successful playoff run, it's going to take all 10. Everyone must contribute in every game and not just rely on two players. Pampa has been successful most of their games. A great starting five has a good bench behind them to maintain or build on what their starters achieved.

Now, I know we wanted a win Tuesday, but if the Harvesters return home with a few more gold balls, no one will remember that one-point loss.

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Fr. Miller qualifies for state in regional wrestling tourney

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The Pampa High School wrestling team will have a representative at the state tournament February 24 and 25 in Austin, Texas.

Freshman Krysten Miller finished fourth in the regional tournament at Randall High School February 11 and 12. Miller won her first match against El Paso Del Valle's Carla Ponce by pin. Miller lost in the quarterfinals to

Jodi Martinez from Amarillo Tascosa. Miller won her first consolation match by pin against Lubbock Monterey. The freshman followed that with a 1-0 decision win over Sara Gonzalez from El Paso El Dorado. Miller lost her consolation semifinal match to Elda Mendoza 3-1, setting up an elimination match.

The freshman pinned Stephanie Amerena from El Paso Burgess and defeated Natalie Hinojo from El Paso Montwood.

PHS baseball team tests skills against Dumas in scrimmage

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The Pampa Harvesters baseball team got an early gauge of where they are at after a scrimmage against Dumas Monday in Dumas.

Pampa scored 11 runs and Dumas scored nine. Head coach Kaleb Snelgrooves said he saw a lot of good things.

"We hit very well," Snelgrooves said. "Mitch Simon had a double and a triple. Zach Graves had couple of hits."

Due to the snowfall, the team has had to practice indoors a lot. Snelgrooves said it didn't affect their defense.

"Our defense was pretty good considering we have been inside so much,"

Snelgrooves said. Coach said the pitching was OK but could have been better.

"We need to improve on throwing more strikes and cutting down on walks," Snelgrooves said. "For the first time against live hitters I feel pretty good."

The Harvesters were without five varsity players because of the ongoing basketball season. Snelgrooves said it was difficult getting a complete assessment on his team but got to look at younger players.

"Overall, Monday our younger guys did well," Snelgrooves said.

The Harvesters scrimmage at River Road 4:30 p.m. Friday. Pampa opens the season with the Cavalier Classic February 24.

Cyclist Armstrong announces retirement for second time

AUSTIN (AP) — Lance Armstrong is calling this one "Retirement 2.0."

Almost a month after finishing 65th in his last competitive race in Australia, and nearly six years removed from the last of an unprecedented seven straight Tour de France titles, the 39-year-old cyclist made clear there is no reset button this time.

This time, he's leaving professional racing behind for good.

"Never say never," Armstrong laughed at the start of an exclusive interview Tuesday with The Associated Press, then quickly added, "Just kidding."

His retirement ends a comeback effort that failed to produce an eighth title or diminish talk that performance-enhancing drugs helped his career. The timing has as much to do with his growing responsibilities and family as it does with the physical limitations time has imposed. He's tired, and tired of being hounded. Armstrong will miss competing -- let alone dominating a sport like none before him -- but not the 24/7/365 training regimen that made it possible.

"I can't say I have any regrets. It's been an excellent ride. I really thought I was going to win another tour," Armstrong said about his comeback attempt in 2009, four years after his first retirement. "Then I lined up like everybody else and wound up third."

"I have no regrets about last year, either," he added, despite finishing 23rd. "The crashes, the problems with the bike -- those were things that were beyond my control."

Armstrong spoke to the AP in a telephone interview and in a videotaped interview from his office in Austin, Texas.

Armstrong zoomed out of relative obscurity after a life-threatening bout with testicular cancer to win his first tour in 1999, then set about recalibrating both the popularity of his sport and how much influence athletes can wield as advocates for a cause -- in his case, on behalf of cancer survivors and researchers worldwide.

International Cycling Union President Pat McQuaid had high praise for Armstrong.

"His contribution to cycling has been enormous, from both the sporting point of view and his personality. All sports need global icons and he has become a global icon for cycling," said McQuaid, speaking to The Associated Press by telephone from the Tour of Oman. "The sport of cycling has a lot to be thankful for because of Lance Armstrong."

Along the way, Armstrong also became one of the most controversial figures in the evolving battle against doping in sports. He claims to be the most-tested athlete on the planet during his career. Armstrong came back clean every time,

and vehemently denies ever using performance-enhancing drugs.

Even so, he remains shadowed by a federal investigation into the sport launched last year following accusations by former teammate and disgraced 2006 tour champion Floyd Landis that Armstrong used drugs and taught other riders how to beat testing. Though the probe is continuing, lawyers familiar with the case told the AP recently that any possible indictments are a long way off.

"I can't control what goes on in regards to the investigation. That's why I hire people to help me with that. I try not to let it bother me and just keep rolling right along. I know what I know," Armstrong said. "I know what I do and I know what I did. That's not going to change."

What won't change, either, is his tenacious campaigning to raise funds and awareness in the fight against a disease his doctors once believed would keep Armstrong from competing at anything more strenuous than gin rummy.

That was 1996. A year later, he set up the Livestrong Foundation and raised \$10,000. In the intervening years, Armstrong used his story, his celebrity and hard work to sell millions of those ubiquitous plastic yellow wrist bracelets and enlist lawmakers in Texas and global policymakers on the scale of Bill Clinton in the cause.

By the end of last year, despite tough economic times, the foundation had raised nearly \$400 million total. But the real heavy lifting may just be beginning.

After lobbying successfully for a Texas state constitutional amendment to provide \$3 billion for cancer research over a 10-year period, Armstrong now has his sights set on California. This summer, he'll work with legislators there to draw up and put on the ballot a measure mandating a cigarette tax with the proceeds to fund further research. Come September, Armstrong will also plead his case before a United Nations General Assembly special session on non-communicable diseases that he provided much of the impetus for.

"We knew we'd be able to have some impact, but we didn't know we'd pick up so much momentum," he said.

That's how Armstrong broke through nearly every barrier the sport had erected over a century and more -- by leading with his chin. He spilled blood on the roads, came back from crashes and more than once, crossed the finish line of a stage race draped over his handlebars like a man hanging on for life instead of an unbreakable machine.

One thing that never changed, though, was how Armstrong's withering gaze controlled the pack of riders around him. He doled out favors, like stage wins, or withheld them as the mood struck him.

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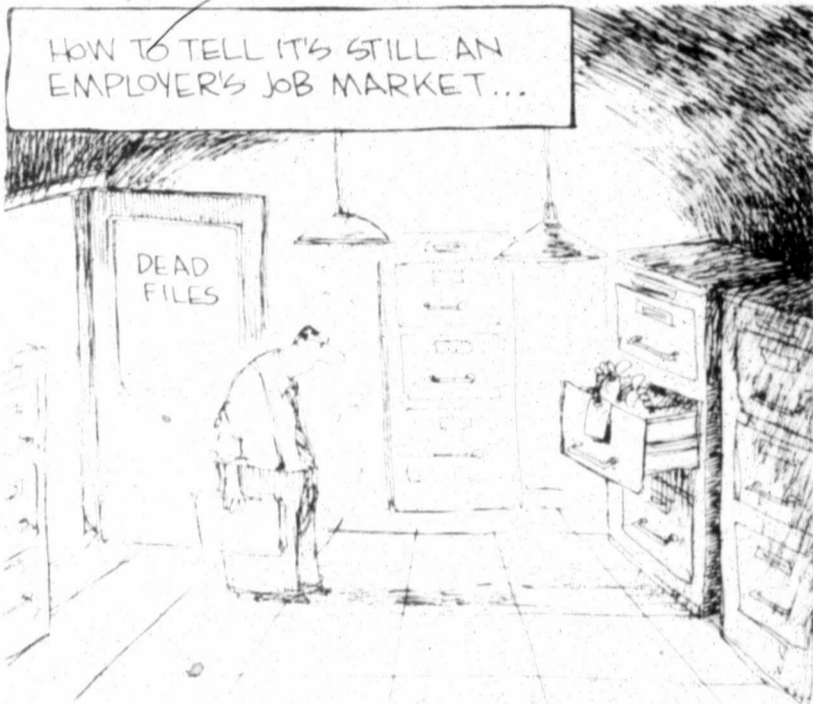
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Feb. 18, 2011:

This year, try a new approach, and see what happens. Let go of rigidity; flow with events and situations. Travel, education and dealing with foreigners might not flow as well as in the past. If you are single, your love life could become very intense, more so than you can imagine. If you are attached, the two of you invent a new tango as you up the love temperature. Discussions succeed on a one-on-one level. VIRGO understands you far better than you know.

A baby born today, Feb. 18, 2011, before 1:39 a.m. is an Aquarius, Moon in Leo. If born between that time and 4:25 p.m., the baby will be an Aquarius Sun, Moon in Virgo. Finally, after 4:25 P.M., look to Pisces Sun with a Moon in Virgo. All times are Pacific.

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)
★★★★ Your enthusiasm might be waning. Fatigue and a need for closer scrutiny of details might drag you down. Schedule a late lunch. Take off afterward. Know when you are too worn out to do anything more. Tonight: Not to be found.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)
★★★★ Your ability to grasp the many different implications of a situation comes into play in exploring solutions. Remain light no matter what new information heads your way. Brainstorm away. Tonight: Transform your creative energy into fun.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)
★★★★ You swing into weekend mode a little too soon. Consider heading home early; bring some extra work with you. No matter what you do, you are simply not in the mood to work. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22)
★★★★ How you deal with someone and the choices you make could change with new information coming in. A family or domestic matter might need to be put on hold. Another person demonstrates his or her caring in a conversation. Tonight: Visit with friends.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
★★★★ See what energizes a situation. Know when to put a halt to spending, especially if it is stressing your budget. You discover that this is a point of agreement no matter which way you go. Tonight:

Let someone else treat for a change.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
★★★★ Maintain your visibility, and don't ignore a financial issue. Someone's impressions certainly aren't the same as yours. Your ability to come up with a solution that works for everyone emerges. Funnel more creativity into your personal life, too. Tonight: With a favorite person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)
★★ Willingly back off from a hassle. Let others resolve it, as whatever you suggest will not be "right" anyway. Make plans on the phone, talk to a buddy and simply use the extra private time well. Take some much-needed personal time. Tonight: Vanish happily.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
★★★★ Others say what they think and feel. In fact, not responding and just letting another person jabber could be most informative. You'll learn much more that way than by challenging another person's thoughts and ideas. A meeting could be very important. Tonight: Where the action is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
★★★★ Pressure builds, as last-minute details tumble into your lap. Stop and take a deep breath. You know you can handle whatever heads your way. Others respect your need for completion. Just don't let them take advantage of it. Tonight: Finally enjoying yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
★★★★ Keep reaching out for others. You might not be on the right path, but you certainly are trying to find the best way to go. Note when your thought process becomes rigid. Let go of that limitation. It is easier than you might think. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
★★★★ Someone would like to play his or her hand without interference. You really don't have much to lose. Maintain a say in financial decisions. A personal relationship could warm up as a result. Tonight: Let someone else make the first move.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20)
★★★★ Realize what is happening with a child or loved one. If you pull away mentally, you will get a better sense of the conflict surrounding this person. Emphasize your goals. Look to the long-term in a meeting. Others might be a little frivolous. Tonight: Not alone.

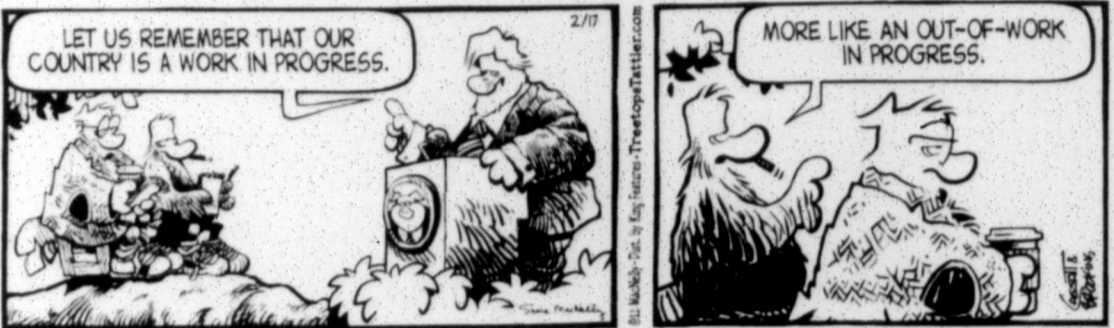
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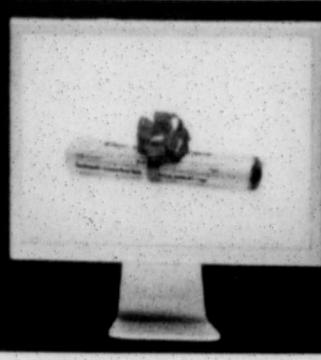
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