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Chamber banquet set for Thursday evening

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The 2011 Pampa "Citizen of the Year" is about to be announced.

That question and others will be answered tomorrow night when Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce holds its 82nd annual banquet at 7 p.m. at the M.K. Brown Civic Center.

Also revealed during the banquet will be the Business of the Year. Both honors are based on

nominations by the membership. "In both of the categories, we had a number of worthy candidates," said Joe Weaver, the chamber's executive director. "That makes it fun, but it also makes it tough because you know someone is going to be disappointed when their name is not selected. BANQUET cont. on page 3

[®] Pampa Chamber of Commerce 87th Annual Banquet

When: Thursday, 7 p.m. Where: M.K. Brown Civic Center What: Citizen, Business of the Year to be announced

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BACK IN BUSINESS



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Alanna Stephens hits a sacrifice fly to left to drive in the first run for the Lady Harvesters Tuesday. Pampa won 14-1 over the Hereford Lady Whitefaces. Full coverage in SPORTS, page 10.

SCHOOL (RE-)ZONE



staff photo by David Bowser

Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins (right) presents Paul Nachtigall, who has served as the City Commission's chaplain, a letter of appreciation for his services. Time demands have forced Nachtigall to cut back on his commission duties, though he will remain a part of a group of ministers that will help at city meetings.

City talks rezoning, honors chaplain

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The Pampa City Commission heard on first reading a proposal to rezone the old Pampa Junior High School so the school district can attempt to sell it more easily.

At Tuesday afternoon's city

commission meeting, Ken Fields, attorney for the Pampa Independent School District, told city commissioners that at one time, the building was to be sold for use as a privately-run drug and alcohol rehabilitation

"That proposed sale fell through," Fields said. "Our present proposal has nothing

center.

to do with a rehab facility. We are simply looking at enhancing the marketability of that property.'

He said it would cost Pampa Independent School District almost one million dollars to tear down the old junior high school and abate the asbestos.

"That's an enormous CITY cont. on page 6

PISD looks at shortfall scenarios

DAVID BOWSER dbowser@thepampanews.

Pampa Independent School District Supt: Barry Haenisch will be meeting with elementary school faculties over the next week concerning a reconfiguration of the campuses.

With a projected state budget shortfall, Haenisch told the school board Tuesday night, he is exploring ways to tighten local school budgets.

Two ways that he is investigating include devoting each of the four elementary schools in Pampa to specific grades or pairing the schools in two groups.

In the graded scenario, he said one school could be for kindergarten. One school could be for first and second graders. One school could be for third and fourth graders, and one school could be for fifth graders.

Under a pairing system. Haenisch said the schools could be divided along north-south boundaries, pairing Austin and Travis and Wilson and Lamar, or along east-west boundaries, pairing Austin and Wilson and Travis and Lamar.

The north-south pairing would result in 10 fewer teachers, he said. The east-west pairing would result in eight fewer teachers.

The four elementary schools now have a total of 86 teachers. Various cuts could result in a PISD cont. on page 6

Gray County to host Extension agricultural conference

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Gray County will host an agricultural conference Thursday.

County Agent Brandon McGinty with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service said the conference will include programs on alternative crops, irrigation, grazing, marketing and Texas Department of Agriculture laws and regulations.

With registration beginning at 9 a.m., Thursday, at the AgriLife Extension offic-

Coffee with Congressman

Mac Thornberry



McGinty :

es, 12125 East Fredric. Dr. Todd Baughman and Dr. Brent Bean, extension agronomists will talk about planting dates, cool season versus warm season crops, fertilizer needs, management practices and weed controls and issues.

They will be followed at 11 a.m. by Nich Kenny, extension specialist talking about irrigation needs.

After a steak lunch sponsored by Attebury Grain, Dr. Ted McCollum, extension beef cattle specialist, will talk about the grazing potential of forage sorghums.

Dr. Steve Amosson, extension economist, will speak about marketing and the economics of alternative crops.

Paul Weiser with the Texas Department of Agriculture will talk about the state's laws and regulations governing agriculture.

McGinty said much of the program will center on alternative crops, including canola, safflower and sunflowers.

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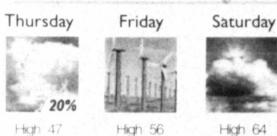
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PAMPA FORECAST



Low 26 Low 31 Low 30 Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 33. East northeast wind be-

tween 5 and 10 mph becoming calm

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 47. Wind chill values between 27 and 37 early. Breezy, with a calm wind becoming northwest between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southeast.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. Breezy, with a south southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming west southwest. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31 West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north northeast.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 63. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30 Windy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as

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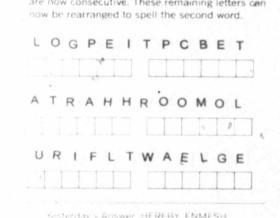
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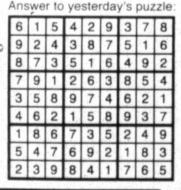
OPTIMIST BASEBALL and Softball program need you! Come to the organizational meeting, Mon. Feb 28th, 7:00 p.m., at Optimist Club meeting room. Chris Porter 662-3921 Kevin Davis 664-2542.

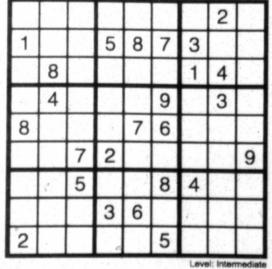
BANANAGRAMS!

Each set of 12 tiles below contains two common ex letter words. The letters of the first six-letter word are adjacent, but not in order. Find them and rearrange them to spell a word. Cross out those letters and imagine that the six remaining letters are now consecutive. These remaining letters can now be rearranged to spell the second word.



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Clampdown continues in Libyan capital

TOBRUK, Libya (AP) - Militiamen loyal to Moammar Gadhafi clamped down in Tripoli, but cracks in his regime spread elsewhere across the nation, as the protest-fueled rebellion controlling much of eastern Libya. claimed new gains closer to the capital. Two pilots let their warplane crash in the desert, parachuting to safety, rather than bomb an opposition-held city.

The opposition said it had taken over Misrata, which would be the largest city in the western half in the country to fall into its hands. Clashes broke out over the past two days in the town of Sabratha, west of the capital, where the army and militiamen were trying to put down protesters who overwhelmed security headquarters and government buildings, a news website close to the government reported.

Two air force pilots jumped from parachutes from their Russian-made Sukhoi fighter jet and let it crash, rather than carry out orders to bomb opposition-held Benghazi, Libya's second largest city, the website Quryna reported, citing an unidentified officer in the air force control room.

One of the pilots identified by the report as Ali Omar Gadhafi — was from Gadhafi's tribe, the Gadhadhfa, said Farag al-Maghrabi, a local resident who saw the pilots and the wreckage of the jet, which crashed in a deserted area outside the key oil port of Breqa.

International outrage mounted after Gadhafi on Tuesday went on state TV and in a fist-pounding speech called on, his supporters to take to the streets to tight protesters. Gadhafi's retaliation has already been the harshest in the Arab world to the wave of anti-government protests sweeping the Middle

Italy's Foreign Minister Franco Frattini said estimates of some 1,000 people killed in the violence in Libya were "credible," although he stressed information about casualties was incomplete. The New York-based Human Rights Watch has put the death toll at nearly 300, according to a partial count.

Obituaries

Nina Pearl Dawes, 83

Nina Pearl Dawes, 83, died February 21, 2011, in

Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 24, 2011, at Hobart Baptist Church with Rev. Mike Watson, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Di-

Mrs. Dawes was born July 24, 1927, in Delaware,

Okla. She attended school in Delaware, and graduated from Lefors High School. She married her childhood sweetheart, John Dawes on January 22, 1953, in Clo-



member of Highland Baptist Church and a current member of Hobart Baptist Church. She enjoyed cooking and embroidery. Nina loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, John Dawes of the home; daughter, Shirley Bray of Amarillo, son, Henry Dawes and wife Marian of Pampa; five grandchildren, Windy O'Neill, Shawn Dawes and Jarrett Bray, all of Amarillo, Nathan Dawes of Canyon, and Jessica Howell of Pampa; four great-grandchildren, Raiden Bray and Gavin Bray, both of Amarillo, Kamber Howell of Pampa and Kaitlin Dawes of Canyon; brother, Donald Maple of West Virginia. Nina was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Edna Maple; and two brothers, Jim Maple and Melvin Maple.

Memorials may be made to Hobart Baptist Church Building Fund, 1100 W. Crawford, Pampa, TX 79065. The family will receive friends at the funeral home

from 6:30-8 p.m. on Wednesday, February 23, 2011. Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.

vis, N.M. Nina was a homemaker. She was a longtime For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police De-

partment_reported the following incidents during the stops and one accident. 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

Police reported 26 traffic-related incidents and 16 attempts to serve legal papers:

Animal Control Officials

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

Monday, Feb. 21

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of South Dwight.

A theft was reported to A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1500 block

of North Russell. Abandoned vehicles were reported in the 1800 block of Christy and in the

300 block of Sunset. Officers were put on special assignment in the 200

bloc of North West. A theft was reported in the 600 block of North

Somerville. A narcotic violation was reported in the 800 block of

West Brown. A suicide attempt was

mers.

reported in the 800 block of Gray County Road I. North Nelson.

Officers checked on wel-

fare in the 700 block of of North Faulkner. North Sloan.

Officials reported a violation of city ordinances at block of South Barnes Gwendolyn and Roberts. Found property was re- the 700 block of Hobart.

ported in the 700 block of North Nelson.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of North Duncan.

Found property was reported in the 2400 block of Cherokee:

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of North Nelson.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of East Browning.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 1800 block of North Hamilton.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 400 block of

North Starkweather. An alarm was reported in the 1200 of North Hobart. A prowler was reported in the 1100 block of North

Starkweather.

The Pampa Police Department reported the fol-

lowing incidents during the South Wilcox. 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Animal Control Officials reported six animal-related

Pampa EMS reported eight ambulance calls. The Pampa Fire Department reported two medical calls.

The Lefors Volunteer Ambulance Service reported Police reported four at tempts to serve legal pa-

pers. Tuesday, Feb. 22

Officers reported an open door in the 1200 block of North Russell.

A burglary was reported in the 1200 block of North Russell.

A fire investigation was launched in the 700 block of North Faulkner. A theft was reported in

the 600 block of North Ho-A suspicious person was

reported in the 400 block of South Houston.

A suspicious person was reported in the 600 block of North Dwight and in the 700 block of North Dwight. A hit and run accident

was reported to police. A burglary was reported

reported at 23rd and Zim- at McCullough and Prairie. A grass fire was reported Disorderly conduct was at Texas Highway 749 and

Officer performed a welfare check in the 500 block

A hit and run accident was reported in the 1000

An alarm was reported in

Officers delivered a message in the 1300 block of

North Starkweather. City officials turned off the water in the 1000 block

of South Wilcox. A runaway was reported

to police. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000

block of East Scott. A theft was reported in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

Phone harassment was reported in the 300 block of North Davis.

A suspicious person was reported at Sumner and Randy Matson.

A burglary was reported in the 1200 block of North Hamilton.

Wednesday, Feb. 23 A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block

of North Sumner. City officials shut off the water in the 900 block of fying information.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1500 block Police reported 38 traffic of North Hobart.

Sheriff's Office

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

Friday, Feb. 18

phanelia, theft of property over \$50 and under \$500.

Angela Christy Moreno, 37, was arrested by police on a capias pro fine warrant in connection with charges of public intoxication, and sent to Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Ira Don Hicks, 40, was arrested by police on charges of public intoxication and failure to appear.

Thomas Roman Brown, 32, was arrest by Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, and no valid driver's license.

Justin Allen Thomas, 23, of Irving, was arrested by deputies on charges of violation of parole in connection with forgery and burglary of a habitation, and on a bench warrant.

Roman Cruz Castillo, 32, was arrested by police on charges of assault causing bodily injury and family violence.

Saturday, Feb. 19

Keith Shannon Helfer, 43, was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance greater than one gram and less that four grams. Nancy Delacerda Ortega,

29, was arrested by Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated. Lionel Ray Nash, 27,

was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance. Justin Warren Cross, 38, was arrested by De-

partment of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated and having an open container. Sandra Joan Punches-Davis, 59, of White Deer, was

arrested by police on charges of theft by check and expired driver's license. Sunday, Feb. 20

Amber Loree Caviness, 28, was arrested by police on a warrant for fraudulent rants. use or possession of identi-

Lexton Bryan Larue, 21, was arrested by deputies on capias pro fine warrants in connection with charges of displaying an expired registration, expired motor vehicle insurance and failure to report change of address or name.

Monday, Feb. 21

Pamela Jane Howe, \$23, was arrested by police on April Nichole Ballard, charges of possession of a 24, of Clarendon, was ar- controlled substance, less rested by police on charges than one gram and possesof possession of drug para- sion of marijuana, less than-

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

Monday, Feb. 21

Manuel Rizo Alvarez, 44, of McLean, was arrested by deputies on charges of driving while intoxicated, second offense.

James Calvin White, 20, of Lefors, was arrested by the Lefors Marshal on charges of non-payment of court costs and non-payment of a fine for speeding.

Justin Mark Welch, was. arrested by police on charges of possession of drug parapherfialia, not wearing a seat belt and having an expired motor vehicle in- ... spection sticker.

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

Tuesday, Feb. 22

John Brown Griffith, 49, was arrested by police on charges of failing to comply as a sex offender.

Jason David Sprowls, 24, was arrested by police on charges of theft of property. Candace May Velasquez, 21, was arrested by deputies on charges of burglary of a buildig in Lubbock. Renee Sophia Braddock,

32, was arrested by police on charges of possession of. a dangerous drug. James Robert Williams,

29, was arrested by police. on charges of theft over \$1,500 but under \$20,000 in Tarrant County. Detria Ray Don McIn-

tosh, 33, of Canadian, was arrested by police on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and cruelty. to animals.

Wednesday, Feb. 23 Nicole Terease Ray, 31, was arrested by police on two capias pro fine war-

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GALVESTON (AP) - A 12-foot sperm whale has been found beached on the Texas coast and rescuers worked to keep it alive.

Galveston police received a call around 7:30 a.m. today about a whale on the west side of the island, in an area known for resorts, condominiums and beach houses.

Heidi Whitehead with the Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network says she and other rescuers were hauling the whale to the group's rehab facility in Galveston. She described the whale as a calf, about 12

Police dispatcher Billy Sanders told The Associated Press that it's extremely unusual to get a report of a beached live whale." Sanders says it's common for dolphins to wash up on shore.

Further details on the whale were not immediately available.

Shuttle cleared for launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - NASA has given a unanimous "go" for tomorrow's planned launch of space shuttle Discovery.

It will be the final flight for Discovery, the world's most traveled rocketship.

Shuttle managers met today and agreed to proceed with the flight after a four-month delay caused by fuel tank cracks. Liftoff is scheduled for 4:50 p.m. Thursday. There's an 80 percent chance of good weather.

Six astronauts will ride Discovery up to the International Space Station. They will deliver and install a closet full of space station supplies, and drop off a humanoid robot. Robonaut will become the first humanoid in space.

Discovery has already logged nearly 143 million miles, more than any other reusable spacecraft.

Woman helps save officer

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston police say female bystander helped save an officer by jumping on a suspect who had snatched a pistol from the lawman's holster.

Police say the officer was being treated today for a hand injury suffered during a struggle with the jaywalk-

The incident happened around midnight Tuesday when the officer spotted a man acting suspiciously and crossing a street illegally. The patrolman stopped the suspect and tried to search him. Police say the man lunged at the officer and grabbed his pistol.

Police say the officer was fighting for his gun when a woman jumped on the suspect's back, to help subdue him until more police arrived.

The suspect was in custody facing felony charges of aggravated assault of a police officer and disarming a

TEA lays off workers

AUSTIN (AP) - Layoffs have begun at the Texas Education Agency as legislators face a projected \$15 billion shortfall in the next two-year budget.

TEA officials have declined to say how many of the slips. Some employees were seen Tuesday removing economic comfort zone for many people. The decision their personal belongings from the TEA's main office was reversed and the two were separated complex in Austin.

anticipated budget reductions, the TEA has taken steps to reduce the size of the agency. Scott says the TEA will continue with its mission to serve school districts be pleased with both, I think," he said. and students

TEA spokeswoman Debbie Ratcliffe says exact numbers on how many TEA workers lost their jobs will be released later.

Texans sue bus company

FORT WORTH (AP) - A lawsuit has been filed over a 2010 chartered bus rollover in Colorado that left some travelers from North Texas hurt.

The lawsuit filed Tuesday in Fort Worth is on behalf of nine Denton residents injured in the Dec. 18 accident near Gunnison, Colo., during icy conditions. The victims were part of a group from Trinity United Methodist Church in Denton on a ski trip.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages from Fort Worth-based Gotta Go Express Trailways Inc. and the bus driver, 48-year-old Fred Kornegay of Grand Prairie. Bus company officials did not immediately comment. Kornegay declined comment Tuesday.

Hindu guru faces trial in Texas

SAN MARCOS (AP) - An elderly Hindu guru faces trial in Central Texas on 20 counts of indecency with a child by sexual contact.

Opening statements are scheduled for today in the trial of 82-year-old Prakashanand Saraswati in San

The founder and spiritual leader of the Barsana Dham ashram in Hays County is accused of misconduct with two girls in the 1990s when their families lived at his

religious complex. A Texas judge last October revoked the passport of the spiritual leader, known as Shree Swamiji. He was arrested in April 2008 at Washington Dulles International Airport after arriving on a flight from

Europe Ashram officials have denied the allegations. Attorneys for Saraswati previously claimed he was too frail for trial and has back trouble.

Man killed in oilfield accident

MIDLAND (AP) - An oilfield accident in West Texas has killed a worker who was crushed by some pipes he was trying to move.

Midland County Fire Marshal Dale Little says the victim was 44-year-old Ronnie Lynn May of Seguin. Little says some pipes apparently slipped and May

was crushed. May was pronounced dead Monday afternoon at a hospital. Relatives say May had worked for Tulsa, Okla.,-based

contractor Helmerich & Payne Inc. for several years. Company spokesman Mike Drickamer says the accident is under investigation. Federal safety authorities are also investigating.

The benefits of leaving dog home alone

MATTHEW "UNCLE MATTY" MARGOLIS Creator's Syndicate

Recently, while I was out training a client's dog, I became involved in an incident with another dog. It was as preventable as the deaths by car I covered last week. I don't say that to place blame. I say it to inform, to hopefully prevent it from happening again.

While I was working with my client's dog, I saw a woman get out of her car with her puppy, who was on a slip leash. Not two minutes later, that same woman was running down the street screaming bloody murder.

She had fastened her pup's leash to a chair outside of a juice bar. She stepped inside to get a juice. Moments later, a motorcycle drove by.

The sound of the loud motor scared the dog, who flipped the chair, slipped out of the leash and was gone in seconds.

I helped the woman look for her dog, a 4-month-old puppy, by phone, and the pup still has not turned up. In addition to her

own despair, she had to explain what happened to her three young children.

since talked to her

It's not like this woman is the first person to tie her dog up for a minute while they run inside for something a coffee, a gallon of milk, to mail a letter or even for a quick lunch. People do this all the time.

But its being common practice doesn't make it smart.

Any number of things can happen when you leave your dog unattended on a public street For one, he can vanish. That's right - dognappings

Most passersby aren't paying attention to who tied which dog to which post. It's so easy for someone to simply untie a dog and walk away, in hopes that the neighborhood will soon be plastered with "Lost Dog Reward" signs.

Need more reasons? Being tied ' up and left in a strange place is taxing to the nervous system of many dogs. Tethered dogs are more likely to bite strangers. especially children who don't know how to approach dogs.

but we had no luck. I've Tethered dogs are more vulnerable to the whims of other canines in passing. But if your dog somehow gets loose, his biggest problem is nearby traf-

Leaving him in the car is not necessarily the answer, either. If you leave your dog in the car with the windows all the way down, he could just as easily be gone when you get back. Someone could snatch him, or he could jump out. I know of a tragic accident in which a dog was left in the car with his leash. attached and the window down. He hung himself.

So what to do? The thing is, it isn't always. necessary to bring your dog with you when you leave the house. In fact, sometimes it's much better to leave him at

Next time you want to bring your dog with you to run a few errands, ask yourself if he might be better off right where he is.

Dog trainer Matthew "Uncle Matty Margolis is co-author of 18 books about dogs, a behaviorist, a popular radio and series "WOOF! It's a Dog's Life!"

Banquet

"The nominees in both categories are very deserving and I know people will be pleased when they find out who the winners are.

Weaver said there has been much interest in the banquet with people and businesses sponsoring tables, brochure printing and banners.

There was some concern early on that the publics would confuse the annual Chamber banquet with the banquet next month featuring former First Lady Laura Bush. In fact, at first, the plans were to hold the ban-

quets jointly There were people who thought that with a speaker as stellar as Laura Bush, the Citizen of the Year and the Business of the Year honorees would not get quite the approbation that they deserved," said Weaver

Then there was the question of the ticket costs

Since Mrs. Bush commanded a formidable fee for her agency's more than 1,000 workers were given pink appearance, the \$250 per person tickets were out of the

Weaver called the \$25 ticket price for the annual Education Commissioner Robert Scott says, based on chamber banquet "very affordable" and noted that both banquets will help out the chamber and the community.

The people who are able to attend both are going to

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The animals can be seen through the window of the shelter any time.

The Shelter is open to the public Mon. - Sat. from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 23, the 54th day of 2011 There are 311 days left in the year

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 23, 1861, President-elect Abraham Lincoln arrived secretly in Washington to take office, following word of a possible assassination plot in Baltimore.

On this date:

In 1685, composer George Frideric Handel was born in Germany

In 1836, the siege of the Alamo began in San Antonio, Texas

In 1848, the sixth president of the United States, John Quincy Adams, died in Washington, D.C., at

In 1870, Mississippi was readmitted to the Union. In 1927, President Calvin Coolidge signed a bill creating the Federal Radio Commission, forerunner of the Federal Communications Commission.

In 1942, the first shelling of the U.S. mainland during World War II occurred as a Japanese submarine fired on an oil refinery near Santa Barbara, Calif. causing little damage

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. Marines on Iwo Jima captured Mount Suribachi.

In 1954, the first mass inoculation of children against polio with the Salk vaccine began in Pittsburgh.

In 1981, an attempted coup began in Spain as 200 members of the Civil Guard invaded the Parliament, taking lawmakers hostage. (However, the attempt collapsed 18 hours later r

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush opened a two-day summit with British Prime Minister Lony Blair at Camp David

Five years ago: A United Arab Emirates company volunteered to postpone its takeover of significant operations at six major L.S. seaports, giving the White House more time to convince skeptical Jawmakers the deal posed no increased risks from terrorism. Japan's Shizuka Arakawa stunned favorites Sasha Cohen of the United States and Irina Slutskaya of Russia to claim the women's figure skating gold medal at the Turin Winter Olympics.

One year ago: Dutch skater Sven Kramer lost the Olympic gold medal to Lee Seung-hoon of South Korea when coach Gerard Kemkers sent him. the wrong way on a changeover during the 10,000meter speedskating race at Vancouver.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Peter Fonda is 74. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Fred Biletnikoff is 68. Author John Sandford is 67. Singer-musician Johnny Winter is 67. Countryrock musician Rusty Young is 65. Actress Patricia Richardson is 60. Rock musician Brad Whitford (Acrosmith) is 59. Singer Howard Jones is 56. Rock musician Michael Wilton (Queensryche) is 49. Country singer Dusty Drake is 47. Actress Krietin Davie is 16 Tennis nlaver Helena Sukava is 46. Actor Marc Price is 43. Actress Niecy Nash is 41. Rock musician Jeff Beres (Sister Hazel) is 40. Country singer Steve Holy is 39. Rock musician Lasse (loss) Johansson (The Cardigans) is 38. Actress Emily Blunt is 28. Actor Aziz Ansari is 28. Actress Dakota Fanning is 17

Thought for Today: "The essential conditions of everything you do must be choice, love, pas-Nadia Boulanger French camposer and teacher sion.



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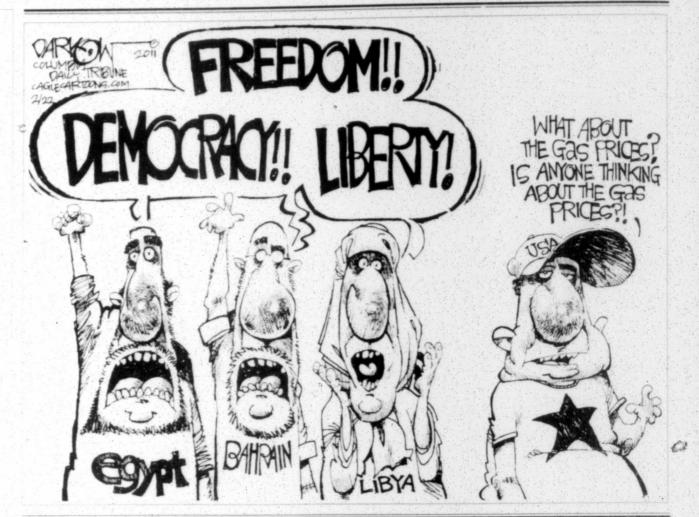
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States ignored warnings on insurance

KEVIN FREKING

WASHINGTON (AP) - State officials had plenty of warning. Over the past three decades, two national commissions and a series of government audits sounded alarms about the dwindling amount of money states were setting aside to pay unemployment insurance to laid=off workers

"Trust Fund Reserves Inadequate," federal auditors said in a 1988 report. It's clear now the warnings were pretty much ignored. Instead, states kept whittling away at the trust funds, mostly by cutting unemployment insurance taxes at the behest of the business community. The low balances hastened insolvency when the recession hit, leading about 30 states to borrow \$41.5 billion from

population of jobless. The ramifications will be felt for

ployment benefits to their growing

In the short term, states must find the money to pay interest on the loans. Generally, that involves a special tax on businesses until the loan is repaid. Some states could tap general revenues, making it harder to pay for schools, roads and other state services.

In the long term, state will have to replenish their unemployment insurance programs. That typically leads to higher payroll taxes, leaving companies with less money to invest.

Past recessions have resulted in insolvencies. Seven states borrowed money in the early 1990s; eight did

so as a result of the 2001 recession. But the numbers are much worse this time because of the recession was more severe and the funds already were low when it hit, said Wayne Vroman, an analyst at the Urban Institute, a liberal-leaning

think tank based in Washington. The Obama administration this month proposed giving states a waiver on the interest payments due this fall. Down the road, the administration would raise the amount of wages on which companies pay federal unemployment taxes. Many states probably would follow suit as a way of boosting depleted trust funds.

Businesses pay a federal and state payroll tax. The federal tax primarily covers administrative costs; the state tax pays for the regular benefits a worker gets when laid off. The Treasury Department manages the trust funds that hold each state's taxes.

Each state decides whether its unemployment fund has enough money. In 2000, total reserves for states and territories came to about \$54 billion. That dropped to \$38 billion by the end of 2007, just as the recession began.

Over the next two years, reserves plummeted to \$11.1 billion, lower than at any time in the program's history when adjusted for inflation, the Government Accountability Office said in its most recent report on the issue. Yet benefits have stayed relatively flat, or declined when compared with average weekly wages.

"If you look at it from the employ-

ers' standpoint, they're not going to want reserves to build up excessively high because then there's an increasing risk that advocates for benefit expansion would point to the high reserves and say, 'We can afford to pacrease benefits," said Rich Hobbie, executive director of the National Association of State Workforce Agencies.

A review of state unemployment insurance programs shows how states weakened their trust funds over the past two decades.

In Georgia, lawmakers gave employers a four-year tax holiday from 1999-2003. Employers saved more than \$1 billion, but trust fund reserves fell about 40 percent, to \$700 million. The state gradually has raised its unemployment insurance taxes since then, but not nearly enough to restore the trust fund to previous levels. The state began borrowing in December 2009. Now it owes Washington about \$588 mil-

Republican Mark Butler, Georgia's labor commissioner, said his state had one of the lowest unemployment insurance tax rates in the nation when the tax holiday was enacted.

The decision to do this was not really based upon any practical reasolt was based on a political decision, which I think, by all accounts now, we can look back on and say it was the wrong decision," Butler said. "Now we find ourselves in a situation where we've had to borrow money and that puts everyone in a tight situation.'

In New Jersey, lawmakers used a combination approach to deplete the trust fund. The Legislature expanded benefits and cut taxes, as well as spending \$4.7 billion of trust fund revenue to reimburse hospitals for indigent health care. The money was diverted over a period of about 15 years and helps explain why the state's trust fund dropped from \$3.1 billion in 2000 to \$35 million by the end of 2010. The state has had to borrow \$1.75 billion from the federal government to keep the program

"It was a real abdication of responsibility and a complete misunderstanding of how you finance an unemployment insurance fund ΓÇö to make sure you have sufficient money in bad economic times," said Phillip Kirschner, president of the New Jersey Business and Industry Association. "In good economic times you build up your bank account, but in New Jersey, they said, 'Well, we have all this money, let's spend it."

California took its own road to trust fund insolvency. Lawmakers kept payroll tax rates the same, but gradually doubled the maximum weekly benefit paid to laid-off workers to \$450. The average benefit now is about \$300 and is paid for about 20 weeks.

spokeswoman Loree Levy. for the California Employment Development Department, said lawmakers were warned of the consequences.

"We testified at legislative hearings that the fund would eventually go broke and would become permanently insolvent if legislation wasn't passed to increase revenue," Levy

California has borrowed \$9.8 billion to keep unemployment insurance payments flowing, It owes the federal government an interest payment of \$362 million by the end of September.

In Michigan, unemployment insurance tax rates declined from 1994 through 2001. The trust fund prospered during those years because of the healthy economy and low unemployment rate. Then the recession arrived and reserves plunged. In response, Michigan lawmakers passed legislation that lowered the amount of wages subject to unemployment taxes from \$9,500 to \$9,000. They increased the maximum weekly benefit from \$300 to \$362. The trust fund dropped from \$1.2 billion to \$112 million over the next four years. In September 2006. Michigan was the first state to begin borrowing from the federal govern-

Other states held their trust funds purposely low as part of an approach called "pay-as-you-go." Texas is a nationally recognized leader of this effort. Its philosophy is that, in the long run, it's better for the economy to keep the maximum level of dollars in the hands of businesses rather than government. Texas had to borrow \$1.3 billion in 2009. State officials have no regrets about their

policy By keeping the minimum in the t fund), Texas is able to maxifunds circulating in the Texas economy, allowing for the creation of jobs and stimulation of economic growth," said Lisa Givens, spokeswoman for the Texas Workforce

Commission. The pay-as-you-go approach goes against the findings of a presider tial commission that looked into the issue of dwindling trust funds in the mid-1990s.

"It would be in the interest of the nation to begin to restore the forward-funding nature of the unemployment insurance system, resulting in a building up of reserves during good economic times and a drawing down of reserves during recessions," said the Advisory Council on Unemployment Compensation, which President Bill Clinton appointed.

Hobbie, from the association. representing state labor agencies. said there's no way to tell which approach is better over the long haul. He acknowledged that keeping reserves at the minimum in good times goes against one of the original aims of the program - to act as an economic stabilizer in bad times. That's because businesses are asked to pay more in taxes, which leaves them less money to invest in their company

A survey from Hobbies' organization found that 35 states raised their state unemployment taxes last year. Hobbie said he suspects that some

states allowed reserves to dwindle out of complacency. "I think we just got overconfident

and thought we wouldn't experience the bad recessions we had in, say the mid '70s, and then this big surprise hit," he said.

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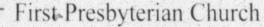
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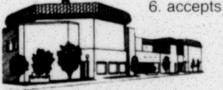
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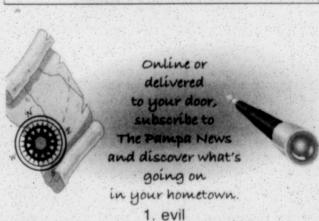
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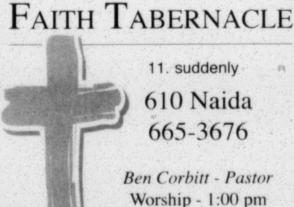
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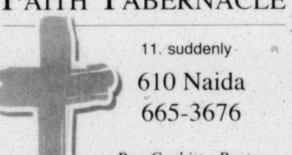
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GOLDEN TICKET

Richard Stowers (center, with tickets) presents Nancy Northcutt with a pair of tickets to see the Chamber of Commerce host Laura Bush on March 24. Stowers and Northcutt were joined by the Chamber's Laura Bush banquet committee: Joe Anstey (from left), Hilary Anstey, Pat Montoya, June Beyer and Doug Ware: Culberson Stowers will hold a drawing for a second set of tickets. No purchase necessary - just drop by Culberson Stowers and enter your name in the drawing. The tickets are valued at \$500.

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City

expenditure for our district at any point in time." Fields said, "and particufarly right now when we're looking at a potential loss of state funds estimated to be from \$2.4 million to \$3.6 million."

With Texas facing a budgetary shorttall, it could cut that much money fromthe funds it sends to the Pampa school

"If we lose those funds," Fields said, we're in a world of hurt.

He said that a million dollars the district wouldn't have to spend on demolition and asbestos abatement would cover the cost of a lot of teacher positions that could be preserved.

Fields said the school district hoped to sell the building and realize money from

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lion dollars tearing the building down. Pampa public works official Donny Hooper told the commission that the city's planning and zoning commission, which met Monday night, recommended the change in zoning from Single Family 2 to Commercial.

Hooper said that schools and church properties don't fall under the city's zoning laws as other properties do.

the sale without having to spend a mil-

"Now that this is no longer a school," Hooper said, "there needs to be some type of a change there.

Commissioners unanimously approved the first reading of the proposal to re-zone the building and the 18.246 acres on which it is located. In other business:

·Pampa Police Chief Kelly Rushing gave a state-mandated report on racial profiling for 2010.

He said the police department statistics for traffic stops and other areas follows the race and ethnicity of the city's population.

'It's pretty close," Rushing said, "which should show that we're in compliance with any racial profiling law.

In addition to the racial profiling report that goes to the state, Rushing said the police department added a statistical breakdown of the department's activities and a report on the department's narcotics officer.

Last year was the first year that we've been able to have a full time narcotics investigator at the police department since I've been here," he said.

Rushing also included a report from the department's School Resource

'We're very proud to work closely with the school system and feel like we have a good relationship with them and help them with any problems that come up," he said.

The police chief also included a report on the department's Crime Stopper

'We got that off the ground last year," Rushing said, "and feel like it's been very successful." · The commission also, recognized

Paul Nachtigall for his service as the city commission chaplain. Nachtigall is taking on duties with

a hospice program that covers Pampa, McLean- and Wheeler in addition to his duties as pastor at Highland Baptist Church in Pampa. Nachtigall will remain pastor of

Highland Baptist Church, but is setting up a rotating schedule with other Pampa ministers for the twice-a-month city commission meetings

PISD

savings of \$300,000 to \$400,000, Haenisch said, but transportation costs would rise as the district runs more buses to move students to the school with their grades. O .

Such a system would have to be developed and put in practice for the next school year. Haenisch said.

While there have been estimates that Pampa school system cuts from the state might be as high as \$3.6 million, Haenisch said he thinks they will be about \$1.85 million.

The budget is being debated now in the state legislature and final figures may not be available until the end of the legislative session, or perhaps the end of a special session this summer.

Haenisch said he had talked with the staff at the administration building and with the principals of the four elementary schools about reconfiguring the

He noted that Borger has already implemented similar steps

Derrell DeLoach, president of the school board, said the advantages of a new system would outweigh the disadvantages.

"This is not going to be easy," said board member Cay Warner.

In other business

· The school board heard from Joel Hart of Amarillo-based Hydro-Star Energy concerning a wind energy grant cont. from page 1

that could be used to put a wind-powered generator at the new Pampa Junior High School.

PISD has reportedly been approved for a \$245,553 grant to help pay for the estimated \$377,627 total cost of the

The district would provide the land for a wind turbine and tower and about \$61,000 in cash as their part of the 80-20 federal grant administered by the

The 100-foot tall wind turbine tower would be located at the south end of the new junior high

The electricity it generated would help offset the district's electric bill, but the district would not sell any power back to Southwestern Public Service.

Hart said Hydro-Star Energy has developed 15 such projects and helped the district write the grant application. · The board also heard from Barry

Taylor and Garrett Pendergraft with the architectural firm of Dekker, Perich Sabatini, which has offices in Amarillo: Albuquerque, N.M., and Las Vegas, Nev., concerning a new administration

"I think we can make it work," Taylor said of the \$2 million budget for the project.

The board also met in executive session concerning purchase of property for the new admin building.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a pain issues. woman who, after nearly were spent in a same-sex. I'm the type of masseuse relationship. I just hap- who massages naked men-

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> sation programs available through DEAR *OFFENDED: offensive comment, I see nothing wrong in letting that person know he has "rubbed" you the wrong way. Tell him you studinnuendo is insulting and not funny, and you're not

DEAR ABBY: My another woman titillat- hubby is a smoker. He was ing, while others may one when we married. He promised he'd quit before our wedding; it didn't happen. When I became preg-DEAR ABBY: I'm a nant, he promised again he

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from cancer - she was a longtime smoker, too.)

I am terrified for Tom

DEAR KELLY: How can I discourage You're right to be worried and you have my sympathy. Smoking ces-American Cancer Society, but work only if the smoker is willing to avail himself. Nothing you can do will "make" your husband give up tobacco. He has been nicotine-saturated from birth. Smoking is the most preventable cause of death in the U.S. If the fact that both his parents were diagnosed with cancer - probably from smoking - hasn't "that kind" of girl. Periconvinced him to stop, frankly, nothing will.

You can protect your son by insisting that Tom not smoke in the boy's presence - and when he's old enough, that he understands that his father has an addiction Our son is now 2 years and CANNOT stop, as

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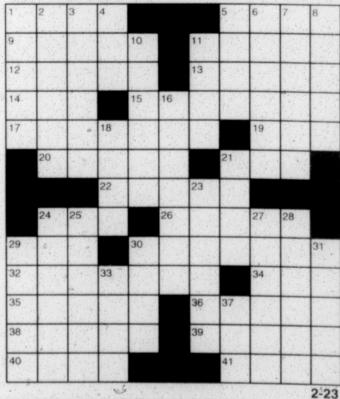
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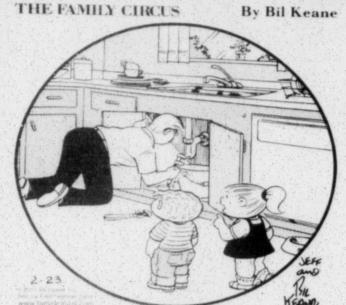
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011:

This year, you need to harness your talents in order to deliver in a more substantial way at work or within your community. You can only gain through this ability. You learn to deal with those in charge in a more direct manner. If you are single, you have a lot to offer, but you might not want to settle down yet. If you are attached, as a couple you become more visible and instrumental in the community. You'll become closer as a result. SAGITTARIUS knows how to push your buttons

A baby born Feb. 11, 2011, before 4:46 Am Pacific Time is Sun in Pisces, Moon in Scorpio. After that time, a Sun in Pisces, Moon in Sagittarius

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)

**** Reach out for new ideas. No one can be an expert in all matters. Finding an expert in various areas when you need one demonstrates your intelligence. Others could be touchy and challenging: You'll make peace anyway. Tonight: Be

impulsive TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)

**** A key professional partner points to a new direction. Don't worry: this person picks up wherever there is a fack or where you might let a detail drop, Listen to your instincts, and you'll be . on top of your game. Tonight. Indulge a

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)

**** Others carry out your ideas. but they also add their own flair. If you want something done 100 percent as you want it, you'd better count on doing it yourself. A meeting opens up options and helps bring more peace to your daily life. Tonight: Where the action is

CANCER (June 21 - July 22)

*** Throw yourself into a project. and you will accomplish a lot, and quite quickly at that. A boss, parent or some one you answer to challenges you. Show what you are capable of. This action could have long-term implications. Tonight: A late dinner.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)

**** Let your spontaneity come. out. No matter what amount of flak is in between the action and the end result, you'll 1. 1 well. Your actions will determine the end result. Someone at a distance adds to the quality of your day.

Tonight: Consider your weekend plans. VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

*** Pressure builds about a domestic or personal matter (at least in your head) A partner's unexpected actions could force you to rethink an association. A boss makes demands. Do what is necessary, and the long-term results will be worthwhile. Tonight: Head home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

**** Your words flow and hopefully are well received. You have a way of saving even difficult matters in a way that people will accept. Several people come forward. When they offer their help, they mean what they say. Tonight: Hanging out with a co-worker.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 -Nov. 21)

** Be aware of your mances, but also understand that you have a lot more to offer than just that. You have innate gifts and talents that add to nearly any situation. Don't hesitate to speak your mind and ask for what you need. Tonight: Be open to another treating

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) ★★★★ Your high energy easily could start a conflict with someone who generally is enthusiastic. Look at it this way at least you got this person moving. At the end of the day, your ability to achieve

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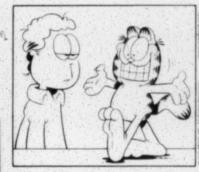
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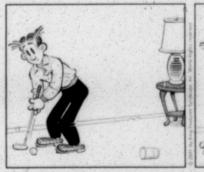
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Sports

Fr. wrestler Miller excited about competing in state

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Wrestling is considered as an individual sport. Pampa High

School freshman Krysten Miller said she likes that aspect of the

On Thursday and Friday, Miller will compete to prove she is one of the best individuals in Texas at the UIL State Wrestling Meet

Miller said she has wrestled since she was seven and planned on making it to state in her freshman year. "I'm really excited getting to go to state as a freshman," Miller

While on the wrestling team, Miller played on the junior varsity

basketball team and the junior varsity softball team. The freshman said she just had to have good time management. "I just had to find time to practice each sport," Miller said.

The freshman wrestler had challenges at practice being one of the only girls on the team. "It's illegal for a girl to wrestle a boy," Miller said. "It was hard

finding someone to work out with. Two schools have helped make Miller's state preparations easier. Amarillo Tascosa and Bushland invited her to work out with them.

"Both schools have really good girls wrestling programs," Miller

Miller's ultimate goal to win more than a gold belt buckle. She wants to compete in the Olympics. This summer she will get to work on that goal at the Olympic Camp in Colorado.

"It's a really big honor to get invited to train at the camp," Miller said. "I hope someday that I get to train and compete with the U.S.



Krysten Miller holds her first place trophy after winning her weight class at district. Miller will compete in the UIL State Wrestling Tournament Friday and Saturday in Austin.

Lady Harvester soccer loses 10th straight vs. Canyon



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Alexis Arreola gets tangled with a Canyon defender Tuesday. Pampa lost 4-0.

Nets acquire Jazz PG Williams

in blockbuster deadline trade

at Madison Square Garden.

with him during a game.

ing him for nothing.

and 9.7 assists.

The Jazz were a perennial contender

with Williams, but his reputation took

a hit in Utah when Hall of Fame coach

Jerry Sloan retired the day after a clash

headliners of the 2012 free agent class

along with 2008 Olympic teammates

Dwight Howard and Chris Paul, and the

small-market Jazz could have faced los-

The Nets now hope Williams will sign

a contract extension with them, which

they can offer this summer. If so, he

would become the face of their franchise

when they move into their new arena in

New Jersey has been desperate to make

its first score under new Russian owner

Mikhail Prokhorov. The Nets talked with

LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris

Bosh last summer and when that failed

they turned their attention to Anthony.

They quickly bounced back from the dis-

appointment of missing out on him with

Williams, who is averaging 21.3 points

Brooklyn for the 2012-13 season.

Williams was expected to be one of the

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters allowed two goals early and weren't

able to overcome in a 4-0 loss to the Canyon Lady Eagles Tuesday at Harvester Field.

The Lady Eagles scored twice in the first half and led 2-0.

Sophomore forward Bree Howard said they played well but just made some mistakes.

back in time," Howard "We got through

balls but didn't take our shots when we were in (Canyon's zone).

Head coach John True said they just weren't able to catch any breaks.

"They play hard," True said. "We have a lot of player movement in positions because of injuries.

Canyon scored three minutes into the second half and tallied another 10 minutes later.

Howard said they are getting people back "On the first goal, from injury and should our goalie couldn't get do better in the second

"Now that we are get-

ting people back, we can play better," Howard

"We now know who's going to play what onthe field and we can work on that in prac-

True said he is optimistic that they can turn some of their losses into wins in the second half of district.

"They are doing everything they can, they just need a little luck to go their way." True said,

The Lady Harvesters (0-10-0, 0-5-0) host Saturday



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Salvador Lopez heads the ball Tuesday against Canyon. Pampa lost 4-0.

Canyon's three first half goals overpower Harvester soccer

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The Pampa Harvesters allowed three goals in the first half and weren't able to rally in a 4-1 loss to the Canyon Eagles Tuesday at Harvester Field.

Head coach John True said the game was matter of playing with or against the wind and the team made mistakes early.

"It was against the wind game," True said. "We kind of sat back. First goal was a keeper error and he's a freshman. Second goal was a team error where we didn't bring the ball down out of the air

and they just ran through. The third goal was a lightning bolt from God. That shot he hit was unbelievable.

Pampa got on the board at the beginning of the second half. Salvador Lopez scored on a penalty kick. Canyon scored in the last half of the second.

The Harvesters (1-9-1, 0-6-0) host Caprock 2 p.m. Saturday. True said he hopes to see improvement from the first game that they lost 7-1.

"We played a good first half against Caprock but the second fell apart," True said. "We have an opportunity to improve on that. I think they can."



NBA TRADE DEADLINE

A person with knowledge of the trade

says the New Jersey Nets have agreed

to acquire All-Star point guard Deron

Williams from the Utah Jazz in a three-

The Nets are sending rookie Derrick

Favors and point guard Devin Harris to the Jazz as part of the package in a

deal that also includes the Golden State

The person spoke to The Associated

Press on condition of anonymity because

the deal hasn't been announced. It was

first reported by The Record of Bergen

The deal comes two days after the Nets

failed to land Carmelo Anthony, who was

acquired by the New York Knicks as part

of a blockbuster deal with the Denver

Harris, a former All-Star point guard,

and Favors, the No. 3 pick in the draft,

were part of the package the Nets

were offering the Nuggets all season for Anthony. While they couldn't get

Denver's All-Star forward, Wednesday's

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Sports

Lady Harvesters hit early and often, take opener

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When the Pampa Lady Harvesters softball team started practice in the spring semester, foul weather forced them to practice indoors, where they got plenty of chances to work on their hitting. In Tuesday's season opener against Hereford, the Lady Harvesters reaped the benefits in a 14-1 victory at Lady Harvester Field.

Head coach Bobbi Gill said she was proud of her girls and it was a great performance.

We hit the ball well." Gill said. "Jordan (Mayhew) had a great performance on the mound. Every ball that was put in play we made the routine plays on.

Sophomore outfielder Claire Hopkins said they did the little things correctly.

We executed when we needed to execute and that's all we needed to do," Hopkins said.

The Lady Harvesters' one through eight hitters got an at-bat in the first three innings. Pampa scored four runs in the bottom of the second and seven in the bottom of the third to seal the game. Sophomore designated player Nakayla Hardman led off both innings with hits and cored to start Pampa's offense.

In the third inning, the Lady Harvesters scored four runs with the bases loaded and the first seven batters reached base before junior Alanna Stephens was thrown out at home on McKinlee Stokes RBI single.

Senior Jordan Mayhew earned the win in her first start since her freshman year. In five innings, Mayhew gave up one run, three hits, two walks and struck out six. The senior said it felt good to be on the mound again.

It went really well," Mayhew said, "Everyone performed the way they needed to. We hit the ball well and it was a good day.

Mayhew credited her defense for helping her through

"If I put a walk up there, they supported me and got the out. Mayhew said.

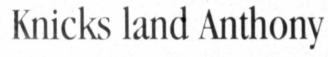
Hopkins led the Lady Harvesters in hitting with four hits, three runs and drove in two. Mayhew was two-forthree, with a solo home run and drove in three. Senior first baseman Madi Shults was two-for-three and drove in three Senior rightfielder Shanna Keown was threefor-four and scored three runs."

The junior varsity (7-0) won 6-2. Freshman Alexa O Brien was the winning pitcher. Coach Jim Gill said he is pleased with the way the team has started.

We got several hits last night," Gill said. "I'm proud to be 7-0 and I'm proud of my girls.

The Lady Harvesters (1-0) compete in the Burkburnett Tournament Thursday through Saturday. Head coach Bobbi Gill said they will face tough competition.

We, open with Iowa Park, we have Henrietta that afternoon," (fill said, "Friday we have Abilene" Wylie and Bridgeport. It will be a challenge.



GREENBURGH, N.Y. (AP) - Players like Carmelo. Anthony don't come cheap, and many times they don't come around at all.

So even though it cost much of their core, the New York Knicks couldn't pass up a chance to pair him with Amare Stoudemire.

I think this puts us in a way ahead of everything, because these are the kind of guys that are really hard to get." Knicks president Donnie Walsh said. "Whether it's in the free agent market or whether they're in a trade, they're very difficult to get. And they're guys that can go out there and get 30 to 40 points in a playoff

Yes, the Knicks are talking about the playoffs.

And they think the three-team, 13-player deal they completed Tuesday with Denver and Minnesota will make them better when they get there.

When you go out hunting, would you rather have a higger gun or a little gun?" coach Mike D'Antoni said. We got a bigger gun.

Anthony, who signed a three-year, \$65 million extennon before the deal was finalized, will join fellow Alt-Star Stoudemire in the frontcourt, giving the Knicks the potent duo they hoped they could assemble last summer

We liked the way our team played this year and I looked at it and I thought we had one piece that was at the high level of the league. We always wanted two preces at least," Walsh said.

Stoudemire has led the Knicks to a 28-26 record this season, but said they will be even more dangerous with Anthony bringing his 25.2 points per game to join his 26.1 average

"Every team needs a 1, 1A punch," Stoudemire said. 'And so with the ways that we both can score we're very versatile, so it's hard to guard us.

Stoudemire said he had "no doubt" the All-Star forwards and longtime friends could play together, and said Anthony would handle the move to New York as

"It's what he wants. It's what I wanted, to come to New York and play on the big stage," Stoudemire said. "He has the same type of swag. This is what he wants and he can handle it. We're going to do it together."

The Knicks also got guards Chauncey Billups and Anthony Carter, and forwards Renaldo Balkman and Shelden Williams from Denver. New York dealt forwards Wilson Chandler and Danilo Gallinari, guard Raymond Felton and center Timofey Mozgov to the Nuggets.

Harvester Basketball Playoff Info

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Jordan Mayhew throws to Madi Shults to get a Hereford baserunner, Tuesday at Lady Harvester Field. Pampa won 14-1 with the ten-run rule invoked after the fifth.

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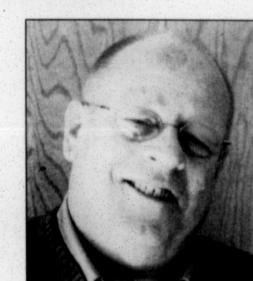
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