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It's here!  
**Best**  
 Your chance to vote on the "Best of Gray County"  
 fill in the ballot on page 5 and make your opinion count!

## Public turns out to hear PEDC sale proposal

**DAVID BOWSER**  
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The Pampa City Commission chambers were filled when the Pampa Economic Development Corporation proposed buying the old Celanese plant west of town, but nobody spoke at the commission meeting in opposition to the plan.

Two people spoke in favor of the plan while one had questions. The commission voted unanimously on first reading to approve the PEDC's plan to buy the old chemical plant for \$3 million. The ordinance approving the purchase will require one



Sutherland

more vote by the city commission.

Gary Sutherland, head of the PEDC, told commissioners that the purchase was a complex situation, and that he could not talk about some aspects of it because of confidentiality agreements with Babcock and Brown, who wants to sell the plant.

Sutherland said that while this PEDC has been in business for

**“We believe that this gives us the ability with an industrial park to attract businesses.”**

— PEDC President Gary Sutherland

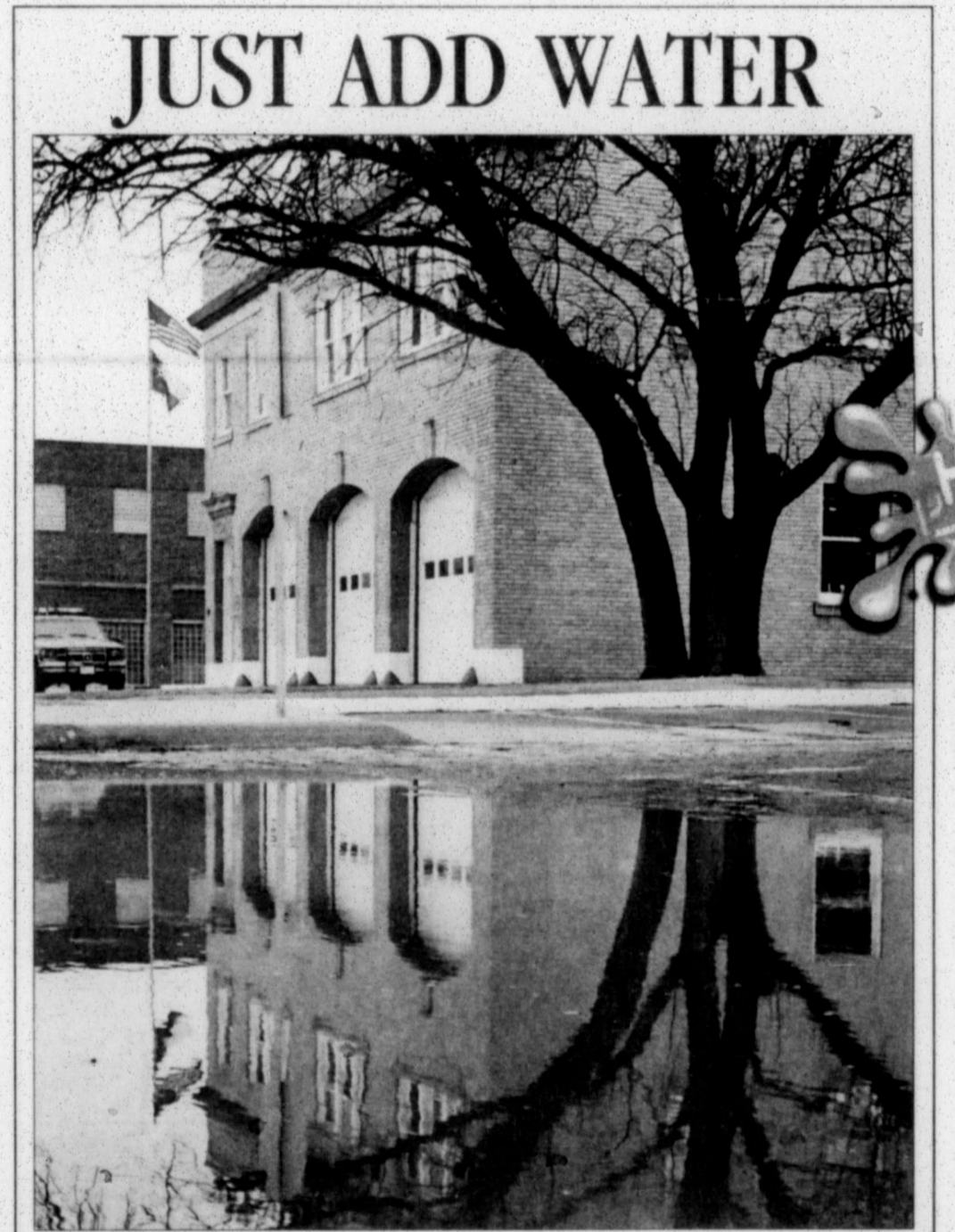
about five years; one of their problems has been that they have not had any kind of industrial park.

“As an EDC,” he said, “we have looked for more than two years at sites that had rail or that had the opportunity to put rail to. We were never able to come

to any kind of a deal. There was always something that came up.”

Sutherland said that the PEDC had been trying to purchase a part of the Celanese plant site for more than six months, but he said that Babcock and Brown would not sell just a portion of it.

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The fire danger around Pampa has ebbed in recent days, with gray, low-hanging clouds depositing welcome precipitation on city streets.  
 staff photo by David Bowser

## Aquatic park gets name: Pampa H2O

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At Tuesday's City Commission meeting, the commission also heard a progress report on the Pampa aquatic park being built and voted to accept the city staff's recommendation that it be named Pampa H2O Aquatic Park.

The commission adopted the fee structure at the water park at an admission fee of five dollars for persons four to 17-years-old and for 18-year-olds and older at six dollars. A season pass will cost \$125 per individual and \$300 for a family up to five members.

Children nine years old or younger must be accompanied by a person 16 years old or older.

In other business:

- The city commission approved on second and final reading changing the zoning of the old Pampa Junior High School from **CITY** cont. on page 2

## Arias recognized as floodplain manager

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The Pampa City Commission recognized the professional certification of a city employee this week.

Jildardo Arias, engineer-in-training for the City of Pampa, has been nationally accredited as a Certified Floodplain Manager, according to Donny Hooper of the Pampa Public Works Department.

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## Relay season kicks off Hoover to sponsor class

**ARNIE AURELLANO**  
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Skellytown's Debbie Brame smiled at the crowd at Pampa Regional Medical Center on Tuesday evening and issued everyone a warning.

"I'm a Baptist," she joked, "so I don't have much rhythm." Still, she powered through her song anyway: A rewrite of Gloria Gaynor's disco hit, "I Will Survive."

"At first I was afraid, I was

petrified. But God reminded me that he was by my side. I spent so many nights praying. Lord, please make me strong. Now I am strong. I'm learning how to get along."

Brame, a survivor of ovarian cancer, is the 2011 Hero of Hope for the Gray County Relay for Life. Addressing volunteers and team members for this year's event at Tuesday's kickoff party, Brame talked about how much impact the **RELAY** cont. on page 2

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With spring showers come the possibility of tornadoes in the Texas Panhandle.

The Hoover Volunteer Fire Department and Gray County Emergency Management Office will sponsor a Tornado Spotter Training Class this week for volunteers.

"It's that time of year again," said Joe Millican, Gray County Emergency Coordinator and

Hoover Volunteer Fire Chief. He said the training class will be from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday, at the Hoover Station No. 2, 2305 Chisum Trail Road, just off Price Road on the west side of Pampa.

"This class will be instructed by the National Weather Service," Millican said.

The class is open to the public, he added.

For more information, call 806-669-8297.

**An Evening with Laura Bush**  
 Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.  
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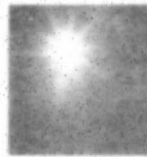
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## PAMPA FORECAST

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		
High 65 Low 39	High 71 Low 31	High 57 Low 32

**Tonight:** Clear with a low around 26. Blustery with a north northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Thursday:** Sunny with a high near 65. Wind chill values between 17 and 27 early. Breezy with a south southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy with a low around 39. Wind chill values between 31 and 36. Breezy with a south southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Friday:** Sunny with a high near 71. Windy with a south southwest wind 15 to 25 mph becoming northwest. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

**Friday Night:** Clear with a low around 31. Windy with a north northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Saturday:** Sunny with a high near 57. North northeast wind around 10 mph becoming east southeast.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear with a low around 32. South southeast wind around 10 mph.

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## Relay

Relay, the American Cancer Society and its fundraising efforts can make.

"I love the closeness that the Relay brings to the community and the hope and the healing that it has to offer," Brame said. "Those of you who are having your first time involvement with the Relay, you're going to be hooked, and you're going to be back."

"I'm so thankful for the ACS staff... everyone that's involved to get the Relay together here in Gray County. You are the heart and soul of Relay for Life. You're planning

all the stuff, you're handing out flyers, you're putting out luminaries, whatever... You've got a lot to do, and I tell you, it takes a community to pull together and fight back against this disease."

Local ACS chair Christy Robinson said on Monday that local volunteers are ready for this year's Relay push.

"It's always important for us to get off to a good start," Robinson said. "We've got a bunch of good teams this year and a lot of good people helping us out. We're excited."

So is Brame, who pumped up the crowd with a reprise to her song she wrote for the Relay for Life a year after she was proclaimed cancer free.

*"I thank God / I'm here today / I clung to hope, my faith was strong / And now you're listening to this song / I've got all my life to live / I've got all my love to give / I survived, I survived."*

The 2011 Relay for Life is slated for June 24 at Recreation Park. For more information, contact Robinson at 806-663-2856.

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## Arias

Arias took a weeklong class, Hooper said, and in February took the test in Lubbock that certified him. About a third of the people taking the exam fail it, he said.

"He passed that exam and became a Certified Floodplain Manager," Hooper said. "It's not an easy test at all. It means a lot to us here in the City of Pampa."

Hooper said the Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, has some new regulations out and Arias' certification could lead to lower insurance rates for some people in Pampa.

"He's taking an active role in help-

ing us preserve the natural, cultural value of flood plains," Hooper said of Arias. "He's going to continue to develop civil engineering designs to mitigate flooding and reducing property damage, resulting in lower insurance rates."

According to the Texas Flood Plain Management Association, Hooper said the role of the nation's flood plain managers is expanding due to increases in disaster losses.

"I personally would like to thank Jil for his commitment to management of the state's flood plains and its water resources," Hooper said.

The Public Works Director said

that every municipality has a flood plain administrator.

"You're required to name a flood plain administrator," he said.

Hooper said it's a matter of naming someone to that post.

A flood plain manager, Hooper explained, requires specific training and knowledge.

Assistant City Manager Shane Stokes also pointed out that Arias has taken a lead role in overseeing Pampa's new water park that is expected to open this summer.

Both Stokes and Hooper spoke highly of Arias' skills and work for the city.

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## City

Single Family 2 to Commercial

The commission approved the sale of delinquent tax property at 812 Denver to Eric R. Chavez for \$3,000; 917 E. Malone to Jesus and Rosalinda Vil-

legas for \$600; 852 Beryl to Jose A. Medina for \$1,450; 601 and 605 E. Browning to Gilberto and Jeanette Longoria for \$7,000; 628 E. Craven to John W. and Tammy J. Carroll for \$375; 820 S. Somerville to Daniel Trujillo for \$1,011; 1100 E. Kingsmill to Belinda Mar-

tinez for \$2,250; 839 S. Russell to Tyson Paronto for \$300; 322 N. Wynne to Hector Lozoya for \$2,100; 314 N. Wynne to Hector Lozoya for \$1,500; 415 N. Somerville to Daniel Trujillo for \$1,111.11; 533 N. Zimmers to Delores McKingsmill to Belinda Mar-

115, Block 3, I&GN Tract A-2 to Texlan Properties for \$1,550; 425 E. Brown to Texlan Properties for \$505; 1336 North Hamilton to Jackie and Dennis Stell for \$14,777.77, and 826 E. Denver to Marisela Rodriguez for \$420.

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## Obituaries

### Wanda Jane Jackson, 80

GROOM—Wanda Jane Jackson, 80, died March 7, 2011, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whalley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Jackson was born July 8, 1930, in Canadian. She had been a resident of the Groom and Bedford areas since 1980. She was the executive secretary for Charlie Mann Display in Fort Worth, retiring in 1992. Jane was a member of the Church of Christ. She enjoyed remodeling houses, and she always enjoyed her time with her Pomeranian "Little Girl."

Survivors include three daughters, Phillis Jackson of Groom, and Katy Morgan and husband Marion and Kim



Jackson

Groff, all of Bedford; seven grandchildren, Rick York, W.D. Morgan and Steven Morgan, all of Bedford, Carmel York Dickerman of Marina, Calif., Kristi Parrott of Allen, Ashley Jackson of Amarillo, and Sara Pair of Joshua; four great-grandchildren, Trevor Dickerman and Davenport Dickerman, both of Marina, Calif.; and Kaitlyn Parrott and Madelyn Parrott, both of Allen; two sisters, Billie Ann Hupp and Jean Orr, both of Pampa. She was preceded in death by a brother, Buddy Shaw.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 415 SW 8th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79101, or Groom Ambulance Service, 101 E. 1st St., Groom, TX 79039.

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

### Price Temilton Smith, 82

Price Temilton Smith, 82, died March 8, 2011, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whalley Funeral Directors.

## For the record

### Police Department

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

Police reported 34 traffic stops and one accident. Animal Control Officials reported four animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported eight ambulance calls. The Pampa Fire Department reported one medical call. The Lefors Volunteer Fire Department reported one medical call.

**Tuesday, March 8**  
A stolen vehicle was reported in the 100 block of

South Hobart.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of Twiford.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 100 block of South Hobart.

Officers attempted to serve papers in the 700 block of North Russell.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 2800 block of North Charles.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 2200 block of North Nelson.

A theft was reported in the 100 block of North Somerville.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of North Wells.

An assault was reported in the 1000 block of West Alcock.

Identity theft was reported to police.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of East U.S. Highway 60.

### Sheriff's Office

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

**Tuesday, March 8**  
Lee Otis Reed Jr., 36, and Tracy Burrise McFarlane, 40, were arrested by deputies on charges of possession of marijuana.

Curtis Lee Wine Jr., 39, was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance and on a blue warrant from the parole board.

Dakota Lee Whinery, 19, was arrested by police on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.

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# AFTERNOON RUSH PEDC

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## Teachers ask for class size at 22

AUSTIN (AP) — Teacher groups have pressed a Senate committee to reject a bill that would ease class size limits in the elementary grades.

The longtime class-size limit has been 22 students but school leaders say they need flexibility to help them respond to major cuts in state aid.

Dallas school district Superintendent Michael Hinojosa testified Tuesday that the proposal would save his district about \$28 million a year because fewer teachers would be needed.

But Patti Quinzi of Texas AFT, a state teacher group, says it will result in more kids in classrooms.

Jennifer Canaday of the Association of Texas Professional Educators cited research on the benefits of smaller classes.

Republican Sen. Dan Patrick of Houston proposes replacing the 22-student limit with an "average" class requirement of 21 students in elementary.

## Arrest warrant issued for guru

SAN MARCOS (AP) — A judge will decide whether a Hindu guru will serve 14 years or 280 years in prison for molesting two girls as they grew up on his Central Texas ashram.

A Hays County jury sentenced Prakashanand Saraswati on Tuesday to 14 years in prison for each of 20 counts of indecency with a child by sexual contact of which he was convicted on Friday. State District Judge Charles Ramsay will decide whether the swami would serve the sentences concurrently or consecutively. He could have gotten 20 years in prison per count.

The swami had been free on a \$1 million cash bond but failed to appear for sentencing Monday and Tuesday after his conviction. His U.S. passport had already been revoked. Now, an arrest warrant has been issued.

## Bill to ban restaurant smoking

AUSTIN (AP) — A senate panel has approved banning smoking in public places in Texas, including bars and restaurants.

Supporters of the measure have been trying to pass a smoking ban for several sessions and it passed the Senate Human Services Committee on Tuesday by a 5-3 vote.

The bill by Sen. Rodney Ellis, a Houston Democrat, now goes to the full Senate for consideration.

Supporters say restaurant and bars workers are exposed to second-hand smoke that causes lung cancer, heart disease and other chronic ailments.

Opponents say the bill violates the private property rights of business owners. The bill exempts cigar bars and tobacco shops from the ban.

## Craddick falls during hearing

AUSTIN (AP) — Former Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick fell and hit his head while giving testimony on a bill that would ban texting and driving.

He was appearing before the House Transportation Committee early Tuesday morning when he collapsed. Medics wheeled him into a back room where his aides said he quickly regained consciousness.

His chief of staff, in a statement, said Craddick has been suffering from leg pain and is on medication for an infected tooth. The statement reported that Craddick fell and hit his head, but was making jokes as he was taken to Brackenridge Hospital as a precaution.

The 67-year old Republican from Midland served as the House speaker from 2003-2009. He was voted out and replaced by current Speaker Joe Strauss.

## Wildflowers won't be impressive

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A botanist says the lack of rain in the fall will mean Texas' wildflower display won't be as impressive as it was last year.

Damon Waitt, senior director of the University of Texas at Austin's Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, says, "I'm cautiously optimistic at this point and think it's going to be a decent year, just not a banner year."

A release from the center Tuesday says that with the cold weather that hit many regions, native wildflowers aren't yet blooming in many areas.

One bit of good news is that last year's impressive display will mean more seeds were produced that could come up in a few years with good rains in the fall.

## EPA warns of toxic Texas wells

DALLAS (AP) — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency had added to its list of Superfund sites a West Texas area where groundwater is contaminated with toxic chromium.

The EPA announced the addition on Tuesday. The Superfund list is made up of sites so contaminated that they require long-term, complex and expensive cleanups.

In Midland County, the groundwater and some wells are contaminated with hexavalent chromium, a man-made form of chromium that has a variety of industrial uses.

The EPA says the source of the toxin is unknown.

The toxin is the same that was hunted down by environmentalist Erin Brockovich, who became well-known after Julia Roberts starred in a movie based on her fight over a California community made ill by water pollution.

## BP CEO apologizes to industry

HOUSTON (AP) — BP chief executive Bob Dudley opened a speech to a major oil industry conference in Houston with an apology to the industry for the Deepwater Horizon disaster that killed 11 workers and led to a halt to deepwater drilling in the Gulf of Mexico.

Addressing the CERAWEEK conference, Dudley assured BP is working to prevent a recurrence of last year's explosion and oil spill.

Dudley said BP must earn back the trust of the industry, state and federal leaders and Gulf Coast residents and customers. In his words, "We are determined we will once again restore that trust and I realize this requires action, not words."

He says BP already has stopped production at two platforms and closed a pipeline to address maintenance issues.

He said that Babcock and Brown approached the PEDC toward the end of December and offered to sell the whole plant.

"We spent a lot of time doing due diligence," Sutherland said.

He said the PEDC reviewed the legal, environmental and engineering aspects of the project.

Celanese is retaining 300 acres on the west side of the site and paying for continued remediation of environmental problems at the plant, Sutherland said.

He said that the remediation is being monitored by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Some of the assets, Sutherland said, include five to six miles of rail lines, the coal-fired boiler and facilities, spheres and tanks, 40 buildings including 47,000 square feet in the administration building, a 20,000 square foot building behind the administrative building and another 30,000 square foot warehouse.

The deal involves 44,000 acres of land and 5,500 acres of water rights and some pipelines.

"We believe that this gives us the ability with an industrial park to attract businesses," Sutherland said.

He said several companies have already contacted the PEDC about purchasing or leasing some part of the site.

Sutherland said it's not in the best interest of the PEDC, the City of Pampa or the citizens of the community to tell all the PEDC knows about the project.

"We will not negotiate in public or in the media," Sutherland said.

He said that the PEDC's plan is to develop the site and hire a firm to manage the site.

Wendell Palmer told the commission that if he'd won the lottery, he'd buy the plant. He said the citizens of Pampa have always supported the plant.

"I can't see letting that power plant out there go to waste," Palmer said.

Mike Price told the commission that while he supported the move, he had questions about the PEDC buying the plant.

He wanted to know why Babcock and Brown, who bought the plant from Celanese, hired trucks to haul

away equipment if the railroad was still functioning.

Ken May, formerly with Celanese and now on the Pampa Economic Development Board, said most of the equipment and junk removed from the old plant was carried away by rail, but as a deadline for cleaning off the unwanted material approached, the company relied on trucks to avoid penalties that would have

cost the company money.

Price also wanted to know about hazardous waste and the Kingsmill pollution issues.

Sutherland said that Celanese continued to be responsible for environmental issues at the plant.

Roy Sparkman told the city commission he thought the old plant was a bird's nest on the ground and that the PEDC should buy it.

The commission also

approved on first reading the PEDC paying \$75,000 to the City of Pampa for a demolition program to clean up the city, a cooperative agreement of up to \$35,000 between the PEDC and the Entrepreneur Alliance and a forgivable loan in the maximum amount of \$30,000 from the PEDC to Jefferis Enterprises Inc., depending upon the number of employees the company hires over the next four years.

## An opportunity to do better

### Dog Talk with Uncle Matty



MATTHEW "UNCLE MATTY" MARGOLIS  
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For the past few months, "Maggie," our 2-and-a-half-year-old Shar Pei-Boxer mix, has been getting really aggressive toward my boyfriend, his mom, his 2-year-old nephew and me.

Lately, she's been growling at our nephew when he tries to hug her and at our smaller puppy when he's merely playing with a toy. Last night, she jumped on the bed and woke me. When I sat up, she started snarling at me. I took her downstairs to the cage, and she was fine until it came time to actually go into the cage. At that point, she snarped at the smaller dog and then turned toward me and snarled.

Initially, I yelled at her, but then I tried to calm her down by saying in a soothing voice, "Maggie, it's OK, Maggie, calm down." I reached in slowly to pet her, and she bit me and drew blood for the third or fourth time now. Until today, I blamed her for acting that way. But I realize now that it is our fault. The "punishment aggression" description covers basically everything we have done to discipline her.

I never knew that my behavior could affect a dog so much. I grew up seeing my parents discipline our dogs that way. Now I have no idea what I can do for her since her aggression is our fault. Do you have any advice? I really, really want to try to fix the situation. But I just can't keep her around if she is going to snap at our nephew.

There's a lot to learn from a letter like this.

The letter writer demonstrates the importance of leading by example. She learned from her parents the only methods they knew of disciplining a dog — outdated, uninformed punishing tactics that involve yelling, bullying and pos-

sibly worse. Minute by minute, her nephew was learning the same.

Her story illustrates the value of personality testing and training. Getting a feel for a dog's personality before making him your dog empowers you to select the best fit for you, your family and your lifestyle — and enables you to judge his ability to relate to children, if necessary. Your dog's personality also determines the necessary method of training and discipline. You don't train or discipline a shy dog the same way you would a dominant dog. Everything is different, right down to the tone of your voice.

Many dog owners in similar situations never own up to their role. Instead, they deny a problem exists or dance around it with a litany of excuses. The writer of this letter has had a very important breakthrough. She now understands the extent that an owner's behavior can affect a dog.

Anyone who reads this column regularly knows what's coming: A 2-year-old cannot live safely under the same roof with a dog like Maggie. The first new household rule should be that Maggie has zero access to the nephew — not even supervised access, because it only takes a second for something to go terribly wrong.

All of the adults involved in this situation have an equal and immediate obligation to Maggie to do two things: enlist the services of a professional trainer and find her a better home. She needs an adults-only home with people who understand the importance of boundaries and consistent training — neither of which has anything to do with punishment. The training they provide starting now will increase Maggie's chances of finding such a home exponentially.

With the writer's realization comes a chance to do better — to the benefit of everyone, including the child, the puppy and, hopefully, Maggie.

Woof!

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

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Ash Wednesday, March 9, the 68th day of 2011. There are 297 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On March 9, 1861, the Confederate Congress, meeting in Montgomery, Ala., authorized the issuing of paper currency, in the form of interest-bearing notes, which were initially printed by a New York firm, the National Bank Note Co.

### On this date:

In 1796, the future emperor of the French, Napoleon Bonaparte, married Josephine de Beauharnais (The couple later divorced.)

In 1862, during the Civil War, the ironclads USS Monitor and CSS Virginia (formerly USS Merrimack) clashed for five hours to a draw at Hampton Roads, Va.

In 1916, Mexican raiders led by Pancho Villa attacked Columbus, N.M., killing 18 Americans.

In 1932, Eamon de Valera was appointed head of government of the Irish Free State.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. B-29 bombers launched incendiary bomb attacks against Japan, resulting in an estimated 100,000 deaths.

In 1954, CBS newsman Edward R. Murrow critically reviewed Wisconsin Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's anti-Communism campaign on "See It Now."

In 1964, the Supreme Court, in New York Times Co. v. Sullivan, ruled that public officials who charged they'd been libeled by news reports could not recover damages unless they proved actual malice on the part of the news organization.

In 1981, Dan Rather made his debut as principal anchorman of "The CBS Evening News."

**Ten years ago:** A judge in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., sentenced 14-year-old Lionel Tate to life in prison for killing 6-year-old Tiffany Eunick (Tate's first-degree murder conviction and sentence were overturned, he pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and received a new sentence of probation, but later pleaded no contest to robbing a pizza delivery man, receiving concurrent 10-year sentences for the robbery and parole violation.)

**Five years ago:** Bowing to ferocious opposition in Congress, a Dubai-owned company, DP World, relinquished its quest to take over operations at U.S. ports.

**One year ago:** Vice President Joe Biden, visiting Israel, condemned an Israeli plan to build hundreds of homes in east Jerusalem.

**Today's Birthdays:** Singer-actress Keely Smith is 79. Singer Lloyd Price is 78. Actress Joyce Van Patten is 77. Actor-comedian Marty Ingels is 75. Country singer Mickey Gilley is 75. Actress Trish Van Devere is 70. Singer Mark Lindsay (Paul Revere and the Raiders) is 69. Rock musician Robin Trower is 66. Country musician Jimmie Fadden (The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) is 63. Actress Jaime Lyn Bauer is 62. TV newscaster Faith Daniels is 54. Actor Tom Amandes is 52. Actor-director Lonny Price is 52. Actress Linda Fiorentino is 51. Actress Juliette Binoche is 47. Rock musician Robert Sledge (Ben Folds Five) is 43. Actor Emmanuel Lewis is 40. Actress Jean Louisa Kelly is 39. Actor Kerr Smith is 39. Actor Matthew Gray Gubler is 31. Actress Brittany Snow is 25.

**Thought for Today:** "It is the nature of man to rise to greatness if greatness is expected of him."  
John Steinbeck, American author (1902-1968).



## Truth is that unions are on the way out

In order to form a more perfect union, many of my ancestors joined one.

My maternal grandfather was a train conductor; my paternal grandfather, a New York City police officer; my uncle, a fire captain in the Big Apple.

Around my dinner table as a kid, working people were revered and evil corporate bosses were vilified. Unions were big in Levittown, N.Y. I am a union guy, as well. AFTRA (the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists) has represented me for more than 30 years. And they've been good.

When King World Productions tried to dodge pension payments for "Inside Edition" employees (of which I was one) in the early 1990s, AFTRA took them on and won a settlement.

Without the union, we would have been hosed. But now things are different in America. Over the years, some powerful unions, representing both

public and private workers, have succeeded in gaining so many benefits that the entire U.S. economy has been damaged.

Many states cannot pay health and pension benefits because the tax revenue is not nearly enough to cover expenses.

Also, millions of jobs formerly held by Americans are now done by Chinese and Indian people because labor is so much cheaper in those countries. Thus, we have economic warfare between the cost-cutters and the union folks who want to protect what they have.

While I am absolutely sympathetic to hardworking union folks, I truly understand the danger of the United States government not being able to pay its bills.

Chinese investors currently own more than a trillion dollars of U.S. debt, and our nation is more than \$14 trillion in the red. President Obama recently put forth a budget for 2012 that would add

another trillion dollars to that total.

That, of course, is insane.

If Chinese investors were to unload their U.S. investments, our economy would collapse. That is not a good place to be.

In order for America to continue to drive the world's economy, we must return to a responsible spending spreadsheet, and that means union give-backs.

It also means a decline in union negotiating power, especially in the public arena.

Many liberal Americans continue to scream about raising taxes to bring down the debt. But that crushes economic expansion.

Corporations and rich folks will only take so



**BILL O'REILLY**

much taxation before they leave the building, as Elvis once did.

Capitalism is a tough system. It's not touchy-feely like in Sweden, where cradle-to-grave entitlements rule. But there are fewer than 10 million Swedes, so they work it out. With more than 300 million Americans, we can't "provide" for everyone.

The cold truth is that unions are on the way out. High tech means big changes in the workplace, and labor protections are not needed as much as they once were.

What we are seeing in Wisconsin is the beginning of a new attitude toward the American worker. And there will be pain until we get things sorted out.

*Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the book "Pinheads and Patriots: Where You Stand in the Age of Obama."*

## Unions and their legacy still sorely needed

"There was once a need for unions, but they've outlived their purpose," said a nice lady interviewed on the radio in Tennessee just the other day.

Annoyed by the spectacle of tens of thousands of teachers, firefighters, cops and other public employees rallying to protect their rights in Wisconsin, she was saying what more than a few Americans think about the labor movement.

They ought to think again -- unless they want their children and grandchildren to become the peons of a corporate oligarchy.

Behind the vague notion that unions are somehow obsolete is the suggestion that workers -- and their families -- are amply protected by the law's provisions prohibiting child labor and mandating minimum wages, safe working conditions, overtime pay and all the other standards that we now take for granted.

But if you listen carefully to "conservatives" of the ilk of Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and billionaire financier David Koch, you'll learn that they want to do away with most if not all of those advances, hard won by the labor movement and its allies over the past century.

Their core belief is that the state should never interfere with capital --

and therefore every law defending workers or consumers is a constitutional abomination.

Their ultimate project is to return this country to the absolute dominion of the wealthy that existed before the rise of the Progressive Movement and the New Deal.

Politicians like Walker know better than to articulate their goals so unappealingly.

Politicians like Walker invariably, they prefer to talk about fiscal responsibility and balanced budgets, hoping that nobody will notice (in Wisconsin or Washington) how they squander vast sums on tax breaks for the wealthy while demanding "sacrifice" from the middle class and the poor.

Breaking unions is the only way, they tell us, to restore jobs and ensure prosperity.

But if you thumb back through the pages of our economic history over the past hundred years or so, a number of obvious facts stand out.

First, the United States enjoyed a far better distribution of income and a steady improvement of our productivity and power when the labor movement was strong.

Second, labor always struggled to expand human and civil rights for everyone, whether or not they happened to belong to

unions. And third, the success of labor's effort toward a more equitable society ensured broad prosperity for decades.

As labor's power diminished, income and wealth skewed upward -- and helped drive the economy into stagnation and recession.

So Americans not only display ingratitude when they denigrate unions, which have done so much to improve the lives of ordinary people, but ignorance as well.

Even in its terribly weakened condition, the labor movement remains a bulwark against the kind of corporate tyranny that would swiftly make serfs of the rest of us.

Recently, a prankster pretending to be David Koch phoned Gov. Walker and recorded their chummy, obnoxious, highly revealing conversation.

Hearing the governor eagerly agree as his top contributor rambled on about union "bastards" was like listening to a conversation between a robber baron and a servile politi-



**JOE CONASON**

cian of the Gilded Age.

Here was the new version of the unvarnished "conservatism" that ruled us before our forebears learned to stand upright, join together and fight for democracy.

It is more than a funny coincidence that the Wisconsin uprising echoes the revolutionary democratic fervor currently sweeping across North Africa and the Mideast.

Common to every dictatorship, from the fascist and communist despots of the 20th century to their counterparts in today's authoritarian societies, is the impulse to forbid workers from organizing.

The legacy of those who established those rights with their blood and toil, both here and abroad, is not ours to surrender to bullies such as Walker and Koch. Like all of our liberties, it is a trust to be guarded -- by every means available.

*Joe Conason is a nationally syndicated columnist.*

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# Be A Part of Our "Community of Faith"

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## A Community of Faith

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We invite all area churches to contact us with information on their church activities for our "Community of Faith" section in *The Pampa News'* annual Pride edition.

### St. Matthew's Episcopal

NATALIE REVE

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 777 W. Houston, has been celebrating its 100th anniversary of its founding in 1911. The church is celebrating this milestone with a series of events, including a special service on Sunday, March 13, at 10 a.m. The service will feature a special choir and a special offering for the church's centennial.



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## A Community of Faith

### Pentecostal Holiness Church

Dr. Albert Maggard

The Pentecostal Holiness Church is a vibrant and growing community of faith. We offer a variety of ministries, including children's church, youth ministry, and women's ministry. Our services are held every Sunday at 10 a.m. and on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. We also offer a special service on the first Friday of each month, known as "Gospel Singing."

People from various places and numerous church backgrounds come together for two hours of enthusiastic singing. These meetings are rather informal and feature special songs and congregational numbers. Quite a number of musicians add their talents to the mix. About twenty years ago a couple of ladies in the church felt the need for an opportunity for Christians to get together and sing the Lord's praises. They wanted this to be a community event, where all would feel welcome, no offerings would be taken, no programs presented, no pressure to attend our church would be felt - just lots of good gospel singing with other Christians. We'll promote that dream!



Kids have a great time at Kids in Divine Service (KIDS).

### Lighthouse Christian Church

REV. ED & JENNIE BARNER

"A Home For Your Heart" is what you will find in attending our church. L.L.C. will be celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. We offer many different things for the young and senior people. Our praise and worship is a mixture of new music with the hymns of old. We preach the straight from the Word of God designed to touch your heart and help you to live daily the life God has for you.

Elevate is our youth group which meets on Sunday evenings for Bible Study and Wednesday evenings for fellowship, games and worship. Our students also enjoy regular concerts, conferences, camps and many other exciting events.

Our 5th grade is one of our largest groups. They meet Sunday morning and Wednesday evening to learn about God's word. They also enjoy monthly outings to surrounding areas for concerts, the circus, and movies. We also offer Adult Bible study on Wednesday evenings. This is a time of learning, how to use God's word in our daily lives. Ladies, if you're looking for a study, right out, then our Women's ministry is for you. We have monthly meetings that include Secret Sister gift exchange, games, dress up parties and much more. Other Ministries offered is the Senior Adult Ministry, Young Adult Ministry and the Men's Ministries with monthly happenings. L.L.C. is a home as you are kind of church out there members are here to love and accept you. We believe that all things should be done in love.

### Church

REV. JIM

Calvary Baptist Church is a vibrant and growing community of faith. We offer a variety of ministries, including children's church, youth ministry, and women's ministry. Our services are held every Sunday at 10 a.m. and on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. We also offer a special service on the first Friday of each month, known as "Gospel Singing."

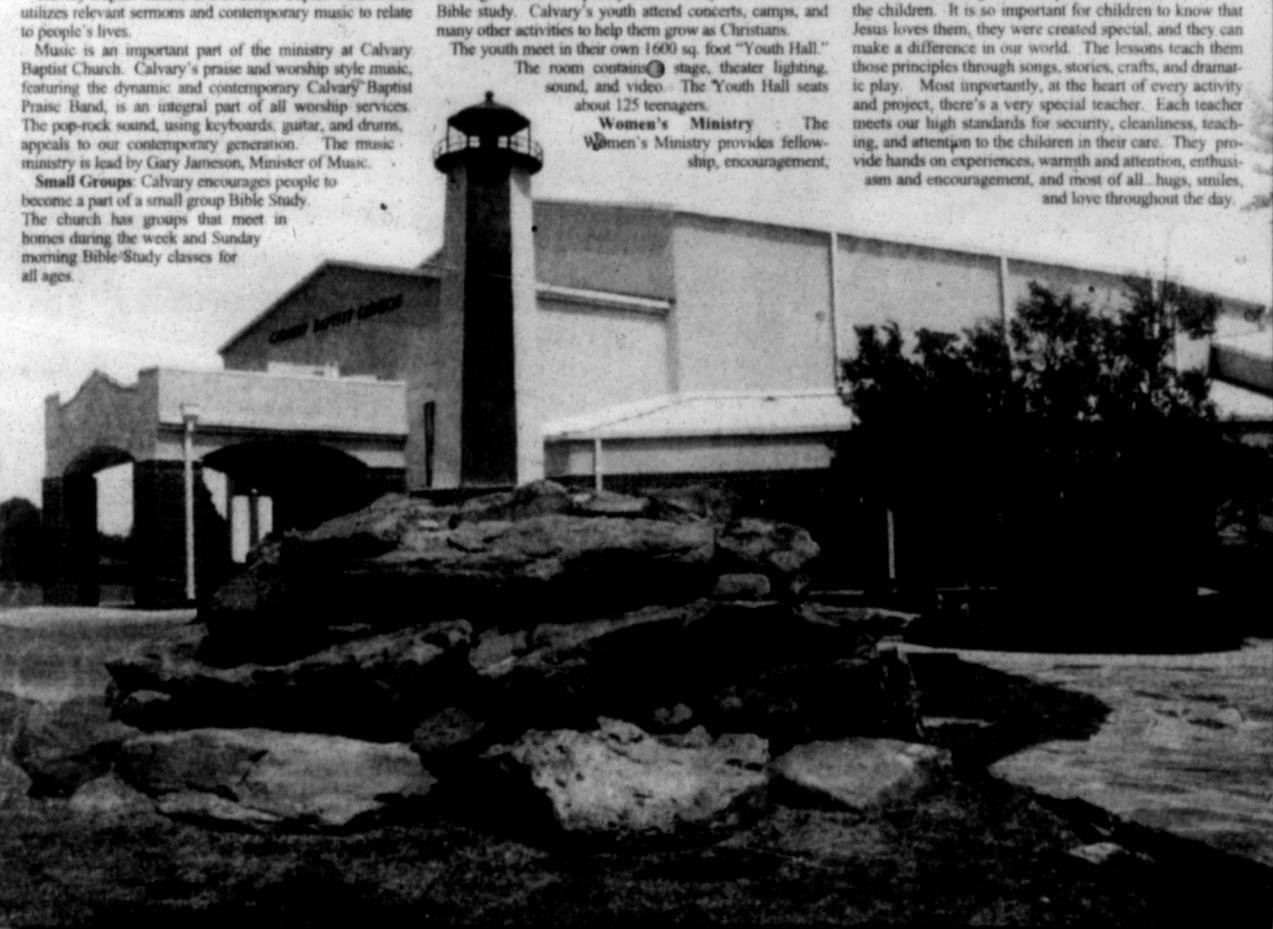
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Children's & Preschool Ministry: Marty Field, Children's Minister, and Sherry Etheridge, Preschool Director, oversee the children's and preschool ministry. They have worked in Children's ministries for many years. Calvary places a priority on quality children's activities. The children's Sunday School is staffed by trained and qualified teachers. Classes range in age from newborn through the sixth grade. In addition, an extended session, We Worship, is offered for 4 and 5 year olds during the Sunday morning worship service to allow the children to receive additional Biblical teaching on their level. A dynamic and fun children's church, led by Marty and Amber Jones, takes place each Sunday morning while adults are in the worship service. Children's choirs for first through sixth grade are offered on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Several major children's events are planned at Calvary each year, including our outstanding Vacation Bible School. Children from all over the Pampa area wait anxiously each year to attend VBS at Calvary. The entire church is transformed for VBS, with scenery, props and costumes to enhance the theme. Youth Ministry: Calvary's youth ministry, led by youth minister Eric Lockwood, is a well-rounded program that focuses on the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of today's youth. In addition to Sunday School classes, we offer a separate "youth oriented" worship service on Wednesday evenings with contemporary music led by a live band and Bible study. Calvary's youth attend concerts, camps, and many other activities to help them grow as Christians. The youth meet in their own 1600 sq. foot "Youth Hall." The room contains a stage, theater lighting, sound, and video. The Youth Hall seats about 125 teenagers. Women's Ministry: The Women's Ministry provides fellowship, encouragement,

and they help equip the women at Calvary. "Women On Missions" meets monthly to work on mission and ministry projects. "Soul Sisters" coordinate events which include annual trips to the Women of Faith conference, Bible studies, a Spring Branch, and many other activities. These groups are open to all women. For Heaven's Sake Daycare & Pre-school: For Heaven's Sake is a State Licensed children's center and was established in August of 2002. It is dedicated to the purpose of bringing quality experiences to children by hiring and training qualified, loving, and caring staff. It provides the best care possible by promoting social, physical, spiritual, and emotional development of children ages six weeks through school-age. It is a place where children feel secure, and playing is a priority. The children's playtime is carefully designed to enhance the child's social and school skills. The day care incorporates the High Reach Learning curriculum into our classrooms at age one through our pre-school classes. It is a theme-based curriculum that encourages children to learn and explore through play. The children learn their colors, shapes, letters, numbers, and are introduced to a wide variety of songs, rhymes, new vocabulary words, and so much more each month. The themes range from On the Farm, Outer Space, Dinosaurs, All About Me, At the Beach, and many more. In conjunction with the High Reach Learning Curriculum, the day care also provides biblical lessons for the children. It is so important for children to know that Jesus loves them, they were created special, and they can make a difference in our world. The lessons teach them those principles through songs, stories, crafts, and dramatic play. Most importantly, at the heart of every activity and project, there is a very special teacher. Each teacher meets our high standards for security, cleanliness, teaching, and attention to the children in their care. They provide hands on experiences, warmth and attention, enthusiasm and encouragement, and most of all, hugs, smiles, and love throughout the day.



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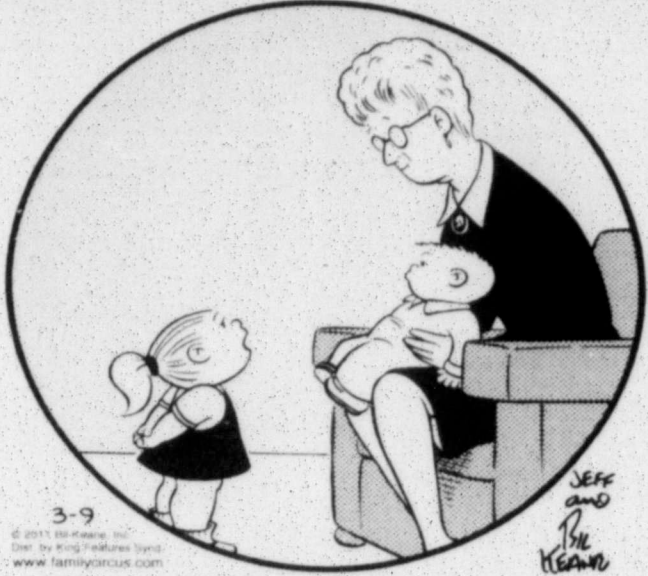
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## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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"Grandma, have we known each other for a long time?"

## Non Sequitur



## Nest Heads



## daily horoscope

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, March 10, 2011:

This year, you naturally choose the right words. Your popularity soars, as do your options. You are able to visualize ideas in a way that other people can't. You need to be as clear as possible. You naturally attract others. If you are single, you could meet several interesting suitors. Consider the type of relationship you want when choosing the right person. If you are attached, the two of you often don't agree. You might not completely understand each other's concepts or the innuendoes. Respect your differences. GEMINI can push your buttons.

**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)**  
 ★★ Absorb as much information as possible about a certain situation. Realize another person might care more about one aspect of an issue. Expect a moderate amount of confusion or lack of agreement around this point. An unexpected hunch directs your attention. Tonight: Fun doesn't have to cost.

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)**  
 ★★ Honor your strong feelings. A discussion or meeting proves to be not only mentally provocative but also quite on point. You feel the support of others yet move in your chosen direction. Listen and evaluate. Tonight: Curb overindulgence.

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)**  
 ★★ Maintain a low profile. Your perspective will increase as a result. You'll quickly become a trained listener through this process. When confusion reigns, look past the immediate situation. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22)**  
 ★★ Your direct approach could be clouded by a partner. He or she might not get it. Your creativity flourishes. Unexpected happenings and facts could create some chaos. A boss or partner points in the right direction. Tonight: Zero in on the immediate.

**LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)**  
 ★★ Put your best foot forward. You might not have everything you want, but is it worth the battle to get more? Someone from a distance could have more of an impact than you realize. Tonight: Getting a second wind.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)**  
 ★★ Push comes to shove, and you

might need take another look at certain decisions. Perhaps the premise was wrong or you need to revise your decisions. Read between the lines, and you will see where the difficulty lies. Tonight: In the limelight.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)**  
 ★★ Others deal with you directly and express what they feel. You may or may not agree with them, but there is a cloudiness or distortion in what you hear. A partnership could be provocative on one level but key to your well-being. Tonight: Plan a getaway in the near future.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)**  
 ★★ Continue to let people put their ideas out first. Though you want to express your concerns in your dramatic, caring style, stay chill. More comes forward that way. Consider everything you have heard late this afternoon. Make decisions accordingly. Tonight: Out and about.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)**  
 ★★ Act as if a new twist in your life is about to occur. What you hope to accomplish might be attainable. A last-minute change of plans might not be avoidable and/or you might want to follow through on the new option. Tonight: Be a chameleon. Go off and be frivolous.

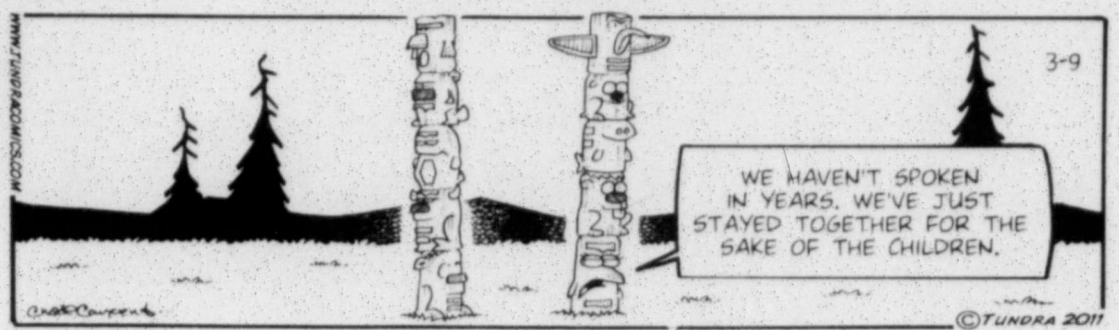
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)**  
 ★★ You have reason to change course and head in a new direction. If a risk is involved, you might want to slow down and make another decision. Something or someone you care about needs to be incorporated into your day's plans. Tonight: Enjoying the moment.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**  
 ★★ You might wonder why certain issues keep reappearing, whether you are dealing with different people or a seemingly unconnected situation. Stay grounded, and perhaps do an analysis. It becomes clearer and clearer that the issue might be yours. Tonight: Paint the town red.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20)**  
 ★★ Express yourself with the knowledge that you need to move in a new direction. What you feel or think could be slightly off or unrealistic. Count on trusted advisers who, more often than not, don't have the same opinion as you. Tonight: Head home.

**BORN TODAY**  
 Prince Edward of England (1964), newspaper columnist Bob Greene (1947), actor Chuck Norris (1940)

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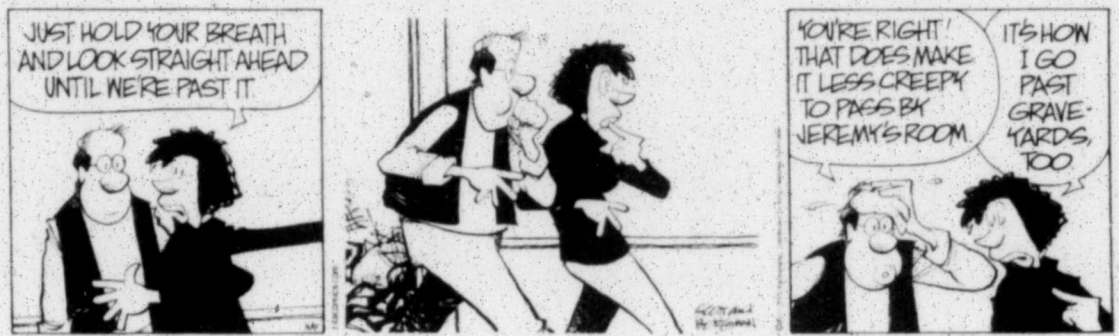
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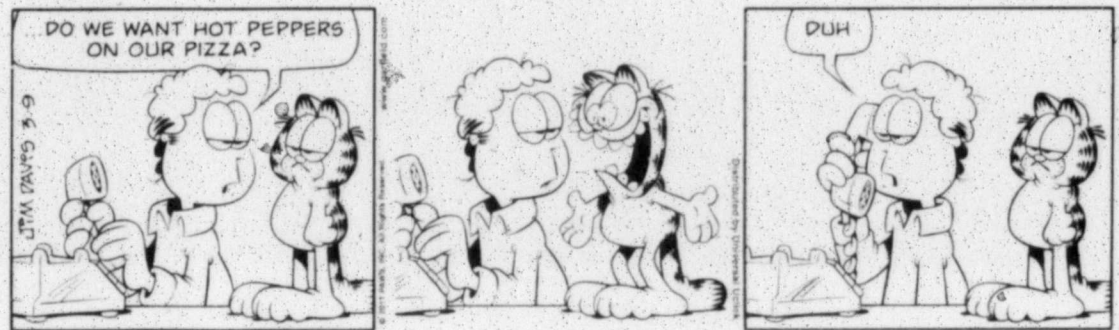
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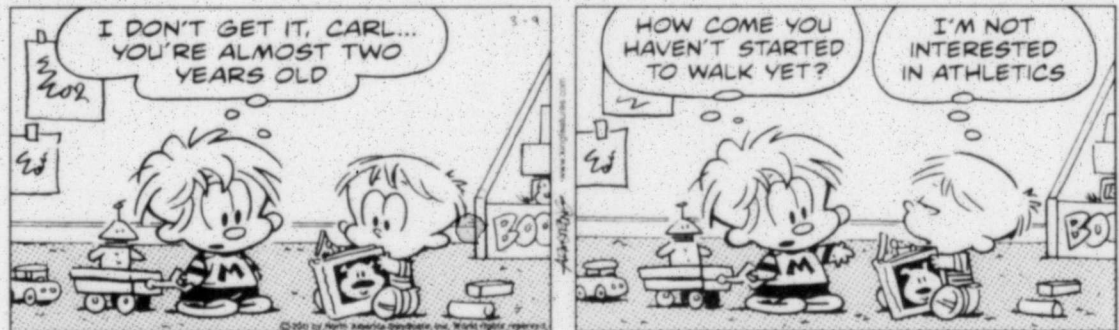
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"been with" a woman and I don't think I want to be. It seems to me the most prudent approach would be to pass on this opportunity, but how do I do it without offending or causing embarrassment for one of my neighbors? — CAUGHT IN THE FIREWORKS, HOUSTON  
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 I can't do this much longer. What do you suggest? — NEGLECTED WIFE IN GREENVILLE, S.C.  
**DEAR NEGLECTED WIFE:** Perhaps you should spend less time with your husband. Couples who spend a lot of time together can find conversation difficult because they have nothing fresh to bring to it. Do some things with female friends so you won't feel so shut in and isolated. This way you will have more experiences you can discuss.

Also schedule some diversions you can enjoy together that don't involve conversation. How about a movie or a play, or a volunteer activity you can both be involved in? If this doesn't help, then consider counseling.  
**DEAR ABBY:** I don't understand why people need others to take sides in an argument. If someone is upset and wants to cut someone out of his/her life, why does that person expect family and friends to do the same — even if the disagreement had nothing to do with them? Some of them lie to force the issue. I just don't understand — especially because we're talking about adults. — PUZZLED IN COON RAPIDS, MINN.  
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  - 11 Kind of eclipse
  - 12 Edgy
  - 13 Boredom
  - 14 Dueling weapon
  - 15 Asian temple
  - 16 Outfit
  - 17 "Ice Age" sloth
  - 18 "You betcha!"
  - 19 Sellers of pricey tickets
  - 22 Painter Paul
  - 23 Crew need
  - 26 Surgery tools
  - 29 Pull along
  - 32 Even score
  - 33 Mountain pass
  - 34 Banished
  - 36 Indy event
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  - 4 Lawyer's job
  - 5 Early hour
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  - 7 Pester
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  - 9 Verdi pieces
  - 11 Star's part
  - 15 Slapstick weapon
  - 17 Ghosts
  - 20 French article
  - 21 Easy victim
  - 24 Sailing event
  - 25 Goof-off
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# Sports

## 2010-11 Harvesters reestablish basketball tradition

The Pampa Harvesters started the 2010-11 season putting away basketballs for the first month in offseason and ended it in the regional finals as one of the final eight teams. Saturday was not the end but the beginning of Harvester basketball being back where it belongs.

Head coach Dustin Miller put his team through that offseason because he was tired of losing and wanted to create a new work ethic. The Harvesters started the season well, as they won the River Road tournament and jumped out to a 6-2 start. The season hit a rough patch, though, as the Harvesters lost three straight.

I remember asking Coach if he was concerned that the season was heading in the same direction as last year. Miller said that this is a different group of kids. Sure enough, he would be right. Pampa won their next four games and finished second in the Caprock Classic. The Harvesters finished into district on a three-game losing streak but quickly turned the momentum around.

Despite getting off to a slow start, Pampa took down Dalhart. In front of players and coaches of the best era of Harvester basketball during the McNeely Reunion, the team routed Borger. The Harvesters had a setback against Perryton but fol-



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lowed with victories against Dalhart and Borger. Then, Pampa got Perryton on their home court. After a shaky start, the Harvesters took down the Rangers to have a stranglehold on district. Dalhart delayed the celebration, but Pampa clinched it against their rival Borger. The Rangers ended the Harvesters regular season on a low note as they took a one-point win.

Like they did previously when momentum was slipping, the Harvesters got it back. They defeated Hale Center in a practice game for the playoffs. In the area round against Midland Greenwood, Pampa jumped out to a 14-point half-time lead. Again things, slipped and Midland Greenwood tied the game in the fourth quarter and had all the momentum. The season could have easily ended on Frenship's gym but the Harvesters rose to the occasion and claimed a second gold ball.

Things got off to a rough start in Odessa, as El Paso Fabens held a nine-point half-

time lead. The Harvesters came out of the locker room and made sure their season wasn't going to end in 16 minutes. Pampa held a double-digit lead in the fourth but saw that lead slip away. Again the Harvesters finished the game strong and pulled out the win. Senior forward Garrett Ericson, who wasn't able to come up in the clutch against Perryton and Midland Greenwood, hit two free throws that pulled off the win.

Going into the regional tournament at Texas Tech's United Spirit Arena, the Harvesters were underdogs, as they were the only team with less than 20 wins. That was a mark, Pampa wanted to get to. The Harvesters didn't let that fact bother them and pulled off a four-point win over Wichita Falls Hirsch.

Though Pampa ultimately met their match in the regional finals against the No. 9 Burk Burnett Bulldogs, they still gave it their all. The Harvesters held a lead in the first quarter and even as the Bulldogs kept piling it on, Pampa still played hard to the end.

Though the team and the town aren't getting prepared for a run to Austin, the Harvesters can still be proud of what they accomplished. Seniors Ericson, Jonathan Polasek, Zach Murray, Brandon Chairez,

Joseph Mechelay and Greg Cabrales definitely attained the goal they set for the season and gave next year's team good momentum.

Though, the Harvesters lose a lot they still have a lot. District MVP Latigo Collins and first team All-District selections Reid Miller and Cole Engle return next season. Sophomore Derrek Pollard should play a bigger role next season. Sophomore Trey Teel should make his way into the starting lineup after a successful season on the junior varsity.

Collins should lead the team in scoring next season. Engle could fill Ericson's role and be a second scoring threat. Miller and Pollard should give opponents fits with their height and ability to block shots. Teel should be able to distribute the ball and take it himself.

Along with Teel, Jesus Cabrales, Jonathan Cox and Laketon Harris got to experience the playoff run and should be key off the bench in helping the Harvesters make a run in 2012.

Harvester basketball is something that people are excited about again. Hopefully next season, there will be a green-and-gold invasion in Austin.

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## Harvesters blanked by Dumas

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The Pampa Harvesters played hard but lost 49-0 against the Dumas Demons on Saturday.

Both teams were scoreless in the first half. Staps Leh gave the Demons the

lead in the 44th minute. Armando Lopez scored in the 67th minute.

The Harvesters (1-12-2, 0-9-1) host Palo Duro 2 p.m. Saturday and close district March 19 at Canyon.

Head coach John True's comments were unavailable as of press time.

## 'Stangs race past PHS softball

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters softball team struggled and lost to the Lubbock Coronado Lady Mustangs 15-1 in Plainview Tuesday.

Junior pitcher Heather Coffee started and took the loss. Sophomore Tiffany Britton closed the game. Head coach Bobbi Gill said Coffee did well for her first start and added they faced a good hitting team.

"(Coffee) threw well coming off an injury," Gill said. "We played a solid, offensive team in Lubbock Coronado and they hit the ball really well. We have somethings defensively to work on and

we are gonna keep building on every game."

Sophomore Claire Hopkins was the leading hitter with two hits and a stolen base. Junior catcher Alanna Stephens tripled and scored the only run.

The junior varsity (16-4) lost 9-1. Alex O'Brien started and took the loss. Freshman Bailey Wichert scored the only run with a solo home run in the bottom of the first. Coach Jim Gill said Coronado's offense was good.

"They got a lot of hits," Gill said.

The loss was the Lady Harvesters (4-4) third in the last four games. Pampa travels to Snyder for a tournament. The Lady Harvesters play Midland Christian, Big Spring and Levelland Friday.

### Schedule Change

The JV Baseball game against Arbor Academy is moved to 5 p.m. at Harvester Field.

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## PHS girls golf finishes eighth

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters finished eighth in a preview of the region tournament Saturday in Lubbock. The Lady Harvesters scored an 800 and finished 16 strokes behind Frenship. Andrews won the tournament with a score of 666.

Head coach Alan Segura said he didn't feel bad about the result.

"The top two teams will be one and two at

state," Segura said. "I feel that the girls will play better at this course at regionals."

Senior Liz Hoelting led the Lady Harvesters with a 98 and 93. Alison Alexander scored a 102 and a 101. Samantha Kelly scored a 101 and a 103. Junior Lindsay Brown scored a 100 and a 103. Senior Cori Cook added scores of a 111 and a 105.

Segura said he is optimistic about the regional tournament.

"I feel that we can finish in the top five," Segura said.

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The theme of our photo contest is "Life in Gray County, Texas." Send us your non-posed photos of the people, places and things that make life worth living here on the high plains. The photos will be judged on creativity and general appeal by members of our staff. The top submission will receive \$100. The second-place photo will receive \$50 and the third-place photo will receive \$25.

**2010 First Place in Family Fun "First Snow in Pampa" Janelle Guymon**

Entry Form

(Please fill out the following form and tape or paper clip the form to the photo. Any photo submitted without this information will be disqualified.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person/Persons in Photo (Left to Right): \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Photo: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please submit all photos by 4 p.m. Friday, March 11. Any submissions received after this date will not be judged.

**Contest Rules:** All photos submitted to the contest must be taken by the person submitting it and must have been taken in Gray County since Jan. 1, 2010. The photos cannot have appeared previously in any other publication or contest. You may submit as many photos as you like. The best way to submit your photos is to send them via email to [rpribble@thepampanews.com](mailto:rpribble@thepampanews.com). The photos should be in .jpg format. Please include the information above. If you would rather submit your entries as prints, send them with the information to: Photography Contest, The Pampa News, 403 W. Alchison Avenue, Pampa TX 79065. If you wish the prints returned, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your entry. All entries must be postmarked or emailed by 4 p.m. Friday, March 11. Submissions after that date will not be considered. The Pampa News will publish all the winners, and many of the other submissions, in a special section of our annual Pride issue.

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