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Courtney organizing emergency Citizen Corps

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As the Texas Panhandle gets into severe storm season, Fred Courtney, Pampa's Emergency Management Coordinator, is making plans.

"As always," said Pampa Police Chief Kelly Rushing, "he has things ready to go if and when the time comes for an emergency action on part of the Emergency



Courtney
 Corps.

Operations Center." Speaking at Tuesday's city commission meeting, Rushing told commissioners that Courtney is organizing a Citizen's

"This is a program that the federal government has put together," Rushing said. He said it helps communities to train and prepare for emergency situations.

"Fred's been at the forefront of this," Rushing said. The program, the police chief said, starts at the basic community level.

"In the Texas Panhandle," Rushing said, "we're hoping to

have an organization at a regional level, state level and federal level."

Rushing said that he, Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell and Courtney have been developing a Community Emergency Response Team, or CERT.

"Fred's trying to get this off the ground right now," Rushing said. "We're in the early preparation stages. He's been working real

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DOGGY DRIVING SCHOOL



photo courtesy of **Peggie Coleman**
Kopper Preston, 3, gets a boost from Sparky the Fire Dog behind the wheel of an ambulance at the recent CASA and The Bridge information fair.

County to meet, talk land sale

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The Gray County Commissioners Court will meet Friday morning to consider supporting the Pampa Economic Development Corporation's bid to buy the old Celanese Plant west of town.

The commission will also consider joining the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission's 911 regional database for a panhandle-wide emergency notification system.

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CRMWA OKs water purchase

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PLAINVIEW — The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority board of directors this week tentatively approved the authority's proposal to buy 211,000 acres of water rights from T. Boone Pickens for \$103,000.

The deal won't be final until

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Community forum yields input for Extension Office

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A group of county residents met for two hours Tuesday evening to help the Gray County AgriLife Extension Service Office plan for the future.

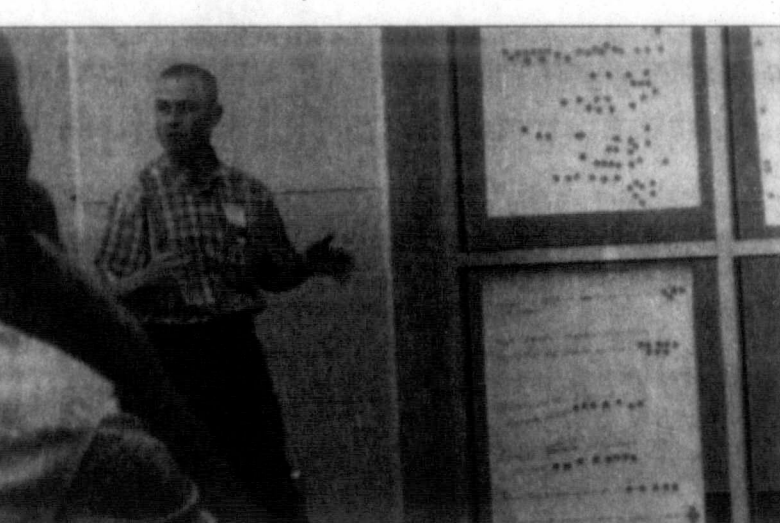
The residents participated in a community forum designed to determine issues important to Gray County residents. The input from the forum will be used in determining the programs the Extension Services offers down the road.

"The forum was designed to bring everybody together and decide what those issues are," said Brandon McGinty,

Gray County extension agent. McGinty, County Agent Joan Gray-Soria, and members of the office's Leadership Advisory Board acted as facilitators for the discussions.

The attendees addressed the issues in Extension's four programming areas: Community Economic Development, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Sciences and Health and Youth Development.

Among the concerns of the participants was business leadership training for young people in the workforce, adult and youth diabetes education, jobs for youth, and consumer education



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Brandon McGinty of the Gray County AgriLife Extension Service Office speaks at Tuesday's forum.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 68 Low 36	High 72 Low 42	High 85 Low 48

Tonight: Partly cloudy. Windy. Lows in the lower 40s. Northwest winds 20 to 30 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy. Windy. Highs in the upper 60s. Northwest winds 30 to 35 mph with gusts to around 55 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy. Windy. Lows in the lower 30s. North winds 20 to 30 mph decreasing to 5 to 10 mph after midnight.

Saturday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.

Sunday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

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Obituaries

Wanda Mae Potter, 80

Wanda Mae Potter, 80, died Wednesday, April 13, 2011, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 15, 2011, in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Rev. Mike Watson, pastor of Hobart Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Potter was born April 24, 1930 in Geary, Okla., and attended schools in Pampa. She married Walter (W. C.) Potter on Feb. 25, 1951, in Clovis, N.M. He preceded her in death on July 23, 1989. Wanda was a member of Hobart Baptist Church, and she was a homemaker. She enjoyed the outdoors,



Porter

especially spending time at the lake. She will be fondly remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and sister.

Survivors include her son, Gary Potter and wife Becky of Pampa; Jaughter, Sheila Brewer and husband Robert of Pampa; sister, Dorothy Yearwood of Pampa; brother, Marvin Yearwood and wife Jerrie of Riverside, Calif.; two grandsons, Ricky Brewer of Pampa and David Potter and wife Tiffany of Amarillo; two granddaughters, Amanda Davis and husband Will of Houston and Jennifer Bowman and husband Tobee of Pampa; eight great grandchildren; brother-in-law, Jessie Smart of Pampa; a sister-in-law, Mona Yearwood of Amarillo and numerous nieces and nephews. Wanda was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Bertha Yearwood, a grandson, Matthew Brewer, two sisters, Leona Smart and Velma Bush, and a brother, Ferrell Yearwood.

Memorials may be made to Hobart Baptist Church, 1100 W. Crawford, Pampa, TX 79065.

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For the record

Police Department

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

Police reported 20 traffic-related calls and one accident. They reported five abandoned vehicles.

Animal Control Officers reported eight animal-related calls.

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

Tuesday, April 12

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

A fire investigation was launched in the 12000 block of East Frederic.

Officers made a welfare check in the 1000 South Banks.

A theft was reported in the 800 block of North Lefors.

A theft was reported to police.

A fire investigation was launched in the 1900 block of North Banks.

A grass fire was reported in the 8200 block of FM 2300.

A fraud was reported to police.

A theft was reported in the 500 block of West Brown.

Water was shut off in the 1600 block of North Red Deer.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of West 30th and in the 800 block of North Nelson.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 2600 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported in the 600 block of West Brown.

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

Police reported 21 traffic-related reports and three accidents.

Animal Control Officers reported 20 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported eight ambulance calls.

Wednesday, April 13

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 2600 block of North Hobart.

An alarm was reported in the 2300 block of North Comanche.

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

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 800 block of East Beryl.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 1100 block of Mary Ellen.

An alarm was reported in the 200 block of West Brown.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

A violation of city ordinances was reported in the 700 block of North Bradley.

A suspicious person was reported at Browning and Red Deer.

A fraud was reported to police.

Harassment was reported in the 1000 block of East Scott.

An alarm was reported in the 100 block of West Kingsmill.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 3100 block of Duncan.

A warrant was served in the 100 block of South Reid.

A hit and run was reported in the 900 block of North Mary Ellen.

A domestic disturbance was reported at Wilks and Hobart.

A threat was reported in the 200 block of North Faulkner.

Phone harassment was reported 500 block of North Lefors.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of North Naida.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 700 block of North Russell.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of East Browning.

Suspicious persons were reported at Browning and Wynne and in the 1300 block of North Coffee.

Fire investigations were launched in the 800 block of North Nelson and in the 500 block of North Cuyler.

Thursday, April 14

A domestic disturbance was reported to police.

Sheriff's Office

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

Tuesday, April 12

Eric Eli Gamez, 25, was arrested by police on charges of criminal trespass.

James Leroy Trippllet, 45, was arrested by deputies on a blue warrant issued by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Matthew Robert Kelley, 17, was arrested by police on charges of possession of a dangerous drug.

Daniel Craig Baker, 30, of Wheeler, was arrested by police on a capias pro fine warrant.

Travis Nicholas Tambunga, 18, was arrested by police on charges of disorderly conduct -- fighting.

Jason Deion Ellis, 28, was arrested by deputies for sentencing on charges of evading arrest.

Sharon Mae Britten, 56, of Groom, was arrested by deputies on charges of misappropriation of fiduciary financial property over \$20,000 but under \$100,000.

James Warren Reed, 30, of Bowie, was arrested by police on charges of public intoxication.

Wednesday, April 13

Coby Don Beals, 33, of Burns Flat, Okla., was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated.

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

Wednesday, April 13

Austin Kyle Morton, 24, was arrested by deputies on theft of property charges.

Anthony Curry Pendleton, 23, was arrested by deputies on aggravated assault charges out of Woodward, Okla.

Randy Harris, 53, was arrested by deputies on capias pro fine warrant charging him with driving without a license.

James Leroy Trippllet, 45, was arrested by deputies on a blue warrant issued by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Matthew Robert Kelley, 17, was arrested by police on charges of possession of a dangerous drug.

Daniel Craig Baker, 30, of Wheeler, was arrested by police on a capias pro fine warrant.

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AFTERNOONRUSH Officials in Texas county call for prayer

Higher winds could fuel fires

DALLAS (AP) — Strong winds combining with dry conditions have pushed the wildfire threat Thursday to extremely critical in north and northwestern Texas, officials said.

Marq Webb, a spokesman for the Texas Forest Service, said the extremely critical area for wildfires began south of Amarillo and reached to north of Midland. No one should be thinking of starting a fire outdoors, Webb told The Associated Press.

A massive fire in rural Presidio and Jeff Davis counties was 70 percent contained. Nearly 165,000 acres have burned in the area since wildfires began last weekend. Nobody has been hurt, Webb said.

The National Weather Service in Lubbock issued wind and blowing dust advisories until Thursday night. Gusts of up to 55 mph were anticipated.

The Texas Forest Service, in the past week, has responded to at least 75 fires burning more than 385,000 acres, the agency said. Three-fourths of the state's 254 counties have burn bans.

LUBBOCK (AP) —

Local officials in a parched Texas county have resorted to asking their constituents to pray for rain, hoping divine intervention can alleviate the severe drought gripping much of the state and fueling wildfires that have scorched large swaths of ranchland.

Commissioners in Tom Green County, where fires have seared nearly 13,000 acres this week, issued a proclamation Tuesday encouraging people to pray for rain.

"We certainly need it," said County Judge Mike Brown.

Conditions were only expected to get riper for wildfires across a larger expanse of the western half of Texas, according to a Texas Forest Service

statement Wednesday.

Roman Catholic Diocese of San Angelo Bishop Michael Pfeifer is leading the 29-county diocese with prayers planned Sunday for rain. People are encouraged to pray wherever they find themselves on Sunday, according to Pfeifer. The priest has asked more than 100 churches to participate, the San Angelo Standard-Times reported.

Extremely critical fire weather conditions are likely to linger over large parts of North Texas and farther west, the Texas Forest Service said Wednesday.

A regional outbreak of wind-driven wildfires is possible Thursday, the agency said, in preparation for critical fire con-

ditions during hot weather, gusty conditions and drought. Wednesday's temperatures in the region were expected to be in the low 90s, according to the National Weather Service.

"We recommend no burning," said Alan Craft, a spokesman for the Texas Forest Service.

A fire that's blackened more than 100,000 acres in Presidio and Jeff Davis counties was 60 percent contained Wednesday. More than two dozen homes and businesses in the Fort Davis area have burned since Saturday, according to the agency. Nobody has been hurt.

Nearly 13,000 acres have burned this week in Tom Green County, but dozens of homes about 13 miles west of San Angelo

were saved, according to the Texas Forest Service. The fire was 50 percent contained Wednesday.

In all, almost 700 square miles have been charred by 81 fires to which the Texas Forest Service has responded in the past seven days, according to the Forest Service statement. More than 900 firefighters from across Texas and 33 other states have been summoned to battle the fires.

Conditions were expected to become more explosive Thursday, with the area west of a Fort Worth-Fredericksburg-Del Rio line expected to be at high risk for wildfires, according to the Forest Service.

Metro Hispanics surpass blacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — New Census figures show that Hispanics now outnumber blacks for the first time in most U.S. metropolitan areas.

Hispanics became the largest minority group in 191 of 366 metro areas last year. Their population was lifted as blacks left many economically hard-hit cities in the North for the South and new Latino immigrants spread to different parts of the country. That number is up from 159 metro areas in 2000, when Hispanics were most commonly found in Southwest border states.

The new areas for Hispanics include Chicago, Grand Rapids, Mich., and Atlantic City, N.J., whose states will lose House seats in 2013.

The numbers from the 2010 count are having a big effect in many states, where political maps are being redrawn based on population size and racial makeup.

Pipeline to use eminent domain

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The Canadian company that wants to build an oil pipeline to the Gulf of Mexico is again threatening landowners with court action if they don't sell TransCanada the rights it needs to build the Keystone XL pipeline.

TransCanada was criticized last summer for mentioning eminent domain in letters to landowners. Company spokesman Terry Cunha says TransCanada has agreements with more than 80 percent of landowners along the six-state route and wants to be ready if the project is approved.

National Wildlife Federation spokesman Tony Ialtonardo says TransCanada shouldn't bully landowners before it secures U.S. State Department approval.

The project is designed to carry oil from Canada across Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. TransCanada has also proposed connecting to the Bakken oil field in Montana and North Dakota.

US offers 2 planes to fight fires

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The Mexican government says the United States has offered to send two C-130 transport planes to help fight brush fires near the Texas border.

The Mexican Environment Department says the fires have burned about a quarter of a million acres (about 385 square miles) in the northern state of Coahuila. The fires are about 60 miles from the border, but are not spreading toward Texas.

The department said Wednesday the U.S. Embassy has offered two C-130s that can be fitted with tanks to spray fire retardants.

Mexico already has about 1,000 personnel, nine helicopters and two small planes fighting the blazes.

Fraudulent refunds created?

PLANO (AP) — The agency that builds and administers the network of North Texas toll roads has revealed that it's found that a group of information technology employees have been misusing agency funds by creating fraudulent refunds.

A statement issued Wednesday by the Plano-based North Texas Tollway Authority says it has launched an internal investigation, as well as notified police and an outside forensic investigations consultant. The statement says less than \$300,000 is believed to have been taken, but that the authority is insured against such crimes.

The NTTA statement says it's found no indication that customer information was compromised "at this time." It also says that unspecified but "appropriate personnel action has been taken."

The authority statement didn't say how many workers are suspected.

Texas soldier accused in assault

BELTON (AP) — A Central Texas soldier is accused of raping two Killeen girls who were abducted as they walked to school bus stops.

A Bell County grand jury on Wednesday indicted Sgt. Raul Aragon Jr. on charges of continuous sexual abuse of a child and aggravated kidnapping. Conviction carries a penalty of up to life in prison.

Aragon Jr. was in the Bell County Jail on bond topping \$2 million. No attorney was listed for the soldier.

The Killeen Daily Herald reports an October assault involved an 11-year-old girl. A 9-year-old girl was attacked in December.

Police arrested Aragon Jr. during a Jan. 12 traffic stop. Investigators say DNA evidence has linked him to the attacks.

Republicans propose map to keep hold on power

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Republicans are proposing to throw some of their newest tea-party backed members overboard, but a redistricting plan released Wednesday would retain much of their strength in the heavily GOP state House.

Rep. Burt Solomons, chairman of the House Redistricting Committee, revealed details of his plan Wednesday. The plan could pit as many as 14 Republicans against each other by "pairing" incumbents in seven districts. But Solomons wants to draw eight new open seats, seven of them heavily Republican. Democrats are paired in one district.

Texas Republican Party Chairman Steve Munisteri, said population changes, fueled by a surge of minority voters, could lead to GOP losses. But he liked Solomons' map.

"I have been pleasantly surprised that the proposed map affords the Republican Party the opportunity to maintain a solid majority," Munisteri said. "I believe this map affords the Republican Party a fair opportunity to retain the vast majority of its current seats."

Rep. Carol Alvarado, a Houston Democrat on the House Redistricting Committee, said she did not think the plan would meet legal requirements to protect the interests of minority voters.

"I don't know how they pull that off once it gets to court," Alvarado said. "The map should be more reflective of the state's diverse population and reflect the growth of the state, which is majority minority."

The Texas Legislature is trying to draw maps for both the state House and Senate, the Texas delegation in the U.S. Congress and the State Board of Education. An SBOE pro-

posal faces a House vote Thursday. Congressional redistricting in Texas, which is getting four new seats and far more power in Washington, has drawn national attention because it could influence the partisan balance in the U.S. House of Representatives.

But legislators tend to care more about their own fate than that of their congressional brethren, and state House leaders in Austin are focused on the effect on their own seats first. A hearing on the House plan has been scheduled for Friday.

Several freshman Republicans, including those with strong tea-party credentials, have been drawn in districts against other Republican officeholders. The map presents an awkward choice for Reps. Connie Scott and Raul Torres, both freshman Republicans from the Corpus Christi area: run against each other or decide who will step aside. They both say they've been shown maps that draw them into a single district. Scott said party leaders would have a big say in who stays and who goes.

"Hopefully we can work something out," Scott said. "One or the other of us will step aside and do what's right."

Torres said God would decide what happens. The political representation goes where the people are, so rural areas will have to cough up seats to fast-

growing suburban counties. Under state House redistricting, the 150 districts are shifted around to take new census figures into account. Dallas County faces the loss of two seats, and Harris County - where Houston is located - would lose one under the proposal.

Rural East and West Texas, heavily dominated by Republicans, are also losing political strength in

Austin. New Republican members in those areas are facing contests against each other under the new map. One of the new Texas pairings was made in a district where an incumbent Republican is expected to retire, so that could limit the fallout.

The proposal still has a long way to go and is sure to undergo changes as it moves through the legislative process.

Oldest former Longhorns player, 98, meets UT coach

AUSTIN - The oldest living former Texas football player has achieved his dream of meeting every Longhorns football coach since he played in the 1930s.

John Henderson, 98, met with coach Mack Brown in Austin on Wednesday.

Henderson described to reporters how he wore a leather helmet and played guard. He graduated in 1936 with a degree in education and married his college sweetheart, Charlotte. Henderson went on to work in the oil industry.

Henderson, dressed in a burnt orange shirt, proudly wore a ring with a "T" on it when he was introduced to Brown.

The Hendersons have been season-ticket holders for more than 60 years. They live in a retirement community in the Austin area and ride a chartered bus to home games.

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WORDS OF APPRECIATION

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Thursday, April 14, the 104th day of 2011. There are 261 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 14, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth during a performance of "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theater in Washington; the president died nine hours later.

On this date:

In 1775, the first American society for the abolition of slavery was formed in Philadelphia.

In 1828, the first edition of Noah Webster's "American Dictionary of the English Language" was published.

In 1912, the British liner RMS Titanic collided with an iceberg in the North Atlantic and began sinking.

In 1949, at the conclusion of the so-called "Wilhelmstrasse Trial," 19 former Nazi Foreign Office officials were sentenced by an American tribunal in Nuremberg to prison terms ranging from four to 25 years.

In 1956, Ampex Corp. demonstrated the first successful videotape recorder at the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters Convention in Chicago.

In 1981, the first test flight of America's first operational space shuttle, the Columbia, ended successfully with a landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1986, Americans got word of a U.S. air raid on Libya (because of the time difference, it was the early morning of April 15 where the attack occurred.) French feminist author Simone de Beauvoir died in Paris at age 78.

Ten years ago: The 24 crew members of the U.S. spy plane who'd been held in China for 11 days landed at their home base, Whidbey Island Naval Air Station in Washington, where they were greeted by thousands of friends, family members and other well-wishers.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush rebuffed recommendations from a growing number of retired generals that he replace Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, saying, "He has my full support."

One year ago: A magnitude-7 earthquake in a remote Tibetan region of China killed some 2,700 people and injured more than 10,000.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Bradford Dillman is 81. Actor Jay Robinson is 81. Country singer Loretta Lynn is 76. Actress Julie Christie is 71. Retired MLB All-Star Pete Rose is 70. Rock musician Ritchie Blackmore is 66. Actor John Shea is 62. Actor-race car driver Brian Forster is 51. Actor Brad Garrett is 51. Actor Robert Carlyle is 50. Rock singer-musician John Bell (Widespread Panic) is 49. Actor Robert Clendenin is 47. Actress Catherine Dent is 46. Actor Lloyd Owen is 45. Rock musician Barrett Martin is 44. Actor Anthony Michael Hall is 43. Actor Adrian Brody is 38. Classical singer David Miller is 38. Actor Antwon Tanner is 36. Actress Sarah Michelle Gellar is 34. Actor-producer Rob McElhenney is 34. Actress Vivien Cardone is 18. Actress Abigail Breslin is 15.

Thought for Today: "Change your life today. Don't gamble on the future, act now, without delay." *Simone de Beauvoir (1908-1986)*

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BRENDAN FARRINGTON
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — California's governor wants to maintain temporary tax increases to keep \$9 billion a year flowing to the state treasury. Low-tax Texas is considering tapping its rainy day account to soften the effects of deep spending cuts. New York's governor pushed through budget cuts while keeping a campaign pledge to avoid tax increases.

And residents of Illinois and Florida are getting a very different take on taxes: Illinois passed a massive increase, while Florida proposes giving its taxpayers a big break.

The five states are the nation's most populous but are taking very different approaches to solving their respective budget deficits, illustrating that the priorities of the majority party play as much a role in budgeting decisions as a state's fiscal health. If those states are a guide, there is no single model for how to close a deficit.

California, Texas, New York, Florida and Illinois collectively represent about one-third of all state spending nationwide, according to a report released in December by the National Association of State Budget Officers. Each is taking its own approach to dealing with the common problem of having less money to pay for programs already in place, as the Great Recession takes a deep bite out of government tax revenue.

It's too early to tell which approach will prove most successful.

In Florida, Republican Gov. Rick Scott's proposal to cut government spending to address the budget shortfall, and then cut more to give corporations and property owners a tax break, is an experiment that no other large state is trying. The idea is that short term pain for those who rely on state services can become a stimulus that will lead to long-term financial health.

In all, he's proposing \$1.7 billion in tax cuts.

"There's more than one way to skin a cat, and there's certainly more than one way to reduce a budget deficit," said Sean Snath, director of the University of Central Florida's Institute for Economic Competitiveness. "It's reflective of different approaches to governing just in general. Down here, it's really a fairly strong anti-government, small-government mentality. It's certainly prevalent and you don't find that, in the big cities at least, in California and Illinois."

Florida's budget gap is about \$3.7 billion, about 5 percent of its current \$70.5 billion budget. Scott wants to make cuts to fill the hole and then begin gradually phasing out the state's corporate income tax, which, at 5.5 percent, brings in about \$2 billion in revenue for Florida.

He also wants to cut property taxes and a variety of fees and lesser taxes. He's sought advice from Donna Arduin, who has previously helped prepare budgets for Republican governors in New York, California and Michigan, as well as former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush.

Arduin said she believes Florida will be better off if the Legislature goes along with Scott and thinks long-term. She said there is a cor-

relation between the size of state government and the strength of the private-sector economy.

"The best way to improve your budget is to improve your economy," said Arduin, president of Arduin, Laffer & Moore Econometrics. "When government is big, the economy does not do well. When government is smaller, the economy does do well."

Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn is taking the opposite approach. His state is facing a \$15 billion deficit, yet his \$35.4 billion budget proposal calls for an overall \$1.7 billion increase in spending.

Quinn pushed through an income tax increase, and Democrats want to borrow \$8.7 billion to pay off bills that have piled up. Republicans have proposed cutting up to \$6.7 billion in spending, an idea Quinn rejects.

"We are not going to jeopardize our economic recovery for their proposal. We have a dynamic economy in Illinois that's cut unemployment for 12 straight months - frankly, no thanks to them - and I believe that investing in education, health care, human services, public safety, that's part of an economy that recovers," said Quinn, a Democrat.

He uses the same argument for increasing government spending that Scott and other Republican governors use for cutting it: It's the best way to jumpstart the state economy and generate the additional tax revenue that will lead to healthy budgets in the future.

In New York, the approach of Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo is more in line with that of his Republican peers around the country.

The Legislature recently passed a budget on time - a rarity in a state infamous for political dysfunction - that largely adhered to Cuomo's vision. The budget cut spending to address a \$10 billion deficit, including historic reductions to schools, public colleges, social service programs and health care, and did not raise taxes.

Democratic lawmakers had wanted to extend a temporary tax increase on New Yorkers earning more than \$200,000 a year.

"This is about recognizing the new economic reality that government is responsible for management, just like everyone else," Cuomo said. "The days where government can just throw money at the problem and raise more taxes ... those days are over."

Texas lawmakers also refuse to consider tax increases as the state faces its first budget deficit in many years.

Lawmakers and Gov. Rick Perry are debating how to address a \$27 billion shortfall in the two-year budget that will run from Sept. 1 to Aug. 31, 2013. That's about 30 percent of

the \$88 billion in state money that makes up the current two-year plan.

One house of the Texas Legislature recently approved budget bills that tap \$3.2 billion from the state's Rainy Day Fund while cutting \$8 billion from public schools and slashing Medicaid by more than \$4 billion. Funding for highways, prisons, state parks and dozens of other programs also was cut or eliminated entirely.

The Texas Senate wants to restore some of those cuts, primarily to K-12 schools, but the funding source is uncertain. One possibility is using more of the state's \$9.4 billion rainy day fund, although how much to use and when to use it has yet to be resolved.

"Families sent a pretty clear message with their November votes. They want government to be even leaner and more efficient, and they want us to balance the budget without raising taxes on families and employers," Perry said. "Balancing our budget without raising taxes will certainly set a nice example for the rest of the nation."

Republican lawmakers from California - the minority in that state - certainly think so.

A group of them are traveling to Texas on a fact-finding mission to see how that state lures businesses, including some from California. They argue that the best way to restore California to fiscal health is by cutting corporate taxes - which they succeeded in doing two years ago - and streamlining business regulations.

California Gov. Jerry Brown wants to ask voters to renew temporary increases in the sales, income and vehicle taxes, but he needs two-thirds of the Legislature to support putting the question on the ballot. Republicans are resisting. Most have signed no-tax pledges, making compromise with majority Democrats difficult.

Brown and the Democrats already have addressed more than \$11 billion of California's \$26.6 billion deficit, mostly through spending cuts, but are warning that an all-cuts budget will do irreversible damage to core government functions, including the K-12 and higher education systems.

The Democratic governor has taken his appeal directly to voters via YouTube, emphasizing the effects of more spending cuts schools, fire and police services, health care and more.

"I don't want to do that, and I don't think it should be done to you without your voice," Brown says in the video.

Christopher Wills in Springfield, Ill.; Michael Gormley in Albany, N.Y.; Judy Lin in Sacramento, Calif.; and Chris Tomlinson in Austin, Texas, contributed to this report.

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Corps

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hard on it."

The program provides instructors to train citizens to act with first responders and emergency personnel in cases of a disaster.

Rushing said that under the program, citizens will be trained in certain areas of expertise.

He said it's not just a matter of training people to do physical tasks, there are also bookkeeping issues and documentation issues.

"There are jobs for every kind of people," Rushing said. "We're hoping to get this base built up here so that we would have a core of citizens who are willing to help in disaster situations when called upon."

The police chief said the plan is to properly train and equip those citizens to help emergency personnel.

Extension

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concerning agricultural issues.

"We will be taking those recommendations and adding them to our website database," McGinty said.

"This fall we will start planning for 2012 and we will look at starting to address those issues."

Chairs inspired by 18th-century French design

ANNE MCCOLLAM

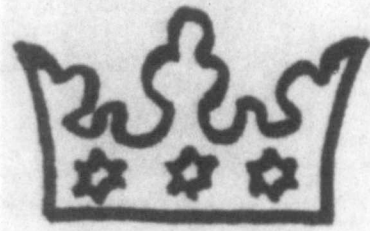
Q: Many years ago, my husband purchased four chairs, two of which can be seen in this photo. Unfortunately, we are not familiar with the style of our chairs and haven't been able to locate any information on them.

We would like to know the history of our chairs as well as their potential value.

A: Made around 1900, your side chairs are Louis XVI revival or style. The design lines were inspired by furniture made in the 1700s in France during the reign of King Louis XVI.

The value of your chairs would probably be \$200 to \$300 each.

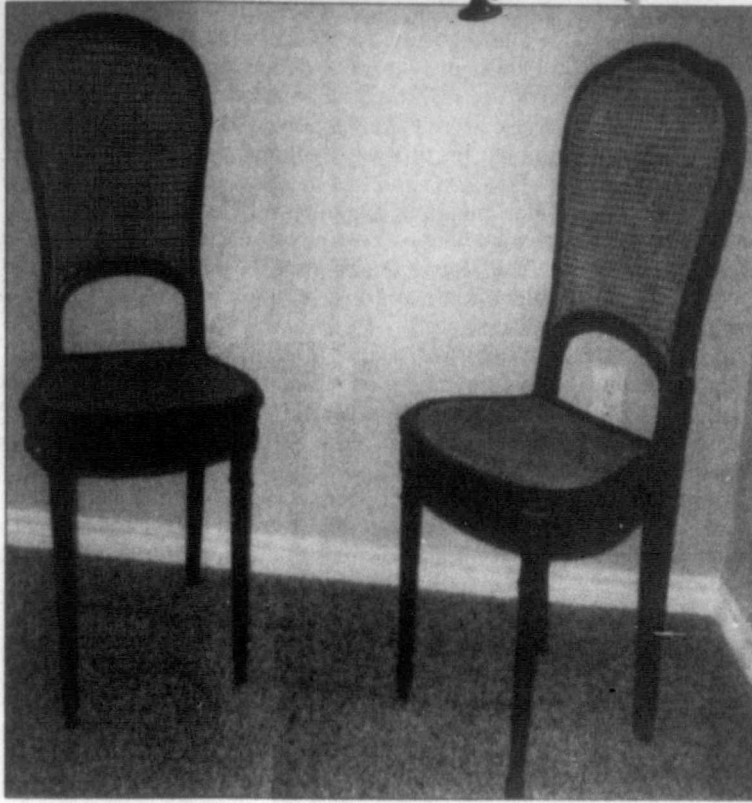
Q: This mark is on the bottom of my figurine. Standing on a base, it's a young woman holding a basket of flowers. It is around 15 inches tall and still in perfect condition.



AMPHORA

Amphora Pottery Works was located in Turn-Tepitz, Bohemia.

Antique
OR JUNQUE?



Louis XVI-style furniture was inspired by French 18th-century designs.

What can you tell me about this mark and the value of my figurine?

A: Amphora Pottery Works used this mark. From 1892 to 1945, they were located in Turn-Tepitz, Bohemia, which is now the Czech Republic.

Similar figurines are selling

from \$600 to \$800.

Q: I want to learn more about my octagon-shaped covered tureen. Decorated with a blue-and-white Asian design against a honeycomb design, it has a solid blue finial and handles.

There are several figures on

the lid and a large bird on the base. On the back, you will see the words: "Wm. Adams -- RD. No. 653200."

Also included with the mark, these words are in a bracket: "This pattern was introduced by William Adams in 1780 and is a copy of a Chinese Pattern and is one of the first of its style produced in English pottery."

Anything you can tell me will be appreciated.

A: William Adams and Sons Ltd. was founded in 1769. They have been located in Tunstall, Stoke, Staffordshire, England, and are now part of the Wedgwood Group.

In the 1700s, they produced blue-and-white Chinese-inspired designs. The registered No. shows the pattern was listed with the British government in 1916.

The name of the pattern is "Chinese Bird." It is an early 20th-century reproduction of the pattern that was originally made in the late 1700s.

The value of your tureen would probably be \$125 to \$135.

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

Water

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mid to late summer. The mayor of Plainview invited board members back for a ceremonial signing of the deal. He said they had also invited T. Boone Pickens.

The board, meeting here Wednesday, also gave a notice of intent to issue bonds for the project.

The board heard updates from the National Park Service and CRMWA managers concerning reserve storage, administrative activities, the water authority's salinity control project, water quality and system management.

Kent Satterwhite, general manager of CRMWA, said the operating and maintenance budget was down slightly from years past.

The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority consists of 11 communities in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains, including Pampa.

Pampa representatives to the water authority are Jerry Carlson and Rex McKay III.

County

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It will discuss the Gray County Clerk's request to spend Records Management money on roller shelves and the Perry Lefors Airport terminal building project.

At 10 a.m., they will open bids for a 1981 mower and a 1977 tanker that the county is selling. Commissioners will also consider replacing a mowing tractor in Precinct 1.

The commission will meet in the county courtroom on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse beginning at 9 a.m., Friday.

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House approves eminent domain bill

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House unanimously approved a bill Wednesday that would regulate the already-limited ability of governments to seize property using the power of eminent domain.

The proposed law specifies private property could only be seized by governments under "eminent domain" if needed for public use, such as highways or schools. It also dictates what evidence must be considered by special commissioners in making decisions on reimbursements and the rights of property owners to repurchase taken property.

The government would be required to make a "bona fide" offer to buy the property from landowners and pay for relocation expenses. It also puts into state law a prohibition on property seizure for private use, which already was prohibited by a constitutional amendment passed in 2009.

Lawmakers have been tinkering with the state's eminent domain law for years, after a U.S. Supreme Court decision sparked concern about governments abusing their constitutional power to seize private land.

Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican, has designated the eminent domain bill a legislative emergency.

"Property ownership is an essential freedom for Texans and an important part of fulfilling the American dream," Perry said. "I ... commend the Texas House for passing SB 18, which will help further protect property owners by strengthening our eminent domain laws. I look forward to seeing this important legislation reach my desk."

He vetoed a similar bill in 2007, arguing that the language in the legislation would lead to higher costs for

taxpayers from more litigation. The move angered farmers and private property rights advocates.

Perry has supported other eminent domain restrictions, including the 2009 constitutional amendment that banned seizure for private use.

This year's legislation was supported by the Texas Farm Bureau, pipeline companies and utility companies.

The measure "enforces what the Texas Constitution guarantees — private property owners will be protected from intrusive condemnation proceedings," said Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples. "Among other things, the bill says property may only be taken for a public good and that negotiations must be made in good faith, meaning a condemning entity cannot try to short-change property owners in offering just compensation."

The House Democratic leader voted for the bill, but said it did not go far enough to protect Texas property owners.

"The many exemptions in (the legislation) will allow governments to continue taking property for private purposes," said Democratic Rep. Jessica Farrar. "Powerful special interests such as oil pipeline operators ensured that the bill did not apply to them. I will vote for the bill because it does contain some valuable protections for landowners, but I do find it fascinating that the Republican majority's commitment to individual rights stops cold when it conflicts with the wish list of a favored industry."

After one more procedural vote, the measure goes back to the Senate, which can begin the process of working out the differences between the two chambers.

Congress ready to vote on budget plan

WASHINGTON (AP) —

The House and Senate are ready to vote on legislation cutting almost \$40 billion from the budget for the current year, but President Barack Obama and his GOP rivals are both eager to move on to multiyear fiscal plans that cut trillions instead of billions.

Lawmakers were to vote Thursday on a long-overdue spending measure funding the day-to-day budgets of federal agencies through September. Later in the day, Republicans dominating the House will launch debate on a 2012-and-beyond plan that promises to cut the long-term budget blueprint Obama laid out in February by more than \$6 trillion.

Obama countered Wednesday with a new call to increase taxes on wealthier people and impose quicker cuts to Medicare, launching a roiling debate in Congress and the 2012 presidential campaign to come.

Obama fired a broadside at the long-term GOP plan, which calls for transforming the Medicare health program for the aged into a voucher-like system for people under the age of 55 and imposing stringent

cuts on Medicaid, which provides health care to the poor and disabled, including people in nursing homes.

More immediate, however, is the 2011 spending measure. It combines more than \$38 billion in cuts to domestic accounts with changes to benefit programs, like children's health care, that Congress' own economists say are illusory.

Thursday's measure is a compromise between Obama, GOP House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio and Democratic Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada. As such, it's a split-the-differences compromise that considerably smooths a much more stringent version that passed the House in February.

The bill cuts \$600 million from community health programs, \$414 million from grants for state and local police departments, and \$1.6 billion from the Environmental Protection Agency's budget. Community development block grants, a favorite with mayors of both political parties, take a \$950 million cut. And construction and repair projects

for federal buildings would absorb an almost \$1 billion cut.

Obama, however, was able to ease cuts to favored programs like medical research, family planning programs and education, while largely ridding the bill of conservative policy initiatives to block last year's health care law and new environmental regulations.

But the measure would have little direct impact on the deficit through the Sept. 30 end of the fiscal year, according to the Congressional Budget Office, since about \$8 billion in immediate domestic program cuts are more than outweighed by increases for the Pentagon and ongoing war costs.

Later Thursday, the GOP-dominated House will kick off debate on its long-term budget plan, a measure promising stiff cuts to domestic agency budgets that total \$1.8 trillion over 10 years. The GOP measure, a non-binding blueprint that sets a theoretical framework for future legislation, would also sharply cut Medicaid and transform it into a block grant program runs by the states. It doesn't touch Social Security, how-

ever, or immediately cut Medicare.

But the GOP plan calls for transforming Medicare in the future by replacing the current system, in which the government directly pays doctor and hospital bills, into a voucher-like program in which future retirees purchase private insurance plans. People 55 and over would stay in the current system but younger people would receive the insurance subsidies, which economists say would gradually lose value over time because they wouldn't keep up with inflating costs of medical care.

BANANAGRAMS!

For each phrase below, rearrange the letters to spell two new words that are opposites in meaning. For example, WEAR CAPE becomes WAR and PEACE.

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Yesterday's Answer: LOCATOR, NOMADIC, UNHITCH, BELIEVE

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's answer



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: We have been friends with "The Bickersons" for quite some time. They never have a kind word to say to each other. Mr. B now has a terminal illness, and you would think they'd be kinder to each other at a time like this. On the contrary, their fights are more groundless and vicious than ever. It is becoming increasingly difficult to be around them. This is when they need friends more than ever, but they're driving everyone away! What can we do? — LOVE IS ALL WE NEED

DEAR LOVE: While you might imagine that when a spouse has a terminal illness it would bring the couple closer together, that is not always the case. Mr. B. may be frightened, angry, in pain and taking it out on his wife. Mrs. B. may be furious at her husband for being sick and dependent, and requiring her to have gone from being a wife to a caregiver. Also, they both may be settling old scores. Because it's painful to watch what's going on but you want to be supportive, consider socializing with them separately. They may appreciate the time they get to spend

away from each other. DEAR ABBY: When does dieting become rude? I have always enjoyed inviting friends and family over for dinner. But lately it seems everyone is on some kind of diet and "can't eat that." I fix healthy meals -- free of fats, sugars and salt. If someone has a dietary restriction or wants to pass on dessert, I am fine with that, of course. I don't like it, though, when my carefully prepared meals turn into leftovers or get thrown away off someone's plate. Why would anyone accept a dinner invitation and then turn into a picky guest? Would eating an average serving of a good meal once a week blow someone's diet? — LOST THE JOY OF COOKING DEAR LOST THE JOY: I'll answer your questions in reverse order. Eating an "average serving of a good meal" once a week COULD blow someone's diet, depending on the kind of diet the person is on. And the reason someone who is on a severely restricted diet would accept a dinner invitation on a weekly basis might be because he or she wants to see you, wants to see some of the other guests

or doesn't want to be left out. But for a conclusive answer, you need to query the dieter. DEAR ABBY: My mother and I are very close, and I love her very much, but I have a problem. Mom goes on every single field trip with my class. There have even been times when she was the only parent in attendance. The teachers are grateful for her, but it's becoming embarrassing. I'm a freshman in a private high school, and I want to start doing things more independently. What's the best way to tell Mom before my next trip that I prefer she not go without hurting her feelings? — I'M A BIG GIRL NOW DEAR BIG GIRL: Talk to your mother at a time when you are both calm. She needs to understand that her hovering is making you self-conscious when you need some independence. However, keep in mind that she may be the only parent who is volunteering and has the time to assist in the field trips -- which is why the teachers are grateful. What I'm trying to convey is how important it is for you and your mother to communicate honestly with each other.

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"Don't worry, I promise to stay in the shallow end!"

Non Sequitur



Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, April 15, 2011

This year, you forge a new path, and happily so. You feel much freer than you have in the past. This can be a banner year for you if you are open to the many opportunities. You will have a tendency to take the comments of others personally. Try not to, as they have more to do with the other party than with you. If you are single, use care, as you are likely to choose someone who might not be emotionally available. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy time away together, which will enhance your bond. LIBRA can be challenging. They have the same issues as you but a different approach.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your efforts come back in multiples. Don't take someone's thoughtless words personally. You can be sure this person is uncomfortable with his or her error. Don't add to the problem. Tonight: Clear your desk first.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You have a tendency to go overboard right now. You don't need to prove anything; you simply need to be authentic. You'll draw the results you want if you follow through. Let your imagination feed a situation. You will enjoy it more! Tonight: Let it happen.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Pressure builds to handle an issue in a certain way. Rather than have an argument, you could close down. You wonder what would be the most effective approach. Stay centered under pressure. Only make the decision when you are ready. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching out for others. You also might have some last-minute details before you enter the weekend. Could the problem involve taxes? Whatever the case, dig in and get it done. Tonight: Celebrate being free.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Be aware of the costs of letting go and relaxing too soon today. Finish up the workweek in a manner that pleases you, even if it means putting in a long day. The end results will be well worth it. Tonight:

Join friends — better late than never.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Attention from a key loved one makes your day. You might be giddy. Be aware of your limitations with finances. Don't go overboard, if possible. A little discipline might make you happy in the long run. Tonight: If you can think of it, you can do it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Take your time, even if someone is pressuring you. Explore vagueness about an important matter close to your heart. You might need to hold back until you feel more sure of yourself. A family member does a reversal! Tonight: Vanish... stay mum about why!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
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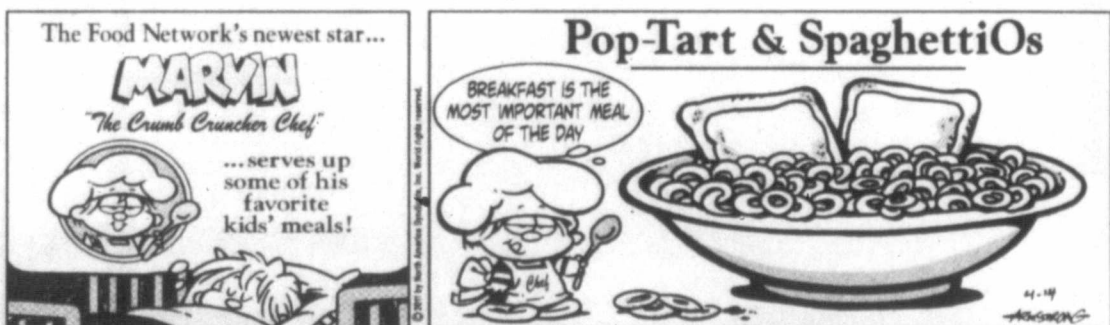
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Sports

Pampa varsity track qualifies four to regional meet

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Three Lady Harvesters and one Harvester track member have guaranteed themselves another meet, as they advance to regionals after the first day of the district meet Wednesday at Ranger Field in Perryton.

Junior Kailyn Troxell qualified with a third place finish in the high jump with a distance of 4-08. Sophomore Madison Fatheree advanced with a second place finish in the triple jump with a distance of 33 3/4. Sophomore J'Cee Holmes advanced with a third place finish in the 3200-meter run recording a time of 12:28.02. Fatheree said she is looking forward to regionals.

"I'm really happy with how I did," Fatheree said. "I'm excited about going to regionals as a sophomore."

Other notable performances included sophomore Dakota Watson who jumped 4-08 in the high jump but lost a tie breaker to Troxell. Savannah Hulsey finished fourth in the triple jump and missed a trip to regionals by six inches. Rikki Earnest finished fourth in the discus with a distance of 32-01 3/4 and missed qualifying for regionals by less than four inches.

Head coach Gene Valentine said it was a good start to district and is confident about tomorrow.

"We got three going to regionals which is good," Valentine said. "We nearly have a person in every race tomorrow. We got some good points and will be fighting Dalhart for second."

After Wednesday's events, the Lady Harvesters are third with 32 points and trail Dalhart by four. Perryton has the overall lead with 68 points.

The junior varsity is competing in their final meet. Freshman Taylor Smith finished won the high jump with a distance of 4-06. Ashlynn Pronto won the long jump with a distance of 12-09 3/4. Junior Courtney Ward finished third with a jump of 12-05 1/4. Lindsey Carpenter won the discus with a distance of 76-08.

Ambryn Deanda finished fourth in the 3200-meter run with a time of 15:18.44. Isbella Leal finished fifth with a time of 15:57.10.

Pampa sits in second after the first day with 42 points trailing Perryton by one.

The Harvesters qualified Trent McAnear, who won the 3200 meter run with a time of 11:00.41. McAnear pulled away in the second mile and said he just pushed on the curves.

"I gave it my all," McAnear said while catching his breath.

This will be McAnear's first regional appearance.

"I'm looking forward to running against the fast people from the region," McAnear said.

Head coach Tad Smith said he is proud of how the first day went.

"It was a slow day," Smith said. "Being in a smaller district there aren't that many finals. Trent did a great job winning that race. Samuel Smith qualified for finals in the 100-meter and Tent Carter qualified in the 200-meter."

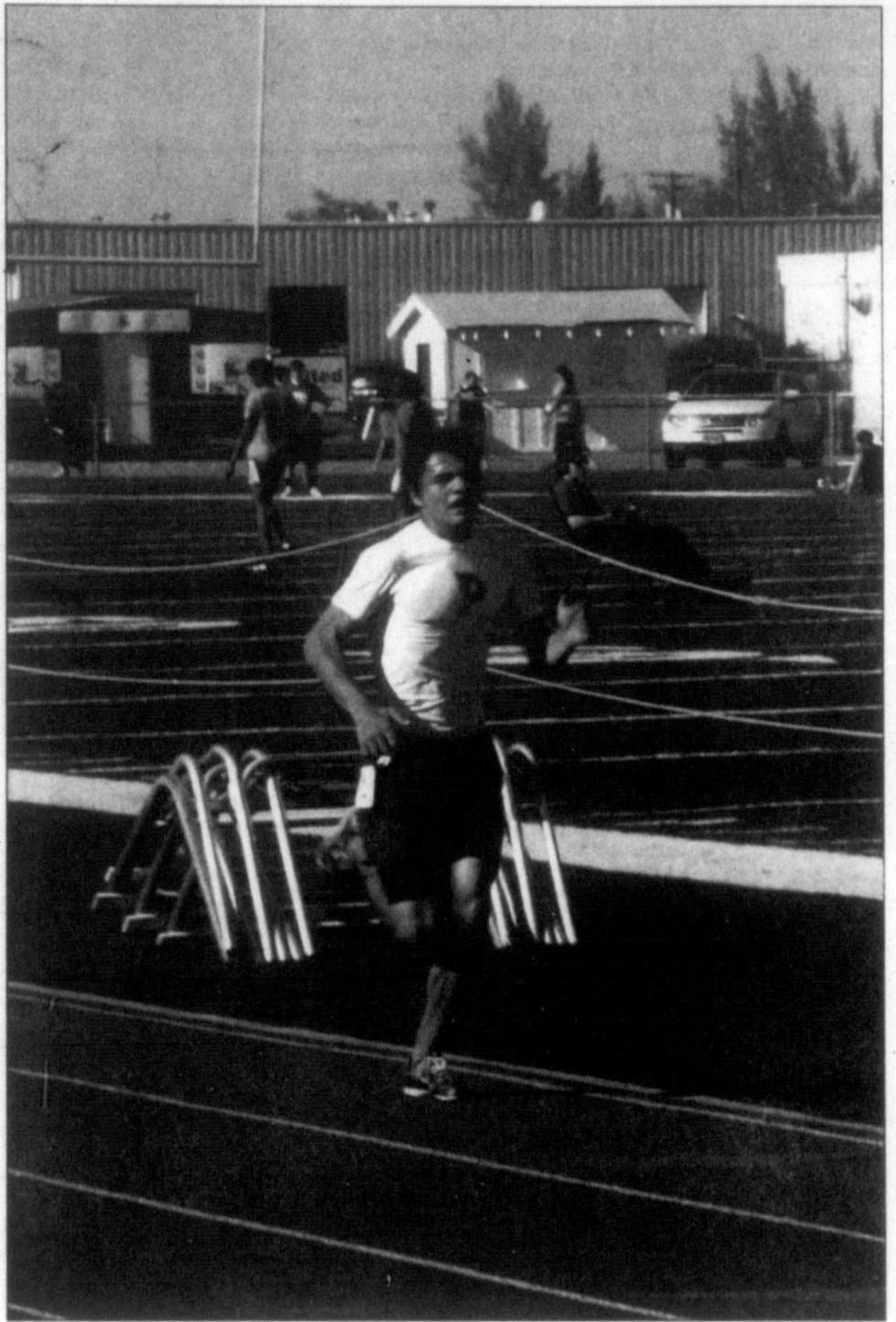
Senior Reid Bradley placed sixth in the shot put with a distance of 41-03. Jose Hernandez finished ninth in the 3200-meter run with a time of 12:02.64.

The Harvesters sit in third with 10 points and are six points behind Perryton. Dalhart leads with 55 points.

For the boys junior varsity, Daymon Flores finished third in the long jump with a distance of 17-01. Blake Caldwell finished fifth with a distance of 16-04 1/4. Kyler Allen won the discus with a distance of 120-09. Marshal McGrath finished second with a distance of 110. Quaid Chennault finished fourth with a distance of 101-07. Mario Rivera finished second in the 3200-meter run with a time of 12:21.76. Alex Marrufo finished third with a time of 12:31.15. Luis Servin finished sixth with a time of 13:36.71.

The junior varsity boys sits in first with 45 points. Dalhart is second with 34 and Perryton is third with 14.

District resumed today with field events at 9 a.m.



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Junior Trent McAnear sprints the last meters of the 3200-meter run. McAnear won with a time of 11:00.42 and advances to regionals for the first time.

BONDS PERJURY TRIAL

Jury finds ex-sluggger Bonds guilty of obstruction of justice

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Just like the whole Steroid Era: We'll never really know.

Even the one charge that left Barry Bonds a convicted felon didn't specify steroids.

Instead, a federal court jury found the home run king guilty of obstruction of justice Tuesday for giving an evasive answer under oath more than seven years ago. Rather than say "yes" or "no" to whether he received drugs that required a syringe, Bonds gave a rambling response to a grand jury, stating: "I became a celebrity child with a famous father."

The decision from the eight women and four men who listened to testimony during the 12-day trial turned out to be a mixed and muddled verdict on the slugger that left more questions than answers.

U.S. District Judge Susan Illston declared a mistrial on the three charges that Bonds made false statements when he told a grand jury in December 2003 that he never knowingly received steroids and human growth hormone from trainer Greg Anderson and that he allowed only doctors to inject him.

Defense lawyers will try to persuade Illston or the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to toss out the lone conviction. Federal prosecutors must decide whether it is worth the time and expense to try Bonds for a second time on the deadlocked charges.

Less than two miles from the ballpark where he broke Hank Aaron's career home run record in August 2007, Bonds walked out of the Phillip Burton Federal Building on a sunny, windy afternoon and looked on as his lead lawyer, Allen Ruby, held a sidewalk news conference. Ruby instructed Bonds not to comment because the case wasn't over.

Impeccably dressed in black suit and purple necktie, with a few days of stubble on his chin, Bonds flashed a victory sign to a few fans.

"Are you celebrating tonight?" one asked.

"There's nothing to celebrate," he replied.

While Bonds stood on the sidewalk on the courthouse's north side, the jurors — whose names are being withheld until

Thursday — went out the south entrance and many lingered to answer questions. For now, they only would give their first names.

Amber, a 19-year-old blonde woman who was the youngest juror, said the final votes were 8-4 to acquit Bonds of lying about steroids and 9-3 to acquit him on lying about HGH use. The panel voted 11-1 to convict him of getting an injection from someone other than his doctor, with one woman holding out, she said.

Jurors decided to convict Bonds on the obstruction count on Tuesday; on Wednesday they decided they could not come to unanimous decisions on the rest.

There was initial confusion when the jury informed Illston's clerk, Tracy Forakis, that they had reached a verdict, and the court made a public announcement. But when Forakis went back to the jury room, the panel said the verdict form wasn't completed because there was a deadlock. The court then issued a retraction of its verdict announcement and Illston convened the lawyers, first without jurors, then with them, and learned they were deadlocked on at least some of the charges.

Bonds, the seven-time National League MVP, chatted with his lawyers while Illston and the jury went back behind closed doors. When they returned, Illston opened a manila envelope with the verdict and handed it to Forakis to read.

Bonds leaned forward, looked at the clerk, but never reacted when the verdict was read. His mother, Pat, watched from a second-row bench.

"Divided, not unanimous," on count one.

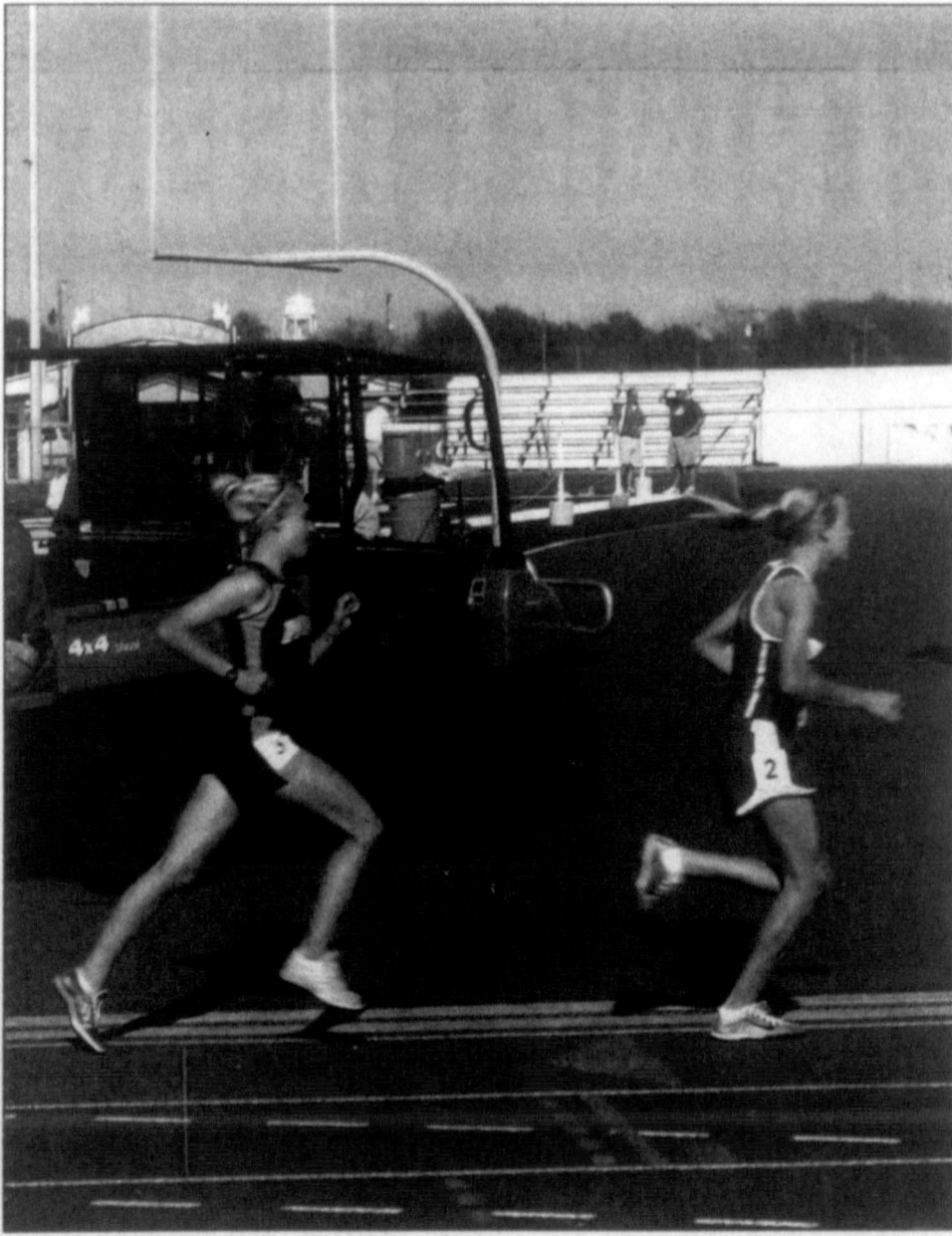
"Divided, not unanimous," on count two.

"Divided, not unanimous," on count three.

And then, just when it appeared Bonds would escape unscathed, came the final word from the jury:

"Guilty," on obstruction of justice.

Dennis Riordan, one of the lawyers on Bonds' legal team that numbered as many as 13 some days, asked Illston to throw out the guilty verdict and for a new trial on that count.



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Sophomore J'Cee Holmes tries to catch up to Perryton's Alina Spescia in the 3200-meter run. Holmes finished third and advances to regionals for a second time. The Lady Harvesters sit in third after the first day of district.

District Day One Team Scores

Varsity Girls	Varsity Boys
1. Perryton 68	1. Dalhart 55
2. Dalhart 36	2. Perryton 16
3. Pampa 32	3. Pampa 11
4. Borger 16	4. Borger 10
JV Girls	JV Boys
1. Perryton 43	1. Pampa 45
2. Pampa 42	2. Dalhart 34
3. Borger 14	3. Perryton 14
4. Dalhart 13	4. Borger 0

Sports

Congrats, Lady Harvesters, on impressive district title

Tuesday the Pampa Lady Harvesters softball team added another district title to their already long list of achievements. Though this team didn't face as tough of competition, this title is still impressive.

Now, the Lady Harvesters didn't have to play a ranked Randall or Canyon every other week, but I guarantee you this team played their district schedule with the same intensity. Pampa rolled through the first third beating their opponents by an average of 13-2.

I have to admit that was very entertaining to watch. I can't imagine how overwhelmed Borger's first baseman was when she fielded a groundball with the bases loaded. So many options to do with the ball.

The second round of district was tougher with all three teams getting a look at the Lady Harvesters but Pampa still played strong. In the last three games, the Lady Harvesters outscored their opponents 40-19 with Perryton scoring 18 of those runs Saturday.

On that blustery day in Perryton, Pampa did what it needed to win. I remember thinking after the top of the second when Pampa scored six runs to tie the game that they have it. But I was mistaken, as the Rangerettes managed to gain the lead two more times. Again in the fifth, I thought Pampa has and is going to get three quick outs. Though that didn't happen, the Lady Harvesters pulled out a tight game.

A big part of the Lady Harvesters success is their pitching. Like I've said in previous columns, Heather Coffee and Tiffany Britton emerged as a pitching duo at the end of non-district and that's continued into district. Coffee is 4-0 and Britton is 2-0. It will be exciting how both pitchers grow and maybe reach the same heights as former pitching tandem Carlyn Teichmann and Ashley



ANDREW GLOVER

Facio, or maybe even further.

Behind every great pitcher is a great defense. The Lady Harvesters have that. With the exception of Saturday's game at Perryton, Pampa has kept the fielding errors low and have made their opponents earn their way on base. Believe me those hits are few and far between. There's a better chance of seeing an unassisted triple play than opposing teams reaching base by walk.

Unlike the 2007 Houston Astros, where all pitchers had to do was get past their first six hitters, the Lady Harvesters have hitting up and down the lineup. Sophomore Claire Hopkins is a solid leadoff hitter. Sophomore Bailey Beck has been more patient at the plate and as reaped the rewards with more RBI. Freshman Krysten Miller is developing into a strong three-hole hitter. Mayhew is a power threat and will hit the ball hard. Junior Alanna Stephens has found her stroke with four home runs on the year. Senior Madi Shults gives Pampa power in the bottom third of the lineup. Sophomore Martecia Alexander is a solid ninth-hole hitter. Her speed has led to more RBI opportunities for Hopkins.

Back to that last game. There were two outs in the top of the seventh and I had my camera on to capture the last out and the celebration. My lens captured junior McKinlee Stokes throwing to Madi Shults for the last out. After that I got Shults and everyone else's back side as they were running to the dugout. At the point I figured maybe they are just being respectful and wait-

ing till Dalhart got off the field to celebrate. After the school song they went back to the dugout and put up their equipment. No celebration?

I understand Pampa has higher goals than winning a district title. Clinching district titles isn't a new thing as they've done so five of the last six seasons. I admire our team for being focused on the season and the last three games.

But come on, the Lady Harvesters have earned the right to celebrate. Pampa survived an error-mauled game to put them in position to clinch Tuesday. The New York Yankees still celebrate on the mound when they win the AL East and that's nothing new. Plus most of those championships they were still going for home field advantage.

Congratulations to the Lady Harvesters on another district title. I have a feeling this could be a special year. Plus I'm looking for a team to get me to the state tournament.

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GIANT LEAP



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Freshman Taylor Smith successfully jumps 04-06 in the JV high jump at district meet Wednesday in Perryton. Smith won first at that height. The junior varsity sits in first after the first day of the district meet which resumed today.



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