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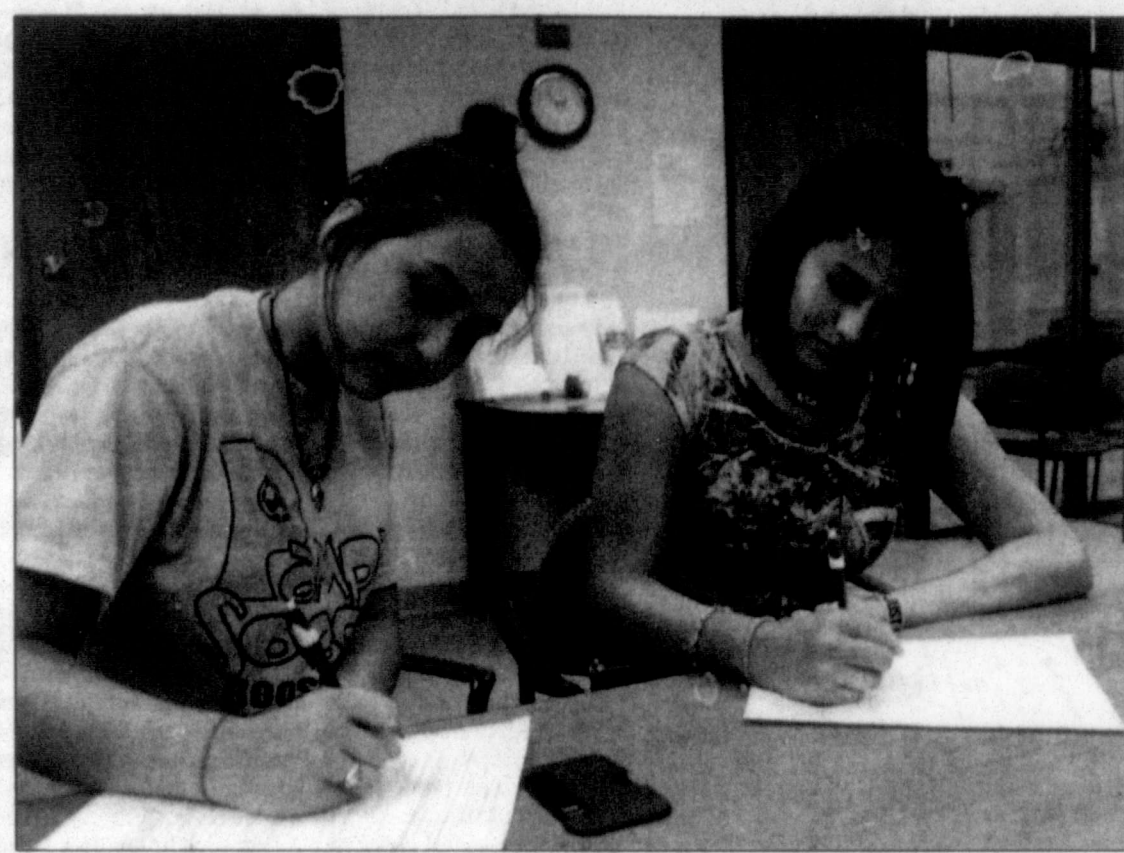
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**Summertime...**



**Increasing enrollment** — Angela Rendon, left, and Krystal Garcia, recent graduates of Clarendon College Pampa Center, fill out paperwork for their transcripts Wednesday afternoon.

staff photo by David Bowser

**...and enrollment increasing at Clarendon/Pampa Center**

**DAVID BOWSER**  
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Raymond Jaramillo, dean of Clarendon College's Pampa campus, said it's been a great summer. He said summer enrollment for the first summer term at Clarendon College's Pampa Center has increased, and he expects it to increase more for the second summer term. David Hall, director of enrollment services, said the Pampa campus had 215 full time students. Hall said overall enrollment continues to grow. He said that most of the summer students are academic students as opposed to the vocational training program students they have during the longer fall and spring semesters. Jaramillo said he hopes that the fall enroll-

ment will continue to show growth at the Pampa campus. He said the growth at Pampa Center has been steady. Clarendon College has instituted a number of new programs during the past year, including in their nursing, cosmetology and welding curriculum. Hall said new paramedic classes would begin this fall as part of their medical training curriculum. "Joe Anstey will be teaching those," he said. Anstey is a veteran paramedic both with the emergency medical service here and with AeroCare helicopter and flights services out of Lubbock and Clovis. Anstey is also chief of operations at Pampa EMS.

**VBS means busy summer for churches**

**ANDREW GLOVER**  
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Throughout the summer, churches across Pampa provide children with spiritual education delivered in an entertaining fashion through Vacation Bible Schools (VBS). Rachel Bartel, an intern at Calvary Baptist's children ministry, said they usually have a large turnout for their Vacation Bible School. "We usually get between 200 to 250 kids," Bartel said. "We are shooting for 300 this year." Calvary's VBS is July 18-22 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Bartel said they try to make it something the children would enjoy. "We try to make it big and fun," she explained. "We have a different curriculum so it isn't the same as others. At the end of the week we have a carnival." This year's theme is "Beach Blast." Bartel said the blast includes fun games for the children and different booths during the carnival. "We have a water slide and different games," she said. "Several of our church members have been on mission trips in the United States and out of the country. They will have different booths to get others excited about missions." Trinity Fellowship's Youth Minister Brad Townsend said the church is doing something different and having a Kids Crusade August 18-20. "It's not just for kids," Townsend said. "Parents are welcome to attend. A couple from Trinity Church in Dallas, Will and Crystalyn Randel, will speak." Townsend said they have

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**Local organizations join forces with Make-A-Wish**

**MOLLIE BRYANT**  
The Pampa News  
Altrusa International of Pampa and the Pampa Rotary Club have joined forces with the Texas Plains Make-A-Wish Foundation to give two Pampa girls with leukemia a chance to see the world. Lynnzy, 10, wants to visit Hawaii, and Nayeli, 12, would like to go to Disney World. A concert featuring Mary Jane Johnson and friends will raise money to help make their dreams come true. This event will be Altrusa and Rotary's first joint project, and also their first collaboration with Make-A-Wish. Kitty Hall of Altrusa says she was inspired to get involved after hearing (the foundation's)



submitted photo  
**Make a Wish** — Altrusa International of Pampa and the Pampa Rotary Club have joined forces to help make two local girl's dreams come true with the Make a Wish Foundation of the Texas Plains. The joint clubs' committee includes (front row, from left) Sheila Winton, Hal West (food coordinator), Kay West, and Alan Eubank (Rotary President); (back row, from left) Kathryn Green (co-chair), Roxane Funderburk, Kitty Hall (co-chair) and Allison Watson. Among those on the committee, but not present for the photo are: Glennette Goode, Brenda Tucker (co-chair), Myrna Orr, Pat Johnson, Julia Sparkman and Sue Pribble.




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### PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday
		
High 97 Low 66	High 94 Low 69	High 98 Low 69

**Today:** A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97. Breezy, with a north northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Tonight:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66. Windy, with a east northeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Friday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 94. East northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. Southeast wind around 10 mph.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98. Windy, with a south wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** Has the marriage proposal become an invited ceremony like the wedding, or am I out of touch?

A few months ago friends and family were invited to a beach near Seattle for the proposal. Our grandson and his live-in went for a short seaplane ride. The plane returned, beached and the couple got out. Then, surrounded by the throng on the sand — and videotaped — grandson proposed on bended knee and she, of course, accepted.

Because we did not attend, my daughter is still not speaking to us. The young couple will fly to Maui in a few months for the wedding. We are among the invited, but the trip is too much for us. Your comments, please. — **BAFFLED IN BRUNSWICK, MAINE**

**DEAR BAFFLED:** I have heard of brides getting carried away and turning their wedding ceremony into the equivalent of a stage production, but this is the first time I have heard about a mother of the groom issuing a command performance for the proposal. Heaven only knows what she's planning for the birth of their first child.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am with a man who treats me and my kids great. He is kind, caring and very generous. I trust him. However, I have been in a couple of bad relationships. For some reason, I'm drawn to "bad" boys. I'm not sure if I really love this man because there is no "spark." None!

Should I stay with someone who is a really great person and treats me good — but there is no passion — and learn to live with it, or do I end the relationship? — **NOT SURE WHAT TO DO IN CANADA**

**DEAR NOT SURE:**

You might as well end the relationship now because sooner or later you will become bored and it will end anyway. The man you're seeing deserves to have someone who fully appreciates what he has to offer, which you seem unable to do. Continue dating "bad boys" until you finally stop confusing anxiety and disappointment with excitement. You appear to be one of those women who has to learn what's important through pain. You have my sympathy.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband (second marriage) keeps in touch with his ex-wife. At one point, it was several times a day. I expressed my concerns to him and told him I didn't like it and saw no need for it. It stopped — but only for a while. I know, because I check his call and text log.

I know I shouldn't do that, but recently I found some text messages saying, "Sorry I haven't called you." That's not what's bothering me, though. It's how they signed off. She writes, "Love you," and he writes, "Love you mostest!"

Abby, that's what he says to me. How do I talk to him about this? I snooped. — **SNOOPED ON THE EAST COAST**

**DEAR SNOOPED:** I don't blame you for feeling hurt and threatened by this. Almost any woman would. When he's in a relaxed mood and you can talk without interruption, ask him if he is still in love with his ex-wife. If he says no, ask why he feels the need to remain in communication with her and why he's telling her he loves her "mostest." Expect him to go on the attack because you snooped. But you wouldn't have done it if your intuition hadn't made you feel insecure. And it turns out you were right.

## Obituaries

### Gary Gattis, 59

Gary Gattis, 59, died July 6, 2011, in Grapevine. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately 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. Wednesday, police reported 28 traffic-related incidents, 12 abandoned vehicles and one accident.

Animal Control Officers reported seven animal-related incidents.

Pampa EMS reported three ambulance calls.

**Monday, July 4**  
 Officers checked a building in the 500 block of West Brown.

An alarm was reported in the 400 block of North Ballard.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1200 block of West Oklahoma.

An alarm was reported in the 900 block of North Hobart.

An alarm was reported in the 900 block of North Somerville.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 200 block of East Brown.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2300 block of North Williston.

A prowler was reported in the 2500 block of North Christine.

A suspicious person was reported in the 2800 block of North Charles.

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

A theft was reported in the 1600 block of North Somerville.

Endangerment of a child was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

An alarm was reported in the 2100 block of North Zimmers.

Harassment was reported in the 300 block of North Starkweather.

A theft was reported in the 500 block of North Wells.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1100 block of Cinderella.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 700 block of East Browning.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of South Love.

Fire investigations were launched in the 1900 block of North Beech and in the 1100 block of South Christy.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1200 block of West Oklahoma.

Alarms were reported in the 1000 block of East Fisher and in the 600 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Doyle.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of South Finley.

A violation of city ordinance was reported in the 300 block of North Davis.

**Tuesday, July 5**  
 Disorderly conduct was reported a Duncan and Kentucky.

A theft was reported in the 2800 block of North Charles.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of North Lefors.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 500 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of South Sumner.

A theft was reported to police.

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

Hazardous material was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Officers checked on a business in the 900 block of West Perry.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Officers made a welfare check in the 700 block of

East Murphy.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 2600 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of Yeager.

A burglary was reported in the 800 block of North Wells.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1600 block of North Duncan.

A fraud was reported to police.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of South Schneider.

Officers assisted a motorist at Hobart and Somerville.

A vehicle was reported stolen in the 500 block of East Atchison.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1400 block of East Browning.

An assault was reported in the 2200 block of North Dogwood.

A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block of North Wells.

Officials turned off the water in the 300 block of North Starkweather.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of North Davis.

Officers made a welfare check in the 1100 block of South Wells.

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

Officers assisted another agency in the at Lefors and Jordan.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of North Sumner.

Harassment was reported in the 700 block of East Murphy.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Foster and Starkweather.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1900 block of Duncan.

Officers were placed on special assignment in the

200 block of Western.

A violation of city ordinance was reported.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart and in the 400 block of North Starkweather.

**Wednesday, July 6**

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of South Wells.

Officials shut off the water in the 400 block of North Doucette.

A prowler was reported in the 1900 block of North Nelson.

A suspicious person was reported in the 500 block of North Duncan.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of North Frost.

An alarm was reported in the 600 block of North Magnolia.

### Sheriff's Office

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

**Tuesday, July 5**

Jesus Manuel Santacruz Jr., 26, was arrested by deputies on a bond surrender in connection with a charge of possession and transportation of chemical with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

Jason Lowell Powell, 28, of Lubbock, was arrested by deputies on a bond surrender in connection with a possession of a controlled substance.

Louis Wayne Cantrell, 43, of Lubbock, was arrested by deputies on charges of violating his probation in connection with charges of theft over \$500 but under \$1,500.

Dante Wilbon, 28, was arrested by deputies on two capias pro fine warrants.

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# AFTERNOONRUSH Mother charged after boy, 3, dies in hot van

## DPS: Driver in crash not drunk

CANTON (AP) - The Texas Department of Public Safety says no alcohol was found in the blood of the driver of a car that veered into a pair of motorcycles on an East Texas highway, killing four motorcyclists.

DPS Trooper Landon Corbett tells the Houston Chronicle that Jose Luis Pena of Rosharon had no alcohol in his system when the crash happened Sunday afternoon on two-lane Texas 19 near Canton, about 60 miles east of Dallas.

Nevertheless, the 30-year-old Houston-area man remained in the Van Zandt County Jail in Canton late Tuesday, charged with four counts of criminally negligent homicide. Bonds totaled \$2 million.

Pena, his girlfriend and her 3-year-old son were returning to Rosharon after visiting relatives in East Texas when the crash happened. Each motorcycle was carrying a Dallas-area couple.

## Georgia man killed in accident

AZLE (AP) - A Georgia man has been identified as the kayaker who died after a Fourth of July night collision with a motor boat on a North Texas lake.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office says 53-year-old Craig Landoli of Roswell, Ga., died in Monday night's accident. Landoli's body was recovered Tuesday afternoon from Eagle Mountain Lake.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department says a man in another kayak suffered a broken leg in the accident in which three kayakers were struck while floating near a dock. Lt. Jennifer Kemp says two of the kayakers did not have required lighting.

The driver of the motor boat stopped to help after the accident.

## Fort Hood suspect faces death

FORT HOOD (AP) - The Army psychiatrist charged in the deadly Fort Hood rampage will be tried in a military court and face the death penalty, the commanding general for the Texas military post announced Wednesday.

Maj. Nidal Hasan, 40, is charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder in the November 2009 shooting spree at the Texas Army post.

It was not immediately clear when Hasan will be arraigned in a Fort Hood courtroom and enter a plea.

Hasan's lead attorney, John Galligan, had urged the commanding general not to seek the death penalty, saying such cases were more costly, time-consuming and restrictive. In cases where death is not a punishment option, soldiers convicted of capital murder are automatically sentenced to life imprisonment without parole.

Two Army colonels who reviewed the case previously recommended that Hasan be court-martialed and face the death penalty.

Galligan has declined to say whether he is considering an insanity defense for his client.

Hasan was paralyzed from the waist down after being shot by police the day of the rampage. He remains in the Bell County Jail, which houses defendants for nearby Fort Hood.

## Leal's appeal heard Wednesday

HUNTSVILLE (AP) - A 21-year-old mechanic was arrested after being identified as the last person seen with a girl who turned up dead after a San Antonio street party.

Humberto Leal is set to die Thursday evening in Huntsville for the 1994 murder of 16-year-old Adria Saucedo. She was battered with chunk of asphalt, strangled and raped.

The 38-year-old inmate's appeals were before the U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday.

Leal came to the U.S. from Monterrey, Mexico, when he was 11 years old. His execution has become a diplomatic issue. Attorneys contend it wasn't until he got to Texas death row that he learned he could have been entitled to legal help from the Mexican consulate.

Even the White House has weighed in, urging the U.S. Supreme Court to block the punishment.

## Driver falls asleep in bus crash

SAN MARCOS (AP) - Police say a charter bus driver had fallen asleep when the vehicle hit a highway sign, swerved and overturned on Interstate 35 in Central Texas.

San Marcos police on Wednesday released their report on last Friday's accident that closed northbound I-35 between Austin and San Antonio for several hours.

Cmdr. Penny Dunn told The Associated Press that no charges have been filed and the investigation continues.

Police originally said all 21 people on the bus, operated by Dallas-based Mares Bus Lines Inc., had non-life threatening injuries. The investigative report says the driver, Jesus Basio-Ramirez of Dallas, and 17 passengers were hurt, while three other passengers weren't injured.

The bus was bound from Laredo to Dallas.

No one answered several calls Wednesday by AP to a number listed for the company.

## Ex-inspector gets 17 years

BROWNSVILLE (AP) - A former U.S. Customs and Border Protection inspector who accepted bribes to smuggle humans and drugs has been sentenced to 17 years in federal prison.

Prosecutors in Brownsville on Wednesday announced the sentence for Luis Enrique Ramirez of Brownsville. Ramirez oversaw an inspection lane for vehicles.

Ramirez in March pleaded guilty to conspiring to transport illegal immigrants, bringing certain immigrants into the U.S. for financial gain, accepting bribes and possession with intent to distribute cocaine.

Investigators say the time frame was August 2005 through early 2009.

Ramirez has been in custody since his October arrest.

CAMERON PARK (AP) - A South Texas mother was charged with manslaughter Wednesday in the death of her 3-year-old son, who wandered off

## Marvel takes its game to Dallas

DALLAS (AP) - The Dallas Cowboys are getting some super-powered support.

Marvel Comics' heroes are throwing in with the Cowboys as the publisher's parent, Marvel Entertainment LLC, expands its efforts to bring the characters into the world of professional sports.

Debuting Wednesday, the five-time Super Bowl champion Cowboys will offer apparel from T-shirts to caps that feature Spider-Man and Captain America, among others.

Jerry Jones Jr., the Cowboys' chief sales and marketing officer, said the pairing of characters from Marvel with the team was a way to blend a well-known team with members of a famed super team, the Avengers, whose own members include Iron Man and Thor.

"We are constantly looking for new and innovative ways to energize our fans, and what better way than to combine our brand with some of the all-time great Super Heroes that everyone has grown up with," he said in a statement.

The move is part of Marvel's growing effort to expand its characters' appeal in new markets and to fans outside comics, too. Earlier this year, it started offering NBA-themed apparel in conjunction of the Los Angeles Lakers, New York Knicks and Boston Celtics.

"We continue to expand our consumer products into new distribution channels through this exciting partnership with the NFL's most popular franchise," said Paul Gitter, president of Consumer Products for North America at Marvel Entertainment.

## Heat-warped San Antonio span closing for repairs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - A more than century-old San Antonio bridge will close this month so heat-warped planks can be replaced.

The Hays Street Bridge reopened a year ago as a pedestrian and bicycle span. City officials say the bridge will be closed for three weeks, starting Monday, to fix sections of the wooden deck.

The San Antonio Express-News reported Wednesday that the repairs will cost \$59,000.

Spokesman Roland Martinez, with the city's capital improvements department, says workers will replace individual planks that have warped in the excessive heat. Supports will also be installed.

The wrought-iron bridge was closed to vehicles in 1982 amid safety concerns. Martinez says weather conditions were considered when the bridge, dating to the 1880s, was refurbished.

The span should reopen Aug. 1.

and became trapped in the family's broken-down van on a day when temperatures topped 90 degrees.

Elena Isabel Rodriguez, 33, was doing housework Tuesday and thought that all seven children in the house were watching television, said Cameron County Sheriff Omar Lucio. But 3-year-old Francisco Estrada had wandered away and climbed into the van. An older sister found him there more than 1 1/2 hours later, Lucio said.

A justice of the peace pronounced the boy dead at the scene in Cameron Park, just north of Brownsville, on Tuesday afternoon.

Lucio said Rodriguez had been negligent for losing track of the boy for such a long period. The National Weather Service says temperatures topped 90 degrees Tuesday in the Brownsville area.

Rodriguez was arrested Tuesday evening and arraigned Wednesday morning. The manslaughter

charge is a second-degree felony that carries a sentence of two to 20 years in prison. She was being held in the county jail on \$40,000 bond. An official at the jail said it was unknown whether Rodriguez had retained an attorney.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement had flagged her at the jail, meaning that even if she came up with bail, she could not be released until her immigration status is confirmed.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Thursday, July 7, the 188th day of 2011. There are 177 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On July 7, 1981, President Ronald Reagan announced he was nominating Arizona Judge Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

### On this date:

In 1846, U.S. annexation of California was proclaimed at Monterey after the surrender of a Mexican garrison.

In 1865, four people were hanged in Washington, D.C., for conspiring with John Wilkes Booth to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln.

In 1898, the United States annexed Hawaii.

In 1911, composer Gian Carlo Menotti was born in Cadegliano, Italy.

In 1919, the first Transcontinental Motor Convoy, in which a U.S. Army convoy of motorized vehicles crossed the United States, departed Washington, D.C. (The trip ended in San Francisco on Sept. 6, 1919.)

In 1930, construction began on Boulder Dam (later Hoover Dam).

In 1941, U.S. forces took up positions in Iceland, Trinidad and British Guiana to forestall any Nazi invasion, even though the United States had not yet entered the Second World War.

In 1969, Canada's House of Commons gave final approval to the Official Languages Act, making French equal to English throughout the national government.

In 1983, 11-year-old Samantha Smith of Manchester, Maine, left for a visit to the Soviet Union at the personal invitation of Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov.

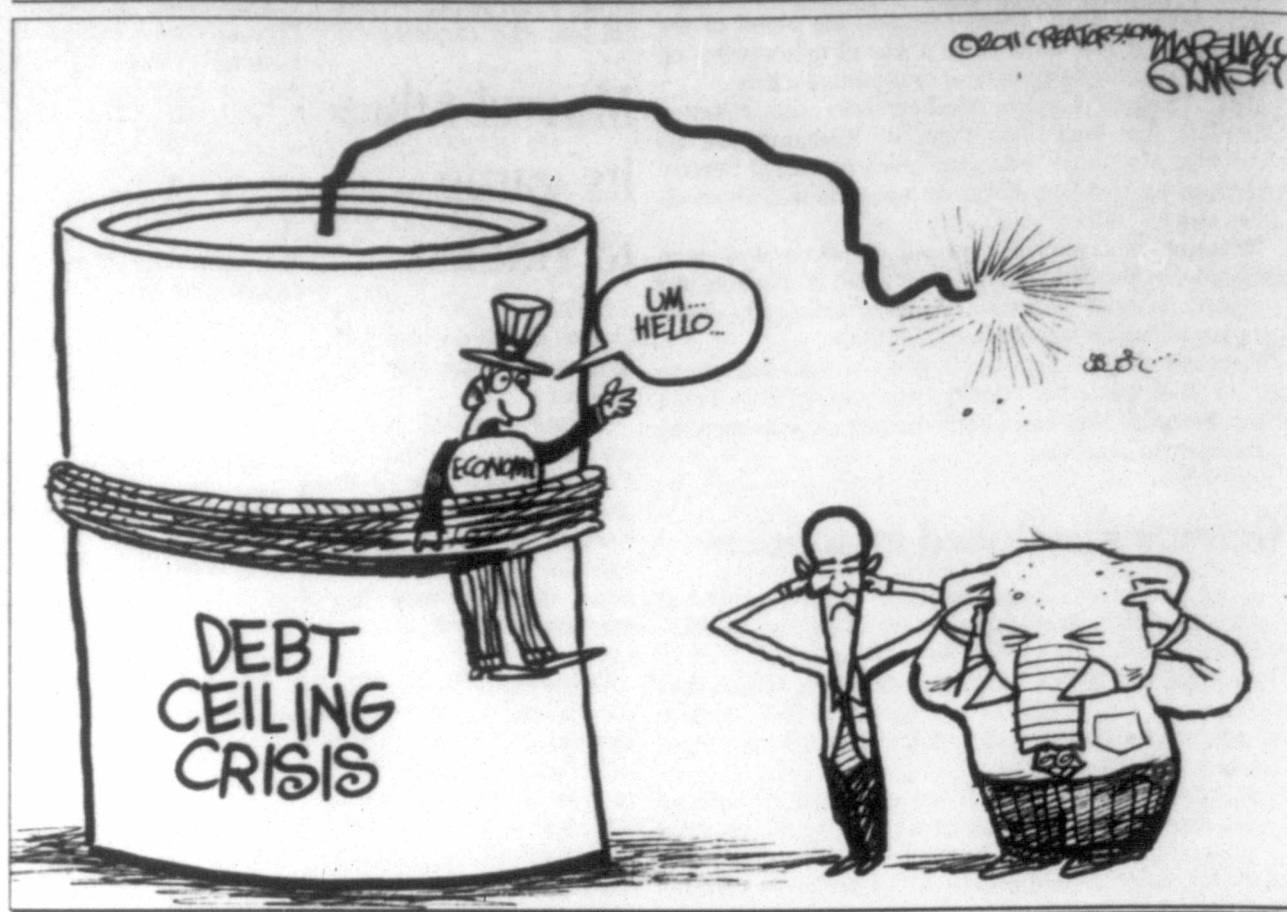
**Ten years ago:** Racial violence between white and south Asian youths erupted in Bradford, England.

**Five years ago:** Japan introduced a draft U.N. Security Council resolution to sanction North Korea for test-launching a series of missiles. (The Council unanimously adopted a compromise resolution on July 15.)

**One year ago:** President Barack Obama bypassed the Senate and appointed Dr. Donald Berwick to run Medicare and Medicaid.

**Today's Birthdays:** Musician-conductor Doc Severinsen is 84. Pulitzer Prize-winning author David McCullough is 78. Rock star Ringo Starr is 71. Singer-musician Warren Entner (The Grass Roots) is 68. Rock musician Jim Rodford is 66. Actor Joe Spano is 65. Pop singer David Hodo (The Village People) is 64. Country singer Linda Williams is 64. Actress Shelley Duvall is 62. Actress Roz Ryan is 60. Actor Billy Campbell is 52. Rock musician Mark White (Spin Doctors) is 49. Singer-songwriter Vonda Shepard is 48. Actor-comedian Jim Gaffigan is 45. Actress Amy Carlson is 43. Actress Jorja Fox is 43. Actress Cree Summer is 42. Actress Kirsten Vangsness is 39. Actor Troy Garity is 38. Actor Hamish Linklater is 35. Actor Ross Malinger is 27.

**Thought for Today:** "Memory depends very much on the perspicuity, regularity, and order of our thoughts. Many complain of the want of memory, when the defect is in their judgment; and others, by grasping at all, retain nothing." - Margaret Fuller, *American critic and social reformer (1810-1850)*



## A dispiriting time for representative democracy

If you believe in representative democracy, as I do, this has been a dispiriting time. At a crucial moment for our nation's economy, many Americans look at Congress and see posturing, not a serious effort to create jobs or to get our fiscal house in order. They've responded with terrible approval ratings; the latest, from NBC and The Wall Street Journal, showed some three-quarters of Americans disapproving of the job Congress is doing.

These dismal numbers have become so commonplace that most people in Washington react with a shrug. But our form of representative democracy places Congress at its center, as the voice of the American people and the guardian of the democratic process; when it is met with such dissatisfaction, the response should not be indifference, but a determination to improve its standing. We may have the best form of government we know, but we must always strive to make it better.

The basic features of our system have served this nation admirably over more than two centuries, but they can be abused. Democracy stokes passions, naturally creating robust debate and sharp-elbowed political competition. But it also leads to excesses we should address.

For instance, our system is driven by a healthy competition between the parties. But members of Congress are too willing to focus on scoring political points, at the expense of searching for a remedy for our challenges. You see this in their slim legislative record at a time of enormous challenge, and

in the countless positions in the administration that have gone unfilled; the opposition has blocked nominees and simply declared that at least for some positions it will not support anyone President Obama nominates.

Similarly, both the Founders and earlier generations of Congress developed procedures to ensure that runaway majorities could not trample on the rights and wishes of the minority. But it has become terribly easy, especially in the Senate, for a handful of legislators — or even just one recalcitrant lawmaker — to gum up the works on behalf of some pet cause.

Congress has taken up plenty of space on the news pages so far this year, but it can point to very little of significance that it has actually accomplished. Both sides in Congress seem all too ready to take endless votes on bills that have no chance of being enacted, but have been placed on the calendar for the sole purpose of requiring the opposition party to cast a difficult vote. This sort of game-playing is hardly new, but it comes at a cost: legislators have limited time and energy, and when both are taken up with trivialities and political shenanigans, it means that important work does not get done.

To his credit, the Speaker of the House has tried to limit inconsequential legislation — resolutions honoring this or that constituent — but politically tinged maneuvering still goes on. A common complaint in the congressional cloakrooms is

to ask in frustration, "Why are we working on this trivial matter when we're surrounded by so many serious challenges?"

In a representative democracy, of course, part of the point is for legislators to represent particular interests, especially the needs of their constituents. That is how the great diversity of this nation is given voice on Capitol Hill. But

this can go too far. Too many members have adopted habits that might help their re-election chances, but do little to solve problems.

They pander to powerful people or groups; take their marching orders from the poll of the day, not their own intellectual compass; listen to their biggest contributors, not to the broad cross-section of their districts; and engage too often in short-term thinking, looking to the instant gratification of the next election or even the next poll, rather than the country's needs a decade out.

All these excesses of democracy contribute to Americans' lack of faith in Congress and undermine our system of representative government. The ideal for members is to conduct themselves as politicians and legislators so as to reflect credit on the institution they serve, and earn the respect — if not always the approval — of their countrymen. The record at the moment suggests they are falling short.

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## Lovett Memorial Library new and notes...

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Library Staff

John Mead, genealogist and local historian employed by Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa, recently donated a number of works he wrote on Pampa and Gray County history to Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. Copies of these compilations may be viewed at Lovett Memorial by the public but are not permitted outside the library. For research and genealogy questions, contact Mead at 669-5780 or via e-mail at jmead@cityofpampa.org.

Story Time is now offered at Lovett Memorial Library four days per week — Monday through Thursday — from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Heretofore only offered once per week, the expanded hours will include reading, but no programs or crafts. The event may be suspended during major holidays and other

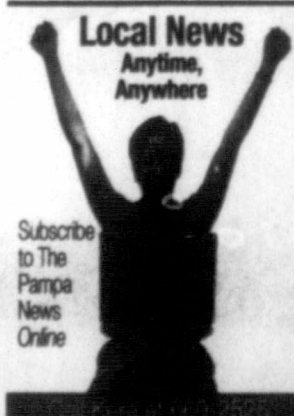
special breaks or library events. For more information, contact Lovett Memorial at 669-5780 or e-mail mrollins@cityofpampa.org.

New to the library, staffer Pamela Reed directs computer programs as well as manages Web content and other computer issues for Lovett Memorial. Reed is eager to assist and educate patrons concerning online resources offered through Harrington Library Consortium. Registration slips for computer classes — open to all ages — are on hand at the library where instruction for beginners is both pending and ongoing. Areas of study include mouse skills, keyboarding, basic Internet, basic Microsoft Word, basic Microsoft Excel and basic Microsoft PowerPoint. Reed majored in library science and holds a masters degree from the University of North Texas at Denton. All questions concerning upcoming classes may be directed to her by calling

the library at 669-5780 or e-mailing [preed@cityofpampa.org](mailto:preed@cityofpampa.org).

On alternating Mondays, Tonie Bolin, adult services coordinator for Lovett Memorial, conducts at-home delivery services for library patrons who qualify. This service allows patrons with physical disabilities or illnesses access to library materials. To find out more, contact Bolin at 669-5780 or e-mail [tbolin@cityofpampa.org](mailto:tbolin@cityofpampa.org).

Lovett Memorial's monthly Tea & Talk book club continues to meet this summer. The book club typically meets at 11:30 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month though meeting times may vary due to holidays or major library events. The title for the July meeting is "A Dog's Purpose" by W. Bruce Cameron. The adult book club welcomes both men and women. For more details, contact Bolin at 669-5780 or e-mail [tbolin@cityofpampa.org](mailto:tbolin@cityofpampa.org).



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## Vacation Bible Schools

been planning the event since March. The theme is "Dirty Jobs: Getting Messy with the Message." First United Methodist children minister Jami Joyce said the activities draw children.

"They enjoy the games and stories," Joyce said. "We are going to make a big whale out of a plastic tarp and give the kids the feel of what it would be like to be stuck in a whale."

Joyce said it takes a number of volunteers and hours to put on a VBS.

"We have to put together and build sets," Joyce said. "Getting it organized takes lots of people."

Joyce said they are doing a mission project in their VBS, called Kid to Kid.

"We are decorating backpacks and book-marks to send to kids

in Latin America," Joyce said. "We will take an offering during bible

school. For every \$2 we raise, we will send a backpack with a book-

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mark and a Spanish Bible to Latin America."

### Bible School Schedules

The following Gray County churches have announced Vacation Bible Schools on these dates:

- Highland Baptist Church:** June 6-10
- Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ:** June 11
- Cornerstone Baptist Church:** June 27-July 1
- First Baptist Church:** July 11-15, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Calvary Baptist Church:** July 18-22, 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.
- Pampa First United Methodist Church:** July 18-22, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- First Presbyterian Church:** July 29-31
- First Baptist Church, Lefors:** August 7-9
- First Christian Church:** August 17-19, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Zion Lutheran Church:** TBA

# Red Devil tool is on the cutting edge

ANNE MCCOLLAM

**Q:** I found the pictured item in my 100-year-old aunt's belongings when she passed away. I have no idea what it is. I have asked several people, but no one knows. Made of metal, it is 5 inches long, red and has a small wheel on one end. The words "Red Devil" are embossed next to the teeth.

I hope you will be able to tell me what this item was used for. I would also like to know if it has any value.

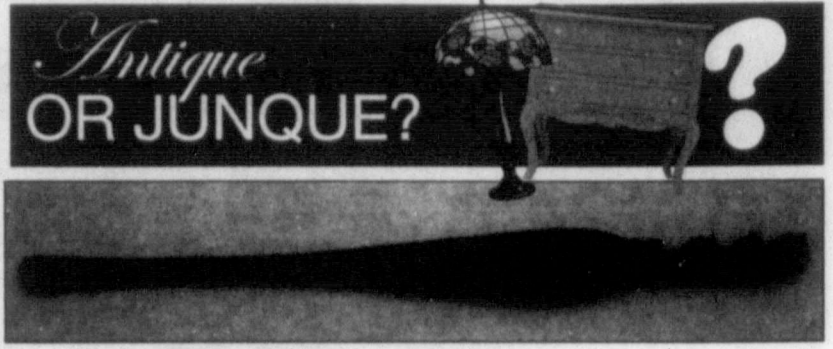
**A:** Your Red Devil is a glass cutting tool. In 1872, Landon Smith and John Francis Hemenway founded Red Devil Tools in New Hampshire. After hearing a blacksmith refer to a fire's flames as "Red Devils," Smith liked the phrase so well that he used it as the name for his tool company. Today, it is a family business located in the Oklahoma cities of Pryor and Tulsa.

Vintage tools are collectible. Your glass cutter was made in the early 1900s and would probably be worth \$20 to \$25.

**Q:** I recently purchased this small bowl at a resale shop for \$1. I have sent a copy of the mark on the back of the bowl. The bowl is about 6 inches in diameter and decorated with branches of cherries and green leaves. Still in perfect condition, it is also decorated with gold.

What can you tell me about its history and value?

**A:** Beyer and Bock Porcelain Factory made your bowl. They were located in Thuringia,



Vintage Red Devil tools are collectible.

the pattern, but my mother always said it was "Bittersweet."



**Beyer and Bock Porcelain Factory** was in business from 1853 to 1960.

Germany, from 1853 to 1960. Similar bowls can be seen selling on eBay around \$15.

**Q:** My mother had some "Jewel Tea" dishes that I now have. Could you please give me any information on these dishes? The dishes are not marked with the name of

**A:** Not everyone remembers the Jewel Tea Co. They sold staples and household items to homemakers. The Jewel Tea man drove a truck and stopped at homes weekly. Homemakers would purchase items and then order products that would be delivered the next week. Dishes made by Hall China Co. were offered as premiums. The design is evocative of the flowers of the bittersweet bush; nonetheless, the name of the pattern is actually Autumn Leaf. It was introduced in 1933, and there was a plethora of dishes and accessories in production until the 1970s.

Autumn Leaf dishes are very collectible, and prices can run the gamut from a few dollars to several hundred.

*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.*

## Southwest pilot reacted quickly to hole in roof

DALLAS (AP) — A Southwest Airlines pilot didn't wait around for approval from air traffic controllers before beginning an emergency dive after a hole ripped open in the plane's roof.

"We've lost the cabin," the pilot told controllers after the April 1 emergency. "We're starting down."

The pilot asked the controllers for permission to drop to 10,000 feet after the hole caused rapid decompression in the passenger cabin of the Boeing 737 as it cruised high over Arizona.

One of the controllers on the dramatic audio recordings released Wednesday by the Federal Aviation Administration can be heard relaying the pilot's request to descend to another controller.

When the second controller hesitated, the first replied, "He's doing it anyway."

The pilot guided the plane to a safe landing at a military base in Yuma, Ariz. There were no major injuries.

The air traffic control recordings provide a new look at the tense early minutes after the roof ripped open on the Southwest jet shortly after takeoff from Phoenix.

The pilot quickly declared an emergency and put his jetliner in a descent when its fuselage ruptured at more than 34,000 feet. Controllers scrambled to make sure there were no other planes in the Southwest jet's path as the pilot made the harrowing, four-minute descent.

The pilot began turning back toward Phoenix. Then a controller noted

that the plane was 50 miles from Yuma.

"We'll take Yuma," the pilot responded quickly.

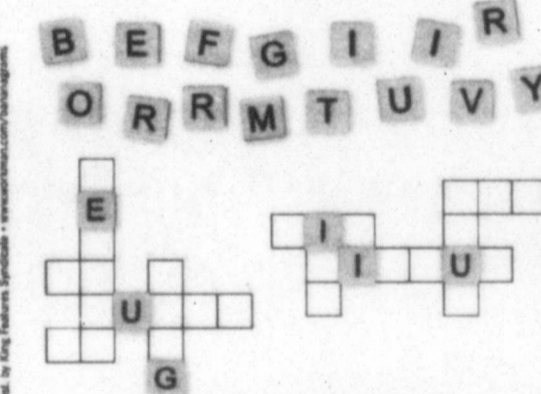
"OK, change of plans," another controller said. "Southwest (Flight) 812's going to Yuma now; he couldn't make Phoenix."



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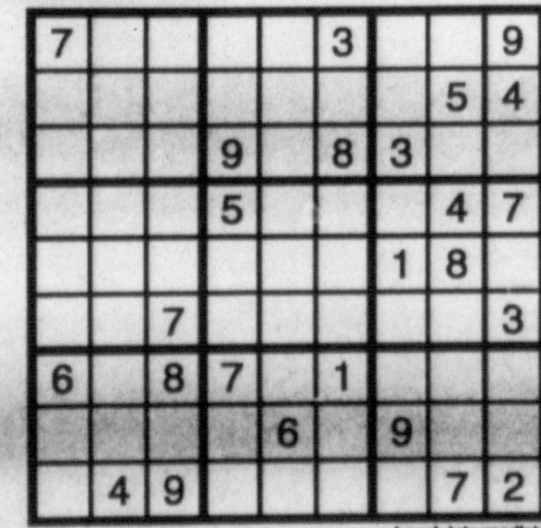
## BANANAGRAMS!

Use the 15 tiles in this bunch to create words that fit into the grids below. To get you started, a few tiles from the bunch have been placed. Reuse the 15 tiles in the bunch for each grid.



Yesterday's Answer: ICEBOX, DEVOUR, FLORID, EFFigy, INDIGO, FELINE

## Sudoku



Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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# comics PAGE

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bill Keane



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Nest Heads



## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, July 7, 2011:

This year, you will enjoy yourself the most close to home. You have always valued your home, and even more so this year. You will entertain more. In some way, your family could become more demanding. You also will need to meet their demands. If you are single, you might meet someone and quickly move into the live-in phase. Take your time. This person might not look as good in a year. If you are attached, the two of you might redecorate your home or decide to do some other work on it. You will spend more time at home as a couple. **LIBRA** can be an anchor or an albatross.

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)

★★★★ Count on others being touchy and wanting their way. You can afford to give it to them, as basically you have no other choice. Those who have power, and maybe some who don't, seem to be into control games. Remember, the only way to win a game of control is not to play. Tonight: Consider weekend plans.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

★★★ A slow pace could be a lot easier on you but might not please a boss or higher-up. Listen to grumbings, but look beyond the obvious. What is this person really saying? Unexpected developments encourage a change. Tonight: Take care of yourself first right now.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Allow your creativity to color your interactions; however, hold the playfulness until later. If you encounter someone overly serious at the workplace, do understand your limits. Tonight: Be joyous to walk away from work.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Stay close to home if possible. Even while out, you discover your mind floats back to those you cherish, a possible domestic issue and/or a property investment. Remember, Rome wasn't built in a day, nor do you have to instantaneously resolve a personal matter. Tonight: Put your feet up. Order in.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Don't close down, even if you wish to. Someone could be very hard on you. You can and will get past this per-

son's mood. Simply don't internalize what is happening. Tension will build between you and another person otherwise. Tonight: Work with an insight.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Be aware of what you are asking. Your creativity comes into play if you can stay grounded and not get locked into ideas and rigid concepts. You could be surprised by a sudden insight. Tonight: Go for what you want.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You beam in what you want. Understand what someone is really saying by observing his or her actions. Be smart and confirm what is on your mind. A partner might push to have his or her way. You are likely to go along, but be careful not to hold a grudge. Tonight: Put yourself first.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Know when to pull out and choose to do something else. You might not like what is coming down. On the other hand, you cannot come up with a better idea. A partner could push you hard to have his or her way. Tonight: Still play it low-key.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Knowing what you want could make all the difference in the outcome. If you innately disagree, you are more likely to have a flub-up. A meeting helps clarify your intentions, as well as others'. Tonight: Where your friends are.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Take a stand, as you know what you want. Others might disagree. Tempers could mount on the home front. An insight concerning a personal matter gives you an opportunity for a new perspective. Work with it. Tonight: In the limelight.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Keep talks moving, understanding opinions change and people grow. The unexpected plays out with a conversation. You need to reach out for others, even if they haven't appeared to be responsive. Tonight: Hop on the Internet and do needed research.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Work with others, though you do best on a one-on-one level. You could be tired and dragging, more than you realize. Ask for another person to pitch in and make whatever you are doing a little easier. Tonight: Arrange for dinner and a must-have conversation.

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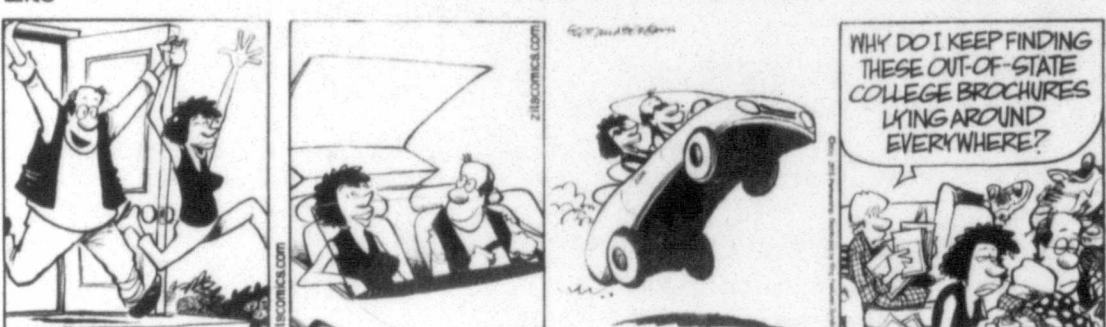
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# Sports

## PHS football players, coaches relate to NFL Lockout

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Since April 29, NFL players haven't been allowed to be in contact with their coaches or use their workout facilities until a new collective bargaining agreement is reached.

Though, the Harvesters aren't in danger of not starting two-a-days on the first of August, Pampa High school football players said they could relate to the situation and would have strong feelings if faced with something similar.

Coach Tad Smith said that all lockouts are the same.

"It's all about the money," Smith said.

Smith said it would be horrible if at this time of year, if they were unsure about playing.

"All those plans you made all year long would have to change on the run," Smith said. "You have a certain amount of days to execute those plans. If those days aren't there it would be tough. We would all be in the same boat."

Some of the players and coaches didn't take sides. Senior Miguel Pacheco said he sided with the players.

"They should just let them play," Pacheco said.

The senior defensive back said if a similar situation happened for Pampa football he wouldn't worry too much.

"We would just have to deal with it,"

Pacheco said. "We would have to practice hard and can't look in to it and just hope for the best."

Senior kicker Colten Adams said if they were faced with that issue, accountability could be a problem.

"Everyone would have to do their own workouts," Adams said. "The situation would be out of our hands. We couldn't have any slackers."

Junior Ryan Smith said it would be extremely hard if they couldn't have access to their facility or coaches.

"Players could have their own practices but it wouldn't be the same without the coaches there," Smith said. "We wouldn't know the defense or offense our coaches wanted to run."

Senior Daniel Hulse said it would be a lot harder to communicate.

"You wouldn't know what was going on," Hulse said.

Adams said he would be heartbroken if he there was a possibility of Pampa's season not happening.

"It would be sad if we went through all that work and couldn't play," Adams said.

Ryan said he would be depressed if there was a chance the season wouldn't happen.

Hulse said he would feel bad if there was a chance of not playing.

"I enjoy playing," Hulse said. "I would do anything to make sure we would play."



Adams



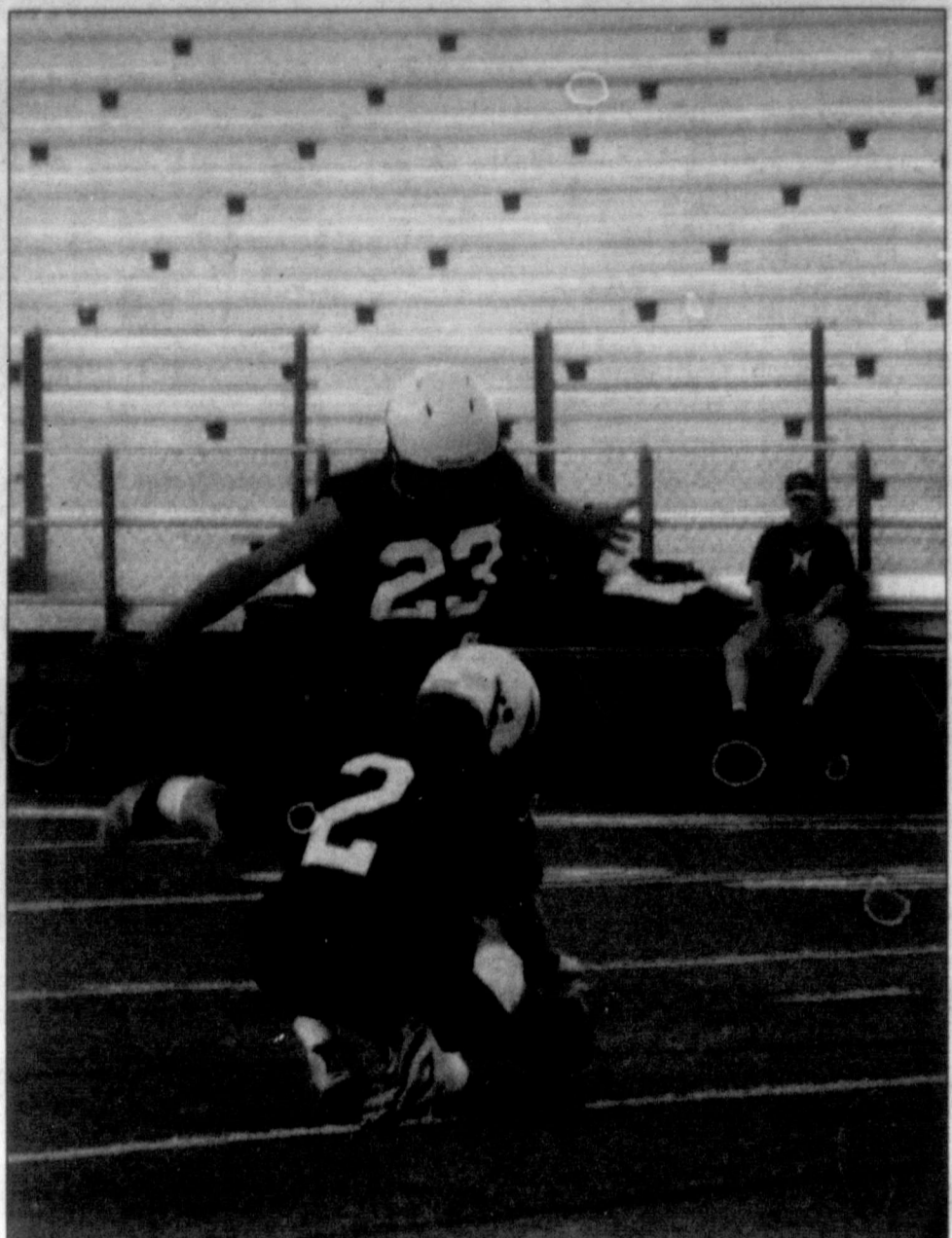
Smith



Pacheco



Hulse



Colten Adams kicks a field goal during two-a-days in August 2010. Adams said it would break his heart if they weren't taking the field this season.

staff photo by Andrew Glover

### NBA LOCKOUT

## Players' Union: 'Adequate basis' to question NBA financials

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA players' association maintains that there is an "adequate basis" for doubting the NBA's losses, citing the inaccurate financial projections the league made in 2009-10.

The union's assertion Wednesday came a day after a report questioned whether the league indeed lost money two seasons ago.

Though the NBA says it lost \$340 million in 2009-10, a New York Times blog post Tuesday titled "Calling Foul on NBA's Claims of Financial Distress" called the league "fundamentally a healthy and profitable business" with an estimated operating income of \$183 million that season.

Union spokesman Dan Wasserman said the NBA projected a decline in revenues that season but they actually rose, so the final losses should have been much less than the league said.

"In 2009-10, the NBA

repeatedly offered projections that league revenues would decline as much as 5 percent, or \$180 million, while also projecting losses of \$370 million. Revenues were actually up in '09-10 and the revenue projections were off by as much as \$200 million. Yet, the loss figures were only adjusted by \$30 million. So yes, we feel there is more than adequate basis for questioning their projections and financials," Wasserman said.

Because of the projected losses, the league forecast a steep drop in the salary cap for the 2010-11 season, saying it could fall as low as \$50.4 million. Instead, it was set at \$58 million after the higher-than-expected revenues.

The Times story was based on estimates prepared by Forbes and Financial World magazines. NBA spokesman Mike Bass said Tuesday the information was inaccurate, saying Forbes "does not have the financial data for our

teams and the magazine's estimates do not reflect reality."

"Precisely to avoid this issue, the NBA and its teams shared their complete league and team audited financials as well as our state and federal tax returns with the players union," Bass said. "Those financials demonstrate the substantial and indisputable losses the league has incurred over the past several years."

The league projected losses of \$300 million last season after losses of several hundred million dollars in each season of the CBA, which was ratified in 2005. Owners locked out the players last week after they could not agree on a new deal.

The union has frequently questioned the league's financials, acknowledging losses but not anywhere near what the NBA has stated. The players offered to give up \$100 million in salary costs annually in a

recent proposal for a new five-year deal, believing that was more in line with the true losses.

The story was also skeptical, saying perhaps about \$250 million of the purported losses results "from an unusual accounting treatment related to depreciation and amortization when a team is sold." The NBA responded that it uses the conventional and generally accepted accounting (GAAP) approach and does not include purchase price amortization from when a team is sold, with Bass saying "put simply, none of the league losses are related to team purchase or sale accounting."

The league followed up with another response Wednesday, arguing that "the notion that \$250 million of losses is due to 'accounting procedures' is patently false and so vague an assertion as to be meaningless as a matter of financial analysis."

Because the NBA had

such a successful 2010-11 season, with growth in TV ratings, and merchandise and ticket sales, the league has struggled to convince fans it needs the massive financial changes owners are seeking from the players.

But Bass said the league never had a positive net or operating income in the last CBA, and that 11 teams had net losses of more than \$20 million in the 2009-10 season. He added 23 of the 30 teams lost money that season. Forbes estimated

there were 17.

"We do not know how they do their calculations," Bass said.

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