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**Two-vehicle wreck takes life of Pampa man**

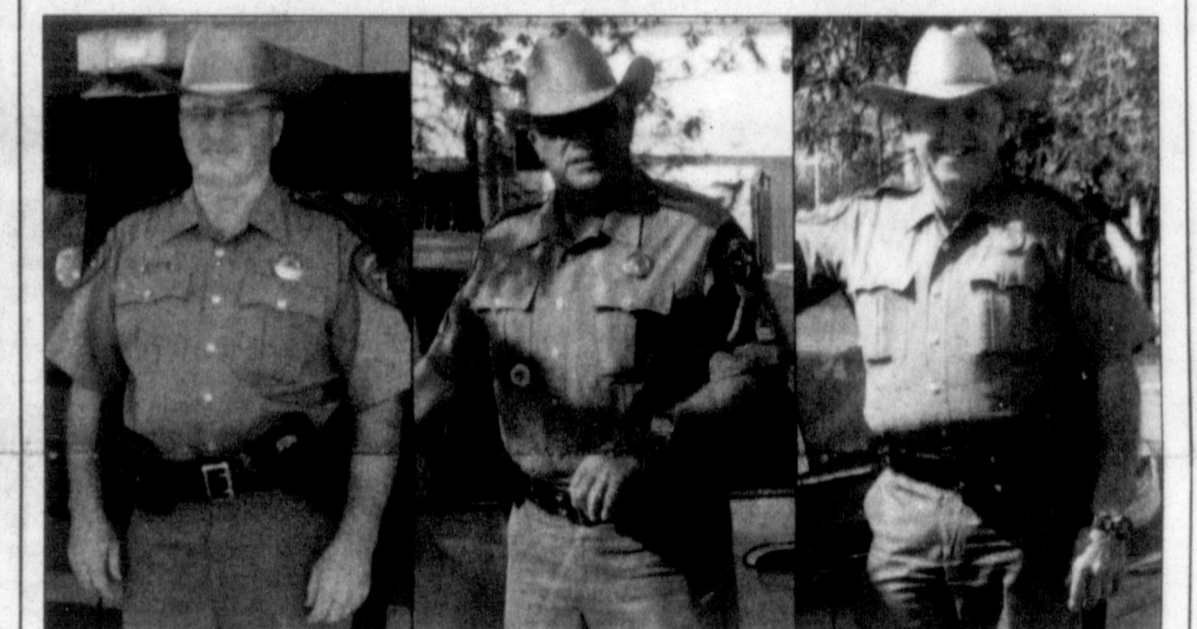
**MOLLIE BRYANT**  
 mbryant@thepampanews.com  
 A two-vehicle wreck on Thursday morning claimed the life of a Pampa resident.  
 At 9 a.m., Anthony Beebe, 25, was driving a 2004 Chevy pickup while traveling westbound on State Highway 152.  
 Beebe's vehicle drifted into the eastbound lane, resulting in

a collision with an oncoming semi-truck.  
 Beebe was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital, where he died at 1 p.m. (Beebe's obituary appears on page 2 of today's *The Pampa News*.)  
 Beebe had been wearing his seatbelt, but he told DPS officers that he had been texting prior to the accident.  
 Daniel Hawthorne, Public

Information Officer with DPS, Amarillo District, said that according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 85 percent of all accidents are contributed to by some form of distracted driving.  
 "This could include texting, talking to passengers, or eating while driving," he said.  
 "In the past, we always con-

centrated on DWI's and speeding, but with advances in technology, we have so many distractions in the car."  
 Texting is not the only risky behavior when it comes to cell-phones. "It's been proven that talking on a phone is still a distraction, because your mind is on the conversation, not the road," said Hawthorne. "It slows your reaction time."

**INTO THE SUNSET**



staff photo by Mollie Bryant  
**Texas Troopers Ronald Shank (from left), Lynn Holland Jr. and Donald Johnson** have announced their intent to retire from service at the end of August.

**Three Pampa State Troopers to retire**

**MOLLIE BRYANT**  
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 After serving the Panhandle region for decades, three State Troopers in Pampa — Sgt. Lynn Holland Jr., Senior Troopers Donald Johnson and Ronald Shank — will retire from service at the end of August this year.

Originally from Panhandle, Sgt. Holland has worked for the Texas Highway Patrol for 27 years, with an emphasis on public service. "I just wanted to be in law enforcement to serve the people of Texas," he said.  
 After spending the first two years of his career on assignment in Canadian, Holland transferred to Pampa in 1986,

where he remained until 1994. He was stationed in Shamrock for the next nine years, but after receiving a promotion to Sergeant, he moved to Pierce, where he served until 2005. At this time, he returned to Pampa, where he has been stationed ever since.  
 "It's been a good ride, but it's  
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**PEDC board hears from Clarendon**

**MOLLIE BRYANT**  
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The Board of Directors of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation heard two presentations from Clarendon College at their Thursday meeting.  
 Clarendon's Christy Brooks and Gene Jenkins spoke about developments within the EMT program at the school.  
 "EMS, even though it's relatively young, is a constantly developing field," said Jenkins, lead instructor of the program. "It's come further in 60 years than nursing has in 150 years."

The program uses a variety of training technologies that were funded by the PEDC, including the SimMan, a dummy that simulates a patient and resides in a room that resembles the back of an ambulance.  
 "Students can check if he has a pulse, if he's breathing, if he's sweating, and if tears are coming out of his eyes," Jenkins said. "They can listen to his lung sounds just like a normal human being. They can listen to his heart tones and gastric sounds. It's the coolest piece of teaching equipment I've seen in my life."  
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**NRCS announces available funding**

**THE PAMPA NEWS**  
 The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced available funding through the 2011 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP), and the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP).  
 Each program offers financial and technical assistance for eligible participants to install or implement structural and management practices on eligible agricultural land. Persons who are engaged in livestock or agricultural production are eligible to participate in the programs.  
 Common EQIP practices include livestock water development (wells, pipelines, pumps, tubs), fencing, and brush management. EQIP also offers assistance through the Lesser Prairie Chicken Initiative (LPCI). LPCI is a local and regional working partnership through NRCS EQIP focusing on assisting producers in conservation plan development to help maintain, establish, improve  
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**PHONE BOOK RECYCLING YELLOW TO GREEN**



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### PAMPA FORECAST

| Today   | Sunday  | Monday  |
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| High 101<br>Low 72  | High 96<br>Low 70   | High 97<br>Low 74   |

**Today:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 101. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Sunday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 96. West southwest wind around 10 mph becoming southeast.

**Sunday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. Breezy, with a southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming north northeast.

**Monday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97. Breezy, with a north northwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south.

**Monday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 74. Breezy, with a south southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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## Obituaries

### Kint Philpott, 98

Kint Philpott, 98, died July 20, 2011, in Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 26, 2011, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Dr. Lewis Holland, Methodist minister, and Rev. Mindy McLanahan, pastor of the United Methodist Church of Miami, officiating.

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

Mr. Philpott was born November 25, 1912, in Miami, to John and Nora Philpott. He graduated from Miami High School in 1930. Kint married Helen Walker on April 4, 1931, in Erick, Okla. This year, they celebrated their 80th wedding anniversary. He was a farmer in the Miami and Pampa areas and was a partner in Philpott Farm Equipment and Philpott Elevators in Miami. Kint was a member of the United Methodist Church of Miami and had been a resident of Pampa since 1981. He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant daughter, Virginia Ann Philpott; his siblings, Ruth Donaldson, Jim Philpott, Flora Corbin and George Philpott; a daughter-in-law, Barbara Philpott; a granddaughter, Lynn Wright, and a great-grandson, Jason Wright.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Philpott of the home; two sons, Don Philpott of Miami and Marvin Philpott and wife Shirley of Delaware, Ohio; grandchildren, Janice Monds and husband Benny and Ann Pigdon and husband Bryan, all of Pampa, Sharon Wright and companion Monty Smith of Miami, John Philpott and companion Kim Cober of San Angelo, and Shanna Heilveil and husband Ben of Baltimore, Md.; great-grandchildren, Kevin Monds, Joel Monds and wife Brittany, Scott Monds and wife Hayle, Cliff Bryant and wife Teresa, Nick Bryant and wife Katja, Angela Wright, Erin Heilveil, Noah Heilveil and Megan Heilveil; and fourteen great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity. Sign the on-line register at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).



Philpott

married O.L. Williams on July 21, 1975, in Clevis, N.M. He preceded her in death on March 15, 2009. She was a member of the Open Door Church of God in Christ. She was truly a woman of God. She enjoyed reading and making jewelry. Zonia loved her family and friends, but she especially loved her Lord.

Survivors include two daughters, Delana "Penny" Sanchez of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Sunni Wallace and husband Stanley "Dwayne" Wallace of Pampa; one son, Desmond Parnell Jackson of Pampa; 11 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; eight step-children; a sister, Julia Faye Wilson of Fort Worth; a brother, Eugene Lynn of Abilene; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Roy Henry Lynn, Jr.

Memorials may be made to Open Door Church of God in Christ, 402 Oklahoma, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

### Tony Beebe, 25

Tony Beebe, 25, died July 21, 2011, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, July 25, 2011, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Cody Glasgow, a family friend, officiating.

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

Mr. Beebe was born February 10, 1986, in Cadillac, Mich. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1989, attending Pampa schools. He married Kaley Maddox. He worked for Lantern Drilling as a derrick hand for the past six months. He enjoyed playing the bass guitar.

Survivors include his wife, Kaley Beebe and their unborn child, both of the home; a daughter, Brooklyn Beebe of the home; mother and stepfather, Michele and Gary Dabbs of Pampa; grandparents, Jim and Sue Sinyard of Pampa, Linda Grinnell of Michigan, and Jerry Beebe of the Philippines; two brothers, Bear Raymo and Scott Bolgrin, both of Pampa; and a sister, Nikki Dabbs of Pampa.

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

### William Carlos Whinery, 81

William Carlos Whinery, 81, died July 21, 2011, in Pampa.

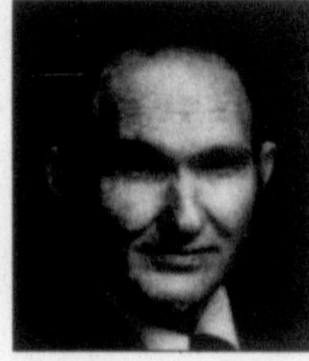
Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 25, 2011, at Fairview Cemetery, with Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Whinery was born September 9, 1929 on a farm at Moriarty, N.M. He attended school in Phoenix, Ariz., where he met his sweetheart, Patty Durall. They were married on October 30, 1949, in Florence, Ariz., and she preceded him in death on September 28, 2010. He worked as a roofer and was a member of the Roofers Local 135 Union in Phoenix, Ariz. He was very creative and artistic and was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed many hobbies including fishing with his children, but his favorite hobby was pampering his wife. He was a very hard working man and a wonderful provider. He had a very strong will to live.

Survivors include three daughters, Vicki Price and Patty Carlene Cournoyer, both of San Antonio, and Linda Sickler and husband David of Pampa; a son, William Guy Whinery of Norman, Okla.; 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, Bernard Lee Whinery and David Lewis Whinery.

Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Tx 79065.

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



Whinery

### Harold Charlie Wilson, 64

OKLAHOMA CITY—Harold Charlie Wilson, 64, passed away June 24, 2011, in Oklahoma City, after a long illness. He was born Feb. 3, 1947, in Pampa, to Billie Wilson of Mangum, Okla., and Ruby Lookadoo of Durant, Okla.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents, and his only son Jerry Don. Harold is survived by his wife of 42 years, Paulette Wilson of Oklahoma City; daughter, Shelley Wilson Howell and husband Edward of Edmond, Okla.; sister, Wanda and husband James Devers of Dallas; brother Darrell Wilson and wife Vada of McPherson, Kan.; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Harold was laid to rest at Little Elm Cemetery in Little Elm, next to his son.

Donations may be made to Integris Hospice House of Oklahoma City.

### Zonia L. Williams, 69

Zonia L. Williams, 69, died July 21, 2011, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Williams was born April 28, 1942, in Wellington to Roy Henry and Elizabeth Lynn. She graduated from Pampa High School and attended Draun's Business College in Amarillo. She had been a resident of Pampa for 34 years. Zonia



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# AFTERNOONRUSH Ed board compromises on evolution

## None hurt in bus fire

ITALY (AP) — The engine area of a charter bus on Interstate 35 in Texas has caught fire but the driver stopped the vehicle and everyone on board safely evacuated.

Ellis County sheriff's Capt. Chuck Laubach says the southbound vehicle pulled over late Friday morning near Italy. The area is about 30 miles south of Dallas. Laubach had no reports of anyone hurt.

He told The Associated Press that the bus fire sparked small grass fires along I-35, but firefighters quickly contained those blazes. Laubach says a second bus was dispatched for the passengers.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Tom Vinger had no immediate information on who operates the bus or the apparent mechanical trouble.

The National Weather Service says temperatures were near 90 degrees when the fire happened.

## Jailer snuck hacksaw in tacos

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Prosecutors say a Texas jail guard tried helping a convicted murderer and two others escape by smuggling them tacos stuffed with hacksaw blades.

Alfred Casas began testifying Friday at his criminal trial in San Antonio. The 31-year-old faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted on charges of helping three inmates hatch an escape plan from the Bexar County jail in 2009.

The jailbreak was foiled when a random cell search turned up the hacksaw blades. Sheets tied together to make a rope were also found.

The San Antonio Express-News reported that a girlfriend of one of the inmates testified about giving Casas the bag of tacos. Tiffany Contreras says Casas knew the tacos contained six broken hacksaw blades.

Casas told detectives he thought they were simply tacos.

## Opera cancels production

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Opera is canceling one of the productions scheduled for the upcoming season due to finances.

The opera announced Friday the cancellation "Katya Kabanova." Season ticket holders will get refunds. Single tickets haven't gone on sale.

The opera says by moving from a "less-than-optimal" space to the new Margot and Bill Winspear Opera House in 2009, their seating capacity dropped from more than 3,400 to 2,200. That combined with expenses associated with the new venue have resulted in higher production costs.

While before a popular opera could be done in four performances, it now takes up to six. That has meant an annual budget increase of about 33 percent.

Ticket sales and donations had been expected to cover the difference.

## Primoris gets highway deal

DALLAS (AP) — Primoris Services Corp. said Friday that a subsidiary won a \$123.6 million contract to widen a stretch of Interstate 35 in Texas.

The Texas Department of Transportation picked James Construction Group for the work in Waco, south of Dallas. The job is scheduled to start in January and be completed by July 2015.

Interstate 35 is a major route from Laredo on the U.S.-Mexico border through San Antonio, Austin, Dallas-Fort Worth and north into Oklahoma.

Last year, James won a \$107 million contract to rebuild a different 13.5-mile stretch of the highway. That work is scheduled for completion by 2014.

Primoris shares fell 12 cents to \$13.15 in midday trading.

## Three charged in patient death

BROWNFIELD (AP) — Two former West Texas nursing home workers have been accused of neglect in the death of a dementia patient found outside during freezing weather.

A third ex-employee at Tumbleweed Nursing Home in Brownfield is sought over the Feb. 3 death of 71-year-old Willie Byers, who died of hypothermia. Surveillance video captured Byers, on his own, leaving the facility.

A Terry County grand jury Monday indicted the former workers on charges of injury to the elderly. Maria Briones was released Tuesday, while Jon Kirksey was freed Thursday, both on \$10,000 bond. Jail records did not list attorneys for either.

Sheriff Larry Gilbreath says Edna Stowe remains at large.

An administrator at the nursing home, now known as Apex Secure Care, declined comment.

## Church fire a possible arson

ZEPHYR (AP) — Federal investigators will help determine whether arson is to blame for a fire that destroyed a nearly century-old country church in West Texas.

Brown County Sheriff Bobby Grubbs on Thursday said the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is helping investigate the July 15 blaze at Bethel Baptist Church near Zephyr, along with some suspicious fires in ditches.

The 91-year-old church was engulfed in flames and the roof had collapsed by the time firefighters arrived.

A dog trained to detect accelerants was at the scene Tuesday. Lab results are pending.

Grubbs says a previous attempt to burn the church happened last October.

No one has been arrested.

Pastor Buddy Cobb says the church, about 125 miles southwest of Fort Worth, will be rebuilt.

## Eight DWIs? That's 55 years

CONROE (AP) — A Houston-area man will be 100 years old before he's eligible for parole after his eighth drunken-driving conviction.

A Montgomery County jury convicted 73-year-old Gliddon William Davis of Conroe, then sentenced him to 55 years in prison over the 2009 incident. Witnesses contacted law officers after noticing Davis was driving erratically through New Caney.

His blood alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit for driving.

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas State Board of Education delivered a blow to social conservatives Friday, giving final approval to supplemental high school science materials after a brief flare-up over some lessons teaching the principles of evolution.

The lessons in question included a lab comparison on chimpanzee and human skulls, the fossil record and cell complexity.

A board-appointed reviewer had called the lessons errors and recommended changes, but a group of scientists objected on Friday, threatening to re-ignite a fierce debate over teaching evolution in Texas public schools.

The board's social conservatives compromised when it appeared they would lose a vote to reject the reviewer's changes in favor of the original lessons.

Instead of a showdown vote on evolution, the panel agreed to approve the material and have Education Commissioner Robert Scott continue working on the lessons in question with publisher Holt McDougal.

"Today we saw Texas kids and sound science finally win a vote on the State Board of Education," said Kathy Miller, president of the Texas Freedom Network, a group that supports mainstream scientists in the teaching of evolution and has repeatedly sparred with board conservatives over education standards.

"We saw the far right's stranglehold over the state board is finally loosening," Miller said.

The conservative wing in 2009 had pushed through controversial standards that called for schools to scrutinize "all sides" of scientific theory.

Several of the conservative board members disputed the notion of defeat on Friday.

Chairwoman Barbara Cargill, R-The Woodlands, said she was pleased with the compromise because Scott will continue working with Holt McDougal to find language that is factually correct and fits the standards adopted in 2009.

"I feel very comfortable turning it over to him," Cargill said.

The 15-member board is dominated by Republicans but the ultra-conservative wing lost a key vote in 2010 when former chairman Don McLeroy was defeated by

## NRCS

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and manage habitat for the lesser prairie chicken. LPCI offers financial incentives through practices such as brush management, fencing, and prescribed grazing. Prescribed grazing requires deferment of grazing and pays an incentive of \$8.00 per acre. AWEPP practices in Gray County include converting existing pivots to a more efficient use of water, replacing pivots at least 20 years old, and irrigation pipelines. WHIP focuses on enhancing wildlife habitat by offering practices such as prescribed grazing, brush management, and fencing.

EQUIP, AWEPP, and WHIP are continuous sign-up programs and NRCS accepts applications year round. The deadline for accepting applications for the current funding period is August 22, 2011. Interested participants can visit the NRCS office located in the USDA Service Center at 12125 E. Frederic (Hwy. 60), or call 806-665-1751, ext. 3, for more information.

Thomas Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant.

Ratliff said he would have voted to support the findings of the scientists and throw out the changes recommended by the board reviewer.

"There's no question had some seats not changed, it would have been different," Ratliff said.

David Bradley, R-Beaumont, one of the board's most conservative members, said that without the compromise, he would have sought to kill the entire submission.

This week's meeting had been expected to re-ignite the fiery debate over evolution that put the board in the national spotlight two years ago.

One conservative group had put a call out to pack Thursday's public hearing with witnesses urging the board to adopt materials that question evolution. But they were outnumbered by witnesses supporting evolution.

The board avoided a contentious debate on the theory of intelligent design when an electron-

ic textbook supporting the theory did not make Scott's list of recommended materials and was not eligible for consideration.

The new online teaching materials are necessary because the state could not afford to buy new textbooks this year, leaving students to use some that are several years old.

Supplemental materials that are approved have the advantage of being on the state's recommended list, but school districts can still buy other materials they chose.

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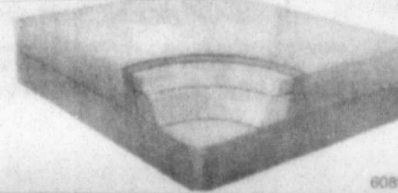
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## Today in History

Today is Saturday, July 23, the 204th day of 2011. There are 161 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On July 23, 1886, a legend was born as Steve Brodie claimed to have made a daredevil plunge from the Brooklyn Bridge into New York's East River.

### On this date:

In 1829, William Austin Burt received a patent for his "typographer," a forerunner of the typewriter.

In 1914, Austria-Hungary issued a list of demands to Serbia following the killing of Archduke Franz Ferdinand by a Serb assassin; the dispute led to World War I.

In 1945, French Marshal Henri Petain, who had headed the Vichy government during World War II, went on trial, charged with treason.

In 1952, Egyptian military officers led by Gamal Abdel Nasser launched a successful coup against King Farouk I.

In 1967, a week of deadly race-related rioting that claimed 43 lives erupted in Detroit.

In 1986, Britain's Prince Andrew married Sarah Ferguson at Westminster Abbey in London. (The couple divorced in 1996.)

In 1996, at the Atlanta Olympics, Kerri Strug made a heroic final vault despite torn ligaments in her left ankle as the U.S. women gymnasts clinched their first-ever Olympic team gold medal.

Ten years ago: Pope John Paul II urged President George W. Bush in their first meeting, held at Castel Gandolfo, Italy, to bar creation of human embryos for medical research.

Five years ago: Former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was hospitalized on the 17th day of a hunger strike; he appeared thinner but healthy at his trial a few days later.

One year ago: The city manager, assistant manager and police chief of Bell, Calif., agreed to resign after outraged residents found out through a Los Angeles Times investigation that they were making a total of more than \$1.6 million a year.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Gloria DeHaven is 86. Concert pianist Leon Fleisher is 83. Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy is 75. Actor Ronny Cox is 73. Radio personality Don Imus is 71. Rock singer David Essex is 64. Actor Larry Manetti is 64. Singer-songwriter John Hall is 63. Actress Belinda Montgomery is 61. Rock musician Blair Thornton (Bachman Turner Overdrive) is 61. Actress Edie McClurg is 60. Actress-writer Lydia Comell is 58. Actor Woody Harrelson is 50. Rock musician Martin Gore (Depeche Mode) is 50. Actor Eriq La Salle is 49. Rock musician Slash is 46. Actor Philip Seymour Hoffman is 44. Rock musician Nick Menza is 43. Model-actress Stephanie Seymour is 43. Actress Charisma Carpenter is 41. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sam Watters is 41. Country singer Alison Krauss is 40. Rock musician Chad Gracey (Live) is 40. Actor-comedian Marlon Wayans is 39. Actress Kathryn Hahn is 38. Retired MLB All-Star Nomar Garciaparra is 38. Former White House intern Monica Lewinsky is 38. Actress Stephanie March is 37. Rhythm-and-blues singer Michelle Williams is 31. Actor Daniel Radcliffe is 22.

Thought for Today: "There is nothing harder than the softness of indifference." — Juan Montalvo, Ecuadorean essayist and political writer (1832-1889).



## Drought harms water fun on hot days

JIM VERTUNO  
Associated Press

NEW BRAUNFELS (AP) — Boat ramps lay on dry ground. Float trippers drag their tubes around massive river rocks. Raft company workers go home for the summer with the season only a month old.

One hundred degree temperatures can be the norm in Texas this time of year, but the state's 3,700 streams, 15 major rivers and more than 200 reservoirs have traditionally made life bearable for the legions of fishermen, boaters, swimmers, and others willing to sit in a big rubber tube.

Not so much this year, though, as the third worst drought in state history is leaving little room for fun this summer.

"Your ability to stay wet in the summer has everything to do with your ability to stay happy and people don't have access to these waters anymore," said Laura Huffman, the state director of the Nature Conservancy. She stood near a "Boat Ramp Closed" sign on a road leading to Lake Travis, an Austin-area reservoir that has been losing one foot of water a week.

It has rained less than six inches on average statewide through the end of June, according to the state climatologist. Thirteen inches fall in a normal year. The Midland-Odessa area, in Texas' Permian Basin, has gotten .16 inch all year.

No estimates are available on the drought's economic impact on tourism and recreation, but it's clearly

substantial.

Some rafting and tubing outfitters along the Frio River in Texas' Hill Country have closed completely this summer. Along the Guadalupe, river businesses have shut some in-and-out points. Across Texas, boat ramps are closed, marinas are shuttered, and tourism-dependent areas are hoping that not all vacationers head elsewhere this summer.

"We just have to roll up our sleeves and do what the farmers have been doing for umpteen years," said Shane Wolf, general manager of Rockin' R' River Rides, who has closed three of his seven river spots and laid off more than 80 people.

Texas' problems are compounded by the fact all but one of its lakes are manmade reservoirs created to provide water and flood control. The Guadalupe River relies on releases from the upstream reservoir, Canyon Lake, to provide rafters and tubers with a pleasant ride. That lake is down five feet and continually dropping. So releases into the Guadalupe have hit rock-bottom, with parts of the river now almost dry. It will only get worse if it doesn't rain.

"Mother Nature holds the gavel at the end of the day," Wolf says, as tubers lay lazily in the shallow water behind him.

Some 60 miles north is Lake Travis, one of the seven Highland Lakes in Central Texas that are crucial to the region's water supply. The lake has been so depleted by a lack of rain and by continuous pumping that only two of the dozens of boat

ramps remain open. Signs warning visitors "No Lifeguard. Swim at your own risk" protrude from a field of dry grass that crunches underfoot.

In Amarillo, in the Texas Panhandle, Lake Meredith is virtually empty. The last marina closed months ago, and likely won't reopen.

Along the Guadalupe River is New Braunfels, a quaint Hill Country town. It offers tubing and rafting, amusement at Schlitterbahn Waterpark and a variety of food in a European-like village area.

Michael Meek, president of the New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce, thought he had seen the worst when a flood wiped out tourism a few years ago during the peak summer months. Sales tax revenue fell so sharply, the city declared a hiring freeze.

But, Meek said, "Drought years are even tougher. It's very challenging."

In 100-degree weather, few people will visit simply to go antiquing.

Often, they book their vacations elsewhere, Meek said.

Shelly Ganske of Brenham brings her family to play in the Guadalupe's waters every summer. This year they are trying to make the best of it, splashing in the shallow 70-degree water.

"The flow of the river has been very slow," Ganske said. "In fact we chose not to rent tubes."

So what is a Texas summer without a good, wet river vacation?

"It's no fun," Ganske says.

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## 'Dysfunctional' too polite for Tea Party

As America lurches toward new and unfamiliar status as a nation that defaults on its debts, commentators around the world are wondering how the democratic government that was once the most admired in the world -- for many reasons -- is now so "dysfunctional," to use the polite term. But the truth is that the entire U.S. government is not dysfunctional. Much of the government functions well enough or better, and even the members of the troubled U.S. Senate seem to be trying, a little late, to deal with the problem before us.

No, dysfunctional is the too-polite term for the House of Representatives, specifically its dominant tea party Republicans, who can be described in far less dainty psychological terms. Even the most extreme Republican partisans in the Senate seem to realize that their House colleagues, seized by some combination of ideology, madness and pig ignorance, are propelling the country and the world toward economic chaos.

Of course, the tea party Republicans insist that no such thing will ever happen -- the warnings from economists, business leaders, financiers and public officials are merely so much "scare talk."

When President Obama says that he won't be able to send out Social Security and Veterans Administration checks or meet the nation's obligations on Treasury debt come Aug. 2, he is just trying to frighten his opponents into giving up their principles. They don't accept the idea that we have to pay for financial obligations



JOE CONASON

already incurred -- or that the rising interest rates caused by default will make future deficits much deeper.

But they don't have to believe the president to understand that the threat posed by default is real.

They could listen to ultra-conservative senators like Tom Coburn, R-Okla., and Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga. -- members of the Gang of Six/Seven whose own profound ideological hostility to Obama and the Democrats still leaves space for prudence.

Or they could listen to more than 60 business groups, from the National Association of Manufacturers and the Chamber of Commerce to the Telecommunications Industry Association and the American Gas Association, all fearful of the consequences of default. Now those business lobbyists may find out why it isn't so smart to fund any bozo running for office who claims to support "free enterprise."

It is revealing to listen to the congressional freshmen affiliated with the tea party as the debt clock ticks down and panic begins to set in. Many of them have repeatedly vowed to vote down any bill to increase the debt limit, but somehow they're sure that if those checks don't go out and that debt doesn't get paid, it will be the president's fault and not theirs.

Some say there is no reason why the Treasury should miss any of its bond payments. Others have sent a letter to the White House, urging Obama to "prioritize" those Social Security checks if worse comes to worst.

Such outbursts prove that the tea party is not only against taxes and spending, but is strictly opposed to arithmetic, which like climate science is probably just another socialist plot. They also prove the utter insincerity of these characters, who just voted this week for the "Cut, Cap and Balance" bill that would gut Social Security, along with Medicare, while erecting a constitutional wall around tax breaks for society's wealthiest individuals and corporations. They want to pose as defenders of the middle-class and the American dream, even as they promote legislation that would destroy the programs and institutions that are the foundation of that way of life.

There is no need to look too far to find the source of our discontent -- our "dysfunction," if you must. It is in the Congress, which the American people mistakenly turned over to flakers and fools last November. Every poll shows that most voters regret that error now, and wish that Congress would tax the wealthy and preserve social insurance. Now those voter had better make their remorse heard, and loudly, if they hope to avert catastrophe.

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# Parents Day

July 24, 2011

In 1994 President Bill Clinton signed into law the resolution unanimously adopted by the U. S. Congress establishing the fourth Sunday of every July as Parents' Day, a perennial day of commemoration similar to Mother's Day and Father's Day. According to the Congressional Resolution, Parents' Day is established for "recognizing, uplifting, and supporting the role of parents in the rearing of children."

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## Public meetings on pipeline planned

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The U.S. State Department still plans to decide sometime this year whether to allow a Canadian firm to build a \$7 billion pipeline carrying tar sands oil across the Plains to refineries near the Gulf of Mexico.

But the public will get another chance to weigh in on the project.

Officials said Friday that a series of meetings will be held in September in the capitols of each of the six states TransCanada's Keystone XL pipeline would cross.

Additional meetings will be held in the Nebraska Sandhills, on the Gulf Coast and in Washington D.C.

The new pipeline would carry crude oil extracted from tar sands in Alberta, Canada, to the Gulf of Mexico, traveling through Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma before reaching refineries in Houston and Port Arthur, Texas.

TransCanada also has proposed connecting it to the Bakken oil field in Montana and North Dakota.

The project would double the capacity of the existing Keystone pipeline, which runs from North Dakota to Oklahoma and Illinois. Supporters say the two projects could significantly reduce U.S. dependence on Middle Eastern oil and create jobs.

Environmental groups have raised concerns that the pipeline could foul water supplies and increase pollution.

The State Department released a second environmental study on the project in April, concluding that no new issues had been revealed since a similar report was completed last year.

A final environmental report on the project is scheduled to be issued in August. Then other federal agencies, such as the Environmental Protection Agency and Energy Department, will have 90 days to comment on that final report.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton has authority over Keystone XL because the 1,900-mile project crosses the U.S. border.

Calgary-based TransCanada has promised that the pipeline would be safe and reliable.

## State's jobless rate jumps to 8.2 percent

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas unemployment rate jumped to 8.2 percent in June despite an increase of 32,000 jobs over the same period, the state employment agency reported Friday.

The jobless rate increased from 8.0 percent in May and marked the state's first rise in unemployment since December, according to Texas Workforce Commission figures.

The number of jobs grew for the ninth consecutive month in June, although the commission said the May figure was revised downward to 2,100 jobs from 8,800.

"While no state is immune from tough economic times, we're still putting many Texans back to work," said Ronny Congleton, the commissioner representing labor.

The national unemployment rate is 9.2 percent.

Government payrolls expanded by 12,300 jobs after declining in three of the previous four months. The second

biggest increase among industries came in leisure and hospitality, which added 10,600 jobs. Manufacturing saw an increase of 8,400 positions.

"As businesses continue to shift resources into Texas, new opportunities arise for job seekers already here, and for those who come here looking for opportunity," said commission Chairman Tom Pauken.

Unemployment rates are adjusted for seasonal trends in hiring and firing, which most economists believe give a more accurate picture of the job market. Without the seasonal adjustment, the jobless rate in Texas jumped to 8.8 percent in June from 7.9 percent in May.

Midland maintained the state's lowest local jobless rate at 5.2 percent for June. The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission area in South Texas had the highest rate at 13 percent, a big jump from 11.9 percent in May. The local rates are not seasonally adjusted.

The preliminary local jobless rates for June, with revised May numbers in parentheses, were:

- Abilene 7.6 (6.6)
- Amarillo 6.4 (5.4)
- Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos 7.6 (6.8)
- Beaumont-Port Arthur 11.7 (10.9)
- Brownsville-Harlingen 12.9 (11.8)
- College Station-Bryan 7.3 (5.9)
- Corpus Christi 8.6 (7.8)
- Dallas-Plano-Irving 8.7 (7.9)
- El Paso 10.9 (10.0)
- Fort Worth-Arlington 8.6 (7.8)
- Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown 9.0 (8.2)
- Laredo 9.0 (8.0)
- Lubbock 7.3 (5.9)
- San Angelo 7.2 (6.3)
- San Antonio-New Braunfels 8.1 (7.3)
- Texarkana 8.1 (7.4)
- Victoria 7.7 (7.0)
- Waco 8.4 (7.3)
- Wichita Falls 8.2 (7.0)

## Troopers

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time to step off, though," said Holland, whose favorite part of the job was helping people. He plans to pack his retirement with running cattle, ranching, and farming.

Senior Trooper Johnson said that he has enjoyed every second of his 34-year career with the Texas Highway Patrol, which he began in 1977 with an initial assignment in Vega. He relocated to Borger the following year, and served there for the bulk of his career, until beginning an assignment in Pampa last year.

The example of other State Troopers inspired Johnson to wear a uniform.

"I got into the work after growing up around troopers, and looking up to who they were and what they were doing," he said.

Johnson plans to enjoy his retirement by spending extra time with his family.

"I'll do some traveling, and spend time with my five granddaughters," he said. "It's time to kick back and chill for a while."

Senior Trooper Shank started up his 26 years with the Texas Highway Patrol of McLean in 1982, where he served for 15 years before beginning an assignment in Pampa. In 2007, Shank transferred to Commercial Vehicle Enforcement for a change of pace and an improved schedule. He has been working for them since.

"It's something I wanted to do ever since high school," he said of becoming a State Trooper. "I feel like I fulfilled what I wanted to do with that part of my life."

Shank describes being a Trooper as a complicated but rewarding career. "There are things, like the death of children, that you never forget. It seems like such a waste when people get killed needlessly and it could have been prevented," he said. "It's the type of job where you see the worst of people, but you also see the best of people during times when they help each other."

Shank plans to spend his retirement enjoying extra time with his family. "I have a new granddaughter, and my wife has a business in Pampa, so we'll be sticking around the area," he said.

## PEDC

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John Havens spoke about Clarendon College's wind energy program, which also received funding from the PEDC. With assistance from PEDC and two additional federal grants amounting to \$600,000, the school was able to purchase electrical trainers with various switches and contactors, which start electrical motors.

"The electronic trainers familiarize students with hydraulic system basics, and they can route hydraulic hoses to hydraulic systems," said Havens.

The program also has a program that simulates a wind turbine and they now have a PLC, or programmable logic controller, a computer that is an essential component of any automated machinery.

Havens described the advantages of their hands on program, which he thinks is essential to student learning. The program consists of three hour labs where students work with equipment and learn troubleshooting methods. "We're bringing in kids who have never touched a wrench, and we're putting all the tools in their hands that they will ever use," he said.

In other business:

- The board discussed a machinist shortage meeting, scheduled for July 26, and a TEDC Sales Tax Seminar, scheduled for August 19.

- The board also went over its 2011-2012 budget.

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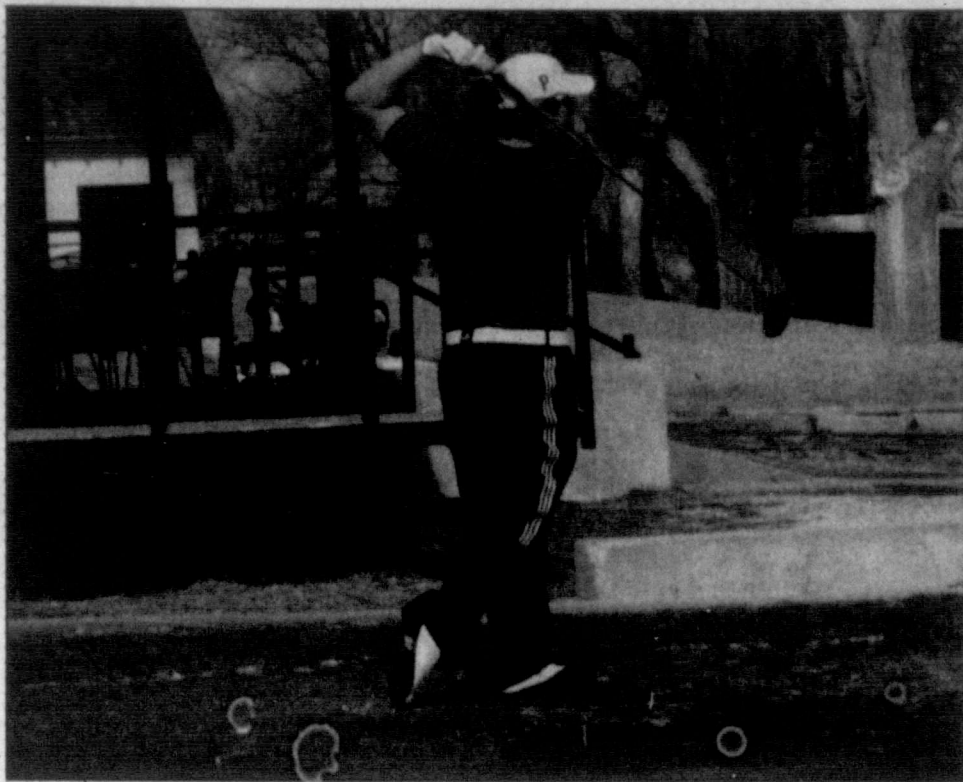
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# PHS Sr. Reagan victorious in two summer tourneys



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Pampa High School senior golfer Logan Reagan's last UIL Tournament was April 21 at the regional tournament. Just because school is out, though, the competitions don't stop for Reagan, as he was victorious in two North Texas Junior Pro Golf Association sponsored tournaments during the summer.

Reagan won a tournament in Perryton on June 2 and the NTJPA Championship in Pampa July 15.

The senior golfer said he competed against people from Dumas, Perryton and Lubbock in the tournament, adding it was close in the first half.

"I was actually down after the first nine," Reagan said. "The last nine, I turned on the gas and won the tournament by eight strokes."

Reagan said the Perryton tournament came down to the last shot.

"I had to make a birdie to win by one," Reagan said.

He said getting to beat people he will face next season gave him momentum.

"It was a good confidence booster," Reagan said of his victories. "These are guys I played against in the regular season and it was nice to beat them."

Reagan said keeping his emotions in check was key to his wins.

"I just kept my composure," Reagan said. "When bad things happened, I just stayed positive."

Last season, Reagan won the Pampa Invitational last March. A fourth place finish in district sent him to regionals, where he finished 21st last April. Entering his senior season, Reagan has spent his summer at the golf course in hopes of reaching state.

"I usually spend all day at the golf course hitting on the putting and driving ranges," Reagan said.

With the scorching hot temperatures this summer, Reagan said he has had to take some precautions.

"I drink lots of water," Reagan said.

◀ Logan Reagan tees off at the Pampa Invitational at the Country Club last March. Reagan won two tournaments this summer in Perryton and Hidden Hills. The Pampa High School senior is seeking a run to state this season.

## this week in SPORTS:

**JUL 24 Sunday**  
• Pampa CC Stroke Play Club Championship 9 a.m., Pampa Country Club

**JUL 25 Monday**  
• PHS Football Camp 1st-6th 9 a.m.-11 a.m., 7th -9th 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Harvester Field  
• Recreation Kickball, Division I Games start at 7 pm., Softball Complex  
• Tennis League 7 and 8 p.m., Pampa Youth Center

**JUL 26 Tuesday**  
• PHS Football Camp 1st-6th 9 a.m.-11 a.m., 7th -9th 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Harvester Field  
• Recreation Softball, Division I Games start at 7 pm., Softball Complex  
• Pampa EMS Scramble, 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., Hidden Hills

**JUL 27 Wednesday**  
• PHS Football Camp 1st-6th 9 a.m.-11 a.m., 7th -9th 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Harvester Field

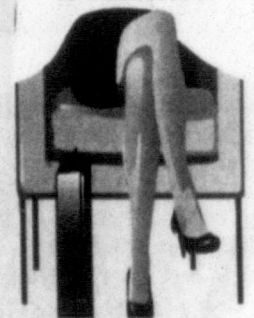
• Recreation Softball, Division II Games start at 7 pm., Softball Complex

**JUL 28 Thursday**  
PHS Football Camp 1st-6th 9 a.m.-11 a.m., 7th -9th 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Harvester Field

• Recreation Softball, Division III Games start at 7 pm., Softball Complex

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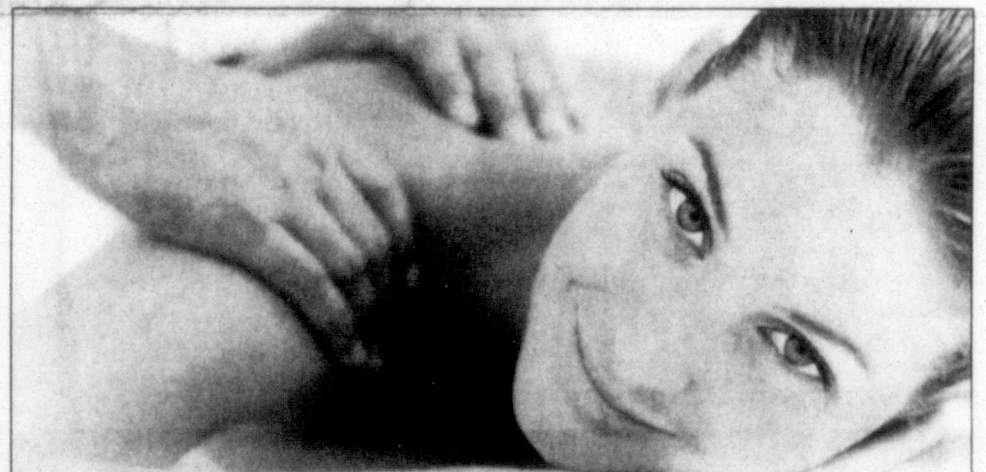
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# Sports

## Deal approved by NFL owners; ball on players' side of field

WASHINGTON (AP) — NFL Players Association president Kevin Mawae says his group's leadership is discussing the terms of "the most recent written proposal" from owners.

Mawae's statement was issued by the NFLPA on Friday — a day after owners 31-0 voted for a tentative decade-long deal, provided that players approve it, too, and re-establish their union.

He says the proposal being reviewed Friday includes a settlement agreement, economic terms and the process for turning the NFLPA back into a union.

He also says the NFLPA will not make further statements Friday, so America's most popular sport remains in labor limbo a bit longer.

A rash of Twitter messages left little doubt that plenty of work remains before there's any blocking and tackling.

"NFL players! Stay strong! We are still fighting for past, present and future players. We will vote when they give us something to vote on!" wrote Ryan Clark of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Added Robert Johnson of the Tennessee Titans: "Owners tried to pull a fast 1 on us making the fans believe it's because of US the players...Not this time buddy."

Commissioner Roger Goodell and the owners expressed hope that their vote would lead to a speedy

resolution to the NFL's first work stoppage since 1987. They called it an equitable deal that improves player safety and allows the sport to prosper even more.

"It is time to get back to football," a weary Goodell said during an evening news conference at an Atlanta-area hotel.

The players said they won't be rushed into a deal, even with the owners insisting that time is running out to get in a full slate of four preseason games and 16 regular-season contests.

Already, one game is sure to be lost: The league called off the Hall of Fame exhibition opener, set for Aug. 7 between Chicago and St. Louis.

"The time was just too short," Goodell said.

The owners pored over details of the proposed settlement for some nine hours, first breaking for lunch, then sending for dinner before a vote finally was taken. Every team approved it except the Oakland Raiders, who abstained.

Afterward, no one seemed in a celebratory mood. It sounded more like relief.

"These things, by their very nature, aren't supposed to make you necessarily happy when you walk out the door. It was a negotiation," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "I don't mean to sound negative, but it isn't exactly like Christmas has come along here."

Instead, Jones and his fellow owners called it a fair

process involving plenty of give-and-take on both sides.

"It's been long and at times has been very, very difficult," said Jerry Richardson, owner of the Carolina Panthers. "We're confident that the players and the teams have arrived at a good place. We think we have a fair, balanced agreement."

But George Wilson, the player representative for the Buffalo Bills, called the owners' vote and subsequent news conference "an attempt to break the spirits of our men and to fracture the solidarity that we've exemplified thus far."

He said the deal approved by the owners included provisions the players haven't even seen, which is why no vote was taken during a conference call Thursday night.

"Ultimately, the guys felt like this thing is being force-fed to us, that it's being shoved down our throats," Wilson told The Associated Press. "And the way everything transpired this evening, in a sense, was trying to add more pressure to the situation and force us to accept this deal without really being able to see all the details of what they voted on."

Clearly, the basic outline of the proposed agreement — much of which was agreed upon a week ago — can still produce a deal acceptable to both owners and players. Maybe, given all the enmity displayed during the four-month work stoppage, it was farfetched to think everything would go smoothly at the end.

## WEEKLY SCOREBOARD

### Pampa Recreation League

#### SPRING KICKBALL STANDINGS

| MIXED D1               | Conf. | Overall |
|------------------------|-------|---------|
| Snapping Turtles       | 0-0   | 7-1     |
| Carter Sand & Gravel   | 0-0   | 6-2     |
| Wonder Pets            | 0-0   | 6-2     |
| Sears                  | 0-0   | 6-2     |
| Sandy's Pub            | 0-0   | 3-5     |
| New Kicks On The Block | 0-0   | 3-5     |
| 99 P.B.M.K.A.O.        | 0-0   | 1-7     |
| Frank's                | 0-0   | 0-8     |

#### SCORES

Wonder Pets 4, Snapping Turtles 2  
Sears 13, 99 Problems But Our Kicks Ain't One 3  
Snapping Turtles 10, New Kicks On The Block 1  
Carter Sand & Gravel 15, Frank's 5  
Wonder Pets 22, Sandy's Pub 3  
Sears 7, Carter Sand & Gravel 5  
99 Problems But Our Kicks Ain't One 5, Frank's 4  
New Kicks on the Block 12, Sandy's Pub 4

#### SPRING SOFTBALL STANDINGS

| MIXED D1               | Conf. | Overall |
|------------------------|-------|---------|
| SWM                    | 6-0   | 8-2     |
| Reloaded               | 4-2   | 5-5     |
| Hoggatt Transmission   | 3-3   | 7-3     |
| Killgo's Woodworks     | 2-4   | 4-6     |
| Angels in the Outfield | 0-6   | 1-9     |
| MIXED D2               | Conf. | Overall |
| Comac Well Service     | 4-1   | 7-2     |
| Premier Well Service   | 4-2   | 7-3     |
| Enbridge               | 3-3   | 4-6     |
| 4 2 Energy             | 2-3   | 3-6     |
| Xtra Auto Center       | 1-5   | 3-7     |
| MIXED D3               | Conf. | Overall |
| Brock                  | 5-1   | 8-2     |
| Outlaws                | 4-2   | 8-2     |
| Chief Plastics         | 3-3   | 4-6     |
| NOV                    | 2-4   | 4-6     |
| NOV Red                | 1-5   | 1-9     |

### Tri-State Seniors

#### Golf Tournament

##### SCRAMBLE

First Place (60): G. Bowe, J. Bowe, S. Stevens and P. Johnson

Second Place (61): D. Helton, R. Peet, G. Rasco, J. Donaldson

##### STROKE PLAY

###### Ladies Division Gross

1. G. Melban, 163
2. J. Jones, 173
3. J. Swope, 185
4. J. Rice, 194

###### Ladies Division Net

1. J. Rasco, 133

2. J. Marx 139
3. K. Pickett 140
4. K. Hall, 145

#### Men Senior Nine-Hole Division

1. D. Woldt, 94
2. O.C. Penn, 104
3. J. Donaldson, NC

#### Men 80-89 Gross

1. E. Whinery, 159
2. E. Jolly, 187
3. S. Stevens, 193
4. D. Riffe, NC

#### Men 80-89 Net

1. G. Hall, 135
2. D. Jones, 157
3. J. Cunningham, 162
4. D. Stowers, NC

#### Men 74-79 Gross

1. G. Wade, 163
2. A. Rodriguez, 169
3. J. Cunningham, 170
4. R. Miller, 174

#### Men 74-79 Net

1. D. Munkres 139
2. B. Hill, 139
3. J. Cox Sr., 141
4. J.C. Beyer, 143

#### Men 70-73 Gross

1. G. Bowe, 146
2. J. Austry, 151
3. B. Hill, 170
4. G. Gillispie, 174

#### Men 70-73 Net

1. D. Adams, 146
2. E. Rice, 151
3. B. Fontenot, 170
4. J. Osborne, 151

#### Men 66-69 Gross

1. R. Stephens, 148
2. M. Garcia, 165
3. B. Adams, 168
4. G. Manly, 169

#### Men 66-69 Net

1. T. Cox, 137
2. J. Stephens, 137
3. G. Rasco, 139
4. H. Reid, 141

#### Men 50-65 Gross

1. M. Yates, 154
2. D. Pittman, 155
3. T. Tomlinson, 157
4. D. Pickett, 166

#### Men 50-65 Net

1. J. Cox Jr., 133
2. A. Leach, 142
3. G. Hudson, 143
4. B. Spurlock, 148

#### Long Drive

Gary Bowe, Hole #10, Wednesday

#### Closest to Pin

Jack Cox Jr., Hole #16, Wednesday

#### Low Gross

Roy Don Stephens, 73, Wednesday

#### Low Net

Johnnie Marx, 65, Wednesday

#### THURSDAY LOW BALL

First Place (114): D. Helton, J.C. Beyer, K. Hall, B. Swope

Second Place (115): R. Wood, G. Melban, R. Lasater, B. Hulsey

#### Hidden Hills

##### WEDNESDAY

##### Seniors Scramble

First (61): J. Wallin, J. Gilbert, G. Brewer, B. Hardwood

Second (63): J. Brashears, P. Savage, L. McReynolds, H. Wells

Third (64): A. Bolton, D. Dunham, J. Lee, J.G. Davis

Fourth (64): E. Maxwell, L. Neighbors, M. Ball, J. McGuire

Closest to Hole 6 B. Robben

Closest to Hole 15 W. White



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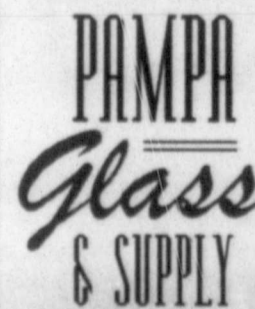


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# sunday horoscope

A baby born today, July 24, 2011, has a Sun in Leo and a Moon in Cancer.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Sunday, July 24, 2011:

This year, you will accept much more responsibility at work or make a greater commitment to your community. You could get a promotion and/or pay raise. Listen to your inner voice. You discover how easy your life can be if you just go with the flow more. If you are single, this newfound peacefulness draws several intriguing suitors. If you are attached, your sweetie might wonder where the new you is coming from, but enjoys you this way. **TAURUS** is lucky for you.

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)

Expect melowness today. Don't be the pioneer and take on anything else. Just enjoy the easy pace and those around you. Postpone any requests or calls that might be stress-producing. Note what changes if you relax like this. Tonight: Low-key.

This week: Keep talking and brainstorming. Stay anchored as feedback comes in.

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

Knowing what you want and going for it could be very important. No one will interfere with your ideas, and odds are you won't hit an obstacle. If you could have what you want, what would you really do? That is the course to follow. Tonight: All smiles.

This week: Curb a possessive streak. Speak your mind.

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

Knowing when to say little and not play into others' expectations could be an intelligent move. Opportunities strike out of the blue, if you can lie back concerning this matter. Don't even think someone won't notice you. He or she will. Tonight: Put some thought into tomorrow.

This week: You beam onto the scene, an unstoppable force. Midweek, give someone else a chance to take the lead.

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

Feel free to do what you want. Inevitably, as you are such a nurturing sign, you will choose to be with family and friends. You might enjoy seeing others at a relaxed pace and so content. Let a key person in. Drop your defenses. Tonight: Stay present.

This week: Lie back until Wednesday, when you feel empowered. Act quickly then.

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

Others depend on you as much as usual, and perhaps a little more. You can swing with the moment, as much will fall into place. Don't act upset, and others will relax, too. Be willing to say "no" to someone. Tonight: In the limelight.

This week: Zero in on what you want the beginning of the week. Then see what happens.

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

Take off for a day trip or go to the beach and have a picnic. A change of environment is just

what the doctor ordered. You'll come home with a more relaxed perspective. Situations will resolve themselves. Tonight: Make a long-distance call.

This week: Be strong and responsive Monday and Tuesday. From Wednesday on, go for what you think is best.

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

Work directly with a key person or family member. Without so much confusion and a mellow interaction, you will recon-nect and get a lot done. You'll also feel much better as a result because of the time spent together. Tonight: Dinner for two.

This week: You are all smiles as you see the big picture. You have the perspective to do what is needed.

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

Others come forward. Though you might have plans you would like to keep, you might let them go. Catch up on friends' news and discuss what is happening with you, too. You feel very cared about. Tonight: Sort through all those invitations.

This week: Listen to suggestions. If you feel the need, talk to an expert later.

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

You'll benefit from getting into a project, which might even be a nap. At this point, you push so hard that any break needs to be jumped on. Some of you will insist on being more active. Tonight: Nice and easy.

This week: Others dominate. Take some time off just for you.

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

Sometimes you cannot be the dignified, strong Goat. You, too, need to run through the fields and simply be care-free. Others respond to your flights of fancy. Romance could be knocking on your door. Tonight: Let the fun and games begin.

This week: Let your intellect cut through work, making for faster completion. Network from Wednesday on.

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

Stay close to home. You might want to follow through on a home project. Please don't push yourself too hard. It won't hurt you to slow down and relax more. Tonight: Order in.

This week: Settling in Monday and Tuesday could be close to impossible. Suddenly, you become the workhorse of the Zodiac!

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

Conversations flow and go far more easily than anticipated. You could be surprised by what occurs if you relax and share more. Be vulnerable. You will like what happens when you do. A relationship gets back in gear. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

This week: Be more sensitive to a family member's needs. You can and will handle everything that drops on your plate.

**BORN TODAY**  
Singer, actress Jennifer Lopez (1969), author Alexandre Dumas (1802), aviator Amelia Earhart (1802)

## BANANAGRAMS!

For each of the words below, replace one letter with the tile after the plus sign. Then rearrange the letters to spell a 20th-century invention.

LEVEL

M A S O N R Y + C

RESTART + O

SKYLIT + N

GROVEL + C

Yesterday's Answer: COLONEL, ADMIRAL, ARSENAL

## Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Advanced

## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



**DEAR ABBY:** In the past, I made several seriously awful decisions about guys. I also spent two years in high school off and on with a young man who only made my life dramatic and exhausting. Now that I'm a freshman in college, I have encountered several guys I'd love to have a relationship with, but I feel unworthy.

Because of my bad decisions and the fact that I knew these guys before they attended school with me here, I'm worried my past will catch up with me and they'll think I'm still the way I was back then. I have been working on cleaning up my language, and I have sworn off drugs and alcohol trying to make myself more appealing.

Some of my friends have told me I shouldn't have to change who I am for "some guy." Are they right? What should I do to make a connection with one of these young men? — UNDESERVING IN IDAHO

**DEAR UNDESERVING:** If these friends are implying that it's all right to drink, use drugs, use foul language and do things with guys that you're ashamed of later, then it's time to change friends.

I believe in the philosophy of constant self-improvement. When you improve yourself to the point that you are proud of yourself, you will attract men who have more to offer than the ones you were involved with in high school.

**DEAR ABBY:** When I was growing up, manners were taught at home, but now it seems etiquette has been placed on the back burner. As an elementary school teacher, I try to

emphasize the importance of good manners, and I'm amazed and disappointed at the lack of interest from the parents of my students. They don't seem to appreciate the importance of a "Thank you," "Yes, Ma'am," "No, Sir," etc.

I am frustrated by the lack of instruction my students receive at home and at the poor manners shown by others in our community. Have you any ideas on how to bring this much-needed skill back to the forefront? — DOING MY BEST IN AMARILLO

**DEAR DOING YOUR BEST:** You have described parents who are not doing their jobs, or who were never taught basic good manners themselves. How sad for the children.

Years ago, parents taught children the "magic" of the words "please" and "thank you" in how their requests were received. Because your students haven't been so fortunate, you are right to deliver that life lesson to them in the classroom. After spending a year with you, they will have it down pat. As for their parents, face it — it's too late.

**DEAR ABBY:** A good friend has asked me to be a groomsman in his wedding. The problem is, the bachelor party will be in Las Vegas. Ordinarily that wouldn't be an issue, but there is no date set yet for the party. The wedding is in September, so I assume the bachelor party will be in August.

I recently bought an engagement ring for my girlfriend, and I also am hosting my brother's bachelor party in late August. I honestly can't

afford a trip to Vegas at this time, especially with short notice. What's the proper protocol? Do I find a way to come up with the money? How do I let my friend know I can't make it without getting him upset? — FULL CALENDAR IN PHILLY

**DEAR FULL CALENDAR:** The proper protocol is to tell your friend ASAP that you cannot attend the bachelor party for the valid reasons you shared with me. You not only do not have the money to make the trip, but you also have a prior family commitment. Your friend may be disappointed, but if he becomes upset, that's his problem, so please do not make it yours.

P.S. If he's truly a friend he'll understand.

**DEAR ABBY:** What do you do when your husband doesn't like your best girlfriend? She keeps asking us to go on double dates and vacations. Should I be honest and tell her he doesn't like her, or continue to make excuses? It really gets on my nerves. — IN A PICKLE IN OHIO

**DEAR IN A PICKLE:** When someone continually makes suggestions about getting together socially, even when those suggestions are consistently deflected, it's time to level. The next time it happens, tell her that it isn't going to happen. You don't have to tell her your husband "doesn't like her." Say he "isn't comfortable" double dating or taking vacations as a foursome and that you would like to keep things just as they are, ladies only.

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS** 43 Make

1 Peace over symbol

5 Surgery reminder

9 Burdened

10 Had a longing

12 Make better

13 National symbol

14 Halloween wear

16 Writer Deighton

17 Print units

18 Minimal money

20 Stun with noise

22 Big Apple team

23 Sun Valley setting

25 Goatee spot

28 Mexican resort

32 Caged critter

34 Early hour

35 Band blaster

36 Handyman's work

38 Reject

40 Apartment sign

41 Deserve

42 Pizzeria sights

### DOWN

1 Singer

Vic

2 Black Sea

port

3 Let off

steam

4 Lasted

5 Alacrity

6 KGB's

rival

7 "Broke-

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director

8 Show

mercy

9 Tied a

corset

11 Car's

scars

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Yesterday's answer

15 Threatened

27 Adulterated

19 "You know you want to!"

29 Wine drink

21 Fish features

31 Comfy places

24 Convertible alter-native

33 Scout leader?

25 Deep gorge

37 Another name for

26 Laundry holder

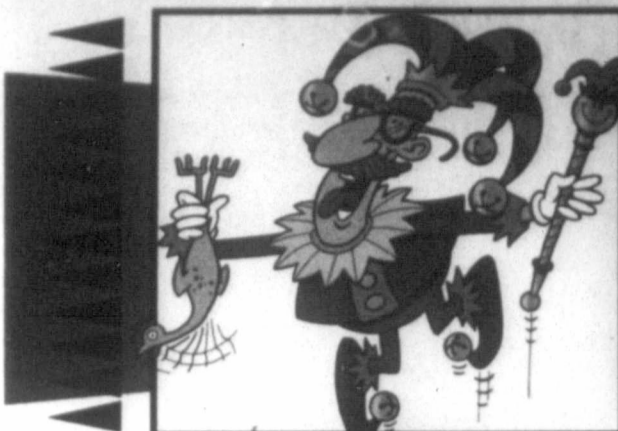
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# kicks kids

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### DRAW IT!

**DRAW**  
CHERRIES  
ON THIS  
ICE CREAM  
CONE...



PUP THANKS SERENA RUSSELL, DEERWOOD, MD

GIVE ME 5 RHYMES FOR  
**YUM !!**

COLOR EACH  
SCOOP A  
DIFFERENT  
COLOR...

GRAB  
YOUR  
CRAYONS

SLURP !!

AN ICE CREAM CONE'S A FROZEN TREAT  
THAT I SURE REALLY LOVE TO EAT!  
CONNECT THE DOTS, AND YOU WILL SEE  
MY ICE CREAM IS TALLER THAN ME!



**WRITE US...  
WE'LL WRITE YOU BACK!**  
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WHY WAS THE ICE CREAM  
CONE A GOOD NEWS  
REPORTER?



### kids' corner



IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS TYPE OF  
COOKING — OVER AN OPEN FLAME —  
ORIGINATED IN THE CARIBBEAN.

ANSWER: BARBECUE

**What's the Difference?**  
There are five things different between Picture A  
and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. Fork is turned the other way 2. Chef  
hat is bigger 3. Background square missing 4. Not  
wearing apron 5. Larger plate

THIS DAY IN...  
**25**  
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**New Word**  
char  
partially burn to  
harden the surface

**How they say that in...**

**ENGLISH:** Cook  
**SPANISH:** Cocinero  
**ITALIAN:** Cuoco  
**FRENCH:** Cuisinier  
**GERMAN:** Koch

**Did You Know?**

BARBECUE GRILLS SHOULD BE KEPT AT A SAFE DISTANCE FROM THE HOME AND SHOULD NEVER BE USED INDOORS.

**GET THE PICTURE?**

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

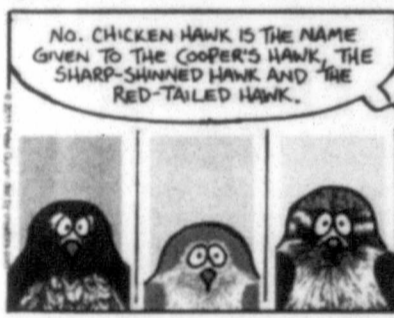
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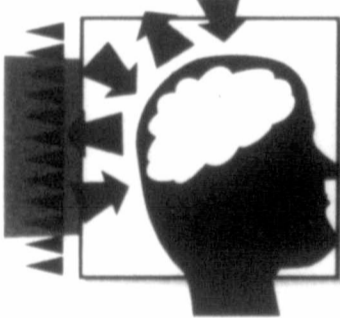
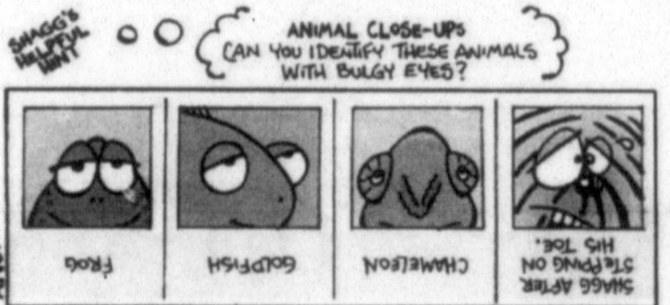
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is a chicken hawk  
half chicken and half  
hawk?

Corral Winter  
Sacramento, CA

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ATTACK CHICKENS,  
BUT THAT IS AN  
UNLIKELY TARGET.



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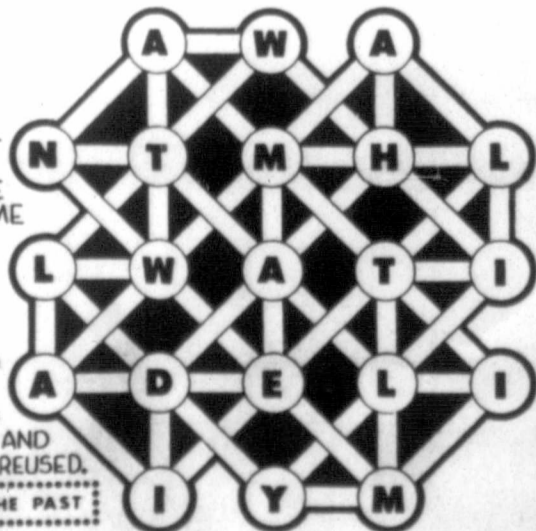
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HIDDEN IN THIS CRISS-CROSS NETWORK OF PASSAGEWAYS IS THE FIRST AND LAST NAME OF A WELL-KNOWN PERSON. A CLUE TO HIS OR HER IDENTITY IS GIVEN IN THE BOX BELOW. ~ SELECT A STARTING LETTER AND TRACE THIS NAME WITH A CONTINUOUS LINE. ALSO, LETTERS AND PASSAGES MAY NOT BE REUSED.

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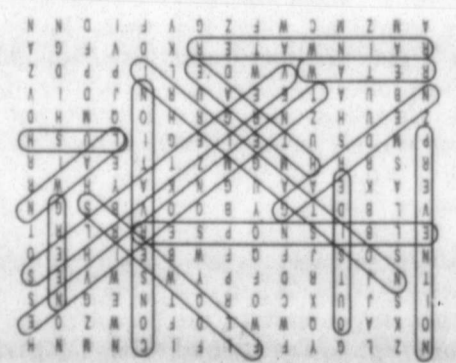
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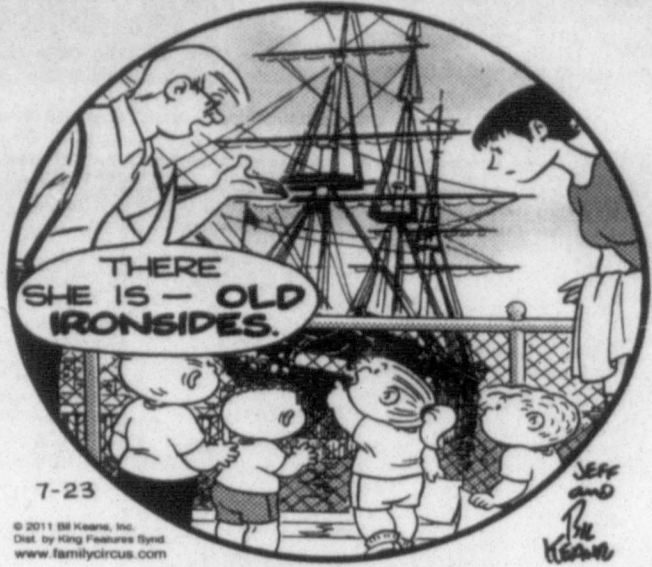


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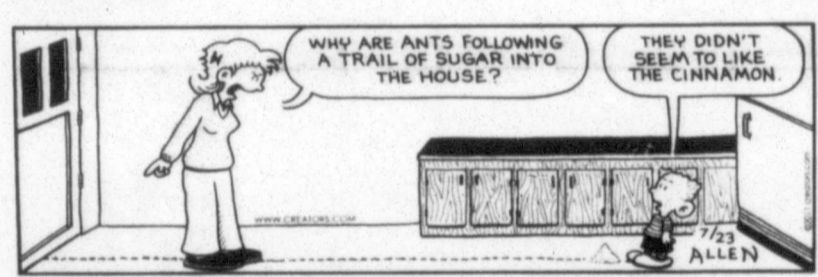
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# daily horoscope

A baby born today, July 23, 2011, has a Sun in Leo and a Moon in Taurus.  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Saturday, July 23, 2011:  
 This year, you express a great deal of concern for others. Many of you will become involved in a key heartfelt cause. Others will be leaders in their field. No matter what comes down, you seem to know what to do. If you are single, you could meet someone of significance through your work. Try not to mix business and pleasure. If you can avoid that situation, all the better. If you are attached, share more of your away-from-home life. Otherwise, you could have a problem. **TAURUS** pushes you to achieve.  
 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)**  
 ★★ Be careful about how you spend your money. People seem to want a lot from you, which you might or might not be in the mood to give. Revise your attitude toward a difficult or controlling parent or older friend. A risk might work if you don't push too hard. Tonight: Your treat.  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
 ★★★★★ You feel your energy, but are you aware of how fortunate you are? You gather information quickly and efficiently. New opportunities come forward, perhaps because you are receptive. If you are feeling awkward about a request, now is the time to act. Tonight: As you like it.  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
 ★★ Know what is going on behind the scenes. Understand that a partner needs to share and open up. You don't need to know everything about a personal venture if your partner or loved one does. Tonight: Happiest in a quiet atmosphere.  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
 ★★★★★ Be sure you understand how many people could be hanging out around you. A discussion with your sweetie or friend could be close to impossible to complete. You will enjoy your friends and whatever you choose to do. Tonight: Happy wherever you are.  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
 ★★★ Once more, others follow your lead. You might be worn out by what is going on around you. Revamp your schedule and take a deep breath. You are on top of

your game, and others respond accordingly. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
 ★★★★★ Keep reaching out to make plans with a friend or loved one at a distance. At present, you are fortunate when dealing with travel and those at a distance. Remain grounded and centered as you venture into new turf. Tonight: Beam in what you want.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
 ★★★★★ Defer to someone you care about. Just enjoy this person for what he or she offers. One-on-one relating could absorb your entire day. Be ready to let go of a problem involving your family and home. Tonight: Enjoy being a duo.  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
 ★★★★★ Reach out for someone you care about. Revise your thinking after an intense conversation. You'll gain a novel perspective. Someone who might enter your life today or who has been in your life is lucky for you. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
 ★★★★★ An easy, relaxed approach will go far. With friends or family, you might enjoy a good card game or baseball game more than any fancy, planned get-together. Your vision of plans might be a bit different from someone else's. Tonight: Just make it uncomplicated.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
 ★★★★★ Your creativity flows to unprecedented levels. Even if you are attached, with an innate flirtatiousness that emerges, your sweetie could think you were dating again. Be positive about a child or new friend. Tonight: Add whatever romantic seasonings you desire.  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
 ★★★★★ Nip a problem in the bud. You don't need to make a situation more of a problem than it is. Realize what is happening between you and another person. Be happy to just visit and spend time together. Tonight: Close to home.  
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
 ★★★★★ Your words help someone relax. You might not have any idea the impact you have. You also might be eyeing a new computer, cellphone or some other type of equipment for communicating. Tonight: Only where everyone can have a good time.





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# Entertainment!

PAMPA NEWS

## American muscle: 'Captain America' a summer winner

The age of the comic book movie just keeps on delivering.

After a slight bump in the road with the decidedly lackluster "Green Lantern," the summer blockbuster season has offered up more than enough penance in "Captain America," the third adaptation of a Marvel Comics property this summer. And while "Thor" and "X-Men: First Class" were successes in their own right, "Captain America: The First Avenger" is easily the best of the bunch.

Admittedly, back in 2008 when Marvel announced that it was going to introduce each of its Avengers heroes in their own movies before the big team flick in 2012, this one was the one I was most worried about. "Iron Man" was already a hit, "Incredible Hulk" boasted Ed Norton as a leading man and "Thor" at the very least had a built-for-the-movies fantasy setting to fall back on.

Cap? It's the story of a little guy who becomes the hero of a nation — simple enough, but it's precisely the kind of comic book plot that Hollywood has gotten great at managing to botch.

Fortunately, the good news came pouring in soon afterward. The film would be set in WWII, which is crucial to understanding Cap as a character. The director would be Joe Johnston, who helmed the enjoyable "Jumanji" and the criminally underrated "The Rocketeer" (also a period piece). I was skeptical when they announced that Chris Evans would be playing the titular hero, but he's likable enough and looks the part, so I took the "wait and see" approach.

Evans, it turned out, was a great fit. We knew he had the charisma for the role, but he also imbues the character with a great sense of sincerity, especially before he undergoes his Super Soldier serum transformation. He's also surrounded by a great supporting cast, a seasoned group of actors who turn one-dimensional comic book archetypes into genuinely believable onscreen characters. There's Stanley Tucci as the kind-hearted scientist, Haley Atwell as the love interest, Hugo Weaving as the evil German and

Sebastian Stan as the hero's best friend. Oh, and Tommy Lee Jones, who's been playing the grizzly jaded old guy for so long that he could do it in his sleep.

The real applause here, though, go to Johnston, who delivers loads of pulpy action scenes and a slick 1940s atmosphere, infusing "Captain America" with a cool and proper retro tone. Not only does it lend itself well to the old-fashioned ethos of the comic book character, it also gives the movie a throwback summer blockbuster vibe that so many recent attempts have failed at.

Be sure not to miss this; just like the good old U.S. of A., it's a surefire winner.

*Arnie Aurellano is the editor of The Pampa News. He can be reached online at editor@thepampanews.com.*



**"Captain America: The First Avenger"** ★★★★★  
Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of sci-fi violence and action

## SPLIT-SCREEN



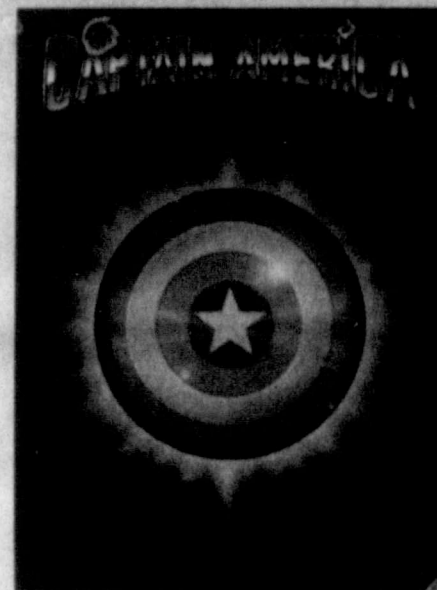
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The Aggressor'), was filmed in Yugoslavia and never released in the United States. Much like Roger Corman's famed "Fantastic Four," copies of the movie have been passed around at comic conventions and online.

The film stars Matt Salinger (Son of author J.D. Salinger) as Steve Rogers/Captain America, Ronny Cox (Beverly Hills Cop 1 & 2) as President Tom Kimball, and Scott Paulin (Castle) as Red Skull. Like the new film, this Captain America tells the



**"Captain America"** ★★★★★  
Rated PG-13 for sequences of action violence

## Retro review: 1990 Cap film dated, just plain atrocious

With "Captain America: The First Avenger" in theaters today, MGM has released the original 1990 film on DVD. The film, from director Albert Pyun (such fabulous non-blockbusters as 'Bulletface' and 'Kickboxer 4:

story of Steve Rogers and his transformation into Captain America. Unlike the new film, which takes place almost entirely during World War II, the old movie knocks that stuff out in less than 30 minutes with the rest of the movie taking place in the 1990s, after Captain America wakes up after being frozen for decades. Red Skull is still the villain, but this time he's the head of an evil cartel and he wants to take out the President because of his environmental policies.

The best part of the movie is Ned Beatty ("Superman," "Deliverance" and everything else ever) who plays the President's childhood friend and now a newspaper reporter (see how dated the movie is, there are still newspapers!) who somehow knows everything about the Red Skull and tries to help Captain America.

There's a lot wrong with the movie from a fanboy standpoint. The Red Skull spends most of the film, without a red skull, but rather under a thick layer of make-up, to look "normal". Captain America is never a weakling, making his transformation underwhelming, and after becoming Captain America, he just seems normal, not a Super Solider (at least I took the scene where he was out of breath from running as him not being "super").

I wish I could say anything good about the film, but frankly it's terrible. Even when one takes into account that the movie was made in the late 80s and early 90s, it still doesn't excuse the bad production values, horrible action, barely-there plot and acting that's either wooden or completely over the top depending on the minute. Somehow the film aims to accomplish so much and yet manages to do so little. Save yourself some time and head to the theaters to check out the brilliance of "Captain America: The First Avenger."

*Local attorney Travis Tidmore reviews movies for The Pampa News as well as on his blog, www.thecinemaniac.com.*

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They have three children, Randy Furgason of Pampa, Tina Burns and husband Marlin of Gore, Okla., and Scott Furgason and wife Julie of White Deer. They are blessed

with two granddaughters, Casey Caudle and husband Jonathan of Little Rock, Ark., and Shelby Landers and husband Aaron of Amarillo; and four grandsons, Travis Burns of Gore, Okla., Matt, Seth and Laramie Furgason of White Deer.

Dwayne retired from Texas Department of Transportation's Maintenance Department in 2004 and Frances retired from the City of Pampa's Finance Department in 2004.

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Barker

Brooklyn Barker, an elementary education student at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, was among the students named to the 2011 spring semester president's honor roll with a grade point average of 4.0. She was also named to the dean's honor roll the fall semester with a GPA of 3.8. Brooklyn is a 2010 honor graduate of Pampa High School. Her parents are Jimmy and Lori Barker. Her grandparents are Delbert and Shirley Barker and Roy Don and Gloria Stephens. Great grandmother is Lena Farris.

Northwestern Okla. State

Mandy Cross, a recent graduate of Pampa High School, has been awarded the Freshman Incentive Scholarship to attend Northwestern Oklahoma State University, for the 2011-2012 academic year.

This award is funded through Alva's Economic Development Sales Tax Initiative Grant.

She is the daughter of Donna Stubblefield of Pampa.



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Palmer speaks to House



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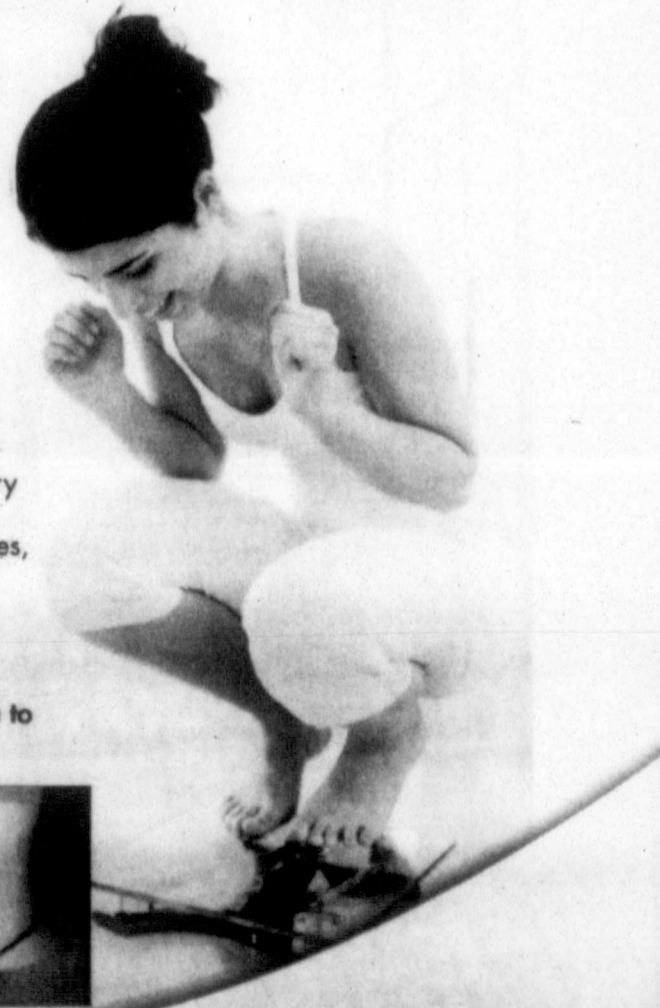
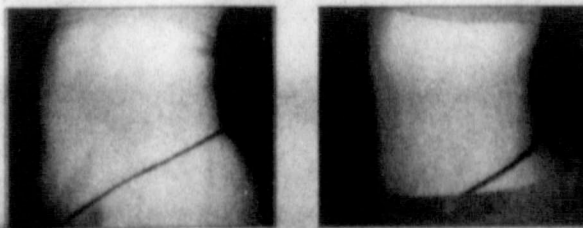
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## Weekly Menus

### Pampa Senior Citizens Center

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**TUESDAY, July 26**

Teriyaki chicken/wild rice or Salisbury steak, au-gratin potatoes, creamed corn, fried okra, beans, slaw, tossed, Jell-o, hurricane oatmeal cake, cherry cobbler, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread.

**WEDNESDAY, July 27**

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, mac and cheese, green beans, beans, slaw, tossed, Jell-o, Boston creme pie, bread pudding, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread.

**THURSDAY, July 28**

Chicken strips or meatloaf, sour cream potatoes, succotash, beets, beans, slaw, tossed, Jell-o, carrot cake, vanilla pudding cups, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread.

**FRIDAY, July 29**

Cod fish filet/hushpuppies or tamales/chili/cheese, potato wedges, broccoli casserole, beans, slaw, tossed, jello, cherry chocolate cake, tapioca cup, fruit cup, garlic breadstick, hot roll, cornbread.

### Southside Senior Citizens Center

**TUESDAY, July 26**

BBQ chicken, baked beans, potato salad, garden salad, roll, dessert.

### Meals on Wheels

**MONDAY, July 25**

Chicken sandwich, tater tots, lettuce/tomatoes, applesauce.

**TUESDAY, July 26**

Chicken chow mein, egg roll, rice/oriental vegetables, pears.

**WEDNESDAY, July 27**

Roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, banana bread.

**THURSDAY, July 28**

Stew, cornbread, peaches.

**FRIDAY, July 29**

Battered fish, pinto beans, cole slaw, mixed fruit.

### Summer Lunch Program - Lamar only

**MONDAY, July 25**

Popcorn chicken or pizza, whipped potatoes, English peas, pineapple tidbits, biscuit. **Breakfast:** French toast sticks.

**TUESDAY, July 26**

Spaghetti or chicken fried steak on a bun, green beans, tossed salad, applesauce, garlic toast. **Breakfast:** blueberry pancake and sausage on a stick.

**WEDNESDAY, July 27**

Taco salad or mini twin cheeseburgers, pinto beans, corn, peach cup, Spanish rice. **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza.

**THURSDAY, July 28**

Riblets or ham sandwich, cheesy potatoes, broccoli florets, fresh fruit, hot roll. **Breakfast:** Scrambled egg biscuit.

**FRIDAY, July 29**

Chicken fajitas or hot dog, french fries, refried beans, bell peppers and onions, mixed fruit, Spanish rice. **Breakfast:** Cereal, toast.

### Summer Lunch Program - Lamar only

**MONDAY, July 25**

Pizza, carrot sticks, peach cup, milk.

**TUESDAY, July 26**

Chicken fried steak on a bun, applesauce cup, juice, milk.

**WEDNESDAY, July 27**

Mini twin cheeseburgers, carrot sticks, peach cup, milk.

**THURSDAY, July 28**

Ham sandwich, fresh fruit, juice, milk.

**FRIDAY, July 29**

Hot dog, pickle spear, Mandarin orange cup, milk.

## CLUB NEWS

### Altrusa Club

Altrusa International, Inc. of Pampa met July 12, 2011, at Plaza III with President Rochelle Lacy presiding. Mary McDaniel and Brenda Tucker served as greeters. Mitzi Payne and Frances Westman attended as guests.

Terri Williams was granted a leave of absence from July 1 to September 30.

The Operating and Foundation Budgets for the new club year were approved.

• **Make a Wish** - Kitty Hall reported on plans for "Evening Under the Stars" a Make a Wish benefit to be held August 20 at the home of Kathryn and Wesley Green. Members were asked to volunteer for assignments for the event.

• **Lunch in the Park** - Allison Watson asked for volunteers to help with the project each Thursday at the Lovett Library.

Guest Night will be held August 30. Members were asked to submit names for the invitation list.

Birthday greetings were extended to Kay West and Kitty Hall who celebrate birthdays this month.

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Altrusa International, Inc. of Pampa met July 19, 2011, at First United Methodist Church with President Rochelle Lacy presiding. Roxanne Funderburk served as greeter.

Mary McDaniel gave the Accent on "Responsibilities of Members." McDaniel reviewed the twelve rules printed in the club yearbook.

Brenda Tucker presented a program on 'E-mail Etiquette' giving tips for effective e-mails.

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Members were asked to volunteer to assist VFW with an event on August 6.

Kerrick Horton reminded members to submit names for Guest Night to be held August 30.

Altrusa International Convention will be held in Rapid City, South Dakota July 21-26.

The following Pampa Altrusans attending are: Kerrick Horton, Kadda Schale, Rochelle Lacy and Brenda Tucker.

The next meeting will be held August 9, 2011, at noon at First United Methodist Church.

### Gray County Genealogical Society

Joe Weaver, executive director of Pampa's Chamber of Commerce, will share his genealogical story with the Gray County Genealogical Society at 7 p.m., Monday at the Lovett Memorial Library.

Interested in scholarly inquiry? You are always welcome to attend GCGS programs.

Weaver is a Texas Panhandle native, raised on a Deaf Smith County farm. He is a 1972 Hereford Whiteface graduate and West Texas State Buffalo with a degree in communications. He is a member of Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives, West Texas Historical Association, and Storytellers of the High Plains.

He serves on the White Deer Land Museum Foundation Board and the Friends of the Library Board and has assisted in archaeological digs in Robert County.

Joe Weaver worked almost 15 years in public library administration, honing skills for promotion and P.R. In 2006, he became the Director of the Tulia Chamber of Commerce. Then Pampa lucked out and in 2009 Joe moved to Pampa to become our Executive Director of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce and write a weekly column for *The Pampa News* called "Chamber Music." He and Linda (Hansford County native), have two daughters, Elizabeth

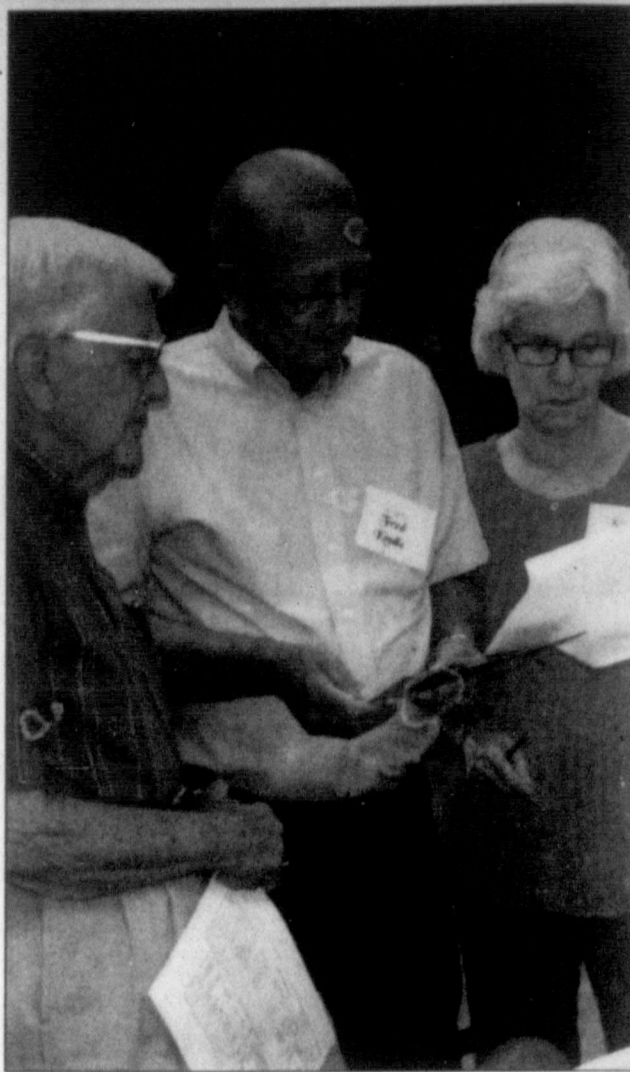


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**GCGS history detectives** Howard Graham (from left), Fred Kindle and Kay Lard search rescue and find POIs and places of interest galore (unlabeled 19th and 20th century photos.) The mysterious layout was assembled by the White Deer Land Museum's Lard.

writes for the Red Hat Society International. Anne is Music Minister at the First Christian Church of San Marcos.

The Society accomplished great work on behalf of the Texas Panhandle at our June meeting. President Fred Kindle reviewed the U.S. census 1940 paperwork since 1940 becomes available to us in 2012. One "point of interest" which tickled many a palate was the fact that the 1940 Census wanted to know where everyone was in 1935, as well as 1940.

The Society was delighted to see good friends, Lorene and J.D. Paris, and they were of great

help as the GCGS history detectives searched, rescued and found people and places of interest throughout a mysterious layout assembled by Kay Lard, White Deer Land Museum Curator.

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| Aug 4   | ★ Granny's Home Cookin' |
| Aug 8   | ★ Texas Rose            |
| Aug 9   | ★ Dyer's Bar-B-Que      |

Come on out in Pampa and enjoy the music of Tommy Henson and register to win FREE rodeo tickets. These fine musicians will entertain you while you enjoy a great meal.

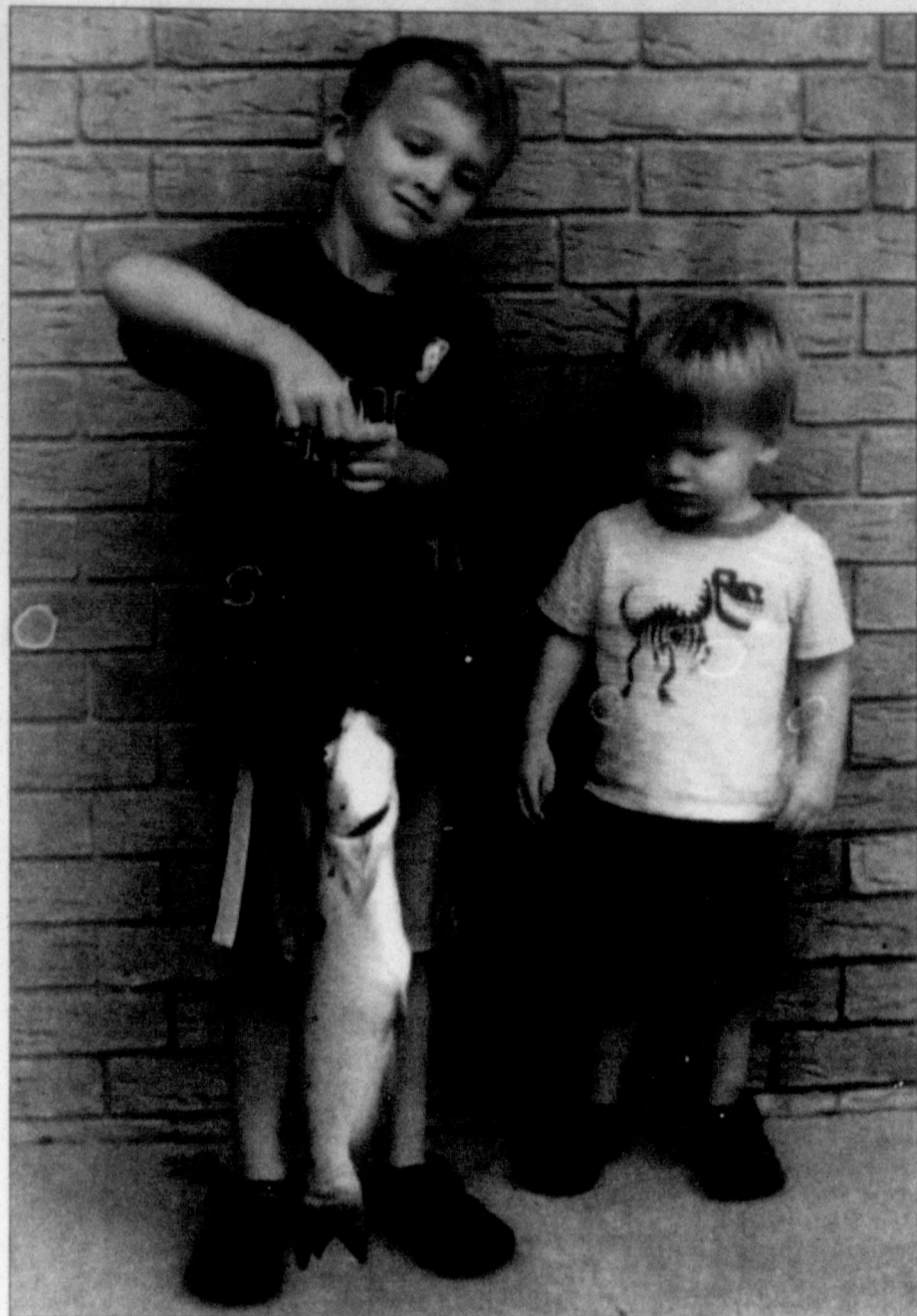
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See you at the 65<sup>th</sup> annual Top O' Texas Rodeo August 11, 12 & 13!



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## IT WAS THIS BIG



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**Will Hammer** (left), 5, and **Aaron Hammer**, 2, of Dallas caught this 3 pound catfish at Recreation Park on Wednesday using nightcrawlers. Will and Aaron are grandsons of Bill and Kathy Hammer of Pampa.

## Lone Star Lineman's Rodeo to showcase work, safety skills

AMARILLO — Electric linemen from across the region will showcase their work and safety skills at the 20th annual Lone Star Lineman's Rodeo on Saturday, July 23 at Xcel Energy's Amarillo Technical Center on East Interstate 40.

Beginning at 8 a.m. and lasting past lunch, the competition will feature contests in two traditional line competitions and three mystery events. The top three Xcel Energy Texas and New Mexico teams and apprentices from the Amarillo event will earn a trip to the International Lineman's Rodeo in October in Bonner Springs, Kan. just outside of Kansas City.

The participants represent Xcel Energy operations in Texas, New Mexico and Colorado, where there's no shortage of friendly rivalries even among employees of the same company.

"Just like a regular rodeo, our event showcases and fine tunes the

skills that are critical to the jobs these men work every day," said Jim Fuller, Xcel Energy field operations supervisor in Amarillo.

The event is being held for the second year on the grounds of Xcel Energy's Amarillo Technical Center at 7801 E. Interstate 40.

The rodeo ground doubles as a training facility, and has been named for Don Taylor, an Xcel Energy retiree who was instrumental in starting the Lineman's Rodeo more than two decades ago.

The public is invited to view the competition, and soft drinks and food will be available, as well as games for kids.

Teams will compete in the Pole Climb with Raw Egg, Hurt-Man Rescue, and three mystery events.

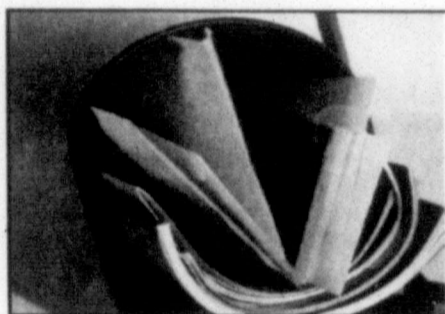
The pole climb involves a lineman climbing a pole with an egg in a canvas bucket, removing the egg and placing it in his mouth, knocking loose an existing bucket atop the pole, and descending with the unbroken egg in his

mouth. Hurt-Man Rescue scores a lineman's ability to rescue a 165-pound, life-size dummy from atop a pole and bringing the dummy safely to the ground, secured in rescue rigging. Mystery events are unknown events that cannot be practiced ahead of the competition, but involve everyday job and safety skills expected of a utility lineman.

Teams consist of three participants - two climbing journeymen and a groundman. Scoring is based on correct work procedures and safety. Operations managers, coordinators, retirees, foremen, qualified journeymen and servicemen will serve as judges.

The competition also will include an apprentices division where individuals compete in five events: Apprentice Hurt-Man Rescue, pole climbing events, a written test, and two mystery events.

For more information, go to [www.lonestarlinemanrodeo.com](http://www.lonestarlinemanrodeo.com).



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## Judges attend JP seminar

Judges Kurt R. Curfman and Mary Ann Carpenter recently attended the Twenty Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar, sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, to fulfill a continuing education requirement for elected Justices of the Peace.

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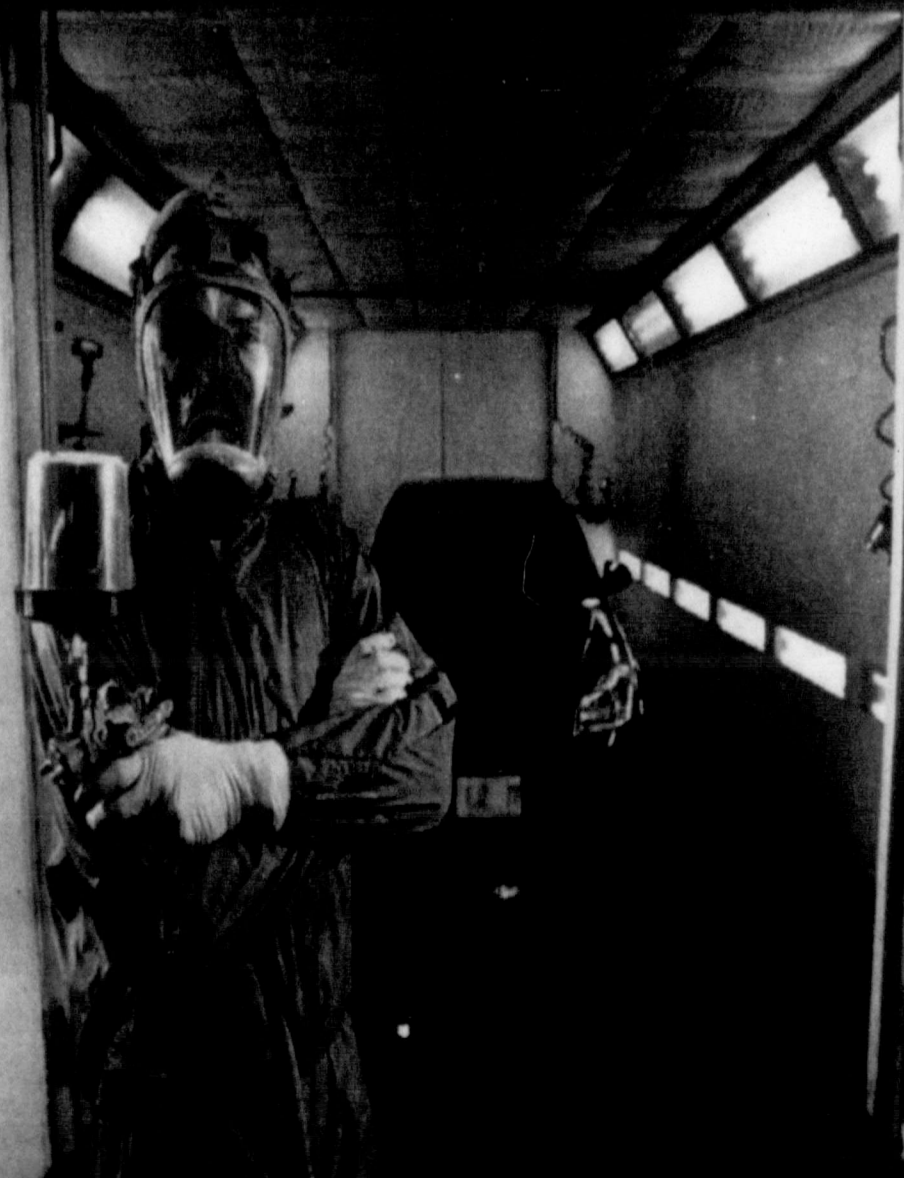
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# Livestock producers culling into 'the hearts of their herds'

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COLLEGE STATION — Faced with lack of grazing, dwindling hay supplies and shrinking surface water sources, livestock producers continue to cull deeper into herds, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service reports.

"They're culling a lot deeper than they normally would, and they're culling a lot harder than they normally would," said Rick Hirsch, AgriLife Extension agent for Henderson County, west of Tyler. "And they're culling into the heart of their herds."

By "heart of their herds," Hirsch meant heifers and three- to six-year-old cows that should form the core of future production.

Producers are also selling calves early. In Henderson County, sales have been in the range of 2,500 to 3,000 head per week at the Athens Commission Co., he said. During an average year in July, weekly sales counts should be more like 1,600 to 2,000 head.

"Statewide, I've been hearing huge numbers from auction markets in Central and West Central Texas," Hirsch said. "The numbers have been astronomical for this time of year."

According to reports from AgriLife Extension personnel in the Rolling Plains, area sale barns were turning people away because their sales were running so long.

On June 25 in Van Zandt County, east of Dallas, ranchers sold 825 head and 1,655 head on July 9, according to Tommy Phillips, AgriLife Extension agent for Van Zandt County.

It will take years to rebuild these herds, Hirsch noted.

"Partly because of the sheer numbers being culled, and the other (factor) is the higher cost of production," Hirsch said. "We have higher cattle prices right now, and that is helping the situation. But the high cost of replacements, the cost of fertilizer and the cost of fuel — all will make it harder to build numbers back up."

To help producers make better culling decisions, Henderson County will host a training on Aug. 22 in Athens titled "Managing the Effects of Drought for Beef Producers." For more information contact Hirsch at 903-675-6130.

Other training programs and information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on



the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

**PANHANDLE:** The weather remained hot, dry and windy. A few isolated areas reported receiving from 0.6 inch to 2 inches of rain. Soil-moisture levels were very poor. Irrigators continued to heavily water all crops. Corn was in poor to very poor condition, stressed from the drought and an increase in spider mites and western bean cutworms. Many producers were diverting irrigation to fewer acres and abandoning some crops, such as corn, because of the high water demands. Cotton was in poor to very poor condition in most counties. Rangeland and pasture conditions were in poor to very poor condition with most reporting very poor. Producers continued to provide supplemental feed to livestock.

**ROLLING PLAINS:** Childress and Wilbarger counties reported about 1 inch of rain, but overall the region remained extremely dry. The daytime highs have been 100 degrees or hotter with no letup in sight. Cotton producers were trying to keep their crops from failing by running pivots constantly. Cattle producers tried to maintain cattle condition by feeding extra hay and cubes. As the drought intensified, more producers were culling deeper into their herds. Producers were having a hard time finding hay. Some producers were worried about cattle consuming pastures with Johnson grass because of the risk of prussic acid and nitrate poisoning. Johnson grass was about the only green growth in many pastures. The wildfire danger continued to be high.

**SOUTH PLAINS:** Parts of the region received scattered rain, with accumulations mostly only a few hundredths of an inch, but as much as 1.5 inches fell in isolated areas. Irrigated cotton was in the first week of bloom in some counties. Producers were still selling off cattle due to drought and lack of supplemental feed. Peanuts were stressed, pegging two to three weeks late.

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