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Skinner has new execution date: Nov. 9

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 Hank Skinner has a new execution date.
 Henry Watkins "Hank" Skinner, 49, was given the death penalty for the bludgeoning death of Twila Busby and the stabbing deaths of her two mentally impaired sons, Elwin Caler

and Randy Busby, in Pampa in 1995. He was scheduled to be executed on March 24, 2010, but only 35 minutes before his execution, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a stay to consider whether or not Skinner could request the testing of DNA that his defense attorney chose not to have tested at his original trial.

Now, according to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Skinner is once again set to be executed, this time on Nov. 9, 2011.
 In March of this year, the Supreme Court ruled that Skinner, under a federal civil rights law, had the right to bring suit against Gray County District Attorney Lynn Switzer

for refusing him access to evidence for DNA testing. While the high court decision meant that Skinner could move forward with his civil suit, it did not specifically grant him access to the evidence in question.
 A call to Skinner's attorney, Douglas Robinson of Washington, D.C., was not returned as of press time.

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WHAT A YEAR

Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas looks back

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 Megan Pirtle has had a busy year as the Top O' Texas Rodeo Queen.
 This week alone, she has visited St. Matthew's, the Community Day Care Center, and read to children at the Lovett Memorial Library — and all before Wednesday. "I love getting out in the community and helping out," she said.
 "Megan was very responsible with her duties as Rodeo Queen," said Cindy Kempf, Top O' Texas Rodeo Office Manager. "Any time we called her with something, she was more than happy to do it."
 Kempf said she has seen Pirtle flourish since her first competition for queen, for which she was the first runner up.
 "I've watched Megan grow, and for one of our younger girls to step into the role of queen, we couldn't have been happier with her representation," said Kempf.
 On Thursday at 12 p.m., Pirtle, 18, will give her goodbye speech during the Rodeo Queen luncheon at the American Event Center. Saturday morning at 10 a.m., following a parade, she will pass the crown to the next Rodeo Queen.
 Pirtle said her year as Rodeo Queen has helped her improve her leadership skills and confidence with public speaking. "(Being Rodeo Queen) makes you have to step out of your box and do things you wouldn't have done otherwise. It gives you self-confidence," **PIRTLE** cont. on page 5



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Eighteen-year-old Megan Pirtle, shown here at the 2011 Summer Celebration, has had a whirlwind year as Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas.

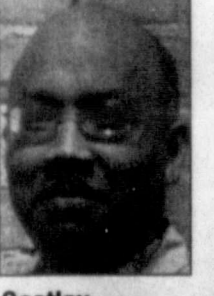
PHS schedule pick-up dates coming up

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 Enrollment procedures for high school students new to the district are currently ongoing, with schedules for returning PHS students available later this month.
 Students new to the district who have not already done so must complete enrollment at the Horace Mann campus, then come to the high school from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. today, Thursday or Friday to get their schedule from a counselor.
 Returning Pampa High School students may pick up their class schedules in the commons area of the high school at the open house on Monday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 "Live the Legacy: Discover Your Path" freshman orientation for incoming ninth graders will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18. Class schedules for the freshmen will be handed out at that time.
 Schedule changes may be made from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 19 and from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 22. You must call 669-4800, ext. 1178, to set up an appointment for a schedule change; an appointment is required to see a counselor.
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Artists' exhibit on display at White Deer Land Museum

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 The White Deer Land Museum is spotlighting a pair of local artists through an art exhibit that will run through the month of August.
 Kevin Costley of Pampa and Mona Fannon of Fritch opened their exhibit with a reception at the museum this past Sunday. The two are showcasing about 50 original works in the museum's exhibition space.
 Costley, a former Pampa Artist of the Year, asked the museum if it would host another one of his exhibitions, a request the museum gladly obliged.
 Costley, who has been painting for around 30 years, got his start through his family.
 "My uncle was an artist, and he was my favorite uncle," he

said. "I asked him to teach me, and he started teaching me, and here I am."
 Costley's favorite media are watercolors, acrylics and scratchboard, all of which are represented in the exhibit. Many of the themes portrayed in his work are spiritual in nature, **EXHIBIT** cont. on page 3

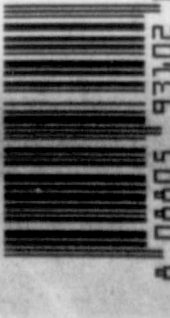


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"David and Goliath" (inset above) is a watercolor piece in Kevin Costley's "tree" series, a group of paintings in which the Pampa artist conceals religious narratives within the branches, trunks and negative space around trees. Costley and Fitch's Mona Fannon will have artwork on display at the White Deer Land Museum through August.

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Storm leaves some Pampans in the dark

ARNIE AURELLANO
The Pampa News

An evening storm brought some much needed moisture the Pampa area, but it also had an unwanted side effect: Blackouts.

High winds and heavy rain contributed to more than a dozen power poles in various areas going down, according to Xcel Energy public relations representative Wes Reeves. Among those were several along State Hwy. 273 and some near Kingsmill.

There were about 5,000 customers without electricity, according to Reeves. With such widespread damage, Reeves said that the company worked to divert electricity from other sources to restore power to local buildings in a timely fashion.

Most Pampans had their electricity restored within a couple of hours.

Life in prison for Jeffs

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Polygamist leader Warren Jeffs recorded everything he said. Thousands of pages, written with Biblical flourish, about God wanting him to take 12-year-old wives. About those girls needing to sexually please him. About men he banished for not building his temple fast enough.

Facing his last chance to keep his freedom, Jeffs didn't say a word.

He was sentenced to life in prison Tuesday for sexually assaulting one of his child brides — among 24 underage wives prosecutors said Jeffs collected — and received the maximum 20-year punishment on a separate child sex conviction. Jeffs, 55, will not be eligible for parole until he is at least 100 years old.

The head of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints made no plea for leniency. He ordered his attorneys not to call witnesses during the sentencing phase, and forbade them from making a closing argument Tuesday.

Less than half an hour later, jurors returned with the harshest punishment possible.

"He's a pervert, and the crazy thing is, he perverted his own religion," his sister, Elaine Jeffs, said after the sentencing. Nearby, police escorted her brother into a waiting patrol car.

The FLDS is a radical offshoot of mainstream Mormonism and believes polygamy brings exaltation in heaven. In closing arguments, prosecutors rejected the idea that the sect had been targeted.

Jurors ignored reporters after the sentencing, quickly walking to their cars that were parked single-file in a blocked-off street and driving away.

Bathing beauties make a splash

ANNE MCCOLLAM

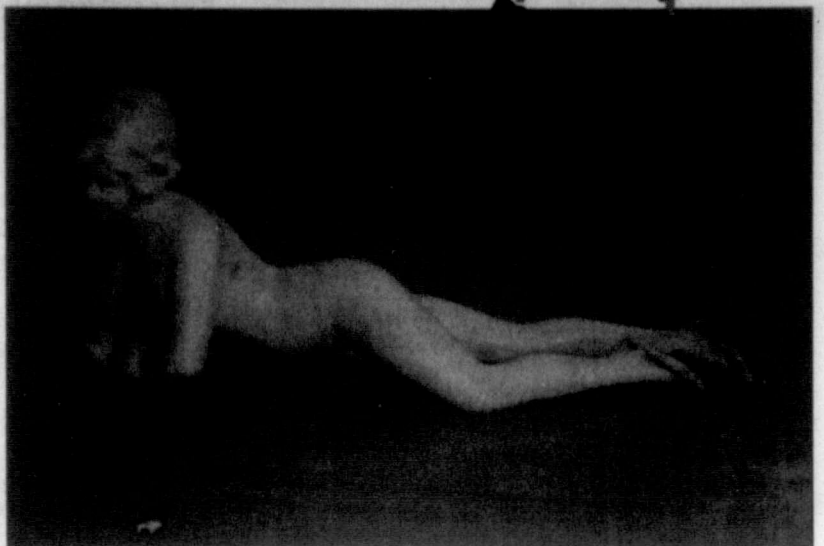
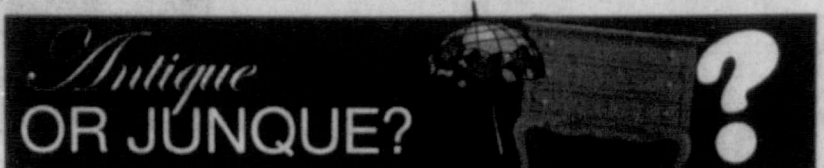
Q: This is a photo of a bisque bathing beauty figurine that I bought last spring. I have been collecting these figurines for several years and they have become difficult to find. The figure is three inches long and in excellent condition. Marked on her leg is the word "Germany."

I paid \$135 for this figurine because they are getting hard to find, and this one was a nice addition to my collection. I didn't quibble over the price. I hope you can tell if you think I paid a fair market value, and any other information you can provide will be appreciated.

A: You have an exceptional Art Deco bisque bathing beauty. They are extremely desirable antiques and are rare. Her little ballet slippers, head band restraining her curls, the expert modeling of her face and body, and her position would suggest she was made by Alfred Pensky. In the mid 1920s his company in Germany produced a line of bisque bathing beauties as well as dolls and pincushions. Many bathing beauties were made in Germany by several other factories from 1900 to 1940. By the 1920s, Japanese manufacturers plunged into the market. As a rule, their figurines cannot compare with the quality of those made in Germany. They were not as well modeled and often larger. Nonetheless, Japanese examples are also very collectible.

Your flapper is fairly priced and a lovely addition to your collection.

Q: This mark is on the bottom of an antique pottery vase that I inherited. The vase stands about five inches tall and has a metallic glaze with swirling colors of green,



Bisque bathing beauties are extremely collectible.

bronze, blue and red. It is in mint



Sicardo pottery was decorated with a unique metallic glaze.

condition. What can you tell me about its history and value?

A: Weller Pottery made your vase. They were located in Zanesville, Ohio from 1882 to 1948. "Sicardo" is the name of a

line of pottery created by French designer, Jacques Sicard, from 1901 to 1907. His metallic luster glaze was unique and used on pottery that was handmade on the potter's wheel rather than molded. This elegant pottery was available only in exclusive shops like Tiffany's. Pieces originally sold for \$300 in the early 1900s. Sicard closely guarded his formula for the magnificent glaze and took it with him when he returned to France in 1907.

Your circa 1901 vase would probably fetch \$2000 to \$3000 in an antiques shop.

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

Exhibit

Costley said.

"I consider myself a religious painter, a Christian artist," Costley said. "I paint religious themes... It's my way of getting God's word out, illustrating the books of the Bible and being able to tell people about Christ."

Among his works on display include examples of his recent "tree series," in which hidden images and stories are told within the gnarled branches and negative space of the trees.

"I have one that's called 'Noah's Ark and the Sea of Disbelievers,'" Costley said. "It has these people who are drowning and they're holding on to the roots of the tree and in the trunk of the tree, there's a doorway. But in the negative space of the tree branches, there are animals — an elephant, a hippopotamus, others."

Recently, he was chosen to complete the cover art for "Island Child," a children's biography by Oklahoma author Lorelee Cooley about the first 10 years of President Barack Obama's life.

Fannon, in contrast, is a photographer; much of her work on display at the exhibit consists of digital photos printed on canvas. Some of her pieces have been featured in *Style* magazine and *Amarillo Opera* and have been recognized at the "Best of the Southwest" competition.

She was an educator for 30 years, teaching computer and technology classes in graphic design and webpage development as well as entrepreneurship. Now, as an artist selling her pieces through her business, Twilight Time Productions, she's taking the things she's taught people all those years and applying them for herself.

"Basically, the things that I worked with students, I'm doing for myself now," she said. "It's really neat."

Her favorite subject matter, she said, includes



staff photo by Andrew Glover

"Elizabethtown Remains" is one of many photos Fritch photographer will have on display at the White Deer Land Museum through August. The wagon inside the barn is red, the only splash of color on the entire piece.

towns and buildings that show a lot of history.

"For example, Elizabethtown," Fannon said, referring to a framed canvas print nearby. "Elizabethtown is between Eagle's Nest and Red

River. I was talking to someone at Eagle's Nest and they told me to go to Elizabethtown. It is a photographer's dream. There's so many old buildings and things to take pictures of there."

Her latest work in the exhibit includes pieces from a recent trip to Folsom, N.M.

Costley and Fannon are both members of the Panhandle Art Center in Amarillo.

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Junior and senior students interested in taking AP classes for dual credit with Clarendon College will receive information about the program during the second week of school.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 10, the 222nd day of 2011. There are 143 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 10, 1861, Confederate forces routed Union troops in the Battle of Wilson's Creek in Missouri, the first major engagement of the Civil War to take place west of the Mississippi River. (The victory gave the Confederates control of southwestern Missouri.)

On this date:

In 1680, Pueblo Indians launched a successful revolt against Spanish colonists in present-day New Mexico.

In 1792, during the French Revolution, mobs in Paris attacked the Tuileries Palace, where King Louis XVI resided. (The king was later arrested, put on trial for treason, and executed.)

In 1821, Missouri became the 24th state.

In 1846, President James K. Polk signed a measure establishing the Smithsonian Institution.

In 1921, Franklin D. Roosevelt was stricken with polio at his summer home on the Canadian island of Campobello.

In 1949, the National Military Establishment was renamed the Department of Defense.

In 1991, nine Buddhists were found slain at their temple outside Phoenix, Ariz. (Two teenagers were later arrested; Alessandro Garcia was sentenced to life in prison, while Jonathan Doody received 281 years.)

In 1993, Ruth Bader Ginsburg was sworn in as the second female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

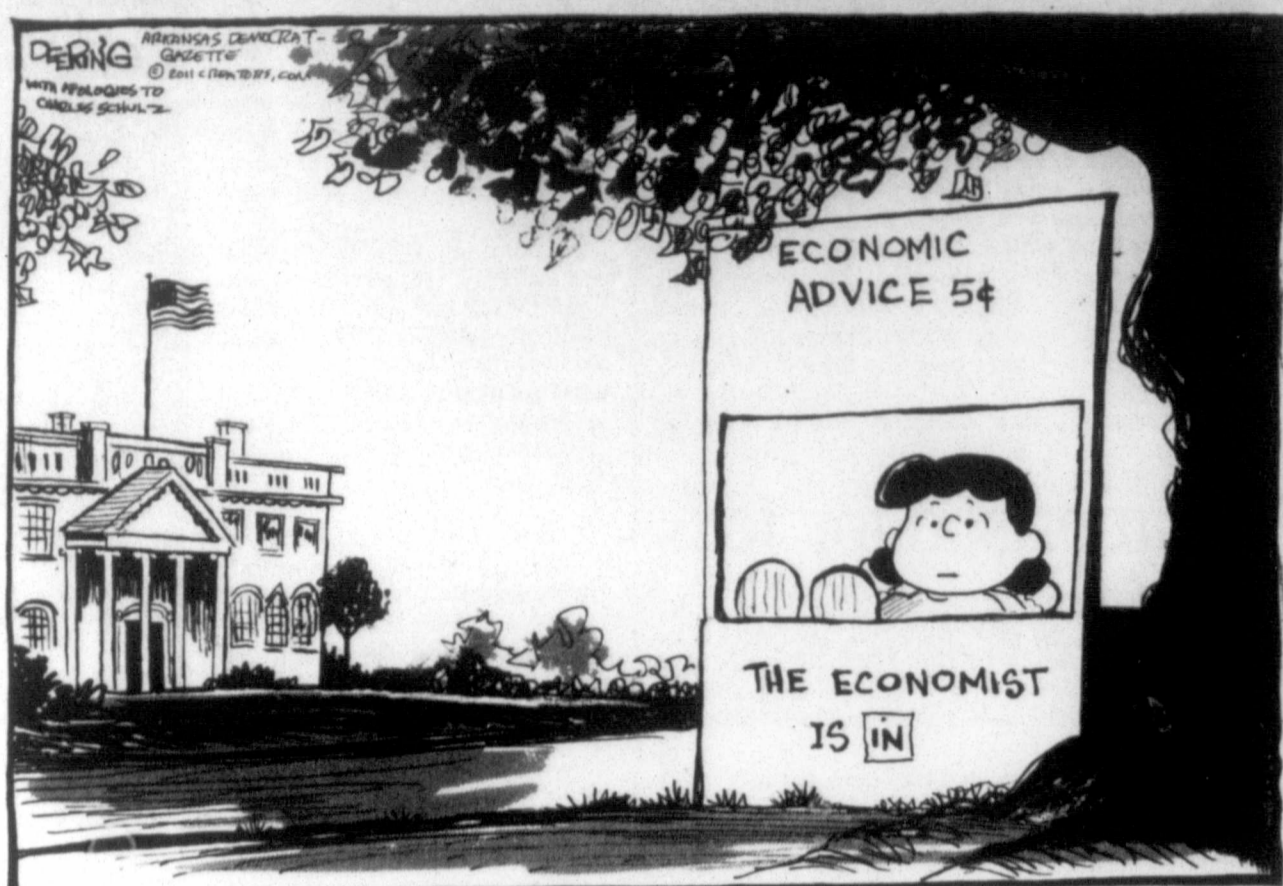
Ten years ago: Space shuttle Discovery roared into orbit on a mission to deliver a fresh crew to the international space station.

Five years ago: British authorities announced they had thwarted a terrorist plot to simultaneously blow up 10 aircraft heading to the U.S. using explosives smuggled in hand luggage.

One year ago: The House pushed through an emergency \$26 billion jobs bill that Democrats said would save 300,000 teachers, police and others from layoffs; President Barack Obama immediately signed it into law.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Rhonda Fleming is 88. Actor-director Tom Laughlin ("Billy Jack") is 80. Singer Ronnie Spector is 68. Actor James Reynolds is 65. Rock singer-musician Ian Anderson (Jethro Tull) is 64. Singer Patti Austin is 63. Country musician Gene Johnson (Diamond Rio) is 62. Actor Daniel Hugh Kelly is 59. Folk singer-songwriter Sam Baker is 57. Actress Rosanna Arquette is 52. Actor Antonio Banderas is 51. Rock musician Jon Farriss (INXS) is 50. Singer Julia Fordham is 49. Journalist-blogger Andrew Sullivan is 48. Singer Neneh Cherry is 47. Singer Aaron Hall is 47. Boxer Riddick Bowe is 44. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lorraine Pearson (Five Star) is 44. Singer-producer Michael Bivins is 43. Actor-writer Justin Theroux is 40. Actress Angie Harmon is 39. Country singer Jennifer Hanson is 38. Actress JoAnna Garcia is 32. Rhythm-and-blues singer Nikki Bratcher (Divine) is 31. Actor Ryan Eggold is 27. Actor Lucas Till is 21.

Thought for Today: "It is easier to make a saint out of a libertine than out of a prig." — George Santayana, Spanish-born philosopher (1863-1952).



Obama to fight for people...next time

By gollies, America's workaday majority of middle-class and poor people have a fighter on our side in Washington. Unfortunately, that fighter is Barack Obama.

On Sunday, he waved his white hankie of surrender in the debt ceiling battle, agreeing to a disastrous deal ruthlessly pushed by the loopest of the tea party extremists in the Republican House. It slashes some nearly \$1 trillion from national programs that ordinary Americans count on, puts Social Security and Medicare at risk, and promises to make our depressed economy, and even the deficit, worse.

Obama also cravenly conceded to the demand by GOP/tea party corporatists that those fortunate few at the tippy-top of our economy make no sacrifice whatsoever to the goal of deficit reduction. Tax-dodging corporations, hedge-fund profiteers and the richest 1 percent of our nation's plutocratic elite are allowed by this sorry deal to retain every dime of their subsidies, tax breaks and other federal giveaways.

Not to worry, though, for as our champ signed his abject capitulation into law on Tuesday, he said that stage two of the deficit reduction process will be better. The pampered and privileged few, he insisted, will also have to "chip in," reassuring all who will be harmed by this week's deal that he'll be "fighting for" fundamental principles of fairness in the next one.

But we've all seen again and again that this guy "fights" by backing up and begging for compromise. For example, even as he caved in last December to Republican demands that the ridiculous Bush tax cuts for the superrich be continued, he talked tough about fighting for fairness "next time." When will next time



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with glasses; you should hit him with something much heavier.

The heavy "something" that Obama has at his disposal is the fact that the American people are overwhelmingly on his side in this fight. The majority is sick and tired of paying the price for economic disasters caused by narcissistic greed of financial elites and corporate chieftains. They're ready to smack the moneyed powers -- and the politicians who kowtow to them -- right in their snouts.

So, Obama shouldn't be playing budgetary patty cake with John Boehner and Co. in the backrooms of Washington. Instead of negotiating over how much of FDR's New Deal to throw out the window, he needs to throw out the window, he needs to throw out the majority to go after the greedheads and screwballs. If he'd lift his vision from budget numbers, he'd see that America's great economic urgency is not the deficit, but creating good, middle-class jobs to get America moving again, moving upward -- and moving together.

Today, we are a dangerously disunited society. Elite CEOs and big investors are grabbing all the gains, leaving the vast majority mired in recession and facing falling incomes. Since the recession technically "ended" 18 months

ago, corporate profits have zoomed, sopping up an unprecedented 88 percent of America's economic growth. Meanwhile, only 1 percent of the growth that we all help to produce has gone to wages and salaries, which is the source of income for about 90 percent of us.

Yet those same CEOs say they won't invest in new jobs or raise wages until consumers start buying again. That's like saying, "The beatings will continue until morale improves." Hello, the consumers CEOs are waiting on are the workers whose jobs and wages the CEOs won't increase.

You see, despite the GOP's ideological claptrap about corporate executives being "job creators," it is ordinary Americans who actually create jobs by spending from their paychecks. People who are out of work do not tend to be -- how shall I put this? -- "robust consumers." Since consumer spending accounts for about 70 percent of our country's economic growth (and, in so doing, creates America's jobs), the dogma of deliberately destroying the purchasing power of middle-class wage-earners is disastrous -- like trying to cure a headache by chopping off your head.

This is why Obama needs to quit pampering the rich and fussing over budgets -- and start launching a national, FDR-style jobs program that'll immediately increase paychecks, perk up consumer spending and generate economic growth.

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Pirtle

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she said. Stepping down from her title of Rodeo Queen does not mean Pirtle will be slowing down. She will be a senior this year at Pampa High School, where she is a varsity cheerleader, member of the track team, and involved with the groups Students Against Destructive Decisions and ASTRA, the high school affiliated club of Altrusa International. In her spare time, she likes scrapbooking, crafts, riding horses and

spending time with her family. She said she is grateful to her family for their help and support. "They help me out a lot, and I couldn't take care of my horses without them," she said. Pirtle is also glad to have had the opportunity to be Rodeo Queen. "It was a special year, and I wouldn't trade it for anything. Now I'm not afraid to get in front of people and give a big speech," she said. "I've come out of my shell."



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm 16 and pregnant. The father of my baby is my stepbrother. It's my fault because I seduced him when we were home alone. Last night my sister said I need to go on a diet because I'm gaining weight, and she joked that I look pregnant. I don't think she has any idea that I really am.

I won't be able to hide this pregnancy much longer. My parents will go crazy, and my stepbrother will also be in major trouble even though it isn't really his fault. I can tell you my mom will not be understanding. Please help. — DESPERATE FOR ADVICE

DEAR DESPERATE: You're right — this is major trouble. But your parents have to be told, not only because your pregnancy will soon become obvious, but also because for the sake of the baby, you must have prenatal care. If you are afraid to tell them by yourself, then approach them with the help of another adult, either a close friend or a relative you can confide in. The only thing you shouldn't do is wait any longer.

DEAR ABBY: I have been feeling a great deal of guilt for a number of years

after my parents' deaths. They both died of natural causes.

When the church services were over, my sister and brothers stood together in line and thanked everyone for coming. I could hardly sit through the service, much less thank anyone for attending. I was the first to leave the service and drove home to be alone.

Was I wrong not to stand with my siblings? I could hardly control my own feelings. It was impossible for me to deal with those of the others. What do you think, Abby? — WORKING THROUGH GRIEF

DEAR WORKING: I think you are beating yourself up needlessly. Grieving is a personal process, and people do it in their own individual way. Because you needed to be alone, you were right to leave.

DEAR ABBY: I am dating a woman who is a prostitute and have developed feelings for her. The problem is her "job" gets in the way. I thought I could be OK with this, but I am not. She says she needs me and wants me in her life. She has talked about getting another job, but nothing ever happens. What should I do? — MY NAME'S NOT JOHN

DEAR NOT JOHN: This woman has already demonstrated that she is not going to change professions. What you should do is find a woman who isn't a prostitute and whose profession doesn't "get in the way." It will be healthier and less frustrating for you.

DEAR ABBY: The other day my boyfriend discovered my diary and started reading it even though I asked him not to. I took it away from him, and he accused me of hiding something from him. I'm not hiding anything. It's just very personal. Is it wrong that I prefer to keep my diary a private matter? — NOTHING TO HIDE IN NEW YORK

DEAR NOTHING TO HIDE: No, it's not wrong. Many people who keep journals also prefer to keep them private. What IS wrong is your boyfriend snooping in the diary after you asked him not to, and then accusing you of hiding something from him when you told him it made you uncomfortable. If you have given him no reason to mistrust you, that's an indication that he is insecure and doesn't respect boundaries. And it's a red flag.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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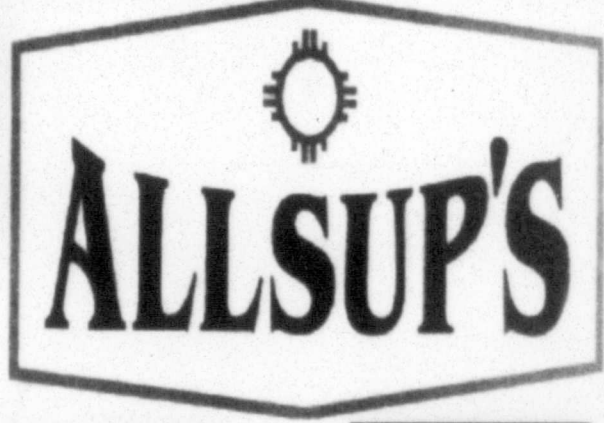
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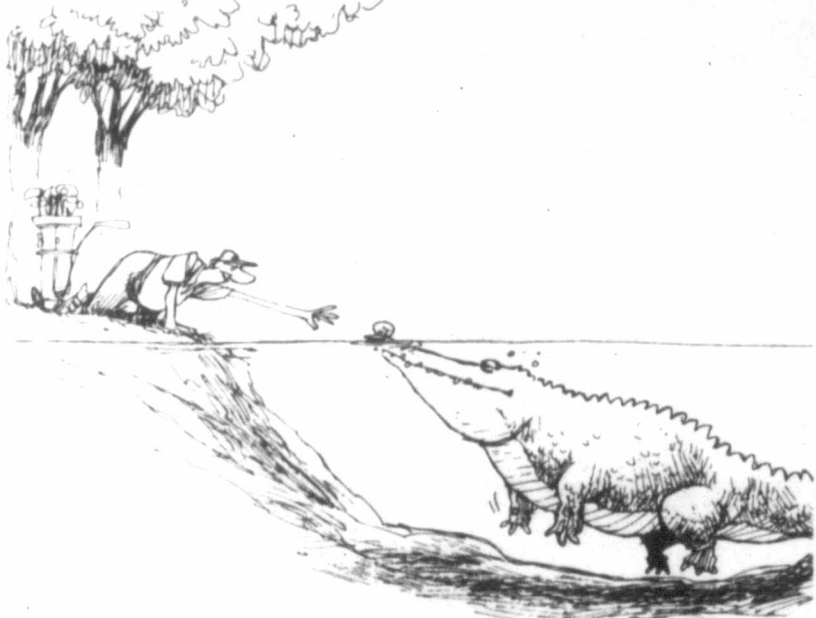
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2011:

This year, you have a special opportunity to change your daily life. If you are honest with yourself, there are certain areas of your life that don't work. Rather than let them undermine the quality of your life, why not clear them out? You will discover that this task could be more easily achieved than you thought possible. Your quality of living will improve as well. Take good care of your health, as stress could be a factor. If you are single, you could meet someone in your day-to-day travels. You don't need to go looking. If you are attached, the two of you benefit from focusing on a key mutual interest. CAPRICORN pitches in.

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)
★★★ Many people take their cues from you. You have a lot to evaluate with financial implications. Just because a partner or key associate is negative about a new project, it might not be that serious. Avoid challenging this person right now. Tonight: Feeling pressured?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Pull back, especially if you believe you have dotted all your i's and crossed all your t's. With perspective, you will see where you might need to tighten up plans, procedures or other matters related to a project. Tonight: Follow your imagination.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ One-on-one relating takes another twist, though you could feel a little frustrated. Know that you need to be secure and not worry so much. Remember, a level relationship is indeed a rare find, as it involves two different people. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Many people have very different ideas. Take in more information and question your choices more openly. Get feedback. A family member could be quite stern, touchy and/or cold. A boss or situation involving a superior has a tone of the unexpected. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Stay even and mellow as others seem to go from serious to optimistic. Know what you feel, and follow through.

The unexpected occurs when dealing with matters involving travel, communication and possibly law. Tonight: Do your thing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ If you cannot find a solution, know that it is a strong possibility there isn't one. Your creativity seems to find answers when no one else can. Trust in your ability to get past a problem. Understanding opens doors. New insights come forward. Tonight: Let your hair down.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Basics count. Though a partner or associate could be unusually optimistic, you see problems. Perhaps you can find a balance. Negativity won't help you create what you desire. Take some time off if you are pushing too hard. Tonight: At home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might want to rethink a personal matter and get past a private issue. Understanding evolves to a new level once you start talking and sharing. Recognize when you can't do anymore. Tonight: Talk over a meal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Be more realistic about what you can do. You might be a bit overly sensitive about what you are offering in a situation. Everyone feels limited at times. Don't push so hard right now. Tonight: Let someone else treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You have energy and focus. Normally, people would be inclined to go along with you; however, those around you have an unusually combative quality. You don't need to take on anyone's anger. You might want to listen. Tonight: Whatever you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Know when to lay low and listen more. How you handle others, especially someone who is touchy, could encourage anger. You might be inadvertently triggering him or her. Listen to this person's complaints with an eye to minimizing your role. Tonight: Take some much-needed time off.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. You'll gain many more supporters than you thought possible. A partner could disagree and might be remote. Remember, you have no control over anyone. And this is a perfect example. Tonight: Midweek break.

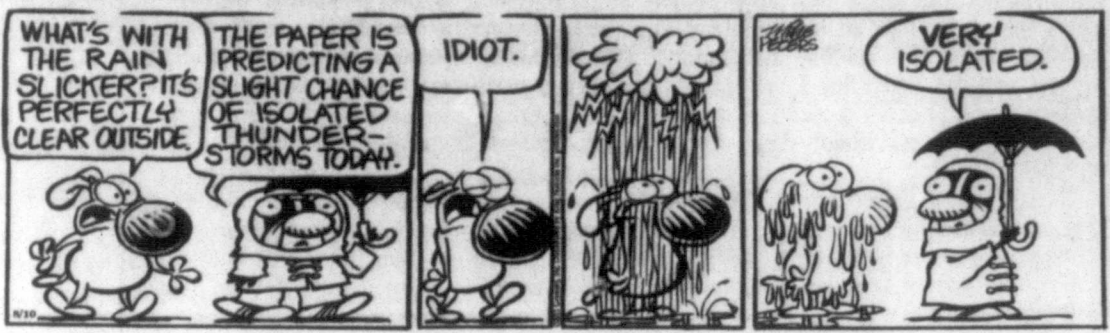
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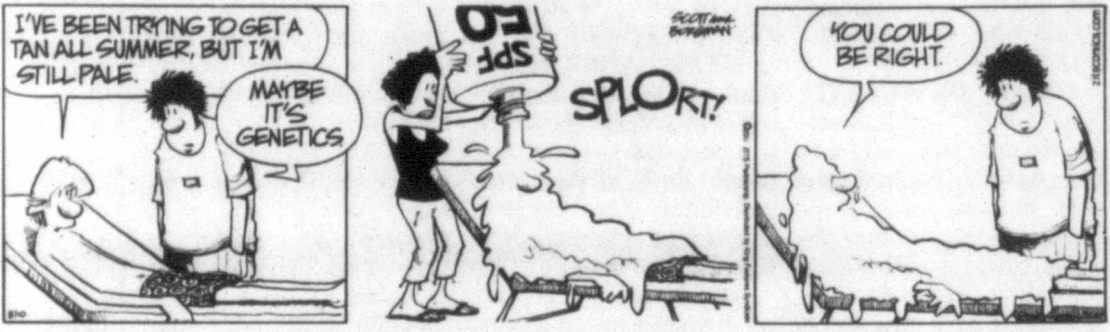
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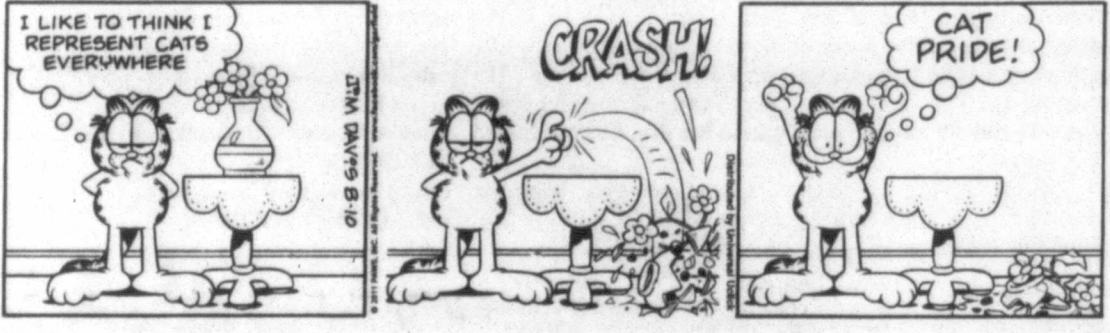
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Sports

No. 16 Lady Harvesters sweep Plainview, San Jacinto

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The last two seasons, the Plainview Lady Bulldogs have been a thorn in the Lady Harvesters' sides, pulling out two five-game victories.

This year the Lady Harvesters were seeking a reversal of fortune. Tuesday night at McNeely Fieldhouse, their mission was accomplished as the No. 16 Lady Harvesters defeated the Lady Bulldogs (25-15, 25-18, 25-19) and the Amarillo San Jacinto Lady Patriots (25-15, 25-19, 25-19) to open the 2011 season.

Head coach Libby Garza said it was nice to get two wins, but said it was rocky at some points.

"That was (my players') goal," Garza said. "This match against Plainview we never won, we've always lost in five. There goal was to win both games in three and they accomplished that... We definitely don't want to end every game like that."

Senior Ramie Hutto said unforced errors helped both Plainview and Amarillo San Jacinto stay in the game.

"There was a lot of unforced errors," Hutto said. "It was all our side."

Pampa and Plainview started the match with a back-and-forth battle until Kirsten Kuhn started serving for Pampa. The Lady Harvesters scored four straight points to take a 7-3 lead. Pampa maintained its advantage until a Lady Bulldog rally cut the lead to two.

The Lady Harvesters opened it up with senior

Alanna Stephens serving. Senior Stephanie Allen made a couple of key kills to help open up the lead to 18-12. Plainview took a timeout, but didn't get closer than four. Senior Kailyn Troxell made the game-ending kill.

The second game started the same way as the first. Plainview (0-2) led early by two (3-1) but Pampa scored the next five to take a 6-3 lead thanks to a pair of aces by Stephens. The Lady Bulldogs rallied to tie the game at seven.

Kuhn said being able to serve was key to winning the match.

"Serving is one of those things you get to control by yourself," Kuhn said. "It's really helpful in getting us started."

Garza said Kuhn came up big in her serves.

"Kirsten did a great job," Garza said. "It was a great point scoring rotation when she served."

Pampa and Plainview exchanged the lead numerous times until Kuhn came up to serve with the score tied at 14. The Lady Harvesters scored three straight points to take a 17-14 lead, prompting a timeout by the Lady Bulldogs. Right out of the timeout, Sieck scored a kill and Hutto followed with an ace to increase the lead to five. Stephens closed the game with a kill to result in a seven-point victory.

Pampa started the third game strong, opening a 6-2 lead. Allen put the first points on the board and Kuhn scored an ace. The Lady Bulldogs stormed back and tied the game at 7. Behind the serving of Stephens, Pampa opened up a 12-7 advantage. Plainview

scored the next five to tie the game at 12. The game would be tied four times but Pampa took over with the game even at 16. The Lady Harvesters outscored the Lady Bulldogs 9-3 to end the match.

In the first game against San Jacinto, Pampa took control early. Kuhn served four consecutive points and Hutto served six, giving the Lady Harvesters a 14-4 lead. San Jacinto didn't get closer than seven. Kuhn's ace sealed a 10-point victory.

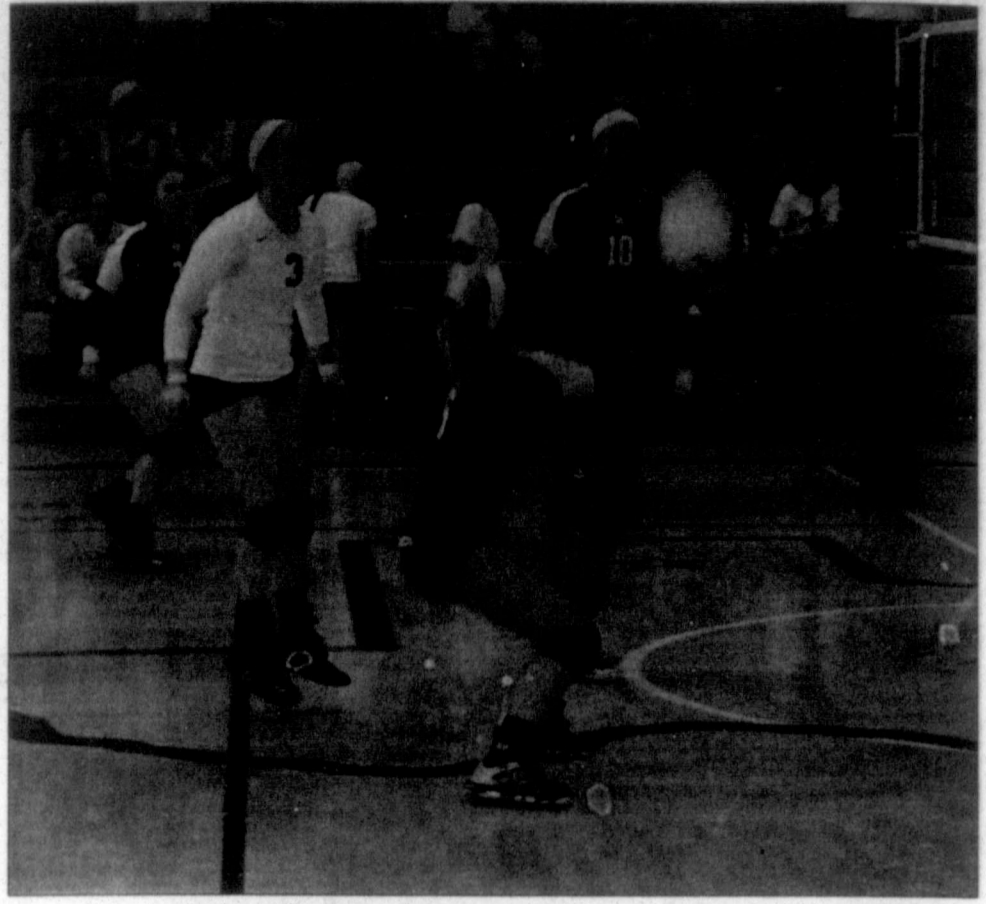
In Game 2, San Jacinto took a 4-2 lead. Once again Kuhn's service started a rally for Pampa. The Lady Harvesters scored the next five points to take a 7-4 lead. Pampa would lead by as many as seven but San Jacinto rallied back. The Patriots scored the next two points to cut the lead to five.

The game would experience a delay as the gym lights went out for about 15 minutes. After the lights came back on, the Patriots outscored Pampa 4-1 to cut the lead to two. Both teams went on runs. Up by one, the Lady Harvesters closed the game behind Troxell's serving. Junior Maddie Fatheree scored the final point.

The Patriots (1-1) started strong in the third game, grabbing an early 5-1 lead. Pampa tied it at five with Stephens serving. San Jacinto stormed back and took an 8-5 lead. With Kuhn serving, the Lady Harvesters scored the next four points and took an 9-8 lead. San Jacinto came right back and took a 15-13 lead prompting a timeout by Garza. Pampa immediately responded scoring five straight points only to have the Patriots tie it at 19. The Lady Harvesters took the lead the next play and didn't give it up.

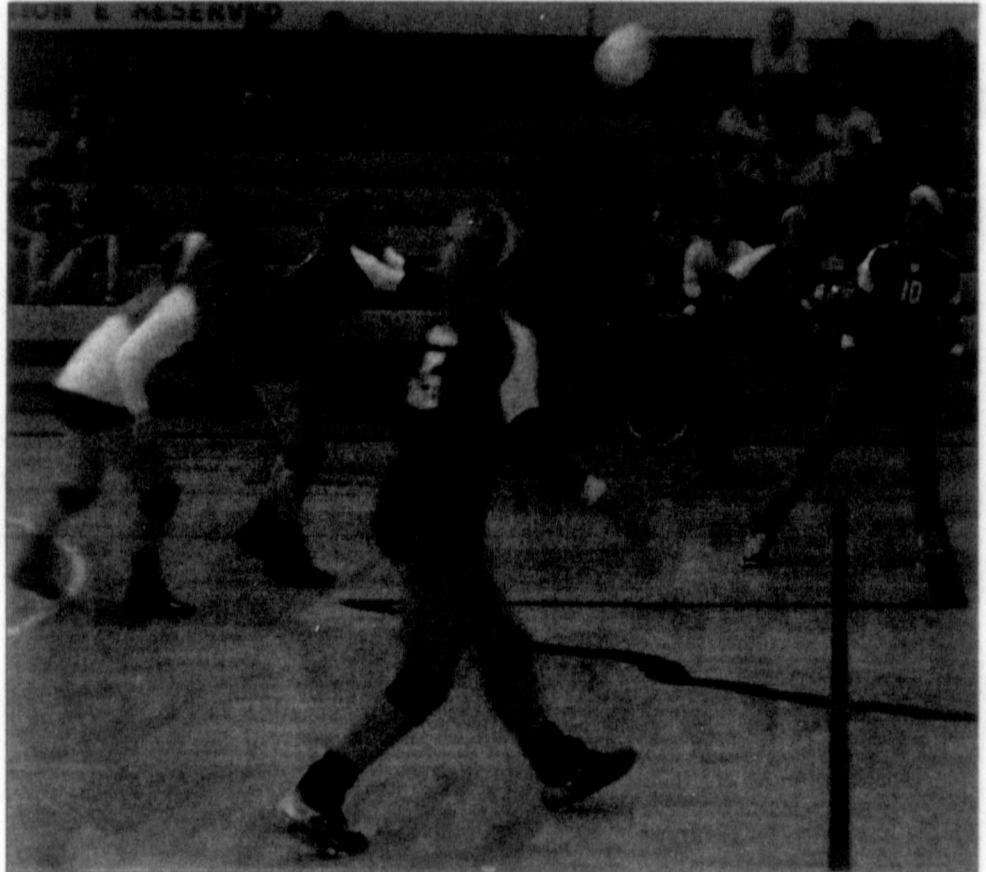
Pampa (2-0) starts play in the Randall tournament 9:00 a.m. Friday against former district rival Randall. Garza said she thinks they will play strong.

"I have complete faith in them," Garza said. "They are ready. They are hungry for the competition and they want it."



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Senior Ramie Hutto sets a ball for a teammate against Plainview Tuesday. The Lady Harvesters opened the season with two victories.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Teammates watch as senior Alanna Stephens receives an attack from Plainview Tuesday.

GAMES AT A GLANCE

Pampa 3, Plainview 0

Pampa 3, San Jacinto 0

Records: Pampa 2-0, 0-0; San Jacinto 1-1, 0-0, Plainview 0-2, 0-0

It was over when: The Lady Harvesters knew they had five points left.

Game ball goes to: Kirsten Kuhn, Senior. Kuhn's serving helped Pampa go on runs and take control of the game.

Teams	1	2	3	Final
Plainview	15	18	19	0
Pampa	25	25	25	3

Teams	1	2	3	Final
San Jacinto	15	19	19	0
Pampa	25	25	25	3

Box Scores

Vs. Plainview

PAMPA	K	D	B	A	S
K. Troxell	10	6	0	1	0
C. Sieck	3	9	0	4	0
S. Allen	1	1	1	0	0
R. Hutto	6	12	0	2	0
A. Stephens	7	21	0	3	0
M. Joyce	0	0	0	0	0
K. Kuhn	1	41	0	2	0
M. Stokes	0	6	0	0	0
T. Giles	0	3	0	0	0
D. Maruffo	0	0	0	0	0
M. Fatheree	9	0	0	0	67
Totals	37	99	1	12	67

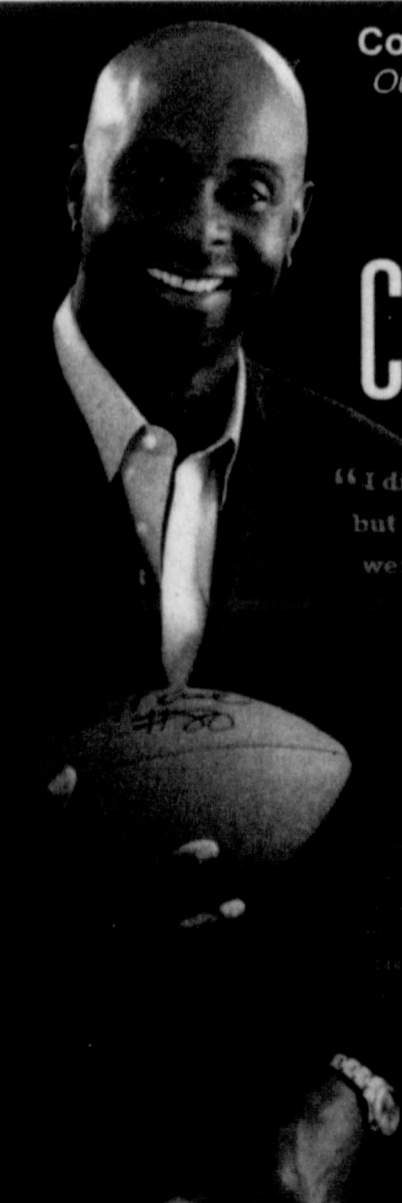
Vs. San Jacinto

PAMPA	K	D	B	A	S
K. Troxell	6	6	2	1	0
C. Sieck	4	5	1	0	0
S. Allen	5	0	2	0	0
R. Hutto	6	5	0	3	0
A. Stephens	2	18	0	1	0
M. Joyce	0	0	0	0	0
K. Kuhn	0	33	0	6	0
M. Stokes	0	7	0	0	0
T. Giles	0	2	0	0	0
D. Maruffo	0	0	0	0	0
M. Fatheree	2	16	1	1	0
Totals	25	92	6	12	0

CORRECTION

In multiple volleyball articles, varsity volleyball players Taylor Giles and Madison Joyce were misidentified as juniors. They are sophomores. Also, Giles' last name was misspelled. *The Pampa News* apologizes for the errors.

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