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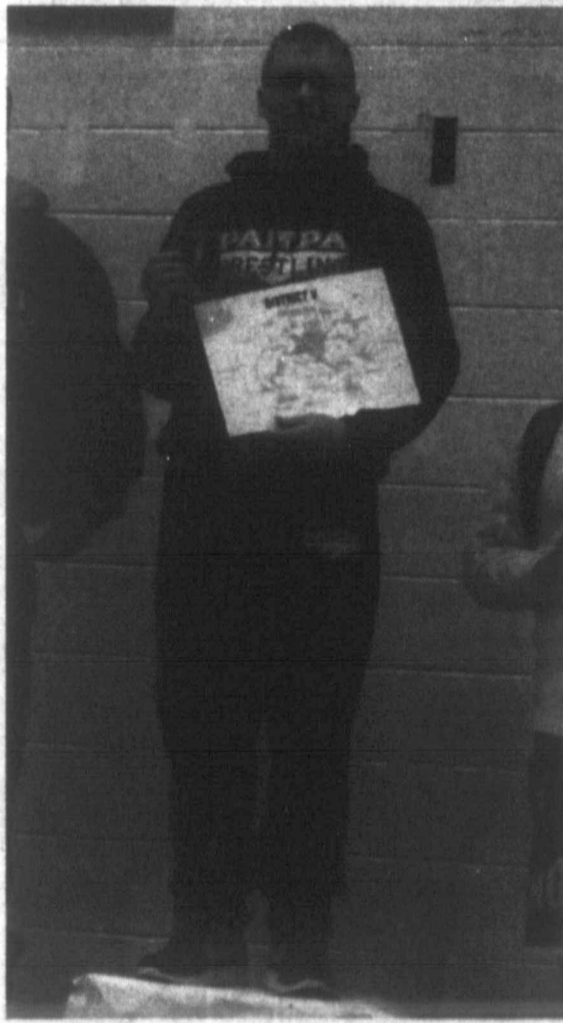
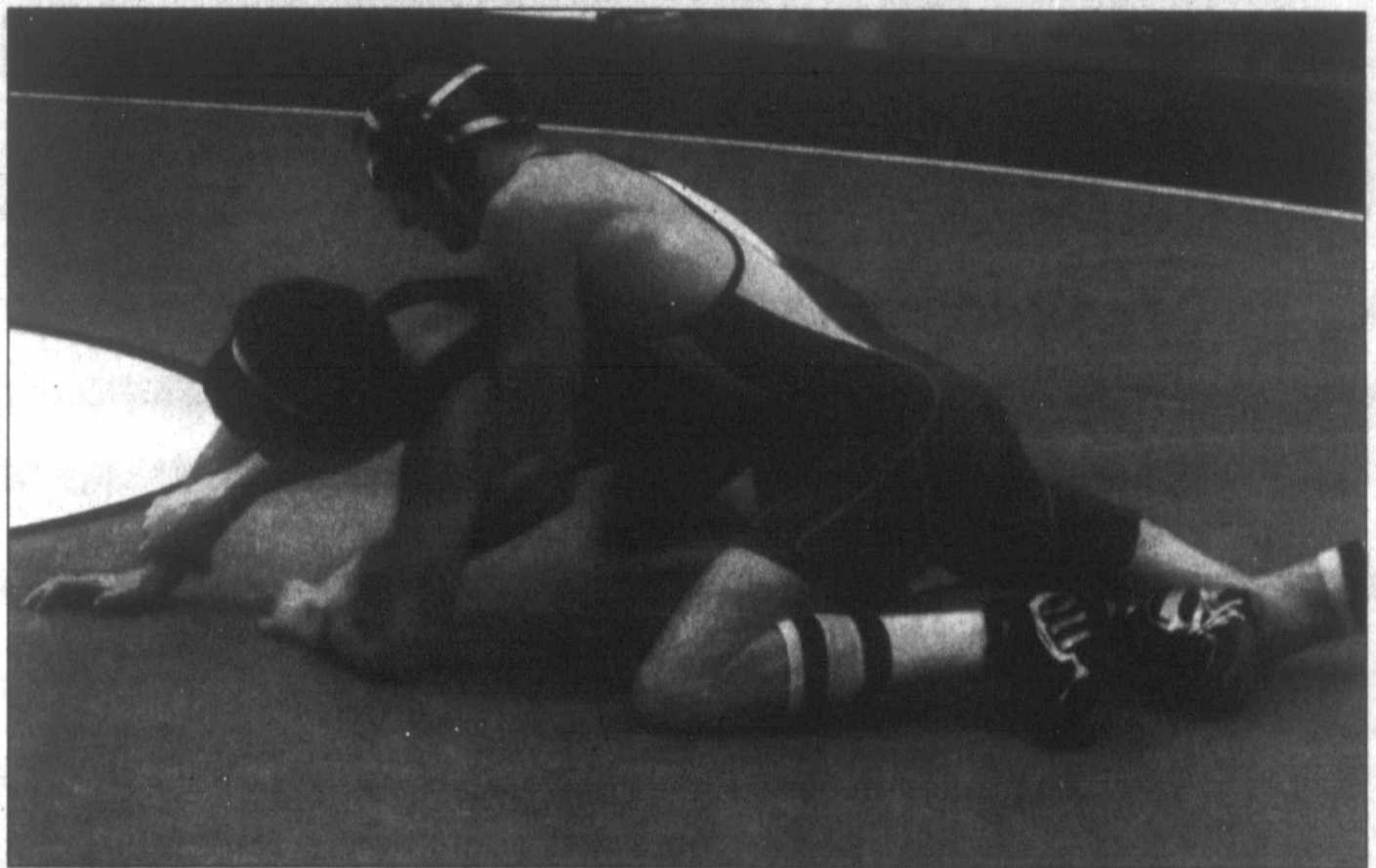
The National Weather Service reported that a small tornado struck Gray County on Friday, veiled among the thunderstorms that welcomed the weekend.

Krissy Scotten, warning coordination meteorologist at the National Weather Service office in Amarillo, said that the tornado touched down near a feedlot at about 12:42 a.m.

"It touched down in far northeastern Gray County right on Hwy. 152, around West Tejas Feeders," said Scotten. "It took out a horse barn and a center pivot irrigation system, and then it overturned and twisted two more just northeast of there. It took out some utility poles, snapped them at the bottom."

The tornado stayed on the ground sporadically for approximately 13 miles, Scotten added, dancing around northeast Gray County, southeast Roberts and southwest Hemphill counties. The **TORNADO** cont. on page 3

WRESTLERS TAKE GOLD



staff photos by Andrew Glover

Three Pampa High School wrestlers brought home district championships in their weight classes at the District 5 tournament at Borger High School on Saturday. Full story in **SPORTS**, page 6. **TOP: En route** to his weight class crown, senior Robert Radke establishes position on Dumas' Adiel Gutierrez in the 138-pound weight class championship in the district tournament Saturday at Borger High School. **BOTTOM LEFT: Senior Ryan Pearson** holds up his gold medal for winning the 195-pound weight class at the District 5 wrestling tournament. **BOTTOM RIGHT: Junior Bella Wilson** (center) stands on the podium after her win in the 215-pound weight class in the District 5 tourney.

WheelTimes, SADD to host Dever Wed.

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Wheel Times and Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) will host speaker Tyson Dever on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. at Briarwood Church and on Thursday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m.

"We're holding two events that are partnered with Pampa High School's SADD, and we're bringing (Tyson Dever) in," said Brad Pingel of Wheel Times. "He's a motivational speaker who talks about acceptance, bullying and other things."

After a car accident left him paralyzed from the waist down in 2005, Dever has spoken to people about **DEVER** cont. on page 3

Five more January indictments in 31st District Court

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A Hemphill County Grand Jury returned four indictments against four people this month.

Travis Wayne Hardin, 31, was indicted on a charge of first degree murder in the death of 54-year-old Cynthia Hanshaw, in connection with an October 2011 incident. Hardin, according to Hemphill County authorities, was behind the wheel of a pickup truck that allegedly struck the driver side door of Hanshaw's vehicle.

Hanshaw died at the scene.

Bond for Hardin was set at \$500,000.

Alejandro Almanza, 39, was indicted on a



Hardin

Antuna was set at \$10,000.

Oscar Manuel Valenzuela, 34, was indicted on a charge of aggravated assault with a weapon, in connection with a September 2011 incident. Bond for

third or greater charge of driving while intoxicated, in connection with a November 2011 incident. Bond for Almanza was set at \$12,500.

Gerardo Roman Chapa, AKA Rogelio Antuna, 36, was indicted on a charge of fraudulent use or possession of identifying information, in connection with a February 2011 incident. Bond for

Valenzuela was set at \$50,000.

Also, a Roberts County Grand Jury returned one indictment this month.

Timothy Angelo Hill, 45, was indicted on a charge of burglary of a building in connection with an October 2010 incident. This charge was enhanced by a May 2001 conviction for unlawful possession of a controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute and a 2006 conviction for possession of a controlled substance. Bond for Hill was set at \$17,500.

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MORNINGRUSH

Geezers, floozies and Social Security

School chief's fraud trial set

EL PASO (AP) — A federal judge has set a June 18 trial for former El Paso school district superintendent Lorenzo Garcia, who's charged with multiple counts of fraud related to school programs that receive federal money.

Garcia is free on bond and has pleaded innocent to charges of conspiracy to commit mail fraud, two counts of mail fraud and another count of aiding and abetting theft.

Federal prosecutors accuse him of steering a \$450,000 contract to a Houston company, Infinity Resources & Associates, and that he had a personal financial interest in the company and a relationship with the woman who is its president.

Garcia headed the El Paso public schools for five years, was put on unpaid leave after his arrest in August and resigned in November.

Storm chaser killed on highway

SAPULPA, Okla. (AP) — A storm chaser featured on The Weather Channel has been killed in a head-on collision in northeastern Oklahoma.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol hasn't released the names of those killed in a double-fatality accident on the Turner Turnpike in Sapulpa Saturday afternoon, but the Weather Channel said one of them was storm chaser Andy Gabrielson.

OHP Lt. George Brown said a vehicle driving west in the eastbound lanes of the highway collided with another vehicle near U.S. Highway 66.

A Weather Channel spokeswoman didn't immediately return an email seeking comment on Sunday. According to a statement on the channel's website, Gabrielson had been chasing storms in Texas and was headed home on Saturday. He was from Minnesota.

The statement said he was a contributor to severe weather coverage on the network.

Tear gas ends standoff

HOUSTON (AP) — Police have used tear gas to force man out of a Houston apartment where he barricaded himself for about three hours.

Officers from the Houston suburb of Missouri City showed up Saturday afternoon with a warrant for 34-year-old Lamarcus Christmas after his former girlfriend filed a complaint accusing him of threatening her.

Christmas spoke briefly with officers before locking himself inside the apartment, telling them he was armed and intended to harm himself.

No one else was in the apartment and he was taken into custody after authorities released the tear gas.

Crane flock smaller than expected

AUSTWELL (AP) — Officials at the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge say only about two-thirds of the anticipated 300 whooping cranes have been accounted for at the South Texas winter home for the only self-sustaining flock of North America's tallest birds.

The refuge on the Texas Gulf Coast about 130 miles southwest of Houston has counted 193 birds this winter. Another 16 are known to be wintering between the refuge and the flock's summer home in Canada.

The prolonged Texas drought has withered fresh water and food supplies for the birds, which can reach 5 feet in height. Refuge manager Dan Alonso tells The Victoria Advocate (<http://bit.ly/xN5Qg>) more birds probably are in the area but they're harder to spot because their feeding area has been spread out due to the drought.

Small earthquake measured

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — A small earthquake has been detected about 45 miles southeast of San Antonio.

The U.S. Geological Survey says the magnitude 3 quake shook an area near Karnes City about 6:48 a.m. CST Saturday. The epicenter was in Falls City, about seven miles northwest of Karnes City. No damage has been reported.

A quake of magnitude 2.5 to 3 is the smallest generally felt by people. The area of Saturday's quake is not immune to temblors. In November, a 3.3 magnitude quake was detected in the region. A magnitude 4.8 quake struck in October.

Texas' largest recorded quake was measured in 1931 at 5.8 magnitude near Valentine in far West Texas.

Coburn won't support Newt

EDMOND, Okla. (AP) — An Oklahoma senator says he can't support former House Speaker Newt Gingrich's campaign for president.

Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., told those attending a town hall meeting in Edmond Saturday that he's served under Gingrich's leadership and doesn't believe he has "the moral rudder that is required to lead this country." According to a story in Sunday's The Oklahoman, Coburn added that doesn't mean he believes someone else does.

TOM MARGENAU
Creator's Syndicate

Social Security and you

Q: I'm part of a group of old geezers who gets together every week at the local coffee place. Social Security is a frequent topic of conversation. At our last meeting, the subject of benefits for divorcees came up.

One of our geezers was married to his first wife for 16 years and to his second wife for 30 years. His first wife remarried, but she is now divorced from that guy after 20 years of marriage. If our geezer pal dies, who will get what? He's mostly wondering if his first wife will get Social Security from him or from her second husband.

A: Well, the answer depends on a lot of ifs, ands or buts not made clear in your email to me — like people's ages and Social Security benefit rates. So I'll make up a scenario to give you an example of how all this would play out.

We've got four people:

— Geezer is 68 years old and gets \$2,100 per month from Social Security.

— Princess, his current wife, is 62 and gets her own Social Security retirement benefit amounting to \$900 per month.

— Floozie, Geezer's first wife, is 66, and she gets \$1,200 per month in her own Social Security retirement checks.

— Wheezer is Floozie's second husband and the guy she divorced after 20 years of marriage. Let's say he is 70, still living, and gets \$2,200 per month from Social Security.

Now let's say Geezer dies, and we'll see what happens. Princess has a couple of choices to

make. If she wants, she can immediately switch to widow's benefits. She'd keep getting her own retirement check, which would be supplemented up to about 82 percent of his full rate, or about \$1,722. So she'd get \$900 on her own account and \$822 in widow's benefits.

Or she can opt to continue receiving just her \$900 retirement check for now, and then at age 66 get that supplemented up to Geezer's full rate. So at age 66, she'll get her own \$900, plus \$1,200 in widow's benefits, for a total of \$2,100. And no matter which decision she makes, she'd get the one-time \$255 death benefit.

Floozie is also eligible for widow's benefits on Geezer's record because she was married to him for more than 10 years and because she is currently unmarried. Since she is over 66, her own retirement benefit can be supplemented up to Geezer's full rate. So she'll continue to get her own \$1,200 per month, and she'll get \$900 from Geezer's account to take her up to Geezer's full \$2,100 benefit rate. (And please note that anything paid to Floozie, the divorced wife, doesn't take a nickel away from the benefits due to Princess.)

Floozie isn't due anything on second husband Wheezer's Social Security account — at least not while he's still living. She's technically due a divorced wife's benefit (at

a 50 percent rate) on his record, but she can't get that because her own benefit, \$1,200, exceeds half his rate, or \$1,100.

And of course, now that we also add in Geezer's widow's benefit, her combined Social Security benefits greatly exceed anything she is due from Wheezer.

However, when Wheezer dies, she can then switch to divorced widow's benefits on his record. Her checks from Geezer would stop. And her own \$1,200 retirement benefit would be supplemented with \$1,000 from Wheezer's record to take her total income up to \$2,200.

Is the moral of this story to be a Floozie, dump a Geezer, marry a Wheezer, dump him too and hope they both die — and then watch the checks roll in? You tell me!

Q: Can a guy like me who filed for Social Security retirement benefits at age 62 later switch to disability benefits? I recently had a heart attack and quadruple bypass surgery.

A: It depends on how old you are now. As a general rule, if you're pushing age 66 (or older), it won't pay you to file for disability. Here's why.

Moneywise, a Social Security disability benefit pays the same rate as an age-66 full retirement benefit. So if you filed for disability and your claim was approved, your monthly Social Security payment amount would go up to your full retirement rate, and that's obviously higher than the 75 percent reduced retirement benefit you are getting for starting your Social Security at

age 62.

BUT (and you'll note this is a big BUT), they would have to reduce that disability (i.e., full retirement) rate by roughly one-half of 1 percent for each month you've already received a reduced retirement benefit.

So, for example, if you were only 63 when you had that heart attack and got approved for disability, your disability payment would be about 94 percent of your full benefit. (You already received 12 months worth of reduced retirement benefits, meaning they would have to knock off about 6 percent from your disability payment.) 94 percent is higher than the 75 percent reduced retirement rate you're currently getting, so it would be to your advantage to file for disability benefits.

But let's say you had the heart attack at age 65 and then filed for disability. Your disability rate would have to be reduced by 18 percent (because you would have already received 36 reduced retirement checks). That would leave you with a rate of 82 percent. You'd have to decide if it's worth the effort to go through all the hassle of filing for disability just to get bumped up from the 75 percent rate to the 82 percent rate.

And once you reach age 66 (or anything older), there would be absolutely no advantage to filing for Social Security disability benefits.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.

Tornado

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twister was classified an EF-1 — second-lowest on the Enhanced Fujita Scale — with maximum wind speeds of about 100 miles an hour and a maximum width of 100 yards.

"It's one of the lower-end ones," Scotten said. "We had two utility poles on (Farm to Market Road)

748 that were snapped at the bottom. To snap two wooden utility poles at the bottom like that, you've got pretty good wind speed.

"The EF-1 (category) starts at about 86 miles an hour," Scotten continued, "so it was about mid-range within the EF-1."

The storm dissipated at about 1:03 a.m. in Hemphill County, Scotten said.

Dever

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overcoming life's obstacles and living life to the fullest.

On Thursday, he will also speak to the student bodies at Pampa High School and Pampa Junior High School. Pingel said that after speaking to the community, Dever will play wheelchair basketball with the kids.

"It's just something we thought the community could benefit from," said Pingel. "It's incredible what he's gone through and the obstacles he's overcome."

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Monday, Feb. 6, the 37th day of 2012. There are 329 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 6, 1952, Britain's King George VI died at Sandringham House in Norfolk, England; he was succeeded as monarch by his daughter, who became Queen Elizabeth II.

On this date:

In 1778, the United States won official recognition from France with the signing of a Treaty of Alliance in Paris.

In 1788, Massachusetts became the sixth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1862, during the Civil War, Fort Henry in Tennessee fell to Union forces.

In 1899, a peace treaty between the United States and Spain was ratified by the U.S. Senate.

In 1922, Cardinal Archille Ratti was elected pope; he took the name Pius XI.

In 1933, the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, the so-called "lame duck" amendment, was proclaimed in effect by Secretary of State Henry Stimson.

In 1959, the United States successfully test-fired for the first time a Titan intercontinental ballistic missile from Cape Canaveral.

In 1978, Muriel Humphrey took the oath of office as a United States senator from Minnesota, filling the seat of her late husband, former Vice President Hubert Humphrey.

In 1987, Wall Street Journal reporter Gerald Seib (syb) was released after being detained six days by Iran, accused of being a spy for Israel; Iran said the detention was a result of misunderstandings.

In 1992, 16 people were killed when a C-130 military transport plane crashed in Evansville, Ind.

Ten years ago: A federal judge in Alexandria, Va., ordered John Walker Lindh, the so-called "American Taliban," held without bail pending trial.

Five years ago: Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki complained that the long-awaited Baghdad security operation was off to a slow start, but he also reassured Iraqis that security forces would live up to their responsibilities.

One year ago: Egypt's vice president met with the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood and other opposition groups and offered sweeping concessions, including granting press freedom and rolling back police powers in the government's latest attempt to end two weeks of upheaval.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor is 95. Actor Patrick Macnee is 90. Actor Rip Torn is 81. Actress Mamie Van Doren is 81. Actor Mike Farrell is 73. Former NBC News anchorman Tom Brokaw is 72. Singer Fabian is 69. Actress Gayle Hunnicutt is 69. Actor Michael Tucker is 68. Producer-director-writer Jim Sheridan is 63. Singer Natalie Cole is 62. Actor Jon Walmsley is 56. Actress Kathy Najimy is 55. Rock musician Simon Phillips (Toto) is 55. Actor-director Robert Townsend is 55. Actor Barry Miller is 54. Actress Megan Gallagher is 52. Rock singer Axl Rose (Guns N' Roses) is 50. Country singer Richie McDonald is 50. Singer Rick Astley is 46. Rock musician Tim Brown (Boo Radleys) is 43. Actor Brandon Hammond is 28. Actress Alice Greczyn is 26.

Thought for Today: "Duty is the most sublime word in our language. Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more. You should never wish to do less." - Robert E. Lee, Confederate general (1807-1870)



Romney win leaves rivals few options

BETH FOUHY
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Mitt Romney's big win in Nevada four days after his breakthrough victory in Florida spells big trouble for his remaining rivals. Simply put: Is there any way to stop Romney now?

There is no question now that Republicans have begun to coalesce around the former Massachusetts governor's candidacy in earnest. He swept nearly every voting group in Nevada including those that have been slow to come aboard, such as tea party activists and voters who describe themselves as extremely conservative.

Ron Paul and Rick Santorum are fading fast and it's becoming increasingly difficult for Newt Gingrich, who had been Romney's top rival, to chart a clear path to the nomination. He trails Romney in money, momentum and organization in upcoming states. And a calendar of primaries and caucuses favorable to Romney lies ahead.

"February is really the death march for second and third tier candidates," Republican strategist Rich Galen said. "If Romney sweeps February, the arc of his effort will be so strong, for most Republicans it will be over."

A handful of states hold caucuses next week, including Maine, Minnesota and Colorado. Then comes a three-week lull until primaries on Feb. 28 in Arizona and Michigan, where Romney grew up and where his father served as governor.

Romney's confidence was clear as he stepped before cameras to claim his Nevada win, focusing on President Barack Obama.

"I've walked in Nevada neighborhoods, blighted by abandoned homes, where people wonder why Barack Obama failed them. Mr. President, Nevada has had enough of your kind of help," Romney said to cheers.

He barely acknowledged his GOP rivals, Gingrich included.

The former House speaker's hope for a serious head-to-head contest with Romney diminishes with each loss.

Gingrich is short on cash, and

Southern states likely to be most receptive to his candidacy do not hold contests until Super Tuesday, March 6. Gingrich's one victory so far came in South Carolina's primary January 21.

Restore Our Future, the deep-pocketed super PAC backing Romney, continues to pummel Gingrich with television ads attacking his record in Washington. The group has purchased advertising time in Minnesota, Michigan and Arizona.

The candidates will debate just once this month, in Mesa, Ariz., on Feb. 22. That hurts Gingrich, who has seen his political fortunes rise and fall on the strength of his debate performances.

Nevertheless, Gingrich brushed aside all talk of quitting the race, saying he was working to "find a series of victories which by the end of Texas primary will leave us at parity" with Romney by early April. He said he and his aides have spent much of the past four days retooling a campaign that twice has made him a leader in the polls, yet left him with only one victory in five states.

Gingrich may be able to hang on if casino mogul Sheldon Adelson makes another large contribution to Winning Our Future, a super PAC supporting Gingrich. Adelson and his family have contributed \$11 million to the group so far. But even that won't make Gingrich's path to the nomination any more plausible.

Paul, who campaigned hard in Nevada and has staked his entire strategy on winning caucus states, may be bordering on irrelevancy after this shellacking. By raising expectations for a strong finish in Nevada only to place a weak third the Texas congressman undercut himself going into the next round of caucus contests.

Paul's ultimate goal - keeping his libertarian-leaning platform part of the national political conversation - could also be damaged as his losses pile up.

Santorum has watched his candidacy lose steam since his win in Iowa early last month.

The former Pennsylvania senator spent little time campaigning in Nevada; his strong social conservatism was never a good fit in a state best known for drinking,

gambling and legalized prostitution. He's looking ahead to caucuses in Colorado and the non-binding Missouri primary next week instead.

Santorum continues to campaign on the cheap and is pulling in enough money - \$1 million alone last week, his advisers say - to keep his shoe-string operation alive. But few states outside of Iowa, where he spent weeks campaigning in all 99 counties, have proved to be receptive to Santorum's sharp focus on social issues like abortion.

To be sure, Romney continues to face challenges of his own.

He was at his best as a candidate after Gingrich won South Carolina and appeared to be a real threat going into Florida and beyond. Romney quickly retooled his approach, sharpening his attacks on Gingrich on the campaign trail and in two back-to-back debates.

But without a strong rival, Romney's weaknesses as a candidate and his propensity for gaffes become magnified.

With the recession-weary public still angry at Wall Street and big business, Romney has struggled to explain how the millions he made while running the private equity firm Bain Capital make him a plausible job creator.

He made an eye-popping unforced error this week, telling CNN "I'm not concerned about the very poor." He went on to explain himself, saying those most in need can rely on social programs and that he wants to champion the middle class instead.

But the comment, coming from a man of such immense wealth, struck a sour note - particularly as he campaigned into Nevada, which has the highest unemployment and home foreclosure rates in the country.

Romney attempted to clarify his remark later, saying he "misspoke." But Gingrich has already used it as an attack line, as have Democrats working to weaken Romney.

Still, Romney's position coming out of Nevada is strong and getting stronger.

"When you match this up with Florida, it may well mean this is the beginning of the triumphant march to the nomination," said Galen, the GOP strategist.

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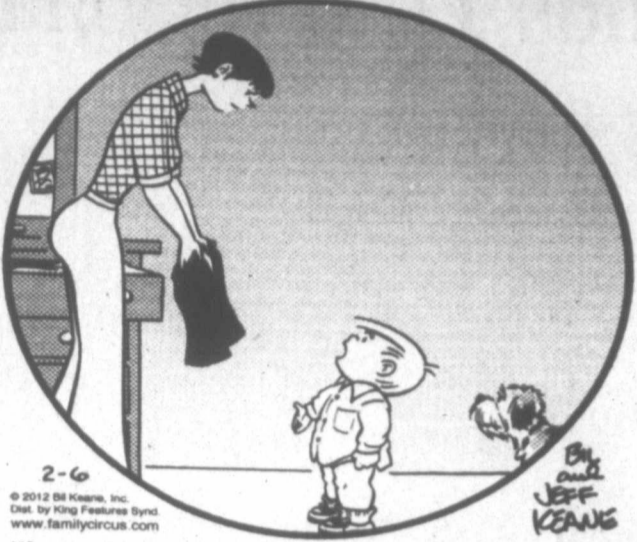
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Non Sequitur



Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012:
The Full Moon on your birthday signals a very lively year with a lot of interpersonal interaction. If you are single and you can stay light and easy, you'll discover how fun dating can be. A loved one who is a foreigner or at a distance might be distancing him- or herself even more. If you care, rope this person in! If you are attached, more often than not you will see that your sweetie offers a whole different perspective. Learn to understand his or her logic. Travel and accepting different styles might not come easily for you. Give these areas of your life a break. **LEO** can push your buttons!

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Just as you believed you finally got past a problem, you come to a realization — you might not have cleared up the issue. Confusion surrounds the best of intentions. Push could come to shove if you are too confrontational. Tonight: Do your thing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You hear good news and want to share it. Use care when speaking to others. Some people cannot help but be jealous. Stay on top of your demands. Pressure builds if you don't take care of yourself. Tonight: Stay close to home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You are juggling more than your fair share of work and other issues. You could be very tired and drawn from dealing with a child or loved one. Don't let someone else interfere with your plans, though you'll have to do some juggling. Tonight: Fun and games.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could be taken back by what another person shares. It could cause a problem, as you know too much and it might affect your attitude. Stay on top of a changeable situation. Juggle your way through an increasingly tense matter. Tonight: Treat time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ If you can accept some dissent around you, you should fare well, because ultimately your insights will point to the correct direction. You wonder what is happening behind the scenes with someone who withholds a lot. Only you can figure it out for sure. Listen to a child or someone who is conflicted, and help

this person understand what is going on within him or her. Tonight: All smiles.

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★★★★ Remain sensitive to your inner thought process. How you handle a situation and your choices point to the correct solution. Don't depend on anyone else. Count on you, and only you. Let laughter happen. Tonight: Play it easy.

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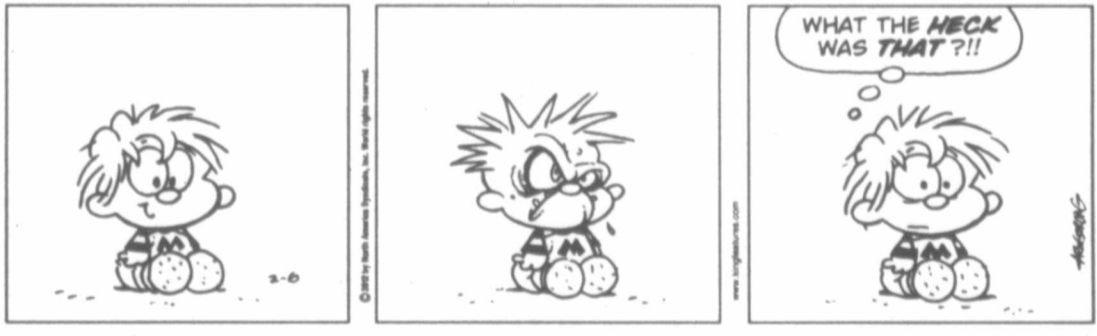
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Sports

Pampa High School wrestling sends 11 to regionals

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After making his second trip to regionals last season, then-junior Robert Radke didn't know if he would get a chance to compete for a third trip, as the future of the Pampa High School wrestling program was up in the air.

Saturday during the District 5 meet, Borger High School, Radke pinned Dumas' Adiel Gutierrez and will join 10 of his teammates at regionals Friday at Randall.

"I'm glad I get to go a third time," Radke said. "I hope to do better than last year."

Head coach Michael Stovall said it was an exciting day for Pampa wrestling.

"It's a huge day for us," Stovall said. "Like I said three months ago, it doesn't matter until you get to district, then to regionals and qualify for the dance (state)."

The Lady Harvesters sent six girls to regionals, including district champion junior Bella Wilson, who won the 215-pound weight class. Wilson

beat River Road's Yeny Yebra by decision 7-2. Wilson said she felt good about her performance.

"I was a little frustrated I didn't pin my second opponent," Wilson said. "It's pretty awesome since it's my first time (going to regionals)."

The junior pinned her first opponent. Wilson said her last opponent was a challenge.

"(Yebra) was a pretty good match," Wilson said. "She moved around quicker. I used that against her. She was up on my back and I grabbed her leg to put her underneath me."

Quila Martinez, Erica Spence, Dinah Radke and Phyllis Chennault will join Wilson at regionals.

Senior Ryan Pearson also won district, taking the 195-pound weight class. In the championship, the senior beat Kagan Randolph from Dumas 3-2. Pearson said the victory was redemption for him.

"He beat me in the last tournament," Pearson said. "I worked on what I needed to."

Radke said he felt good about his performance.

"I felt like I was in control of my second match," Radke said.

The Harvesters had three advance to regionals by winning wrestle backs.

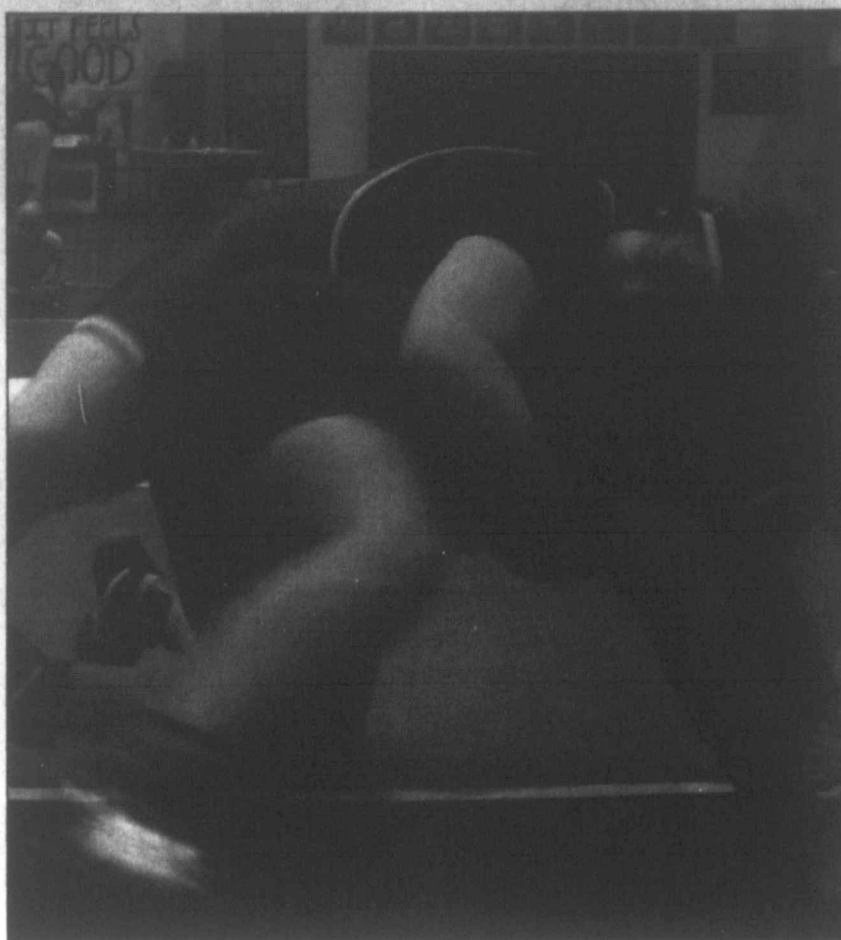
Senior Trent McAnear defended second place by a 1-0 decision victory. McAnear said he was being defensive.

"I was just making sure he didn't score," McAnear said. "I scored my point."

Junior Quaid Chennault (182) and sophomore Isidro Estrada (285) defeated the runner-up to advance.

Stovall said his team will be challenged at regionals.

"We have our work cut out for us," Stovall said. "It's going to be tough for us to qualify this



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Junior Bella Wilson puts her weight on River Road's Yeny Yebra. Wilson defeated Wilson 7-2 to win the district title in the 215-pound weight class.

Tennis fourth at Andrews

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The Pampa Harvesters tennis team may have been short-handed but finished fourth in a two-day tournament at Andrews Friday and Saturday.

Head coach Sarah Corse said she was missing most of her girls.

"We were missing the #2, #3, #4 and #5 girls," Corse said.

Junior Nick Nelson won boys sin-

gles in Flight 4 and boys doubles in Flight 2. Nelson's doubles partner, senior Braden Russell won the Flight 5 bracket of boys singles. Senior Landon Karbo won Flight 3 boys singles and finished third in mixed doubles with junior Makayla Hampton. Hampton finished second in Flight 1 of singles. Senior Logan Karbo finished second in singles.

The Harvesters next tournament is 8 a.m. Friday at Pampa.

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Sports

PHS basketball teams experience ugly night in Perryton

Friday night looked to be exciting for the Lady Harvesters, as they sought to beat Perryton in overtime... *except* Ms. Referee decided to call a foul against Pampa long after the buzzer sounded, allowing Perryton to win the game. I'm not a fan of blaming a loss on the referee, but in this case, I think Ms. Official can shoulder some blame.

A couple of possessions before that, they let one of our girls get knocked down and didn't make a call. I was on the other end of the court when the final shot went up, but I know for a fact that our player didn't come close to the contact on the other end.

Were there opportunities the Lady Harvesters missed? Sure. Every team misses opportunities. I have not been or watched a basketball game where the winning teams has been able to say 'We scored every time the opponent didn't, we didn't turn the ball over or allow an offensive rebound.' Pampa played their best game of the



ANDREW GLOVER

season on Friday, and thanks to Ms. Referee, it didn't get rewarded.

When the official makes a call long after the play is over usually means they aren't sure of the call. I sincerely hope that's true and that's the only reason. If there's doubt the foul occurred then the call is not legit. If the call is not legit, the whistle must sit.

That call cost Pampa a lot more than just a chance to beat the Rangerettes in overtime. It cost the Lady Harvesters a chance to get the second seed in the district. More importantly, it took away our girls' sense of accomplishment. Instead of them returning to the huddle excited that they have a chance to beat Perryton, they left the locker room with tears in their eyes and looked like they got their heart ripped out. I'm sure some of them are looking back at the game thinking if they hit a shot or didn't make a mistake they could have won.

The Texas Association of Sport Officials should hold officials to the same standard juries are held to. The officials can only make a call if they know it happened beyond a reasonable doubt. If a ref can't make a call when a play occurs, then that's reasonable doubt.

I hope our girls realize what they did accomplish. Hopefully, they show Dalhart on Tuesday

that they aren't afraid of the big bad wolf.

The boys' game had an exciting finish, but unfortunately, that got overshadowed by the actions of some people in Perryton.

Charging on to the court and getting in the face of Reid Miller just because he nailed a long three-pointer is unacceptable and unsportsmanlike. I can't believe the law enforcement on the court didn't stop her since their job "is to keep the game secure."

To have fans hurling insults and getting in our coach's face as the team is walking off the court is uncalled for. Our team should be able to walk back to their locker room without having to worry about what some yahoo in the stands is going to do.

An assistant athletic director shouldn't have to feel that it's unsafe for players and coaches to conduct interviews. I commend boys athletic director Heath Parker for being concerned with our team's safety and for doing everything he could to ensure that.

As a reporter I should feel that I can do my job on a district opponent's turf and not have to worry about whether I can make it safely to my car afterwards.

Our boys' basketball team bus getting ambushed by paintball guns on the highway is

at a completely different level than what happened on the court.

The Harvesters and Lady Harvesters returning home safely from Borger, Dalhart or Perryton shouldn't be a question. It should be an answer. The only phone call our varsity, junior varsity and freshman parents should get is 'We are almost home.'

No parent should have to hear from their child that they are being shot at.

For the people that did this on Friday it showed complete lawlessness. I hope the Perryton Police and the Ochiltree County Sheriff catch the thugs that did this and punish them to the full extent of the law.

I am grateful that our fans and Pampa High School students are classy and don't stoop to the level of our opponents. I hope they continue to do so despite these incidents.

I rest with what I said after the Borger shooting incident last season. Let our young men and women in the green and gold take revenge on the field of play. The rivalry ends when the clock strikes zero. All of us need to treat each other as normal human beings at that point.

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