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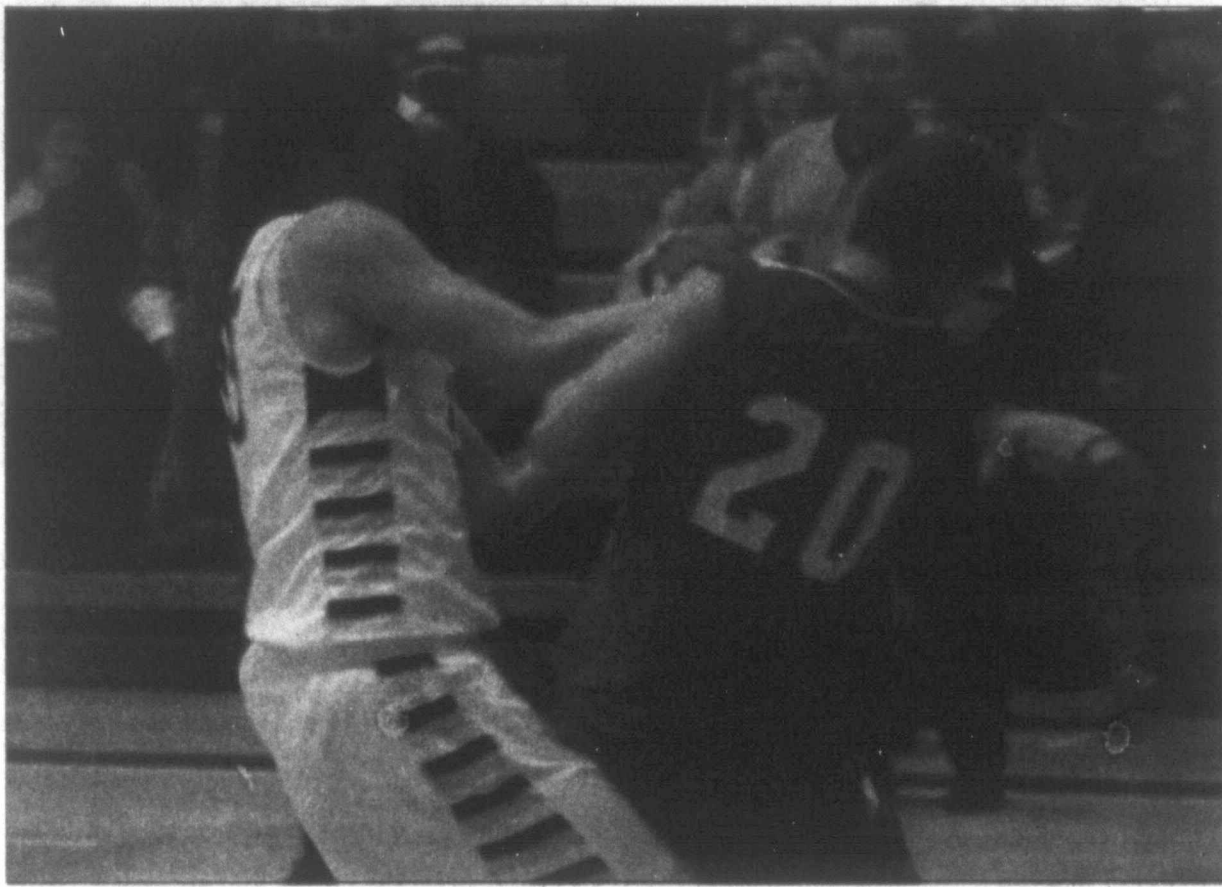
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## THAT KIND OF GAME



staff photo by Joe Murray

Junior Tyler Powell forces a jump ball with Borger's Grant Boren Friday in the win against the Bulldogs. It was a hard-fought game for three quarters, with the Harvesters prevailing 59-42 and taking two of three against the Bulldogs.

## CoC readies for annual banquet

■ Search for new executive director will go into full swing after March 1

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Preparations for the 2012 Pampa Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year banquet, set for March 1, are moving along, according to Christy Robinson, chair of the Chamber's board of directors.

"Everything really is just about done," Robinson said. "We've got a couple of more things to take care of. We've got the Business of the Year and the Citizen of the Year. We're just doing some more getting ready."

The Chamber had considered announcing this year's winners early through the media, but decided against it. As in previous years, the winners will be surprised at the banquet.

"(The early announcement) was something we thought about like they do in Amarillo, but we just ruled it out because Pampa's so small," said Robinson. "It's about the only surprise that (people) have to look forward to. It's worked out good."

Entertainment at the banquet, Robinson said, will be provided by the Pampa High School show choir, with the **CHAMBER** cont. on page 10

## Seeking commission seat, Chisum on campaign trail

GREG KENDALL-BALL  
 Associated Press

Warren Chisum, Pampa's own outgoing state representative, has been active on the campaign trail in his bid to join the Texas Railroad Commission, the state's regulatory agency for the oil and gas industry.

Speaking to a group of Taylor County Republicans last week, Chisum said he's the perfect man to fill a current "vacuum of people who understand the oil and gas industry" on the Texas Railroad Commission.

"I have spent my entire life in the oil and gas business, from drilling

the wells to shipping it to a refinery," Chisum said. "And, after 22 years in the House, I understand the legal and regulatory side of things."

"There's a need for someone who understands the industry on the commission. Since my friend Victor Carrillo lost his seat (in 2010), there hasn't really been anyone who truly understands the industry," he said.

Carrillo was chairman of the commission and served from 2003-2010.

Chisum, 73, said he graduated from Lefors High School "in the early '60s" then went straight to work in the oil fields.

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## WHITE SPACE



staff photo by Andrew Glover

A string of fair-weather days was broken by a sky full of snow in Pampa Sunday. The sun should return today before a chance of snow overnight and in the morning.

## Weekend blaze damages residence on S. Hobart

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Over the weekend, the Pampa Fire Department responded to a residential blaze that left no one hurt but dealt visible damage to the structure.

According to Capt. Jerry Tomaschik of the Pampa FD, around 1:20 p.m. on Saturday, the Fire Department arrived

◀ This house on the 1100 block of South Hobart was struck by a Saturday fire, with several rooms in the house sustaining damage.

at the home on the 1100 block of South Hobart. A fire towards the back of the residence was creating heavy smoke.

Tomaschik said that the occupants were all safely out of the home and that no injuries were reported.

The fire was under control by 2:12 p.m.

According to Tomaschik, the house sustained damage to its attic, laundry area, kitchen and dining area, but damage estimates are unknown at this time.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.



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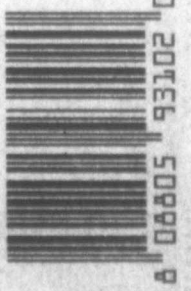
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**PAMPA FORECAST**

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday
High 48 Low 26	High 55 Low 35	High 56 Low 28

**Today:** Patchy freezing fog before 10am. Partly sunny, with a high near 48. Wind chill values between 10 and 20 early. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north northwest. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 26. North wind around 5 mph becoming south southeast.

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 55. Wind chill values between 19 and 29 early. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 35. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. Southwest wind 10 to 20 mph becoming northwest. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 28. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

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**COMMUNITYcalendar**

**Wednesday, Feb. 15**

•Pampa Rotary Club meets, noon at the M.K. Brown Room of the Chamber office.

**Thursday, Feb. 16**

•Pampa Lions Club meets, noon at the First United Methodist Church.

**Friday, Feb. 17**

•Pampa Kiwanis Club meets, noon in the basement of the First Methodist Church.

•Jam Session at the Woody Guthrie Center, 6:30 p.m., 320 S. Cuyler. Musicians are invited to bring their instruments and take part.

**Tuesday, Feb. 21**

•56th annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5 p.m.-8 p.m. in the Parish Hall at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 727 W. Browning St.

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•Pampa Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, 11:45 a.m.-noon, MK Brown room in the Chamber building, 200 N. Ballard.

**Wednesday, Feb. 22**

•Pampa Rotary Club meets, noon at the M.K. Brown Room of the Chamber office.

**Thursday, Feb. 23**

•Board of Director's meeting, Good Samaritan Christian Services, 5 p.m., 309 N. Ward St.

•Altrusa International of Pampa, Inc. meeting, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church.

•Pampa Lions Club meets, noon at the First United Methodist Church.

•Good Samaritan Christian Services, Inc. Board of Directors meeting, 5 p.m. 309 Ward Street.

**Friday, Feb. 24**

•Pampa Kiwanis Club meets, noon in the basement of the First Methodist Church.

**Tuesday, Feb. 28**

•Cancer Support Group - PRMC 2nd Floor Classroom. 6:30-8 pm. Led by Dietitian Cynthia Ackley.

**Wednesday, Feb. 29**

•Pampa Rotary Club meets, noon at the M.K. Brown Room of the Chamber office.

**Thursday, March 1**

•The Chamber of Commerce Annual Citizen and Business of the Year Banquet in the Heritage Room

at the M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

•Pampa Lions Club meets noon at the First United Methodist Church.

**Sunday, March 11**

•Arlo Guthrie will appear at the M.K. Brown Civic Center

If your nonprofit or community organization has an upcoming meeting or event, submit it to The Pampa News Community Calendar at least one week in advance by e-mailing to rpribble@thepampanews.com. Submissions should include only the date, time, location and contact number for the event. The Pampa News reserves the right to edit or reject any submission. Items will be considered for the calendar solely at the discretion of the newspaper.

**Mitt wins Maine caucuses, CPAC support**

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Mitt Romney narrowly won Maine's Republican caucuses, state party officials announced Saturday, providing his campaign with a much-needed boost after three straight losses earlier this week. But the former Massachusetts governor won just a plurality of the Maine vote, suggesting he still has work to do to unite GOP voters behind his candidacy.

At a gathering in Portland, state Republican Chairman Charlie Webster announced Romney had won with 2,190 votes, or 39 percent, compared to 1,996 — about 36 percent — for Ron Paul, the only other candidate to aggressively compete in the state. Rick Santorum received 989 votes and Newt Gingrich won 349, but neither actively campaigned there. Other candidates drew 61 votes.

The totals reflected about 84 percent of the state's precincts. Webster insisted that any caucus results that come in after Saturday wouldn't be counted no matter how close the vote.

"Some caucuses decided not to participate in this poll

and will caucus after this announcement," Webster said. "Their results will not be factored in. The absent votes will not be factored into this announcement after the fact."

Romney's win, combined with his victory in the presidential straw poll at the Conservative Political Action Committee conference in Washington hours earlier, helped slow an embarrassing skid that began Tuesday when he lost contests in Missouri, Minnesota and Colorado to Santorum. The twin triumphs dampened the perception — for now — that conservatives were unwilling to support Romney.

Romney's campaign has demonstrated skill and flexibility in winning a big state like Florida and eking out a victory in a low-turnout contest like Maine, where organization and voter contact are essential. Out of Maine's 258,000 registered Republicans, nearly 5,600 cast ballots in the weeklong contest.

**Obituaries**

**John A. King, 91**

John A. King, 91, died February 8, 2012, in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 14, 2012, at First Christian Church, with Dr. Jeff Knighton, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery with Masonic rites courtesy of Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. King was born February 23, 1920, in Pawhuska, Okla., to John Thomas and Bonnie Mearl King. This area is located in northeastern Oklahoma in an area known as Osage Hills. John began memorizing the Bible at age 8, and was the youngest Eagle Boy Scout in Texas at age 13. He built Pampa's first color TV from a kit in 1952 and was one of Pampa's first TV repairmen.

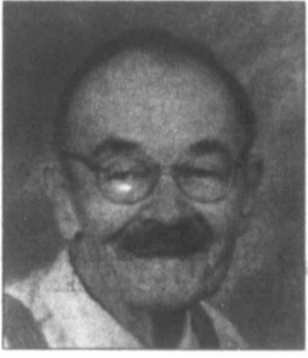
After three years at West Texas State University in Canyon as a pre-med student, he was drafted into the U.S. Army where he served during World War II. He was trained to install forty-kilowatt radio teletype transmitters in foreign countries. John earned three bronze stars and served in New Guinea, Guadalcanal and the Philippines where he ran teletype transmitters that General Douglas MacArthur used to communicate with Washington, D. C.

Returning to civilian life, he worked with his father as a magneto, starter and engine repairman. After his father's death, he renamed the shop "John T. King and Sons" and ran it with his brothers Warren and Tom.

John was celebrated as a genius among all his business and personal friends. Pampa High School's first National Science Foundation first place award for a science fair project was built in John's shop. He achieved a math degree from West Texas University in 1960, working all the calculus and differential equations in his head. He was a member of the first group of Pampa's Amateur Operators (W5GXX) and the first amateur operator to use digital communications. John was the third person to sign up for internet service and the first to use the internet for business purposes in Pampa.

John married Betty Parks on December 14, 1947, at First Christian Church in Pampa. He was very active member of First Christian Church, serving as youth director, Sunday school teacher, and raising money for many church building projects. He was a member of Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM and was a 32nd degree Mason. He helped numerous people through the Masonic Lodge with health and personal problems. He was very generous to his friends and family members with all of life's challenges.

John inherited genes of humor from his grandfather, and at the age of 83, had a repertoire of over 1000 jokes. He made a point of making everyone smile who he met during his travels during every day. If he was unsuccessful with someone, he would make a point of working on them until he raised a smile on their face. He believed laughter was the best way to solve life's problems.



King

Survivors include his wife, Betty King of the home; son, John Hardy King and wife Angela of Pampa; grandson, Shawn King of Pampa; granddaughter, LaJeanna King of Pampa; two great-grandsons, Braydn Urbanczyk of Arkansas and Jesse Downs of Pampa; three great-granddaughters, Cylea Urbanczyk of Arkansas, and twins Bella and Emma Smith, scheduled to be born by March 13, 2012; sister-in-law, Linda King of Winchester, Tenn.; and close personal friend, Chrissie Roach of Pampa. He was preceded in death by his parents, John T. and Bonnie King; a son, Charles Randal King; an infant daughter; four brothers, Warren, Tom, Albert and Pat; a sister, Doris Ann; and a granddaughter, Mashonda King Urbanczyk.

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

**Betty Jean Garrett, 82**

Betty Jean Garrett, 82, died Saturday February 11, 2012 in Haltom City.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, February 14, 2012, in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Rev. David Hunter, baptist pastor of the First Baptist Church in Saginaw, officiating.

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

Betty was born July 10, 1929 in Donley County to Vestal and Ruth Mosley and moved to Pampa when she was in elementary school. She was a 1947 graduate of Pampa High School. Betty was the bookkeeper for Lynn Boyd Lumber Company and later was administrative assistant at Grayco Machine for more than 30 years before her retirement.

She was a member of First Baptist Church and the B & PW Ladies Sunday School Class. Over a lifetime in the church, Betty filled many roles from leading her oldest daughter's Girls Auxiliary group and Training Union classes to preparing the weekly church newsletter for mailing in her later years. Her most important role, however, was as a faithful servant and steward, and First Baptist Church was truly her life.

She is survived by two daughters: Two daughters: Melanie Hunter and husband David of Fort Worth and Linda Ray of Buffalo, N.Y.; two grandsons: Joshua Hunter and Caleb Hunter of Fort Worth; a granddaughter: Colden Ray of Buffalo, N.Y.; and by a special friend, Doris Johnston.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, a sister Kathryn Rose, and a brother, John Mosley.

Memorials can be made to First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 621, Pampa, TX 79066-0621 or Alzheimer's Association, 415 W. 8th Ave., Suite 300, Amarillo, TX 79101.

The family will receive friends from 6-7:30 PM Monday at the funeral home.

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# MORNINGRUSH

## Student's fall ruled suicide

LUBBOCK (AP) - The Lubbock County medical examiner says the death of a Texas Tech student who fell from the upper levels of an 11-story parking garage was a suicide.

Lubbock police have said 19-year-old Mason Vanstory from Dallas died after the Sept. 25 fall.

The Feb. 1 autopsy report says the freshman had a blood alcohol level of .144 percent. The legal limit is .08. The report concludes Vanstory died from multiple blunt force injuries resulting from the fall.

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reports that a police spokesman confirmed the cause of death was suicide and said that is the only information he has to release.

Tech students can purchase permits to park in the RaiderPark parking garage during the week. Permits also are sold for Tech football game days.

## Body of missing pilot found

TYLER (AP) - Authorities have found the body of a pilot missing after his plane was found in an East Texas lake.

Capt. Gary Dugan, a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game warden, says the body of 85-year-old Fred Scholz of Anderson County was found Saturday morning on the rocks of the Lake Palestine Dam.

Scholz was reported missing Wednesday after taking off earlier in the day in his single-engine plane from a Jacksonville fueling station. Dive crews found the plane Thursday morning in Lake Palestine, located just outside of Tyler.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Lynn Hubert has said all indications are the pilot landed the plane in the water without severely damaging the aircraft and was able to open the window.

Dugan says the body has been sent for an autopsy.

## Baylor student's body found

WACO (AP) - A Baylor University freshman has been identified as the person who was found dead in the backseat of a burning Cadillac.

McLennan County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Randy Plemons said Friday that dental records have confirmed that 18-year-old William Patterson was the person found Thursday morning in the vehicle. He was burned beyond recognition.

Plemons says officials have been analyzing the car for evidence. The cause of death has not yet been released.

The Waco Tribune-Herald reports that Patterson, who graduated last year from Churchill High School in San Antonio, was studying film and digital media at Baylor.

A spokeswoman for the North East Independent School District says Patterson was known as a popular football player and an Eagle Scout.

## Rig count down 8 to 1,989

HOUSTON (AP) - The number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the U.S. is down eight this week to 1,989.

The Houston-based oilfield services company Baker Hughes Inc. reported Friday that 1,263 rigs were exploring for oil and 720 for natural gas. Six were listed as miscellaneous. A year ago this week Baker Hughes reported 1,721 active rigs.

Of the major oil- and gas-producing states, New Mexico gained three rigs, Oklahoma gained two and Alaska, Louisiana, North Dakota and West Virginia each gained one.

Texas lost five rigs, Arkansas and Pennsylvania each lost three and California, Colorado and Wyoming each lost one.

The rig count peaked at 4,530 in 1981 and bottomed at 488 in 1999.

## Wild horse allies: Deck stacked

RENO, Nev. (AP) - Wild horse protection advocates are accusing the federal Bureau of Land Management of stacking a public advisory board with friends of cattle ranchers at the expense of mustangs. And they say they are worried the panel is becoming increasingly sympathetic to the idea of slaughtering excess animals in overpopulated herds on U.S. lands in the West.

BLM spokesman Tom Gorey denies the charges. He told The Associated Press the horse defenders are resorting to dishonest scare tactics to help push their "anti-management agenda by any means possible."

Leaders of the American Wild Horse Preservation Campaign say their fears are valid based on recent BLM appointments to a nine-member advisory board. Twice in nine months the agency has replaced opponents of selling captured horses for slaughter with proponents of the idea.

## Teen to be tried as juvenile

DALLAS (AP) - A judge has ruled that a 15-year-old in a group of youths accused in the death of a man pushed into a moving Dallas Area Rapid Transit train will not be tried as an adult.

The ruling came Friday. The boy, one of four juveniles charged with capital murder in the case, was 14 at the time of the incident.

Officials say 19-year-old Octavius Lanier was standing on the train platform in November when the boys shoved him against the moving train. He was dragged after his leg became lodged between the train and platform.

Prosecutors are still seeking to try two of the other boys, 14 at the time of the crime, as adults. The fourth suspect was 12, making him too young to be tried as an adult.

# Don't base decisions on prophets of doom

TOM MARGENAU  
Creator's Syndicate

## Social Security and you

Q: I'm about to turn 66. I want to put off starting my Social Security until age 70 because if I do, I'll get an extra \$600 or so per month in a delayed retirement bonus added to by Social Security checks. But my husband said I should take my Social Security now because he doesn't think Social Security will even be there in another four years. So should I take it now or wait until age 70?

A: Before I answer your question, let me suggest that you guys better sell all your earthly possessions and move into a cave because I read somewhere on the Internet that the world is going to end in the next couple of weeks!

Dumb idea, right? Well, no offense, but so is your husband's ... or, let me clarify that: He might have the right plan for you, but he's suggesting it for the wrong reason.

I have worked on Social Security issues for 40 years now, and for 40 years, people have been predicting the program's imminent demise. Social Security is not going away. It will change. It has changed a lot in the last 75 years, and it will undoubtedly change in the next 75 years.

And if there are reforms in the next couple of years, those reforms will not impact people like you. Major changes to the program, such as an increase in the retirement age, are phased in over decades. If the retirement age goes up to 68, for example, that change will impact our kids and grandkids, but not old geezers like you and me.

So you should make your decisions based on the Social Security program we have today, not on your husband's nebulous predictions for the future of the program.

And now the question is this: Should you take Social Security at age 66 or wait until 70? I can answer that question if you can answer this question: When are you going to die? Because no one really knows the answer to that question, no one really knows the optimal time to start his or her Social Security. Making that decision is a gamble we all take.

Personally, I would start benefits now, just because I'm the kind of

person who wants to spend my money while I'm still young enough to enjoy it. But any good financial planner would probably advise you to wait until age 70 because statistically, there's a good chance that you'll live long enough getting the higher age-70 rate to make up for the money you'd lose by not taking your Social Security now.

You do have another strategy. Assuming your husband is already getting Social Security and because you're 66 years old, you could take a wife's benefit on his record now. You'd get 50 percent of his rate. You could do that until age 70 and then switch to your own Social Security and get that \$600 bonus you mentioned.

Finally, here's one other thought. On the same day I got your email, I also heard from a woman who told me her 69-year-old husband just died. He had insisted on waiting until 70 to get his highest Social Security, and he died a few months before that date. She asked about what happens to all the money he'd paid in. (Because she has a very high retirement benefit on her own record, she isn't due any widow's benefits from him.) And the answer is that it's gone -- or more correctly, it's paying for someone else's Social Security checks. Something to think about!

Q: In a recent column, you said that illegal immigrants are not eligible for Social Security. While this is true, you were wrong when you said that only U.S. citizens or people living in this country legally are eligible for Social Security benefits. There are instances where non-U.S. citizens are receiving Social Security benefits while living overseas. Will you please correct this error?

A: You are right. In my attempt to emphatically debunk the ubiquitous lie being spread on the Internet that illegal immigrants are routinely getting Social Security benefits and ripping off American taxpayers, I

painted my answer with too broad a brush.

In fact, I have written many times in this column about the fact that non-citizens may qualify for Social Security benefits and that in many cases, they can receive those benefits overseas. But these are folks who have legally earned those benefits. For example, I recently wrote about a Canadian citizen who lived and worked in the U.S. for about 30 years. She recently retired and moved to back to Canada, and her Social Security benefits followed her there.

And as you pointed out to me in your email, there are also instances in which a foreign-born spouse of someone who has worked and paid Social Security taxes in the U.S. could receive those benefits while living overseas -- although in such cases, there are many restrictions to such payments.

Just as one example, as a general rule, to get a Social Security dependent or survivor benefit outside of this country, a spouse must have spent at least five years living in the U.S. Other conditions also apply. I suggest anyone really interested in this topic read a pamphlet produced by the Social Security Administration called: "Your payments while outside the United States." You can find it at [SocialSecurity.gov/pubs/10157.html](http://SocialSecurity.gov/pubs/10157.html).

I can tell you that every time I write about this topic, my inbox is immediately flooded with emails that usually go something like this: "No wonder Social Security is going broke if we are sending all our Social Security tax dollars overseas." That's why I like to reassure my readers that only a very small percentage of total Social Security benefits -- less than one-tenth of 1 percent -- are sent overseas. And then in the vast majority of those cases, the money is going to U.S. citizens who have moved outside the country.

So now, back to the major point I was trying to make in the column you mentioned. People living in this country illegally do not qualify for Social Security benefits.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at [thomas.margenau@comcast.net](mailto:thomas.margenau@comcast.net).

# Drillers cut natural gas production as prices drop

PITTSBURGH (AP) - As natural gas prices continue to drop, the recent nationwide boom in drilling is slowing. Drillers don't make money if prices go too low - and drilling wells isn't cheap.

"It is safe to say that there will be fewer natural gas wells drilled in 2012," said Kathryn Klaber, president of the Marcellus Shale Coalition, an industry group based in Pennsylvania.

In recent weeks, several companies have announced plans to cut gas production around the nation, but experts say the low prices are also opening up new markets.

When the shale drilling boom was starting in 2008 the average price for a unit of gas was about \$8. Two years ago it was down to \$5.50, and now it's dropped to about \$2.50.

Part of the reason is that the shale gas formations became productive more rapidly than expected, as thousands of new wells have been drilled nationwide.

Industry reports note that the national count of active new gas drilling rigs fell to 775 in early February, down from about 1,500 in 2008.

Yet Klaber said that the low prices create opportunities for more people and industries to use the product. For example, some drilling companies are focusing more on the so-called "wet gas" that sells for a higher price because it can be transformed by refineries into consumer products such as plastics and fertilizer.

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The company said that about 85 percent of its nationwide drilling expenditures this year will be toward the more profitable wet gas.

A spokesman for Chesapeake didn't respond to a request for comment.

Experts say the companies have ways to cushion the low prices. It's called hedging, and business people have used

such tools for hundreds if not thousands of years, said Sara Moeller, a professor of business at the University of Pittsburgh.

"When you put a hedge on, you're locking in one of your prices, because you're happy with that price," said Moeller, who has also worked as a commodities trader.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Monday, Feb. 13, the 44th day of 2012. There are 322 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 13, 1861, Abraham Lincoln was officially declared winner of the 1860 presidential election as electors cast their ballots.

### On this date:

In 1542, the fifth wife of England's King Henry VIII, Catherine Howard, was executed for adultery.

In 1741, Andrew Bradford of Pennsylvania published the first American magazine. "The American Magazine, or A Monthly View of the Political State of the British Colonies" lasted three issues.

In 1914, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, known as ASCAP, was founded in New York.

In 1920, the League of Nations recognized the perpetual neutrality of Switzerland.

In 1935, a jury in Flemington, N.J. found Bruno Richard Hauptmann guilty of first-degree murder in the kidnap-slaying of the son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was later executed.)

In 1945, during World War II, Allied planes began bombing the German city of Dresden. The Soviets captured Budapest, Hungary, from the Germans.

In 1960, France exploded its first atomic bomb in the Sahara Desert.

In 1961, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York announced that three statues in its collection, supposedly Etruscan terra cotta warriors, were, in fact, forgeries.

In 1972, the 11th Winter Olympics ended in Sapporo, Japan.

In 1980, the 13th Winter Olympics opened in Lake Placid, N.Y.

In 1988, the 15th winter Olympics opened in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

In 1991, during Operation Desert Storm, allied warplanes destroyed an underground shelter in Baghdad that had been identified as a military command center; Iraqi officials said 500 civilians were killed.

**Ten years ago:** John Walker Lindh pleaded not guilty in federal court in Alexandria, Va., to conspiring to kill Americans and supporting the Taliban and terrorist organizations. (Lindh later pleaded guilty to lesser offenses and was sentenced to 20 years in prison.) Britain's Queen Elizabeth II made former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani an honorary knight. Country singer Waylon Jennings died in Chandler, Ariz., at age 64.

**Five years ago:** Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney officially entered the 2008 presidential race in Michigan, the place of his birth. With Democrats in control, House members debated Iraq in an emotional and historic faceoff over a war that Speaker Nancy Pelosi condemned as a commitment with "no end in sight."

**One year ago:** Egypt's military leaders dissolved parliament, suspended the constitution and promised elections in moves cautiously welcomed by protesters who'd helped topple President Hosni Mubarak. Lady Antebellum was the big winner at the Grammys with five awards, including record and song of the year for the band's yearning crossover ballad "Need You Now," but rockers Arcade Fire won the biggest prize, album of the year, for their highly acclaimed "The Suburbs."

**Today's Birthdays:** Former test pilot Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager is 89. Actress Kim Novak is 79. Actor George Segal is 78. Actress Carol Lynley is 70. Singer-musician Peter Dinklage is 70. Actress Stockard Channing is 68. Talk show host Jerry Springer is 68. Actor Bo Svenson is 68. Singer Peter Dinklage is 62. Actor David Naughton is 61. Rock musician Peter Hook is 56. Actor Matt Salinger is 52. Singer Henry Rollins is 51. Actor Neal McDonough is 46. Singer Freedom Williams is 46. Actress Kelly Hu is 44. Rock musician Todd Harrell (3 Doors Down) is 40. Singer Robbie Williams is 38. Rhythm-and-blues performer Natalie Stewart is 33. Actress Mena Suvari is 33.

**Thought for Today:** "An explanation of cause is not a justification by reason." - C.S. Lewis, English author (1898-1963)



## Corporations forced to abandon U.S.? Hogwash

Early last year, during an intimate chat and chew dinner with some Silicon Valley high-tech barons, President Barack Obama posed a question to Steve Jobs, baron of the Apple empire: "What would it take to make iPhones in the United States?"

Good question! To rebuild our middle class, we need to put more people to work building more stuff in America, rather than shipping all that manufacturing off to China. Instead of answering, however, Jobs dodged the question with a blunt retort: "Those jobs aren't coming back."

Well, why not? Why shouldn't American corporations go all-out to help meet the obvious economic needs of the nation that nurtures them? The high-techers don't mention the obvious reasons for their jobs dodge: raw corporate selfishness. Top executives and investors pocket more for themselves by hiring a cheap, easily exploitable off-shore workforce. Rather than looking inward, however, they blame America.

First, they wail that American schools are failing to produce the high-skilled workers they need, so they must go abroad. Aside from that being nonsense, these very executives constantly demand that local governments exempt them from paying the taxes necessary to improve schools.

Second, they say that the U.S. lacks an integrated supply chain, which would locate makers of assorted computer parts right next door to assembly plants. But, wait -- that's their fault. Apple, Dell and the like have the market clout to entice suppliers to relocate anywhere in America. Indeed, U.S. suppliers say that the reason they've relocated their production units to China is because that's where Apple et al.

went. Finally, industry leaders blame us, their customers! They assert that we insist on getting a new, cheap iGadget every year, no matter where it's made or how workers are treated, so we've forced them to abandon America.

Hogwash. Obama asked the right questions, but why accept phony answers thrown at him by these high-tech elites? They can make iPhones and anything else right here in America -- but they care more about their bottom lines than their country or their workers, and it's time to call them on it.

One who should've been called out was Steve Jobs -- not because he was a billionaire superstar, but because he was in fact an industry leader who could've changed Silicon Valley's culture of over-pampered narcissism. After his death in October, this con-jurer of such marvels as iPhones and iPads was eulogized as an inventive genius, an icon of American entrepreneurship and a visionary in the footsteps of Thomas Edison. Yes, Jobs was all that. And less.

Less, because he knew that a serious flaw was being built into every one of his iGadgets -- a flaw that he wouldn't fix and kept trying to cover up: Apple's systematic exploitation of the workers who manufacture the electronic wonders that made him a billionaire.

Once proud that its products were "made in the USA," Apple today is the Wal-Mart of high-tech, profiting by taking advantage of powerless foreign labor. Practically all of the 70 million iPhones and 30 million iPads sold last year were produced in foreign-owned factories, mostly in China, that constitute Apple's global supply chain and are integral to its

profitable business model.

Apple insists that it has a strict code of conduct to assure that those workers are fairly treated. In 2010, Jobs himself gushed about one of the Chinese factories in his system. "It's a factory, but my gosh, I mean, they've got restaurants and movie theaters and hospitals and swimming pools ... it's a pretty nice factory."

But, gosh -- independent investigators report that workers are hardly enjoying leisurely swims. Instead, 72-hour workweeks, forced overtime, debilitating stress injuries, child labor, overcrowded barracks, chemical poisonings, falsified records, humiliating punishments and deadly explosions are the realities of that "pretty nice factory." But human rights organizations say that Apple routinely tries to hush up such unpleasantness rather than confront its ethical conflicts. "If they committed to building a conflict-free iPhone," a corporate accountability advocate says, it would transform technology."

Apple's own internal audits found that more than half of its suppliers have been violating its code of conduct every year since 2007. But Jobs, a problem-solving genius with enormous power over his suppliers, simply let it go. As a former Apple executive noted, "If half of iPhones were malfunctioning, do you think Apple would let it go on for four years?"

Jobs certainly did build genius into the iPhone, but he also slipped thousands of human cogs into it. Apparently he had no app for corporate morality.

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JIM HIGHTOWER

## Judges to define districts, set primaries soon

CHRIS TOMLINSON  
Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) — This week three federal judges in San Antonio will start resolving one of the great political mysteries of the year: When will Texas hold primary elections and what will the congressional and legislative districts look like?

Texas was supposed to take part in the Super Tuesday vote on March 6, but the failure of the state to win approval of new political maps in Washington and a separate civil rights lawsuit in San Antonio delayed the vote to April 3, when the state was scheduled to use temporary maps drawn by the San Antonio judges.

The U.S. Justice Department or a federal judge must approve any changes to Texas election law because of the state's history of racial discrimination, and without that approval federal judges must draw temporary maps. Minority groups have also sued in federal court claiming that the maps dilute their political power and have offered up alternative maps. Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott has argued that the maps only dilute the power of Democratic voters, which

is perfectly legal.

The U.S. Supreme Court rejected the temporary maps first drawn by the San Antonio court and said the judges should have paid more attention to the Legislature's original maps for Congress, the Texas House and the Texas Senate. Trying to short circuit another appeal, the judges asked the state and the minority groups to reach a compromise. But that didn't happen in time for an April 3 primary.

On Friday, the judges ordered all sides to keep trying to draft compromise maps before Tuesday, when lawyers for the state and minority groups will appear again before the judges to make their final arguments.

"It is the court's desire to have redistricting plans in place for an April primary and all parties must continue their negotiations to assist the Court in accomplishing that task," Judge Orlando Garcia wrote in an order issued Friday. "If the parties have ceased negotiations, they should resume with all due effort between now and the time of the hearing."

The judges clearly want a compromise by next week. Politicians and party operatives will hang on the judges' every word, hoping for some

indication of when they will finish and set a primary election schedule.

"There is still some chance we will have an April 17th primary if maps can be put in place by February 20," Republican Party Chairman Steve Munisteri said Wednesday in an e-mail.

Party leaders have many good political reasons for wanting to vote soon. Texas Republicans still want a chance to sway the outcome of the presidential nomination race and they want a high voter turnout, which comes if Republican voters think they'll have a say in picking their presidential candidate.

"Fortunately, the Presidential race appears to still have a long ways to go and this increases the likelihood that even a later Texas Presidential primary will still have an impact on the selection of our nominee," Munisteri said.

Incumbent politicians also want a quick primary to limit the chances of a challenger catching up to them before election day. Every day a challenger has to shake hands and raise money is another chance they have of winning.

Time is also running out, though,

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For example, Houston-based Cabot Oil & Gas Corp. said last month that it received \$5.17 per thousand cubic feet of natural gas on some hedged deliveries in the final quarter of 2011. Yet the market price at the time was \$3.18 per thousand cubic feet.

Moeller said such deals are possible because large consumers of commodities also want to reduce price swings, such as utility companies. Locking in prices limits their exposure to sudden jumps.

It's done by a simple, registered trade on stock exchanges. People essentially buy and sell the hedges, setting varying prices for different points in the future.

Klaber said the record-low prices have "caused every company to evaluate their business model. A well that may have been profitable to drill last year, this year won't be profitable."

A government report issued last week predicted that at the end of March, the amount of natural gas that companies are storing is expected to be the highest since 1983. Those unsold reserves could push prices even further down.

But she noted that the

drilling companies are just one part of the industry.

"What may be tighter times for the producers becomes incredibly positive for all the other people in the supply chain," she said.

She said that means a big piece of the puzzle on long-term trends is how quickly consumers, power plants and refineries increase their use of natural gas.

And while oil and gas companies know how to use hedging to smooth price drops, that tool doesn't work forever, noted Jay Apt, a professor of technology at Carnegie Mellon.

"It doesn't necessarily fix your cost" over the long term, he noted, but gives a range of price options. If the boom in natural gas supply collides with a surge in demand, perhaps from power plants looking to take advantage of the low prices of the cleaner-burning fuel, he said price volatility could return.

"Then we could be in for a wild ride," Apt said, because the higher prices might encourage companies to increase drilling again.

**Drillers decrease natural gas production**

PITTSBURGH (AP) — As natural gas prices continue to drop, the recent nationwide boom in drilling is slowing. Drillers don't make money if prices go too low — and drilling wells isn't cheap.

"It is safe to say that there will be fewer natural gas wells drilled in 2012," said Kathryn Klaber, president of the Marcellus Shale Coalition, an industry group based in Pennsylvania.

In recent weeks, several companies have announced plans to cut gas production around the nation, but experts say the low prices are also opening up new markets.

When the shale drilling boom was starting in 2008 the average price for a unit of gas was about \$8. Two years ago it was down to \$5.50, and now it's dropped to about \$2.50. Part of the reason is that the shale gas formations became productive more rapidly than expected, as thousands of new wells have been drilled nationwide.

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**Chisum**

"I have, as they say, thrown the chain on the pipe. I've picked locations for wells, I've drilled them, and I've gotten the oil to market. We've recently tended to elect or appoint people (to the commission) that have no background in the business," he said.

Chisum worked his way up, he said, before he eventually purchasing the company he had started working for. He still owns the company, and is involved in ranching.

As a rancher, he said, he understands that water is the most pressing issue facing Texans. He would bring that concern to the commission, he said, while working to make sure the agency functioned as a "benevolent regulator," creating a welcoming climate for business, but regulating hard when violators warranted it.

One man in the audience asked Chisum about his stance on "fracking," the practice of injecting fluids deep into the earth to release oil deposits. He asked about Chisum's ability to deal with environmentalists who oppose the practice, claiming it results in contaminated water supplies. The practice has also been linked,

by some, with an increase in earthquake activity.

"We've been fracking in Texas for 60 years. I knew men who did it by running a bundle of TNT down a line. Modern fracking techniques are safe. There is no evidence anywhere in Texas that fracking has affected water zones," he said.

Chisum also fielded questions about his opinion on President Barack Obama's recent decision not to approve the completion of the Keystone XL oil pipeline from Canada.

"I think it was political. If he wins re-election, he'll open it up. Canada has a trillion barrels of oil. It'll either come to Texas, or it'll go to China," he said.

Chisum said he wanted to work to ensure Texas remained the No. 1 oil and gas producing state in the country.

"Half of the rigs working in the U.S. today are in Texas. We currently produce 1.4 million barrels a day. Our next closest state is right around 600,000," he said. "I want

to make sure Texas stays on top."

Taylor County wasn't Chisum's only stop last week, with the representative also speaking to voters at a meeting hosted by the Midland County Republican Women. Gaye Whitehead, Top O' Texas

Republican Women secretary, confirmed Sunday that her organization is also actively seeking to host Chisum, along with his fellow Railroad Commission candidates, in Pampa.

Arnie Aurellano contributed to this report.

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for more practical reasons. The primary also selects who will attend the precinct, county and state conventions, a process that takes normally takes 45 days. Candidates who don't get more than 50 percent of the vote must also face run-off elections that should be completed before party conventions.

Because of municipal elections previously scheduled for May, early voting and time needed to program voting machines, there is not time between April 17 and May 27 for the primaries. Holding a primary on May 27 with conventions running June 8-10 is nearly impossible.

Both the Republican and Democratic parties put down large deposits for hotel rooms and convention space and they don't have time to reschedule. Getting everything in place for an April 17 primary will also challenge the skills of county election officers. Once the new maps come out, the candidate filing period must be re-opened to give politicians a chance to jump back into the race if they choose. Then counties have to hold a drawing to determine in what order the names will appear on the ballot and then get ballots printed.

Counties will also have to redraw precinct bound-

aries and issue new voter cards. Lastly, county election officers must mail absentee ballots, program voting computers and set up early voting stations.

Combined, these factors mean the court needs to produce maps no later than Feb. 20 for the state to hold a primary on April 17, the last date to prevent the collapse of the party conventions and a delay of elections until late-May. The people of Texas should know more this week.

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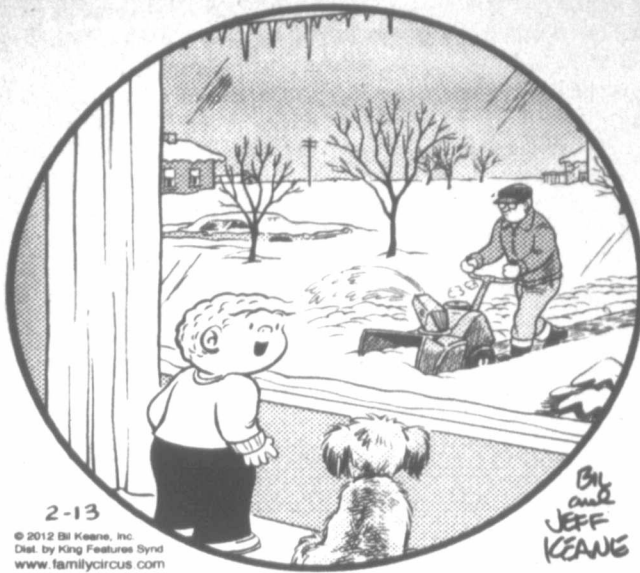
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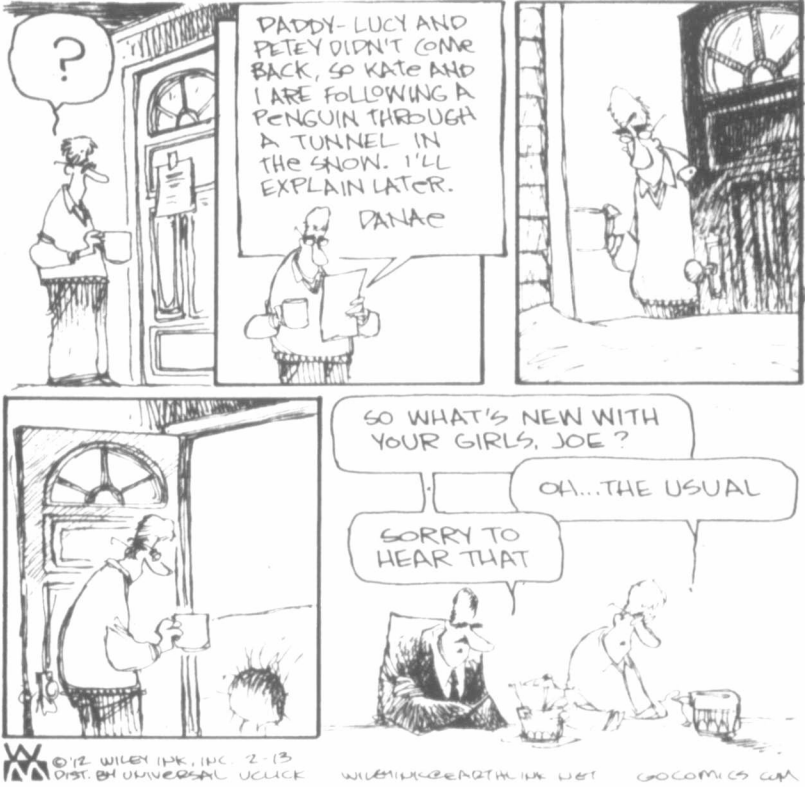
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## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2012:

This year you become more aware of your public image. Attempt to groom it to be more in line with your goals. Think about what you have to offer, and reflect your authentic self. You will experience a newfound popularity and success. If you are single, you will draw someone much more akin to your needs, probably after spring 2012. If attached, you and your significant other could grow much closer if focusing on a common goal. **SAGITTARIUS** is your friend.

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Let others initiate. If you are not comfortable with the conversation, do not close it off or say "no." Give yourself time to detach and understand this person's logic. Pressure builds in a meeting. It is possible that confusion and misunderstandings are at the base of this stress. Tonight: A new idea works.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Whether you are working or just enjoying yourself, you are surrounded by people — admirers and supporters. Clearly you are needed, desired or wanted. You can pick and choose only so much as to where, when and what. If confused, pull back and revisit your long-term desires. Tonight: Accept a dinner invitation.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Plunge into a project, knowing full well that you have other matters you would prefer to attend to. Clear this matter out, along with anything else that might prevent you from being carefree and a bit impulsive in the near future. Think positively. Tonight: Be where you want to be.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

You might have delivered some Valentine's Day cookies to a loved one or some friends this morning. Use this day to let others know you care. A child or new friend demands a lot of attention. Be aware of his or her needs. Tonight: You will be tired.

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

You might want to stay at home or sleep in. Some of you actually might follow through on this desire. Those of you who don't, wish you had. By midafternoon, no matter where you have been, your energy and creativity merge, making you close to unstoppable. Now, that is more like it. Tonight: Add some love into

the mix.

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

You breeze into work full of information, questions and ideas. Hopefully, you are well received. Some of your compatriots and friends did not respond as well to their dreamtime. Remain patient and give others their needed space. Tonight: Get some quiet time.

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

Curb a need to be controlling or to have things go your way. You simply do not have that much control over others. Evaluate a sense of possessiveness that you might have toward a person. Build yourself up, and you will be much happier. Tonight: Munchies with a favorite person.

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

This morning, you are at your best, and others respond accordingly. By afternoon, confusion, others' egos and misunderstandings could prevail. Do not stand on ceremony if a situation is not evolving as you would like it to. OK? Tonight: Treat yourself on the way home.

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

You could be out of sorts, or so it seems, until late afternoon. Some might think your personality change is quite dramatic. Confusion and bad communication could play into the afternoon. You plow through hassles with speed. Tonight: Go for a heartfelt desire.

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

Zero in on possibilities, and do not get caught up with details right now. All that is happening is subject to rapid change. You might wonder if this is for real. You will see that it quite possibly is so, but with some variations. Tonight: Play it low-key.

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

Honor your feelings involving a boss or higher-up. This person could reverse his or her course equally as quickly. A meeting in the afternoon might be even more significant than you'd anticipated. If people are out of sorts, do not take their behavior personally. Tonight: Where your friends are.

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

You could be pushing too hard to convince others of the rightness of your thinking. If you detach and let others discover what works on their own, you will like the change in your relationships more. Tonight: Could go to the wee hours.

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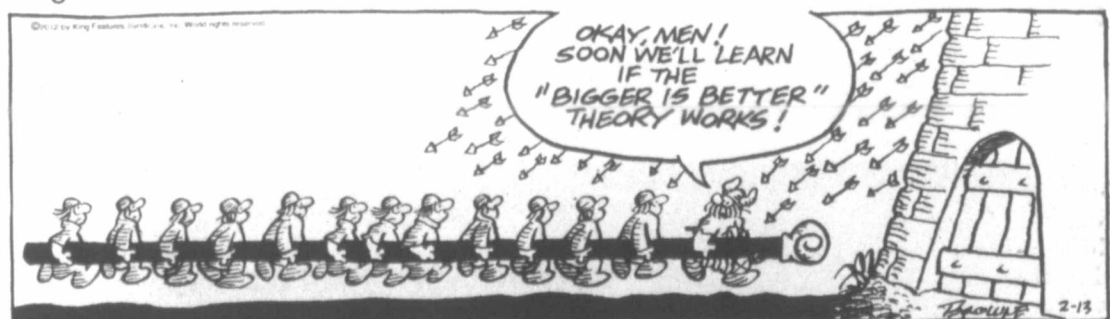
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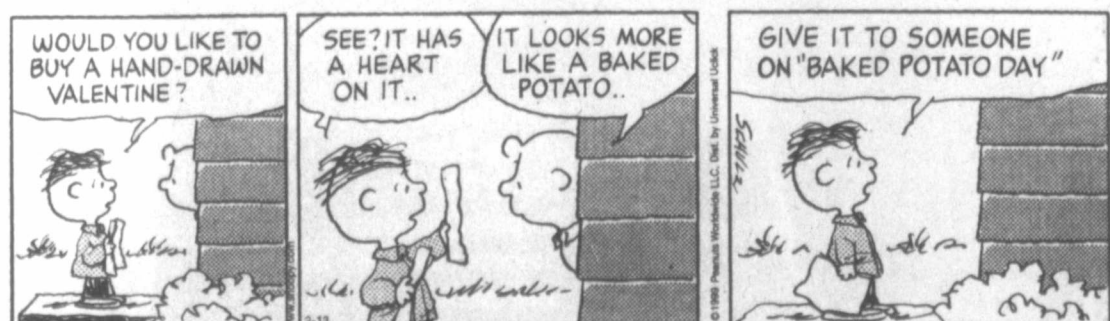
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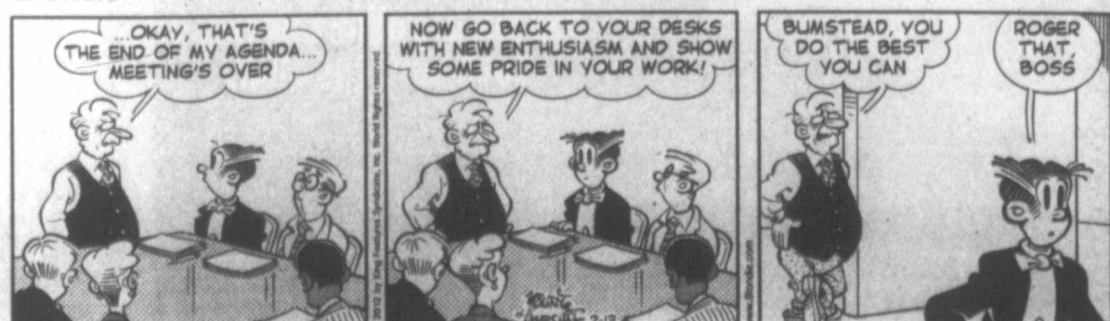
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# Sports

## Pampa wrestler Radke just misses state at regionals

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Pampa High school senior Robert Radke was closing in on a trip to the state wrestling tournament in Austin. He had to just win one more match. At the end of the day, he came up a match short as he lost his final two matches Saturday at Randall High School.

"I just didn't go out ready to wrestle," Radke said. "I was tired from all my other matches."

The top four wrestlers in each weight class advanced to state. Radke lost his first match in the 138-pound weight division and had to work through the loser's bracket. The senior said he wasn't ready for his first match.

"I didn't do very good," Radke said. "I was so worked up about regionals that I didn't do as good as I wanted to."

Radke can still advance to state if one of the top four finishers isn't able to go.

As a team, the Harvesters finished 26th with 20 points. The Lady Harvesters finished 29th with 10 points. Freshman Miranda Foreman thought the girls wrestled well.

"We did better than we thought we were going to do," Foreman said.

The freshman said she performed well considering her competition.

"This is my first year and I'm a freshman," Foreman said. "These other girls from El Paso were seniors, and I beat

most of them. I was really proud of myself."

Senior Trent McAnear wrestled in the 145-pound weight class and went 2-2. McAnear said it wasn't his best performance.

"My heart just wasn't in it," McAnear said. "I just didn't perform to my best."

Senior Ryan Pearson dislocated his shoulder during his first match. Pearson said he didn't feel it until after the match. "The adrenaline was still going," Pearson said.

Pearson popped it back in place and continued wrestling. Pearson said the season went well.

"We had 11 people at regionals," Pearson said. "That's a big improvement from last year."

Also competing for Pampa was junior Quaid Chennault, sophomore Isidro Estrada, junior Dinah Radke, junior Bella Wilson and freshmen Quila Martinez, Phyllis Chennault and Erica Spence. Their results weren't available as of press time.

Radke said it was nice they finished the season as a team after being one of four wrestlers left on the 2010-11 team.

"Everyone finished strong," Radke said. "We had a whole team finish up."

Foreman said she had a good first year and is looking forward to next season.

"I feel really good about the season," Foreman said. "I know I could have done better but I have three years left."

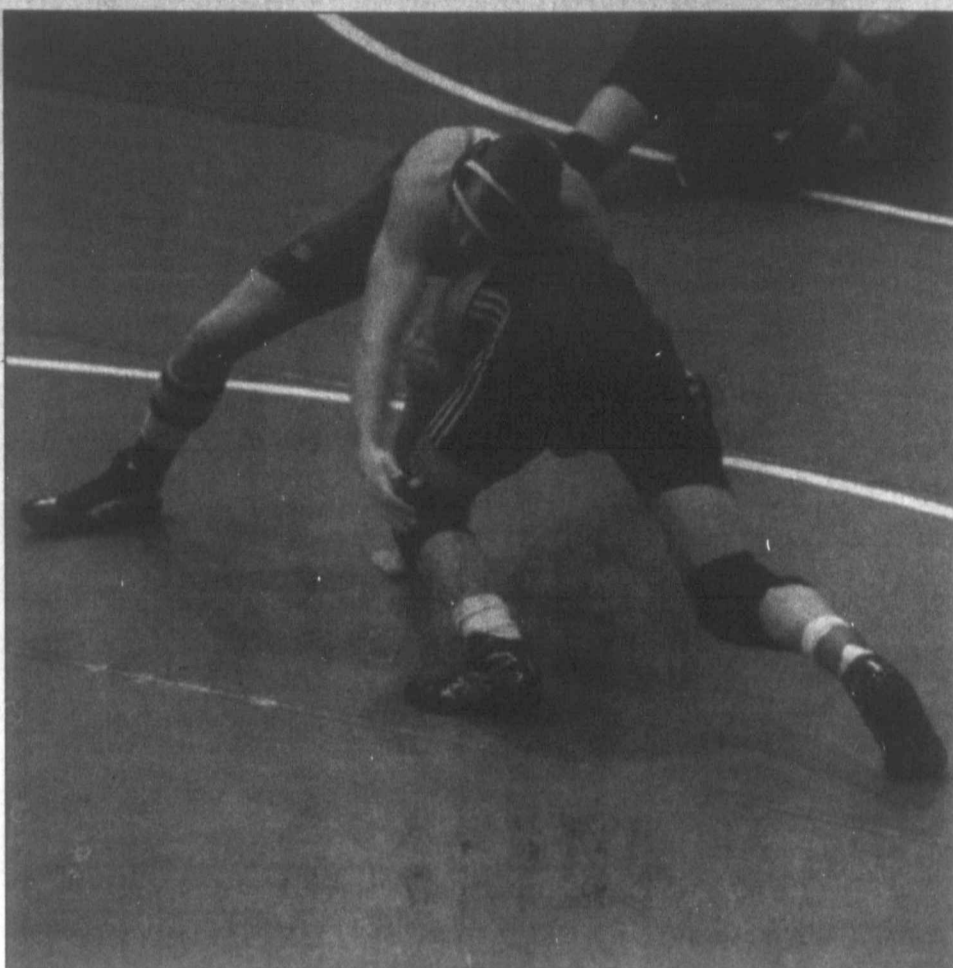


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Senior Robert Radke holds down his opponent. Radke finished fifth.

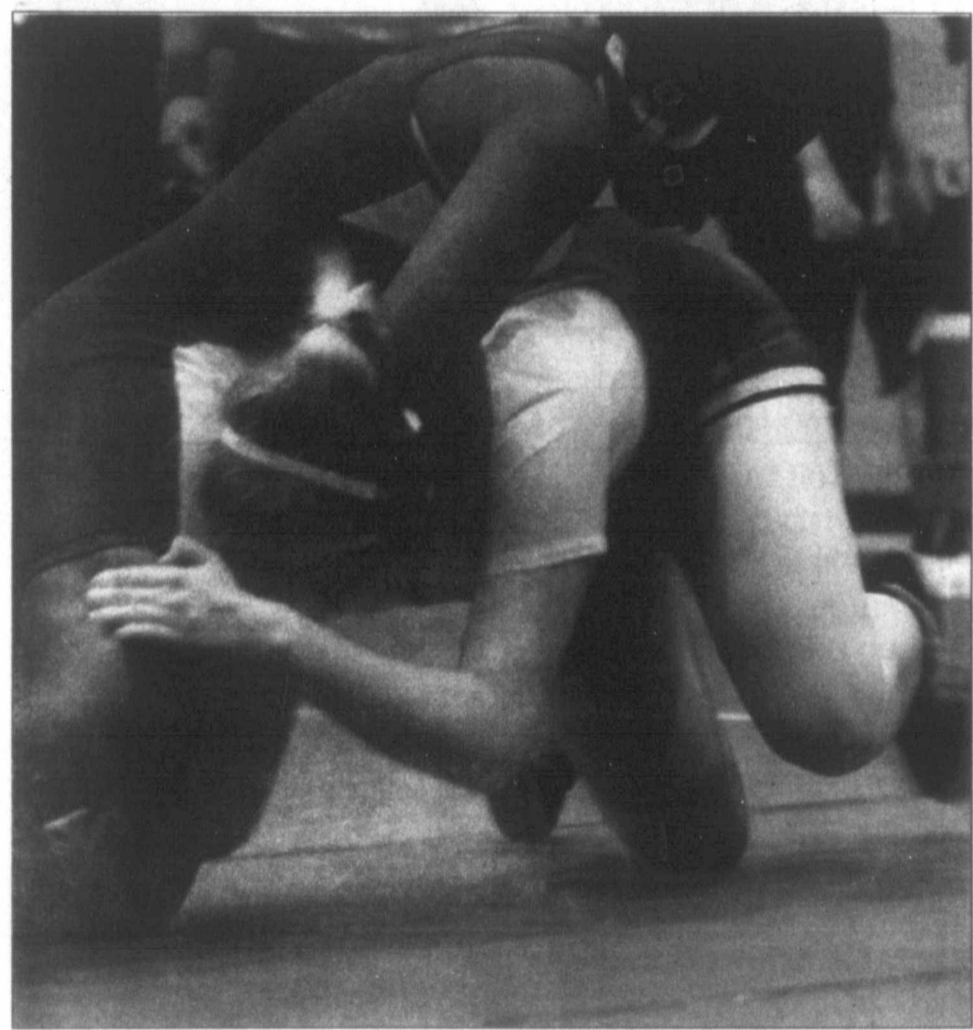


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Junior Dinah Radke brings down her opponent during regionals.

## Pampa girls soccer shuts out Dumas for first victory of '12

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After being beat handily by the Randall Lady Raiders, the Pampa Lady Harvesters soccer team was hoping to rebound against first-year Dumas Demonettes. On Friday, Pampa did just that as it left Dumas with a 1-0 victory.

The victory was the Lady Harvesters first in over a season. Pampa won one

game last season by an opponent's forfeit in a game that the Lady Harvesters originally lost. Head coach Libby Garza said her girls played pretty well.

"We had a lot of shots on goal," Garza said. "That was great. We still need to get better at communicating the whole game."

Senior Ellen Cambern scored Pampa's only goal. Junior goalkeeper Bree Howard recorded her first shutout of the season. Garza said she was happy for her team.

"Just to see the looks on their faces is awesome," Garza said.

The Lady Harvesters (1-6-2, 1-2-1) host Palo Duro 5 p.m. Tuesday. Garza said her



Garza

## PHS swimming doesn't advance; several improve regionals times

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For the third straight season, the Pampa Harvesters' and Lady Harvesters' swimming season ended at regionals, but several swimmers improved times as the boys finished ninth and the girls eighth Saturday in Andrews.

"J.T. (Brown) had been swimming 1:15 in his 100-breaststrokes all year and swam 1:11," head coach Edward Garvin said. "Morgan (Graef) in the individual medley was swimming 1:49 and swam 1:42. We had some impressive times. The kids swam really good."

Swimmers and relay teams had to win their events to qualify for state. Senior Spencer Estes was the closest

to qualifying for state. He finished second in preliminaries (23.15) and fourth in the finals of the 50-yard freestyle (23.21). Estes also finished in the top 10 in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:03.65.

Senior Kendle Ramey finished seventh in the 500-yard freestyle (6:22.10) and eighth in the 100-yard backstroke (1:12.35). Graef finished tenth in the 200-yard individual medley (2:41.35) and sixth in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:20.05). Senior Nathan Towry finished ninth in the 500-yard freestyle (5:53.93). Brown finished ninth in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:11.45).

The Lady Harvesters finished sixth in the 200-yard medley relay (2:12.77), eighth in the 200-yard freestyle relay (2:08.91). The Harvesters finished eighth in the 200-medley and 200-freestyle relays (1:57.07 and 1:45.23).

The Harvesters and Lady Harvesters graduate four from a team that had seven freshmen. Garvin said he is excited about the future.

"The times show promise for the future," Garvin said. "I'm proud of how they did."



Garvin



Estes

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# athletes



of the week

**Elizabeth Terry**  
Pampa High School

Pampa High School senior basketball player Elizabeth Terry is *The Pampa News* Female Athlete of the Week. Terry has given the Lady Harvesters depth at the post position this season. This is Terry's first athlete of the week honor.

Pampa High School senior basketball player Laketon Harris is *The Pampa News* Male Athlete of the Week. Harris scored seven points and gave Pampa a boost in energy against Berger Friday. Harris' point total was a season high. This is Harris' first athlete of the week honor.




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### Basketball Schedule Update

- The Pampa Lady Harvesters' bi-district playoff game against Shallowater is 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.
- The Harvesters' games against Perryton have been moved up. The JV will tip at 5 p.m. Tuesday and the varsity will tip at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.





## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been divorced for two years and am friendly with a man, "Byron," whose friendship I value. A few weeks ago we decided to explore a dating relationship. Unfortunately, the past couple of weeks have been busy for me. We haven't been able to spend as much time together as either of us would like.

Last night Byron texted me, saying he "knew where this was going" and thought we should "talk about it." He subsequently said he thinks I wasn't being honest about wanting to spend time together. When I reassured him, he explained that he has abandonment issues. Now I feel I must be careful not to do anything that might cause him to panic.

Should I back off now and try to salvage the friendship, or should I give the romance a chance? His paranoid actions so early into this stage of our relationship have made me uncomfortable. It's as if he's asking for a guarantee already. — **UNEASY IN SOUTH DAKOTA**

**DEAR UNEASY:** I don't blame you for having second thoughts. Byron appears to be someone who also has trust issues, and that he would tell you he thinks you haven't been honest with him is cause for concern. You have been friendly for some time; therefore, he should have assessed your character before this. Back off, because the only person who can resolve his insecurities is Byron. Your instincts are correct.

**DEAR ABBY:** My mother-in-law recently moved into our home to escape a bad relationship. While I'm happy to have her, increasingly I want to send her packing.

She constantly "baby talks," whether in the house or, God forbid, out in public. It drives me nuts. I sometimes wonder if she needs a knock upside the head for a "reboot."

My wife agrees it's annoying and needs to stop. But how do you tell a well-educated, mature adult that she sounds like an idiot and it's embarrassing to be with her in public? Sometimes her mannerisms even resemble those of a toddler. — **GOO-GOO-GOING CRAZY IN CONNECTICUT**

**DEAR CRAZY:** Has your mother-in-law always been like this? If the answer is yes, then she thinks her behavior is "cute" because she has gotten away with it for so many years and now does it unconsciously. If the answer is no, then perhaps it's time to have her evaluated.

**CRYPTOQUOTE**

AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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**Saturday's Cryptoquote:** IT'S FRIGHTENING TO THINK THAT YOU MARK YOUR CHILDREN MERELY BY BEING YOURSELF. — SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR

**Sudoku**

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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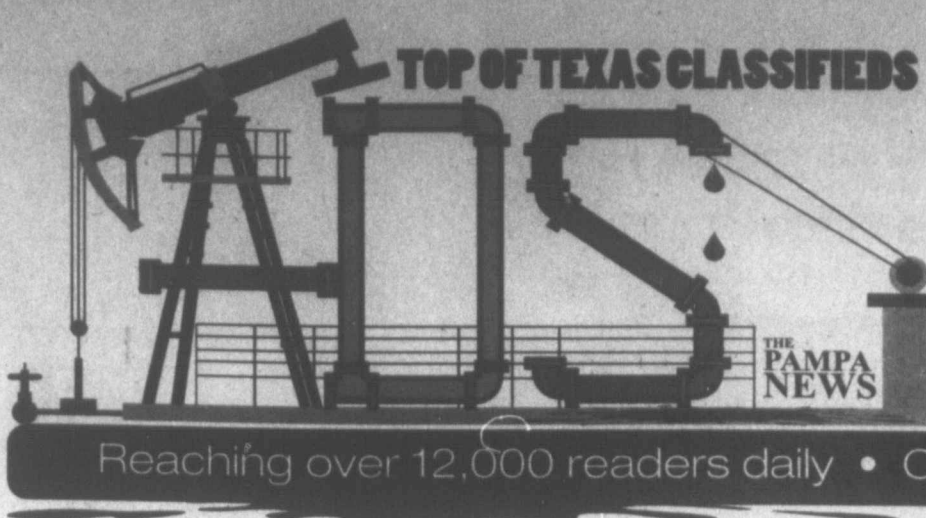
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612 Ware Av, Groom.....	\$130,000	3/1.75/4 - 1637 SF/CCAD
503 Ware Av, Groom.....	\$128,000	4/2.75/1 - 2828 SF/CCAD
804-805 W. Jackson Ave, WD.....	\$120,000	4/2/2 - 2536 SF/CCAD duplex
400 S. Popham, WD.....	\$67,900	3/1/0 - 1494 SF/CCAD
600 W 3rd Av, WD.....	\$67,500	3/1/1 - 1100 F/CCAD
129 Abilene, Borger.....	\$42,900	3/1.5/1 1176 SF/HCAD
609 Gulf, Lefors.....	\$34,995	2/1/1 - 898 SF/GCAD

**COMMERCIAL PROPERTY & LAND**

Perryton Parkway.....	\$2,503,828	9.58 acres east of hospital
120 S. Gillespie St.....	\$4,100/mo	For Lease - 7,372 SF/GCAD
11756 Hwy 152.....	\$2,500,000	12 acres, 2 bldgs 25,000 SF each
30th & Charles St.....	\$1,400,000	45.9 acres of land N of Walmart
FM 14 Rd, Lefors.....	\$530,000	530 acres w/water well
30th & Charles.....	\$435,600	5 acres in city limits
220 N Ballard.....	\$395,000	Lt. Comm. 4 bath 6,782 SF/GCAD
500 W Harvester Av.....	\$350,000	Lots south of United
748 S Price Rd.....	\$350,000	3 Ac. + 14,400 warehouse offices
302-308 W Foster.....	\$309,900	4 Retail Outlets 10,874 SF/GCAD
117 - 121 Ballard.....	\$230,000	24,500 SF/GCAD
1801 Alcock St.....	\$185,000	Office Building, 3,100 SF/GCAD Café
845 S Hobart/900 Wilks St.....	\$175,000	4 Lots + 10' on north
420 W Foster Av.....	\$165,000	Houston Lumb & Gas Station
Harvester St.....	\$150,000	60 x 110 Bldg Lots
FM 2300 & 1-40, Groom.....	\$145,000	Quonset & 6+/- acres
1435 Alcock St.....	\$135,000	2 Bldg. 3,200 SF/GCAD; 1,020 SF/GCAD
1421 Hobart St.....	\$105,000	Smoke House 1816 SF/GCAD
523 W Foster Av.....	\$85,000	7,598 SF/GCAD
301 & 305 W Foster Av.....	\$75,000	3,500 SF/GCAD each
23rd & Crescent Dr.....	\$65,000	Lot 4 Blk 1 North Crest Sec 1
405 W Foster Av.....	\$65,000	2,000 SF/GCAD C H/A
220 E Francis.....	\$57,500	1/1 745 SF/GCAD Comm.
401 W Foster Av.....	\$47,000	2,500 SF/GCAD w/basement & overhead doors
Chaumont Addition.....	\$35,000	Lots 1 & 2 Block 2
Dogwood Ln.....	\$22,000	Lots 15-17 & 40' of 18
Wall St.....	\$15,000	1/2 Block
Fraser Annex #3 28th.....	\$10,000	Lot 8, W45' Blk 71
Holly Lot 10.....	\$10,000	Residential Lot 85' x 120'
Dogwood Ln.....	\$9,000	Lot 2 & 40.35' of Lot 1
Jupiter St.....	\$9,000	Lot 3 Blk 4 Country Club Heights
Jupiter St.....	\$6,500	Lot 7 Blk 3 Country Club Heights

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The Chamber, as in previous years, is selling banquet table sponsorships (tiered in \$500, \$300 and \$100 levels), which come with recognition in the event's program and banner. According to Robinson, the deadline to be included on the banner is Friday, Feb. 24.

"We've had a great response," Robinson said of this year's sponsorship sales. "We've sold more \$500 tables this year than we've ever sold. We still have a few more days (until the deadline)."

Unsold table sponsorships will be donated to area nonprofits, who — like paid for-profit table sponsors — will be invited to decorate the table as an advertisement for their organization.

"We're going to do the nonprofit tables again," said Robinson. "We started that last year. The tables that don't sell, we gave the nonprofits in town an opportunity to decorate a table. It worked out great. They went all out and it was just wonderful, so we wanted to do it again."

Interested nonprofits are invited to add their group to a list of potential table sponsors by calling Chamber administrative assistant Lori Gyurnek at 806-669-3241. The number of nonprofits that will be invited to participate is contingent on the number of unsold tables at the event, Robinson said.

Robinson also added that the process to fill the Chamber's vacant executive director position is

ongoing, with the search to go full speed once banquet preparations are finished.

"We just last week put it on the Chamber Facebook," said Robinson. "We put it on another couple of pages on Facebook. We're thinking this week, we'll probably start getting more applications. We've already gotten five applications and we've hardly publicized it at all. We won't set up the

interviews until after the Citizen and Business of the Year," she continued. "We'd love to have somebody in there by March 31."

The interview committee for the position will consist of John Curry, Mac Smith, David Hall, Bob Pendergraft, Heather Thompson and Robinson, who added that the board intends to add another member to the committee in the near future.

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