

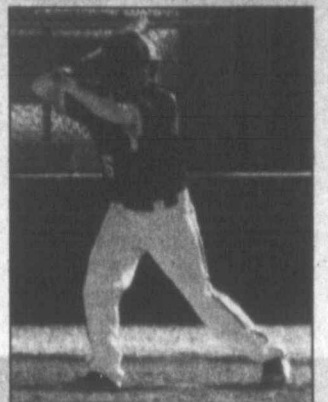
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Republican Women to distribute 'Now You Are 18'

■ HS seniors to receive booklet detailing responsibilities, rights of adults

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With Gray County's seniors nearing the end of their final semester of high school, the Top O' Texas Republican Women are looking to arm them with added information to usher them into adulthood.

Jana Vinson of the TOTRW said that the

group is planning to distribute "Now You Are 18," a booklet compiled by the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary, to local seniors to educate them about their new rights as adults.

"I went to (the Texas Federation of Republican Women's Leadership Survival Skills Camp) recently in Austin and they recommended this," Vinson said. "They said that this booklet is a guide to provide

very important information to young people who are approaching the voting age.

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Some area high school seniors will be receiving a copy of "Now You Are 18," a booklet detailing the rights and responsibilities of adult citizens under Texas law.

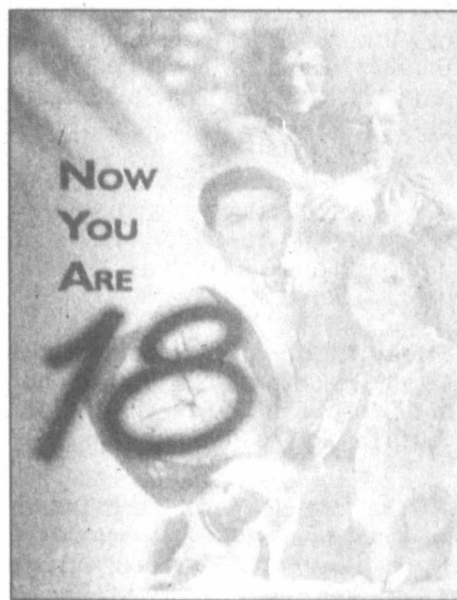


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'TIS THE SEASON



staff photo by Mollie Bryant

Janet Watts (from left), Executive Director of CASA of the High Plains, and CASA volunteers Judy Woollard and Lisa Blandford organize luggage from the organization's February luggage drive. During the drive, CASA received 178 pieces of luggage and duffel bags, along with \$450 in donations.

Home search ends with drug arrest

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A search of a Pampa residence Monday night resulted in an arrest for possession of drugs.

Officers with the Pampa Police Department executed a search warrant on the 600 block of Hazel around 7:30 p.m. About six people were on scene during the search.

Officers found a substance believed to be a controlled substance during the search. The substance was field tested, and is believed to be methamphetamine, but it will be sent to a laboratory for further testing.



Griffin

Patricia Lynn Griffin, 52, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance, in an amount greater than four grams but less than 200 grams, and tampering or fabricating evidence with intent to impair.

She remains in custody, and faces a \$15,000 bond.

Red Cross Month recognizes group's local, global work

■ Organization's new area director talks about support

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March is Red Cross Month, a time to recognize the organization known for responding to disasters, helping members of the military, veterans and their families, providing blood and teaching lifesaving skills. During 2011, the Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter of the Red Cross, which includes Pampa, responded to 29 emergencies, assisted 22 military families and trained 1,211 people in lifesaving skills.

"March is Red Cross Month in recognition of the

work done by the American Red Cross in communities across the country and around the globe, and of how we depend on public support to help people in need," said Christopher Knight, Executive Director of the Eastern Panhandle Chapter.

Each year, the Red Cross responds to nearly 70,000 disasters, collects and distributes 40 percent of the nation's blood supply and trains over 9 million people in first aid, water safety and other life saving skills.

"We just implemented a new mission statement," said Knight. "It says that the Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering through the generosity of donors and volunteers."

Knight has worked with the Red Cross since December, but his exposure to the organization began in August of 2009.

"I went into sudden cardiac arrest in Chicago, and I'm very lucky to be alive," he said. "An automated external

defibrillator (AED) saved my life. I made contact with a representative of cardiac science, and we became friends. We decided we wanted to put AEDs in the state of Texas. We found out there was a big need with first responders, and put 105 AEDs in Texas."

Knight said the Red Cross mostly helps with fires in Pampa, and assisted during five fires last month.

"We provide immediate needs, like water, food and shelter, which are short term needs," he said. "We try to get them back on their feet."

People interested in getting involved with the Red Cross can take a class, give blood or volunteer.

"There are two ways to volunteer," said Knight. "You can volunteer time and you can volunteer money. In the Eastern Panhandle Chapter, which includes Pampa, we have two paid employees and over 100 volunteers. It takes a lot of volunteers to make sure we deliver the services we're known for."

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday
High 70 Low 32	High 38 Low 28	High 43 Low 30

Today: Partly sunny, with a high near 70. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tonight: A chance of rain and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32. Wind chill values between 20 and 30. Breezy, with a north northwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Thursday: A chance of freezing rain before noon, then a chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 38. Breezy, with a north wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Thursday Night: A slight chance of rain and snow before midnight, then a slight chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. Blustery, with a north wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Friday: A slight chance of snow before 9am, then a slight chance of rain. Partly sunny, with a high near 43. North northeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Obituaries

Tonya Denise Glassey Winborne, 34

Tonya Denise Glassey Winborne, 34, died March 6, 2012, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 8, 2012, at Briarwood Church, with Pastor David Brown of Victory Church of Amarillo, officiating.

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

Mrs. Winborne was born October 16, 1977, in Spearman. Tonya has been a resident of Pampa for the past 18 years, moving from Fritch. She was a 1996 graduate of Pampa High School. Tonya married Freddy Winborne on June 8, 1996, in Pampa. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from A.I.U. in 2010. She was a former corrections officer at the Baten Unit.

Survivors include her husband, Freddy Winborne of the home; two daughters, Skyler Winborne and Madison Winborne both of the home; parents, Clifford and Brenda Glassey both of Pampa; two brothers, Keith Glassey and wife Theresa of Lathrop, Mo. and Casey Glassey of Lochbuie, Colo.; two sisters, Mary LaJohnna Glassey of Perryton and Starla Ennis and husband Morgan of Ama-



Winborne

rillo; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. Tonya was preceded in death by her grandparents, Steve and Mary Glassey and A.M. and Donna McKinzie. Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Mary Elizabeth Lemmon, 72

Mary Elizabeth Lemmon was born on December 18, 1939, in Strawn, to the late Buron M. and Mary Ruth Johnson Brashears. She passed away on March 4, 2012, in Plano. Mary retired from EDS in 2003.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and sister, Deborah Kay Brewer.

She is survived by her son, Jack Lemmon of Plano; daughter, Cynthia Kay Lemmon of New Braunfels; grandchildren, Riley Brandt Foster and Skylar Foster both of New Braunfels; brothers, Jim Brashears and wife, Paula of Pampa, and Robert Brewer and wife, Sheila also of Pampa.

Please send family condolences to http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=1000035585375528ref=tn_tnmn.



Lemmon

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Tuesday, March 6 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 10 traffic related incidents.

Animal Control agents reported five animal related incidents.

Lefors Volunteer EMS responded to one medical call.

Monday, March 5

An accident occurred at Browning and Starkweather.

A theft occurred at the 400 block of North Red Deer.

An accident was reported.

An accident occurred at the 1200 block of North Wells.

A burglary occurred at the 500 block of West Brown.

An accident occurred at the 300 block of North Davis.

Phone harassment was reported.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1200 block of North Mary Ellen.

An accident occurred at Frost and Kingsmill.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 2100 block of North Lea.

A suspicious person was reported at Starkweather and Browning.

Disorderly conduct was reported.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 900 block of South Faulkner.

A suspicious person was reported at the 2800 block of Perryton.

A hit and run occurred at

21st and Coffee.

An assault occurred at the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A structure fire occurred at the 700 block of North Russell.

Endangerment of a child or elderly person occurred at the 500 block of North Frost.

Tuesday, March 6

A theft occurred at the 900 block of East Barnard.

A suspicious person was reported at the 700 block of North Russell.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Tuesday, March 6 at 7 a.m.

Monday, March 5

Robert Earl Franz, 63,

was arrested by deputies on a warrant of indecency with a child.

Bryan Keith McCormick, 33, was arrested by deputies on capias pro fine warrants regarding possession of drug paraphernalia and displaying expired registration.

Patricia Lynn Griffin, 52, was arrested by police for possession of a controlled substance, in an amount greater than four grams but less than 200 grams, and tampering or fabricating evidence with intent to impair.

Tuesday, March 6

Jacob Allan Edgar, 19, was arrested by deputies on a warrant regarding burglary of a motor vehicle.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: Several years ago you printed a poem about forgiveness in your column. It described very well the benefits of the practice, and it was accompanied by a sort of "forgiveness schedule" for every day of the week.

I clipped the column and saved it, but over time I seem to have lost it. Could you please run this piece again? — DANIELA IN TORONTO

DEAR DANIELA: I'm glad to oblige. The poem you have requested, "Decide to Forgive," was written by the late Robert Muller, former assistant secretary-general of the United Nations. Now, with so much turmoil going on in the nation and in the world, its sentiments are particu-

larly relevant.

This poem is part of a collection of letters, poems and essays that are collected in my booklet "Keepers" because so many Dear Abby readers had clipped them and continue to request that they be reprinted. Here is the poem you have requested:

DECIDE TO FORGIVE
Decide to forgive
For resentment is negative
Resentment is poisonous
Resentment diminishes and devours the self.
Be the first to forgive,
To smile and to take the first step
And you will see happiness bloom
On the face of your hu-

man brother or sister.

Be always the first
Do not wait for others to forgive
For by forgiving
You become the master of fate
The fashioner of life
A doer of miracles.
To forgive is the highest,
Most beautiful form of love.

In return you will receive
Untold peace and happiness.

And here is the program for achieving a truly forgiving heart:

SUNDAY: Forgive yourself.
MONDAY: Forgive your family.
TUESDAY: Forgive your friends and associates.
WEDNESDAY: Forgive across economic lines within your own nation.
THURSDAY: Forgive across cultural lines within your own nation.
FRIDAY: Forgive across political lines within

your own nation.

SATURDAY: Forgive other nations.

Only the brave know how to forgive. A coward never forgives.

It is not in his nature.

Since I cannot reprint the continual avalanche of requests I receive for reprints, for those who desire them, my "Keepers" booklet can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby Keepers Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. Many people have told me it makes a welcome gift for newlyweds, new parents, animal lovers, those who are grieving, and anyone who is recovering from an illness because it's a quick and easy read, and filled with wisdom and humor on a wide variety of topics.

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Man sentenced for bribing judge

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A Texas man who pleaded guilty last year to bribing a state judge to change the terms of his probation was sentenced to 27 months in prison Tuesday.

Armando Pena of Brownsville was the second person sentenced in the far-reaching federal corruption investigation of former state District Judge Abel Limas. Pena's case is just one example of the extent to which Limas used his elected position as a money-making venture.

Pena and his wife, who is scheduled to be sentenced next month on the same wire fraud charge, wired \$1,800 from Arkansas to Harlingen in April 2008. The payment allegedly went through Limas middleman Jose Manuel Longoria and \$1,500 made it to Limas.

Pena had moved to Arkansas without permission to work and wanted to be able to report to the state parole office by mail. Limas contacted that office and several weeks later issued a written order changing the terms of Pena's probation to allow him to do so.

Mass layoffs at four-year low

DALLAS (AP) — The number of mass layoffs by Texas employers is at a four-year low as the sluggish economy shows signs of improvement.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that Texas companies in 2011 made fewer big cuts to payrolls for the second straight year. Texas employers announced 650 mass layoffs in 2011 that cost 68,500 workers their jobs.

The worst was 2009, when companies statewide announced more than 1,000 mass layoffs in which 50 employees or more were shed during a five-week period.

Bureau of Labor Statistics economist James Howard told The Dallas Morning News that two consecutive years of strong decline was a good sign.

The Texas unemployment rate stood at 7.4 percent in December and has declined in each of the last four months.

Nine tons of marijuana seized

CARRIZO SPRINGS (AP) — Two truckers have been arrested in South Texas after their rigs yielded more than 9 tons of marijuana worth nearly \$15 million.

Border Patrol officials say the loads were discovered during unrelated searches at the Carrizo Springs Station.

Officials say a truck that appeared to be hauling large metal tanks included a hidden load of nearly 6 tons of marijuana. The other rig appeared to have a load of industrial lime sacks, but was concealing more than 3½ tons of marijuana.

Authorities say the drivers, who are from Quinlan and San Diego, Texas, were arrested Saturday. Details of the busts were released Monday. Further information on the suspects was not immediately available.

DPS advises against Mexico trips

AUSTIN (AP) — A law enforcement agency in Texas has raised safety concerns and advised students on spring break to avoid Mexico.

The Department of Public Safety on Tuesday issued the advisory, citing continued violence throughout Mexico.

The U.S. State Department last month recommended that Americans avoid travel to all or parts of 14 of 31 Mexican states. It's the widest travel advisory issued by the U.S. since Mexico stepped up its drug war in 2006.

DPS Director Steven McCraw says Mexican drug cartel violence and other criminal activity represent a significant safety threat, even in some resort areas.

Juvenile justice to be discussed

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas lawmakers are to discuss ways of reducing the number of young people in the state's juvenile justice system through early intervention programs and by providing greater access to mental health services.

Members of the House Committee on Corrections also may offer recommendations on certifying juveniles as adults during their Tuesday meeting in Austin.

Texas' troubled youth corrections system has undergone major reforms since neglect and sexual abuse allegations surfaced several years ago.

The Legislature voted last year to create the new Texas Juvenile Justice Department by merging the Texas Youth and Juvenile Probation commissions.

The move was meant to shift more offenders to community-based supervision and treatment programs. It also was supposed to save the state about \$3.3 billion.

Committee members will hear testimony on the merger's progress.

Eden pattern is a garden of flowers and birds

Q: This is a photo of my porcelain dinnerware that was given to me. It is a service for 12 that includes all the serving pieces for a total of 95 pieces. The pattern is "Paradise," and the set is in mint condition. Each is decorated with a mustard colored band, branches, pastel flowers and birds of paradise. Marked on each dish are the words "Theodore Haviland — Limoges."

Can you tell me what my set is worth?

A: Theodore Haviland Porcelain Factory has been located in Limoges, France, since 1892. The pattern is also known as "Eden" or "Bird of Paradise." It was popular in the 1920s. Replacement value would be \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Q: This is the mark on a porcelain tea set that belonged to my great-grandmother. The set includes a tea pot, sugar bowl, creamer, six cups and six saucers. They are decorated with pastel flowers against a white background and trimmed in gold.



Heinrich and Co. has made porcelain in German since 1896.

I plan to pass my set down to my daughter and would like to know more about the maker and value.

A: Heinrich and Co. made your tea set. They were founded in 1896 by Franz Heinrich in Selb, Bavaria, Germany. Today, the company is part of Villeroy and Boch and is called Heinrich Porzellan Co. Similar tea sets are selling in

Antique OR JUNQUE?



Theodore Haviland Co. has been located in Limoges, France, since 1892.

antiques shops in the range of \$175 to \$225.

Q: I bought a glass vase at a garage sale a couple of years ago for \$25. It stands about 8 inches tall and has a silver paper label with the words "Phoenix Sculptured Art Ware." The vase has a raised design of flowers with long stems against a light blue background and has a frosty finish.

What can you tell me about my vase and does it have any value?

A: You have an example of art glass made by Phoenix Art Glass. The company was established in 1880 in Pennsylvania. In 1932, they purchased

molds from the Consolidated Glass Co. and produced molded, sculptured and cameo type pieces. Your vase can be attributed to their "Sculptured Art Ware" line that was created by Kenneth Haley. It was made from the 1930s to the 1960s. Early pieces were marked with the silver label. Based on your description, the pattern of your vase is "Freesia."

Similar circa 1933 vases can be seen selling in antiques shops in the range of \$135 to \$250.

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

Arizona's Brewer blasts feds over border

PHOENIX (AP) — Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer blasted the federal government for failing to secure the U.S.-Mexico border while invoking the names of a slain rancher and Border Patrol agent on Tuesday at a major border-security expo being held in downtown Phoenix.

Speaking to a room of law enforcement officers and those in the border technology industry, Brewer said the immigration issue isn't about hate or skin color, as her critics say — it's about securing the border and keeping Americans safe.

"Of course, there are those in Washington who will tell you — from 3,000 miles away, by the way — that our border is more secure than ever," Brewer said. "No amount of distortion can hide the absolute truth. The federal government, Republicans and Democrats alike, have failed every single American, all of us."

She said Washington's "abdication of responsibility is the overarching outrage of American illegal immigration crisis."

"America's failure to understand this problem at a national level and to deal with it has haunted borders like mine for decades," she said.

Brewer pointed to the killings of rancher Rob Krentz and Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry.

Authorities believe an illegal immigrant killed Krentz while he was checking water lines on his property near the Arizona-Mexico border in March 2010.

Terry was killed in a shootout with border bandits in December 2010. A gun used in his shooting was connected to the botched federal operation known as Fast and Furious, in which agents lost track of nearly 1,400

of the more than 2,000 guns purchased by suspected straw buyers.

While Brewer was at the expo, she visited a number of antiques shops in the range of \$175 to \$225.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, March 7, the 67th day of 2012. There are 299 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 7, 1912, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen arrived in Hobart, Australia, where he dispatched telegrams announcing his success in leading the first expedition to the South Pole the previous December.

On this date:

In 1793, during the French Revolutionary Wars, France declared war on Spain.

In 1850, in a three-hour speech to the U.S. Senate, Daniel Webster of Massachusetts endorsed the Compromise of 1850 as a means of preserving the Union.

In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell received a patent for his telephone.

In 1911, President William Howard Taft ordered 20,000 troops to patrol the U.S.-Mexico border in response to the Mexican Revolution.

In 1926, the first successful trans-Atlantic radio-telephone conversations took place between New York and London.

In 1936, Adolf Hitler ordered his troops to march into the Rhineland, thereby breaking the Treaty of Versailles and the Locarno Pact.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. forces crossed the Rhine River at Remagen, Germany, using the damaged but still usable Ludendorff Bridge.

In 1960, Jack Paar returned as host of NBC's "Tonight Show" nearly a month after walking off in a censorship dispute with the network.

In 1965, a march by civil rights demonstrators was broken up in Selma, Ala., by state troopers and a sheriff's posse.

In 1975, the U.S. Senate revised its filibuster rule, allowing 60 senators to limit debate in most cases, instead of the previously required 2/3 of senators present.

In 1981, anti-government guerrillas in Colombia executed kidnapped American Bible translator Chester Bitterman, whom they'd accused of being a CIA agent.

In 1994, the Supreme Court, in *Campbell v. Acuff-Rose Music, Inc.*, ruled that a parody that pokes fun at an original work can be considered "fair use" that doesn't require permission from the copyright holder. (The ruling concerned a parody of the song "Pretty Woman" by the rap group 2 Live Crew.)

Ten years ago: The House passed, 417-3, a bill cutting taxes and extending unemployment benefits. By a razor-thin margin, voters in Ireland rejected a government plan to further toughen the country's already strict anti-abortion laws.

Five years ago: Sex offender John Evander Couey was found guilty in Miami of kidnapping, raping and murdering 9-year-old Jessica Lunsford, who'd been buried alive. (Couey was sentenced to death, but died of natural causes in September 2009.) Ten people, most of them children, were killed in the Bronx, New York, when fire tore through their home. A suicide attacker blew himself up in a cafe northeast of Baghdad, killing 30 people.

One year ago: Reversing course, President Barack Obama approved the resumption of military trials at the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, ending a two-year ban. Charlie Sheen was fired from the sitcom "Two and a Half Men" by Warner Bros. Television following repeated misbehavior and weeks of the actor's angry, often-maniac media campaign against his studio bosses.

Today's Birthdays: Photographer Lord Snowdon is 82. TV personality Willard Scott is 78. Auto racer Janet Guthrie is 74. Actor Daniel J. Travanti is 72. Former Walt Disney Co. chief executive officer Michael Eisner is 70. Rock musician Chris White (The Zombies) is 69. Actor John Heard is 66. Rock singer Peter Wolf is 66. Rock musician Matthew Fisher (Procol Harum) is 66. Pro Football Hall-of-Famer Franco Harris is 62. Pro and College Football Hall-of-Famer Lynn Swann is 60. Rhythm-and-blues singer-musician Ernie Isley (The Isley Brothers) is 60. Actor Bryan Cranston is 56. Actress Donna Murphy is 53. Actor Nick Searcy is 53. Golfer Tom Lehman is 53. International Tennis Hall-of-Famer Ivan Lendl is 52. Actress Mary Beth Evans is 51. Singer-actress Taylor Dayne is 50. Actor Bill Brochtrup is 49. Opera singer Denyce Graves is 48. Comedian Wanda Sykes is 48. Rock musician Randy Guss (Toad the Wet Sprocket) is 45. Actor Peter Sarsgaard is 41. Actress Rachel Weisz (wys) is 41. Classical singer Sebastien Izambard (Il Divo) is 39. Rock singer Hugo Ferreira (Tantric) is 38. Actress Jenna Fischer is 38. Actress Audrey Marie Anderson is 37. Actor TJ Thyne is 37. Actress Laura Prepon is 32.

Thought for Today: "In a democracy dissent is an act of faith. Like medicine, the test of its value is not in its taste, but in its effects." - J. William Fulbright, U.S. senator (1905-1995).



High oil prices from weak dollar

(Part 1)
Since Jan. 1, the price of gas has soared 45 cents a gallon -- the highest on record for this time of year. AAA reported this past week that the national average of unleaded gasoline climbed from Feb. 28's \$3.71 per gallon to March 2's \$3.73 per gallon and then up again to \$3.76 per gallon over the weekend -- the 25th straight increase in the past month.

According to The Associated Press, the nationwide price of gas is expected to reach \$4.25 by the end of April. But in many cities across the nation, people don't have to wait for April showers to bring May's misfortunes.

Consider what gas prices are right now in just these few cities: Los Angeles, \$4.33; San Francisco, \$4.35; Honolulu, \$4.20; Anchorage, Alaska, \$3.99; New York, \$3.99; Medford, Ore., \$3.98; Seattle, \$3.96; Bridgeport, Conn., \$3.96. In my wife's hometown in California, gas is already a staggering \$4.59 a gallon for regular. (By the way, the average price for regular gas when President Barack Obama took office, in January 2009, was \$1.79. But who's counting?)

And the reason for soaring gas prices? According to The Christian Science Monitor, Obama -- instead of admitting to a string of mea culpas -- is "blaming recent increases on a mix of factors beyond his control, including tensions with Iran, hot demand from China, India and other emerging economies, and Wall Street speculators taking advantage of the uncertainty."

Obama's Democratic cronies and his mainstream media minions are trying to come to his aid by saying that the rise in gas prices is "really complicated," with "no one person ... to blame for pricing."

Yet Forbes ran recent articles saying that the "primary reason" for the spike in oil prices is "the dollar has lost value" and that the Fed has announced an explicit goal "to devalue the dollar by 33 percent over the next 20 years."

But the Obama administration doesn't bear any responsibility in the spike of gas prices? This administration is a crashing currency culprit via its disastrous recovery plan -- borrowing astronomical amounts of money from countries with which

we are already in vassalage relationships (such as China), bailing out corporations that should have gone bankrupt, bamboozling the American public with Obamacare, and placing our posterity in bondage with more than \$15 trillion of national debt.

And what about Obama's further oil restrictions, regulations and intentional avoidances to increase petroleum production and supplies here in the U.S.? The fact is, as U.S. News & World Report noted, "even tiny disruptions to supply can cause a spike in prices when consumers fill their gas tanks."

Secretary of Energy Steven Chu confessed in February 2011 to Chris Wallace, host of "Fox News Sunday," "The price of gasoline over the long haul should be expected to go up just because of supply and demand issues." So therefore, couldn't the price likewise go down if U.S. production were increased?

In November, Bloomberg Businessweek reported that "unlocking vast reserves of shale gas could solve the energy crisis, the jobs crisis, and the deficit."

Proof again came just last week, when a three-university study revealed that drilling into Ohio's Utica shale will create more than 65,000 jobs and \$9.6 billion of related economic development by 2014, according to the Akron Beacon Journal.

Increasing U.S. production of petroleum-based energy (not restricting and reducing it, as Obama's administration has done) is key not only to lowering our gas prices but also to restoring our economy. And that is exactly what former speaker of the House and current GOP presidential candidate Newt Gingrich is proposing.

Gingrich's plan? It is the polar opposite of Obama's. Newt is ready on day one of his presidency to begin to expand leasing of federal lands for oil and gas development, condense regulations to make it easier for companies to build new extraction sites, tap more shale reservoirs, start building the Keystone XL pipeline, release (at least some of) the oil in the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve



CHUCK NORRIS

(as even some congressional Democrats have advocated), replace the Environmental Protection Agency with a new, economically rational Environmental Solutions Agency, and tell the Iranians to take a flying leap across the Strait of Hormuz.

With these bold solutions, America would end our dependency on foreign oil, reduce the cost of gas, increase millions of domestic American jobs, and bring in billions of dollars of new revenue for the U.S. by becoming one of the largest global exporters of various fuels.

I believe that what we need this week of Super Tuesday is a super energy solution, and only Newt has the bold solutions that would actually change Washington, restore our republic, and offer us economic answers that would add millions of jobs and even could lower gas to \$2.50 a gallon.

Don't misunderstand me. My endorsing Newt and his strategies is not my saying that I agree with every decision he ever has made (because I don't). Conservative columnist Thomas Sowell (who is also a Newt supporter) said last week, "Does Gingrich have political 'baggage'? More than you could carry on a commercial airliner."

But Sowell and I (and many other conservatives, including former GOP presidential candidates Rick Perry and Herman Cain) also believe that Newt's the only real Reagan conservative left on the battlefield who has the experience, strategy and staying power to bring real change to Washington.

If you are ready for that real change -- if you want to stabilize our economy, restore our republic and lower gas prices simultaneously -- then shout it out to Washington and the nation: "Get off your gas! Drill and vote."

Next week, I'll give further evidence of how the Obama administration is covering up the real reason it's not intervening while Americans are being gouged at the pump.

Chuck Norris is a syndicated columnist and the former star of "Walker, Texas Ranger."

Here's to a packed trail and fresh dogs

As you read this there are dozens of men and women and hundreds of dogs crossing a very cold Alaska: more than a thousand miles of it. It's called the Iditarod by everyone who doesn't drive a team in it. For those who have, it's the Idiot Road.

There are deadly serious mushers in that race who are after that prize money, and a few of them will get it. But there are also the taildraggers. They know they won't win. What they want to do, really, is finish this most difficult of all races. And more than that ... to find out exactly what's inside them.

Thirty-nine years ago this week, that was me.

I had seven dogs. The minimum that year. And I had to borrow two to make the minimum. Most teams were in the 12 to 16-dog range. This translates to putting a VW bug in the Indy 500. Forget any prize money.

The front runners have snow machines half a day ahead of them, packing trail. With packed trail, those teams can average something like 80 miles a day. Without packed trail, you're lucky to get five miles, on snowshoes. And all it takes to turn a packed trail into snowshoe time is half an hour of wind.

There have always been "recre-



SLIM RANDES

ational mushers," like I was back then. I lived 12 miles from a road in those days, and for six months each year, the dogs got us back and forth to the village. They were basic transportation and basic family.

But this race, this monumental journey from Anchorage to Nome, makes a person want to hook up the dogs and head out.

I wasn't able to finish the race that year, 1973, because of an injury, and while I was on the trail, everyone passed me. And I guess it's because of that that each March I say a little prayer for all the mushers and all the dogs, but especially for the recreational mushers, for the taildraggers. They'll be out in the cold and the lonely longer than the winners, looking to



Slim and dogs in 1973

find that certain personal something. Packed trail and fresh dogs, people. It's a very long way to Nome.

To buy Slim's books, go to www.slimrandles.com.

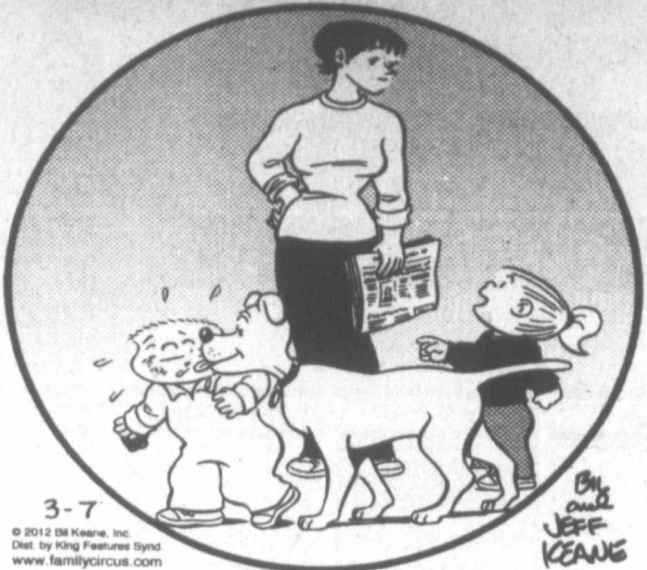
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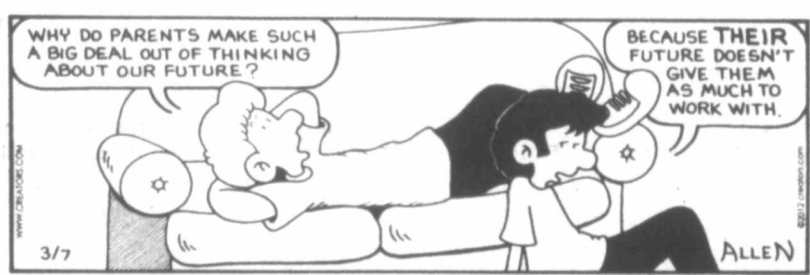
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, March 8, 2012:

This year you waver between your feelings and your intellect -- two very prominent inner voices. You will learn to integrate them or choose which one you want to lean toward. Relationships prove to be very exciting. If you are attached, the two of you have issues to work through. The good news is that your attraction to each other remains high, which will give the process a boost. If you are single, you are a magnet to the opposite sex. You could date many different people or one special person; it is your call. LIBRA wants to relate closely.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You could be stressed out from pressure at work. You are handling too many different situations, and you need to distance yourself. You juggle your feelings with your obligations. This attempt to balance your life could be difficult at best. Tonight: Listen to a suggestion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Let your creativity soar, and you will be capable of turning a losing situation into a winning one. A friend plays a major role in what is about to take place. Understand how important it is to keep some facts to yourself. You will see different results. Tonight: Put your feet up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might be ready to try another approach or do something differently. Impulsiveness pushes you down the right path. Communication is off, so trying to convince another person of the rightness of your ways could be a problem. Tonight: Have more fun.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You are likely to say exactly what you are thinking, and others are likely to respond accordingly. You might not be sure what to do. Keep communication flowing; otherwise, you could feel stuck. Juggle news, feelings and any other information you think you need to share. Tonight: Head home while singing an ode to the Full Moon.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Use special caution with a financial matter. You could be very drawn and tired of juggling funds and/or sharing

your innate talents. Pressure builds if you are not careful. Tonight: Talk yourself through discomfort.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You are all personality and then some. You also could feel as if you have pushed way too hard, and you find others to be constantly challenging. Know when to say you have had enough. Establish limits for how much you want to give. Tonight: Your treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Use the afternoon to review some details and make sure everything is as it should be. You could be more on target about a personal matter than you realize. In the next few days, you will see how very right you are. Tonight: As you like it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Use the daytime hours to the max. You could be surprised by what you make possible. Meetings and alliances with others could be strategic and essential. You might be pressured to make an uncomfortable emotional choice. Tonight: Vanish.

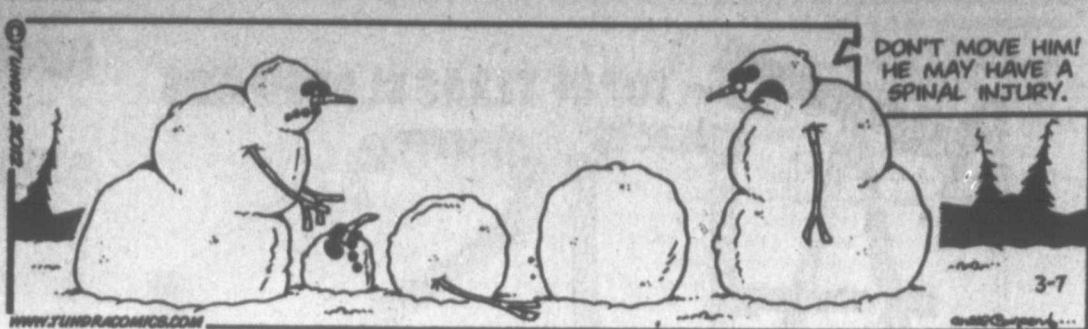
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Take a long-overdue stand. You could feel pressured to maintain a steady pace. Your personal life might be in direct opposition to what must be done. Try to integrate the differences. Zero in on what you want. Tonight: Focus on your goals.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Keep reaching out for someone at a distance to get more information. Seek out different opinions. You could feel torn between two choices. Reflect and decide what it is that you want, and/or which way you should go. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Deal directly with others. A partner and several associates respond more positively on a one-on-one basis. You easily could be overspending and need to rein yourself in. Listen to suggestions. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Defer to others, and understand what is happening within a relationship. You need to allow others to walk in your footsteps. They will change their tune very quickly after they assume a responsibility or two that you previously had shouldered. Tonight: Accept a dinner invitation.

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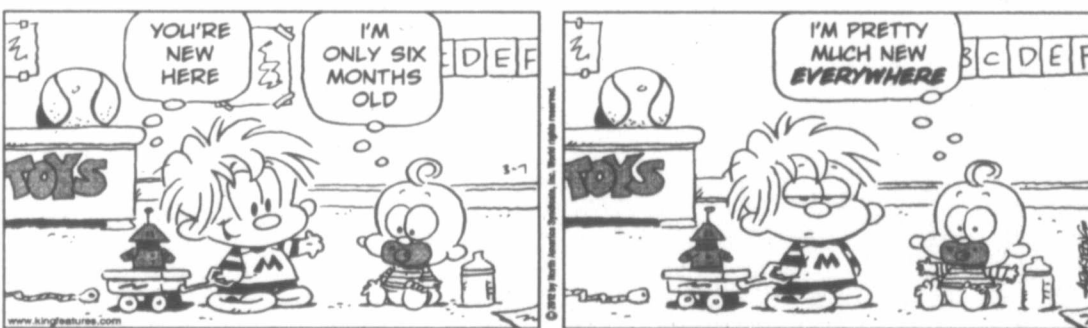
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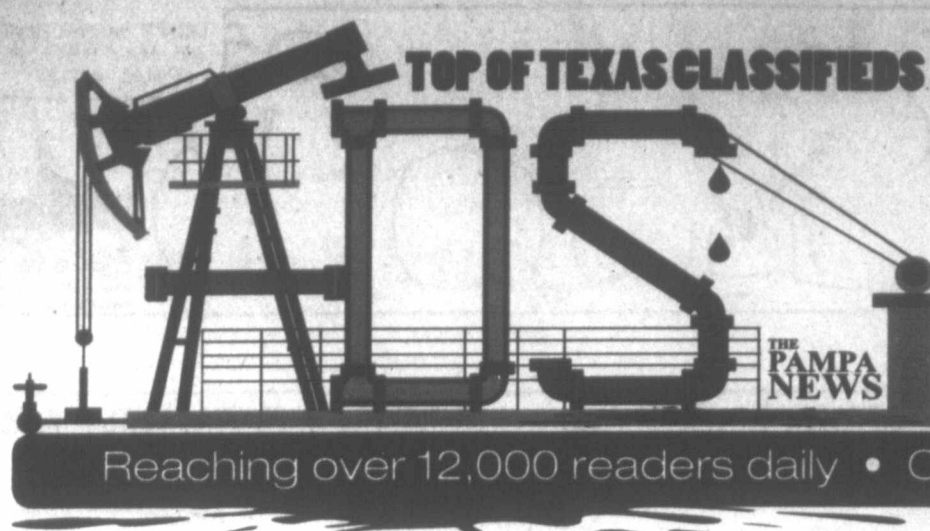
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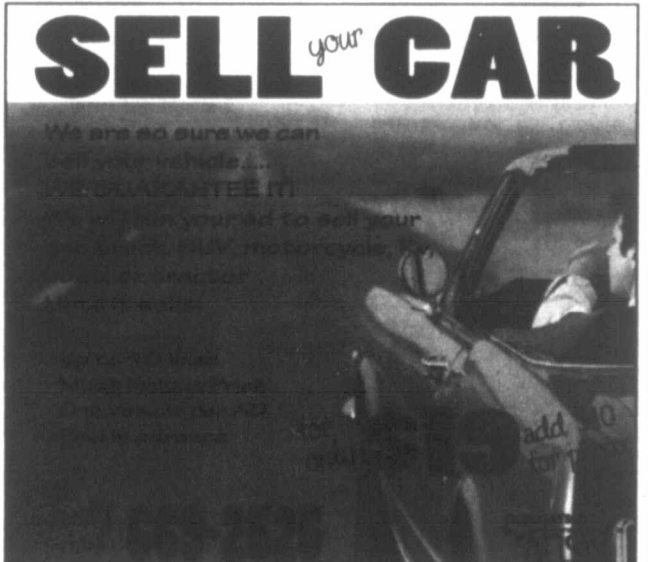
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Texas financier Stanford convicted in \$7 billion fraud

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas tycoon R. Allen Stanford, whose financial empire once spanned the Americas, was convicted Tuesday on all but one of the 14 counts he faced for allegedly bilking investors out of more than \$7 billion in massive Ponzi scheme he operated for 20 years.

Jurors reached their verdicts against Stanford during their fourth day of deliberation, finding him guilty on all charges except a single count of wire fraud.

Stanford, who was once considered one of the wealthiest people in the U.S., looked down when the verdict was read. His mother and daughters, who were in the federal courtroom in Houston, hugged one another, and one of the daughters started crying.

"We are disappointed in the outcome. We expect to appeal," Ali Fazel, one of Stanford's attorneys, said after the hearing. He said the judge's gag order on attorneys from both sides prevented him from commenting further, and prosecutors declined to comment after the hearing.

Prosecutors called Stanford a con artist who lined his pockets with investors' money to fund a string of failed businesses, pay for a lavish lifestyle that included yachts and private jets, and bribe regulators to help him hide his scheme. Stanford's attorneys told jurors the financier was a visionary entrepreneur who made money for investors and conducted legitimate business deals.

Stanford, 61, who's been jailed since his indictment in 2009, will remain incarcerated until he is sentenced.

He faces up to 20 years for the most serious charges against him, but the once high-flying businessman could spend longer than that behind bars if



Stanford

U.S. District Judge David Hittner orders the sentences to be served consecutively instead of concurrently.

With Stanford's conviction, a shorter, civil trial will be held with the same jury on prosecutors' efforts to seize funds from more than 30 bank accounts held by the financier or his companies around the world, including in Switzerland, the United Kingdom and Canada. The civil trial could take as little as a day.

Stanford was once considered one of the wealthiest people in the U.S. with an estimated net worth of more than \$2 billion. But he had court-appointed attorneys after his assets were seized.

During the more than six-week trial, prosecutors methodically presented evidence, including testimony from ex-employees as well as emails and financial statements, they said showed Stanford orchestrated a 20-year scheme that bilked billions from investors through the sale of certificates of deposit, or CDs, from his bank on the Caribbean island nation of Antigua.

They said Stanford, whose financial empire was headquartered in Houston, lied to depositors from more than 100 countries by telling them their funds were being safely invested in stocks, bonds and other securities instead of being funneled into his businesses and personal accounts.

The prosecution's star witness — James M. Davis, the former chief financial officer for Stanford's various companies — told jurors he and Stanford worked together to falsify bank records, annual

reports and other documents in order to conceal the fraud.

Stanford had wanted to testify and jurors were told he would do so, but his attorneys apparently convinced him not to take the witness stand.

Stanford's attorneys told jurors the financier was trying to consolidate his businesses to pay back investors when authorities seized his companies. Stanford's attorneys highlighted his work to build up Antigua's economy as well as his philanthropic efforts on the island. Stanford, the largest private employer on the island nation, was widely known as "Sir Allen" after being knighted by Antigua's government.

The financier's attorneys accused Davis of being behind the fraud and of lying so he could get a reduced sentence. Davis pleaded guilty to three fraud and conspiracy charges in 2009 as part of a deal he made with prosecutors.

Three other indicted former executives of Stanford's companies are to be tried in September. A former Antiguan financial regulator accused of accepting bribes from Stanford was also indicted and he awaits extradition to the U.S.

The financier's trial was delayed after he was declared incompetent in January 2011 due to an anti-anxiety drug addiction he developed in jail and he underwent treatment. He was also evaluated for any long-term effects from being injured in a September 2009 jail fight. Stanford was declared fit for trial in December.

Stanford and the former executives are also fighting a U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission lawsuit filed in Dallas that makes similar allegations.

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The books will be given out through area schools' civics classes, according to Vinson.

"We have enough to give to the (Pampa High School) seniors that are in government and economics, and also to the seniors to Lefors and McLean," she said. "We'd like to (give it to all the seniors), but we really don't know how to get it to all the seniors. I thought we would just start by talking to the government and economics teachers, and they thought it was a great idea."

The booklets contain information regarding a variety of topics such as

driving, credit, alcohol, contracts, marriage and military service, although Vinson said that the TOTRW's chief goal is to educate the young adults as voters.

"That's our main idea," Vinson said. "I just think it's good that they get their hands on anything that helps them to become more informed as a citizen and realize that they are going to have certain responsibilities once they turn 18 in order to be a productive citizen in our community. We'd just like for them to have as much educational information as possible."

Vinson said that while the TOTRW is a Republican organization, the booklets do not contain any ideological content that would steer the youth towards either party.

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"It's just basic information," Vinson said. "We're not talking politics at all."

The TOTRW is planning on distributing the booklets after spring break.



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of booths where border-security companies displayed their wares in hopes that federal agents would like what they saw and help them win lucrative contracts.

On display were giant trucks equipped for border surveillance that are painted with eagles, all-terrain vehicles with spotlights, unmanned aerial drones, night-vision goggles and giant outdoor camouflaged monitoring centers.

In one booth that Brewer stopped at, by European Aerospace Defense Systems, the governor looked at how the company uses radar and cameras to monitor land.

The company will be one of many vying for an upcoming government contract for fixed towers at immigration hot spots along the border, starting in Arizona.

The contract is part of the government's latest strategy to secure the border.

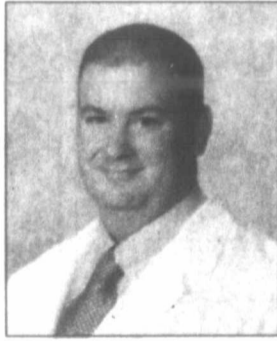
Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano has said the government will use existing, proven technology tailored to the distinct terrain and population density of each region of the nearly 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexico border.

She said that would provide faster technology deployment, better coverage and more bang for the buck. She also said the government learned its lesson from a failed high-tech border fence project ordered by Congress in 2006.

The nearly \$1 billion

program, initiated in 2005 and known as SBInet, was supposed to put a network of cameras, ground sensors and radars along the entire border.

Instead, taxpayers ended up with about 53 miles of operational "virtual fence" in Arizona for a cost of at least \$15 million a mile, according to testimony in previous congressional hearings.



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PHS girls basketball looks back at 2011-12 season

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters spent Monday night celebrating their accomplishments and looking back at the 2011-12 season in the high school commons.

The Lady Harvesters finished 14-16 and made it to the bi-district round for the second time in three seasons. The win total was the highest since Gene Valentine took over as head coach.

The varsity received team awards and district and state honors. Seniors Kirsten Kuhn, Delaney Clendening and Caitlin Sieck were selected to the first team All-District. Sophomore Hayley Burnett was chosen as Newcomer of the Year.

Kuhn said it's an honor to get selected.

"I was glad to receive that with the people I did," Kuhn said. "I was proud of the other girls selected with me. It was pretty cool to be selected as the top 12 in our district."

Clendening said the team was well-represented.

"I thought it was pretty good coming from a third place team," Clendening said. "All six seniors made Academic All-State. So I thought that was pretty good."

Seniors Kailyn Troxell, Lindsey Brown and Elizabeth Terry were honorable mentions. Kuhn said it was neat that all the seniors were recognized.

"We didn't know what to expect coming into this season," Kuhn said. "In district we just worked our hardest to see



Burnett

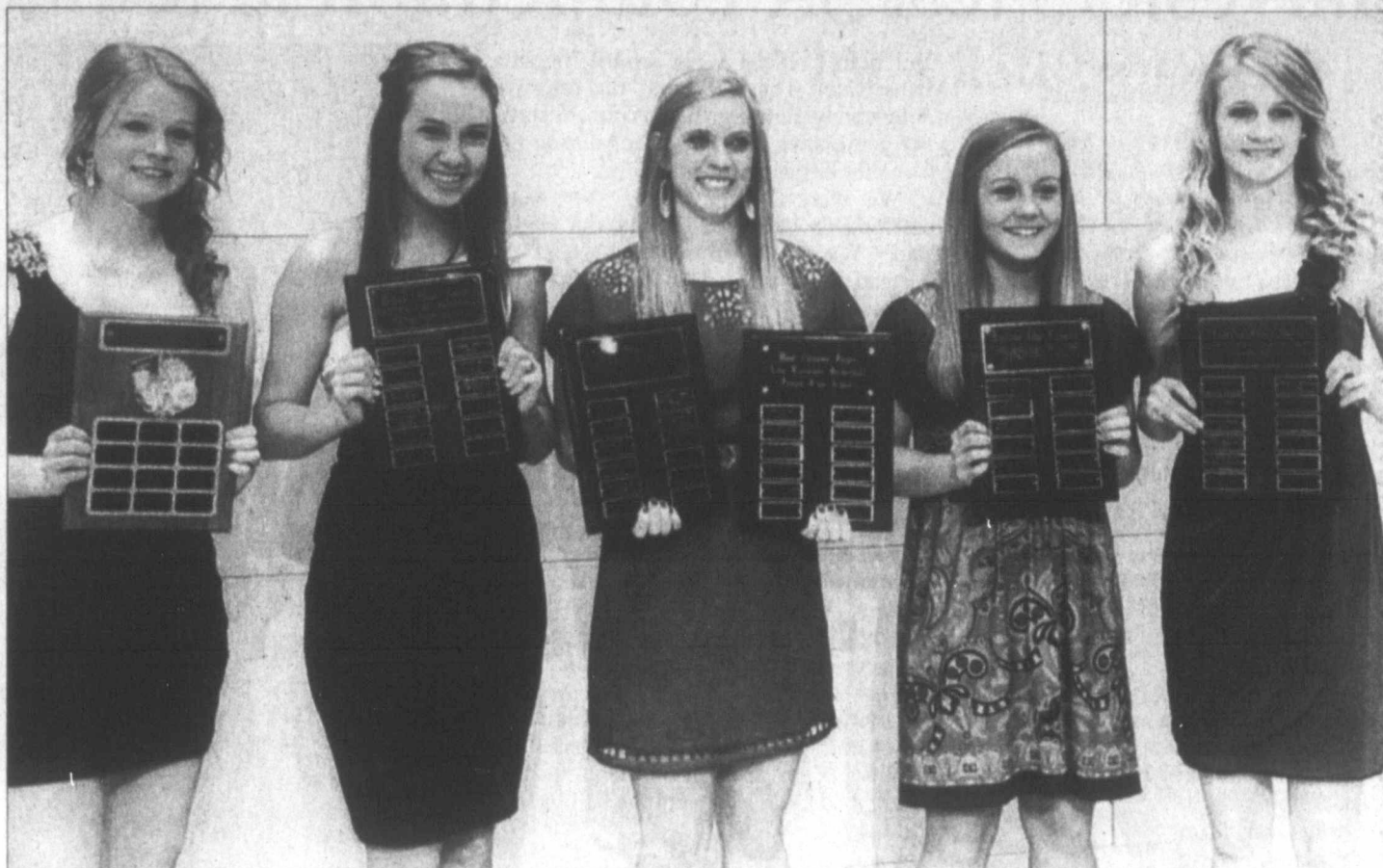


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Lady Harvester basketball seniors show off their awards at the team's banquet Monday. From left: Delaney Clendening (Rebound), Caitlin Sieck (Defensive), Kirsten Kuhn (Offensive and MVP), Lindsey Brown (Hustling Lady Harvester) and Kailyn Troxell (Fighting Heart).

what would happen. To have all of our seniors come out with an award is awesome. We finished the season well."

The Lady Harvesters give out four statistical awards and three team honors

that are voted on by players. Brown won the Hustling Lady Harvester Award and the Visa Award, which went to the team member who took the most charges. Kuhn won Offensive Player of the Year

and MVP. Sieck won Defensive Player of the Year. Clendening won the Rebound Award. Troxell won the Fighting Heart Award.

Lady Harvester track second at Borger

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters opened the 2012 track season with a second place finish at the Borger relays Saturday.

Pampa had several people place, finishing in the top six of their event. Several people medaled with a top three finish. Junior Dakota Watson tied for second in the high jump (4'6"). Freshman Cheyenne Williams won the pole vault (8'). Senior Megan Pirtle finished second (7'6"). Williams also finished second in the shot put (31'8.25") and second in the discus (88'9.5"). Senior Rikki Earnest finished third in the shot put (30'7.5"). Pirtle won the long jump (14'4.5"). Freshman Tyranda Johnson finished second (14'1.25").

Junior J'Cee Holmes finished second in the 3200-

meter run (12:46). The 400-meter relay team of junior Kirsten Ladd, sophomore Taylor Giles, Kirsten Hood and sophomore Savanna Hulsey won (52.99). Senior Joleen Pittman finished third in the 800-meter run (2:40.49). Ladd won the 100-meter dash (13.78). Johnson finished third (14.36). Hulsey won the 100-meter hurdles (16.61). The 800-meter relay team of Ladd, Giles, Hood and Hulsey won (1:57.05). Freshman Mayra Tinajero finished third in the 400-meter run (1:13.02). Freshman Madison Brown finished second in the 200-meter dash (29.30). Hood finished third (29.81). Holmes won the 1600-meter run. The 1600-meter relay team of Pittman, freshman Marlee Youree, Holmes and junior Mariela Resendiz finished second (4:42.17).

The Lady Harvesters compete at Panhandle on Friday.

NFL FREE AGENCY

Running back Foster re-signs with Texans

HOUSTON (AP) — Arian Foster's mother finally got her fruit basket.

The Texans star running back fulfilled a childhood promise to her on Tuesday after signing a five-year, \$43.5 million to stay in Houston.

When Foster was growing up in Albuquerque, N.M., the big-dreaming kid told each family member what he was going to get them when he hit the salary jackpot in pro football.

"I was, like, 7 years old," Foster said at a news conference. "I was going to buy a house, I was going to buy a car."

He had a specific gift in mind for each family member, and told his mother, Bernadette Sizemore, that he'd get her a fruit basket. It became a running gag in the family for years, with relatives always asking Arian when he would make good.

On Tuesday, Sizemore got the fruit basket delivered to her office in Albuquerque, where she's an administrative assistant for African-American students at the University of New Mexico.

"I was just really floored," Sizemore said in a phone interview. "It's funny, it's a joke. But it's also so profound in so many ways."

Foster held back tears as he

recalled hardships that his family made when he was young. At one point, Sizemore pawned her wedding ring to buy food.

"I just told myself that I wanted to do something with my life," Foster said before stepping away from a podium to gather his emotions. "I just wanted to do something with my life to make sure that when I have a kid, she never had to worry about the lights being on, she never had to worry about any of that. I didn't care if I had to work three jobs, whatever."

Foster has a 2-year-old daughter, Zeniah, and thanks to the Texans, all the financial security he and his family will ever need.

"It's overwhelming," Sizemore said. "There were a lot of hard times along the way."

The contract also further validates the two-time Pro Bowl selection as one of the NFL's elite running backs.

An undrafted free agent in 2009, Foster made only \$525,000 last season, even after leading the league in rushing in 2010 (1,616 yards). His agent, Mike McCartney, said Monday that the Texans told Foster that they needed to see him have another productive year before they

talked about an extension.

Foster never considered holding out before the season, and never seemed upset by his contract situation during it. Bothered by a hamstring injury early in the season, he still ran for 1,224 yards and 10 touchdowns. Since becoming a full-time starter in 2010, Foster has led the NFL in rushing yards per game (97.9), rushing touchdowns (26) and yards from scrimmage (4,061).

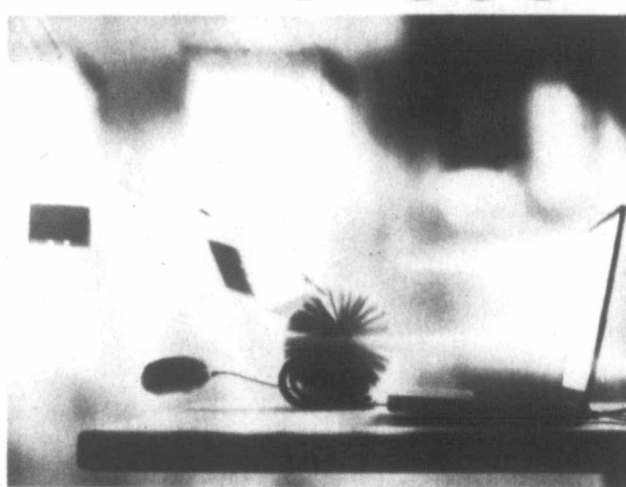
"I'm an extreme believer in karma, for the most part," Foster said. "If you take care of this game, it will take care of you. Even if it didn't, something else in my life, I was going to be OK somewhat. I just believe that. I think belief is 90 percent of the battle."

Foster will make \$18 million in base salary next season, and the deal includes \$20.75 million guaranteed. He acknowledged that the negotiation was "nerve-racking," but says now the pressure is off.

"It's tough for an athlete to go out and play knowing a pending contract is there," he said. "I think playing with that weight off of your shoulders and not having to worry about a long-term contract, you get to play free and you just get to play ball."

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Sports

Harvesters test 3A competition at Midland Tourney

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The Pampa Harvesters will get an early look at potential playoff opponents when it competes in the Midland Tournament Thursday through Saturday.

"I feel pretty confident on who we are playing," senior Trace Carter said. "I think we can pull a couple of W's."

The Harvesters (3-6) face Pecos, Midland Greenwood and Seminole. All three teams could face Pampa in the area round. Head coach Caleb Snelgrooes said he feels confident his team can handle the competition.

"The good thing is we beat those guys," Snelgrooes said. "We are 2-0 against Pecos. I'm looking forward to that. We play Greenwood. They beat us last year, so we are looking to avenge that loss. Then we got Seminole and they have a great program."

Junior James Thompson said he is excited about facing some potential playoff opponents.

"It's good to know what you are facing," Thompson said.

Pampa enters the tournament off of a 1-4 Burk Burnett Tournament. In the four losses, Pampa was held to three runs

and didn't record a hit against Wichita Falls Rider. The Harvesters did improve defensively limiting their errors to three per game after averaging four during the Cavalier Classic.

"We worked hard during that week catching fly balls and grounders," Carter said. "We did that this week. Hopefully we can show up and do better than we did at Burk."

Snelgrooes said the Burk Burnett Tournament helped make them a better team.

"When you see Wichita Falls, Wichita Falls Rider, you see Abilene Wylie, it's good competition," Snelgrooes said. "We wanted to win more than we did. It's going to help us in the long run playing competition like that."

Thompson said he likes where the team stands right now.

"I think we are in a better position than we were last year," Thompson said. "We just got to hit."

Carter said the Harvesters will have to play well in all areas to be successful.

"We got to stay good defensively," Carter said. "We got to put the ball in play and pitch good."



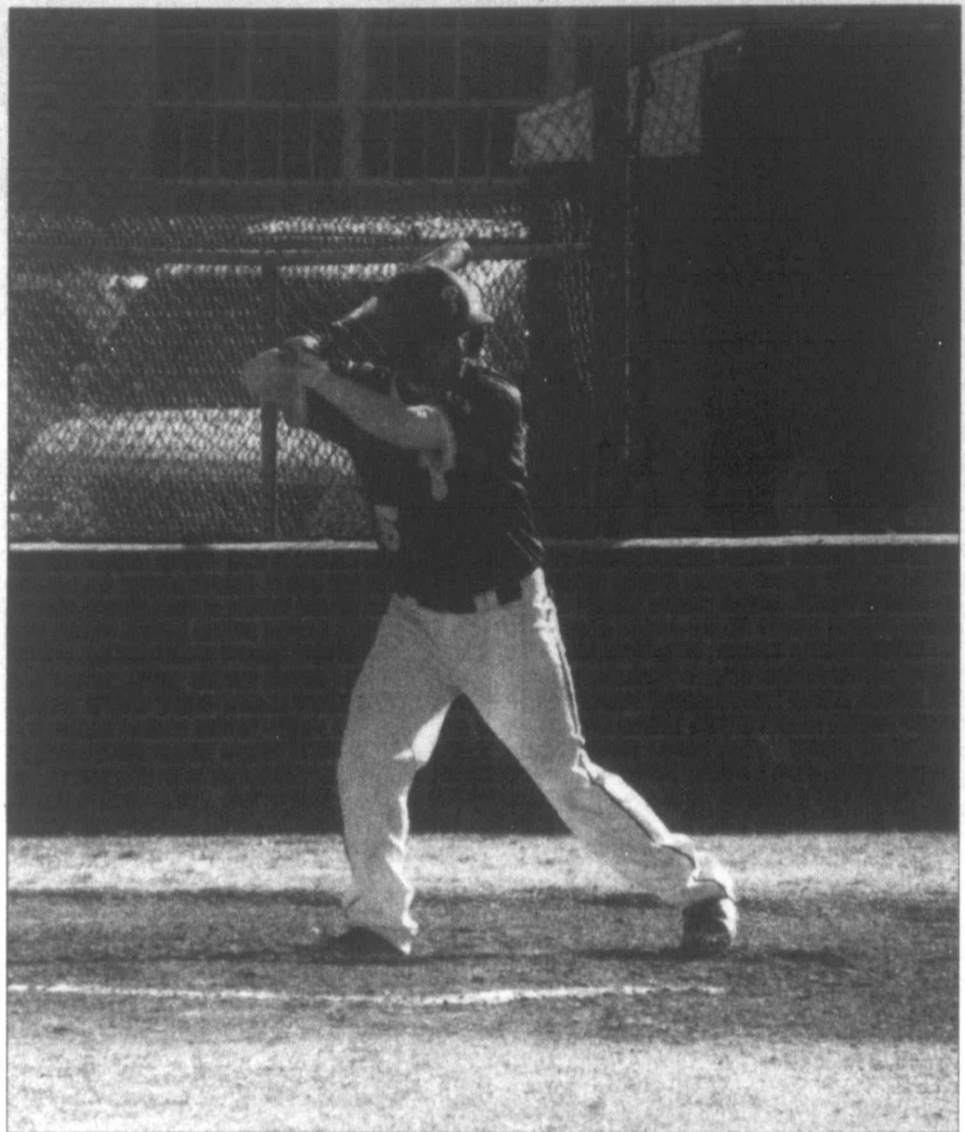
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Harvesters Tournament Schedule

Thursday
4 p.m. vs. Midland JV
Friday
4 p.m. vs. Pecos
Saturday
9 a.m. Midland Greenwood
12 p.m. Seminole



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Senior Jared Lusk waits for a pitch during the Cavalier Classic last February. Pampa looks to improve its hitting during the Midland Tournament.

A look at the Harvesters at team regionals in Wichita Falls



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Junior Hunter Hucksbends down to swing at a ball during team regionals Saturday. The Harvesters split four matches and finished sixth at Wichita Falls.



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Junior Makayla Hampton swings at the ball in team regionals at Wichita Falls Saturday. Head coach Sarah Corse said Hampton was one of the strong girl players.

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What is the Christian community?

A non-Christian friend recently asked if some Christians see their relationship with God as such a private matter that they resist meeting together with other Christians. This was my answer:

"There are a lot of Lone Ranger Christians out there. The problem is, solitary Christianity doesn't work very well. The biblical model is one of community. We are meant to support one another as well as to hold one another accountable. When individuals, as well as independent congregations, get away from the community and accountability of the whole Church, they can get into some weird and distorted doctrines. Further, church leaders who do not have accountability can slip into serious moral sin as well as leading whole congregations astray.

"Of course, when it comes to our relationship with God, there should most certainly be a personal aspect to our faith. Personal faith is different from private faith. While personal faith indicates a genuine, personal experience with God, private faith says 'my religion is my business, so back off'. But Christianity is not private. The individual believer submits to the guidance of Scripture and to Jesus himself. We also allow fellow Christians to build us up as well as to hold us accountable in living as disciples of Jesus. Interestingly, people seem to get the concept of community within the secular arena ('it takes a village') better than in matters of faith."

We read in 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 that we are part of Body of Christ; we are all in this together! So, while I hope that each of us has a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ, our personal faith is still part of a larger communal faith!

In a world full of loneliness, hopelessness, and depression, it's good news to hear that Christianity isn't just a "Me and God" religion, but a religion that leads us to love our neigh-



BLOSSOM MATTHEWS

the good word

bor as much as we love ourselves. Furthermore, Christianity is a belief system that doesn't leave us on our own, but gives us instruction through God's Word and support from the Body of Christ.

I was inspired some time back while talking with a friend who is a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. It's amazing how well AA participants get the concept of community. They know that they need the strength and encouragement of others to face the challenge of each new day. It's no different for Christians. We need one another to help us face the challenges and overcome the temptations that lie ahead. We gather for worship each week to reconnect with God, to return our hearts, to de-clutter our minds, and to benefit from the knowledge that the person sitting to our left or right shares our Christian journey. We look around and realize that we are not alone. We gather in small groups to be instructed, encouraged, and held accountable to live out the faith which we have claimed.

Wherever you are in your walk with Jesus Christ, I hope you will live out your faith as both personal and communal. May your personal relationship with God be supported by the Christian community around you. And if you don't have a home church, please consider visiting the churches in our town. We would be honored to support you in your Christian walk and to remind you that you are not alone.

Blossom Matthews is the lead pastor at First United Methodist Church.

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

First Church of the Nazarene gears up for Easter Sunday

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With Lenten season underway, First Church of the Nazarene is preparing for Easter.

"We are gearing up for it," pastor Jimmie Cole said. "We got a couple of things going on the next few weeks."

Cole will be preaching a sermon series "Appreciating the Cross."

The pastor said it will focus on what Christ's sacrifice means.

"I will be spreading that out over the next couple of Sundays," Cole said. "None of us qualify. None of us can buy it. It's a gift of grace and free to all. We just have to believe and accept."

The church will have a Good Friday Service at 6:30 p.m. on April 6. On Easter Sunday, April 8, it will have a sunrise service.

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How to live a life of commitment

One dictionary defines commitment as follows: "Commitment is what transforms the promise into reality. It is the words that speak boldly of your intentions and the acts which speak louder than words."

A note was found in the office of a young pastor in Zimbabwe, Africa, following his martyrdom for his faith in Jesus Christ. It really stirred my heart. I hope it does yours.

A Martyr's Measure of Commitment:

I am part of the fellowship of the unashamed. I have the Holy Spirit's power. The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away or be still. My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, my future is secure. I am fin-



DAVID BOULER

ished and done with low living, sight walking, smooth knees, colorless dreams, chained visions, worldly talking, cheap living and warped goals.

My face is set, my gait is fast, my goal is Heaven, my read is narrow, my way is rough, my companions are few, my guide is reliable, my mission is clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of the enemy, pander at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity. I won't give up, shut up, or let up until I have prayed up and paid up for the cause of Christ.

The key to impact for Christ with our lives is commitment. Until we are committed there is hesitancy, a leaning to pull back. But when we totally commit ourselves, we then allow God to move in and amazing events occur. Jesus is looking for people who will commit their lives to Him.

David Bouler is a pastor at Highland Park Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tenn.

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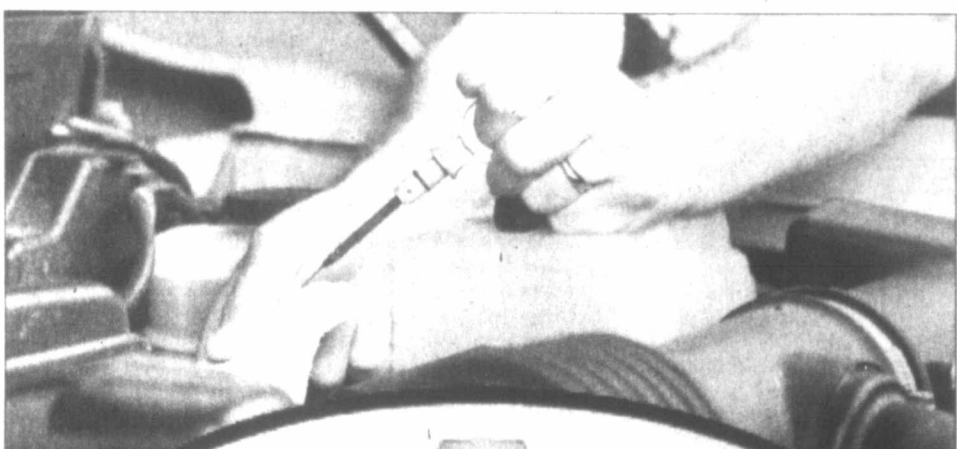
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