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City to have centennial Fourth of July celebration

Fireworks show to close out event; nonprofit groups invited to have booths

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This year on the Fourth of July, it won't just be America's birthday party at Recreation Park. It'll be Pampa's, too.

On Independence Day, the City of Pampa is holding a public celebration of the city's centennial. The city's official centennial date was Feb. 17, with the mayor and City Commission signing a proclamation later that month recogniz-

ing Pampa's hundred years of existence. The proclamation was the city's first big commemorative action of the centennial, but city officials said they wanted to do something special that involved as much of the public as possible. While the city usually holds an annual Fourth of July fireworks show at Recreation Park, the this year's festivities will include a little something extra. "Usually it's just a fireworks display," said assistant city secretary Charlene

Gardner, who is coordinating the celebration. "That's what we do and we're done. Well, this year, starting at 5:00 (p.m.), we're going to have an event where the public can come out and just have some fun family time together." There will be several activities at the event, Gardner said, highlighted by food, fellowship and, of course, fireworks. "We are inviting nonprofit organizations to have booths there. We're hoping **CENTENNIAL** cont. on page 8A

BREAKTHROUGH GAME

Senior Devin Coleman hits a two-RBI double against River Road Tuesday. Coleman's efforts helped Pampa end a seven-game losing streak with a 16-1 victory over the River Road Wildcats. Full Story in **SPORTS**, page 1B.

staff photo by Andrew Glover

PHS coach Garza joins Lewisville

Coach led Pampa volleyball to pair of postseason berths

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In the last four years, head coach Libby Garza helped put the Pampa volleyball program on the map, leading it to two playoff berths and two district championships.



Garza hopes to do the same thing at Lewisville High School, where she is now head coach. She started at the 5A school earlier this week. Stuart Smith, Pampa ISD athletic director said. Garza was hired in December after Pampa finished its volleyball season, but Garza stayed and coached the girls soccer team, which finished its season Saturday. "I released her to go on down to join Lewisville," Smith said. "Once she was **GARZA** cont. on page 5A

Fire marshal Ryan pushes basic fire safety measures

Increase in fires has Ryan looking to caution public

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As the Pampa Fire Department has been dealing with an increased number of fires, Fire Marshal Michael Ryan encourages people to remember fire safety and fire prevention tactics. "We've had nothing major, nothing big like arson or anything like that, but small (fires) that could have been really bad," he said. "People think now that we've gotten a little rain, it's OK to go out and do different stuff, but the ground is just soaking all that moisture up.

It's been so dry here the past year. People are starting little campfires in their backyard. You've got to be careful doing that." Ryan said that many of the recent fires involve electrical appliances used in unsafe ways. "Right now, the most common cause is usually electrical plugs, either plugging something in that shouldn't be plugged in and overloading the circuit, or placing something too close, like the heater or heat lamp, to clothing or too close to something that will catch fire," he said. "People should remember their basic fire safety stuff about overloading electrical sockets, putting out their fireplaces, soaking ashes in water before they put them in the dumpster," he added. "We've had a couple of those."



Ryan

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— **Michael Ryan**
 Pampa fire marshal on the need for caution even as the weather changes

Cigarettes also led to a recent fire, which left a woman in critical condition. She passed away Tuesday due to her injuries. **FIRE** cont. on page 3A

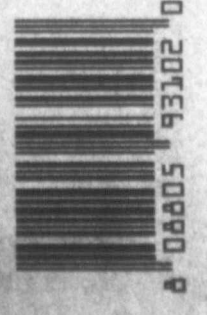
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday
High 58 Low 40	High 73 Low 45	High 77 Low 47

Today:
A 30 percent chance of showers, mainly before 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 58. Wind chill values between 31 and 41 early. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north.

Tonight:
Partly cloudy, with a low around 40. North north-east wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest.

Friday:
Sunny, with a high near 73. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night:
Mostly clear, with a low around 45. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Saturday:
Sunny, with a high near 77. Calm wind becoming southeast between 5 and 10 mph.

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Obituaries

Vivian Williams, 84

HIGGINS—Vivian Williams, 84, went to be with her Lord and Savior on March 20, 2012, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 23, 2012, at First Baptist Church in Miami, with Rev. Aaron Groff, associate pastor of Paramount Baptist Church of Amarillo, and Rev. Dennis Williams, pastor of First Baptist Church of Miami, officiating.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Higgins Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Williams was born November 17, 1927, in Follett, to Peter and Nettie Booth. She worked at the Shattuck Newman Hospital Clinic where she was known as "Tiny" during her high school years. She graduated from Follett High School. She married Woody Williams on February 10, 1948, in Arnett, Okla. They lived in Higgins where she worked for Dr. Davis. She then went to work at the Newman Hospital in 1965. She would later go on to work at the Higgins High School in the cafeteria, serving lunch and breakfast to the students. As a devoted Christian, she was a member of First Baptist Church in Higgins where she served as a Sunday school teacher, G. A. leader, Vacation Bible School teacher, and involved in W. M. U. She moved to Miami in 2002 and was a current member of First Baptist Church of Miami. She enjoyed stitching the boot tops, stamped and tooled leather belts and chaps with Woody in their boot shop they had in Higgins and later in Canadian. Vivian was a devoted wife, mother, grandma, great-grandma, and known to many as "Grandma." She also had many hobbies making dolls out of beads, quilts for all her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, needle work and putting puzzles together. She was preceded in death by her husband: Woody Williams on February 21, 1998; a son, Steve Williams; her parents, Peter and Nettie Booth; three brothers, Walter, Lincoln and Marion Booth; and three sisters, Virginia Herber, Edna Carter and Eunice Cole.

Survivors include a son, Carson Williams and wife DeAnn of Miami; two daughters, Linda Doyal and husband Jimmy of Topeka, Kan. and Dynett Groff and husband Delbert of Amarillo; sister, Marie Wright of Las Animas, Colo.; brother-in-law, Wesley Herber of Shattuck, Okla.; 10 grandchildren, Christy Featherston of Gatesville, Tamara Heiskell and Debra Shewmake, both of Miami, Preston Williams, Aaron Groff and Dawn Groff Williams, all of Amarillo, Kaylee Harper of Cypress, Scott Doyal and Lance Doyal, both of Topeka, Kan., and Codie Parker of Mabank; 20 great-grandchildren; many cousins, nephews and nieces.

Memorials may be made to Thomas E. Creek V.A. Hospice, attn: Kathleen Wittler, 6010 Amarillo Blvd. West, Amarillo, TX 79106.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Williams

a 1957 graduate of Carver High School in Pampa. She married Willie Nickelberry on May 28, 1992, in Pampa. She was a member of Southside Church of Christ in Pampa. She was a special education bus driver for Pampa Independent School District for 28 years. She just recently retired as the director of Southside Senior Citizens of Pampa.

Survivors include her husband, Willie E. Nickelberry of the home; son, James M. (Michael) Hunnicutt of Pampa; two daughters, Tammi R. Hunnicutt and Erika N. Hunnicutt-Stewart, both of Houston; 14 grandchildren, Michelle McDaniel, James Hunnicutt Jr., Dorothy Hunnicutt, Danielle Hunnicutt, Elbert (E.J.) Hunnicutt, Stefan Hunnicutt Jr., and Marissa Hunnicutt-Smith, all of Pasadena, Texas, Jaymar Holman of Huntsville, Chantel Jones, Kambryell Jeffery, Demetri Dickson, Skyler Hunnicutt, Paris Griner, and Taylor Dickson, all of Houston; three brothers, Edward E. Cash and Joe D. Cash, both of Pampa, and Larry L. Cash of Pasadena, Calif.; a sister, Claudette Deason of Pampa. She was preceded in death by her parents, Leonard E. and Mildred P. Cash; a brother, Darrell J. (Hubba) Cash, a sister, Lena F. Henry; and a son, Stefan L. Hunnicutt.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Nickelberry

George Henry Simmons, 68

George Henry Simmons, 68, of Canyon, was called home to his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, March 20, 2012.

Services will be at 1 p.m., Friday, March 23, 2012, in Boxwell Brothers Ivy Chapel. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount Blvd.

George was born in Pampa on Dec. 14, 1943, to Johnnie and Leola (Ervin) Simmons. After graduating from Pampa High School in 1962, he attended Cook County Junior College and WTA&MU. He proudly served his country in the Texas National Guard from 1965-1971, during the Vietnam War.

He began working for the First National Bank of Pampa and continued his banking career as a state bank examiner with the Texas Department of Banking. He retired from the Brazos River Water Authority in Round Rock.

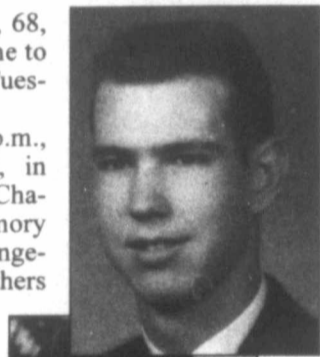
George was known for his quick wit and humor. He was a very kind and gentle man who loved fishing, baseball, college football and mostly love of family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Terry Simmons.

Survivors include two sisters, Glenda Simmons Abston and husband Don of Amarillo and Sharon Simmons Miles and husband Mike of Wheeler; a brother, Charles Simmons and wife Gail of San Angelo; ten nieces and nephews; seventeen great-nieces and great-nephews; and one great-great-niece.

The family suggests memorials be to your favorite charity.

Sign the online guest book at www.boxwellbrothers.com.



Simmons

Charlotte W. Webb, 87

Charlotte W. Webb died March 18, 2012.

Charlotte was born April 20, 1924, in Zybach, to Charles M. Puckett and Fanny V. Puckett. She married Homer C. Webb in Abilene, on March 21, 1942. They lived in Abilene until 1952 when they moved to Amarillo Texas. After moving to Amarillo Charlotte was a member of the North Amarillo Church of Christ.

Charlotte was preceded in death by her husband, Homer C. Webb and a brother, Raymond Puckett. Charlotte has one son who lives in Rockwall, two grandchildren, and four-great grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held on March 31, 2012, at 10 a.m. in the Miami cemetery. In lieu of flowers please make contributions to Medina Children's Home.

Margrette Ann Nickelberry, 72

Margrette Ann Nickelberry, 72, died March 13, 2012, in Houston.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Nickelberry was born September 21, 1939, at Sulphur Springs. She came to Pampa at an early age and was



Webb

Essie Robinson, 98

Essie Robinson, 98, died March 18, 2012, in Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 22, 2012, at Southside Church of Christ, with Frankie Lemons, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Robinson was born March 26, 1913, in Anderson County, to Charlie and Lue Edwards Osby. She was 8 days shy of 99 years old. She lived a good life and always took care of others. She inspired everyone around her with her church beliefs, views and opinions. She was a member of Southside Church of Christ. She married Lee Roy Robinson in Palestine, and he preceded her in death in 1967. From this union, a daughter was born. She had a twin brother, Willy Osby, and 14 other siblings who all preceded her on the road to heaven.

Survivors include her daughter, Annie Foy of Pampa; granddaughter, Laura Carter and husband Rubin of Pampa; grandson, Roy Lee Clerkley of Pittsburgh, Pa.; three great-grandsons, Justin Carter of Omaha, Neb., Tod Carter of Houston and Edwin Carter and wife Heather of Pittsburgh, Pa.; one great-grand nephew, Domonique Clerkley of Pittsburgh, Pa.; great-grand niece, Brijette Clerkley of Pittsburgh, Pa.; her adopted daughter, Jeanetta Young of Fort Mitchell, Ala.; and Jeanetta's children, Elonda Jackson and husband SSGT Colin Jackson of Fort Mitchell, Ala.; and Rod Darnell of Pampa; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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Homeless man set fire at office

FORT WORTH (AP) — Police have arrested a homeless man they say set bottles filled with lighter fluid ablaze outside the Fort Worth offices of Democratic state Sen. Wendy Davis.

Cedric Steele was arrested in a parking lot late Tuesday, hours after staffers inside Davis' office opened the door to find burning bottles and waist-high flames.

Fort Worth Police Chief Jeffrey Halstead said Wednesday that Steele had been known to frequent the area and visited the senator's office on Friday and Monday.

Steele asked to speak with Davis, who wasn't there. Staffers said Steele responded by saying they would soon, "read about him in the news."

A senator since 2009, Davis was not in the office during the attack.

She said fierce verbal tirades against elected officials can sometimes help incite real violence.

County judge accused in drug case

SEGUIN (AP) — A county administrator in South Texas who has been accused of drug possession says he will quit.

Guadalupe County Judge Mike Wiggins says he will turn in his resignation letter March 26. He announced his plans Tuesday during a county commission meeting.

Wiggins had faced public criticism following his Feb. 6 arrest at a hotel in College Station.

The 58-year-old former Texas trooper was attending a conference when a hotel worker noticed the smell of burning marijuana. Security traced the odor to the county judge's room.

Police say a search turned up rolling papers and a bag of what appeared to be marijuana. Wiggins, who was elected in 2006, is free on \$3,000 bond.

Commissioner Kyle Kutscher is expected to serve as acting county judge.

Witness backs up nurse in trial

LUFKIN (AP) — A former co-worker of an East Texas dialysis nurse on trial for killing five patients is backing up a defense theory that syringes were used to measure bleach for cleaning.

Prosecutors say Kimberly Saenz (synz) killed five patients in Lufkin by injecting bleach into their dialysis lines. Saenz's attorney, Ryan Deaton, says his client was spotted measuring bleach into a syringe because she wanted to put the right amount into cleaning water.

The Lufkin Daily News reports that defense witness Nick Luker said Tuesday that he saw workers at the DaVita Dialysis clinic use both cups and syringes for bleach.

Other DaVita employees who testified for the prosecution said they never used syringes that way.

Saenz could get the death penalty if convicted.

Austin starts crosswalk crackdown

AUSTIN (AP) — Austin police are using officers as decoys to nab drivers who violate laws on crosswalks.

The Austin American-Statesman reports that pedestrian deaths are on the rise in Texas' capital city, even as other vehicle-related deaths are declining. Police are setting up checkpoints with plainclothes officers to catch drivers who enter crosswalks illegally.

Police say drivers most often get tickets at crosswalks for failing to yield to pedestrians or blocking their way.

A crackdown last October led to more than 1,100 citations being written in two weeks. Almost all of those citations went to pedestrians and bicyclists.

Man may get new psychological eval

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has sent the case of a condemned killer back to his trial court in Houston to examine again claims the convicted man is mentally impaired and ineligible for execution.

A jury in 1999 convicted Joel Escobedo of capital murder for robbing and fatally shooting a 65-year-old man at a Houston bus stop in 1998.

The 50-year-old Escobedo is among more than a dozen inmates who wound up on Texas death row after they were examined by psychologist George Denkowski. He's been reprimanded by a state medical board for questionable evaluation methods in criminal cases.

The court's ruling Wednesday allows Escobedo's trial court to accept the original findings or determine new recommendations to be delivered to the appeals court within 90 days.

Activists to rally during Obama visit

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Activists plan to hold a demonstration calling for "Clean Energy and Peace" when President Obama visits Oklahoma.

The Peace House says protesters will call on the president to end the war in Afghanistan and ignore the calls to seek solutions that don't involve the military to Iran's possible nuclear capabilities. The activists also say they want the federal budget's priorities to be refocused on ending wars and serving human needs.

Obama is scheduled to arrive in Oklahoma City Wednesday night before visiting an oil hub near Cushing on Thursday.

The demonstrators plan to protest in downtown Oklahoma City.

Man sentenced over credit fraud

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A South Texas man has been sentenced to nearly six years in prison over hundreds of credit card documents stolen from a hotel.

Prosecutors on Wednesday announced the penalty for Steven Reese Clark of Corpus Christi.

Clark in December pleaded guilty to credit card fraud. Authorities recovered nearly 250 stolen credit slips used to make bogus cards.

Investigators say the documents were part of a batch of credit card documents stolen from a hotel in the San Antonio area. Prosecutors did not immediately release the name of the hotel or further details.

Clark on Tuesday was sentenced to 70 months in federal prison, plus ordered to pay about \$3,600 in restitution.

Prosecutors say two other people linked to the fraud ring have been convicted and sent to prison.

That dog, he's all bark

Dog Talk with Uncle Matty

MATTHEW "UNCLE MATTY" MARGOLIS
Creator's Syndicate

Barking is as natural as breathing. Triggered by a state of excitement, barking is a dog's means of communicating anger, loneliness, fear, playfulness or a need for something.

Excessive barking is barking's obnoxious cousin. It's an exaggeration of natural canine behavior that can only be eliminated by either giving in to the dog's demand or reconditioning the dog. I'd advise the latter -- quick.

The excessive barking of an overindulged or neglected dog has ruined friendships, destroyed relationships and added to the overwhelm of courts already jammed with frivolous concerns that are largely solvable without the aid of lawyers and judges.

Time and money are wasted. Friends and credibility are lost. And if you're a renter, you may come home to find yourself staring at a notice to vacate.

Don't ignore complaints about your dog's excessive barking. Instead, first find out whether you have a dog problem or a neighbor problem. Do a little sleuthing.

Leave the dog with a friend or relative, or board him at a local kennel for a few days. During that time, ask your neighbor whether the barking has been a problem. If he complains even when the dog isn't there, you have a neighbor problem. But if the dog turns out to be the culprit, there are adjustments that can

and should be made to your behavior, the dog's environment or the dog's temperament.

Possible reasons behind excessive barking: tethering, improper confinement (e.g., in a room behind a closed door), outside distractions (e.g., construction, stray animals, lawnmowers, a steady stream of strangers), bad weather, separation anxiety, heightened territorialism, lack of exercise, genetics, temperament, hunger...

There's a cartoon that features an impatient pup sitting next to an empty food bowl at the feet of his master, an artist consumed with the masterpiece-in-the-making on the easel before him.

The caption: "And how about some dinner? One of the great masters, indeed."

Some problems come with simple solutions:

•Don't tether your dog to a tree in the yard. Instead, invest in a dog run or fence the yard.

•Ensure he gets sufficient exercise: two or three vigorous walks every day, with some spirited games of fetch thrown in for good measure. The amount of exercise required depends on the breed of dog.

•Don't close your dog off in a room by himself. Dogs are social animals. When inside, keep him confined to one area of the house with a baby gate so he can see his world.

•Before you leave the house without him, close window blinds

and drapes, and play soothing music or low-level talk-radio to ease the pain of separation and mask exterior distractions.

•Give him a Nylabone toy to while away the hours until you return. Boredom can lead to mindless barking.

•Don't make a big fuss out of every goodbye. This only heightens his anxiety when you leave, which can result in a long tedious barking session on the heels of every departure.

•Don't forget dinner and water. A satisfied dog is a quiet dog.

Barking problems that are more a matter of DNA are less likely but more complex, and require a reconditioning of the dog. This demands patience and persistence on the part of the dog owner. Considering the problems brought on by excessive barking, the effort is worthwhile.

For information on effective reconditioning techniques and tools -- including the Margolis Maneuver and the proper use of the human voice in dog training -- visit unclematty.com or read "When Good Dogs Do Bad Things," available at your local library or online at unclematty.com.

Woof!

Dog trainer Matthew "Uncle Matty" Margolis is co-author of 18 books about dogs, a behaviorist, a popular radio and television guest, and host of the PBS series "WOOF! It's a Dog's Life!"

Fire

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"Everybody thinks because their cigarettes say they're fire safe, that's not the case," said Ryan. "Even though they say they're fire safe, they can still cause a fire. I don't know what they can do to a cigarette to make it completely fire safe."

He advises people pay careful attention to where space heaters are located in their homes.

"(They're safe) as long as you keep stuff away from them, and give them plenty of area around them," Ryan said. "They usually say a three foot clearance around them. People think, especially the ones that oscillate and move, they think the heat's moving, and it's not going to sit, but it will. The heat will build up and build up until it causes a fire."

Heat lamps, on the other hand, he recommends people avoid using entirely.

"It's not safe to (have heat lamps)," he said. "Especially where animals are going to be, because they're going to move around or knock it over or something like that. It's not really safe."

Ryan also recommends making sure homes are armed with smoke detectors, and to make sure that they have batteries in

them. Safe outdoor burning is another concern.

"Even though we've had rain and moisture, we still have to be careful," he said. "It doesn't mean we can go out and start burning stuff up. The burn ban for the county is off, but inside the city limits, it's a violation of city ordinance for open burning. A lot of people don't know that. They think because the burn ban's been lifted, then can start burning again, but inside the city limits, we still have a city ordinance against it. You can use barbecue pits and fire pits with covers and the chimeneas. You can use that kind of stuff. We have a lot of people just dig a hole in the ground and throw some wood in there and start burning, or in a barrel or something like that."

Ryan said that fire safety is particularly important as we enter wildfire season.

"It's the basic fire safety stuff that people are forgetting," he said. "It seems like people are just missing that little stuff."

"We're officially in wildfire season," he added. "We haven't had any in our area yet, but if we keep going at a rate like this, it's going to take off."

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Thursday, March 22, the 82nd day of 2012. There are 284 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 22, 1765, the British Parliament passed the Stamp Act of 1765 to raise money from the American colonies, which fiercely resisted the tax. (The Stamp Act was repealed a year later.)

On this date:

In 1312, Pope Clement V issued a papal bull ordering the dissolution of the Order of the Knights Templar.

In 1638, religious dissident Anne Hutchinson was expelled from the Massachusetts Bay Colony for defying Puritan orthodoxy.

In 1820, U.S. naval hero Stephen Decatur was killed in a duel with Commodore James Barron near Washington, D.C.

In 1894, hockey's first Stanley Cup championship game was played; home team Montreal defeated Ottawa, 3-1.

In 1912, Academy Award-winning actor Karl Malden was born Mladen George Sekulovich in Chicago.

In 1933, during Prohibition, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure to make wine and beer containing up to 3.2 percent alcohol legal.

In 1941, the Grand Coulee hydroelectric dam in Washington state went into operation.

In 1958, movie producer Mike Todd, the husband of actress Elizabeth Taylor, and three other people were killed in the crash of Todd's private plane near Grants, N.M.

In 1962, the musical "I Can Get It for You Wholesale," featuring the Broadway debut of 19-year-old Barbra Streisand, opened at the Shubert Theater.

In 1978, Karl Wallenda, the 73-year-old patriarch of "The Flying Wallendas" high-wire act, fell to his death while attempting to walk a cable strung between two hotel towers in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

In 1992, 27 people were killed when a USAir jetliner crashed on takeoff from New York's LaGuardia Airport; 24 people survived.

In 1997, Tara Lipinski, at age 14 years and 10 months, became the youngest ladies' world figure skating champion in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush joined a U.N. poverty summit in Monterrey, Mexico, where he urged world leaders to demand political reform from poor countries in exchange for increased aid and warned that unchecked poverty can foster terrorism. The Postal Rate Commission announced approval of higher postal rates, including a three-cent boost for first-class letters, to 37 cents.

Five years ago: John and Elizabeth Edwards announced that her cancer had returned, but that the North Carolina Democrat planned to continue his presidential campaign. A rocket exploded 50 yards from U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon during a news conference in Baghdad's Green Zone just minutes after Iraq's prime minister said the visit showed the city was "on the road to stability." Brian Joubert became the first Frenchman in 42 years to win the world title by taking the men's event at the World Figure Skating Championships in Tokyo.

One year ago: Yemen's U.S.-backed president, Ali Abdullah Saleh, his support crumbling among political allies and the army, warned that the country could slide into civil war as the opposition rejected his offer to step down by the end of the year. NFL owners meeting in New Orleans voted to make all scoring plays reviewable by the replay official and referee; also, kickoffs would be moved up 5 yards to the 35-yard line.

Today's Birthdays: USA Today founder Allen H. Neuharth is 88. Composer-lyricist Stephen Sondheim is 82. Evangelist broadcaster Pat Robertson is 82. Actor William Shatner is 81. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, is 78. Actor M. Emmet Walsh is 77. Actor-singer Jeremy Clyde is 71. Singer-guitarist George Benson is 69. Writer James Patterson is 65. CNN newscaster Wolf Blitzer is 64. Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber is 64. Actress Fanny Ardant is 63. Sportscaster Bob Costas is 60. Country singer James House is 57. Actress Lena Olin is 57. Singer-actress Stephanie Mills is 55. Actor Matthew Modine is 53. Country musician Tim Beeler (Flynnville Train) is 44. Actress Anne Dudek is 37. Actor Cole Hauser is 37. Actress Kellie Williams is 36. Actress Reese Witherspoon is 36. Rock musician John Otto (Limp Bizkit) is 35. Rapper Mims is 31. Rock musician Lincoln Parish (Cage the Elephant) is 22.

Thought for Today: "Happiness does not lie in happiness, but in the achievement of it." - Fyodor Dostoyevsky, Russian author (1821-1881).



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We do not understand the logic behind that action when we all know

your mama told you it was wrong.

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Lately, things have become a little more serious.

Perhaps it is the state of the economy in general that leads people to justify stealing copies of their local newspaper. It still isn't right, but thieves can justify just about anything.

It is doubtful that people are any more or less honest now than they were in the past.

However, the fact is that we have suddenly had a rash of significant and continued thefts of copies of The Pampa News from our mechanical newsstands.

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at losses in the thousands of dollars over the course of a year.

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Randall Pribble is the publisher of The Pampa News. He can be reached at rpribble@thepampanews.com.

In 2012, are we American citizens or consumers?

In 2007, my friend and colleague on "PBS NewsHour," Jim Lehrer, interviewed President George W. Bush and asked the following question about the U.S. wars then being waged in Iraq and Afghanistan: "Why have you not, as president of the United States, asked more Americans and more American interests to sacrifice something? The people who are now sacrificing are, you know, the Army and the U.S. Marines and their families. They're the only ones who are actually sacrificing anything at this point."

President Bush's answer -- "Well, you know, I think a lot of people are in this fight. I mean, they sacrifice peace of mind when they see the terrible images of violence on TV every night. I mean, we've got a fantastic economy here in the United States, but yet, when you think about the psychology of the country, it is somewhat down because of the war" -- lacks the inspiring eloquence of Abraham Lincoln or Winston Churchill, but let's be blunt, he is not the only president of this decade to fail to summon his countrymen to selfless patriotism. Unless I missed it, President Barack Obama has been mute on the matter of asking us to make individual and collective sacrifice in behalf of the nation's common good.

Make no mistake, our values have changed. In the words of one of the first group of Peace Corps volunteers, some half-century ago: "I'd never done

anything political, patriotic or unselfish because nobody ever asked me to. President Kennedy asked us that day (51 years ago), and we are still saying 'yes.'"

Contrast that with the argument of the House majority whip, a Republican, to a Washington, D.C., bankers meeting on the eve of the U.S. invasion of Iraq, just days before 2nd Lt. Therrel Shane Childers of Harrison County, Miss., would become the first of 4,486, and counting, Americans to die in that conflict: "Nothing is more important in the face of war than cutting taxes."

Let's be blunt. America today, despite all the lip-service we pay to the men and women in the military, devalues individual sacrifice for the common good. We no longer treat each other -- or insist upon being treated ourselves -- as citizens with reciprocal obligations to each other and to our country, but instead as consumers who insist upon getting the best deal for ourselves.

As somebody smarter than I observed about our contemporary politics: "Americans vote to send Democrats to Washington to make sure they get for themselves all the federal good-



MARK SHIELDS

ies and entitlements the Treasury can provide. Then these same voters send Republicans to Washington to make sure that they, the voters, will not have to pay for those federal goodies."

Got a federal debt that is out-of-control and threatening the nation's future? The Democrats, led by President Obama, promise that your taxes will never rise if you belong to the 98 percent of U.S. households that earn less than \$250,000 a year. The only Americans asked to pay some price or to bear some burden in order to rehabilitate the nation's solvency would be the richest 2 percent.

The front-runner for the GOP presidential nomination, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, is a tax-cut-and-spend Republican who tells us "consumers" that his policies will enable the country to "grow" its way out of the debt mess. Sort of a "what's good for the country club is good for the country" approach.

Isn't it time that we demanded that those who seek to lead the nation treat us not like consumers on the prowl for something for nothing, but as citizens who recognize that we have, in addition to rights and privileges, real obligations and responsibilities?

We know that in America war requires equality of sacrifice. But so, too, does American citizenship.

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Republican establishment starts to coalesce behind Romney

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican establishment started to coalesce around Mitt Romney in earnest on Wednesday, with Jeb Bush and other leading Republicans pressuring Rick Santorum to leave the race after a thumping in the Illinois primary.

But, on what should have been a triumphant day, Romney found himself having to defend his conservative credentials anew after one of his own top advisers, Eric Fehrnstrom, remarked that "everything changes" for the fall campaign. "It's almost like an Etch A Sketch," he said. "You can kind of shake it up and we start all over again."

The remark fueled criticism that Romney molds his principles to fit with political goals. Democrats pounced, and by day's end his GOP opponents were waving the draw, shake and erase toys at campaign events in Louisiana.

"The issues I'm running on will be exactly the same," the former Massachusetts governor said in Arbutus, Md., as Republicans and Democrats alike mocked him. "I'm running as a conservative Republican. I was a conservative governor. I will be running as a conservative Republican nominee — hopefully, nominee at that point. The policies and the positions are the same."

It all nearly overshadowed the endorsement from Bush, the son of one president and the brother of another. He had stayed out of the race for months, and some party elders publicly had urged him to become a candidate as Romney struggled to close the deal with the conservative base of the party.

Bush refused, and on Wednesday he made his preference in the race known after Romney's double-digit Illinois victory.

"Now is the time for Republicans to unite behind Gov. Romney and take our message of fiscal conservatism and job creation to all voters this fall," Bush said in a written statement. He congratulated the other Republican candidates "for a hard-fought, thoughtful debate and primary season."

His backing comes amid fresh signs that big GOP donors and other party figures will follow Bush's lead

after sitting on the sidelines for much of the primary season. Romney is on pace to win the nomination in June. He has 563 delegates in the overall count maintained by The Associated Press, out of 1,144 needed to win the party nod. Santorum has 263 delegates, Newt Gingrich 135 and Ron Paul 50.

Hours after Bush weighed in, Bob Dole, the former Senate majority leader and a longtime Romney supporter, suggested that Santorum must decide soon whether to stay in or surrender his bid for the nomination.

"Rick, I think, he's got a real problem," Dole, who became the GOP nominee in 1996 on his third try, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "It's getting close to the point where he's got to take a hard look at it."

At the same time, campaign finance reports released Tuesday showed that big donors to a GOP political organization founded by political strategist Karl Rove have boosted their financial support for Romney in recent weeks.

Bush's support came as a surprise to the Romney campaign. The former Florida governor personally contacted Romney Wednesday morning to say he planned to make the endorsement.

Romney made one quick public appearance in Maryland on Wednesday ahead of the April 3 primary there. He planned to spend much of Thursday personally courting members of Congress and other officials in Washington.

But the Etch A Sketch remark threatened to dog him.

It happened early Wednesday on CNN when Fehrnstrom was asked if the extended primary fight "might force the governor to tack so far to the right it would hurt him with moderate voters in the general election."

Fehrnstrom responded: "I think you hit a reset button for the fall campaign. Everything changes. It's almost like an Etch A Sketch. You can kind of shake it up and we start all over again." The aide didn't back away from the comment when asked to clarify it. He said only that the general election is "a different race, with different

candidates, and the main issue now becomes" exclusively President Barack Obama.

It didn't take long for the Democratic National Committee and Romney's Republican rivals to seize on the remark.

In Louisiana, Santorum brandished an Etch A Sketch and told voters he is a candidate who stands "firmly on the rocks of freedom, not on the sands of an Etch A Sketch toy."

Gingrich stood on stage elsewhere in the state and explained to his audience just what the toys were. "Gov. Romney's staff, they don't even have the decency to wait until they get the nomination to explain to us how they'll sell us out," he said. "I think having an Etch A Sketch as your campaign model raises every doubt about where we're going."

Louisiana holds its primary Saturday. Santorum is favored in the state, though Romney's allies are airing TV ads there even though the South has proven less hospitable to Romney.

Beyond Saturday, polls show Romney has the advantage heading toward Maryland's April 3 primary.

For his part, Obama on Wednesday headed to Nevada, New Mexico and Oklahoma on a trip aimed at answering critics of his energy policies, sure to be a key issue in the fall campaign. His first stop was a plant in Nevada that uses solar panels to power homes, part of an effort to highlight his programs to expand renewable energy sources.

Obama to call for fast-track of oil pipeline

BOULDER CITY, Nev. (AP) — President Barack Obama will direct federal agencies to fast-track an oil pipeline from Oklahoma to Texas, backing a segment of the larger Keystone XL project that he rejected earlier this year.

The 485-mile line from Cushing, Okla., to refineries on Texas' Gulf coast would remove a critical bottleneck in the country's oil transportation system, as rising oil production has outgrown pipelines' capacity to

deliver oil to refineries.

Obama's directive, to be announced Thursday, also would apply to other pipelines that alleviate choke points. It will be issued along with an executive order requiring agencies to make faster decisions on other infrastructure projects.

For Obama, the announcement provides an answer to Republicans who say his energy policies, including the rejection of the larger Canada-Texas pipeline, have contributed to

high gas prices and destroyed jobs.

The longer 1,700-mile pipeline became a political flashpoint late last year when congressional Republicans wrote a provision forcing Obama to make a decision, and environmental groups waged a campaign to kill the project. In January, Obama delayed it, saying the deadline didn't leave enough time for review.

The issue has become a central focus in the heated political fight

Ban on immigrant housing law upheld

DALLAS (AP) — A federal appeals court Wednesday upheld a lower court ruling that stopped a Dallas suburb's ban on illegal immigrants seeking housing.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Farmers Branch overstepped its authority in 2008 when it passed a law calling on the city's building inspector to check the immigration status of anyone wanting to rent an apartment who wasn't a U.S. citizen.

Under the law, illegal immigrants would have been barred from rental housing, and landlords who knowingly allowed

them to stay could have their rental licenses barred.

The appellate court said the city was seeking to exclude illegal immigrants, particularly Latinos, under the guise of policing housing.

"Because the sole purpose and effect of this ordinance is to target the presence of illegal aliens within the City of Farmers Branch and to cause their removal, it contravenes the federal government's exclusive authority over the regulation of immigration and the conditions of residence in this country," the court's opinion stated. The city had appealed the

decision of U.S. District Judge Jane J. Boyle, who ruled two years ago that the law is unconstitutional after a lawsuit was filed by apartment owners and tenants.

William Brewer, the lead attorney for the plaintiffs, said he sensed a "strong undercurrent" throughout the appellate court's decision that Farmers Branch was engaged in discrimination. The ruling is particularly meaningful because the 5th Circuit has a reputation for conservatism, he said.

Brewer noted that the ruling affirms Boyle's decision that Farmers Branch must pay the

plaintiffs' attorney fees, which before the appeal were nearly \$2 million. He called that portion of the decision "a strong deterrent" against other cities seeking to pass similar laws.

"Clearly, both the trial court and the appellate court recognize that this ordinance was discriminatory," Brewer said.

Farmers Branch Mayor Bill Glancy said he will talk with City Council members before deciding whether to push for the full appeals court or the U.S. Supreme Court.

Glancy, who took office last year, said he supported the law and other efforts to keep illegal immigrants out of Farmers Branch, a suburb with nearly 29,000 residents northwest of Dallas.

"Basically, it has discouraged people who are illegal from coming into the city," he said.

Sudoku

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finished with her soccer assignment, we released her."

Lewisville is 26 miles north of Dallas and competed in district 8-5A last season, where it won a district game. In Garza's first season, they will compete District 5-5A with current district opponents Lewisville Marcus, Lewisville Hebron and Lewisville Flower Mound. New additions Denton Ryan and Coppell will complete the district.

At Pampa High School, Garza finished with a record of 85-57, including a 52-22 record when Pampa dropped to 3A in 2010. The Lady Harvesters won two District 1-3A titles and competed in the playoffs for two consecutive seasons. Under Garza, Pampa climbed into the state rankings, being ranked as high as ninth last season.

Pampa graduate Taryn Eubank and senior Kirsten Kuhn earned the team's first two All-State selections since the 1960s. At Pampa, Garza coached four athletes that are now

or will be playing college volleyball: Eubank (Harding), senior Ramie Hutto (Frank Phillips) and seniors Kailyn Troxell and Stephanie Allen, who will sign on April 11.

"While we were still 4A we competed for the playoffs out of that 4A district," Smith said. "There has been more success under her tenure (than any other time) I believe in Pampa history. She did a great job and put the program up where we want

it. It will be a difficult position to get the right person in to maintain that expectation."

Smith said the search is well under way for a replacement.

"We're sorting through applications and resumes now with myself and (girls athletic director Bobbi) Gill," Smith said. "We are trying to sort through a finalist list."

Garza's comments were unavailable as of press time.

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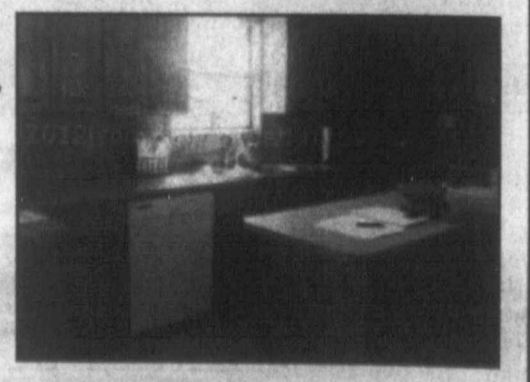
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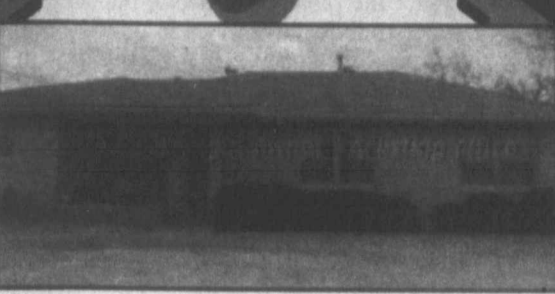
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I would like to tell "Possibly Paddled Pledge" (Jan. 13) that joining a sorority was one of the best parts of college for me. It taught me about interpersonal communication, the importance of philanthropy and academics, and networking. I learned skills I would not have gained had I not joined.

My sorority had paddles. We decorated them with our symbols and Greek letters, and they were displayed on the wall. We never used them to hit anyone. Our national organization, as well as our university would have been furious. Hazing is illegal and should not be tolerated.

I say, give the Greek life a try, but if someone ever lifts a finger toward you, report her to your panhellenic organization and the dean of students immediately. Sororities are supposed to lift you up, not beat you down. — JENNIFER IN ST. LOUIS

DEAR JENNIFER: Readers unanimously agreed that paddling should not be tolerated, and stressed that being a legacy does not guarantee acceptance or that a pledge will have a good experience in a particular sorority. My readers comment:

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is currently in a sorority, but her experience has been very mixed. She was not automatically welcomed by my sorority. She found the process to be difficult and judgmental. However, she did find a wonderful group of women in a different sorority.

As a sophomore this year, she is on the other side of recruitment (rush) and again felt hurt by how rude some of the new girls were. "PPP's" letter spotlighted the snobbish, elitist attitude that turns many eligible young women away from sororities. To say a group is the best-of-the-best and exclusive is offensive. I hope more girls will look beyond the

glitz and glamour and give a second hard look to all of the groups. — JANE IN AKRON, OHIO

DEAR ABBY: My first month in college was wonderful. Then came sorority rush. What followed was hell. I got a paddle with the Greek letters, though it was only a "memento." Far worse was the social fragmentation of the women there. We immediately began to segregate into our little pledge classes, wore pins that identified our group and were typecast from the very beginning.

After wrestling with this psychological social dilemma — even becoming an active member, which would preclude me from ever joining another sorority — I finally deactivated, switched to a much larger school with less emphasis on the Greek system and happily sailed through the rest of my college life with honors. — A HAPPY INDEPENDENT

DEAR ABBY: As a member of a sorority, I have never heard of a sorority that used paddles to hit members. What bothers me is the apparent acceptance by "PPP's" family members of this practice.

As a prosecutor for nearly 30 years, I do not condone in any way the use of a paddle, either in fraternities or sororities.

A sorority is more than academics and whippers about hazing. "PPP" should visit each chapter on the campus, attend rush and make her own decision. Only she can decide which sorority is right for her. If she pledges as a legacy, she'll be in a unique position to actively stop this practice if, in fact, it is occurring. If she's kicked out for not letting them paddle her, then she can shout it from the rooftops and maybe something will finally happen.

"PPP" stand up for what you believe. Choose a sorority you like, with women you would be proud to call your sisters, and you will have the time of your life and lifelong friends who will see you through your old age. I know. I didn't pledge my mom's chapter, but a different one. — BEEN THERE IN MONTANA

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Because of last year's burn ban during the Fourth of July holiday, Gardner said that the city is making advance plans to ensure that the public gets a show during the centennial celebration.

"We did order a few special fireworks that aren't aerial fireworks," Gardner said. "If we are under a burn ban, we're going to be able to do those display fireworks. Those were something special that we've done just for our centennial celebration. ... Those were ordered specifically for our centennial celebration. I'm excited about those. Those are going to be a real asset to our fireworks display."

According to Gardner, plans for the celebration are continuing to develop, but the city wanted to let Pampa residents know that a commemorative public event is in the works.

"We're kind of still in the organization process of it,"

Gardner said. "We have letters going out to nonprofits on April 1. We're hoping to get real good feedback from those nonprofit organizations about wanting to participate. We're really kind of just the beginning stages of the planning process, but we want to get it out into the public's eye."

"We just think it's a big time in our city. It's not every day you turn 100. Just (thinking about) the growth that our city's seen over the last hundred years, and the next hundred years, well, we're not going to be around to see that. We decided that it's just a very historic time in our city, and we want the public to know that we're 100 this year."

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Harvesters hitting, Hunt's outing down River Road

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Pampa head baseball coach Kaleb Snelgrooves has been looking for his team to play a complete game the last three weeks. Tuesday at River Road, the Harvesters scored 16 runs on 13 hits in a 16-1 victory over the River Road Wildcats.

"The boys played hard," Snelgrooves said. "I think we got 13 hits and only made one error. When you do that, you are going to win games. I'm glad we got this momentum going into district."



Snelgrooves

Junior James Thompson said the team had a solid outing.

"We played well," Thompson said. "I liked that we played well right before district."

The Harvesters (4-10) scored eight runs in the first and 12 people batted. Senior Collin Killgo hit a two-RBI single, senior Trace Carter hit a two-RBI double and Thompson hit a RBI triple. River Road made three fielding errors, helping Pampa reach base and advance.

Sophomore Ethan Hunt started for Pampa and was effective for four innings. Hunt only gave up one run on one hit, walked two and struck out five. Sixty-six percent of Hunt's pitches were in the strike zone.

"We put him on a pitch count," Snelgrooves said. "He was efficient on those pitches he threw. He did a great

job. Tyler (Powell) came in and closed the door."

Hunt said his team's big first helped him on the mound.

"It helped me focus in really quick," Hunt said.

Pampa added two more runs in the second, one in the fourth and five in the fifth. The Wildcats scored their only run on a sacrifice fly. Snelgrooves said the team did well with two out hits.

"We put guys in scoring position and drove them in," Snelgrooves said.

Killgo was Pampa's leading hitter with three hits, four runs and three RBI. Junior Jordan Lemons and Senior Devin Coleman had two hits and two RBI apiece.

The Harvesters ended a seven-game losing streak and open district play with the Perryton Rangers at noon on Saturday. Thompson said the team has confidence.

"It feels great to know that we are peaking going into district," Thompson said.

Hunt said the team ended non-district well.

"It felt good to play as a team," Hunt said. "Made plays and won the game."

Snelgrooves said he's looking forward to seeing what Perryton has.

"We are going to have our hands full with Perryton," Snelgrooves said. "They have hitting up and down their line up. Their shortstop is a good player. I'm looking forward to what we do against those guys."



Thompson



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**

Junior James Thompson hits a fly ball in the fourth inning against River Road Tuesday. The Harvesters recorded 13 base hits against the Wildcats.

Heisman winner Griffin III impresses scouts on Pro Day

WACO, Texas (AP) — Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III was smiling, slapping hands with his receivers and making precise throws.

Just what Griffin had planned for his pro day, when he finally threw Wednesday for NFL personnel. That included owner Dan Snyder and coach Mike Shanahan from the Washington Redskins, who traded three first-round picks and a second-rounder for the No. 2 overall pick in next month's draft, presumably to get the dual-threat quarterback from Baylor.

Griffin was sharp throwing a scripted 51 passes he had been working on with quarterback consultant Terry Shea. Only a few balls even hit the ground.

"I always said I didn't have anything to prove at pro day. That's why it's so easy," Griffin said. "It's really not stressful."

The game tape speaks for itself. Really not proving, just show everybody I have been working."

Throughout his 30-minute session, with music playing that he selected, Griffin was at ease while making the kind of throws expected in the NFL. He threw from different drops and on the run.

Griffin finished with a play not listed on the play-sheet, but one reflective of the good time he was having. The final play was a throwback when he caught a deep pass from teammate Kendall Wright, another potential first-round pick. It was how they liked to end their throwing sessions at Baylor, and a play they pulled off in a couple of games.

New Indianapolis coach Chuck Pagano was among a group from the Colts at Baylor's pro day. Now without Peyton Manning, they are expected to take Heisman runner-up Andrew Luck from Stanford first overall.

Luck's pro day is sched-

uled Thursday, which had been the original date of Baylor's pro day before Griffin opted several weeks ago to move his up a day to avoid a conflict.

Neither Griffin nor Luck threw at the NFL combine last month in Indianapolis.

Snyder and Shanahan met with Griffin and his parents Tuesday night. They spoke to him briefly after he came onto the field before the throwing session Wednesday that was part of a pro day that included about a dozen other players.

"They gave up a lot of picks to be able to move up to that spot to pick a player," Griffin said. "And if it happens to be me, they showed me that I can definitely get along with them."

Griffin grew up watching Shanahan coach the Denver Broncos and Hall of Fame quarterback John Elway.

"Since Elway, he hasn't had that guy you would associate him with," Griffin said. "Hopefully, I can be that guy, if I'm available at that spot, and I'll be excited to be that guy. It would be pretty cool to be that guy he can nurture and build up when he gets in the league."

When Griffin was done throwing, Snyder and Shanahan left without commenting. But they had to be impressed with what they saw.

"The throws he made were all bona fide NFL-type throws. He's going to be a superstar at the next level," said former NFL quarterback Ron Jaworski, an analyst for ESPN. "He put on a clinical exhibition here today. That Redskins contingency left here all with big smiles on their faces."

Washington completed a deal last week with the St. Louis Rams, giving up a lot to move up four slots to No. 2 overall on April 26.

When asked if his pro day performance put

more pressure on Luck to impress Thursday, Griffin responded, "Nah, no pressure. ... He'll go out and dazzle you guys like we hope we did today."

Still, Griffin hasn't completely given up on the possibility of being the No. 1 overall pick.

"It's kind of down to two teams it seems," Griffin said. "It is a sit-and-wait game now, but when you've done all you can and you feel like you put your best foot forward, **GRIFFIN** cont. on page 4B

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When Libby Garza took over the Lady Harvesters, she inherited a program that didn't have stability in its coaches. Pampa hadn't made the playoffs in volleyball since the late 1990s and hadn't won a district since the early 1990s.

Four years later, she will leave her successor a program that's won two straight district titles and cracked the Top Ten in the state rankings.

With their former coach in her first days at Lewisville High School, her players reflected

Taryn Eubank, a 2011 Pampa graduate, said Garza was a great coach.

"She definitely helped get the high school volleyball program where it is right now," Eubank said. "She will definitely be missed at Pampa High School."

Eubank is currently playing volleyball for Harding University in Searcy, Ark. She was Garza's first player to play in college. In her senior season, she was District MVP and was named to the All-State Team, Pampa's first since the 1960s.

Senior Ramie Hutto, who signed with Frank Phillips on Monday, said Garza expected perfection and that prepared her for college.

"She pushed us very hard," Hutto said. "I think that's why I went to Frank Phillips and practiced there. It was just like how we practiced at Pampa. ... She set the mode of practice at a high level and didn't accept anything else."

Senior Kirsten Kuhn said Garza was great for the program and it was rewarding being a part of turning Pampa's volleyball program around.

"She not only made us physically stronger, but made us mentally stronger," Kuhn said. "Winning was not an option, but an expectation. I am proud to be able to say that I helped contribute to a turnaround in the PHS volleyball program."

Kuhn became Garza's second all-state player. The Lady Harvesters were 90-59 under Garza and 57-24 when it dropped to 3A. Pampa was in 4A during Garza's first two seasons.

Sophomore Madison Joyce said she is nervous about next season, not knowing who the next coach is going to be.

"I think they will pick someone good," Joyce said.

Sophomore Taylor Giles agreed, adding that Garza promised her and Joyce starting spots next season.

"We are pretty disappointed because we don't have promised spots," Giles said. "Now we just have to work as hard as we can and out beat everyone else."

Giles said offseason has been a challenge because they don't have a coach.

"It's confusing because we don't know what defense to work on or anything like that," Giles said.

Jaclyn Spearman, one of Garza's friends, is coaching the returning players only for the offseason.

Stuart Smith, Pampa ISD athletic director and Bobbi Gill, girls athletic director are narrowing down applicants.



Libby Garza (left) hands flowers to Stephanie Allen during Senior Day on October 25. The game also ended up being Garza's last home game along with her six seniors.

Broncos, Jets (finally) finish trade for quarterback Tebow

NEW YORK (AP) — The Broncos and the Jets have completed a trade to send quarterback Tim Tebow to New York.

The deal hit a snag earlier Wednesday when the Jets apparently balked at repaying Denver more than \$5 million for a salary advance due Tebow. ESPN reported that the two sides had agreed to split that cost.

The Broncos also will receive fourth- and sixth-round draft picks, while New York gets a seventh-rounder — all in 2012 — as agreed to in the initial deal.

Citing anonymous sources, ESPN says Wednesday that provisions in the quarterback's contract are causing complications in the completion of the trade. ESPN says Tebow's contract has \$5 million worth of "recapture language," which means the Jets would have to pay back some money to the Broncos.

The hang-up came hours after the Jets declared they were bringing the polarizing quarterback to New York as a complement to starter Mark Sanchez. Denver general manager Brian Xanders said the Broncos would receive fourth- and sixth-round draft picks, while New York would get a seventh-rounder — all in 2012.

It's just another bizarre moment for the Jets, a team that has had its share of them over the years, conjuring memories of Bill Belichick's hiring as coach and his resignation one day later.

The Jets, though now have lots of explaining to do — regardless of if the deal had gone through or fallen apart.

As part of Tebow's \$11.25 million, five-year contract he signed as a rookie

in 2010, he had a \$6.277 million advance due 29 days after the start of the 2011 league year. That money was paid to him in August after the NFL lockout ended. The trade hit its hang-up when the Jets apparently balked at repaying the Broncos more than \$5 million for the 2012-14 seasons from that advance.

"Tebowmania" will now likely take over New York City, just a few weeks after "Linsanity" swept the New York area and the rest of the NBA with the Knicks' sensational point guard Jeremy Lin.

Tebow, who became expendable when the Broncos signed Peyton Manning to a five-year deal Tuesday, would be expected to complement Sanchez, who received a \$40.5 million contract extension, with \$20.5 million guaranteed, earlier this month. Rex Ryan's Jets also had pursued Manning before bowing out on the sweepstakes when there was little interest by the four-time NFL MVP.

Tebow led the Broncos to the playoffs last season — along the way beating Sanchez and the Jets, who missed the postseason. But Denver executive John Elway believed Manning gave the team a better chance at winning a championship now.

For the Jets, Tebow adds a versatile dimension to the offense, including running the team's wildcat package — something new offensive coordinator Tony Sparano enjoys using. He would also provide a solid presence in a locker room that was rife with infighting last season —

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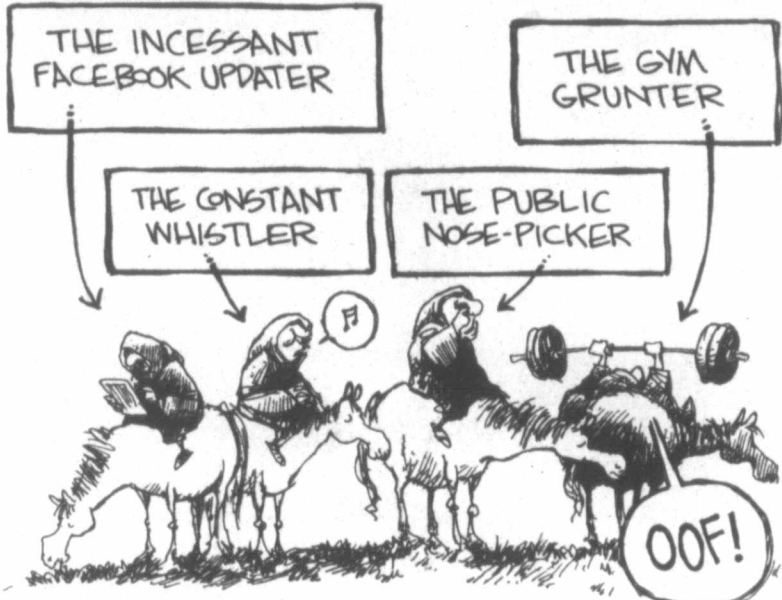
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“You need to sit down, Mommy. Kittycat is lookin’ for a lap to lie on.”

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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, March 23, 2012:

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Stay upbeat, but maintain decorum with a testy boss, parent or friend. The fallout that could erupt otherwise might not be worth it. You pick up information quickly. Rethink an impression carefully, as there is a nugget of information that could be important. Tonight: Only what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Much is going on behind the scenes. You might sense some of the energy. Establish communication with certain supporters who also might be feeling the same. Do not let this undercurrent get to you. Continue as you always do. Tonight: Where the fun is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You could think that your first impression might be off if you listen to others, but it is right-on. Don't share what you are sensing with everyone. Someone you look up to — an older friend or boss — starts opening up. You feel affirmed. Tonight: Where the gang is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You have a take-charge attitude right now, especially with groups. Open up to new possibilities with an eye to clearing out an obstruction. Make a call later today to get another opinion. You might be making travel plans soon. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Keep reaching out for someone at a distance. You could be confused by what comes out, at first. Step back, and you will see a situation differently. Detach, and you'll see where you might have prevented

an interaction. Tonight: Follow the music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You might want to do something in a very different manner. Be aware that you could shock someone with your change. A little discussion and some warning would help. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Defer to others. Recognize that you cannot always have control as you might like. Know when to pull back and let the cards fall as they may. Stop and have a discussion with someone you see every day. Go beyond saying “hello.” Tonight: You might want to drop in on a party and also do something else. You can squeeze it all in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Honor a change or difficult situation, as you are dealing with many controlling people. You might want to back out gracefully. You also might decide to become too busy to be bothered. Tonight: Out with a pal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Let your creativity emerge, as it has not for a long time. You will add a sense of happiness and possibility to a situation. Curb a tendency to be controlling. Be careful in the same manner when handling finances. Tonight: Let your hair down.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You could shake up the status quo with ease. You might not see the changes in yourself just yet, but others can feel the difference. Know that a reaction to change is normal. Start planning your weekend with an eye to visiting with a special person. Tonight: You don't have to go far.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You will speak your mind and be heard, whether someone wants to hear it or not. Your ability to get past a problem amazes others. Let go of grudges. Enjoy the moment and the people who are around you. Tonight: Visit with friends over munchies.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You cannot put off a decision any longer. Finances factor in. Somehow, you could feel like you are working against a longtime goal. Before doing anything, open up and share what you are feeling. There is a resolution to be found. Tonight: Let go of problems.

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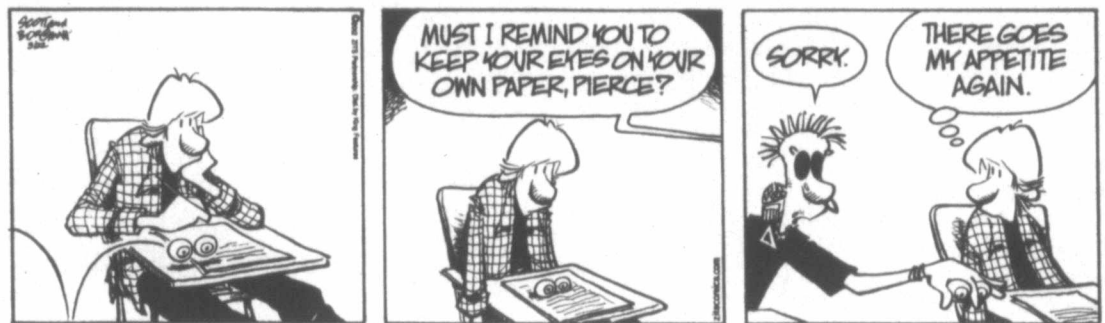
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Tebow

season — particularly between Sanchez and wide receiver Antonio Holmes.

He'd also bring with him a flock of fervent fans for reasons that have to do as much with his faith as his football skills. A devout Christian, he's been a role model since his days at Florida, when he led the Gators to two national titles and captured the Heisman Trophy.

Several teams, including his hometown Jacksonville Jaguars, reportedly were interested in acquiring Tebow.

Jaguars spokesman Dan Edwards declined to comment on an ESPN report that Jacksonville was trying to work out a deal with Denver for Tebow.

The Jaguars and general manager Gene Smith showed little interest in Tebow coming out of college in 2010, even though he grew up in Jacksonville and starred at nearby Florida. They passed on Tebow with the No. 10 pick, instead selecting defensive tackle Tyson Alualu. Tebow went to Denver at No. 25.

Last season, Jacksonville traded up to draft Blaine Gabbert and called him a "franchise quarterback." Gabbert struggled mightily, and the team blamed his problems on receivers and coaching.

Coach Jack Del Rio was fired in November, the same day the team was sold to Illinois businessman Shahid Khan. Before the Super Bowl, Khan said in a radio interview that he would have drafted Tebow and indicated he would consider bringing in Tebow if he became available.

"I share your sentiment," Khan said to a caller who said he hoped the Jaguars would consider Tebow. "When is the next time Jacksonville is gonna have an athlete like Tim Tebow?"

So it's pretty clear that any interest the Jaguars have in Tebow is coming from the owner and not the front office. Although the Jaguars haven't blacked out a home game since 2009, they have had trouble filling the stadium while missing the playoffs 10 of the last 12 years.

Tebow certainly would help, even if he's brought in to boost ticket sales and make the franchise relevant nationally for the first time since beating Pittsburgh in the playoffs in 2008.

The thing is, Jacksonville has no pressing need for another quarterback. The Jaguars signed Chad Henne to be the team's backup last week and have Dan LeFevour on the roster.

The Jets, too, have a few quarterbacks on the roster.

The Jets signed Stanton last week to be their No. 2 quarterback, ahead of Greg McElroy, the team's seventh-round draft pick last year. General man-

ager Mike Tannenbaum said Tuesday that he was confident in the trio, but added: "I'll give you my standard answer, which is you never know if other opportunities present themselves. We'll always look at it. That's the standard line there, but we feel good about Greg, Drew and Mark, and see where we go from there."

On Tuesday, Sanchez spoke highly of both Tebow and Manning on Fox Sports Radio in Los Angeles.

"I think Peyton is going to do great, and I think Tim is going to do great no matter what happens," Sanchez said on "The Petros & Money Show." "He can learn from one of the best quarterbacks to ever play or he moves on somewhere else and uses his skills at another ball club. He definitely has talent. He knows how to win. He knows how to impact

got down on Sanchez as he struggled late last season could call for Tebow to take over at the first sign of trouble.

Two minutes after the Jets posted the trade on its Facebook page, there were 874 "likes," 366 comments and 247 shares. Most of the comments ran along the lines of: "I might cry" and "He is not welcome here, another terrible decision."

Hall of Fame quarterback Joe Namath, who led the Jets to their only Super Bowl title in 1969, was among those unhappy with the deal when he heard.

"I'm just sorry that I can't agree with this situation. I think it's just a publicity stunt. I can't go with it. I think it's wrong," Namath told 1050 ESPN Radio. "I don't think they know what they're doing over there."

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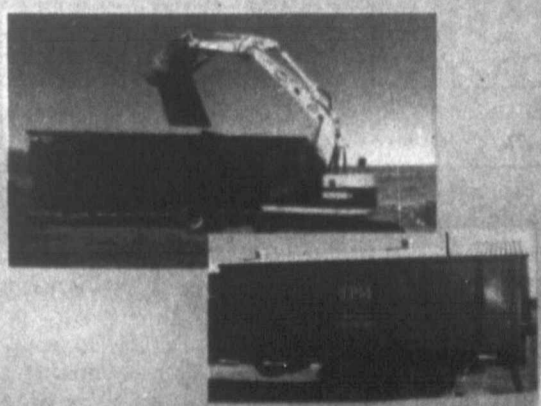
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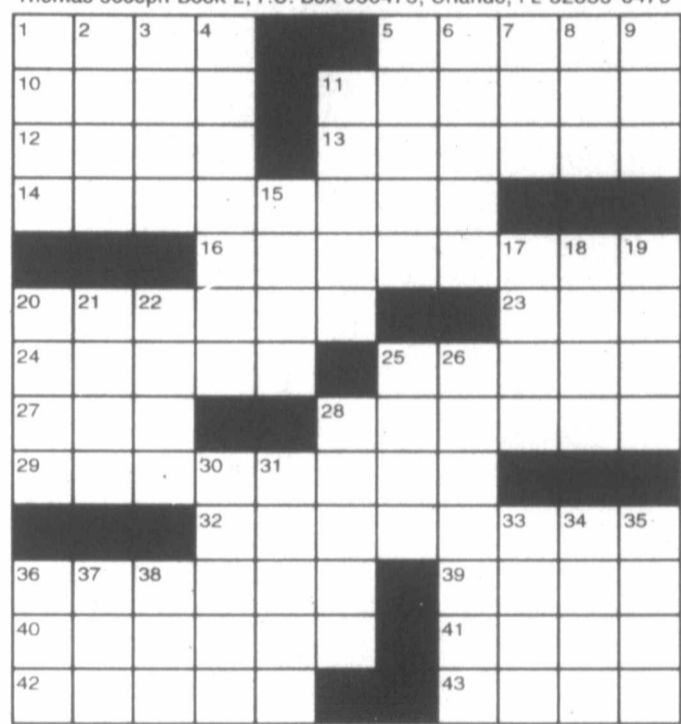
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