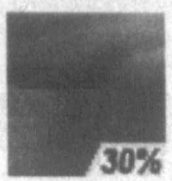
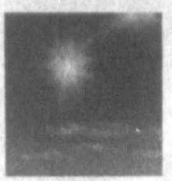
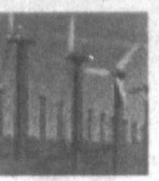


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Today	Thursday	Friday
		
30%		
High 61 Low 42	High 68 Low 48	High 79 Low 49

Today: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 61. Wind chill values between 31 and 40 early. Breezy, with a north-west wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 42. North northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 68. North northwest wind around 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48. South southeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 79. Breezy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Friday Night: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. West southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north northwest.

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Tornadoes rake Dallas-Fort Worth area

DALLAS (AP) — Tornadoes raked the Dallas area Tuesday, crumpling a wing of a nursing home, peeling roofs from dozens of homes and spiraling big-rig trailers into the air like footballs. More than a dozen injuries were reported.

Overtaken cars left streets unnavigable and flattened trucks clogged highway shoulders. Preliminary estimates were that six to 12 twisters had touched down in North Texas, senior National Weather Service meteorologist Eric Martello said. But firm numbers would only come after survey teams checked damage Wednesday, he said.

In suburban Dallas, Lancaster po-

lice officer Paul Beck said 10 people were injured, two of them severely. Three people were injured in Arlington, including two residents of a nursing home who were taken to a hospital with minor injuries after swirling winds clipped the building, city assistant fire chief Jim Self said.

"Of course the windows were flying out, and my sister is paralyzed, so I had to get someone to help me get her in a wheelchair to get her out of the room," said Joy Johnston, who was visiting her 79-year-old sister at the Green Oaks Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. "It was terribly loud."

Dallas-Fort Worth International

Airport canceled hundreds of flights and diverted others heading its way. Among the most stunning video was an industrial section of Dallas, where rows of empty tractor-trailers crumpled like soda cans littered a parking lot.

"The officers were watching the tornadoes form and drop," Kennedale police Chief Tommy Williams said. "It was pretty active for a while."

The confirmed tornadoes touched down near Royce City and Silver Springs, said National Weather Service meteorologist Matt Bishop.

April is the peak of the tornado **STORMS** cont. on page 7A

Obituaries

Kenneth Wayne Applegate, 55

Kenneth Wayne Applegate, 55, died Saturday, March 31, 2012, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at Calvary Baptist Church, with Rev. Dallas Stringer, pastor, and Rev. Richard Bartel, associate pastor officiating.

Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, 2012, at Englewood Cemetery in Slaton, under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Applegate was born April 12, 1956 in Paris, Texas. He married Debbie Snyder on August 12, 1977 in Slaton. He had been a resident of Pampa since 2004. Kenneth worked for Newpark Drilling Fluids. He enjoyed fishing, camping, woodworking, and puttering around in his shed. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

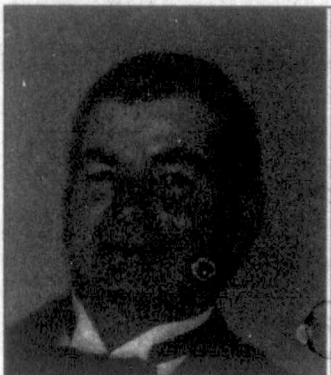
He is survived by his wife: Debbie Applegate of the home; two sons: Kenneth Wayne Applegate of N. C. and Jason Wayne Applegate and wife Monica of Pampa; a daughter: Christie Applegate of Lubbock; eight grandchildren: Jessica Applegate, Ashley Mattox, Ryan Mattox, Rebecca Marie Ellis Applegate, Piper Kayle Lambombard, Jason Wayne Applegate, Jr., and Emma Mae Applegate, all of Pampa, and Bryan Ashton Mattox of Slaton; one great-grandson: Mathew Artimas Tyler of Pampa; four brothers: Billy Ray Applegate and Chris Calvin Applegate, both of Littlefield, Maynard G. Applegate of Amarillo, and Rudy Van Applegate of Amarillo; seven sisters: Frances Holbert of Balch Springs, Edna Mae Fox, Judy Ann Brown and Katie Melba Holmes, all of Amarillo, Margaret Louise Scott of Hereford, Helen Marie Clare of Coleman, and Gladys Faye Walker of Ringland, Okla.

Kenneth was preceded in death by two brothers: Billy Jack Applegate and Gayland Lee Applegate; and a sister: Linda Lou Applegate.

The family will be at 1213 Darby in Pampa.

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

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



Applegate

in Sebastopol. She married Hugh Foresman who preceded her in death. Her subsequent marriage to Jerry L. Rush brought her to the Texas Panhandle in 1970 where she lived out her days. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Jerry L. Rush in November of 2008; and a sister: Bearnice Roberts.

Anita is survived by two daughters: Deborah Walker and husband Marcus of Austin, and Angela Ritter and husband Bill of Brazoria; a sister: Gloria Roberts and husband Don of Sebastopol, Calif.; five grandchildren; brother-in-law: Travis Rush and wife Sue of Masterson; sister-in-law: Roe Jean Dixon of Amarillo; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

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

Doris Denton Swan, 83

Doris Denton Swan, 83, died Monday, April 2, 2012, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 5, 2012, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Albert Maggard, pastor of First Pentecostal Holiness Church, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Swan was born September 25, 1928 in Crowell, Texas to Luther and Olive Denton, and was a 1945 graduate of Crowell High School. She married Hardy L. Swan, Jr., on April 8, 1948 in Vernon. They came to Pampa in 1968 from Ellinwood, Kan. Mr. Swan preceded her in death on January 26, 1974. She was an LVN and worked at Highland General Hospital and worked for Dr. Joe Donaldson for 18 years, retiring in 1988. Doris was preceded in death by her parents; a son-in-law: Raymond Ryder in 2001; and by a sister: Kaye Denton.

Doris is survived by two daughters: Sherry Hahn and husband Will of Pampa; and Vicki Ryder and Juan Rodriguez of Amarillo; a son: Joe Steven Swan and wife Karan of Pampa; two brothers: Garland Denton and wife Ann of Highlands Ranch, Colo., and James Denton and wife Gwynne of Albuquerque, N. M.; three grandchildren: Brady Hahn and Andrea Valusek, and Sara Peters and husband Brodie, all of Pampa, and Shelley Sellers and husband Keith of Amarillo; two great-grandchildren: Dasen Sellers and Kaden Sellers, both of Amarillo; extended family: Scott and Kimberly Guthrie of Oklahoma City, Okla., Jennifer Guthrie, and Jesse and Tristan Valusek, all of Pampa.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Connie Pulley and staff at Hospice Care of the Southwest for the loving care of their mother.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Care of the Southwest, 1301 S. Coulter, Suite 404, Amarillo, Texas 79106, or a favorite charity.

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Swan

Anita L. Rush, 65

Anita L. Rush, 65, died Sunday, April 1, 2012, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 5, 2012, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Monty Joiner, officiating.

Private family burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Rush was born November 16, 1946 in Sebastopol, California, and graduated from Analy High School

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Tuesday, April 3 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 10 traffic related incidents.

Animal Control agents and Pampa PD reported six animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS responded to four medical calls.

Monday, April 2

An accident occurred at Worrell and Williston. Criminal trespassing occurred at the 800 block of East Browning.

An accident occurred at Price and Kentucky. A threat occurred at the 100 block of East Harvester.

A stolen vehicle was reported.

A structure fire occurred at the 900 block of Brunow.

Fraud was reported.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 400 block of North Roberta.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 700 block of North West.

A gas drive off occurred at the 1000 block of West Wilks.

An accident occurred at the 2800 block of North Charles.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1300 block of South Barnes.

A runaway was reported at the 300 block of North Roberta.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 2100 block of North Dwight.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 900 block of North Cinderella.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 700 block of East Kingsmill.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1000 block of North Hobart.

Suspicious persons were reported at the intersection of Lefors and Jordan and the intersection of Francis and Gray.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1300 block of North Mary Ellen.

A prowler was reported at the 100 block of South Sumner.

An accident occurred at the 3100 block of North Perryton.

Disorderly conduct oc-

curred at the 2000 block of North Hamilton.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1800 block of North Coffee.

Tuesday, April 3
 A suspicious person was reported at the 600 block of East Foster.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 500 block of Doyle.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1000 block of North Duncan.

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Atziri Arit Murgado, 21, was arrested by deputies on warrants of failing to register as a sex offender, a bond to surrender on aggravated sexual assault of a child and bond forfeiture involving theft.

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Mayors urge watering limits

FORT WORTH (AP) — Mayors of Dallas, Fort Worth and two of their biggest suburbs are considering making semiweekly watering restrictions permanent as part of a regional water conservation plan.

Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price tells the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that she has discussed the move with Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings, Arlington Mayor Robert Cluck and Irving Mayor Beth Van Duyn. Rawlings said he favors keeping the restrictions and will discuss the idea further this month.

The Tarrant Regional Water District provides untreated water to 98 percent of the residents of Tarrant County. When the district limited watering to twice weekly in August, daily water consumption in the district fell by 8 percent.

Austin's water utility also is considering permanent semiweekly watering restrictions for its 892,000 customers.

4.0 earthquake shakes McAlester

McALESTER, Okla. (AP) — The U.S. Geological Survey says a 4.0-magnitude earthquake rattled eastern Oklahoma overnight but no damages or injuries were reported.

The quake happened shortly after 2:30 a.m. Tuesday. The USGS says the earthquake's epicenter was 16 miles south-southwest of McAlester and 48 miles east of Ada.

Tulsa television stations KTUL and KOTV report that some residents felt the quake in Tulsa — more than 100 miles to the north.

The USGS says residents in Muskogee, Norman, Broken Arrow, Atoka and Shawnee also reported feeling tremors.

Ex-school counselor gets 6 years

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An ex-school counselor in South Texas who texted nude photos of herself to a 15-year-old boy has been sentenced to six years in prison.

A judge in San Antonio on Monday sentenced 43-year-old Cynthia Stewart. She pleaded no contest to online solicitation of a minor in a plea deal.

Investigators say the case involved a teen from outside the Judson Independent School District. School board members in November fired Stewart, who had worked at Olympia Elementary School.

Investigators say Stewart texted inappropriate photos and messages to the teen. She was arrested after the boy's parents noticed he was texting someone at odd hours.

The defense had sought probation for Stewart, who must also register as a sex offender.

Austin smashes shoplifting ring

AUSTIN (AP) — Austin police say they've smashed an international shoplifting ring that pilfered such goods as laundry detergent, batteries and cosmetics for sale at flea markets or smuggling into Mexico.

Austin police Officer Dustin Smart says stolen goods with an estimated worth topping \$50,000 was stolen from Austin-area outlets. He says thieves stole from such south Austin retailers as Target and H-E-B until a month-and-a-half-long police sting broke up the operation.

A woman has been arrested and her husband and six others are being sought. According to the Austin American-Statesman, an affidavit says one H-E-B supermarket reported a \$10,000 loss of shampoo alone during January. A raid of a house in south Austin turned up about \$35,000 in stolen goods.

Truck runs light, killed officer

EL PASO (AP) — Investigators have determined that a pickup driver ran a red light before hitting a patrol car in a wreck that killed a Texas trooper.

The Department of Public Safety on Monday released the preliminary accident report on the fiery March 24 accident in El Paso. Trooper Javier Arana Jr. was dead at the scene.

Authorities say Arana's patrol car was struck while going through an intersection as he responded to a call about a pursuit.

The driver of the Ford Ranger, 18-year-old Edgardo Antonio Flores, has not been charged as the investigation continues. Flores and a passenger were hurt in the two-vehicle accident. About 1,500 mourners attended Arana's funeral on Friday.

Freedom sells its TV stations

IRVINE, Calif. (AP) — Freedom Communications says it's closed the sale of its eight television stations, including one in Texas, to Sinclair Broadcast Group in a \$385 million deal.

The transaction delivers to Baltimore-based Sinclair KFDM of Beaumont, Texas; WPEC-TV of West Palm Beach, Fla.; WWMT of Grand Rapids-Kalamazoo-Battle Creek, Mich.; WRGB and WCWN Albany, N.Y.; WTVC of Chattanooga, Tenn.; WLAJ of Lansing, Mich.; and KTVL of Medford-Klamath Falls, Ore.

Newspaper and broadcast industry struggles with ad sale declines left Freedom in Chapter 11 protection for seven months ending April 2010. Irvine, Calif.-based Freedom said in a Monday statement the sale leaves it "essentially debt free."

Freedom owns 100 newspapers, including four in West and South Texas. Sinclair now has 74 television stations in 45 markets, including Austin, San Antonio and Beaumont in Texas.

College chess champs relocate

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — A college national champion is moving its entire program to another school after two straight Final Fours.

The Texas Tech University chess team has been lured to Webster University near St. Louis with a promise of a more substantial financial investment by the private school.

The Knight Raiders of Lubbock won their second straight President's Cup last weekend. The team defeated chess powerhouses New York University, the University of Maryland Baltimore County and the University of Texas at Dallas in what's known as the Final Four of chess.

Coach Susan Polgar says the program will thrive in St. Louis, the country's center of competitive chess.

How you can hedge long-term care costs

TERRY SAVAGE
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Q: I think it's a waste of money to buy long-term care insurance because you may never use it. And as you've written, insurers keep raising premiums. Isn't there a better solution?

A: There are several solutions to hedging the potential cost of long-term custodial care, which is not covered by Medicare or any supplement. And, while the solutions are costly, they are far less expensive than the potential of using up all your assets to pay for care — and then being placed in a state-funded nursing home, even though you could otherwise have been cared for in your home.

10-pay policies. One solution to the potential premium increases is to buy an LTC policy that is fully paid up in 10 years. There's no guarantee that the premiums will stay the same for the coming 10 years — but at least you'll limit your exposure. For a 60-year-old woman in good health, seeking six years of coverage at \$250 a day, the cost of such a policy would be about \$6,800 per year. But if you add 3 percent compound inflation protection, the cost rises to \$11,000 per year. Quotes can vary from company to company.

One extra benefit: A traditional "C" corporation can pay for LTC insurance using pre-tax dollars, while benefits are paid out on an after-tax basis, making this a val-

ued employee benefit.

Combo life/LTC policies. If you were planning to use your savings to pay for any custodial care you might need, you are "self-insuring." But instead of just setting that money aside in a money-market account, you might be interested in a combination product that ties life insurance and long-term care insurance into one package.

Genworth offers such a policy, the TLC or Total Living Coverage program. It leverages your savings to make sure that you can get care coverage, and also a potential death benefit — plus a way to get your money back if you change your mind.

You might start with an investment of \$100,000 that would otherwise sit in a bank money-market account.

Put it into a life insurance policy earning a guaranteed minimum of 3.5 percent — and that gives you at least twice your deposit in death benefits, and six times or more that in long-term care benefits. You can withdraw the cash if you purchase a rider that returns your premium.

For a 60-year-old woman in good health, the \$100,000 deposit would buy a total of \$593,000 of LTC benefits over six years, or about \$8,250 per month. At the same time, the woman will have an immediate death benefit of \$257,947 — an amount that decreases over the years to a minimum of about \$197,000. This

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example does not include inflation protection, which can be added to the policy although only by substantially reducing the LTC and death benefits.

Lincoln Financial offers a similar combo product, called the MoneyGuard Reserve. And other companies offer combination annuity/LTC policies, which are less attractive these days because of the low rates offered on the annuity.

Peter Florek of MAGA LTC (800-533-6242) says these combo policies make sense for people who have savings, want some LTC benefits, and the death benefit, as well as liquidity.

He advises those who do not have money for the cash deposit into such policies to at least purchase a small amount of traditional LTC insurance, despite the potential for rising premiums.

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Expert warns Texas drought may still hang around

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An unusually wet winter that brought badly needed relief to a state suffering through a historic drought is no guarantee that bone-dry conditions won't return to Texas later this year, the National Weather Service warned state officials Monday.

"We're in a positive phase of getting out of the drought," meteorologist Barry Goldsmith said. "But notice I'm mincing my words. We're not out of the woods just yet."

Soaking rains since December have saturated parts of Texas with as much as 12 inches more rain than normal for this time of year, injecting color and growth back into browned and brittle landscapes. There should be

even more rainfall in April and May across state, Goldsmith said.

But after that, Goldsmith said, all bets are off. He said only a tropical storm or hurricane this summer can likely completely extinguish statewide drought conditions, particularly in West Texas, where much of the region remains in the two most severe stages of drought.

Goldsmith delivered the drought forecast to state emergency responders during the first day of the Texas Emergency Management Conference. Wildfires and the drought dominate the agenda after Texas suffered nearly \$8 billion in agriculture losses and blazes charred nearly 4 million acres last year.

Gov. Rick Perry began the conference by reminding officials the state was still in the throes of the drought and more damage is likely on the horizon.

"Look for another outbreak of wildfires this summer as we go through the rest of the year," Perry said.

Last year was the driest on record in Texas. Goldsmith began by showing the drought map for April 2011, when the state started plunging into an extended spell of dryness that culminated with 86 percent of Texas languishing in "exceptional drought" by September.

Blistering temperatures and the lack of rain depleted lakes and reservoirs, which left several small towns in Texas scrambling

to find water. At one point, more than a month passed in Texas with less than an inch of rain in the entire state.

The drought started in fall 2010 with the arrival of the La Nina weather phenomenon that causes below-normal rainfall. Goldsmith said the state is moving out of the La Nina and appears headed to weather-neutral or El Nino phase, in which Texas winters tend to be cooler and wetter.

"If we go anywhere next winter, it will be a weak El Nino," Goldsmith said.

Ex-worker pleads guilty to Texas bank fraud

TEXARKANA (AP) — Prosecutors say a former credit union worker in Northeast Texas faces up to 30 years for loan fraud.

Melissa Kay Morris of Wimsboro pleaded guilty Monday in Texarkana to conspiracy to commit bank fraud. No sentencing was set.

Investigators say Morris was assistant manager of Pioneer Credit Company in Mount Pleasant when she falsified loan applications. Authorities believe Morris stole more than \$200,000 before her indictment last August.

Prosecutors say Morris

would use a customer's name, Social Security number and other personal information to create a loan application. She would approve the loan, issue a credit union check in the customer's name, then forge the signature and keep the money.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, April 4, the 95th day of 2012. There are 271 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 4, 1968, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn.

On this date:

In 1818, Congress decided the flag of the United States would consist of 13 red and white stripes and 20 stars, with a new star to be added for every new state of the Union.

In 1841, President William Henry Harrison succumbed to pneumonia one month after his inaugural, becoming the first U.S. chief executive to die in office.

In 1850, the city of Los Angeles was incorporated.

In 1859, "Dixie" was performed publicly for the first time by Bryant's Minstrels at Mechanics' Hall in New York.

In 1887, Susanna Madora Salter became the first woman elected mayor of an American community, Argonia, Kan.

In 1912, China proclaimed a republic in Tibet, a move fiercely opposed by Tibetans.

In 1933, the Navy airship USS Akron crashed in severe weather off the New Jersey coast with the loss of 73 lives.

In 1949, 12 nations, including the United States, signed the North Atlantic Treaty in Washington, D.C.

In 1960, Elvis Presley recorded "Are You Lonesome Tonight?" in Nashville, Tenn., for RCA Victor.

In 1975, more than 130 people, most of them children, were killed when a U.S. Air Force transport plane evacuating Vietnamese orphans crash-landed shortly after takeoff from Saigon.

In 1981, Henry Cisneros became the first Hispanic elected mayor of a major U.S. city - San Antonio.

In 1991, Sen. John Heinz, R-Pa., and six other people, including two children, were killed when a helicopter collided with Heinz's plane over a schoolyard in Merion, Pa.

Ten years ago:

President George W. Bush urged Israel to pull its troops back from Palestinian cities and dismissed Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat as a failed leader who had "betrayed the hopes of his people"; Bush ordered Secretary of State Colin Powell to the region to seek a cease-fire.

Two teenagers were sentenced to long prison terms in the murders of Dartmouth College professors Half and Susanne Zantop. (Robert Tulloch received life without parole; James Parker was sentenced to 25 years to life as an accomplice.)

Five years ago:

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announced the surprise release of 15 captive British sailors and marines.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi held talks with Syrian President Bashar Assad over White House objections.

Radio host Don Imus outraged some listeners by jocularly describing the Rutgers University women's basketball team as "nappy headed hos." (Despite an apology, Imus was fired by CBS Radio and cable network MSNBC; he was hired elsewhere by year's end.)

One year ago:

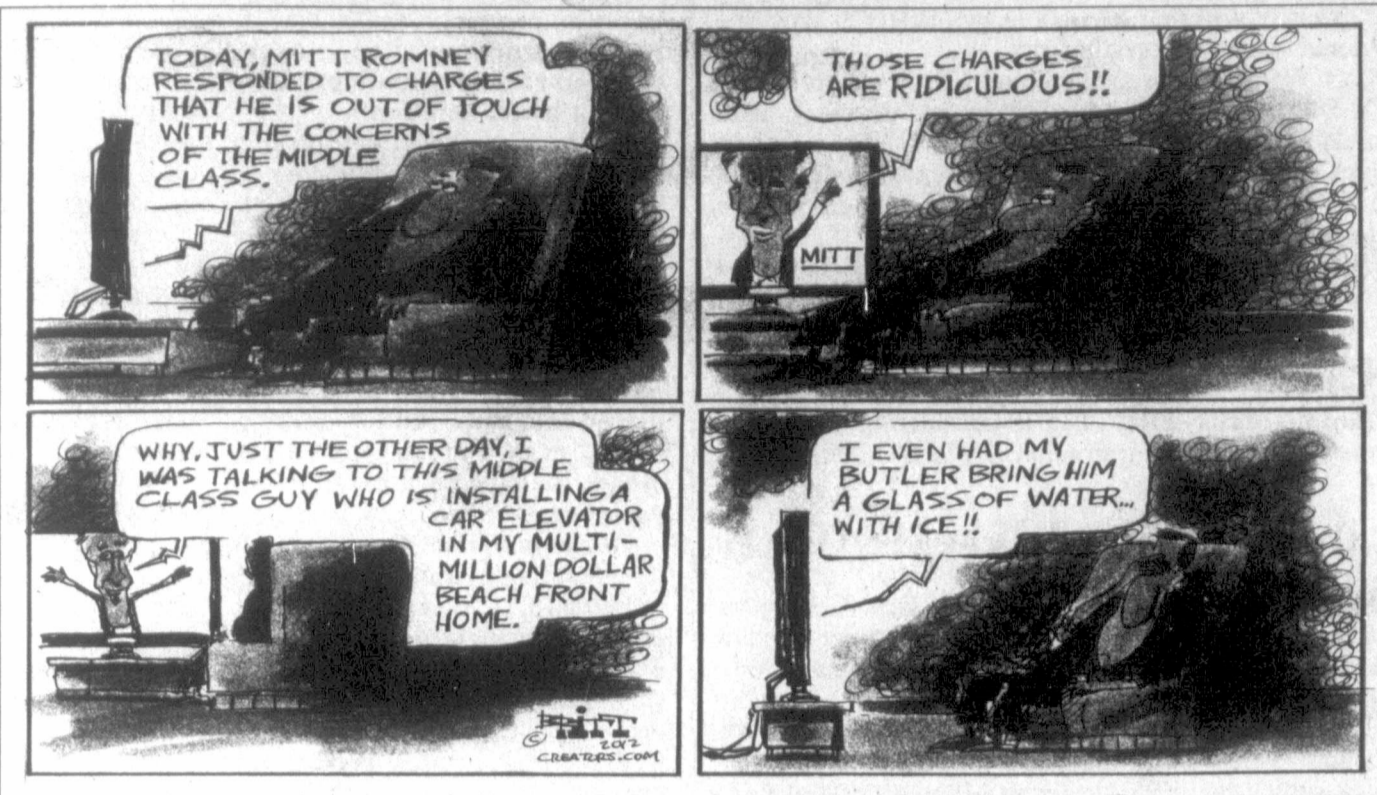
Yielding to political opposition, the Obama administration gave up on trying to arrest Sept. 11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and four alleged co-conspirators in civilian federal courts and said it would prosecute them instead before military commissions.

President Barack Obama's campaign announced in a web video that he would run for re-election in 2012.

The Connecticut Huskies beat the Butler Bulldogs 53-41 for the NCAA men's basketball title. Dennis Rodman, Chris Mullin, Artis Gilmore, Arvydas Sabonis, Olympic gold medalist Teresa Edwards, Harlem Globetrotter Reece "Goose" Tatum and Boston Celtic Tom "Satch" Sanders were elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Elizabeth Wilson is 91. Author-poet Maya Angelou is 84. Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., is 80. Recording executive Clive Davis is 80. Bandleader Hugh Masekela is 73. Author Kitty Kelley is 70. Actor Craig T. Nelson is 68. Actor Walter Charles is 67. Actress Christine Lahti is 62. Country singer Steve Gatlin (The Gatlin Brothers) is 61. Actress Mary-Margaret Humes is 58. Writer-producer David E. Kelley is 56. Actor Phil Morris is 53. Actress Lorraine Toussaint is 52. Actor Hugo Weaving is 52. Rock musician Craig Adams (The Cult) is 50. Actor David Cross is 48. Actor Robert Downey Jr. is 47. Actress Nancy McKeon is 46. Actor Barry Pepper is 42. Country singer Clay Davidson is 41. Rock singer Josh Todd (Buckcherry) is 41. Singer Jill Scott is 40. Rock musician Magnus Sveningsson (The Cardigans) is 40. Magician David Blaine is 39. Singer Kelly Price is 39. Rhythm-and-blues singer Andre Dalyrimple (Soul For Real) is 38. Actor James Roday is 36. Actress Natasha Lyonne is 33. Actress Amanda Righetti is 29. Actress Jamie Lynn Spears is 21.

Thought for Today: "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." - Martin Luther King Junior (1929-1968).



A nation arms itself — for what?

With the shooting death of Trayvon Martin by a neighborhood watch volunteer who was legally carrying a 9-millimeter handgun, the familiar wail has arisen from our cultural and media elite:

America has too many guns! "Open carry" and "concealed carry" laws should be repealed.

Florida's "Stand-your-ground" law, replicated in two dozen states, threatens to turn America into the Tombstone of Doc Holliday and Wyatt Earp. This is insane!

The United Nations agrees. This year, the world body takes up the global control of firearms, including small arms in the hands of citizens.

According to Sen. Rand Paul, the U.N. "Small Arms Treaty" will almost surely mandate tougher licensing requirements to own a gun, require the confiscation and destruction of unauthorized civilian firearms, call for a ban on the trade, sale and private ownership of semi-automatic weapons, and create an international gun registry.

No more Colt .45s in the top drawer or M-1 rifles in the closet.

Memo to the U.N.: Lots of luck.

Forty-five Republican and 12 Democratic senators have declared their opposition to any such U.N. treaty, which means it is dead in the water the moment it is launched from Turtle Bay.

For when it comes to Second Amendment rights, Middle America has spoken — at the ballot box and the gun store. And Congress, most state legislatures and the federal courts have all come down on the side of the Silent Majority.

In District of Columbia v. Heller (2008), the Supreme Court struck down one of the most restrictive gun laws in the nation, assuring district citizens of their right to keep a gun in the home.

U.S. Judge Benson E. Legg just struck down the section of Maryland's gun law that left it to local authorities to decide if a citizen could carry a gun

outside his house.

Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell, mentioned as a running mate for Mitt Romney, just signed a law striking down a 20-year ban that kept residents from buying more than one pistol per month. In Virginia's legislature in 1993, McDonnell had voted in favor of the one-gun-per-month rule.

The new law ignited New York City Mayor Mike Bloomberg, who calls Virginia "the No. 1 out-of-state source of crime guns in New York and one of the top suppliers of crime guns nationally."

Two New York cops have been shot this year, one fatally, with guns from Virginia.

But there is another side to the gun story, and University of Houston Professor Larry Bell relates it:

"Law-abiding citizens in America used guns in self-defense 2.5 million times in 1993 (about 6,825 times per day), and actually shot and killed two and a half times as many criminals as police did (1,527 to 606). These self-defense shootings resulted in less than one-fifth as many incidents as police where an innocent person was mistakenly identified as a criminal (2 percent versus 11 percent)."

The figures tell the story. Along with rising incarceration rates, the proliferation of guns in the hands of the law-abiding has been a factor in the nation's falling crime rate.

And that proliferation has accelerated under President Obama.

According to ammo.net, tax revenues from the sale of firearms and ammunition have gone up 48 percent since 2008, with Iowa, North Carolina and Utah registering revenue gains of over 100 percent.

On Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, there were 129,666 background checks of individuals seeking to buy a gun, the highest one-day search in history. This exceeded by 32,000 the number of background



PAT BUCHANAN

checks by gun dealers or Black Friday 2010.

Background searches in December broke the all-time monthly record set in November, as 1,534,414 inquiries were made to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System about prospective gun-buyers.

Half a million inquiries came in the six days before Christmas.

Why are Americans arming themselves?

More and more citizens, says the National Rifle Association, fear that if or when they confront a threat to their family, lives or property, the police will not be there.

Reports of home invasions and flash mobs have firmed up the market for firearms. After the 1992 Los Angeles riot, when Californians found themselves defenseless in homes and shops, gun sales soared.

Others argue that a fear of new laws in an Obama second term, or even the possible confiscation of handguns, is driving sales.

Gun-control organizations claim that gun ownership is actually declining, that fewer and fewer people are buying more and more of these guns.

But the numbers seem to contradict the gun-controllers.

A 2005 Gallup survey found that three in 10 Americans own a gun, that 40 percent had a gun in the house, that nearly half of all men own a gun, as do one in seven women. Two-thirds of all gun-owners gave as a reason they own a gun: protection against crime.

America is an armed camp, with the South and Midwest the most heavily armed. Yet, still, Americans buy guns in the millions every year.

Why? Whatever the answer, it is our business, not the U.N.'s.

Pat Buchanan is a nationally-syndicated columnist.

'Windy' recalls a 'pelthra of grizoolly bears'

Some of us live nicely without utilities and I've even heard of a teenager somewhere who doesn't have a cell phone. But for Alphonse "Windy" Wilson, it's quite impossible to live without an audience.

There's more than one benefit to being in that audience when Windy gets cranked up, too, because not only do you hear Windy's version of stories, but you can pick up a few words you never dreamed existed. Like the other day ... there was ol' Windy, sitting on the bench in front of the hardware store, right where most of the school kids passed on their way home. As soon as he'd ambushed three or four of them, he began:

"Now I don't want you fellers to think I'm making this up, but before you were around, there was a pelthra of grizoolly bears in these here mountains. You know how mean they can get.

Welzir, one afternoon there I was,



SLIM RANGLES

a-setting on a big ol' rock, takin' it for granite that I was all by my lonesome, when this silvertrip grizoolly comes walkin' along.

Now I was only armed with my twenty-rye-tooiful at the time, and this caused me a modicum of disconstertation, I can tell you. I was on the ragged ledge of being consarned for my own safety. It was a nipple and tuck situation there.

"So I ups and says, 'Bear be gone!'

in this real loud voice, and at first, he was fixin' to get all algitated with me, but finally he sees I'm serious and he gets outa there, lickity-splat! You'da thought he'd been vacillated with a brandin' arn. Sometimes, guys, you just have to be vigorously fierceful on 'em."

When the audience had moved on, I congratulated Windy on his contributions to their vocabularies. He smiled modestly and said, "It's our duty to help 'em get aculturated."

I guess you learn something new every day. I'd always thought "algitated" meant getting upset at pond scum.

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Man fall from cliff, dies

AUSTIN (AP) - A North Texas man is dead after he fell from a cliff while posing for a photograph with a landmark Austin bridge in the background. The Travis County Medical Examiner's Office identifies the dead man as 63-year-old Phillip Lloyd Short of Denison, Texas. The Austin Fire Department says he died Sunday afternoon in the fall of 50 to 75 feet from a cliff overlooking the Pennybacker Bridge on Loop 360 over the Colorado River in the far western hills of Austin. Fire Lt. Jim Baker says Short's family was taking photos of the much-photographed bridge at sunset when Short fell to his death.

Man seeking 'son' jailed

LUBBOCK (AP) - Investigators say a West Texas man who advertised online as "looking for a son" must serve seven years in prison in a child pornography case. Prosecutors in Lubbock on Monday announced the sentence for 46-year-old Tomas Lira Jr. of San Angelo. Lira in December pleaded guilty to transportation of child pornography. A federal agent posed online as a 15-year-old to respond to the message on Craigslist. Investigators say Lira in August texted a child pornography image to the person he thought was a teen. Lira was arrested in October.

Zoo mourns dead gorilla

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - The Albuquerque zoo is mourning the loss of Lina, the gorilla, a 39-year-old Western Lowland gorilla described as gentle and submissive. Zoo officials say keepers found Lina unresponsive in her room at the BioPark's Apehouse on Friday. Tests revealed a massive brain aneurysm, so Lina was euthanized. Lina was born at the Los Angeles Zoo, where officials say actress Betty White helped rear her. White wrote about the experience in her book, "Betty and Friends: My Life at the Zoo." In that book, White says animals like Lina helped shape her life. Lina came to Albuquerque in 1992. She was diagnosed with renal failure five years ago and has been under close veterinary care since.

DFW storms delay flights

DALLAS (AP) - American Airlines has canceled nearly all departures from its hub at DFW Airport for the rest of the evening as powerful storms and tornadoes move through the area. American had canceled more than 230 flights by Tuesday afternoon and others had been diverted to different airports. American spokeswoman Andrea Huguely says the airline also is pulling dozens of planes out of service to inspect them for hail damage. The Federal Aviation Administration says delays are averaging nearly three hours for the few flights still getting through.

Shooting leads to life term

GALVESTON (AP) - A man convicted in a Texas bar shooting that left his father-in-law and another person dead has been sentenced to life in prison. Jurors in Galveston on Friday convicted 62-year-old Robert Hernandez Ramos of capital murder of multiple persons. Prosecutors did not seek the death penalty, so Ramos was sentenced Monday to an automatic life prison term. Statements from Ramos indicated he planned the 2010 fatal shooting of 67-year-old Robert Sias Cantu at a Texas City bar. The Galveston County Daily News reports Ramos claimed to be harassed by his estranged wife. Another patron, ex-Houston police Officer Roger Robinson Sr., was fatally shot trying to apprehend Ramos. A woman at the bar was wounded. Ramos pleaded guilty to aggravated assault and was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Wilder books in spotlight

NEW YORK (AP) - Laura Ingalls Wilder, who already holds a special place in the hearts of millions of parents and children, soon will be added to the country's official literary canon. The Library of America announced Tuesday that it will issue two volumes this fall of Wilder's "Little House" series, including "Little House on the Prairie" and "Little House in the Big Woods." Wilder based the books on her family's experiences as pioneers in the 19th century. She died in 1957 at age 90. Founded in 1979, the Library of America specializes in clothbound editions of classic American literature, including such works as "Moby-Dick."

Candidate Perry had little time for Texas

WILL WEISSERT
Associated Press

AUSTIN - Crisscrossing the U.S. during his unsuccessful presidential bid appears to have left Rick Perry little time for Texas, with the governor logging only about 24 hours of official time handling state matters during his nearly six-month campaign, according to an Associated Press analysis of his office schedule. Perry spent 160 days running for president between Aug. 13 and Jan. 19. His official schedule - obtained under open records requests - showed that he had no state events or activities on 128 of those days. On the other 32 days, he spent roughly 27 hours and 30 minutes officially tending to Texas matters.

Perry's office said his official schedule doesn't reflect all the work he does for the state, and noted that most of his appointments, meetings, phone calls, trips and other activities are kept on his personal schedule - which is not released under Texas open records laws.

Still, the governor spent most of his time barnstorming early-voting states like Iowa and South Carolina, or at fundraisers all over the country, from Pebble Beach, Calif. to Palm Beach, Fla. He mitigated the effects of his absence by waiting to join the presidential race until the state Legislature had completed its session.

Perry also suspended his campaign and flew home on Labor Day, when devastating wildfires were ravaging the town of Bastrop and its surrounding county near Austin. The few state activities

listed on Perry's official schedule include a working lunch with a business delegation from the Middle Eastern country of Azerbaijan; live interviews with television morning shows to discuss the Bastrop fires; taping a video greeting for Billy Graham's 93rd birthday; and recording a new greeting for those placed on hold while calling his state office.

The tally of those official hours logged for Texas does not include a handful of untimed working sessions, including more than a half-dozen phone briefings on the Bastrop fires that Perry took while fundraising and attending a Republican presidential debate in California.

It further omits a handful of meetings whose duration was not recorded. Perry also participated in four conference calls of unknown length to discuss the execution of six death row inmates. Five were put to death, while one, Duane Buck, won a last-minute reprieve from the U.S. Supreme Court.

Sitting governors putting aside their duties at home to hurdle across the country on a presidential run is nothing new. Perry's gubernatorial predecessor, George W. Bush, did it in 1999 and 2000, and Bill Clinton left Arkansas behind to campaign full time in 1992. In fact, Bush's official schedule shows him in Texas just 92 total days

in the 17 months before he was elected president in November 2000 - and many of those were spent at his ranch in Crawford.

However, Perry's total time spent on state business seems especially paltry considering he entered the presidential race relatively late and dropped out after participating in just two electoral contests, the Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primary. But Mark Jones, chairman of the Political Science Department at Rice University, noted that after 11-plus years as governor, Perry's team does "have a pretty well-oiled machine."

"When it's on autopilot, it's usually going pretty well," said Jones, who tracks Texas politics.

Perry spokeswoman Lucy Nashed said the governor maintains two schedules because his personal schedule contains political activities and "Texas law precludes state funds from being used for political purposes."

A largely empty official schedule isn't unique to Perry's presidential run.

In the 30 days before formally entering the presidential race, Perry's official schedule included virtually no state events. And, during the first month after his bowing out as a presidential candidate, the governor had no state events on his schedule for 17 days. He came to the office for just parts of eight of them, and he recorded a total of about 38 hours and 45 minutes of official work time.

"It raises some concerns. The citizens of Texas have a right to know what

their governor is doing and what their tax dollars are being spent on," said Laura Prather, an Austin attorney and former president of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas. "If his official schedule doesn't do that, there's really no other source where they can go."

It wasn't always this way. In 2001, after Perry first became governor when Bush left for the White House, his office released both an office and "outside" schedule to the public. Both were brimming with official events and informal entries including Spanish lessons for the governor, appointments with his barber, visits to his son's high school baseball games and even Perry's attire for each day, which was usually listed as a suit and tie.

Including weekends, vacations and holidays, Perry had just 41 days his first full year in office when no state events were on his schedule.

Nashed, the governor's spokeswoman, said the staffers in charge of Perry's schedule have changed over the years, and so has what they prefer to record on his official schedule.

"Some of those personal appointments don't reflect his activities as governor," she said of past, more complete schedules. "But regardless, our state schedules have always complied with the Public Information Act."

Prather conceded that, "different staffs have different outlooks on things."

"But it's still the same governor," she said, "and he has the ultimate say."

6-time DWI begins 40 year term


MCKINNEY (AP) - A 48-year-old suburban Dallas man convicted six times of driving drunk has surrendered to begin serving a 40-year prison term after fleeing custody during his latest trial.

According to a Monday statement from the Collin County district attorney's office, Richard Davis Callaway of Plano failed to return from a lunch recess after hearing all of the evidence against him March 7. State District Judge Ray Wheless completed the

trial without him, found him guilty and sentenced him to 40 years in prison.

Callaway turned himself in to the Collin County Sheriff's Office on Monday morning.

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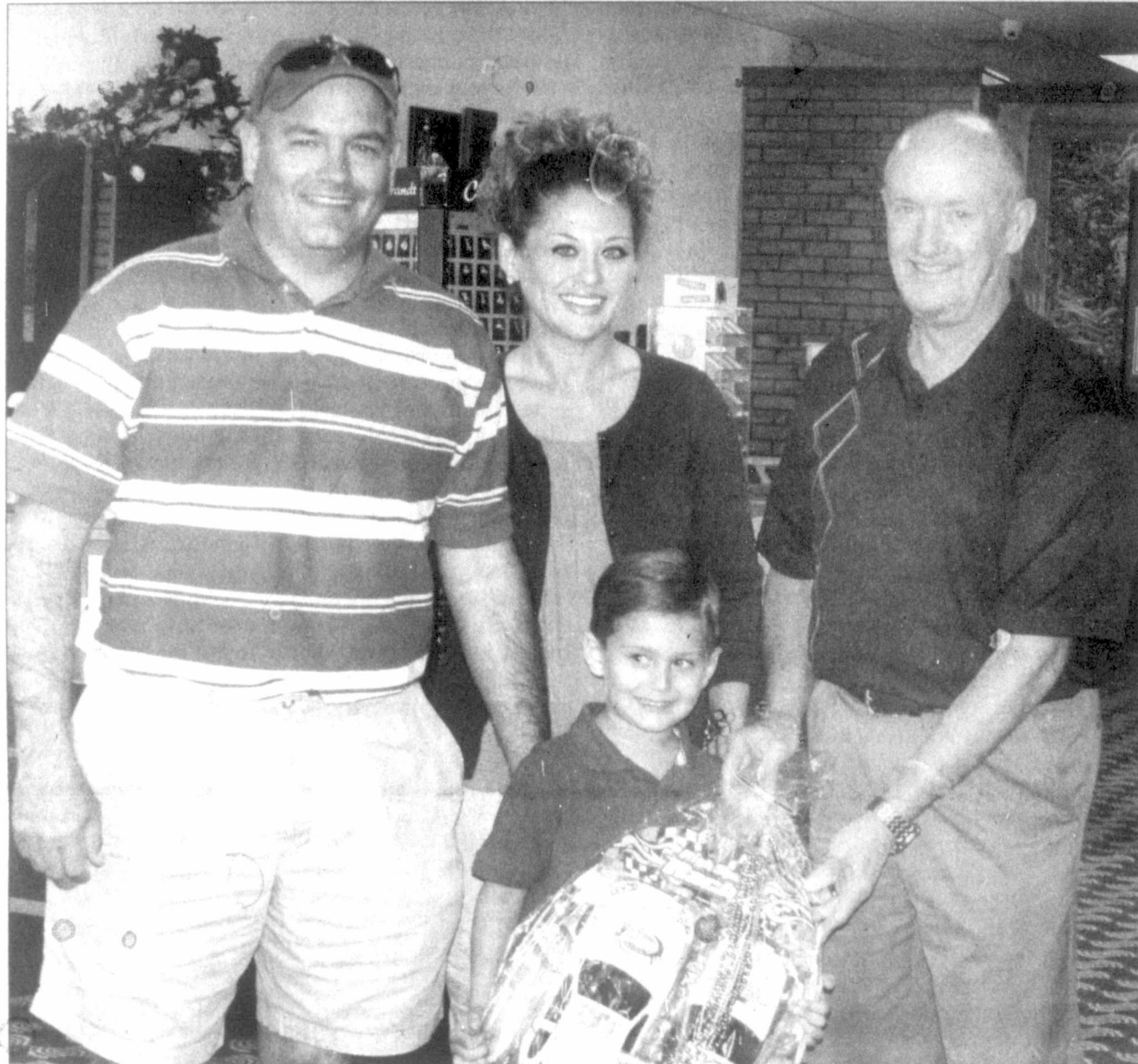
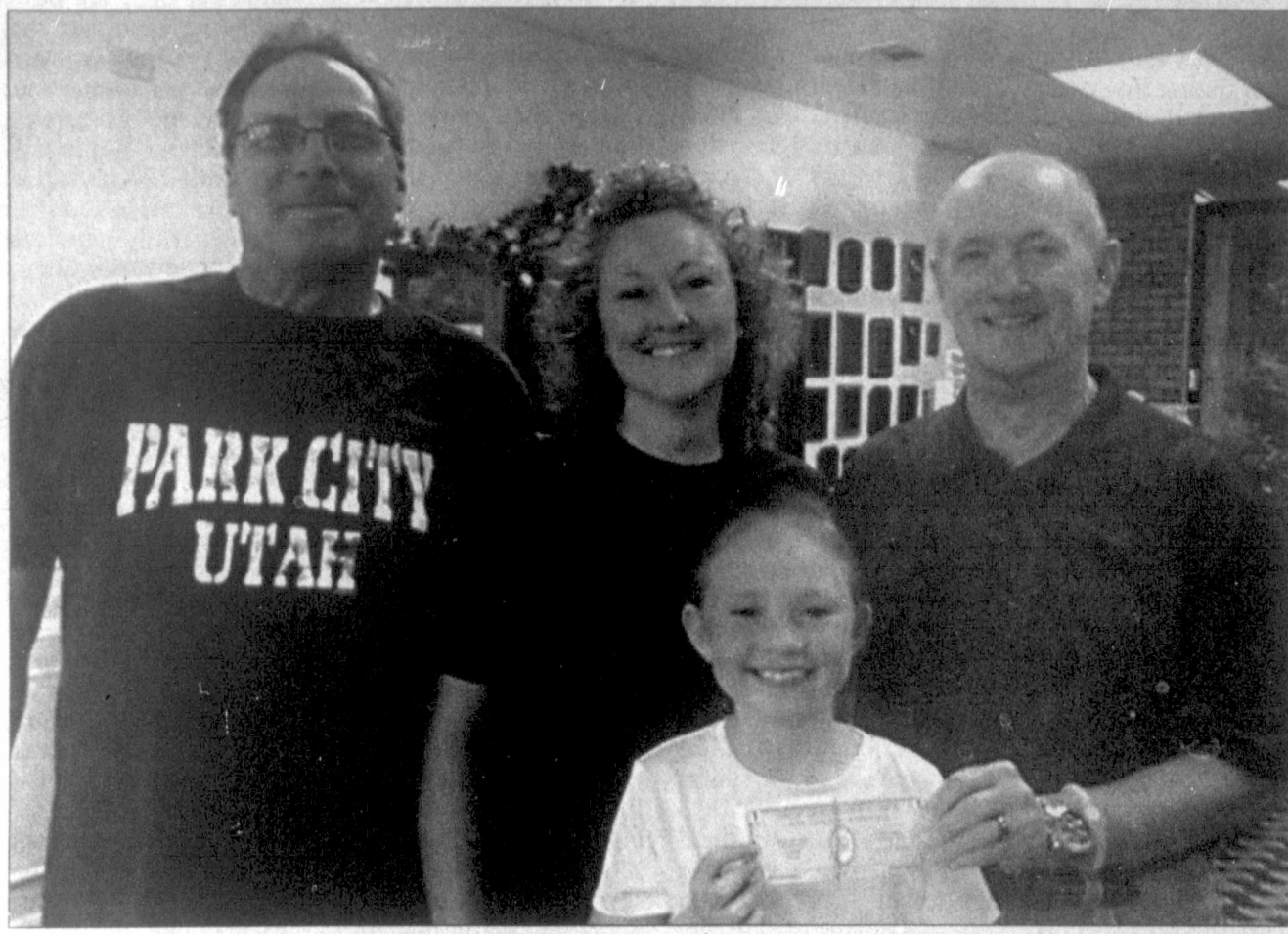
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TOP: Allen and Betsie Lewis (from left) accompany Emilee Lewis, the winner of \$50 Downtown Business Association DBA Bucks on Saturday, as she accepts her prize from Ken Rheams (right) of Rheams Diamond Shop. **BOTTOM:** Rylan Qualls (center), with parents Richard and Tiffany Qualls (left) and Ken Rheams, stands with the Easter Basket he won from Rheams Diamond Shop during Saturday's DBA Easter celebration.

Republicans file ethics complaints against activists

AUSTIN (AP) — Two prominent Republican legislators filed state ethics complaints against one of the most influential conservative activist groups in Texas on Tuesday, alleging the organization and its president did not obey lobbying laws.

Rep. Jim Keffer, chairman of the powerful energy resources committee, and Rep. Vicki Truitt, chairwoman of the pensions committee, filed the complaint against Empower Texans, also known as Texans for Fiscal Responsibility. The lawmakers allege that the group's president, Michael Quinn Sullivan, failed to register as a lobbyist and that the nonprofit failed to file a required campaign finance activity disclosure.

Such complaints by Republican lawmakers against a conservative organization, which routinely supports conservative policies in the Legislature, is highly unusual and demonstrates a schism between veteran politicians and new activists taking more conservative tea-party positions.

Empower Texans has repeatedly challenged long-serving Republicans who the group says are not conservative enough, including House Speaker Joe Straus. Straus appointed both Keffer and Truitt to chair their committees, and both are considered key allies.

Sullivan has registered with the Texas Ethics Commission as a paid lobbyist in the past, but he said he is not currently working as a lobbyist and denied any wrongdoing.

Sullivan has been a vocal opponent of increasing state government spending and he speaks regularly at conservative political rallies. Empower Texans maintains a scorecard based on lawmaker's voting records on conservative issues and has recently supported candidates in primary challenges to several of incumbents, including Truitt.

The lawmakers said Sullivan is acting as a lobbyist and that the Empower Texans scorecard represented a campaign activity that required registration with the Ethics Commission. Keffer said the failure to file disclosure forms hid the group's activities and the fact that a wealthy Texas family is the main backer of the organization.

"Sounds like its political grandstanding by some entrenched incumbents who tend to not like conservatives," Sullivan said, adding that he had not seen the details of the complaints.

Keffer accused the group of trying to obscure the nature of the organization and who is behind it. The complaint alleges that the group is controlled by a wealthy conservative political donor in Texas and his family.

"Taken together, the ethics complaints filed against Empower Texans and Michael Quinn Sullivan reveal violations of important state ethics laws designed to let the public find out who's lobbying and what they're spending, and what special interests are spending money to help or hurt candidates," Keffer said.

"When lobbyists don't register and file reports, and when powerful organizations spend money on campaigns but don't report it, they hide their true identities and conceal their activities from the public."

During last year's legislative session, many lawmakers complained about Empower Texans and the way they score lawmakers voting patterns and the inordinate influence the group can have on voters in the Republican primaries.

PRMC

Monday, sudden changes at the hospital sparked concern, according to Rissing.

"The first time we'd gotten (to Pampa), we were made aware of the situation that weekend, where six or seven physicians tendered their resignation," he said. "That information was not made available to us until we landed in Pampa."

"It's unusual to find that sort of medical staff change that soon, from our perspective," he added.

Rissing additionally mentioned changes in the emergency department and hospital program as items of concern. He said that with so many unknowns, the companies were not prepared to put a deposit down on the hospital.

Nueterra and Progressive resubmitted a letter of intent, which initially received no response from Signature, Rissing said. Eventually, Signature asked for a higher price, and suggested that the company was accepting bids from other buyers, according to Rissing and Ayers.

"They made some demands we couldn't agree with," said Ayers. "They had needs that couldn't be met, some

financial and some timing. That's the way deals go sometimes."

"We were told they had another bidder, and someone had come back with bigger numbers," he added.

Despite the sale falling through, Rissing had nothing but positive things

to say about Pampa and PRMC itself.

"I was totally charmed by the people I met at the hospital, the board and physicians," he said. "The community has a wonderful asset, and I hope soon that a third party comes to the community and helps this wonderful asset. You

get a sense of the spirit of a place, and clearly people are concerned, but have pride in the strength of their (hospital)."

Signature announced that PRMC was up for sale over a year ago, as the company winds down operations. During the bidding process,

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Signature also listened to and ultimately turned down an effort from the local Emergency Services Foundation of Texas (ESFT) group to purchase the hospital.

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Newspapers erect pay walls in hunt for new revenue

RYAN NAKASHIMA
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Newspapers are returning to a business strategy that served them well in the heyday of street-corner newsboys shouting the front-page news. They're enticing people with a little free online content before asking them to pay up.

After years of offering news for free, a growing number of newspapers around the country have launched so-called metered pay walls, which give readers a few free stories online before requiring them to sign up for a digital subscription. About 300 newspapers have adopted such plans, which usually give subscribers some mix of Web, smartphone and tablet computer access.

"A lot of our customers are telling us, 'that's fair,'" says Rob Gursha, vice president of consumer marketing at the Star Tribune, a 300,000-circulation daily in Minneapolis. In November, the newspaper began charging people as much as \$1.99 a week for online access to an unlimited number of story views a month. Nearly 20,000 readers have signed up.

For newspapers like the Star Tribune, it's a second chance at digital success. As the Internet gained in popularity in the 1990s, newspapers decided to give away news on their websites while continuing to charge readers for print editions. By keeping online editions free, publishers hoped to gain enough readers to attract Web advertising. But as readers flocked to free news on websites, many of them canceled their print subscriptions. And online advertising hasn't generated enough revenue to make up for the combined declines in print subscriptions and print advertising.

Fewer than a quarter of the nation's 1,350 daily newspapers charge for online access so far, but industry executives are increasingly optimistic

pay walls can boost digital revenue. Newspapers take different approaches and have different price structures. Some set a limit on the number of stories and some on the number of page views. But there's little doubt executives are hoping pay walls will spur a turnaround in the industry.

As publishers and media executives gather in Washington this week at the Newspaper Association of America's annual meeting, the question of how to increase digital revenue is front and center. Attendees will take part in panel discussions and lectures such as "New Revenue Models and Strategies" and "Reaching Young Readers: Digital Tips From the Digitally Savvy." They'll trade notes on how to develop applications for tablet computers and smartphones. And they'll talk about ways to derive new forms of revenue from tablets and e-readers such as the iPad and Kindle.

"We're really looking at innovation and execution," says NAA president Caroline Little.

On their own, online pay walls won't make up for the print advertising revenue the industry has lost the past decade. Rick Edmonds, a media business analyst with The Poynter Institute, which offers training for journalists, in St. Petersburg, Fla., says calling 2012 a turning point for newspapers and digital revenue is a "little strong." But, he says, pay walls are one of many salves for easing the industry's pain. Already, they have helped shore up circulation of weekend newspapers because many weekend subscriptions come with online access included. That's important because the Sunday edition is the most profitable for most newspapers.

In their quest for digital revenue, many publishers have turned to Press+, a company started by entrepreneur

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Steven Brill and former Wall Street Journal publisher Gordon Crovitz that helps newspapers build and operate pay walls. The company says it has launched pay walls for 292 U.S. newspapers.

Of course, convincing readers to pay for something that was once free isn't easy. Brill recommends publishers give away enough free page views so that only the heaviest users are asked to pay.

"You ease them into the idea that they're going to be asked to pay," Brill says. "It works much better than an abrupt message."

Many readers who realize they're about to hit their limit sign up early to save themselves the hassle, he says. On average, a subscriber gained through Press+ pays \$6.50 a month, of which Press+ keeps 20 percent.

The New York Times Co., which is not a Press+ client, served as a model for the rest of the industry. The Times says 454,000 people have signed up for digital access to the Times and International Herald Tribune in the year since it started charging. It is cutting free access from 20 to 10 pages a month starting this month. The Times charges as much as \$35 a month for full access to its content.

This isn't the Times' first attempt at a pay wall. In 2005, the company launched TimesSelect, which fenced off premium news stories and commentary by Times columnists including Maureen Dowd, Joe Nocera, and Thomas Friedman. Readers paid \$7.95 a month or \$49.95 a year to read TimesSelect content. The company ended TimesSelect in

2007, explaining that it could generate more revenue by making content available for free and supporting it with advertising. Under its recent pay wall plan, the Times' digital and print circulation revenue grew 5 percent to \$242 million in the final quarter of 2011. That helped blunt the impact of an ad revenue drop of 7 percent to \$359 million. Overall revenue was down 3 percent.

That success, although with one of the best brands in journalism, has prompted others to follow suit, including some of Lee Enterprises Inc.'s 52 newspapers, and some of Tribune Co.'s 12 newspapers, which include the Los Angeles Times and the Chicago Tribune.

Gannett Co. Inc., publisher of USA Today, said in February that it would expand its online pay walls from six test markets to

all 80 of its small-market newspapers by the end of the year. The company is limiting free access to five to 15 stories a month depending on the market, and offering free digital access with at least a Sunday print subscription.

At the same time, Gannett is raising single-copy prices — sometimes by doubling them — and raising subscription prices by as much as a third for its printed newspapers. Combined with the digital push, the company expects its changes to add \$100 million in annual profit.

Gannett says that by bundling digital access with paid print subscriptions, enough people will keep subscribing at the higher subscription price to more than offset the loss of revenue from those who cancel because of the price hike.

That assumption is proving true in Gannett's six test markets. The News Journal in Wilmington, Del., for example, is now charging \$15 a month for a digital and print subscription, up from one offer of \$12.75 for print only.

The early reaction to the

change is positive, says Bob Dickey, president of Gannett's U.S. community publishing division.

"This is a turning point for us," Dickey says. "What we are saying is our content has great value and it serves a great purpose. The consumers have told us that."

Newspapers that have tried a pay wall say online visits decrease — at first. The Star Tribune's online page views dropped by up to 15 percent before rebounding to pre-pay wall levels within a few weeks, says Gursha. Lee's Billings Gazette saw traffic fall by a quarter and then bounce back within a few months.

The Dallas Morning News took a slightly different approach when it installed what's known as a "leaky pay wall" in March last year. Editors tag exclusive or premium stories and reserve them for paying subscribers, while giving all other stories away for free. Although the move reduced online traffic by about a third, the newspaper has seen a steady flow of new digital subscribers, says Morning News publisher Jim Moroney. Print circulation revenue, meanwhile, also has gone up.

Storm

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season that runs from March until June. Bishop said Tuesday's storms suggest that "we're on pace to be above normal."

Johnston said her sister was taken to the hospital because of her delicate health. Another resident at the nursing home, Louella Curtis, 92, said workers roused her out of bed and put her in the hall.

"The hallways were all jammed," Johnston said. "Everyone was trying to help each other to make a path for others. I'd say everybody was out of their rooms within 20 minutes."

Most of Dallas was spared the full wrath of the storm. Yet in Lancaster, television helicopters panned over exposed homes without roofs and flattened buildings. Broken sheets of plywood blanketed lawns and covered rooftops.

A pastor at one Lancaster church saw debris swirling in the wind, then herded more than 30 children, some as young as newborns, into a windowless room to ride out the storm. Nearby at the church's school, about 60 more children hid in another windowless room near the women's bathroom.

An entire wall of Cedar Valley Christian Academy wound up being taken out in the storm. Pastor Glenn

Young said he didn't know when the school might re-open.

"I'm a little concerned," Young said. "This is our livelihood."

Residents could be seen walking down the street with firefighters and peering into homes, looking at the damage after the storm passed.

Devlin Norwood said he was at his Lancaster home when he heard the storm sirens. He said he made a quick trip to a nearby store when he saw the funnel-shaped tornado lower, kick up debris and head toward his neighborhood.

"I didn't see any damage until I got back home. We had trees destroyed, fences down, boards down, boards penetrating the roof and the house, shingles damaged," said Norwood, 50, an accountant and graduate student.

The storm pushed cars into fences and toppled trees. Branches and limbs scattered across lawns and residential streets, and in one driveway, a tow-behind RV was left torn apart and crumpled.

"Obviously we're going to have a lot of assessments to make when this is done," Dallas County spokeswoman Maria Arita said.

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VeggieTales

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"It's a big deal for it to be coming to Pampa," said Nikki Routh, children's minister at First Baptist Church. "I know a lot of our parents and a lot of our kids are excited about it. ... It's a good family event. We don't always have those just nice, positive things for families to be able to go and do with their kids, and this is great for quality family time for kids and their families."

"I'm glad that Briarwood is doing it (bringing VeggieTales to Pampa)," concurred Calvary Baptist minister of music Gary Jameson. Calvary's vacation Bible schools, Jameson said, are often VeggieTales-themed.

"VeggieTales is very big and our church is very supportive of it," he continued. "I imagine the kids are pretty excited. ... Pampa doesn't get this kind of stuff. You know, the big cities get it all the time. We don't get that kind of stuff, so I'm guessing the kids are really excited about it, not having to go to Amarillo or farther to catch a live show."

"My kids grew up with VeggieTales stuff," said Jeff Knighton, senior pastor at First Christian Church, which has advertised the show in its newsletter and bulletin. "It was good stuff then, and as far as I can tell, they've done nothing other than to enhance the quality of the offering. I'm excited about a new generation of Pampa kids getting an up-close and personal meeting with VeggieTales at this kind of production."

Other faith-based organizations around Pampa are also seeing the VeggieTales buzz.

"I think (VeggieTales coming to town) is a great opportunity, because every kid in this school knows who the VeggieTales are," said Marsha Richardson, administrator of Community Christian School, which uses VeggieTales videos as supplementaries to its curriculum through first grade. "Our kids are very excited. ... Some of the kids have told me about it that they're going."

"It's awesome (that they're coming)," echoed Kelly Barton, administrative assistant at St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School. "I think it's kind of neat."

Barton, who attends Briarwood, added that she was impressed that the church was able to get the VeggieTales tour to add Pampa to its slate.

"It's really neat that something like this is coming to Pampa," she said. "I'd like to go myself. ... I might be there."

The appeal of the show, Routh said, is enduring and universal.

"It's because of the message that they portray," she said. "I haven't looked that much what exactly the theme is for this year's show, but their videos, the stuff they do, it's great. They portray (Christian themes) in a very understandable way for these children."

"Since the dawn of humankind," Knighton added,

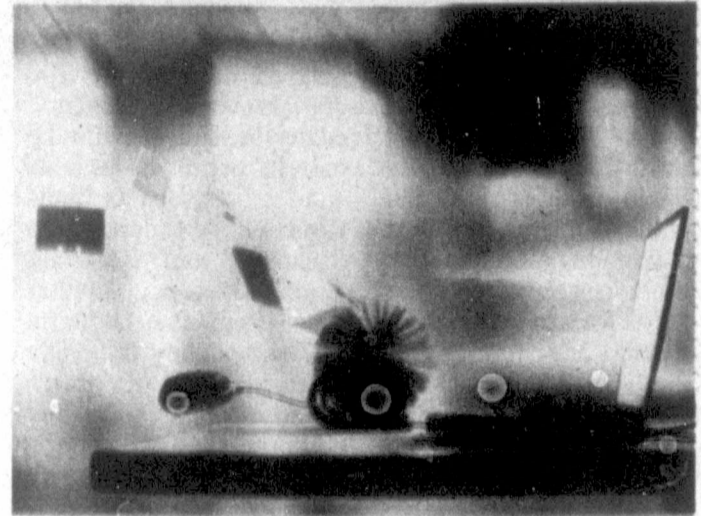
"there's always been a battle between good and evil, and for me and my family, kids and grandkids, (VeggieTales) is a representation of the blessing of good. ... I think cartoon figures have always been captivating for kids, and to see these characters come to more life will just compound or multiply the positive effect."

Tickets for the show are available online at www.iticket.com. General admission is \$20, with VIP tickets, which include seating at the front of the house and a meet-and-greet session with the VeggieTales characters, priced at \$30.

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Records

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The preservation process involves over 10 steps, including de-acidifying each page and encasing it in plastic to protect against humidity and other damaging forces.

"When they do this, they scan it into the computer, burn a CD, send that to me and I don't let anyone get into these (books) any more," said Winborne. "People can view them on the computer (at the county clerk's office), but they're valuable enough that we don't let anyone else come in and get them."

Many records, such as birth and death documents, have been scanned, and can be viewed on one of two computers in the clerk's office.

"Now we scan every document as it comes into the office," said Winborne. "We didn't used to do that. They'd make Photostats and microfilm."

A Houston company, Local Government Solutions, houses copies of county documents,

providing added insurance in the chance that one of the two sites that houses the records should be damaged in an event like a fire.

"Once a week, we (create) a CD of everything that we have scanned in this office and we send it to them," said Winborne. "They make a microfilm copy of it, and both of them are stored off-site, so if something happens, then within a day, maybe two, my office can be up and running again."

People who file documents with the office are charged archive and records management fees, both of which go directly towards maintaining the county's archives.

"That's how I pay for my computer, so that people can come in and pull these (records) up," said Winborne. "We have a scanning station where we scan everything that comes in every day, and so it's just trying to get all the old records (preserved), because we started in 1881. ... Getting all of that scanned and on the

computer is a pretty large task."

While ensuring that documents are accessible by computer is an efficient, modern method of preservation, the office continues to create records books.

"We don't have to anymore... but it's nice to be able to pull that book, because there are people that come in the office that still want to see that piece of paper, so we do that in real estate," said Winborne. "We don't in court records and vital statistics."

Scanning documents and maintaining them physically ensures they will be around for many years to come.

"You know, with people coming in, pulling out a book and turning pages, pages can get ripped (or) they can accidentally walk out of the office (with them)," said Winborne. "Several things can happen to a record. This way, with them just on the computer, then we preserve the integrity of all those

records, and everyone can see everything they want to, but the record is still in good shape."

Currently, county records are housed in the courthouse and the Justice of the Peace office on Hobart, but in the future, the county plans to transform the former terminal building for Perry-Lefors Airport into another place to store records. Yesterday, initial steps were taken toward that end, as the building was moved from the airport to a site behind the County Annex. According to Winborne, after the building is secured, climate controlled and insulated, it will house some of the older county records, although real estate will always remain in the clerk's office.

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Softball hopes for strong second round of district

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After whipping through the first round of district, the Pampa Lady Harvesters hope to keep their level of play up as they start the second round of district 4:30 p.m. today against Borger.

"I know we are going to have to step up our game and keep playing the way we have been playing," head coach Bobbi Gill said. "We have to tighten up on defense and not have any let-downs."



The Lady Harvesters (14-7, 3-0) were supposed to play at Borger on Tuesday, but the game was rained out.

Pampa has won its last three games by at least eight runs and didn't trail after an inning.

Gill said that though her team won decisively, it had to earn it.

"Borger, Perryton and Dalhart all swung the bat pretty decent," Gill said. "Dalhart played good on Saturday. I think they only committed one error. It wasn't a big error defense. Honestly, there wasn't a game we played that was a breeze."

Junior Tiffany Britton said she thinks the next games will be tougher.

"I think (our opponents) are really wanting to win now," Britton said. "It's going to be more of a competition than the first time."

Pampa reduced its errors in Saturday's game, committing only one.

"We worked a lot on defense," Britton said.

The Lady Harvesters host Perryton 12 p.m. Saturday. Pampa jumped out to a 7-0 lead on March 24 but only scored three runs in the last four innings. Britton said the team has to stay focused.

"We just have to play our game," she said.

Pampa will play a non-district game when it visits Amarillo Tascosa at 5:30 p.m. Thursday. The teams met last year, with the Lady Harvesters overcoming a 2-0 deficit in a 3-2 extra-inning game. Gill said she wanted her team to have a look at a different team.

"They got most of their kids back," Gill said. "They got some good pitching. It's going to be nice to see someone different."

Britton said Tascosa will be ready for that game.

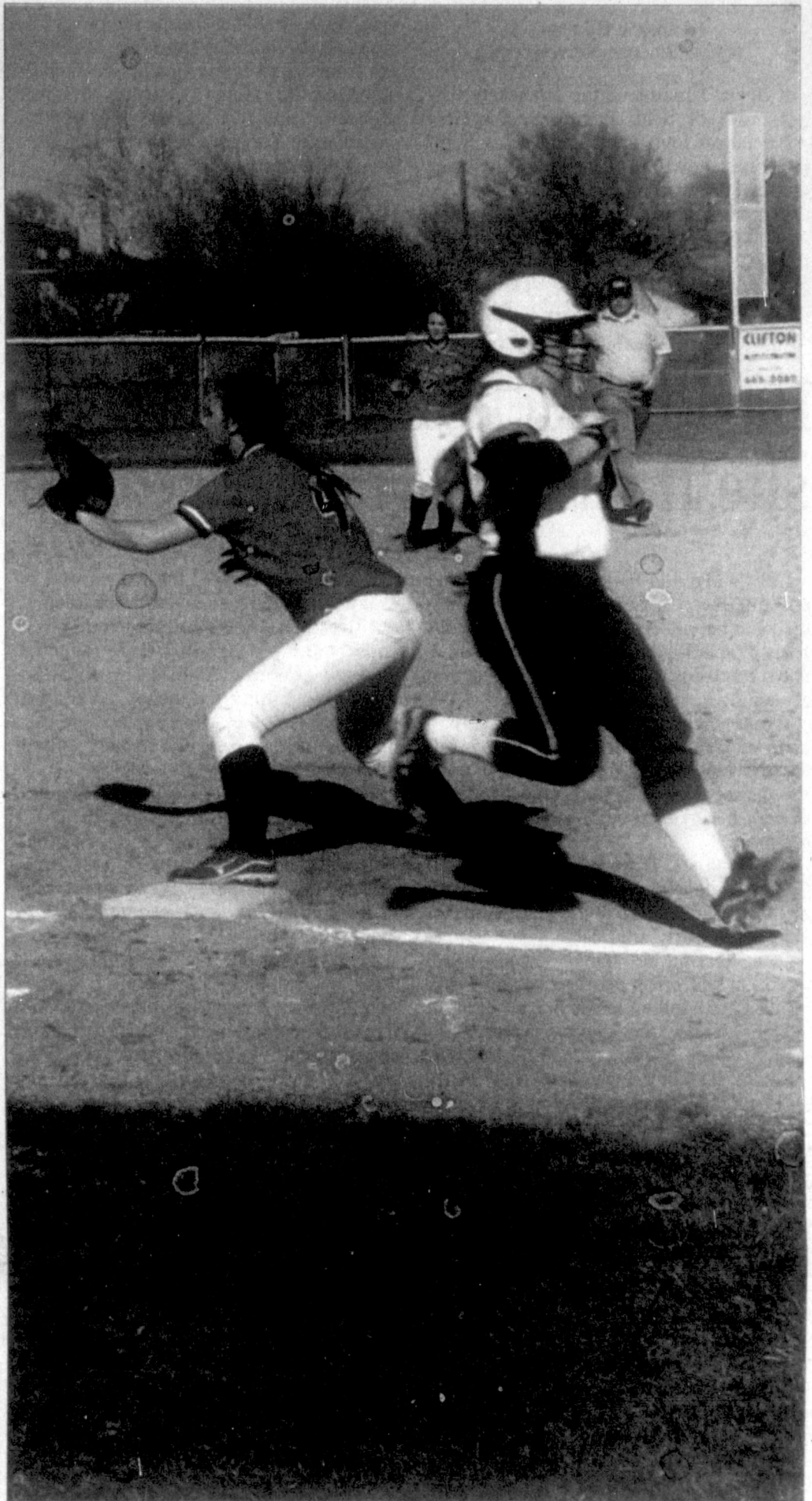
"It's going to be a tough game," Britton said. "We beat them last year. They are going to want to win at their place."

The Lady Harvesters will oppose a former teammate, as sophomore and former Pampa student Krysten Miller now plays for Tascosa.

"We'll just have to see how that goes," Gill said.

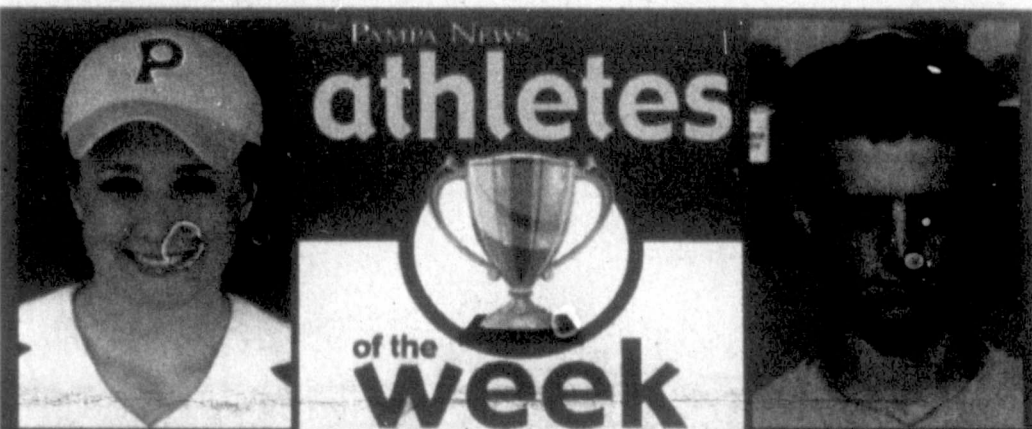


Britton



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Senior Heather Coffee sprints through first in a March 23 game against Borger. The Lady Harvesters visit Borger 4:30 p.m. today.



Alexa O'Brien
Pampa High School

James Thompson
Pampa High School

Pampa High School junior softball player **Alexa O'Brien** is The Pampa News Female Athlete of the Week. O'Brien pitched a complete game striking out 12 to earn the win. O'Brien has won her last three starts. This is O'Brien's first athlete of the week honor.

Pampa High School junior baseball player **James Thompson** is The Pampa News Male Athlete of the Week. Thompson hit two doubles and drove in four runs in the Harvesters 17-1 victory over Dalhart on Saturday. This is Thompson's first athlete of the week honor.

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Sports

Pampa Senior Golf Association goes into 20th year

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It doesn't matter if the temperature is hot, mild or cold; Pampa Senior Golf Association love their golf and will hit the course any time of the year. The association is now in its 20th year.

Bob McGinnis, Charlie Harper and several others approached David Teichmann, the PGA golf professional at Hidden Hills, with getting local senior men involved in a golf association in 1992.

Since then, there has been a senior scramble every Wednesday morning. Members are from all over the Panhandle including Amarillo, Borger, Miami, McLean, Mobeetie and Skellytown. Joe Mabry, president of the association, said the fellowship makes it enjoyable.

"We get to know each other," Mabry said. "We don't get to play with the same team. It's changed from week to week. It's a good time of fellowship together. We enjoy playing golf, the outdoors and the weather."

At the end of the year there's a two-day tournament. The association currently has 79 members. Mabry said that number is down from last year and is looking to get new members.

"We had one of our best years last year with 98 members," Mabry said. "We are doing a little bit of advertising right now to let people know that we are out there."

The membership fee is \$25 plus five dollars to play each week and one-half

cart. Mabry said the low fees are convenient.

"The five-dollar fee goes into a pot," Mabry said. "We play a skins game every week. The winners get actually cash. Usually first through sixth winners get something put on the books out there for David to use to buy stuff in the golf shop."

For information, golfers can call Hidden Hills at 806-669-5856.

Baylor phenom Griner says she'll return for next season

DENVER (AP) — Brittney Griner made it clear, way in advance: No matter what happened Tuesday in the NCAA championship game against Notre Dame, she's returning to Baylor for her senior season.

While most male college basketball stars of Griner's caliber would have left for the NBA after their freshman year, the 6-foot-8 phenom will stay in school to earn her general studies degree in recreation.

"I'm staying, I made a commitment," Griner said. "I'm going to stay here until my time's up, so all the speculations of me leaving early are false."

After hearing her star player say those words at the press conference Saturday, coach Kim Mulkey asked her to repeat it again, "a little louder so everyone could hear."

Really, it's not a huge shock that Griner will be headed back to Baylor.

Staying in school is the norm for marquee women's college players. Diana Taurasi and Maya Moore played all four years. Candace Parker left Tennessee with a year of eligibility remaining, but she already had graduated when she was the top pick in the WNBA draft in 2008.

One big reason: The money offered to female players, whether in the United States or even abroad, just isn't on the same scale as what men can earn.

While women players would certainly appreciate better pay in the pro ranks, they are more likely to graduate. An annual report released in March by the University of Central Florida's Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport found players from the women's teams in the NCAA tournament graduated at an overall rate of 89 percent, compared with 67 percent for the men.

Having players stick around also helps grow the women's game, since fans actually get to see them blossom from freshmen to seniors. Only a few players have ever ventured out early, with former Rutgers star Epiphany Prince being the biggest star to do so, in 2009.

And in fact, it's not as easy for female players to leave early as it is for men, even if they want to. The WNBA has a much stricter code of eligibility for players than the NBA.

To play in the WNBA, a player must turn 22 during the year they are drafted, graduate from college or see their class finish its coursework during the three-month period following the draft. Or the player must be out of high school for four years.

"I think it's a great rule," Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said. "I think get-

ting your education is the reason you go to college. I think that you want to come out with that degree so after your career ends at the old age of 30 or so you're ready to go into the world and do something else. I think the money is so small that there isn't the attraction that the men have to leave college and make that kind of money."

While the top pick in the NBA could earn roughly \$5 million dollars, the No. 1 pick in the WNBA makes about \$48,000. The real financial windfall comes overseas for those players who choose to play in Russia or Turkey. Griner could potentially earn over \$1 million.

"Everybody tells me I can make millions, but money isn't everything," Griner said. "Money doesn't buy happiness. And I made a commitment. When I make a commitment, I keep my word. And these are your best years, in college. I'm just trying to have my full experience. It was never tempting. I never really even had to think or debate about it."

Griner isn't the only marquee star playing Tuesday night who could play in the WNBA this summer. Notre Dame guard Skylar Diggins is also eligible to enter the WNBA draft on April 16. Yet she also emphatically dismissed the idea, making it very clear she plans to stick around and get her degree in business.

"I'm committed to this program," she said. "I'm going to use all of my eligibility. I'm going to stay a kid as long as I can. I'm not ready for bills and things like that. I'm going to stay out of that. I've preached this before and I'm going to stick to it — getting my education is the most important thing. That's a big reason why I chose Notre Dame, the education and what comes with that degree. It's important. A lot of people take notice."

While Diggins can't play above the rim like Griner, she has already mastered the art of marketing herself. The junior guard has become one of the most followed female athletes on Twitter with over 191,000 followers.

She has said after graduating from Notre Dame she hopes to be a television analyst as well as a basketball player.

"We understand that we don't make millions our first year out like the guys are capable of, and at the same time, I think it's a loyalty to the program, the fans, the community, coach McGraw. I'm excited for next year at Notre Dame. I'm working on finishing this year, but I'm excited about coming back and finishing school. I only have 20 credits left. Knocking that out and being able to graduate in January would be perfect."

TURKEY HUNTER



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Maggie Hernandez, the 10-year-old granddaughter of Tommy & Denise Downs, bagged her first turkey of the season on the family farm outside of Wheeler last weekend.

Baseball, softball rescheduled

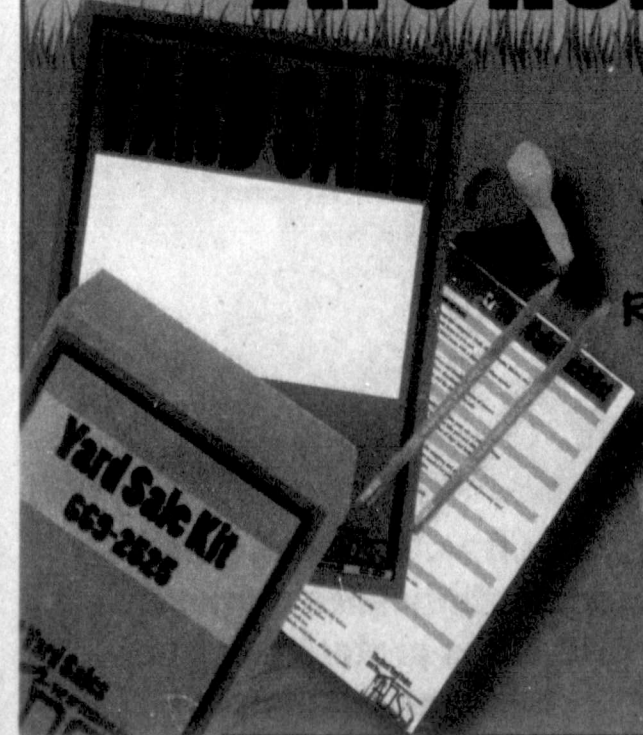
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Worship

Kids talk about the Resurrection

"Wylie cadoodles! Jesus is here, and let's go see him," shouts Meagan, 7. "He has risen from the dead. Invite him to your house and have supper with him. And let him come to your house and stay for the night."

"Me and my friends would have a birthday party for Jesus. Then we would tell everybody there that Jesus was alive," says Laurie Beth, 4. Jesus started his ministry by turning water into wine at a marriage feast (party). Why shouldn't we celebrate his resurrection with a party? The marriage feast of the Lamb in the Lord's kingdom will be the party to end all parties.

If you're going to have a party, why not start with a parade, says Kayla, 4: "I would throw candy out, and every time I did, I would say, 'Jesus is alive!'"

While you're walking down the street, munching on candy and musing on Kayla's proclamation, you might bump into Grayson, 4, at the bank: "I would make a poster that says Jesus is alive. I would put it at the bank."

Well, Jesus did say, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Luke 12:34). That's good strategic thinking, Grayson. Everyone who has money in the bank will go there.

"I would put 'Jesus is Alive' on the computer. I would send it to everyone — 100 people," says Katy, 4.

"I would draw pictures and put them in the mailbox. The pictures would be Jesus alive," says Ally, 4.

We all have different talents the Lord has given us. Some compute, some draw and others write: "I would write notes that say, 'Jesus is alive!' I would take them to Mississippi and give them to people in different houses," says Justin, 5.

If you can spell Mississippi at age 5, you're destined to be a great writer, Justin.

"I would cry because I would be happy.

I would call on the telephone, and say, 'Jesus is nice, I love him, and he is alive,'" says



CARY KINSOLVING

KIDS talk about GOD

Sydni, 4.

A woman with a bad reputation once cried as she washed Jesus' feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. The release of guilt that comes from receiving forgiveness through Jesus' death

and resurrection can cause tears of joy. Friends, every day we can announce Jesus' resurrection by our actions and words — by accepting the forgiveness of God and by passing that forgiveness on to others. By living and speaking this way, we identify with Jesus' death and resurrection.

The Apostle Paul wrote, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). Dying to our selfish wishes and living by the power of Jesus' resurrected life is like trading your old car for a new Porsche. No comparison.

Living in union with a resurrected Savior doesn't mean all our troubles will instantly disappear. However, they won't dominate the Christian who is living in dependence on the one who overcame death.

Trusting Jesus as your Savior places you in an inseparable union with Christ, but don't stop there. Continue the journey of faith by trusting the Lord to live his overcoming life through you.

Whether you use parades, posters or parties, find a way to let people know. "Jesus lives!" says Amber, 11. "He is back! The king has returned! We can live in peace! Christ our Savior lives again! God almighty brought him back!"

Cary Kinsolving is an experienced public speaker, syndicated newspaper columnist, author, and producer.

Local Holy Week services

Today

- Zion Lutheran Luke's Passion reading and Litany
- Cornerstone Baptist Church Candlelight service, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

- Grace Baptist Church observance of Lord's Supper
- Zion Lutheran Holy Thursday service with communion and stripping of the Altar, 7:30 p.m.

Friday

- First Church of the Nazarene Good Friday service, 6:30 p.m.
- First United Methodist Church Good Friday service, 7 p.m.

- Cornerstone Baptist Church Cookout and Service at Hampton Village. Cookout, 6 p.m.; service 7 p.m.
- First Presbyterian Good Friday service, 7 p.m.

- Zion Lutheran Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers service, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

- Zion Lutheran Vigil of Easter, 8 p.m.

Sunday

- First Church of the Nazarene sunrise service, 7 a.m.
- First United Methodist Church

sunrise service, 7 a.m., 10:30 a.m. Easter Service.

- Cornerstone Baptist Church sunrise service, 7 a.m., 10:45 a.m. service

- Zion Lutheran Easter Divine service, 8 a.m.

- Paint This Town Red service, 9 a.m.

- Trinity Fellowship service, 10 a.m.

- Highland Baptist Church service, 10:30 a.m.

- Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ service, 10:30 a.m.

- Calvary Baptist Church service, 10:45 a.m.

- Briarwood Full Gospel Church service, 10:45 a.m.

- Redeemer Pampa service, 10:45 a.m.

- First Presbyterian Easter service, 10:45 a.m.

- First Christian Church service, 10:50 a.m.

- First Baptist Church service, 11 a.m.

- Grace Baptist Church service, 11 a.m.

- Central Baptist Church 11 a.m. service, 6 p.m. Lord Supper Service.

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Bouler's insights: Christ is risen

"He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come see the place where the Lord lay" (Matthew 28:6).

Jesus Christ is alive. We serve a living Savior. If His bones are still in Jerusalem, there is no hope of salvation for us. But His body is not there. He is alive. His resurrection is the Bible's greatest miracle and the most important fact in history.

Jesus Christ rose from the dead bodily. When the disciples came to Jesus' tomb, His body was not there. It had not been stolen, but



DAVID BOULER

God the Father had raised Him from the grave. It was not merely Jesus' spirit or influence that came out of the tomb, it was His actual body.

Jesus rose eternally from the dead. God used Elijah and Elisha to raise people from the dead. Lazarus and the widow's son at Nain were raised from the dead, but all of those people died again.

The great fact of His death is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He died for our sins and was raised for our justification (Romans 4:25). Because He lives, we also will live as we trust Him by faith as our Savior. Rejoice and be glad as a child of God. Death cannot harm you. Jesus Christ is risen indeed!

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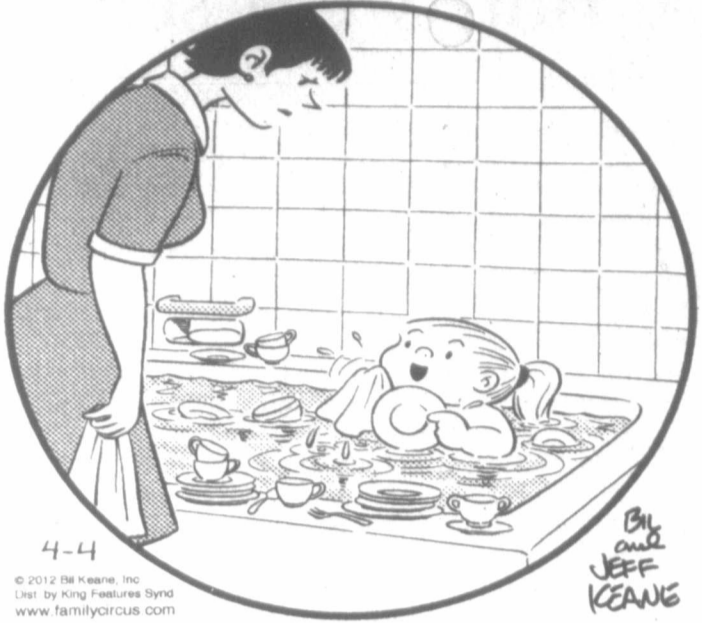
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, April 5, 2012:
 Much of what you hear or experience might not make sense to you. Develop a way of handling the unexpected, as it will become a regular occurrence in your life. You express unique creativity, newfound charisma and innate wisdom. You will make the right choices once you distance yourself from the immediate confusion. If you are single, be smart; do not consider a relationship long-term until it is. If you are attached, the two of you will have a current of excitement running through your bond. Do not judge your sweetie so much. Often, you could be wrong. LIBRA can be challenging to you.
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★★★★ Others might lure you into agreeing with their thinking, though you probably will back out. Know that you have two different approaches to the same issue. With conversation and time, the solution will appear. Avoid the unpredictable. Tonight: Out and about.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★ Get into your errands, work or whatever else you planned. The more involved you become, the better the quality of your day will be. Whether watching a situation or participating in a conversation, an insight will stun you. Note your observation. Tonight: Take a walk or go to the gym, but get some exercise.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ Be more aware of a key loved one and your admirers. Everyone seems to be pushing to have some of your time. A friend could be explosive if he or she does not get his or her way. Be careful, but still claim your power. Tonight: Get into weekend mode.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★ Tension builds. The real issue has to do with what you feel others expect. You cannot let this happen; follow through on what YOU need to do. Let go of any judgment. You'll get more done and enjoy yourself more. Tonight: Feeling confused? Stay in the moment for now.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ Speak your mind, but be aware of others' reactions. Exchanging ideas does not mean you need to agree. An unexpected insight opens the door to a different idea. You might wonder what

a partner or associate wants from you. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★ Curb a tendency to be possessive. In fact, you could push others away with this trait. The unexpected occurs out of the blue. What you know is that everything could change suddenly. Tonight: Shop for a special item you have been wanting.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ You can handle whatever comes down the pike. Your ability to understand someone and move through issues with this person might be necessary. You radiate confidence no matter what occurs. Tonight: As you like.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★ Know when to become nearly invisible. You could find that you have the inclination to do just this right now. It might be wise, if you want to know more about others. You might gain an insight about someone that you wish you hadn't. Tonight: Get some R and R.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ Meetings, friendships and a long-term desire all mix together. You could feel as if you're on the verge of achieving a goal when the unexpected strikes. Don't get stuck fighting the current. Flex and greet success. Tonight: Fun and games.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ The only way to get a job done right is to do it yourself. Make sure you want to spend your time in this manner. Confusion surrounds communication. You might need to reiterate a conversation or question. Tonight: Could be late.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ Listen, but do not plunge into a conversation. You might want to do some research on your own first. How you visualize a situation could change a lot because of a sudden insight. Take an expert's advice over a friend's. Tonight: Follow the music.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ You finally are able to relate to a key individual on a one-on-one level. He or she seems ready to open up, but only for a small window. Seize the moment. You could be overwhelmed by this person's feelings. Tonight: Go for the togetherness scenario.

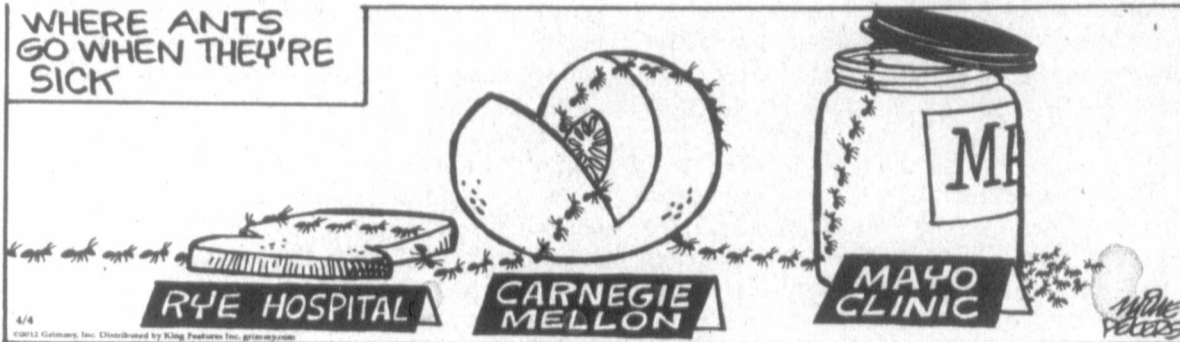
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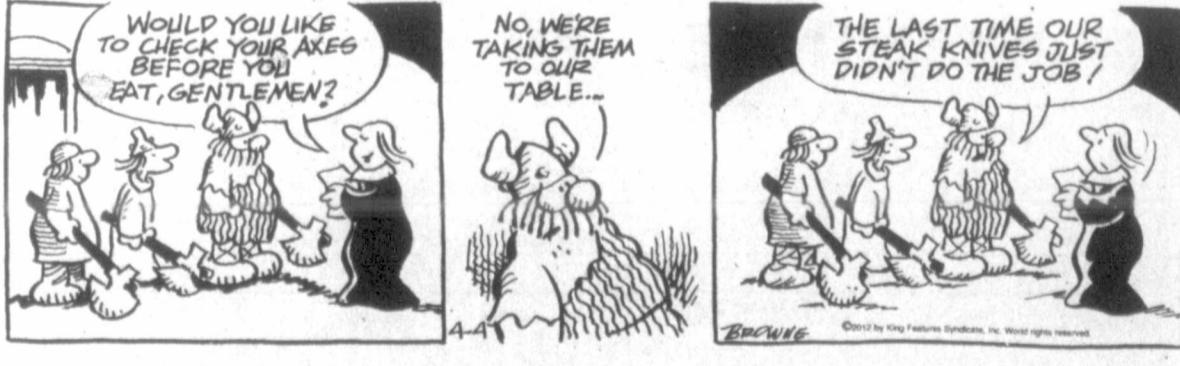
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago, when I was in 10th grade, I had a best friend, "Ben." We talked all the time, shared secrets and always hung out together. I never regarded him as someone I'd like to date, so I never took his attention very seriously.

That summer, he texted me and asked me to send him a picture of my breasts. When I said no, he became pushy. I told him I didn't know what he was going to do with the picture, and I didn't want to get in trouble. He was upset that I didn't "trust" him. I tried to explain that I couldn't assume he wouldn't do anything to hurt me. We didn't talk the rest of the summer.

The following year we had a chemistry class together, and Ben acted like he didn't know me. He deleted my phone number and dropped me as a friend on Facebook. Now, in our final year of high school, he's in another class with me. He still won't acknowledge me and is always flirting with my best friend.

I have cried so much over Ben. I miss him a lot. I don't understand why he's treating me this way. What did I do that was so awful? Is something wrong with me? -- **BEWILDERED IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR BEWILDERED: You did nothing wrong. You

considered Ben to be a friend, and I assume that you aren't in the habit of showing your male friends your breasts. It seems only logical that you wouldn't send a picture that could wind up heaven knows where.

Ben is acting this way because he is trying to punish you for not giving him what he wanted. He's flirting with your friend to hurt you and/or make you jealous. These are not the actions of a friend, and the sooner you accept it, the better off you will be. Ben strikes me as immature and a user, so be glad you didn't do what he wanted. It was good common sense.

DEAR ABBY: Regarding money and adult children, should a parent help all children equally if they are financially able to? Or should a parent offer help only to the children in need (medical expenses, kid in college, new washing machine, etc.)? If one child has a high-paying job, does he/she deserve any less from a parent in the end? -- **WONDERING**

DEAR WONDERING: Before deciding how to divide your assets, first discuss this with an attorney who specializes in wills, trusts and estate planning. From my perspective, if you leave

an equal amount to each of your heirs, it will prevent hurt feelings and resentment among them after you are gone. Monies given before your death to one of your children should be tallied and deducted from the amount he or she is allotted in your will -- with an explanation of the reason why it is less.

DEAR ABBY: I am torn between two important people in my life. My best friend and my husband graduate this year on the same day, one at 9 a.m., the other at 10 a.m., at two different colleges an hour and a half apart.

My friend says that because I was able to attend my husband's associate and bachelor degree graduations, I should attend her ceremony because I have never seen her graduate. However, I feel my husband's having earned his master's degree is a huge accomplishment, and that I should attend his graduation. What do you think, Abby? -- **UNDECIDED IN ARKANSAS**

DEAR UNDECIDED: I think you should follow your instincts, because they are exactly right. During your lifetime you will have many friends, but let's hope only one husband.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 42 Take the helm

1 Romulus' twin

6 Snare

10 Laughable

11 Eat away

12 Danger

13 Distance runner

14 Throw off

15 Artemis' twin

16 Plop down

17 Big head

18 Filming site

19 Level

22 Wallop

23 Snaky swimmers

26 Reduce

29 Hurried flight

32 "— folly to be wise"

33 Last letter

34 Newspaper worker

36 Yard units

37 Book's page number

38 Calendar page

39 Batting game for kids

40 Harmon of TV

41 Mailed

DOWN

1 Best for picking

2 Foes

3 Kind of bliss

4 Army group

5 Salt, to Simone

6 Jazz combo

7 Bakery buys

8 "Rolling in the Deep" singer

9 Candidate of the '90s

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Yesterday's answer

- 11 Authorizes
- 15 Previously
- 17 Chisel or axe
- 20 Weaver's creation
- 21 Homer's neighbor
- 24 Cough drop
- 25 Honey
- 27 Vacuum lack
- 28 Lower
- 29 Some turns
- 30 Earthen brick
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- 1. CARAFE Pairs
- 2. ADAGIO
- 3. OBTAIN
- 4. ARCANE
- 5. BRUTAL
- 6. BANDIT
- 7. PAGODA
- 8. TABULI

Yesterday's Answer: HOWL, HOLE, LONE, OMEN, MEAN; HAIL, PAIL, LIMP, LUMP, JUMP

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Sudoku grid with numbers:

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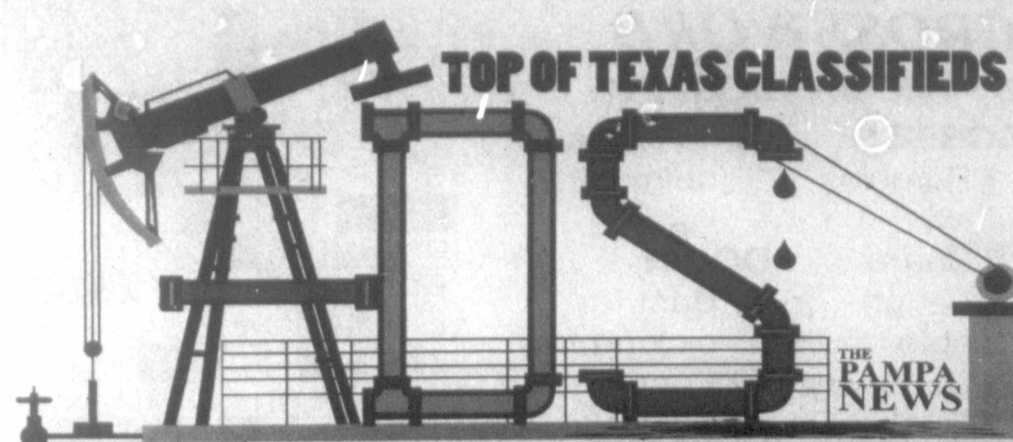
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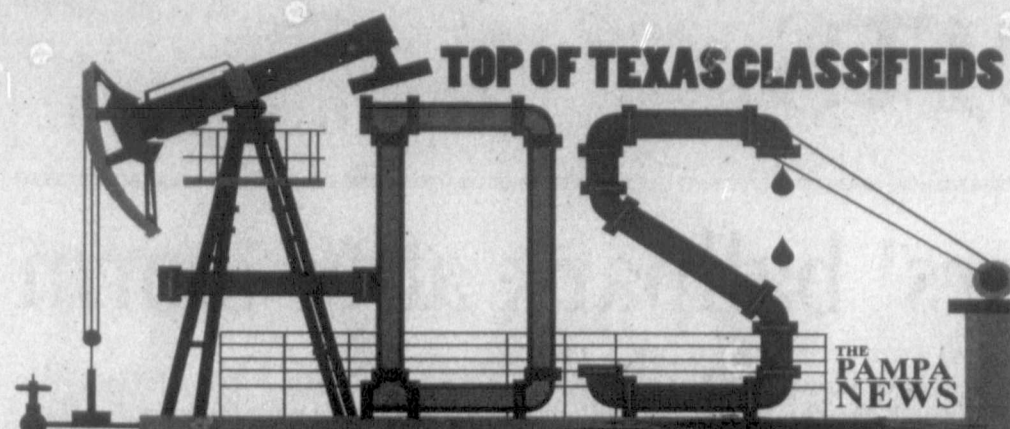
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No damage at Texas Rangers' ballpark after storm

ARLINGTON (AP) — Ian Kinsler was on the way to Rangers Ballpark with teammate Michael Young when they saw the warnings on highway signs to take shelter immediately.

With heavy storms moving through the region and producing multiple tornadoes Tuesday afternoon, the Texas Rangers stars heeded the warning.

"We were on the way here and we turned back around and went back home," Kinsler said when he finally arrived at the ballpark.

Workers at Rangers Ballpark took shelter in hallways during a pair of tornado warnings when the strong storm front passed through the area hours before the two-time defending American

League champions played the Mexico City Red Devils.

Team spokesman John Blake said there was no structural damage at the stadium.

Rangers catcher Mike Napoli posted a video taken from the dugout by catcher Zach Zaneski, a non-roster invitee still with the team for the exhibition game.

"While they were out there, I was inside being safe," Napoli said. "I'm not going outside in a tornado."

Zaneski said he and several other players who had arrived at the stadium early went to the dugout when they heard what was happening. He immediately pulled out his phone and started shooting some video.

The video showed dark clouds rolling through the sky above the stadium. Gusty and swirling winds lifted up the tarp that was covering the field.

"We were just videotaping the sky and all of a sudden it was almost like a train wreck, and the wind got so crazy inside the stadium and it started to pick the tarp up," Zaneski said. "We didn't see any funnel cloud, but you could see where it was picking the water from the tarp up and forming something."

Such weather was a new experience for Zaneski, who is from Connecticut.

"The tarp was in the ground with stakes, and it just got pulled completely out," he said. "Some of those stakes could have gone flying and we wouldn't

have even known. It was a lot more dangerous than we really thought."

Young said he and Kinsler left North Dallas early for the ballpark, and it was raining pretty hard before they saw the warning signs on the highway. Kinsler said there wasn't any damage to their homes.

After waiting at Young's house for about a half-hour while the storm passed, they picked up teammate Adrian Beltre and got to the stadium in plenty of time to prepare for the game. Young even napped while Kinsler drove.

"He just drove slow," Young said. "I fell asleep on the way here. I trusted Kinsler."

Longhorns tab UNT's Aston as next women's hoops coach

AUSTIN (AP) — Former Texas women's basketball assistant Karen Aston is taking over the Longhorns with a mission to turn the program back into a national championship contender.

Aston, the coach at North Texas last season, was introduced at a campus news conference in Austin on Tuesday after a whirlwind courtship in which she was the only candidate interviewed on campus.

And she left no doubt about her expectations: "I expect to go to the Final Four," she said. "I'm thrilled to be back. My job is to make Texas proud of the women's basketball program."

Aston, 47, succeeds Gail Goestenkers, who resigned March 20 after the Longhorns failed to advance past the first round of the NCAA tournament for the fourth straight year.

Aston, who was a Texas assistant from 1998-2006, is just the fourth head coach in program history and got a five-year contract.

Salary details were not immediately released but will be made public and subject to state open records laws. Texas pays its coaches with athletic department revenue, not state money.

Goestenkers was one of the highest-paid coaches in the country and resigned with two years left on a seven-year contract that paid her \$1.25 million per year.

In hiring Aston, Texas gets a coach who brings instant credibility in the fertile recruiting grounds of Houston and Dallas where she mined talent for Texas during her previous stint with the Longhorns. She was Texas' recruiting coordinator when Texas made the 2003 Final Four.

She also had two stints as an assistant at Baylor from 1994-1996 and 2006-2007. She left Baylor to be the head coach at Charlotte and spent one season at North Texas. Her career record as a head coach is 101-63.

Her assistant coaching career allowed her to apprentice with three Hall of Fame coaches: Texas' Jody Conradt and Baylor's Kim Mulkey and Sonja Hogg.

Each taught her valuable lessons. Conradt showed her how to run a program and Mulkey how to push players to be their absolute best, Aston said.

"Every time I've made a step, it's been under someone who is in the Hall of Fame. I'd have to be dumb to not have learned something," Aston said.

Texas is desperate to make a return among the nation's elite. Texas proudly wears the label as one of the pioneering programs in women's sports. At the 1985-86 squad was the first women's undefeated national champion. At but hasn't been a championship contender for nearly a decade.

Conradt retired in 2007 after two straight seasons of missing in the NCAA tournament. Goestenkers, who had led Duke to four Final Fours and 10 straight years of reaching the NCAA tournament round of 16, left the Blue Devils program she built to try to revive the dormant Longhorns.

But Goestenkers struggled in a Big 12 that had become arguably the toughest women's conference in the country and some seasons had a hard time just making the NCAA tournament.

Five years ago, Conradt called Goestenkers a perfect fit for the Longhorns. She issued a statement Tuesday supporting Aston as "the right person for Texas."

"She has a proven record, is a great recruiter and a hard worker. She was a very key member of my staff and I have a tremendous amount of respect for her," Conradt said.

Texas women's athletic director Chris Plonsky zeroed in on Aston soon after Goestenkers quit. She called Aston to gauge her interest on March 26 and brought her in for two days of meetings with school officials the next day. By Thursday, it was clear Aston was going to get the job.

Aston brings a deep knowledge of the Texas program

and the drive to win on the recruiting trials, Plonsky said.

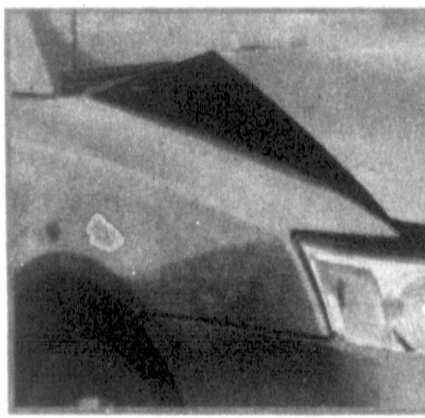
"Sometimes it takes a change to bring you back to your roots," Plonsky said. "Texas was best suited to attract Karen now, if we didn't we'd be playing her soon."

Aston met with the Texas players before her formal introduction and told them they should plan to be in top shape and expect to be pushed hard, Longhorns guard Chelsea Bass said.

"A definite change we're excited about," Bass said. "She expects us to handle our business. She's not going to baby us ... It is intimidating, but I like that factor of it. I think it will be good for our team and our program."

Aston said her players will find playing for her will be fun if they work hard.

"I can be a teddy bear, but they have to earn the right to get there," Aston said.



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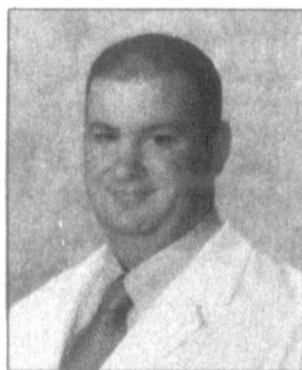
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