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Chamber tabs Steele as new executive director

■ *Former educator selected by Chamber board at Thursday morning meeting*

ARNIE AURELLANO
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The Pampa Chamber of Commerce has chosen Jane Steele to be its new executive director.

"We contacted her about the job and she accepted it this morning," said Christy Robinson, chairwoman of the Chamber's board of directors, on Thursday after the board met to make its final decision.

David Hall, chair-elect of the board,



Steele

impact. She's a Pampa person with a

said that Steel had several qualifications that the board was looking for in its next executive director.

"Just to list some, she was very outgoing," Hall said. "She was very, very organized. She's eager to make a positive

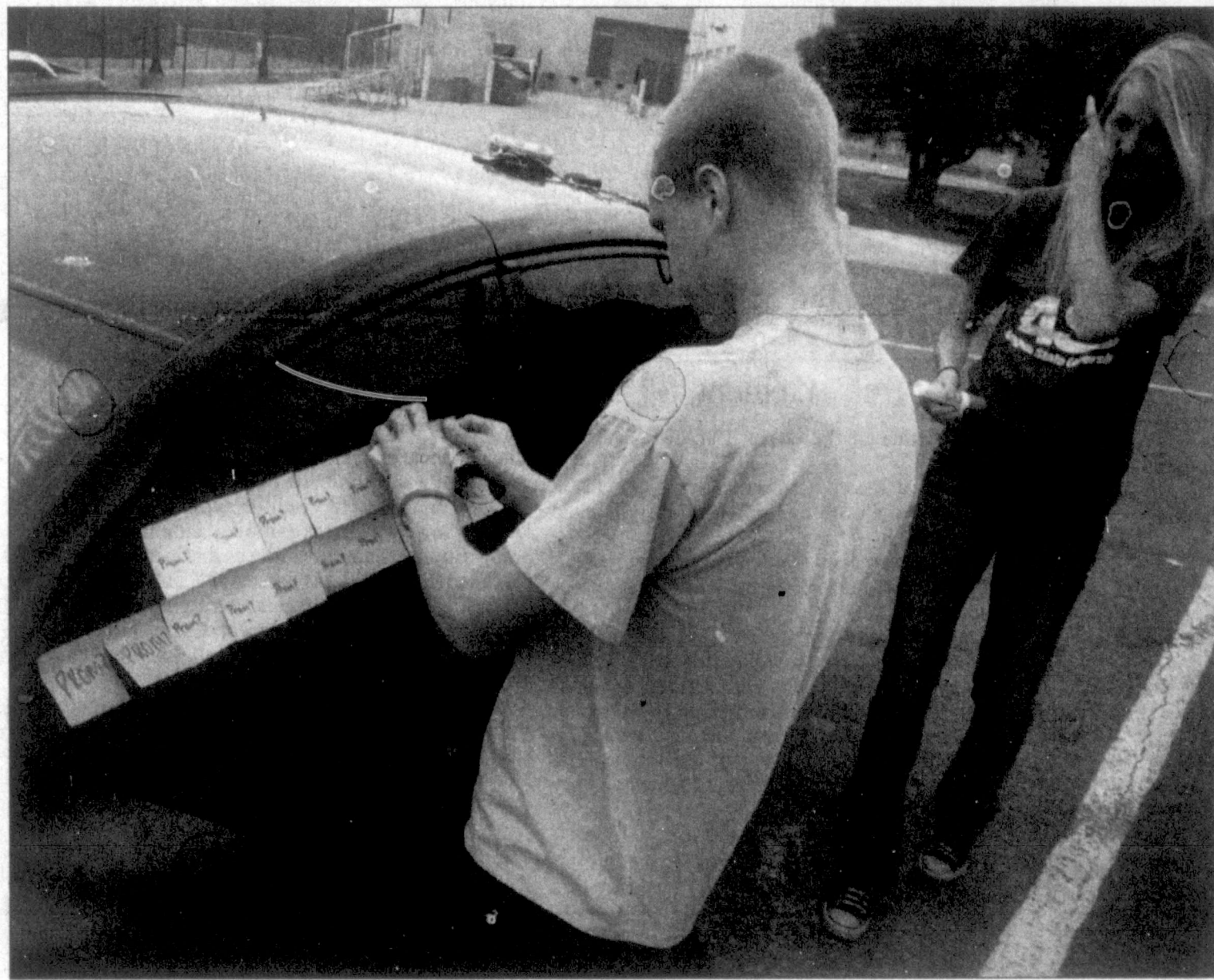
good Pampa network of people she's eager to work with."

Steele, for her part, is raring and ready to go.

"I'm ready to get started," Steele said. "I'm meeting with the executive board's chairman today. We're going to start laying things out, and I'm going to go to the luncheon on Tuesday. I'm really very excited. I've got some ideas and I've got some things that I think will improve the

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THE BIG QUESTION



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Senior Latigo Collins (left), with the help of senior Kailyn Troxell, posts sticky notes on sophomore Hayley Burnett's car to ask her to prom. Burnett accepted.

Construction of heliport nears end

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Construction of the heliport west of Pampa Regional Medical Center is on its tail end, according to Dr. James Hall of Genesis Clinic and the Emergency Services Foundation of Texas.



Hall

Construction on the heliport began last September after receiving funding from the Aviation Division of the Texas Department of Transportation. In addition to a hangar for the LifeStar helicopter, the building will house the EMS, with living quarters, a kitchen and three ambulance bays.

Hall added that Genesis Clinic has had some recent changes as well, adding a new nurse practitioner and the Eclinical medical records system.

"Our paper charts are being transported to the database, so it's temporarily slow," he said. "It's a bit slower and a bumpy road, but it will be better in the long run."

"Most of it's done, but some minor things like AC and electrical work," said Hall. "We also need driveway access, but that's quick. It takes a few days."

FAPE for Kids to host autism awareness walk on April 28

■ *2012 will be first year for event in Pampa area*

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FAPE (Free Appropriate Public Education) for Kids will host an autism awareness walk and celebration from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 28 at Central Park.

"It's our first year to do this, and we're trying to make an effort to get people out, and trying to go beyond the walk," said Jami Rodriguez, a special education legal advocate with FAPE. "I want to spread autism awareness, and not just raise money,

but get resources and education into the hands of anybody who wants it. We're trying to reach out to Pampa and the region."

Registration for the walk, which is \$10 per person, will begin at 9 a.m., and the walk itself will begin at 10 a.m.

Apart from the walk, there will be booths for organizations and businesses, bounce houses and food. Money raised during the event will go towards autism research at Children's Hospital Boston, a pediatric teaching hospital of Harvard Medical School.

Rodriguez, who has a 14-year-old son with autism, wanted the event to emphasize resources available to families and friends of kids with special needs.

"There are so many things out there that could have made a big difference in our family," she said. Uniting Parents, for interest, provides scholar-

ships for camps, and grants are also available for parents to attend conferences. Rodriguez says she is constantly looking for resources to share with people in her service area and a family support group she facilitates. The HALI Project (named after autistic West Texas A&M senior Hali Thompson) is one such program.

"They provide counseling services to parents of special needs children and couples counseling," said Rodriguez. "So many families aren't aware that's even there. They also provide sibling counseling, because so many family dynamics are tied into that."

Rodriguez is looking forward to the event as a way to educate and have fun.

"We're trying to get the community involved," she said. "It will be a day of food, family, fun and friends."

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday
High 80 Low 54	High 74 Low 42	High 62 Low 38

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 80. West wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 54. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 74. Very windy, with a south southwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 30 and 35 mph. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 42. Very windy, with a southwest wind 30 to 35 mph decreasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 62. Windy, with a west southwest wind between 25 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 45 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 38. Breezy, with a northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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Storm dumps waist-high hail in Panhandle

DALLAS (AP) — Maintenance crews worked Thursday to clear roads after a storm dumped several inches of hail on parts of the Texas Panhandle, trapping motorists in muddy drifts that were waist-to-shoulder high.

The storm left so much hail in its wake that workers had to use snow plows to clear the piles from the road.

"It was crazy," National Weather Service Meteorologist Justyn Jackson said about the strange storm, which hit Wednesday afternoon. The hail was "real small" but there was a lot of it in a concentrated area, accumulating 2- to 4-foot deep, he said.

The rural area where the storm struck was mainly ranch land, about 25 miles north of Amarillo and south of Dumas. Rainwater gushed across the parched land, washing dirt and then mud into the hail, pushing it all onto U.S. 287, Potter County Sheriff Brian Thomas said.

"There were just piles of hail," said Maribel Martinez with the Amarillo/Potter/Randall Office of Emergency Management. "Some of the cars were just buried in hail and people were trapped in their cars."

The southbound lane of the highway, which was shut

down around 5 p.m. Wednesday, finally reopened early Thursday morning, shortly after midnight though water remained on the road until around 5 a.m., said Paul Braun, a Texas Department of Transportation spokesman in Amarillo.

Emergency crews also got several swift-water rescue calls as the road was flooded in low-lying areas, she said. Rural fences and vehicles suffered hail damage but there were no reported injuries.

Braun said work crews stayed in roadside ditches Thursday afternoon diligently trying to break up the ice jams and debris that had fused together and prevented drainage.

"We've got five, 6-foot high icebergs along the roadway," Braun said. "If we get another rainstorm it will flood again."

But the National Weather Service said it's starting to clear up and should be a sunny weekend.

"That's a good thing since it will take a few days for that hail to melt," said Andrew Moulton, an NWS meteorologist in Amarillo.

Staples: U.S.-Mexico border no war zone

AUSTIN (AP) — A Texas state senator took issue Thursday with characterizing the entire U.S.-Mexico border as a war zone, bristling at a top agricultural official's assertions that America's food supply could be threatened because farmers are being run off their land by drug smugglers.

State Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples presented a report to the Texas Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee detailing recent testimony from border landowners that farmers and ranchers in the area are often terrorized by drug and human smugglers who traverse their property.

He said that some Americans have even abandoned their farms and suggested that the trend could eventually affect the U.S. food supply.

The committee's chairman, Sen. Tommy Williams, a Republican from The Woodlands in suburban Houston, told of maintenance workers assigned to canals and other infrastructure projects on Texas soil who had been chased off jobs by drug gangs and gunfire.

Williams noted that Mexico is Texas' largest trading partner but said that things have gotten so violent on the border that trade there

could be compromised.

"I think we invaded Mexico for a lot less than this back when Pancho Villa was down there," he said. "So it's something we need to talk to our friends in Mexico about."

But Staples' comments drew sharp objection from José Rodríguez, a Democrat from El Paso, which borders the violence-torn Mexican city of Juarez.

"None of us can deny that there are incidents occurring on our side of the border," he said, "it's just the broad brush that is used to declare that we are in a war zone."

Rodríguez said he walks the streets of El Paso and surrounding county and, "I don't feel like I'm in a war zone." But he also stressed that the whole U.S.-Mexico border is being unfairly characterized.

"What some of us are simply doing is raising the question, are we in a war zone?" he said. "Are we being assaulted, are we losing our American food supply? Those don't really capture the reality in our border regions."

Rodríguez said using what he called incendiary language, "creates this climate of fear."

Staples countered that those calling the U.S.-Mexico border a war

zone are law enforcement officials and "people who are being fired upon."

Rodríguez also pressed the agricultural commissioner for hard data on the number of farmers who have stopped producing food because of threats from drug smugglers.

"If we are going to be making state policy on border security, we have to be doing it on the basis of facts," he said.

Staples said his information came from landowners' testimony that would hold up in any court of law, then went a step further: "We have more than testimony, we have pickups that are riddled with bullet holes."

"No one is making it up," Staples said, "we have documented, personal, firsthand testimony."

Sen. Florence Shapiro, a Plano Republican, defended Staples and his report, saying it "is a document, not data."

"I am not going to put my head in the sand and say 'things are very safe around here, things are looking good,'" she said of border violence. "There are many people who don't believe that and I don't believe that."

Obituaries

E. W. "Dub" Clement, 87

E. W. "Dub" Clement, 87, died April 11, 2012, in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 14, 2012, at First Baptist Church in Wellington, with Rev. Ronald Clement, officiating.

Burial will be at Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Wellington, under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Clement was born September 30, 1924, in Wellington. He was a graduate of Wellington High School and West Texas A&M University. Dub worked as superintendent with Wellington ISD. He moved to Mangum, Okla., to work in the school system, and also owned an antique store for several years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II. Dub was a very

loving husband, father and grandfather.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Marguerite Clement of the home; a daughter, Soni K. Thomas and husband Nathan of Oklahoma City; two stepsons, Charles Richardson and wife Jill of Arvada, Colo., and Robert Richardson and wife Zindi of Amarillo; a stepdaughter, Debbie Sewell of Pampa; nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews. Dub was preceded in death by his parents, T.C. and Alma Clement; his first wife, Noma Clement; a daughter, Cynthia Clement; three brothers, J.T. Clement, Earl Clement and Guy Clement; two sisters, Pearl Harwell and Opal Dunn; and a stepson, Gary Richardson.

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For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending Thursday, April 12 at 7 a.m.

Animal Control agents reported 11 animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS responded to seven medical calls.

Pampa PD reported three traffic related incidents.

Wednesday, April 11
Criminal mischief occurred at the 700 block of North Hazel.

Burglary of a motor vehicle occurred at the 500 block of North Hazel.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1300 block of North Charles.

A suspicious person was reported at Browning and Zimmers.

A burglary of a motor vehicle occurred at the 600

block of North Zimmers.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 100 block of East Harvester.

Phone harassment occurred at the 2100 block of North Wells.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 100 block of East Harvester.

Fraud was reported at the 200 block of West Foster.

A suspicious person was reported at the 900 block of North Somerville.

Accidents occurred at the 1600 block of North Sumner and the 300 block of West 30th.

A theft occurred at the 2800 block of North Charles.

An assault occurred at the 1100 block of South Christy.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 400 block of North Hazel.

A hit and run occurred at

the 100 block of East Randy Matson.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1000 block of South Christy.

Harassment was reported.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1200 block of South Finley.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 100 block of West 30th.

An offense against family and children was reported.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1200 block of South Finley.

Thursday, April 12
A suspicious person was reported at the 1100 block of Huff.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

A theft occurred at the 2600 block of North Hobart.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24-hour period ending Thursday, April 12 at 7 a.m.

Wednesday, April 11
Aaron Lee Hink, 22, was arrested by police on a motion to revoke probation regarding a violation of a protective order.

Bean Julius Raymo, 23, was arrested by police for deadly conduct.

Ryan Scott Goldsmith, 22, was arrested by deputies on a probation violation for possession of a controlled substance.

LaNell Ann Wasson, 41, was arrested by deputies on a bond to surrender regarding theft over \$50 but under \$500.

Steven Jeffery Lewis, 28, was arrested by police for theft of property.

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Pipeline to end in Skellytown

NEW YORK (AP) — A trio of energy companies announced Thursday they plan to build a pipeline that would transport natural gas from Colorado to Texas.

Enterprise Products Partners L.P., Anadarko Petroleum Corp. and DCP Midstream LLC said each will hold a one-third interest in the Front Range Pipeline, which is expected to run 435 miles from the Denver-Julesburg Basin in Weld County, Colorado to Skellytown, Texas.

The companies didn't say how much the pipeline would cost.

The natural gas will be transported through the pipeline in liquid form. The so-called "liquefied natural gas" pipeline will enable those companies to pipe natural gas to America's biggest petroleum network along the Gulf Coast. The pipeline will be designed to transport up to 230,000 barrels per day. Construction is expected to begin in the fourth quarter of 2013.

Shares of Enterprise Products added 78 cents to \$50.09 and Anadarko Petroleum added \$2.12 to \$76.49 in afternoon trading.

Second line to start in Skellytown

DENVER (AP) — Gas company DCP Midstream Partners LP has purchased a 10 percent stake in the Texas Express Pipeline joint venture from Enterprise Products Partners LP for approximately \$85 million.

The Texas Express pipeline, which is expected to be completed in 2013's second quarter, will start near Skellytown, Texas and extend about 580 miles to Enterprise's natural gas liquids facility in Mont Belvieu, Texas.

DCP said Thursday that its affiliate, DCP NGL Services LLC, has committed 20,000 barrels per day to Texas Express. This increases the total long-term shipper commitments on Texas Express from 232,000 barrels per day to 252,000 barrels per day.

Enterprise and Enbridge Energy Partners LP will each have a 35 percent interest in the Texas Express joint venture. Anadarko Petroleum will hold a 20 percent stake.

Perry appoints railroad head

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry has appointed Buddy Garcia to the Texas Railroad Commission until the general election in November.

Garcia currently is a member of the Texas Coastal Land Advisory Board and has previously held a gubernatorial appointment as a commissioner on the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Garcia will fill a vacancy created when Elizabeth Ames Jones stepped down earlier this year to run for Texas Senate. The Austin resident will only serve until the election on Nov. 6, when voters will elect two commissioners. There are six Republicans and one Democrat running for the open seat.

Incumbent Commissioner Barry Smitherman is also running to retain his seat.

Despite its name, the three-member commission has no power over railroads and oversees the oil and gas industry in Texas.

UT bans smoking on campus

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas in Austin has gone tobacco-free in a healthy move that could add up to more cancer research money.

UT previously banned smoking in residence halls, during class and at other indoor areas.

The expanded campus-wide policy, citing health and environmental concerns, took effect Monday. School officials announced the change Wednesday, as approved by UT System officials.

More than a dozen temporary tobacco use locations have been set up on the UT flagship campus, through next February, to help ease into the updated ban.

The Cancer Research Institute of Texas in February announced future funding would be contingent on tobacco-free policies by participants.

UT has received about \$30 million from the group. School officials say having a tobacco-free campus could mean an additional \$88 million.

Officers fatally shoot suspect

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Four South Texas police officers have been put on administrative duty after the fatal shooting of a robbery suspect.

San Antonio police say no plainclothes officers were hurt Wednesday night when they returned fire and killed the suspect. He was sought on warrants for several business holdups this year.

Police say detectives traced the man to a motel. Police say an officer spotted the suspect in the parking lot.

Police Chief William McManus says the officers displayed their badges and identified themselves but the suspect refused to stop, pulled a handgun and fired at least once.

McManus says four officers returned fire. The suspect died at the scene. His name was not immediately released.

Police say the suspect had additional ammunition with him.

Quake strikes off Mexico coast

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A strong earthquake struck off the coast of Mexico on Thursday, waking up residents living near the Gulf of California, only hours after a separate temblor swayed tall buildings in Mexico City, causing evacuations.

Authorities said neither quake left major damage nor victims.

The U.S. Geological Survey reported a 6.9 magnitude quake hit the waters between the Baja peninsula and the northern state of Sonora at 12:15 a.m. local time.

Residents in the city of Hermosillo woke up as their beds swayed and their ceiling fans shook. Luis Enrique Cordova, director of emergency services in Sonora, said confused residents clogged the phone lines of the civil protection office in Hermosillo, the largest city and capital of the state, where some 700,000 people live. But Cordova said no major damages have been detected in the region.

The temblor was centered 82 miles northeast of Guerrero Negro, and 133 miles west of Hermosillo, and it hit some 6.4 miles below the surface.

Finish an outdoor countertop by your grill

Dear Pat: I want to build a nice outdoor countertop over a sturdy old wooden bench near the barbecue grill. What is the best type of easy-to-clean, decorative countertop material to use in the outdoors? — Terri B.

Dear Terri: If you plan to do much cooking and entertaining outdoors, some additional countertop space near the grill can certainly be a great convenience. With an easy-to-clean one, you can also use it for some of your gardening and landscaping projects.

Since being easy-to-clean is one of your requirements, do not consider a wood countertop. Wood countertops can be very attractive and functional indoors, but in the ever-changing outdoor weather conditions, wood will not hold up very well. Pressure-treated lumber would be more durable, but you would not want foods to come in contact with it.

Any of the standard solid surface indoor countertop materials could be used outdoors. These include slate, granite, marble and ceramic tile. These are all-natural materials that withstand harsh weather conditions in their natural state.

Your specific selection among these materials will depend on the appearance you prefer and your budget. If you are looking for one solid, continuous piece, the cost will be very high. Using smaller pieces will reduce the cost and will still be easy to keep clean. Installing ceramic tile will be one of the least expensive materials, but it will take you more time to install.

Another popular option is a concrete countertop. You can pour your own top or order a custom one. Do-it-yourself kits are also available to allow you to pour a professional-looking concrete countertop. When the concrete is mixed, pigments can be added to give it any color you prefer.

If you select ceramic tile or smaller pieces of natural material to lower the cost and create a very decorative appearance, you must create a solid base for it. This is particularly true in cold winter climates where there are repeated freeze/thaw cycles. Water expands when it freezes, and it can quickly destroy a poorly planned outdoor

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countertop.

Use pressure-treated lumber for the base of the countertop. When finished, it will be covered by several layers of materials, so the preservative chemicals are not an issue. If you already have standard plywood you would like to use to reduce the cost, saturate it with a borate solution. This will make it almost as durable as pressure-treated lumber.

As a precaution to minimize the amount of water coming in contact with the plywood, cover it with standard roofing felt. It is inexpensive, and you can fold it under the

edges and staple it in place to the plywood. When the top is completed, the edge will be covered with a trim strip.

Next, place a sheet of cement backerboard over the plywood and felt. It is just used as a flat, stable base for the tile, so the thickness is not important for strength. Use thinset cement to bond the tile to the cement board.

Don't mix too much thinset at one time. Mix only enough that can be used in 25 minutes or less. Never mix extra water with thinset, or any cement material, to use it after it begins to set up. This greatly reduces the strength and the adhesive properties of the thinset. Fill in the gaps with grout.

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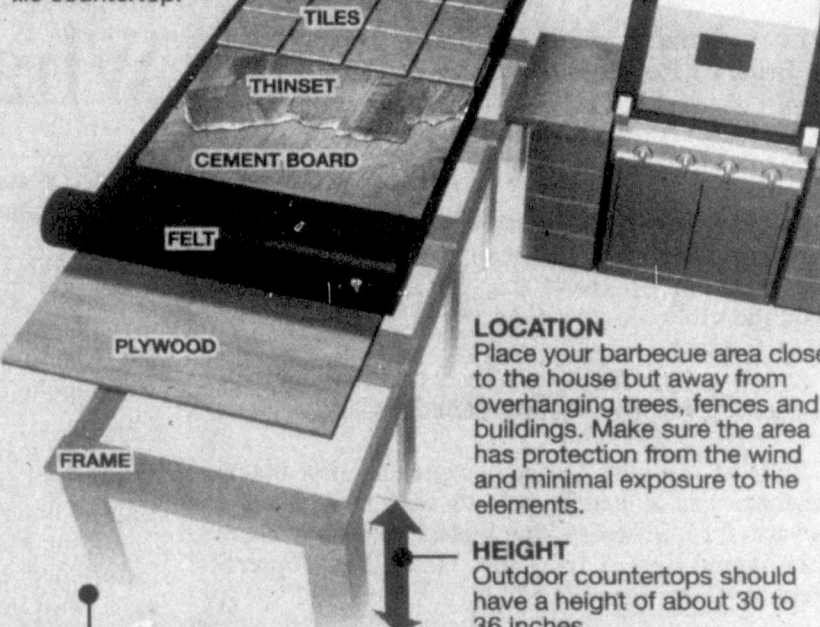
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Outdoor Countertop

There are many different materials to choose from when building a countertop. Tile is a popular choice because it's durable, easy to clean and highly weather resistant.

CONSTRUCTION METHOD

Common construction materials used for a tile countertop.



LOCATION

Place your barbecue area close to the house but away from overhanging trees, fences and buildings. Make sure the area has protection from the wind and minimal exposure to the elements.

HEIGHT

Outdoor countertops should have a height of about 30 to 36 inches.

FRAME MATERIAL

Frame constructing can be made of wood or brick and mortar. For wood construction, choose pressure-treated or lumber that is rot-resistant.

SUPPORTING BASE

A masonry barbecue will require a reinforced concrete pad measuring 4 inches thick.

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Steele

organization and the flow. I'm anxious to hear what everybody else's ideas are, because everyone has one. In a volunteer organization, people have ideas, and we want to use those."

Steele is a longtime local resident who went to and worked at schools in Pampa. She was an employee of the Pampa Independent School District for 27 years and had been retired since 2005 before accepting this position with the Chamber.

"Around the first of the year, I was telling a friend that I've had a good retirement," Steele said. "I've had some time to myself. I've done some things that I needed to do, but I just could not see

myself not contributing in some way for the next 20 years. ... I just felt like I had more to offer than that, so when this job came open, it was just kind of like, 'Hey, maybe this is the one.'

"It's about Pampa. It's promoting Pampa. It just seemed like it might be a good fit for me."

As a former educator, Steele touted — as Hall did — her organizational skills as a big asset she'll be bringing to the Chamber.

"I think organization is one of the main things," Steele said. "All of the jobs I've had required a great deal of organization, and I think when you're working with volunteers, everyone has a real defined job except

me. You have to be aware of that, and so you have to be highly organized in the task, in the projects that you have, in order to maximize everyone's efforts.

"Frankly, I love people," she added. "I really do. I think I'm a really good communicator, and I think I'm a people person. ... And also, I think maybe, as someone who grew up in Pampa and cares enough about Pampa, I'm always looking for ideas. I'm really eager to meet with other chamber directors. I've been looking at things like websites just to see how we compare. I'm eager to see how we measure up to other departments."

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Today in History

Today is Friday, April 13, the 104th day of 2012. There are 262 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 13, 1861, at the start of the Civil War, Fort Sumter in South Carolina fell to Confederate forces as the Union commander, Maj. Robert Anderson, agreed to surrender in the face of relentless bombardment.

On this date:

In 1598, King Henry IV of France endorsed the Edict of Nantes, which granted rights to the Protestant Huguenots. (The edict was abrogated in 1685 by King Louis XIV, who declared France entirely Catholic again.)

In 1742, Handel's "Messiah" had its first public performance in Dublin, Ireland.

In 1743, the third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, was born in Shadwell in the Virginia Colony.

In 1860, the Pony Express completed its inaugural run from St. Joseph, Mo. to Sacramento, Calif. in 10 days.

In 1912, the Royal Flying Corps, a predecessor of Britain's Royal Air Force, was created.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the Jefferson Memorial.

In 1958, Van Cliburn of the United States won the first International Tchaikovsky Competition for piano in Moscow; Russian Valery Klimov won the violin competition.

In 1960, the U.S. Navy's Transit 1B navigational satellite was successfully launched into orbit.

In 1964, Sidney Poitier became the first black performer in a leading role to win an Academy Award for "Lilies of the Field." (Patricia Neal was named Best Actress for "Hud"; Best Picture went to "Tom Jones.")

In 1970, Apollo 13, four-fifths of the way to the moon, was crippled when a tank containing liquid oxygen burst. (The astronauts managed to return safely.)

In 1986, Pope John Paul II visited the Great Synagogue of Rome in the first recorded papal visit of its kind to a Jewish house of worship.

In 1992, the Great Chicago Flood took place as the city's century-old tunnel system and adjacent basements filled with water from the Chicago River.

Ten years ago: Venezuela's interim president, Pedro Carmona, resigned a day after taking office in the face of protests by thousands of supporters of the ousted president, Hugo Chavez.

Five years ago: Iraq's parliament met in an extraordinary session on a Friday, the Muslim day of prayer, and declared it would not bow to terrorism; a bouquet of red roses and a white lily sat in the place of a lawmaker killed in a parliament dining hall suicide bombing.

One year ago: Ousted Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and his two sons were detained for investigation of corruption, abuse of power and killings of protesters. A federal jury in San Francisco convicted Barry Bonds of a single charge of obstruction of justice, but failed to reach a verdict on the three counts at the heart of allegations that he'd knowingly used steroids and human growth hormone and lied to a grand jury about it. The NBA fined Kobe Bryant \$100,000 for using a derogatory gay term in frustration over a referee's call.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Stanley Donen is 88. Former Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colo., is 79. Actor Lyle Waggoner is 77. Actor Edward Fox is 75. Actor Paul Sorvino is 73. Poet Seamus Heaney is 73. Movie-TV composer Bill Conti is 70. Rock musician Jack Casady is 68. Actor Tony Dow is 67. Singer Al Green is 66. Actor Ron Perlman is 62. Actor William Sadler is 62. Singer Peabo Bryson is 61. Bandleader/rock musician Max Weinberg is 61. Bluegrass singer-musician Sam Bush is 60. Rock musician Jimmy Destri is 58. Singer-musician Louis Johnson (The Brothers Johnson) is 57. Comedian Gary Kroeger is 55. Actress Sandra Santiago is 55. Sen. Bob Casey Jr., D-Pa., is 52. Rock musician Joey Mazzola (Sponge) is 51. Chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov is 49. Actress Page Hannah is 48. Actress-comedian Caroline Rhea (RAY) is 48. Rock musician Lisa Umbarger is 47. Rock musician Marc Ford is 46. Reggae singer Capleton is 45. Actor Ricky Schroder is 42. Rock singer Aaron Lewis (Staind) is 40. Actor Bokeem Woodbine is 39. Singer Lou Bega is 37. Actor-producer Glenn Howerton is 36. Actor Kyle Howard is 34. Actress Courtney Peldon is 31. Pop singer Nellie McKay (mih-KY) is 30. Actress Hannah Marks is 19.

Thought for Today: "In the landscape of extinction, precision is next to godliness." — Samuel Beckett, Irish poet and playwright (born this date in 1906, died 1989).



What's become of the Tea Party?

PAULINE ARRILAGA
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Three years ago he was merely a face in a very large crowd, standing outside the Alamo on Tax Day as Glenn Beck spoke of drawing a line in the sand.

A businessman, husband, father of five and grandfather of 14, Bruce Baillio bought a miniature "Don't Tread on Me" flag and watched, a little sheepishly and mostly silently, as a movement was born before his eyes. Like most of America, he didn't know then what the tea party was.

Today, he is part of what it is morphing into.

Twice a month at the Jim's Restaurant not far from his home, Baillio unloads tea party T-shirts and baseball caps, sets an American flag on a Formica table and leads his neighborhood tea party group — one of 23 in the San Antonio area — in a discussion. They talk about the Obama administration's policies regarding insurance for birth control, about how to become a delegate to the conventions that help determine the Texas GOP's leaders and platform.

He does this every first and third Tuesday of the month, even though he knows some are already writing the tea party's obituary. In this, the first presidential campaign since the dawn of the movement, no single contender has been christened the "tea party candidate." And what was once the boisterous focus of American politics is now the butt of Internet insult: "Ding Dong — the Tea Party is dead!" wrote one blogger.

"Are we dead?" Baillio asked several of his members on a recent Tuesday. About 15 had gathered on this night, including retired military men, grandmothers, a few real estate brokers, a city utility worker, a high school Spanish teacher and a photographer.

Their responses were steeped in the kind of confidence that comes with clout, and the San Antonio Tea Party has gained some of that.

"We're persistent and keep driving the issues home," said one member.

"We communicate with each other and ... when it comes time to vote, we'll definitely pull the ballot lever," replied another.

And there was this, from an ex-Air Force man wearing a "Vote. Declare Yourself" shirt: "We're becoming active in things that we didn't even think about before this all began ... and we are finding that our difference is very, very tall. All they're doing when they call us dead is creating something called silent resentment."

Dead the tea party is not. Changed? Perhaps. But still very much alive, in the back room of a Jim's Restaurant in San Antonio and many other places across the land.

It screamed onto the scene with a memorable rant by a reporter on the floor of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Then came the giant Tax Day rallies. The jeers at town hall meetings about a still fledgling national health care proposal. Protests in Washington, D.C., with Beck, and bus tours featuring Sarah Palin.

It all culminated with the tide-turning elections of 2010, when the tea party revolution sent new conservatives to governors' mansions, statehouses and, of course, Congress — helping to fuel the largest turnover in the U.S. House in more than 70 years.

But where has the tea party been since? It's a common question, especially as many saw the GOP presidential campaign unfolding without any meaningful tea party influence. Sure, there was a Tea Party Express rally last fall in New Hampshire, featuring most of the Republican presidential hopefuls. And, later, that same group co-sponsored a debate with CNN.

Still, so-called "umbrella" organizations such as the Tea Party Express, the Tea Party Patriots, FreedomWorks and others haven't, to date, put their names behind any one candidate. And only in recent weeks have tea party darlings such as U.S. senators Marco Rubio of Florida and Mike Lee of Utah finally weighed in — endorsing likely nominee Mitt Romney, the former Massachusetts governor whom some see as un-tea-party-like as one could be, in part because of his state's own health care reform law.

Some local tea party groups (in Massachusetts, for example) have divided over divergent priorities — whether to make conservative economic principles or conservative social issues paramount. Others, such as the Tennessee Tea Party, have disbanded altogether.

In researching her recent book, "The Tea Party and the Remaking of Republican Conservatism," Harvard professor Theda Skocpol found that about 1,000 local tea party groups formed in 2009-2010. Today, she estimates there are about 600. A declining number, yes, but still what Skocpol, an expert on civic engagement, calls "a very good survival rate."

"They're not dressing up and going to demonstrations in the street. They're meeting. They're poring over the legislative records of these Republicans that they've elected. They're contacting their

representatives, and they're keeping the pressure on. They're following the debates, and they're going and they're voting.

"They're determined," she says, "and they haven't gone away."

To weigh the continuing success or influence of the tea party by inside-the-Beltway measures — endorsements, numbers of chapters and "constituents," dollars or even wins or losses at the polls — is to miss the point and ignore the power of the movement today, says Skocpol. That stems from a fundamental misunderstanding of what the tea party was and is.

It was never an "it," a party with a capital "P" in the sense of a third political party, though at one point some tea party insiders may have toyed with the idea and outsiders treated it almost as such. (Consider CNN's decision to televise the tea party response to President Obama's 2011 State of the Union address.)

Rather, it is an ideology and a style of politics — one that "has been in the business of pulling the Republican Party away from the possibility of compromising with Democrats and further toward the hard right," says Skocpol. "And they've been very successful. ... They've taken over the Republican Party, lock, stock and barrel."

Elizabeth Price Foley, a constitutional law professor and author of "The Tea Party: Three Principles," calls the tea party "the new Republican base." "That causes a lot of people who want to dismiss the tea party to characterize them as puppets of some great wealthy conservative puppet masters," she says. "If anything, the tea party is the one who is moving the mountain. The mountain being the Republican Party."

This was on full display during last summer's congressional debt debate, when House tea partyers forced Republican Speaker John Boehner to postpone a vote on legislation to raise the debt ceiling and hastily revise it to add a balanced-budget provision, pushing the government to the brink of default. It was just one example of the strength exerted by newly elected tea party Republicans advocating a tough no-compromise mantra. Earlier, they drove House Republican leadership to rewrite a budget bill to find more spending cuts.

Today, tea party activists are still hard at work promoting a conservative ideology at all levels of government, in part by targeting long-time GOP incumbents deemed not conservative enough. Take this year's congressional races. Though no one expects the type of gains seen in 2010, national tea party-related

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JetBlue Airways captain Osbon indicted for disruption

LUBBOCK (AP) — A JetBlue Airways captain accused of disrupting a Las Vegas-bound flight when he left the cockpit screaming about religion and terrorists has been indicted, according to court documents posted Thursday.

A grand jury in Lubbock indicted Clayton F. Osbon on one count of interference of a flight crew — the same charge he's been held on since shortly after the March 27 incident.

Osbon's attorney, Dean Roper, declined to comment, the attorney's secretary said Thursday.

Witnesses on Flight 191 say Osbon ran through the cabin yelling about Jesus and al-Qaida. The first officer locked him out of the cockpit and passengers wrestled the captain to the floor. They restrained him with seat

belt extenders and zip tie handcuffs while the first officer diverted the flight to land in Amarillo.

Osbon is undergoing a court-ordered psychiatric exam to determine whether he was legally sane and can stand trial.

Under federal law, a conviction for interfering with a flight crew can bring up to 20 years in prison. The offense is defined as assaulting or intimidating the crew, interfering with its duties or diminishing its ability to operate the plane.

Investigators say Osbon told his co-pilot, "things just don't matter," and rambled incoherently about religion shortly after the flight departed from New York. His behavior became more erratic as the flight wore on, prosecutors say, and ended with the tense struggle in

the cabin.

Passengers said the pilot seemed disoriented, jittery and constantly sipped water when he first stormed from the cockpit and marched through the cabin. Then, they said, he began to rant about threats linked to Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan after crew members tried to calm him down at the back of the plane.

The prosecution motion that sought the psychiatric exam said the events of that day "establish a likelihood that Osbon may be suffering from a mental disease or defect."

A flight attendant's ribs were bruised while trying to restrain Osbon, but no one on board was seriously hurt.

A day after the incident JetBlue suspended Osbon pending a review of the flight.

Texas hopes to learn lessons from 2011's searing drought

AUSTIN (AP) — When Susan Combs was growing up on her family's West Texas ranch, conserving water was part of everyday life: If the windmill wasn't turning and the storage tank at least half full, the household plumbing was turned off — even the toilets.

In her political career, Combs has been urging Texans to save water for years, first as a lawmaker, then as agriculture commissioner and now as state comptroller. After the worst one-year drought in state history, people finally seem to be listening.

Combs and other officials have reason to hope that lessons from the drought could change the state's attitudes about water usage. And from Dallas to far-flung ranches and rice farms, they are trying to capitalize on the heightened awareness by adopting conservation plans that will ease the next crisis.

"From a water-supply perspective, we are just not prepared," Combs said. "If each town and city doesn't come up with a successful water plan, the state will be worse off for it."

The drought that began more than a year ago is finally breaking in parts of Texas. Spring rains have turned the grass green, quenched thirsty trees and started to fill reservoirs. But state and local officials aren't content to watch the parched landscape change color. They want to analyze the dry spell and assess what worked, what failed and what needs improvement.

A few examples: — The mayors of Dallas and Fort Worth and suburban Arlington and Irving are asking their city councils to consider making permanent the twice-a-week maximum watering restrictions that have been in place for several months. "Conservation has to be a very, very big part of our long-range water preparations," explained Yvonne Dupre, drought response coordinator for Dallas.

Nearly every legislative committee in the state House and Senate has been asked to review some aspect of the drought. At last month's first meeting of the House Natural Resources Committee, Chairman Allan Ritter pleaded with participants: "Please do not forget how dry that it can get."

San Antonio, which spent nearly \$300,000 promoting water restrictions during the drought, concluded that the effort was so successful that the city now has a campaign reminding people of the risks of another potentially hot, dry summer.

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River Authority, which manages two of the largest lakes that provide water to Austin and the surrounding area, has already submitted a proposed long-term plan that would significantly alter how it manages and distributes water.

The Texas Water Development Board is reviewing ways to create a set of guidelines that would help communities determine when to restrict water usage.

One obstacle looms over many of these efforts: The state can make elaborate plans for water needs, but it has no authority or tools to ensure the plans are actually implemented.

Fifteen years ago, in the mid-1990s, Texas suffered a drought that plunged farmers and ranchers into bankruptcy and highlighted how unprepared cities were to deal with severe water shortages. As a result, the Legislature ordered the Water Development Board to plan regionally for the state's water needs, slicing up Texas into several areas that would work together to prepare for the future.

Since then, regional agencies have spent mil-

lions of dollars on three new water plans — one every five years — designed to address growing population, scarce water resources and future needs.

"So now, we had another drought, and we had cities running out of water and that's largely because the plan wasn't implemented," said Dan Hardin, director of the water resources planning division.

Hardin worries that the state's fiscal problems will prevent lawmakers from making meaningful improvements.

In addition, the state's utilities did not impose restrictions consistently. In some areas, one city restricted water usage, while a neighboring town did not. Houston, for example, had mandatory restrictions in place for months, while neighboring Sugar Land never implemented its drought-contingency plan.

"You don't see people reacting uniformly to an issue that hit Texas pretty uniformly," said Laura Huffman, director of the Nature Conservancy in Texas.

Farmers and ranchers are taking steps of their own. Many are drilling

wells, realizing that in the next drought they will not be able to rely on surface water alone.

In fact, so many farmers are drilling wells, conservation districts say they will have to stop permitting them at some point. At least one rice farmer, Ronald Gertson, is supplementing his income by selling well pipes because he's not getting water from Austin-area reservoirs for his crops.

Combs' office issued a report in February that also looked at strategies employed in other cities.

In arid New Mexico, Santa Fe diversified its water supply and now draws water from two lakes and two aquifers. The city has also taken steps to prevent water evaporation and wildfires, including forest thinning and controlled burning. Those projects could also be useful in Texas, where evaporation during triple-digit heat helped deplete reservoirs and wildfires destroyed more than 1,600 homes and charred 33,000 acres near Austin.

Combs also believes Texas should invest in desalinization, an expen-

sive but quicker alternative to building new reservoirs. Cities, she said, must create more consistent plans for dealing with drought and offer financial incentives to help farmers.

What is certain, she

said, is that if steps aren't taken, Texas' future will be shaky.

The lack of water, Combs said, "is the single most devastating thing that can happen to the economy."

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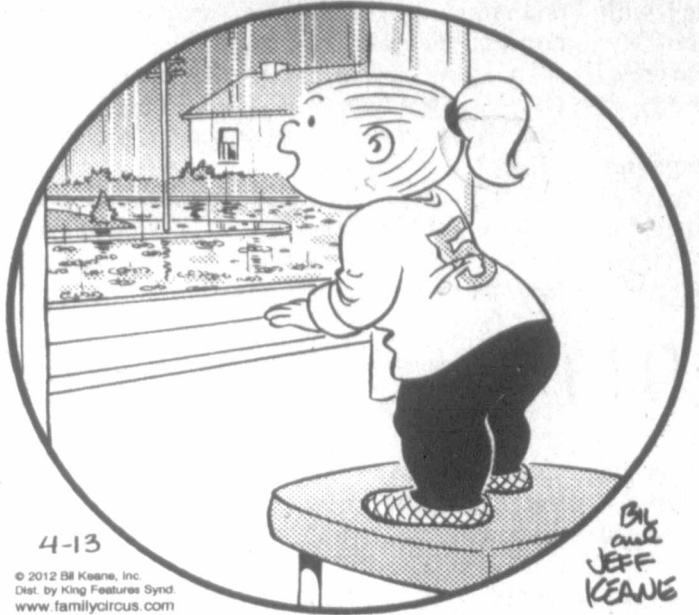
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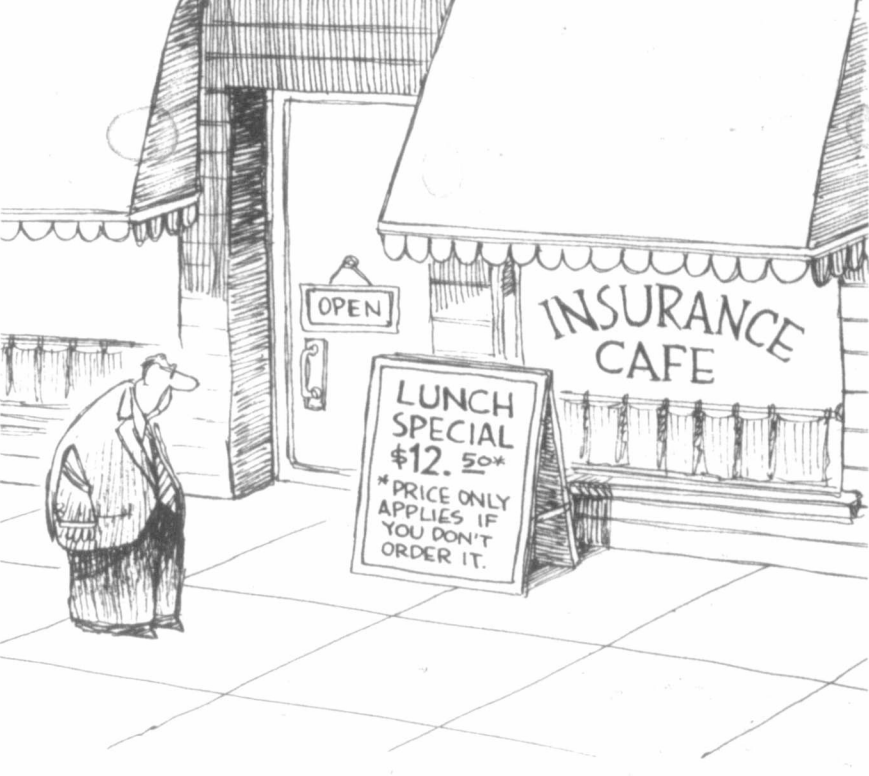
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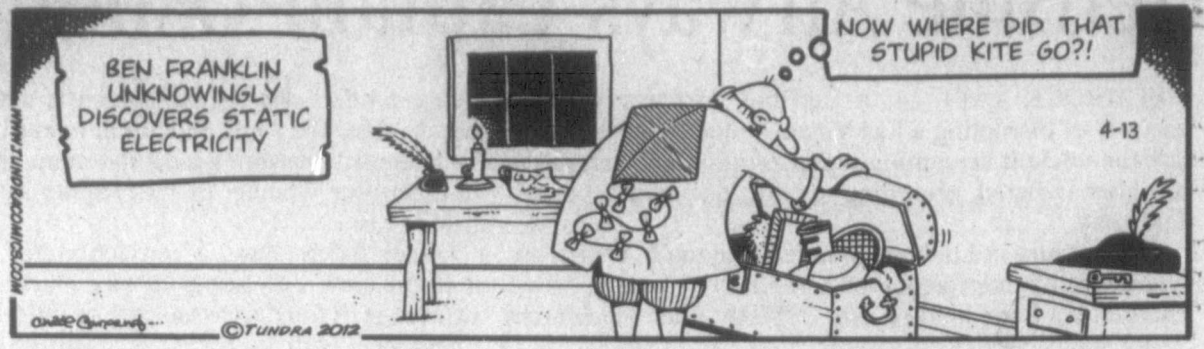


daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, April 14, 2012:
This year you will open doors if you are OK with the unexpected and not rigid about sticking to the status quo. You could experience a lot of excitement and increased vitality. Network, socialize and commit to key causes. Expand your immediate circle. If you are single, a friendship could transform into a loving relationship. Do not fight the inevitable. If you are attached, the two of you express a lot of mutual caring, which extends to your immediate circle. Many people around you feel cared about. **AQUARIUS** makes a great pal.
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You have come to the point where you might even surprise yourself with your spontaneity. You can be diligent and responsible. To keep feeding those traits, you also need to let go more often. Your caring toward a friend emerges. Tonight: Surrounded by friends.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Take your time when answering someone's questions. Be aware that you might need to accept more responsibility. You might have a moment of clarity regarding a key person. Allow your feelings to flow. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might have plans to take off, or you could submit to a momentary impulse. Put yourself in a position to explore different places and lifestyles. If you are flying solo, you will not be alone for long. Tonight: Visualize, then create.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Be sensitive to what is going on with a loved one or your sweetie. He or she needs to make the judgment call as to when enough is enough. Relate directly to this person, and resist expressing your opinions through someone else. Tonight: Go for a cozy dinner.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might be up for some fun and decide to join a friend who you know is adventuresome. The two of you will manage to take off somewhere exciting. The unexpected occurs when you are driving or traveling. You might be more distracted than you realize. Tonight: Go

along with a friend's plans.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might have started with a free day, but by the afternoon you'll toss yourself into a project or hobby. Let yourself free up some time for nothing. A partner or loved one seeks you out and might surprise you. Tonight: Togetherness works.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You could be somewhat disappointed if a scenario does not play out like you expected. Let go and be less uptight. A little more caring will ease any tension between you and a child or loved one. Tonight: Do only what you consider enjoyable.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Choose to stay close to home and invite others over. You could even have an unexpected person drop in. Go with the flow and refuse to get uptight. Swap fun jokes and/or stories. Tonight: Order in.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Join a friend or go out with your family. You might be unusually busy catching up on people's news. If you are single, someone could unexpectedly enter your life. Expect the unexpected when dealing with a child or loved one. Tonight: Flow with the moment.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might have incorporated some spring shopping into your budget. Indulge a loved one who really appreciates getting out and not being as concerned about his or her life. What you might think is not a big deal could mean a lot to someone else. Tonight: Off at a favorite spot.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Others often find you to be unpredictable, but lately you find that your days are filled with others' acts of spontaneity. Let go of what is no longer needed, and choose a different path. A new venture presents more excitement. Remember this fact when making plans. Tonight: Ruling the moment.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Visualization is the first step in manifesting more of your desires. You could find yourself overwhelmed with errands, finishing up your taxes and/or handling other last-minute items. Take some much-needed time for these tasks. Tonight: Off doing your own thing.

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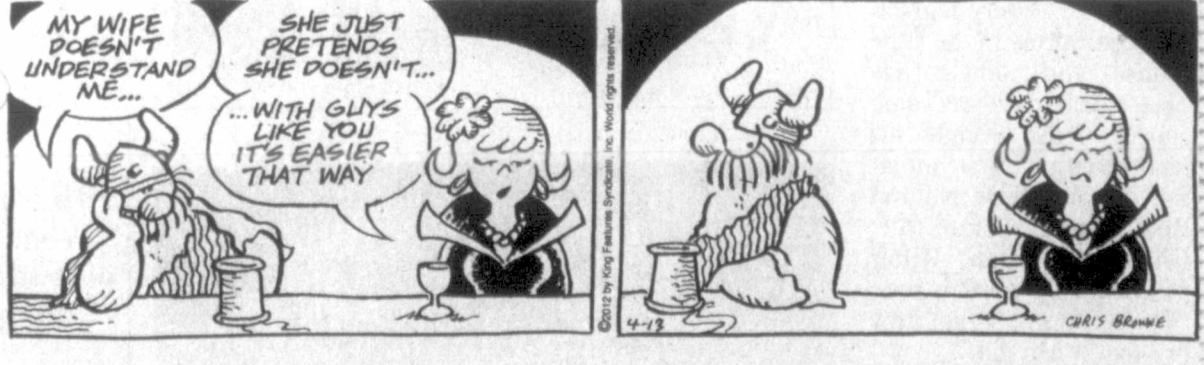
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Dallas suburb to keep fighting for illegal immigrant ban

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas suburb that has tried to ban housing rents by illegal immigrants will continue its appeals court fight for the ban, an attorney for the city said Thursday.

A federal judge in Dallas had blocked Farmers Branch from implementing a city ordinance barring illegal immigrants from renting and penalizing landlords who rent to them. Last month, a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the lower-court ruling.

Now, Farmers Branch has decided to appeal the ruling to the full New Orleans-based appeals court, Kris Kobach, an attorney for the city, told The Associated Press on Thursday. Kobach said he expects the whole court to grant a review and uphold the law based on previous court rulings.

"The entire court will have difficulty swallowing the analysis of the two judges in the majority," said Kobach, the Kansas secretary of state and an advocate for tougher anti-illegal immigration laws.

Farmers Branch has spent nearly \$5 million on immigration-related lawsuits, mostly over a city ordinance that would bar illegal immigrants from renting and penalize landlords that rent to them.

"Litigation like this is very front-loaded," Kobach said.

The fight has pushed Farmers Branch, a quiet collection of bedroom communities and office parks, into the national debate about illegal immigration. Local Latinos say it also has made U.S. citizens and legal immigrants feel unwelcome in the city, where the Latino population has fallen in recent years.

City officials and law backers argue that illegal immigrants strain local schools and police resources. They also note that local voters supported an early version of the law five years ago by a 2-to-1 margin.

Farmers Branch's City Council, which has never included a Latino, has in recent years declared English to be the city's official language and resisted efforts to shift voting from an at-large system, which Latinos say dilutes their voice. The council first passed a rental ban in 2006, but replaced it two years later on the advice of its attorneys.

The new law would require all renters to obtain a city license and the city's building inspector to check the status of any applicant who wasn't a U.S. citizen. Illegal immigrants would be denied a renter's permit, and landlords who knowingly allowed them to stay could have their renter's license barred.

A federal judge put that law on hold after landlords and renters sued the city, and courts have continued to block it — most recently on Wednesday by the 5th Circuit.

Similar bans pushed in other cities, most notably

Fremont, Neb., and Hazleton, Pa., are in the middle of similar court fights.

A judge recently allowed Fremont to require renters to obtain a permit but stopped the city from revoking the permits if renters were found to be illegal immigrants.

Hazleton's law, which would sanction business owners for employing illegal immigrants and property owners for renting to them, also is on hold. But backers will get a new hearing because the Supreme Court last year, citing its decision in another case, vacated a federal appeals court's ruling against the law.



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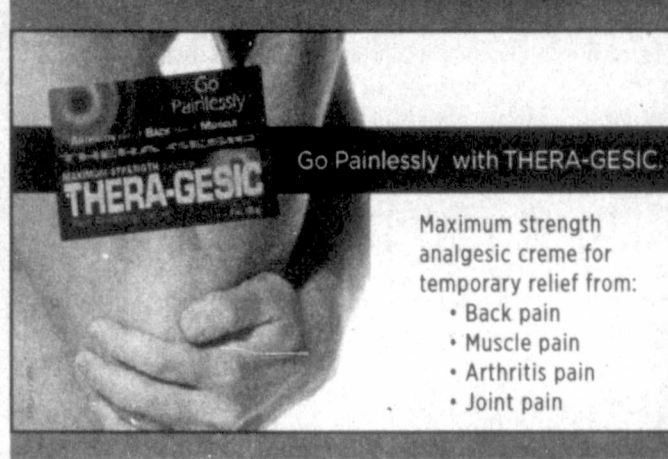
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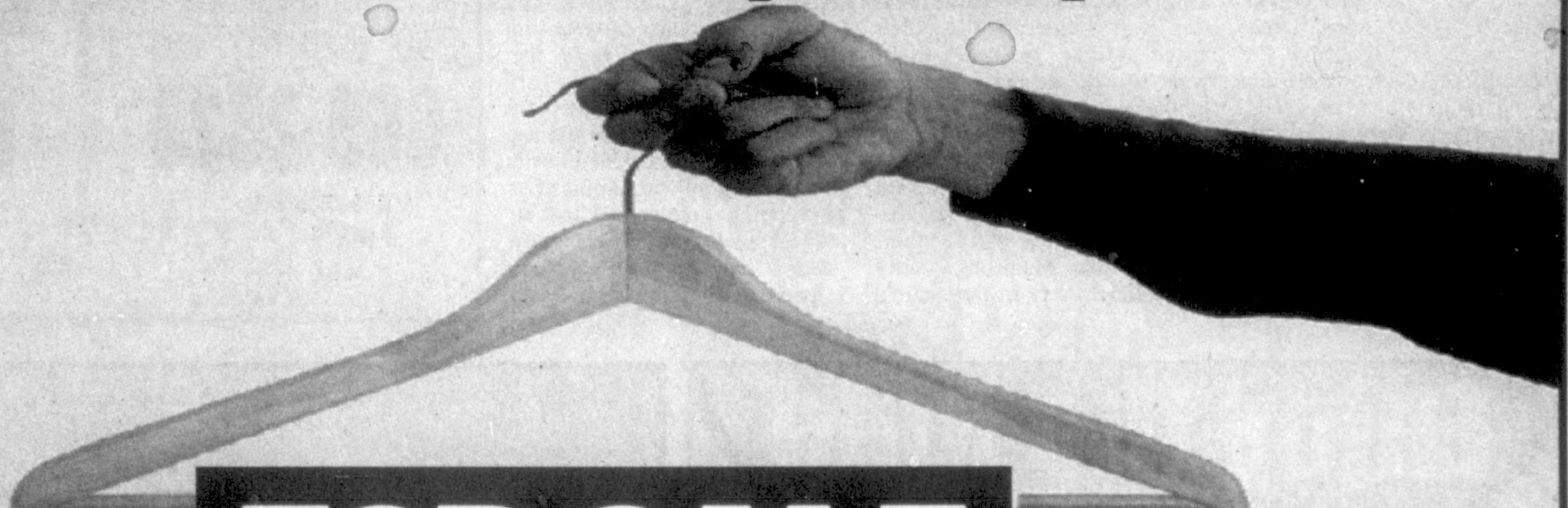
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groups are backing candidates in vital races as part of an effort to not only keep GOP control of the House but possibly gain control of the Senate and move Congress more to the right.

Already, in what some have dubbed the first upset of 2012, an incumbent congresswoman in Ohio has fallen to a tea party-backed challenger in that state's primary. Still to come are the two high-profile primaries featuring tea party targets Orrin Hatch of Utah and Richard Lugar of Indiana, the two most senior Republican members of the Senate.

FreedomWorks, a Washington, D.C.-based group that provides both money and training for tea party activists and candidates, has spent some \$650,000 opposing Hatch, whom the group calls "the consummate Washington insider" with a record that "is decidedly opposed to the goals of the tea party" — in part because he voted for the Wall Street bailout in 2008.

The 78-year-old Hatch, first elected in 1976, faces several challengers at an April 21 GOP state convention. It was at that meeting two years ago that tea partiers notched their first congressional victory, defeating three-term Republican Sen. Bob Bennett.

Lugar, who like Hatch is seeking a seventh term, may face a bigger threat in his May 8 primary. State Treasurer Richard Mourdock has been endorsed by a coalition of Indiana tea party groups called Hoosiers for a Conservative Senate but also by national organizations including FreedomWorks, the anti-tax Club for Growth and the Tea Party Express, some of which have spent several hundred thousands of dollars supporting Lugar's opponent.

There is evidence of the tea party's influence, too, in the campaign of Romney, even if many harbor deep suspicions that he is a Massachusetts moderate. He has begun promoting some tea party-friendly positions, including a plan to partially privatize Medicare. And his stump speeches are sprinkled with lines that play to the tea party crowd, whether he's denouncing "career politicians" or imparting the virtues of the Constitution and the founding fathers or accusing President Barack Obama of wanting to "fundamentally transform" America and turn it into a "European-style entitlement society" with "burdensome regulations" that expand the role of government.

"To be successful in politics you have to be connected to the zeitgeist of the times. The tenor of the times today ... is opposition to the increasing size, cost and intrusiveness of the federal government," says Sal Russo, a veteran GOP political strategist who runs the Tea Party Express political action committee. "All of the candidates have successfully addressed the primary tea party issue in a way that tea party people would like. I hear people say (the GOP primary was) a titanic struggle between the tea party and the non-tea partiers. That's silly."

Perhaps nowhere is the persistent power of the tea party more at work today than at the local and state level, where many grassroots activists have decided to shift the focus of their efforts. More tea party-backed candidates are running for county and state Republican leadership positions, with the aim of having a bigger say in the party's agenda and direction.

It's happened in South Carolina, Florida, Arizona, Minnesota and Ohio, where the head of the state GOP resigned this month after a much-publicized battle between him and the governor, as well as tea party groups that aligned against him.

Another notable example is New Hampshire, where tea party organizer and former gubernatorial candidate Jack Kimball was elected GOP chairman in January 2011 by conservatives. Soon, GOP presidential hopefuls were reaching out to Kimball in that first-in-the-nation primary state. But Kimball stepped down eight months later amid infighting with the state's top Republican elected leaders, who questioned his ability to manage the organization and raise funds.

There have been other signs of backlash against the tea party, both within the GOP establishment and among the public at large. In New Hampshire, where Republicans in 2010 won supermajorities in both the state House and Senate, a recent poll of GOP primary voters found most saying they no longer support the tea party movement. That echoes a November Pew Research Center poll, which found waning support nationwide for the tea party but also in those congressional districts now represented by members of the House Tea Party Caucus.

In Indiana, a video popped up on YouTube urging voters to reject tea party candidates to the Madison County Republican Party in that state's

upcoming May primary, telling viewers: "If you care about the real Republican Party, you must act now before it's too late." The Herald Bulletin newspaper reported.

In Florida, the state GOP chair removed the local head of the Volusia County Republican Executive Committee after a battle between him and more conservative Republicans. A tea party activist is now in charge, and that prompted one GOP political consultant to write a scathing online column urging Republicans to "resist the temptations and blind allegiance to ... any group that would be so arrogant as to want to change the party by disrupting it and destroying it."

Still, tea party observers such as Foley and Skocpol say the movement may be here to stay. The tea party, says Foley, is "in the fabric of every community. You may not see it, because they're not holding signs. But they're there."

And, she adds, "They're in it for the long haul."

To better grasp the evolution of the movement, simply follow the journeys of its people.

In March 2010, Hildy Angius, a retired public relations specialist, drove from her condo in Bullhead City, Ariz., to the huge tea party rally in Searchlight, Nev. — what some called the Woodstock of conservatism. Then, she was president of her local Republican women's club. Now, she serves as vice chair of the Mohave County Republican Party and is running for county supervisor.

"I think we realized that just getting together ... and yelling and screaming wasn't going to do anything," says the 52-year-old Angius. "The best thing is to get involved at the local level in the party. Move the local party to the right ... and then the local party will move the state and then the state moves the national."

"The tea party was an idea that people like me, who came from nowhere, could get involved ... and you can really make a difference."

In San Antonio, 60-year-old Bruce Baillio now feels the same.

After the Tax Day rally of 2009, he went home, set his tea party flag aside and went on with life, keeping up with politics but not getting involved. Then he read about a Houston tea party group's call for poll watchers to prevent what they considered

possible election fraud. He was trained as an election judge and, urged on by a fellow church member who now serves as head of the San Antonio Tea Party, began attending his neighborhood tea party meetings. Soon enough, he was leading the group.

Today, he and other tea party members have the clout to meet privately with elected officials and press them to hold the line on city projects, including a proposal to spend millions to build new housing in the downtown core.

"We are showing up at city council meetings on a regular basis, showing up at county commission meetings on a regular basis. We have organized neighborhood groups to attend town hall meetings," says San Antonio Tea Party president George Rodriguez. "It is at those meetings that we bring up the issues of: How are you using our money?"

Political candidates are also coming to them, seeking votes and volunteers.

That Tuesday night in San Antonio, three candidates showed up to court Baillio's members, including Matt Beebe, a conservative newcomer taking on the speaker of the Texas

House in the state's May 29 primary. Beebe credited tea party groups like Baillio's for paving the way for more conservative candidates to seek office.

"The tea party ... has provided a backdrop where the opportunity to beat an entrenched incumbent exists," he says. "They're putting their money where their mouth is. They're putting their time and effort where their mouth is, and so I feel like they are absolutely significant."

This, Baillio says, is "the new normal" — his group of citizen activists who may not dress up in revolutionary garb, make signs and converge on large rallies, but instead work behind the scenes to influence their democracy in myriad ways.

"We have definitely changed the dialogue. People now have to consider the tea party," he says. "Are we a paper tiger? I think that's our biggest fear. And the answer to that question is in our own hands. We get to decide. It's about who else can we educate. Who else can we wake up?"

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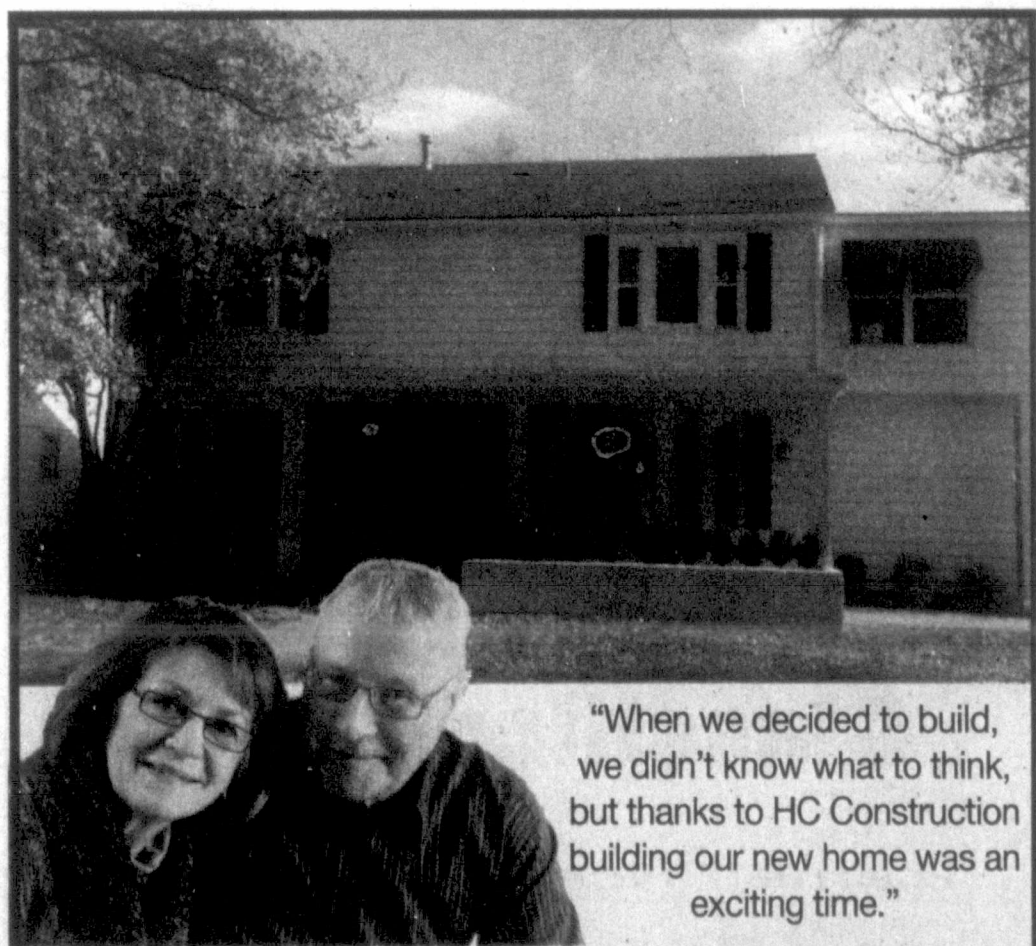
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Harvesters, Lady Harvesters lead day one of district

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Running on their own track, the Pampa Harvesters and Lady Harvesters track teams gave their supporters plenty to cheer about, as both teams lead after the first day of the District 1-3A track meet at Randy Matson Track Thursday.

The Lady Harvesters scored 55.5 points, holding a two-point lead over Perryton. Dalhart is in third with 42 and Borger is fourth with three. Girls head track coach Mark Elms said he was pleased with the girls.

"We had a couple of disappointments," Elms said. "We had some really good things. We had a couple of events that we just started working with. In the triple jump, we had three young ladies. Two of them jumped in two meets and the other this was her first meet. We got a third-place out of the triple jump and that was a blessing for us."

The Harvesters scored 51 points and hold a four-point lead over Dalhart. Perryton isn't far behind with 43 and Borger has 14. Boys head track coach Tad Smith said the boys did well.

The girls have sent six people to regionals and the boys have sent five. Senior Rikki Earnest missed advancing to regionals in the discus last year by a few inches. Thursday, she got off to a shaky start, failing to mark on her first throw.

"I was a little scared that I wasn't going to get a mark," Earnest said. "It definitely put the pressure on the last two throws."

The senior recovered and threw 106'6" on her third attempt to win the event.

"I'm really excited," Earnest said. "I'm sitting at fifth with room to improve."

Freshman Cheyenne Williams finished second, also advancing with a distance of 97'3.5." In the 3200-meter run, junior J'Cee Holmes won (12:21.45) and advanced to regionals for the third straight year.

"I'm excited," Holmes said.

Holmes led most of the race but trailed entering the final lap.

"I was worried," Holmes said. "I set my mind to it."

Junior Terra Truitt qualified for regionals with a third-place finish (12:31.50)

edging out Dalhart's Sarah Smith by five seconds.

"I wanted (regionals) more than the other girl," Truitt said. "You aren't going to pass someone that really wants it."

Truitt qualified for regionals and state in cross country last fall and is looking forward to regionals.

"I'm really excited," Truitt said. "I love going to Lubbock and spending time with the girls."

Senior Reid Miller jumped in the triple jump for only the second time this season and qualified for regionals with a third-place finish (38'8.25"). Senior Latigo Collins also jumped for the second time, finishing fourth and scoring four points for Pampa.

"Reid and Latigo did really well," Tad Smith, boys head track coach, said. "Reid qualified for regionals, and that wasn't a conversation we had a few weeks ago."

Senior Robert Radke won the high jump (5'8") and junior Jonathan Cox finished second (5'6"). Sophomore Brett Troxell finished second in the pole vault (12'). Senior Trent McAnear qualified in the 3200-meter run with a second place finish (10:58.58).

"I'm really proud of how they performed," Smith said. "Robert Radke stepped up in the high jump. Jonathan Cox was right behind him. Those were points I wasn't counting on two or three weeks ago. Brett Troxell battled in the pole vault and got second. Trent ran really well in the 3200."

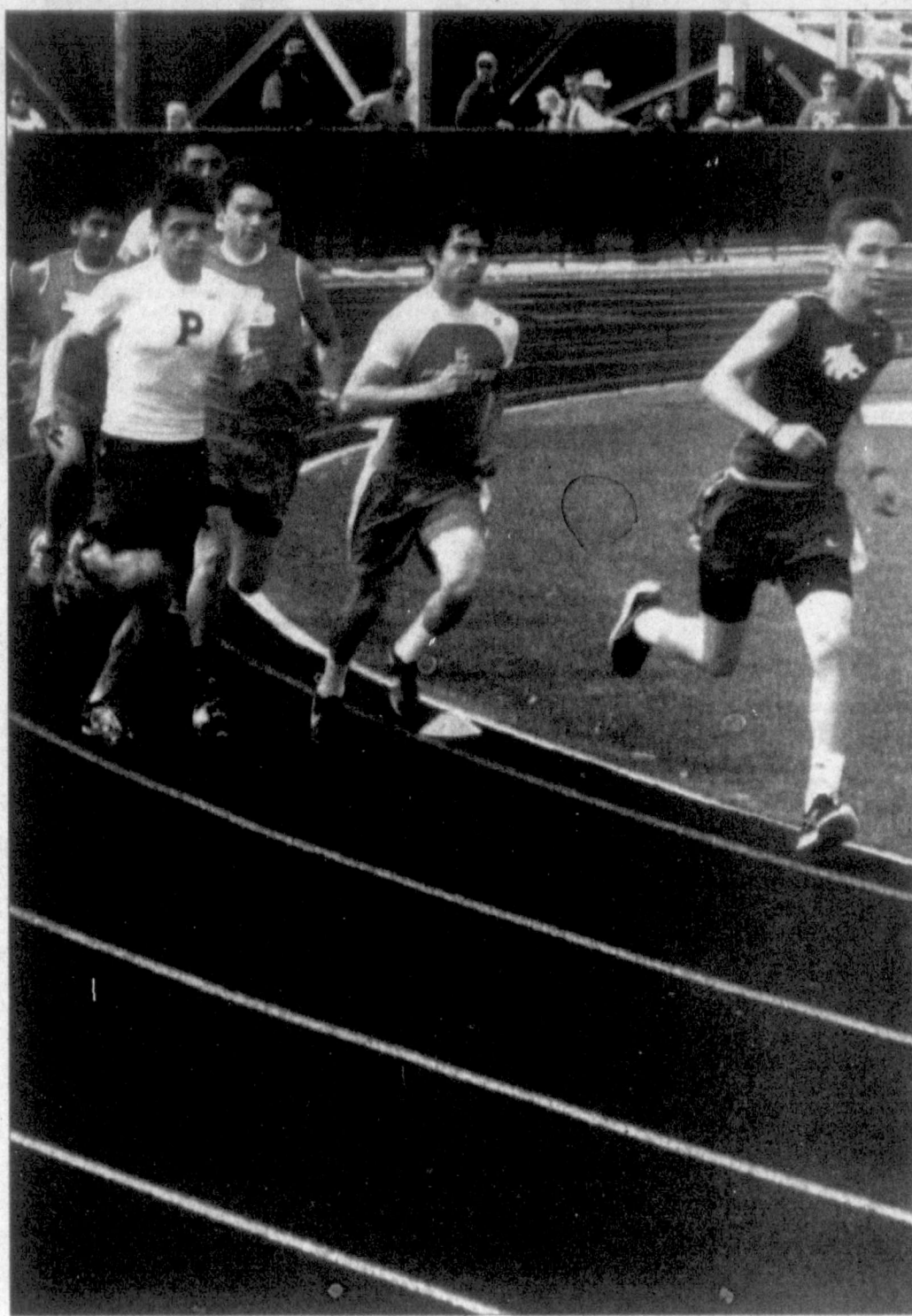
The rest of the running events ran preliminaries. Smith said he likes where his team stands.

"(Today) is going to be a close battle between us and Dalhart," Smith said. "It's going to be a fun day tomorrow."

Elms said his girls are in good position for tomorrow's running events.

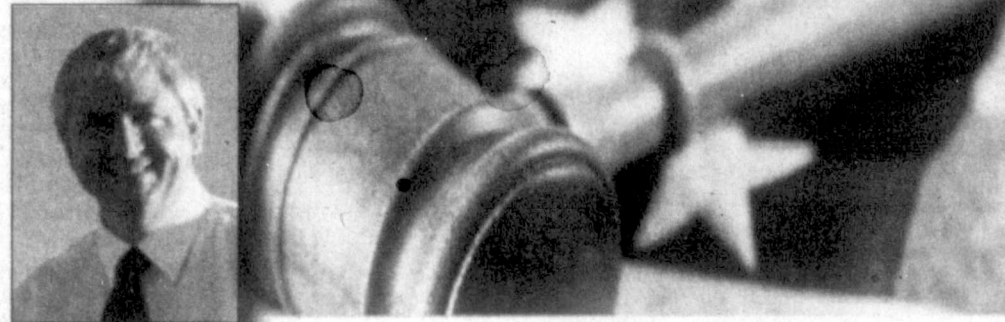
"Our quarter-milers did well today," Elms said. "They qualified second and third for tomorrow's final. Our 100-meter dash girls, one of them tied for second and the other is in fourth. We got a possibility of getting a couple there going to regionals."

The meet resumes at 9 a.m. today. Regionals will be at Texas Tech University on April 27-28.



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Senior Trent McAnear runs to the front of the pack in the first lap of the 3200-meter run. McAnear finished second, earning a trip to regionals.



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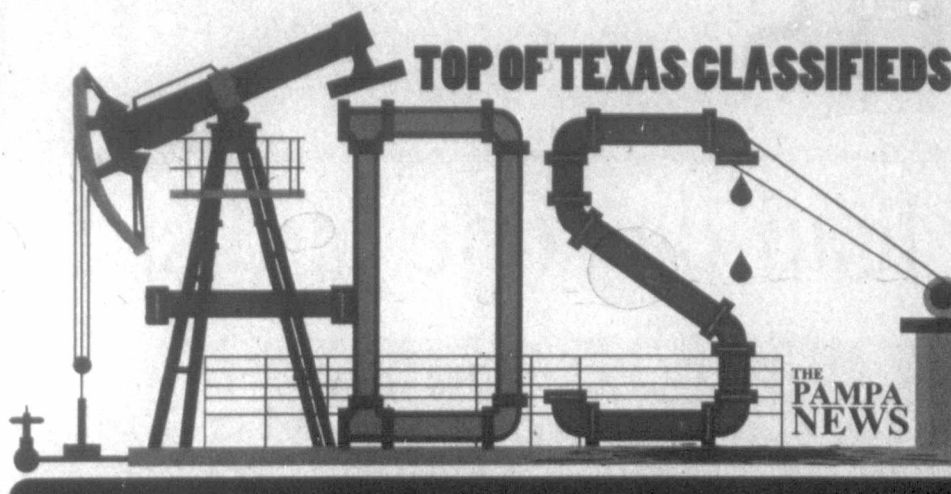
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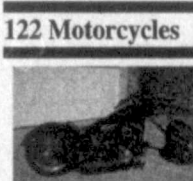
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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

4-13 CRYPTOQUOTE
ENX JKKZXE LB JEPORMW
OLGMW RJ EL YRAX
NLMXJEYO, XPE JYLFYO, PMI
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BANANAGRAMS!

There is one letter that when added to all of the six-letter words below can be used to form new seven-letter words. Find the letter that works for all four words, add it to each word, then rearrange each set of letters to form a new word.

LEVEL

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COMMON LETTER

Yesterday's Answer: CANDID, GAWKED, BANDIT, BOBCAT



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for 16 years and have two teenagers. "Mom" died two years ago, and my husband is an only child. How can we tell my widowed father-in-law that we need a weekend to ourselves?

"Pop," who's 87, lives an hour away and drives to see us every weekend, staying until Monday afternoon. We don't doubt that he's lonely, although he does play bridge twice a week and has dinner with friends occasionally. We love him dearly and would never want to hurt his feelings, but we long for a weekend for "just us."

How do we ask Pop not to visit? We believe he's still in mourning over the loss of his wife of 60 years. We don't want to add to his heartache. — TORN IN TEXAS

DEAR TORN: You do need to talk to your father-in-law and set some boundaries. Accomplish it by setting a predetermined visitation schedule that allows you time alone with your husband and nuclear family without him being present. A way to get that message across would be to say: "Pop, we love you, but we need some time to ourselves, so

let's schedule your visits for twice a month. YOU pick the weekends."

DEAR ABBY: The neighbor above my apartment has a snoring problem. My bedroom is directly below his. Around 10 every night he starts snoring to the point that it sounds like an elephant lives above me. I have to sleep with my TV on and sometimes the radio.

Please tell me what to do. Should I confront this neighbor? Should I complain to management? Or should I just live with it? — FED UP IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR FED UP: Write your neighbor a letter and explain to him there is a problem. He may not know that he snores. If he's snoring steadily, but stops for 20 or 30 seconds before starting again, it could indicate that he has a serious medical condition that should be discussed with his doctor.

If the apartment above you has poor insulation, a carpet under his bed could muffle some of the sound. Playing a tape of "white noise" could block it out more restfully than your television or radio. Or, because adequate sleep is so important, you could ask a real estate attorney about the possibility of

breaking your lease and leaving without penalty.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 23-year-old woman who will graduate from college soon. I am looking to undergo a post-college makeover. I want to find some clothes that will work in the professional world, but also mix for more casual environments. Taking a recent college grad's budget for this into account, what signature pieces should a young female have in her wardrobe? And what tips do you have for building a great collection over time? — YOUNG, BROKE, BUT FABULOUS

DEAR Y.B.F.: Start with two suits — one with a jacket and matching skirt, the other with jacket and slacks. Make both suits interchangeable and in a neutral color — black, navy or beige — whatever looks best on you. Add a couple of blouses and sweater sets, several pairs of shoes and a good handbag. Make sure to look for "classic" styles rather than trendy, and you will have the basis for a business wardrobe and the beginning of a great collection.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 45 Baseball's

- 1 Fills parts Pee Wee
- 6 Deep pink 46 Title documents
- 11 Overture
- 12 Resort
- 13 Parting word
- 14 Drew in books
- 15 Going rate?
- 17 Fling
- 18 Headed out
- 20 Beef cut
- 22 Good times
- 23 Brunch cocktails
- 26 Honking birds
- 28 Sluggish
- 29 Dis-patched
- 31 Maiden name label
- 32 Pulls
- 33 Sports figure
- 34 "Pinocchio" fish
- 36 Massage target
- 38 Puts up
- 40 Jitterbug's cousin
- 43 Game leader
- 44 Promptly

DOWN

- 1 Espionage org.
- 2 Plus
- 3 Twenty
- 9 Basics
- 10 Puts down
- 16 Yale rooster
- 18 Galoots
- 19 Foil's kin
- 21 Forget speaker
- 23 Cat call
- 24 Vicinity
- 25 Proofing no-no mark
- 27 Patsies
- 30 Olympics chant
- 33 Polish
- 34 "Believe" singer
- 35 Ineffectual
- 37 LummoX
- 39 Spot
- 41 Flop
- 42 Toady's reply

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Sports

PHS wrestling celebrates 2011-12 season, rebirth

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The 2011-12 Pampa High School wrestling season began with the hope that there would be a season. It ended Wednesday at M.K. Brown Civic Center with the team celebrating its accomplishments at its banquet.

"When (my coaching staff) decided to take this on, I didn't know what we were going to get into," head coach Michael Stovall said. "I just knew we had a large group kids who wanted to wrestle. It just took off."

The wrestling team had qualify for regionals. Wayland Baptist wrestling coach Johnny Cobb spoke to wrestlers about success.

"The number one reason to wrestle is to prepare you for life," Cobb said. "For all those tough things coming up. There will be a bunch of them. Life's journey and road to success, going down life's road is one bumpy son-of-a-gun. You better hang on tight."

Cobb coached Stovall in high school at Amarillo Tascosa. Stovall introduced both teams and talked about the season.

"Every one of these wrestlers that wrestled for Pampa High School went out on the mat to compete, no matter what," Stovall said. "They knew what we expected of them. They came out to compete."

The Harvesters beat Boys Ranch in their first dual for first time in 12 years. Pampa lost to Randall, the number two team in the state. The Harvesters finished with four district champions: Junior Bella Wilson (215), junior Dinah Radke (165), senior Robert Radke (138) and senior Ryan Pearson (195). Radke also won Outstanding Wrestler in District 5.

After his speech, Stovall handed out team awards. Freshmen Miranda Foreman and Erica Spence won Lady Harvester Wrestler of the Year.

"One showed amazing poise at a very difficult time," Stovall said. "The other was roller coasterous. She would be awesome, then she would be down and doubting herself. ... She lost her first match and came off the mat. I asked her 'Are you going to take this anymore. You are going to stand up and fight or your tournament is going to be done.' This lady took the number two seed and beat her. Went to the next round and went one round from making it to state."

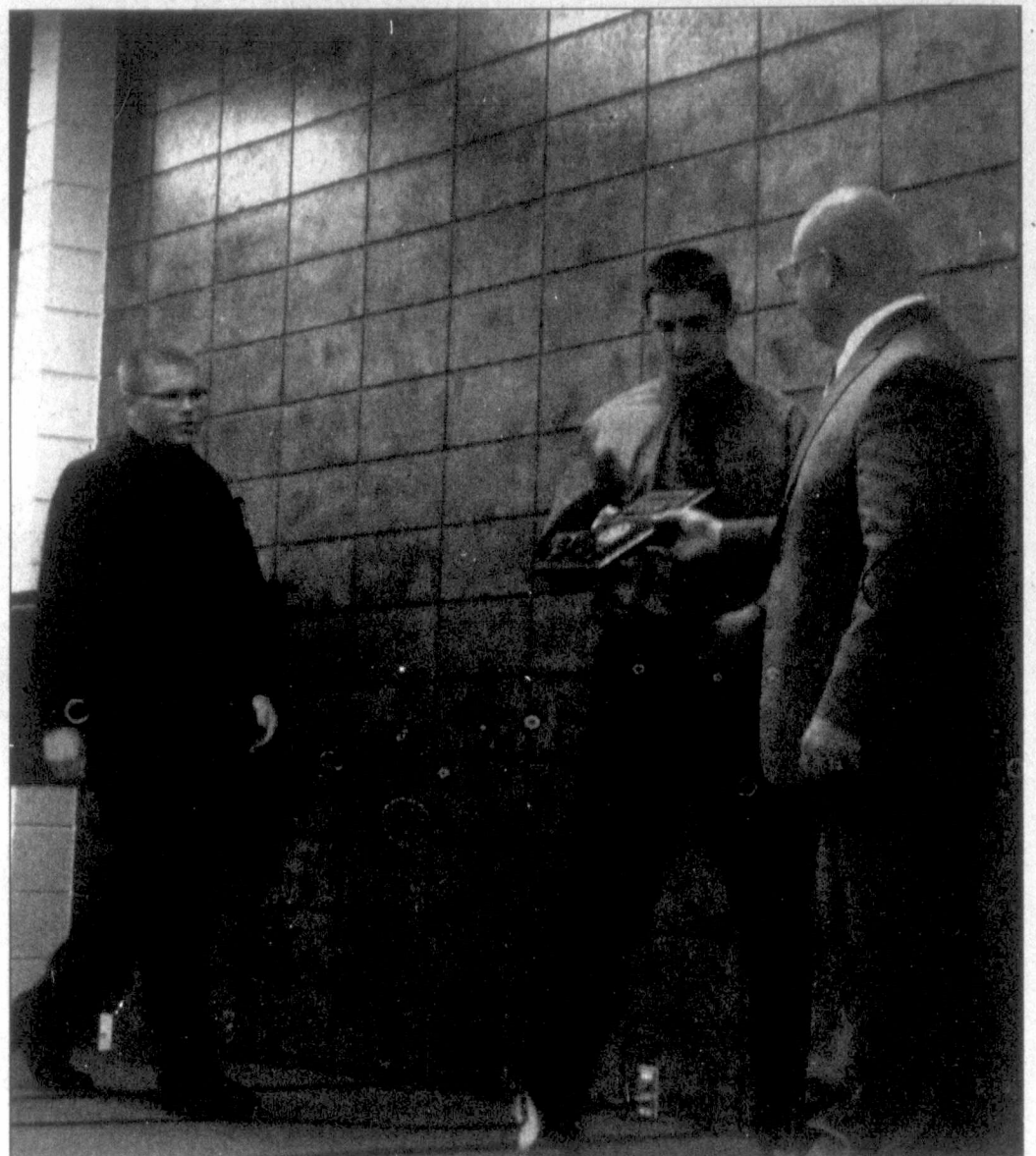
Radke and Pearson won Outstanding Boys Wrestler. Stovall talked about Pearson's determination and how he wanted to continue competing at regionals despite having a dislocated shoulder.

"The hardest thing I had to do was look in (Pearson's) face and say 'No, you're done'" Stovall said. "When I told him that he argued with me and said 'No, I can tape it up, I can do it.'"

Freshman Blake Matthews won the Fighting Heart award. Stovall said the seniors nominated him before the season ended.

"(The seniors) came to me after a dual, and said 'Coach Stovall, we don't care what happens. We know at the end of the season who is going to win our Fighting Heart Award,'" Stovall said. "This kid climbed out on the mat every day and it turned out the same until he finally won. The kids were more excited about him winning than winning the duel."

At the end of the banquet the seniors, Trent McAnear, Dylan Hooker, Ryan Damron, Radke and Pearson, were honored with a video.



Senior Robert Radke (front) accepts the Boys Wrestler of the Year plaque from head coach Mike Stovall with co-winner Ryan Pearson behind him. Radke and Pearson were district champions in their weight classes.

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WARM-UP ROUND



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Amy Hammer warms up for the Sixth Annual Cindy Cooper Special Olympic Golf Scramble scheduled for April 14, 2012 at the Hidden Hills golf course. Cheering her on are volunteer Gary Griggs and best friend Ameer Street. For more information, call Hidden Hills at 806-669-5866.

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