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People's choice: Pampa to get new animal shelter

■ *Bond issue passes with 71 percent of vote; charter amendment also passes*

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Pampa will be getting a new animal shelter.

The proposed \$2.95 million, 12,800

square foot facility, which has been hotly debated in public since it was announced on the city ballot in February, passed the test of public opinion by a considerable margin, with 851 votes for the shelter (71.3 percent) to 343 against (28.7 per-

cent), according to an unofficial tally released by the city at 8:03 p.m. on Saturday.

A jubilant Faustina Curry, president of the Pampa Animal Welfare Society, expressed joy and relief on Sunday that the measure passed. Curry, who along with PAWS has been campaigning for a new animal welfare center almost since the group's inception in 2010, said she first heard the news at the soon-to-be obsolete current shelter.

"It was so wild," Curry said. "(PAWS member) Kay (Smith) and I stayed at the shelter Saturday night. ... We were just sitting there waiting, hoping that we would get results. I called (animal control supervisor) Monty (Montgomery) to tell him, and he was out driving around because he said he couldn't figure out what to do with himself.

"My stomach had been in knots all day, and I was so excited," she continued.

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SOFTBALL MOVES ON



staff photo by Andrew Glover

The Pampa Lady Harvesters celebrate after clinching a trip to the next round of the postseason. Next up: The Kennedale Lady Wildcats. Fulls tory in **SPORTS**, page 6.

Porter beats Ferguson for Ward 2 post

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Chris Porter defeated John Ferguson in Saturday's election to become the next city commissioner for Pampa's second ward, taking 59.3 percent of ballots (650 votes) to Ferguson's 40.7 percent (446 votes).



The numbers come from an unofficial vote tally released by the city at 8:03 p.m. on Saturday. Porter said that he was anxious all day until the message hit his email inbox.

"It was nervous relief," he said. "I couldn't find enough things to do to keep my mind off of it. ... It was one of those deals where I was positive that I could do well at it, and it was a good thing to finally get the results and realize it was a

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Pampa High School prom 2012



staff photos by Della Moyer

LEFT: Karl Pfitzner (from left), Kendall Aikin, Nate Towry and Stephenae Marshall share a carriage. **TOP:** David Morse escorts Rikki Earnest inside. **RIGHT:** Reid Miller and Kailyn Troxell — seen here in matching Chuck Taylors — were crowned Prom King and Queen.

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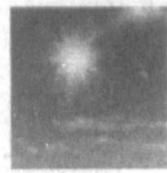
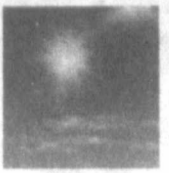
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Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 79. West wind around 5 mph becoming southeast.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 83. South southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Bodies dumped on Mexico highway

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — Forty-nine bodies with their heads, hands and feet hacked off were found Sunday dumped on a northern Mexico highway leading to the Texas border in what appeared to be the latest carnage in an escalating war between Mexico's two dominant drug cartels.

Local and federal authorities discovered the bodies before dawn scattered in a pool of blood at the entrance to the town of San Juan, on a highway leading from the metropolis of Monterrey to the border city of Reynosa. A white stone arch welcoming visitors was spray-painted with black letters: "100% Zeta."

Nuevo Leon state security spokesman Jorge Domene said at a news conference that the 43 men and six women would be hard to identify because of the lack of heads, hands and feet. The bodies were being taken to a Monterrey auditorium for DNA tests.

The victims could have been killed as long as two days ago at another location, then transported to San Juan, a town in the municipality of Cadereyta, about 105 miles (175 kilometers) west-southwest of McAllen, Texas, and 75 miles (125 kilometers) southwest of the Roma, Texas, border crossing, state Attorney General Adrian de la Garza said.

Only one couple looking for their missing daughter visited the morgue in Monterrey where autopsies were being performed on the mutilated bodies Sunday, a state police investigator said.

The officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the case, said none of the six female bodies matched the missing daughter's description. He said some of the bodies were badly decomposed and some had their whole arms or lower legs missing.

De la Garza said he did not rule out the possibility that the victims were U.S.-bound migrants.

But it seemed more likely that the killings were the latest salvo in a gruesome game of tit-for-tat in fighting among brutal drug gangs.

"This is the most definitive of all the cartel wars," said Raul Benitez Manaut, a security expert at Mexico's National Autonomous University.

Mass body dumpings have increased around Mexico the last six months as the fearsome Zetas gang goes head to head with the powerful Sinaloa Cartel, led by fugitive drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, and its allies.

Under President Felipe Calderon's nearly six-year assault on organized crime, the two cartels have become the largest in the country and are battling over strategic transport routes and territory, including along the northern border with the U.S. and in the Gulf coast state of Veracruz.

In less than a month, the mutilated bodies of 14 men were left in a van in downtown Nuevo Laredo, 23 people were found hanged or decapitated in the same border city and 18 dismembered bodies were left near Mexico's second-largest city, Guadalajara.

Nuevo Laredo, like Monterrey, is considered Zeta territory, while Guadalajara has long been controlled by gangs loyal to Sinaloa.

The Zetas are a transient gang without real territory or a secure stream of income, unlike Sinaloa with its lucrative cocaine trade and control of smuggling routes and territory, Benitez said. But the Zetas are heavily armed while Sinaloa has a weak enforcement arm, he said. The Zetas, founded by deserters from Mexico's elite special forces, started out as assassins for the Gulf Cartel before those two gangs had a bloody split in early 2010.

The government's success in killing or arresting cartel leaders has fractured some of the big gangs into weaker, quarreling bands that in many cases are lining up with either the Zetas or Sinaloa. At least one of the two cartels is present in nearly all of Mexico's 32 states.

A year ago this month, more than two dozen people — most of them Zetas — were killed when they tried to infiltrate the Sinaloa's territory in the Pacific Coast state of Nayarit.

But their war started in earnest last fall in Veracruz, a strategic smuggling state with a giant gulf port.

A drug gang allied with Sinaloa

left 35 bodies on a main boulevard in the city of Veracruz in September and police found 32 other bodies, apparently killed by the same gang, a few days after that. The goal apparently was to take over territory that had been dominated by the Zetas.

Twenty-six bodies were found in November in Guadalajara, another territory being disputed by the Zetas and Sinaloa.

Drug violence has killed more than 47,500 people since Calderon launched a stepped-up offensive when he took office in December 2006.

Mexico is now in the midst of presidential race to replace Calderon who by law can't run for re-election. Drug violence seems to be escalating, but none of the major candidates, Enrique Pena Nieto, Josefina Vazquez Mota or Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, has referred to the body dumpings directly. All three say they will stop the violence and make Mexico a more secure place but offer few details on how their plans would differ from Calderon's.

Benitez said the wave of violence has nothing to do with the presidential election.

"It has the dynamic of a war between cartels," he said.

Casualties mount in drug war

Some notable incidents of mass violence Mexico's drug war over past year:

- **May 13:** Mutilated bodies of 49 people dumped on highway in northern Mexico.
- **May 9:** Dismembered bodies of 18 victims left near Mexico's second-largest city, Guadalajara.
- **May 5:** Bodies of 23 people found hanging from bridge or decapitated and dumped near city hall in border city of Nuevo Laredo.
- **April 17:** Mutilated bodies of 14 men left in minivan in downtown Nuevo Laredo, along with message from undisclosed drug gang.
- **April 12:** Tortured and bound bodies of seven men dumped in Pacific port city of Lazaro Cardenas along with messages signed by allies of Sinaloa drug cartel.
- **March 18:** Gunmen kill 12 police officers sent to Guerrero state to search for bodies of 10 people whose severed heads were found earlier.
- **March 15:** State lawmaker's body identified as one of 330 corpses found since April in mass graves in northern state of Durango.
- **March 7:** Sixteen bodies removed from three clandestine graves on outskirts of northern industrial city of Monterrey.
- **Feb. 7:** Suspected Zetas cartel member leads marines to mass graves at two ranches in Gulf coast state of Veracruz where at least 15 bodies unearthed.
- **Nov. 24, 2011:** Bound and gagged bodies of 26 young men found in vans and pickup truck left on expressway in heart of Guadalajara.
- **Nov. 23:** Seventeen burned bodies discovered in two pickup trucks in

Sinaloa state capital, Culiacan.

- **Oct. 6:** Alleged members of New Generation gang allied with the Sinaloa cartel lead police to 32 bodies in city of Veracruz.
- **Oct. 2:** Seven bullet-riddled bodies dumped at bus stop in Pacific resort of Zihuatanejo, along with message from Knights Templar gang.
- **Sept. 27:** Five severed heads found in front of primary school in Acapulco.
- **Sept. 20:** New Generation cartel dumps 35 seminude, tortured bodies in front of terrified motorists at rush hour on busy avenue in Veracruz.
- **Aug. 25:** Two dozen gunmen burst into casino in Monterrey, douse it with gasoline and start fire that kills 53 people.
- **July 26:** Police find 18 bodies in clandestine grave near border city of Juarez in northern Mexico.
- **July 8:** At least 20 people killed when gunmen open fire at bar in Monterrey. Eleven bodies shot with high-powered rifles found earlier in day piled near well on outskirts of Mexico City.
- **June 7:** Federal officials announce finding 193 corpses in recent months buried in town of San Fernando in Tamaulipas state, most of them migrants kidnapped off buses and killed by Zetas.
- **May 25:** Twenty-nine people wearing fake military uniforms found heaped across roadway and inside bullet-riddled vehicles after battle between drug gangs in Pacific coast state of Nayarit.
- **May 14-15:** Officials blame Zetas for slaying of 27 workers at cattle ranch in northern Guatemala.

Condemned man's mental health questioned

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — The outcome of legal wrangling about condemned killer Steven Staley's mental health is likely to determine if the former laborer is put to death this week in Texas for a slaying almost a quarter-century ago in Fort Worth.

Prosecutors contend he's competent to be executed. His lawyer says Staley is severely mentally ill, suffering from paranoid schizophrenia, and has been observed catatonic or lying on the floor of his jail cell covered in urine.

Staley, 49, faces lethal injection Wednesday evening for the fatal shooting of a Steak and Ale restaurant manager who was taken hostage during a botched robbery in October 1989. The arrest of Staley and two accomplices after a wild 20-mile car and foot chase ended a series of robberies, assaults and at least one other killing as the trio wreaked havoc in Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

In a written statement, Staley implicated himself in the slaying of 35-year-old Bob Read. And since he arrived on death row in 1991, his mental competence became an issue as his punishment neared.

Prosecutors say he's legally competent, and state District Court Judge Wayne Salvant has ordered him to be medicated, by force if needed.

"If he was found not to be competent, the trial judge would just withdraw the (execution) date," said Jim Gibson, an assistant district attorney in Tarrant County, where Staley was tried and convicted.

Staley also has been examined by psychologists, who determined the prisoner was competent.

"Everybody agrees he's competent," Gibson said. "... I think the issue is going to be why he's competent."

Staley's lawyer, John Stickels, calls the competency artificial.

"The state has given him enough psychotropic drugs that the judge found he met the definition to be competent to be executed," said Stickels, who is asking the courts to halt the execution. "The whole reason he's been medicated is to make him competent to be executed."

Staley's previous attorney called him "too nuts to be executed" when the courts stopped a scheduled execution in 2005. And Stickels said Staley's severe mental illness has existed for several years and has been exacerbated by the forced drug regimen Stickels argues was illegally ordered by Salvant.

If lower courts refuse to stay the execution, Stickels said he'll take his case to the U.S. Supreme Court, which he said has not addressed the question of involuntary medication for the purposes of execution. When administered, the drugs leave Staley "with extreme sedation and zombie-like effects," Stickels said in an appeal to the

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Austin mayor reelected

AUSTIN (AP) — Lee Leffingwell has won a second three-year term as mayor of Austin.

The final but unofficial count shows Leffingwell won 55 percent of the vote to Brigid Shea's 34 percent and Clay Daboe's 11 percent.

The 72-year-old Leffingwell ran a well-funded race. The Austin American-Statesman reported in the days leading up to the election that the mayor had raised more than \$296,000, with half coming from employees of real estate, development, law, lobbying and engineering firms and their spouses.

Meanwhile, retired Lewis Rosen forced Galveston Mayor Joe Jaworski into a runoff election next month to decide who will be mayor of the island city. Rosen garnered 45 percent of the vote to Jaworski's 39 percent. Beau Rawlins got 12 percent to Greg Roof's 4 percent.

Junction crash kills three

CONROE (AP) — A car slammed into a pickup truck at a southeast Texas intersection, killing 1 person and injuring 2 others, 1 critically.

The crash early Saturday in Conroe sent the car spinning from the impact, hurling a one of three passengers from the vehicle.

Conroe police Sgt. Robert Engel says that person, 22-year-old David Mejia (me-HEE'-yah) Bonilla (boh-NEE'-yah), was killed along with the car's two other passengers, 24-year-old Alexander Moreno and 48-year-old Jose Aurelio Cantarero Benitez. The driver, 19-year-old Misael Esquibel, was taken to Conroe Regional Medical Center. Hospital spokeswoman Debra Burbridge said he was in serious condition Sunday.

The truck spun from the impact and flipped onto its side. The driver and lone occupant, 52-year-old David Burton Jackson, suffered minor injuries and declined hospitalization.

Villalobos prosecutors recused

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — All prosecutors in the U.S. Southern District of Texas, save one, have been recused from participating in the prosecution of Cameron County District Attorney Armando Villalobos.

The Brownsville Herald reports the Justice Department has approved the recusal of all prosecutors in the Southern District's U.S. Attorney's Office except one — Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Wynne. Prosecutors from the U.S. Western District of Texas will be assigned to the case in their place.

David Margolis, associate deputy U.S. attorney general, says the decision is "based upon the appearance of a conflict of interest."

The Southern District stretches from Houston and Galveston to Brownsville, McAllen and Laredo. The Western District stretches from San Antonio, Austin and Waco to El Paso.

White buffalo bull to be donated

DALLAS (AP) — An Oregon peacemaker says she was so upset by the apparent slaughter of a rare white buffalo calf in Texas recently that her organization is donating a white buffalo bull from its herd to the Lakota Ranch.

Arby Little Soldier, who owns the ranch near the North Texas town of Greenville where the calf was killed nearly two weeks ago, says he's excited about the 3,000-pound gift.

He had hoped it would arrive during a memorial service and powwow this weekend that was initially intended to celebrate Lightning Medicine Cloud's first birthday.

But the bull's caretaker and president of the Sacred World Peace Alliance, Cynthia Hart-Button, says she's trying to find a way to safely transport the animal, named Chief Hiawatha, from a central Oregon sanctuary.

Okla. gun advocates celebrate

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Advocates for expanded gun rights in Oklahoma are claiming success in the 2012 legislative session after the passage of several pro-gun measures, including one that allows permit holders to openly carry firearms.

The open-carry bill, given final approval by the Legislature last week and awaiting the governor's signature, has been a top priority for gun rights advocates in recent years. Gov. Mary Fallin already has signed a bill allowing gun owners from other states to carry concealed weapons in Oklahoma, and another bill approved by the Legislature and sent to Fallin would prohibit the governor or any other state or local official from confiscating or banning firearms during a state of emergency.

"We're very pleased with the participation and the advancement of gun rights this session," said Don Spencer, deputy director of the Oklahoma Second Amendment Association, a pro-gun rights group. "We've brought them legislation to fix some of these problems and to forward the Second Amendment cause."

The open-carry issue has proven a delicate topic for Republicans who control the Legislature. Democratic Gov. Brad Henry vetoed an open-carry bill two years ago amid opposition from law enforcement, but even after Fallin was elected a similar bill was derailed in a House committee last year after some Republicans expressed concern it could send a negative message to out-of-state businesses looking to locate here.

Bumper harvest for Okla. wheat?

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma winter wheat farmers are starting to harvest, and agriculture officials say good weather has made for a much stronger crop this year.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture forecasts that Oklahoma will harvest 154.8 million bushels over 4.3 million acres. Oklahoma on average produces 110 million bushels per year.

The harvest began several weeks earlier than usual, with the mild spring providing ideal conditions for wheat to grow and ripen.

Wheat farmer Don Schieber told The Oklahoman he was worried about the quality of his wheat, but tests for moisture levels and weight show it to be fine.

Oklahoma yields are expected to be 36 bushels per acre, compared with 22 bushels last year. Growers planted an estimated 4.3 million acres of wheat, up from 3.2 million last year.

Lawyer on quest for missing moon rocks

BUFFALO (AP) — The dark suit and tie Joe Gutheinz wore set him apart from other customers inside a Texas eatery where the usual attire is jeans and cowboy hats.

An appetite for down-home cooking wasn't what brought the former NASA investigator to the Pitt Grill recently. He was on a quest to identify and maybe recover some of the rarest treasure brought to Earth and then lost: moon rocks.

"We're educating the states and countries of the world about how much they're worth on the black market and we need to increase the security in museums and need to put them back on display," Gutheinz said.

The rock samples were collected by the dozen American astronauts who walked on the lunar surface between 1969 and 1972. U.S. states, territories, the United Nations and foreign governments received them as gifts. The samples, which also were loaned to museums and given to scientists for research, range from dust particles to tiny pebbles.

"A lot of them are in storage. And we need to put them in an inventory control system. And that's what's really lacking," said Gutheinz, a Houston lawyer who also teaches college classes in investigative techniques.

At the Pitt Grill in Buffalo, Texas, Gutheinz was meeting a former toy manufacturer from Colombia who contends his piece of the moon is from the more than 48 pounds of material collected in 1969 by Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin on the first manned lunar landing mission.

Rafael Navarro's asking price on eBay for dust scraped from his rock is \$300,000. The dust weighs 0.03 grams, roughly the same as a grain of rice.

"Bottom line is, from a common sense perspective, this is a train wreck waiting to happen for him and he's inviting it," Gutheinz said. "He's opening the jail cell door and walking through it. I wish him well but he's really defying everybody by doing this."

Navarro, 67, said he didn't fear possible fallout from illegally possessing what could be federal government property or risking fraud charges for selling something as a moon rock when it may not be.

"NASA can't prove they ever had this moon rock," he said.

That part may be true.

The fact that something purporting to be a moon rock even shows up on eBay illustrates the greater problem of no one keeping proper track of the gifted and loaned rocks and the fate of many being unknown.

NASA, which keeps its collection of rocks at Johnson Space Center in Houston and a facility in New Mexico, has confirmed the lack of oversight and promised to tighten controls, concurring with a critical audit report last December from its own Office of Inspector General, where Gutheinz worked as a senior agent. He left NASA in 2000 after 10 years.

"From time to time, I get a call from somebody that has a moon rock and his father or her father died and was a scientist," Gutheinz said. "And they ask, 'What do I do with it?' I tell them, 'Give it back to NASA.' That's a real problem."

In the days of the Apollo space program, the idea of not returning to the moon again and again wasn't a concern. So it was believed that more and more rock samples would come, too.

But it's been 40 years since astronaut-geologist Harrison Schmitt and Apollo 17 mission commander Gene Cernan in 1972 became the last men to walk on the moon. The total amount of collected lunar materials has amounted to 842 pounds, including 2,196 individual rock, soil and core samples. Those subsequently have been split into about 140,000 subsamples, according to NASA.

Gutheinz was responsible for the 1998 "Operation Lunar Eclipse" sting at NASA and intercepted a \$5 million sale of a moon rock President Richard Nixon gave to the government of Honduras after the last Apollo mission.

Of the 270 moon rocks given to nations around the world as gifts, Gutheinz said 160 are unaccounted for, stolen or lost. Another 18 moon rocks from Apollo 11 and six from Apollo 17, gifted to U.S. states, also are unaccounted for or missing.

Gutheinz and students from his classes are responsible for directly or indirectly recovering 79 moon rocks since 2002, including lunar rocks presented to several governors.

A retired dentist had the West Virginia rock, which MOON cont. on page 11

Shelter

"We were like, 'Oh my God, we are going to have a new animal shelter.' It is absolutely wonderful. I just wish the animals could understand how wonderful it is."

Curry thanked Pampans for supporting the cause and for turning out to vote the new shelter into reality.

"It's all because of the people in Pampa who got out and voted," Curry said. "All the PAWS people worked their tails off. ... I

think it was just, finally, people understood. Because we were there working all the time, we were able to make people aware of how bad it really is. We were able to get that word out and people started listening. When they really saw how bad it was, it was one of those things that they felt like (a new shelter) was a good thing. We needed to do something. We shouldn't be in that kind of situation."

Assistant city manager Shane

Stokes is slated to call GH2 Architects, the firm that designed the prospective facility, on Monday to discuss the next step in the process, Curry said.

The other measure on the ballot, a charter amendment to lengthen the terms of city officials from two years to four years to better accommodate SB 100, also passed, 732 votes (63.2 percent) to 426 (36.8 percent).

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Porter

done deal."

Porter will succeed Rebecca Holmes, who did not seek reelection. Now, with the election behind him, Porter said he is eager to join the Commission and get to work.

"I'm very excited," Porter said. "It's nice to have the voters support me in this deal, and I'm ready to hit the ground running and learn all I can and being a positive influence on the city."

Asked about what city developments he's ready to be a part of, Porter cited an issue that was on Saturday's ballot.

"I'm looking forward to the animal shelter," he said. "I think that was a great thing that a great majority found that there was a need there and that something needed to be implemented. I'm real excited about the fact that they basically mandated

that. I know that there was a lot of controversy there in the last week or two, and I was even getting some questions about it. I'm really happy that the voters came out and supported it as well as they did.

"The other thing I'm excited about is getting to find out about our city infrastructure and where we're at as far as maintenance and things of that nature," he continued. "Another thing that I'm interested in — and I think everybody in the city is interested in — is water rights. I think that we need to be proactive in trying to secure water rights and that we need to be proactive in exploring options that we may or may not have, just based on the fact

that Amarillo seems to be doing pretty good in securing their city's future for water. I would kind of like to see us go towards being more of a self-sufficient area for the water."

Porter thanked the voters for elevating him to the post.

"I really want to thank everybody for having the faith in me to use my voice to express their voice," Porter said. "It's very important to me. I'm a hometown guy. I was raised in the city and the city raised me. I appreciate their faith in my ability to

make common sense decisions and good conscientious decisions."

The other open city commissioner position will be filled by Karen McLain, who was unopposed in the election. McLain will replace Neil Fulton, who is leaving the City Commission to seek a spot on the Gray County Commission, running against John Mark Baggerman of Precinct 3 in the May 29 Republican Primary.

McLain received 884 votes in the election.

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Today in History

Today is Monday, May 14, the 135th day of 2012. There are 231 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 14, 1912, the first movie inspired by the Titanic disaster was released just a month after the British liner sank. "Saved From the Titanic," a one-reel drama produced by the Eclair Film Co. of Fort Lee, N.J., starred Dorothy Gibson, an actress who had been an actual passenger on the doomed ship; she wore for the movie the same outfit she was wearing when rescued. ("Saved From the Titanic" is considered lost, the only known copies having been destroyed in a fire in 1914.)

On this date:

In 1643, Louis XIV became King of France at age four upon the death of his father, Louis XIII.

In 1796, English physician Edward Jenner inoculated 8-year-old James Phipps against smallpox by using cowpox matter.

In 1804, the Lewis and Clark expedition to explore the Louisiana Territory as well as the Pacific Northwest left camp near present-day Hartford, Ill.

In 1811, Paraguay achieved independence from Spain with the bloodless overthrow of the country's royal governor.

In 1900, the Olympic games opened in Paris, held as part of the 1900 World's Fair.

In 1942, Aaron Copland's "Lincoln Portrait" was first performed by the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

In 1948, according to the current-era calendar, the independent state of Israel was proclaimed in Tel Aviv.

In 1961, Freedom Riders were attacked by violent mobs in Anniston and Birmingham, Ala.

In 1962, the Anthony Burgess novel "A Clockwork Orange," set in a dystopian future England, was first published by Heinemann of London. Prince Juan Carlos, the future king of Spain, married Princess Sophia of Greece and Denmark in Athens.

In 1973, the United States launched Skylab 1, its first manned space station.

In 1987, actress Rita Hayworth died in New York at age 68.

In 1998, singer-actor Frank Sinatra died at a Los Angeles hospital at age 82. The hit sitcom "Seinfeld" aired its final episode after nine years on NBC.

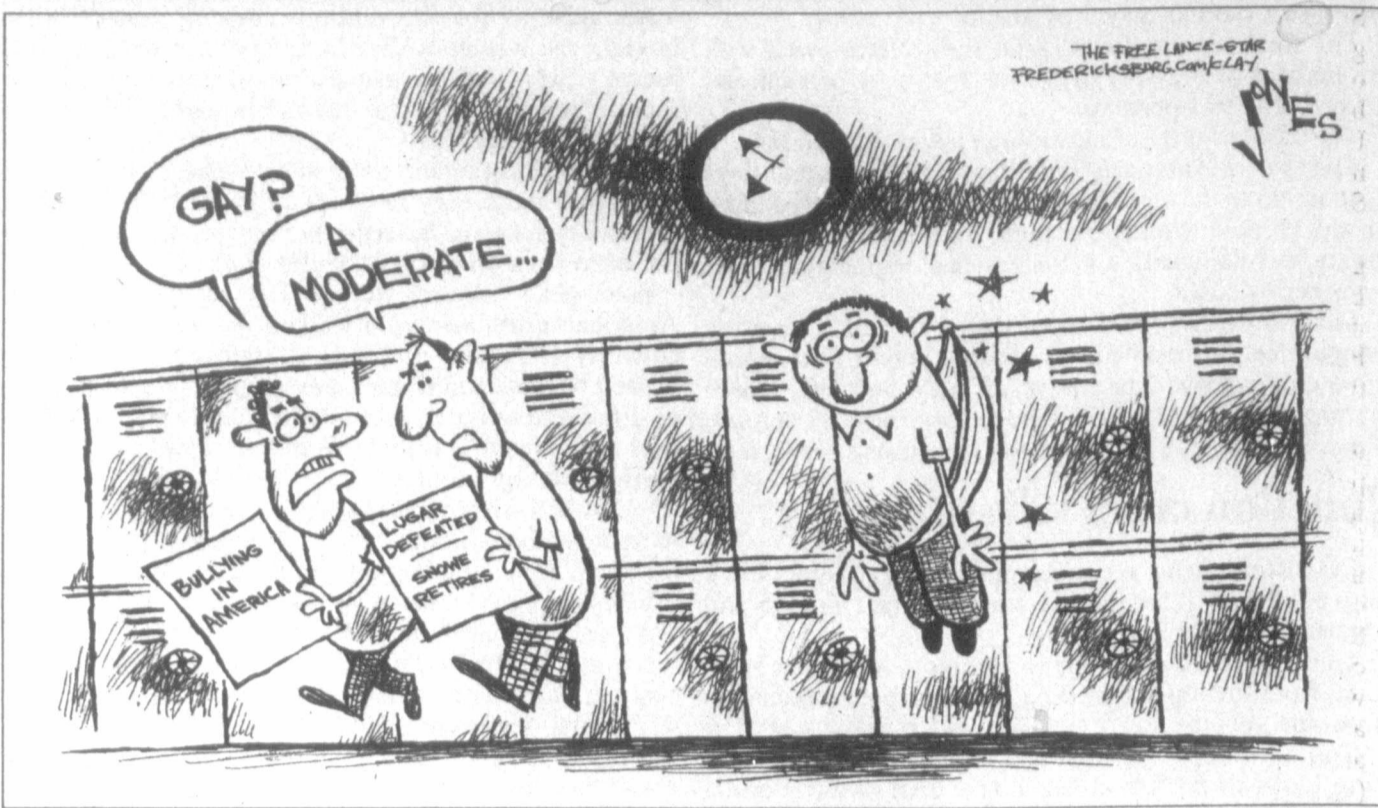
Ten years ago: NATO and Russia reached a historic agreement in Reykjavik, Iceland, to combat common security threats in the post-Sept. 11 era. Former President Jimmy Carter addressed Cuba in an unprecedented hour of live, uncensored television, telling Cubans that their country did not meet international standards of democracy.

Five years ago: DaimlerChrysler said it was selling almost all of Chrysler to private equity firm Cerberus Capital Management for \$7.4 billion, backing out of a troubled 1998 takeover. The trial of suspected al-Qaida operative Jose Padilla opened in Miami. (Padilla and two co-defendants were convicted of terrorism conspiracy and material support after a three-month trial; Padilla was sentenced to 17 years in prison.)

One year ago: At New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, head of the International Monetary Fund and potential candidate for president of France, was removed from a Paris-bound plane and charged with sexually assaulting a Manhattan hotel maid, Nafissatou Diallo. (Strauss-Kahn later resigned; the charges against him were eventually dropped.)

Today's Birthdays: Opera singer Patrice Munsel is 87. Photo-realist artist Richard Estes is 80. Former Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., is 70. Rock singer-musician Jack Bruce (Cream) is 69. Movie producer George Lucas is 68. Actress Meg Foster is 64. Movie director Robert Zemeckis is 61. Rock singer David Byrne is 60. Actor Tim Roth is 51. Rock singer Ian Astbury (The Cult) is 50. Rock musician C.C. (aka Cecil) DeVille is 50. Actor Danny Huston is 50. Rock musician Mike Inez (Alice In Chains) is 46. Fabrice Morvan (ex-Milli Vanilli) is 46. Rhythm-and-blues singer Raphael Saadiq is 46. Actress Cate Blanchett is 43. Singer Danny Wood (New Kids on the Block) is 43. Movie writer-director Sofia Coppola is 41. Singer Natalie Appleton (All Saints) is 39. Singer Shanice is 39. Rock musician Henry Garza (Los Lonely Boys) is 34. Rock singer-musician Dan Auerbach is 33. Rock musician Mike Rétondo (Plain White T's) is 31. Actress Amber Tamblyn is 29. Actress Miranda Cosgrove is 19.

Thought for Today: "Silence cannot hide anything — which is more than you can say for words." — From the play "The Ghost Sonata" by Swedish author-playwright August Strindberg (born 1849, died this date in 1912).



Early voting begins, turnout critical

CHRIS TOMLINSON
Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) — With municipal elections complete, early voting kicked off Monday for Texas' key primary races.

Voters can now pick their party's nominees after a four-month delay caused by an extended legal fight over the redrawing of political districts. But the delay could spell trouble for some Republican candidates facing opposition from hard-core conservative activists and the race could be decided by only a few hundred thousand ballots out of 13.5 million registered voters.

The first problem is just getting word out about the election. Texans are accustomed to voting on Super Tuesday, which this year was on March 6. The early date is designed to give Texans an early role in choosing presidential nominees.

But because of the lawsuit, Texans are voting after both President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney have clinched their party's nominations, which leads to the second problem. Without a big national race in the balance, primary voters tend not to show up. This year the biggest undecided race is to replace retiring U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison.

The third challenge is the May 29 primary date, which is the Tuesday after Memorial Day and as school closes for the summer. This is a popular week for people to take vacation. And that leads us to the importance of early voting.

Prudent experts and observers say they can't predict turnout this year because there has never been a primary quite like this one.

"Anyone who claims they know what this weird, late May 29 primary is going to do for voter turnout is making stuff up," said Michael Quinn Sullivan, a conservative political activist. "I don't recall ever, in the history of Texas, having to move our primary at the last minute."

But Sullivan acknowledged that confusion often leads to low turnout, and with all of the legal wrangling around redistricting, this has been a confusing year.

There is also no doubt that voter enthusiasm makes a huge difference. When Obama and Hillary Clinton were neck-and-neck in the 2008 primary, more than 2.8 million Democrats voted, compared to 1.3 million Republicans. And yet, that still represented only 33 percent of registered voters, according to data from the Texas Secretary of State's office.

In comparison, the 2010 primary did not include a pres-

idential race, and the biggest contest was Hutchison's challenge to Gov. Rick Perry. In that race, 1.48 million Republicans cast ballots, compared to only 680,000 Democrats.

This year Democratic turnout will likely run low again. Obama faces no serious challenger and the Senate nomination pits former state Rep. Paul Sadler against 32-year-old party activist Sean Hubbard. Donations are an indicator of voter enthusiasm and so far Sadler reports raising \$77,800 and Hubbard \$16,971.

The top three Republican candidates, by comparison, have raised between \$5 million and \$7 million. They will now spend much of that to encourage supporters to vote, since in recent elections early voters made up more than 40 percent of turnout.

For front-runner Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, the goal is to win the May 29 primary with more than 50 percent of the vote, any less and he will face a July 31 runoff. Former Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert and former Texas Solicitor General Ted Cruz are each spending millions on television ads hoping to force that runoff, and if they succeed, they could have a chance to win.

That's because regular voters rarely take part in runoffs. In the Democratic Senate runoff off in 2006, voter turnout dropped from 509,370 voters in the primary to only 207,450 in the run-off. Barbara Ann Radnofsky won that race with 124,052 votes.

If Republican turnout this year is equal to the 2010 primary, then a candidate will need 740,001 votes to win. Less than that, and they will face a runoff where voter turnout will drop by at about half. That means the winning candidate will only need 370,001 to become the Republican nominee, and in Texas, that's almost a guaranteed trip to Washington for the next six years.

The Cruz campaign, in particular, is gambling on this strategy by focusing on mobilizing tea party supporters who are considered committed voters. In Indiana last week, a tea party candidate successfully defeated 36-year-veteran U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar in a primary where overall turnout was low, but tea party turnout was high.

All of the candidates know they need to get out their voters, so Texans will be getting a lot of phone calls from political campaigns beginning Monday urging them to vote. Because turnout, as always, will make the difference in who wins.

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What recent events say about Romney

Just as aspiring judges ought to possess the quality known as "judicial temperament," a would-be president should have certain obvious attributes of mind and character. Two incidents tested Mitt Romney this week — and both times, his ambition overwhelmed his judgment.

Recently, as Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton conducted tense negotiations with the Chinese government over the fate of Chen Guangcheng, the blind dissident who had sought refuge in the U.S. embassy in Beijing, Romney seized on rumors of American capitulation to launch a political salvo: "If these reports are true, this is a dark day for freedom and it's a day of shame for the Obama administration," he said at a rally in Virginia. "We are a place of freedom here and around the world, and we should stand up and defend freedom wherever it is under attack."

Clearly, Romney had no knowledge or experience with which to judge the situation unfolding in Beijing, which concluded much differently than his harsh remarks suggested. In fact, both the Chinese and the Americans were seeking a face-saving solution that was achieved when New York University (whose president John Sexton happens to be a close friend of Secretary Clinton and is well-connected in Beijing, as well) offered a fellowship to



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Standard editor Bill Kristol or from Abby Huntsman Livingston, the daughter of former Republican presidential candidate Jon Huntsman, who lived in the Beijing embassy when her father served as U.S. ambassador to the People's Republic.

But Romney's error was worse than a misguided political tactic. It showed a woeful ignorance of diplomacy and a callow opportunism that don't befit the next occupant of the Oval Office. To endanger Chen's safety and the prestige of the United States in those difficult hours was an act of weak character as well as stupidity.

Earlier in the week, Romney revealed another potential weakness when he let religious right activists bully his campaign over its hiring of an openly gay foreign policy staffer, Richard Grenell. After the campaign froze him out of press briefings

Chen, which the government had agreed he could accept.

The result, of course, was that Romney looked either "foolish" or "very foolish," depending on whether the assessment came from Weekly

to quell the controversy, Grenell finally quit on Tuesday, with no effort by the presumptive nominee to persuade him to stay. If Grenell was qualified to hold the sensitive post of foreign policy spokesman, why did Romney cave instantly to demands from radio hosts and other ignorant bigots to let him go?

For many years, various ethnic, sexual and religious prejudices hobbled American intelligence and diplomacy — a national flaw for which the United States paid dearly over and over again in bad policy based on inadequate information.

Meanwhile, his longtime critics on the far right are laughing at Romney. Bryan Fischer, right-wing extremist and leader of the American Family Association, openly gloated: "Let me ask you this question, people have raised this question," he said Friday on his radio show. "If Mitt Romney can be pushed around, intimidated, coerced, co-opted by a conservative radio talk show host in Middle America, then how is he going to stand up to the Chinese? How is he going to stand up to North Korea if he can be pushed around by a yokel like me?"

Those are indeed the questions that linger after Romney's performance this week.

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Zero tolerance border policy garnering both praise, doubt

HOUSTON (AP) — Since December 2005, a golf course on the banks of the Rio Grande has been a laboratory for a U.S. Border Patrol experiment called Operation Streamline.

Before, illegal immigrants tramped across Eagle Pass' fairways and into the hands of Border Patrol agents, knowing they wouldn't face jail.

But now, officials are using a "zero tolerance" policy, prosecuting and imprisoning the illegal immigrant before returning them home as criminal convicts. U.S. Homeland Security officials have credited the experiment with helping drive border arrests to a 40-year low, and the Houston Chronicle (<http://bit.ly/JosaPX>) reports that immigration hawks want the policy to be extended along the extent of the U.S.-Mexico border.

Some experts, though, say the United States' sluggish economy is a major factor for the drop.

"The Border Patrol has always tried new strategies, and the immigrants keep coming," Nestor Rodriguez, a University of Texas sociology professor, told the Chronicle. "What seems to make the big difference is not the border strategy but the economic recession and things that happen in the (U.S.) interior, like checking for

driver's licenses and IDs."

Brittney Nystrom, director of policy and legal affairs for the National Immigration Forum, agrees with Rodriguez.

"Everything the Border Patrol claims Streamline has created could just as easily be attributed to the falling number of open jobs in the United States," she said.

Under a 1952 federal law that made it a crime to illegally enter the United States, first-time offenders can be sentenced to up to six months in prison. It rises to up to two years for a second offense. The zero-tolerance zone for Operation Streamline has been extended to include all 210 miles of the Del Rio sector and other stretches of Mexico's border with Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

Since Operation Streamline started, reports from the Justice Department show nationwide prosecutions of first-offense misdemeanor illegal entry cases increased 218 percent — from 15,600 in 2005 to nearly 50,000 in 2011.

Critics say the prosecutions and imprisonments have overwhelmed courts along the border, creating what federal public defender William Fry of Del Rio calls a "nightmare" for the due process rights of immigrants. Fry told the Chronicle

that many of the first offenders do not know that their convictions could disqualify them from obtaining legal entry into the United States. Also, the number of cases flooding the courts inevitably lead to mistakes, he said.

"As a consequence, believe it or not, you can sometimes find an American citizen or a lawful permanent resident on the Streamline docket," he said.

In a 2010 ruling, U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks of Austin called Streamline's cost to taxpayers "simply mind-boggling."

Top Obama administration officials say the policy is just one part of its new border enforcement strategy.

"Streamline is important, but it is a big piece of a bigger system," said Border Patrol Deputy Chief Ronald Vitiello.

But Border Patrol officials are happy with the program's results. Some days, Cesar Cantu Jr., chief of the Border Patrol's Eagle Pass Station, says he can count the number of illegal immigrants his agents catch on his two hands. That's down from a peak that he says exceeded 500 a day.

"It took some time for word to go back into Central and South America, but once it did the tide shifted," he said.

Amazon-Texas tax deal questioned

AUSTIN (AP) — Celebrations over the state of Texas settling a sales tax dispute with Amazon.com may soon be tempered.

Under the deal announced by Texas Comptroller Susan Combs, the online retail giant will begin collecting sales taxes July 1 on purchases from Texas. Amazon also promises 2,500 new jobs for the state and \$200 million in capital investment over four years.

But Austin tax lawyer Buck Wood says the deal could be illegal, as federal regulatory filings show that Amazon made an "immaterial payment" on \$269 million in back sales taxes owed to Texas.

Wood, a former deputy state comptroller and general counsel under late Texas

Comptroller Bob Bullock, told the Austin American-Statesman (<http://bit.ly/ISu6un>) that the state constitution prohibits "forgiving" tax debts.

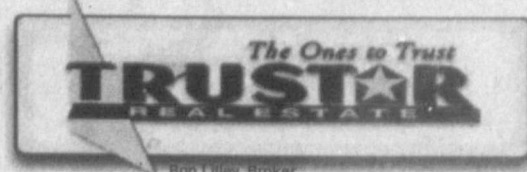
Wood is concerned that the deal creates a class of "too big to pay" taxpayers who get preferential treatment.

"While this may seem to be a reasonable resolution in people's minds, it's not worth the paper it's written on," Wood told the newspaper.

Combs denied ever "forgiving" taxes in violation of the Texas Constitution, her aides told the newspaper. Amazon declined to comment.

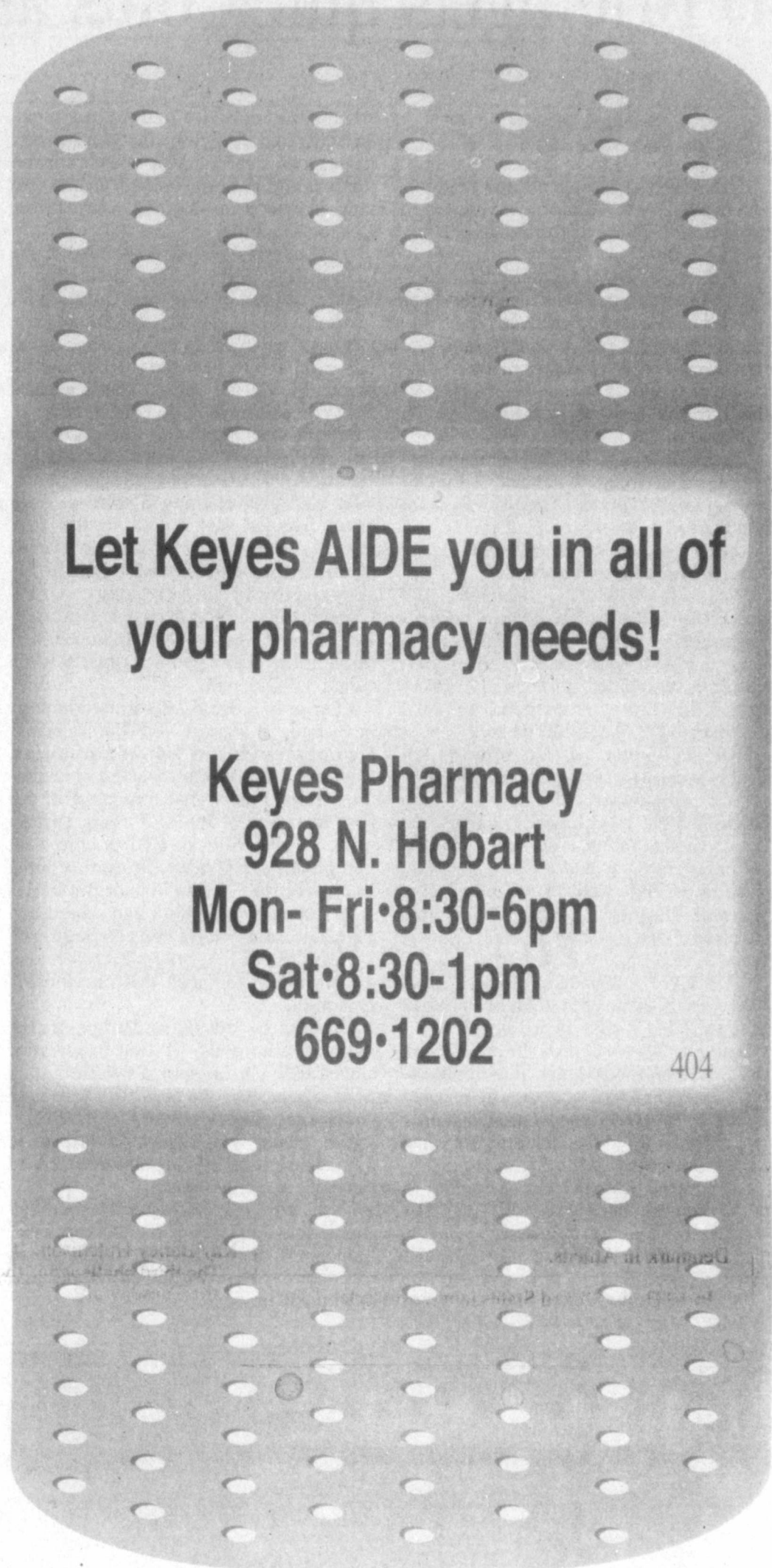
There is also concern about a state law that gives the comptroller the power to

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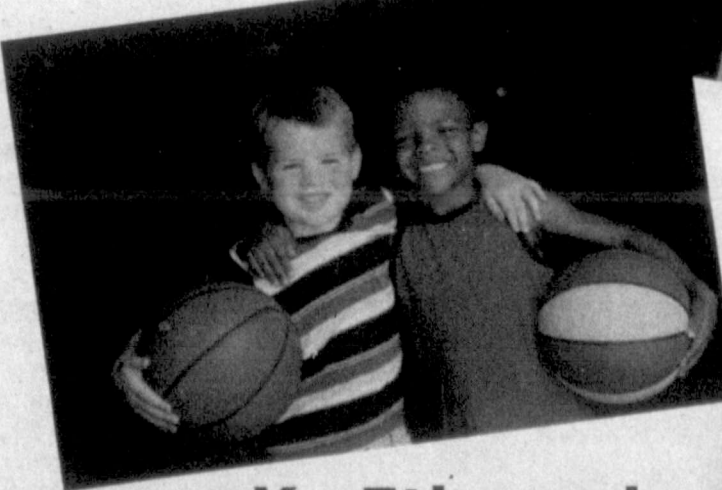


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Sports

O'Brien gets quick outs as Lady Harvesters advance

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CANYON — The last three seasons, the Pampa Lady Harvesters struggled in playoff series during prom week, losing the last two.

"We've had a hard time with prom," Gill said.

Saturday at Lady Buff Yard on West Texas A&M's campus, Pampa broke its "prom curse" as it scored three runs in the first inning of a 7-1 victory over the Lamesa Golden Tornadoes in the regional quarterfinals.

"I couldn't ask for a better performance defensively," Gill said. "I thought offensively we put runs across when we had the opportunities to."

Senior McKinlee Stokes said she thought the team came out well.

"We pulled through," Stokes said. "We put a lot of runs on the board, and kept them from scoring."

The Lady Harvesters (26-9), who committed a combined total of 11 errors in the first two games, shored up their defense and only committed two.

Gill said some of the miscues on Friday were due to playing at night.

"It's uncharacteristic for us to drop routine fly balls," Gill said. "We dropped three of them. Your judgment is a little different and we had a little problem making the right play."

Senior Heather Coffee said the time of Friday's games had an effect on the team.

"We were exhausted," Coffee said. "We were playing at 9:30 and 10 o'clock at night. That's kind of bedtime."

Lamesa (21-16) scored its only run in the first. Makayla Hunter hit a double to left scoring Selena Guzman, who reached on an error. The Golden Tornadoes only got two hits after the first and only had three runners get in scoring position.

Sophomore Alexa O'Brien pitched in her third straight game and was efficient. In three innings, O'Brien used less than 10 pitches, including six to end the game.

"We were super excited that last inning

when Alexa only had to throw six pitches," Gill said. "Anytime that can happen, it's a good deal. ... You want a pitcher that's going to throw enough strikes that they can put it in play and your defense can back them up."

The Lady Harvesters responded in the first with three base hits. Stokes hit an RBI single to tie the game. Coffee gave Pampa the lead with a two-RBI single.

"You have to go up every at-bat knowing you have to beat the pitcher and hit the ball," Coffee said. "That's what I did. You just have to be confident."

Pampa was patient at the plate and effectively battled with two strikes against Lamesa starter Makayla Hunter, who also was pitching a third straight game. Hunter was pulled in the fifth inning after throwing 92 pitches. Darian Deiderloin took over and failed to get an out after facing three batters. Ashley Casarez finished the game.

"The more pitches you can make them through the better you are especially on Game 3," Gill said.

After only scoring runs in two innings in Game 2, Pampa did the opposite Saturday, scoring in four of six innings. The Lady Harvesters received contributions from hitters that struggled in the first two games. Junior Tiffany Britton went 2 for 3 with an RBI double after going 1 for 8 on Friday. Britton's double gave Pampa a 5-1 lead in the fifth. Junior Bailey Beck went 2 for 3 and scored two runs. Gill said her veterans stepped up.

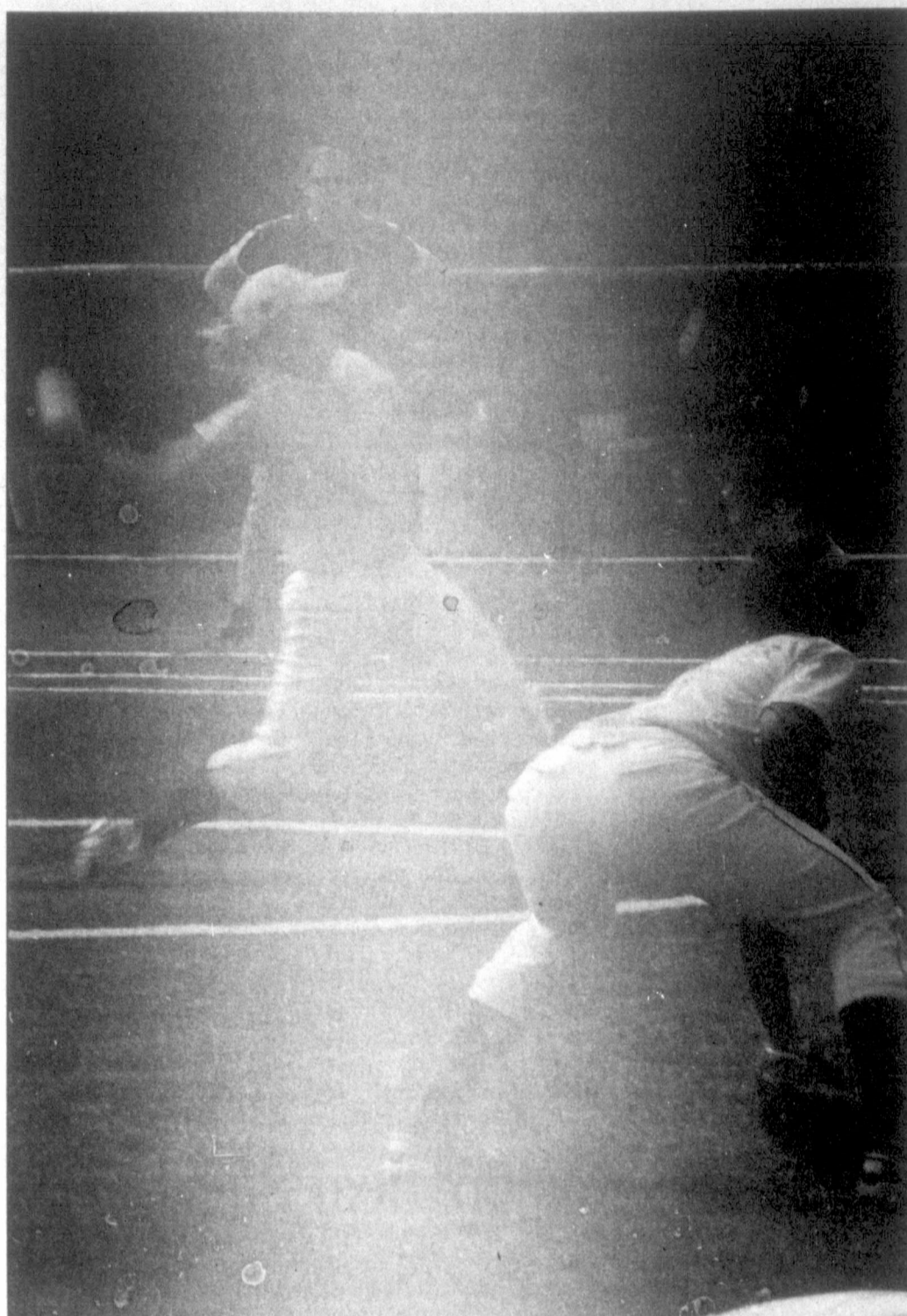
"A lot of our longtime players decided we are going to finish this one today," Gill said.

The victory advanced Pampa to the regional semifinals, its first appearance since 2008. Coffee said it's exciting.

"It's good that we aren't all talk now and are proving ourselves," Coffee said.

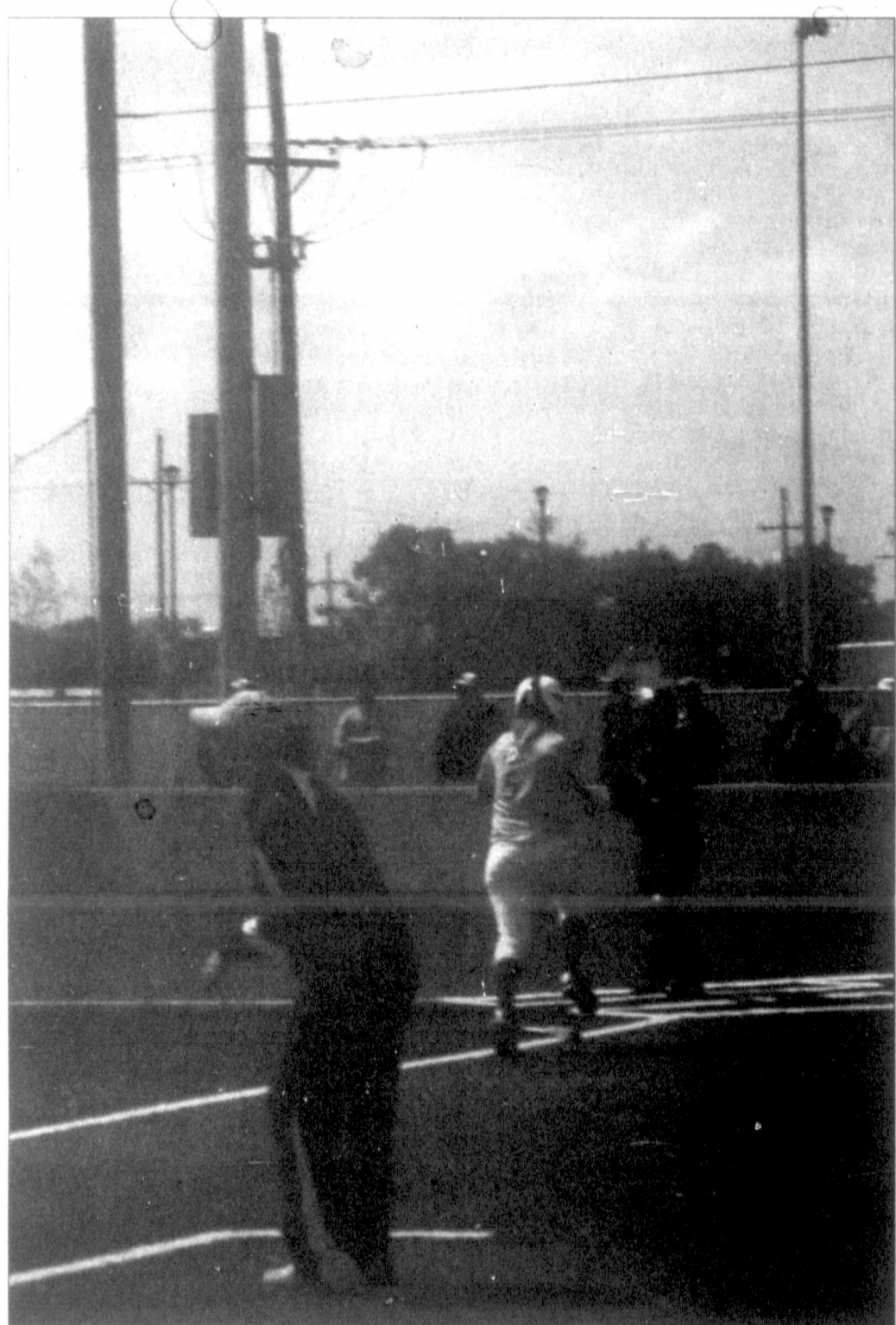
The game was Lamesa's last as a 3A school after moving down to 2A in February's realignment.

The Lady Harvesters will face the Kennedale Lady Wildcats, District 8-3A runner-ups next weekend. Game times and location were still being determined as of press time.



staff photo by Andrew Glover


Sophomore Alexa O'Brien throws a pitch Saturday against Lamesa. O'Brien was efficient using less than 10 pitches in three innings.




staff photo by Andrew Glover

Senior Alanna Stephens scores the go-ahead run in the bottom of the first Saturday against Lamesa as head coach Bobbi Gill instructs baserunners.

athletes
of the week



Alexa O'Brien
Pampa High School



Heather Coffee
Pampa High School

The Pampa News honors two Female Athletes of the week this week: **Alexa O'Brien** and **Heather Coffee**.

O'Brien earned two victories and pitched two complete games in the Lady Harvesters' regional quarterfinal victory over Lamesa. O'Brien struck out eight in Game 1. In Game 3, she limited Lamesa to three hits and one run to clinch the series.

Coffee hit a two-RBI single in the bottom of the first to give Pampa a 3-1 lead Saturday.

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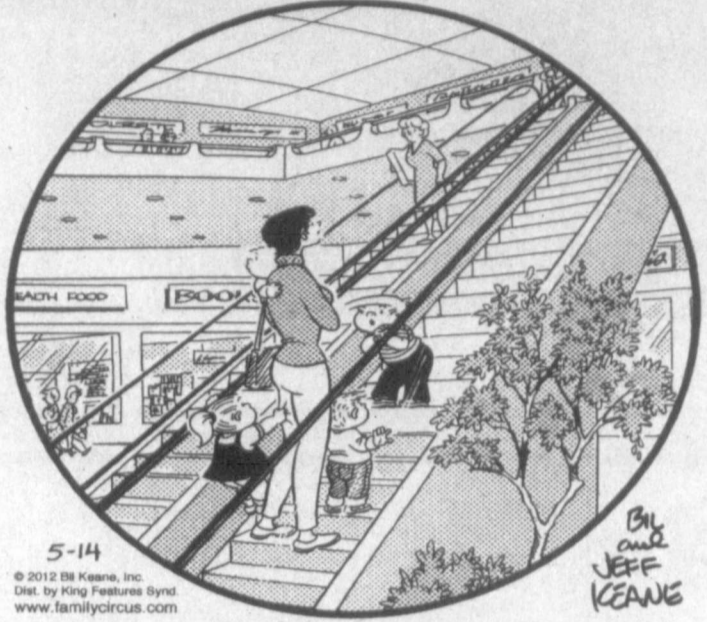
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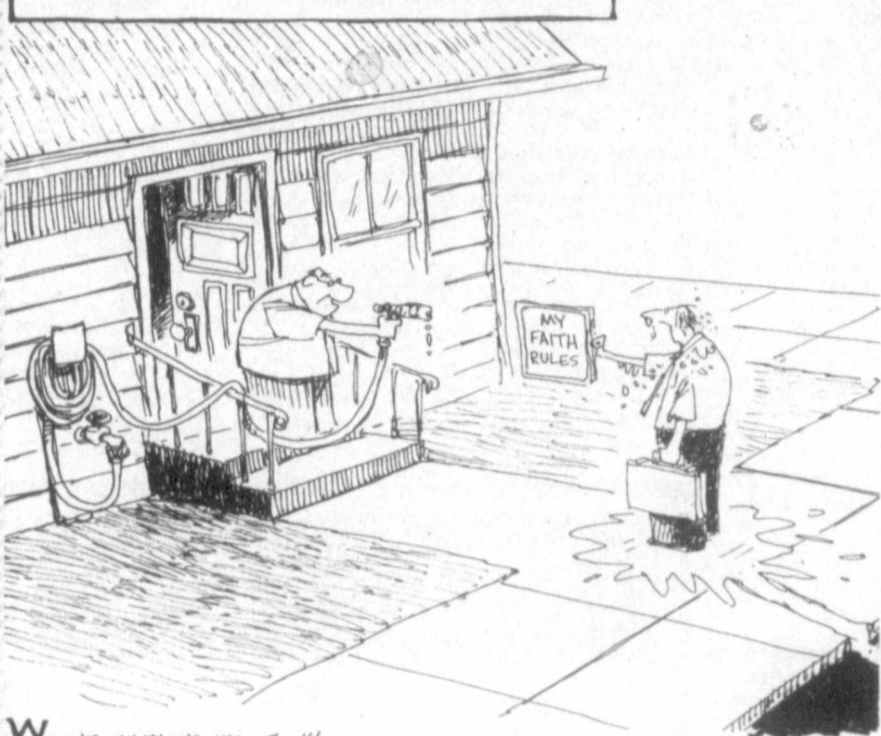
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, May 15, 2012:

This year you have two different themes running through your life. The first few months, you focus on expanding your horizons and realizing an important goal. In this same time period, you also could meet someone significant to your life history. The second period will start in the summer. You will tend to go within more to process your thoughts. If you are single, you meet people whom you carefully want to check out. If you are attached, the two of you will want more time alone as a couple. ARIES knows how to trigger a reaction from you.

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)
★★★ Much more can be accomplished when you are upbeat. Others tend to work with you, with the exception of a key person who cares a lot about you and vice versa. Strap on your seat belt, as this person enters a period of the grumpies. Tonight: Hang with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You have an enormous wealth of information and a well of creativity. Mix these traits together, and you'll seem unstoppable. You could feel let down in some odd way. Stay nonreactive. Tonight: Do for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Handle a personal or domestic matter first. Make sure you do not overspend, especially in an effort to appease someone or appeal to others. Take a few hours to slow down, and you will revitalize yourself. Tonight: Act like a kid again.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You are likely to speak your mind, and you'll be heard, up to a point. Someone makes an implicit demand that you play his or her game, or else he or she might not "get" your method of communication. Think carefully about this first. You need to decide whether it is worth playing this game. Tonight: Mosey on home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You recently have been skimming through your life when dealing with various people. Somehow you manage to get your message across and receive their responses, but at what cost? Work on being gentler and more caring to yourself. Tonight: Allow your mind to drift. You can

decide whether to follow it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Others recently have played a dominant role in your life. You wonder when you need to say "enough." Perhaps you have been too receptive. A partner needs and wants more of your time. If you said "no" more often to others, you could say "yes" with greater frequency to this person. Tonight: Dinner for two.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Plunge into each task at hand. You might note that someone or something could be pulling you back. Honor that restriction now and for the next few weeks. On some level, you might subconsciously be working through the issue. Tonight: Decide to visit with a favorite person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Enjoy the people you encounter. Though you might not want to start a new relationship, a proclivity to revamp a current one or to work through a problem emerges. Go with this inclination. You finally are willing to open up to new ideas. Tonight: Let the fun and games begin.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You move from a place of concern or feeling a bit off to a great sense of self and a source of creativity. A meeting might appear to be going in one direction, but it actually could flip and point to a new path. Plan on flying solo at the present moment. Tonight: Act like it is the weekend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Sometimes you feel as if you must make the first move, but how many times must you? Clearly this activity brings you some happiness, or the result makes it worthwhile. Be careful with a touchy elder or boss. Tonight: Get some quiet time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might want to indulge someone but feel like you can't because you will want to go overboard. Know that you can stay within your budget — you just have to be creative. Your intuition points to creating greater security by letting someone know he or she is valued. Tonight: Out and about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your magnetism attracts many people and results in odd reactions. Do not be surprised if you suddenly have difficulty relating to a loved one. Let this person know how much you care. Tonight: Your treat.

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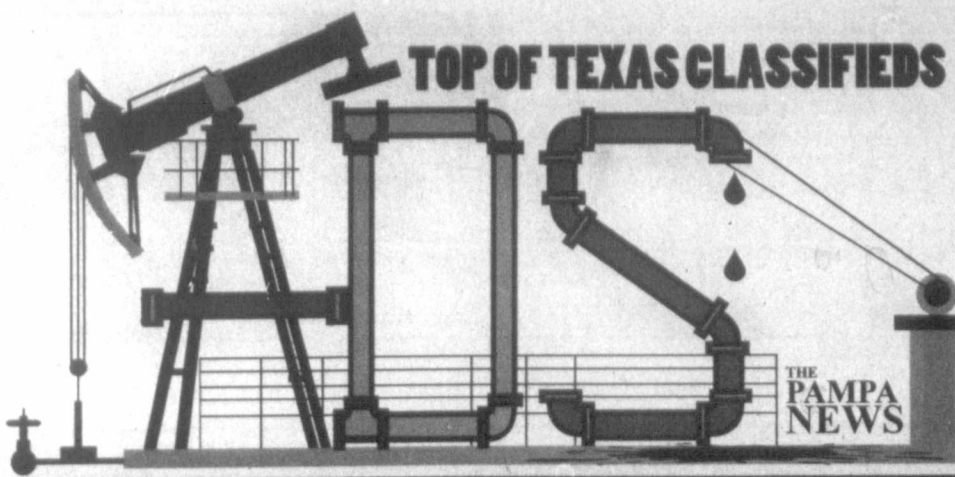


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1424-1426 Dwight.	\$149,000	2/7/4 - 2704 SF/GCAD Duplex
2104 Lea St.	\$149,000	4/2/2 - 2613 SF/GCAD
2113 Lynn St.	\$118,900	4/2/2 - 2077 SF/GCAD
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415 Hattie St. Miami.	\$135,000	3/2/2 - 1562 SF/RCAD
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FM 14 Rd, Lefors.	\$530,000	530 acres w/water well
30th & Charles	\$435,600	5 acres in city limits
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748 S Price Rd.	\$350,000	3 Ac. + 14,400 warehouse offices
302-308 W Foster	\$309,900	4 Retail Outlets 10,874 SF/GCAD
117 - 121 Ballard	\$230,000	24,500 SF/GCAD
1801 Alcock St.	\$185,000	Office Building, 3,100 SF/GCAD Cafe
845 S Hobart/900 Wilks St.	\$175,000	4 Lots + 10' on north
420 W Foster Av.	\$165,000	Houston Lumb & Gas Station
Harvester St.	\$150,000	60 x 110 Bldg Lots
FM 2300 & 1-40, Groom.	\$145,000	Quonset & 6 +/- acres
1435 Alcock St.	\$135,000	2 Bldg. 3,200 SF/GCAD; 1,020 SF/GCAD
1421 Hobart St.	\$105,000	Smoke House 1816 SF/GCAD
523 W Foster Av.	\$85,000	7,598 SF/GCAD
301 & 305 W Foster Av.	\$75,000	3,500 SF/GCAD each
23rd & Crescent Dr.	\$65,000	Lot 4 Blk 1 North Crest Sec 1
401 W Foster Av.	\$47,000	2,500 SF/GCAD w/basement & overhead doors
220 E Francis	\$45,000	1/1 745 SF/GCAD Comm.
Chaumont Addition	\$35,000	Lots 1 & 2 Block 2
Dogwood Ln.	\$22,000	Lots 15-17 & 40' of 18
Wall St.	\$15,000	1/2 Block
Fraser Annex #3 28th	\$10,000	Lot 8, W45' Blk 71
Holly Lot 10	\$10,000	Residential Lot 85' x 120'
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DEAR ABBY: My niece, "Amy," got her driver's license last November. Since then she has stopped six times for violations. Unfortunately, she wasn't ticketed for any of them — just given warnings. Who knows how many other times she should have been ticketed?

When Amy told me about it, she acted like it was a joke and something she was proud of. Her parents are divorced and her father spoils her beyond reason. He gives her whatever she wants, including buying her a new car. Her mother has little control over her.

My niece doesn't seem to understand the possible consequences or what serious damage a car can do to her or to someone else. How should I handle this? I have no contact with her father. Any ideas? — **CONCERNED AUNT IN MASSACHUSETTS**

DEAR CONCERNED AUNT: Although Amy was old enough to get her license, she is not yet mature enough to handle the responsibility that goes along with driving. For her sake I hope you will impress upon her mother that LIVES could depend upon her exerting control over her daughter.

Many states restrict conditions under which a teen may drive a car. In addition, many parents draft a driving contract that stipulates things like what kind of grade-point average their teenager must maintain to keep his or her driving privileges, limiting the number of passengers he or she can transport and certain distance limits.

Other restrictions can be added at the parents' option. A version of the following contract

has appeared in my column before:

I (), agree to the stipulations stated below granting me the privilege of driving. If, at any time, I violate this agreement, my driving privileges will be forfeited.

(1) Should I get a traffic ticket, I agree to pay for the ticket, as well as the difference in the insurance premium for as long as the premium is in effect.

(2) I agree to pay for damages that I incur that are not covered by insurance.

(3) At no time will I ever text or use a cell-phone while driving.

(4) At no time will I ever drink alcoholic beverages and drive, nor will there ever be any in my car.

(5) I will not drive the car until I and all passengers have buckled up.

(6) I will keep the car I drive clean, inside and out, be aware of its need for gas, oil, etc., and wax it as needed.

I have read the above agreement and will sign it in accordance with the rules.

SIGNED: (CHILD)

I hope you will share this information with Amy's mother, because in careless hands a car can be as dangerous as a loaded gun. It is not a toy, even though your niece appears to be treating it like one.

DEAR ABBY: My 60-year-old sister is being married for the third time. She's planning to wear a long, white wedding gown and will be having a maid of honor, bridesmaids, a rehearsal dinner and reception. We are encouraging her to have a small, quiet ceremony with only family and close friends. Who is correct? — **REALISTIC SISTER, PORT ORANGE, FLA.**

DEAR SISTER: According to the etiquette books, you are. However, the rules regarding brides and weddings have become so pliable that couples pretty much do as they please these days. Whatever your sister decides, just hope she and her groom will have a healthy, happy, lasting union because in the end that is what's important.

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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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4 Washing-ton suburb

5 Tenant's paper

6 Bike maneuver

7 Mystery writer

8 Pretentious address

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10 Small fastener

16 Pot part

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Sandy Shelton, one of Gutheinz's former students, tracked down. "I am very pleased that I was able to give back to West Virginia what was rightfully theirs, and to know that the young generation will have a piece of history to look at from the moon," said Shelton, who lives in Minneapolis.

Bill Clinton's gubernatorial items yielded the Arkansas moon rock. The Alaska rock is now part of a court battle. The Missouri rock was found among boxes of things when former Gov. Kit Bond retired from the U.S. Senate.

The late Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi's U.S. moon rock remains lost. But there's evidence a grandson of the late Spanish dictator Francisco Franco has tried to sell his grandfather's U.S. gift in Switzerland.

A few lunch customers at the Pitt Grill looked up curiously from their

chicken fried steaks as Navarro set up a microscope for Gutheinz to inspect his prized possession: a pointy, black metallic pebble an inch or so tall and its crumbs.

The scrapings are from the rock that Navarro carries in his pants pocket, wrapped like a tamale in plastic food wrap and aluminum foil. He said he got the rock from a maid, now elderly and in failing health, who worked for a Venezuelan diplomat who told people it was a moon rock.

"No way NASA can say the rock is not," he said, showing letters from NASA experts who told him a few years ago it wasn't from the moon.

Gutheinz said Navarro reminded him of others who claim to possess a moon rock.

"But the difference is they hide it," Gutheinz said. "They squirrel it away and they don't want anybody to know they have it."

Okla. GOP convention gets raucous

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma's State Republican Party convention turned raucous with supporters of Texas congressman Ron Paul taking the convention outside the Norman hotel where it was held after the convention adjourned and following a physical confrontation between a Paul supporter and a supporter of presumptive GOP nominee Mitt Romney.

"There was one confrontation" state Republican Party Chairman Matt Pinnell said. "The sergeant-of-arms and a deputy broke it up."

Paul supporter Lukus Collins attributed the altercation to the passion of the supporters of the candidates.

"It's normal course during a convention like this. You

have people who believe passionately in the candidates of their choice, in issues of their choice," Collins said.

"This was the first time, as far as convention year, in a while where we didn't have a (declared) winner. Mitt Romney's out there, but he's not confirmed," as Sen. John McCain was at the time of the 2008 Oklahoma convention, Pinnell said.

"You have an impassioned group of Ron Paul supporters, you can certainly have a spirited convention," Pinnell said.

Pinnell said the official vote was to approve the Republican Party's primary results that provided 14 national delegates to Rick Santorum and 13 each to Romney and Newt Gingrich with the state's

three remaining delegates being Pinnell and the state's national committeeman and committeewoman.

Paul said those results will be appealed to the national Republican Party.

Santorum and Gingrich have dropped out of the race since the Oklahoma primary, which was won by Santorum, and Pinnell said he believes delegates committed to those candidates will vote for the party's nominee, presumed to be Romney.

"I believe we all want Barack Obama to be a one-term president," Pinnell said. "I have no doubt that once we have an official nominee, I have no doubt that a great majority of us will be firmly behind our Republican nominee."

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settle cases when the "costs of collection" exceed what is owed. Wood contends that phrase is limited to the costs of litigation, while Combs and her aides say future benefits to Texas can also be weighed in the balance.

"We consider the risk of adverse decision and the upside of obtaining compliance with tax laws when deciding whether to settle a case," Combs said through her aides.

It may be left to Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott to decide the matter, should lawmakers or local governments ask for his opinion.

However, since the "immaterial amount" Amazon paid is protected as proprietary information, "we don't know how to evaluate this case because we don't know the facts," retired Austin tax lawyer Skip Smith told the American-Statesman.

Another former deputy comptroller, Billy Hamilton, defended Combs' authority to settle cases, even though they the settlements would still be open to questioning.

"There obviously was a quid pro quo," he told the newspaper. "You walk away from a quarter of a billion dollars, but you get jobs. It's a question of judgment."

Staley

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Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Salvant, in his order, pointed to a 2003 ruling from the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that said forcible medication is appropriate if it's likely to make the condemned inmate competent, if the side effects wouldn't be worse than the benefits and if it's in the prisoner's best medical interests.

In 1986, the U.S. Supreme Court said it is unconstitutional to execute someone who is insane. The justices didn't define insanity, but did say a person may be executed if he's aware of the punishment and the reason for it. Then in 2002, the court barred execution of mentally impaired people.

Stickles said Staley's IQ of 70 — considered the threshold for mental impairment — also could disqualify him from the punishment.

Staley, from death row, declined to an interview request from The

Associated Press.

In Texas, the nation's most active death penalty state, Monte Delk was executed in 2002 despite questions about his mental health. Before dying, he spouted obscenities and declared he was the prison warden and on the island of Barbados. In 2007, a 5-4 high court vote stopped Scott Panetti's execution as his lawyers successfully argued Panetti was delusional and incapable of comprehending the reason for his death sentence.

Staley had escaped from a Denver halfway house where he was awaiting parole on robbery and auto theft convictions. In Fort Worth on the evening of Oct. 14, 1989, he and accomplice Tracey Duke ended a meal by pulling semiautomatic weapons from the purse of Duke's girlfriend, Brenda Rayburn.

They herded customers and employees to the back of the restau-

rant, then forced Read to open cash registers and the store safe. An assistant manager slipped out and called police. Read, married and a father of three, urged the robbers to take him and leave the hostages alone when the police arrived.

Officers watched Read walk out the door of the restaurant, guns poked in his ribs. The robbers hijacked a car and police moved in as Read was being forced into the back seat. Evidence showed Staley shot Read, then Staley and Duke fired on the officers.

They then lead authorities on the 20-mile chase, and were caught after the car broke down and they tried to flee on foot.

Duke, 45, is serving three life sentences in Texas and has a 30-year sentence in Colorado for murder and armed robbery. Rayburn accepted 30 years in a plea bargain.

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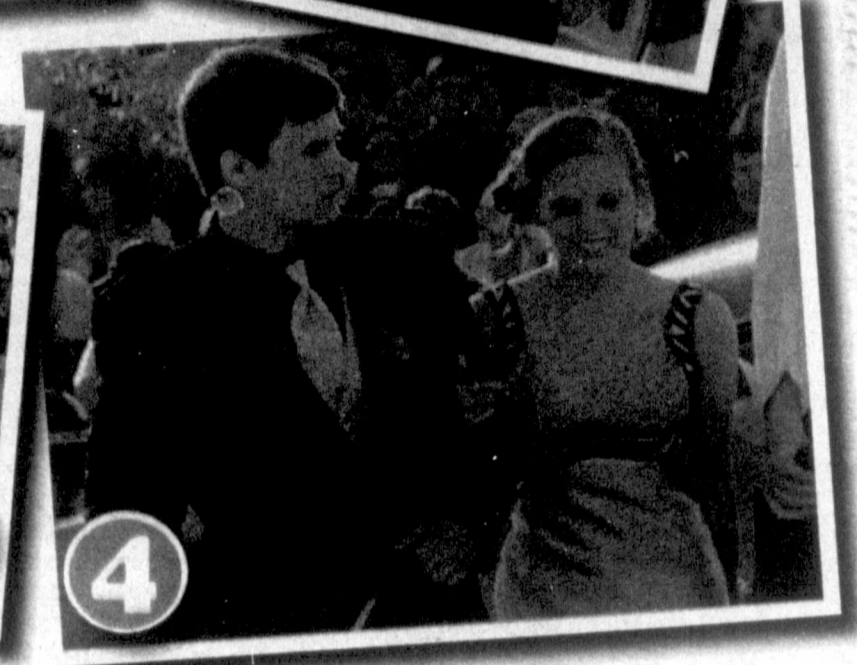
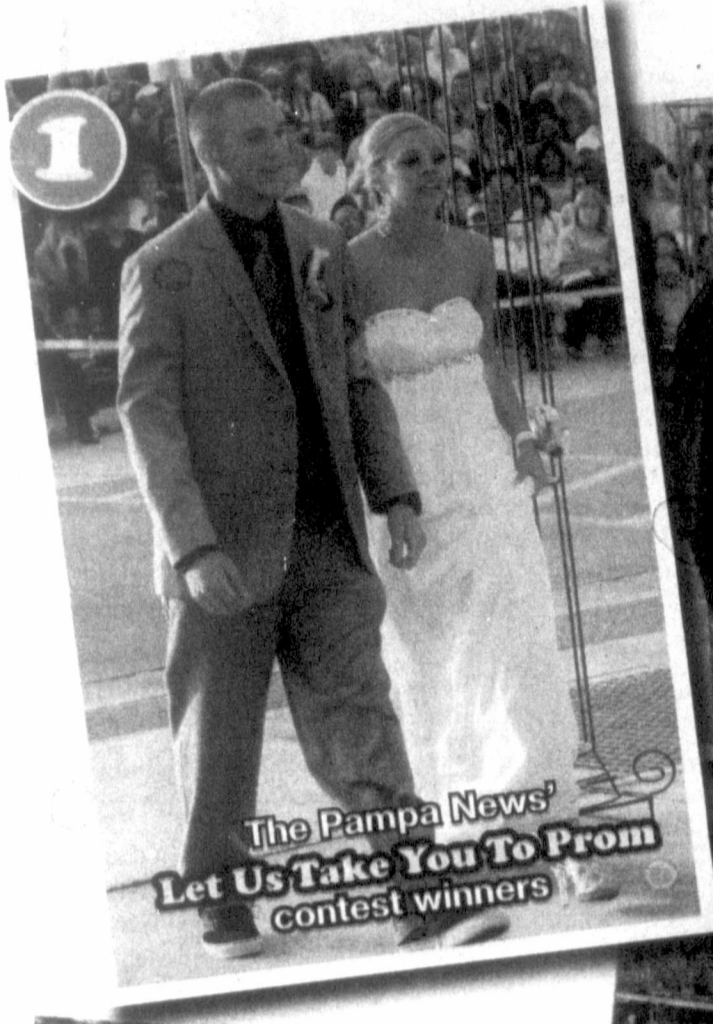
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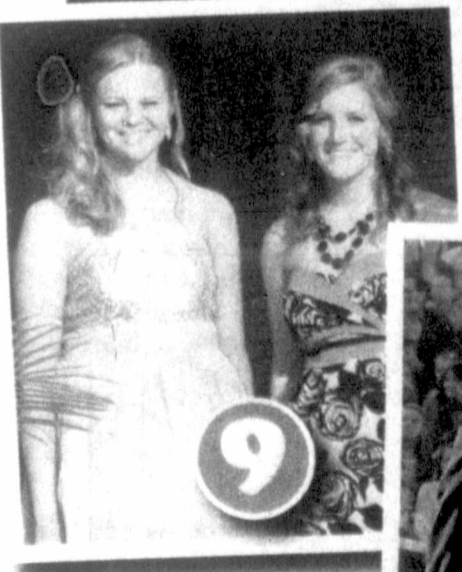


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