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The Pampa High School varsity cheerleaders include (back row, from left) Keisha Crowell, Hailey Nies Teysha Parker, Karlie Novian, Diana Mechelay and Chandler Talley. Front row: Cindy Meza, Robin Fernuik Kimberly Curtis, Kelby Doughty, Emilie Troxell and Ashley Williams.

## PHS cheerleaders to perform at Alamodome

The Pampa High School Cheerleading Sponsor Participating groups were squads," Stokes said. "He has
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selected by Bowl Games of
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and get to be a part the girls to The Pampa High cheer- nicians and choreographers. San Antonio. To find out how formance and or this per- leaders will join other bands, "Texas-native and current to help sponsor them, contact will take away with them a from around the country to Michael Schwandt will be Stokes at the high school: wonderful experience," perform in the halttime show. there to work with the 806-669-4800 See Pep rally, Page 3

## Special Halloweenthemed events planned

There will be several Church Collision entrance.
Halloween themed Halloween themed events at Calvary. Baptist Church
local churches and business- will feature its annual es around town this week. "Hallowed House" on Among them are the follow- October 29 and 30. The ing: Wednesday October around House centers On Wednesday, October around the dramatic per-
29 Hobart Baptist Church formance of the battle of and First Presbyterian Jesus versus Satan, perChurch will each hold their formed by a fully costumed which Trunk or treat in cast and crew of 100. The their cars and open their charge and are held free of trunks to offer candy to trick charge and are held at 6:30 or treaters. Hobart Baptist p.m. with each show expectChurch's event, located at ed to last about 30 minutes. begin Crawford Street, will Record crowds are expected until 7 $5: 30$ p.m. and last and seating will be limited. First Presbyterian Church, Reservations can be made located at 525 North Gray, Calvary Baptist Church is
will ber will begin at 6 p.m. and last located at 900 East 23r
until 7 p.m. They will have hot dogs and lemonade On Halloween night, First available and their youth will Assembly of God Church
be doing face painting be doing face painting and located at 500 South Cuyler balloons. Trick or treaters are will be having a Halloween encouraged to wear their alternative. They will feature
costumes. Trinity Fellowship Hoover Volunteer Fire Church, located at 1200 Department will be in attenSouth Sumner, will hold dance.
"Harvest Fest" from $6: 30$
Harvest Fest from 6:30 Also on October 31, p.m. to $8: 30 \mathrm{p.m}$. on Pampa Nursing Center will the Trinity Fellowship See Events, Page 3

Unique Sign for Calvary Baptist
Calvary Baptist Church, located at 900 East 23rd Street, recently installed a new digital sign that displays the church name and rotates announcements of interest to the congregation and the community. Previously, the church did not have any kind of exterior sign with the church name on it. According to Calvary Secretary Brenda Davis: "We picked the rock backing because we wanted the sign to fit in with the landscaping that we did in Light House Park." At present, the sign is displaying "Hallowed House," which will be held tomorrow and Thursday, and a notice for the Divorce Care Group, meeting Friday at 6:30 p.m.

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## NEXT DAy FORECAST

Wednesday Thursday

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 72 . South-southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph , with gusts as high as 20 mph Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49. South wind between 5 and 15 mph .

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 76. South-southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph . South-southeast wind around 10 mph becoming westsouthwest
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 73. North-northwest wind around 10 mph . Partly cloudy, with a low around 53 Southeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

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## PRESTIGE  

Teen dies in Houston seat belt accident
HOUSTON (AP) - Houston police say a 13 -year-old boy apparently pretending to be strangled by a seat belt died when he got tangled in the safety device. Police spokesman Victor Senties (sen-TEE'-us) on Tuesday said the child's death appears to have been an acci-
dent. Autopsy results are pending.
Senties told The Associated Press that the boy and a friend Monday night were riding in the back seat of a vehicle,
being driven by the friend's mother in northwest Houston being driven by the friend's mother, in northwest Houston.
Senties says the victim wrapped a seat belt around his neck, pretending he was being strangled, when he started "choking for real, apparently he got tangled up in the seat
belt."
Police say the woman managed to free the teen, who was transported to a Houston hospital and pronounced dead.

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## Obituaries

## Services tomorrow

BUSH, Velma Jean - Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa

## Velma Jean Bush, 74


#### Abstract

Velma Jean Bush, 74, of Pampa, died Sunday 26,2008 , in Pampa. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29,2008 , at Memory 29, 2008, at Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Jim Powell, pastor of Hobart Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of CarmichaelWhatley Funeral Directors. Mpril 12, 1934 was born on and was a lifelong Pampa  $\begin{array}{ll}\begin{array}{l}\text { Bush of Pampa; } \\ \text { one }\end{array} \text { daughter, } & \text { nephews. } \\ \text { She was preceded in death }\end{array}$ one daughter, $\begin{aligned} & \text { She was preceded in death } \\ & \text { Brenda O'Dell of by her husband in 1997; } \\ & \text { Pampa; two sisters, sister, Leona Smart in 2002 }\end{aligned}$ Pampa; two sisters, sister, Leona Smart in 2002; Wanda Potter and and a brother D o r o t h y Yearwood in 2006 , Yearwood, both of MEMORIALS: May be Pampa; one broth- made to a favorite charity Pampa; one broth- made to a favorite charity, er, Marvin SPECIAL NOTICE: Th Ye, $\begin{aligned} & \text { Yearwood of } \\ & \text { Riverside, }\end{aligned}$ Calif.; Riverside, Calif.; brother-in-law, Jessie Smart of and was a lifelong Pampa Greenville and Billy Dale and several nieces and

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## Emergency Services

Pampa PD Pampa Police Department reported the following inci-
dents between 7 a.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Monday. Friday, Oct. 24 Twenty traffic stops were made.

Vhicle arch reported in the 1900 blere North Christine, the intersec tion of 22nd and Hamilton streets, the 1900 block of North Hobart, the intersection of Randy Matson and Duncan streets, the 100
block of South Starkweathe and the 500 block of Eas Crawford.
Calls and stops concern ing animals occurred in the 800 block of East Murphy,
the 1100 block the 1100 block of North
Perry, the 500 block of North Yeager, the 300 block o Yeager, the 300 block of
South Canadian, the 900


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block of West Twiford, the 1900 block of North
Hamilton, the 1100 block of Hamilton, the 1100 block of
South Farley and the South Farley and the 100
block of South Russell. block of South Russell. reported in the 700 block of South Sloan, where the console of a Jeep was destroyed; and the 2200 block of North Williston.
Disorderly conduct was
eported in the 1800 block of North Nelson, the 100 block of East Harvester, the 300 block of North Christy and
the 2600 block of North Hobart.

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One alarm was investigated.
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checked.

Theckee buildings were Two attempts to serve papers were made.
A silent/abusive 911 call
was received from the 1700 block of North Grape 1700 Theft was reported in the 900 block of Terry Road, where an English Bulldog
valued at $\$ 2,000$ was taken. A missing person was reported in the 2600 block of North Hobart.
A suspicious person call block of South Cuyler.

Saturday, Oct. 2
Nineteen traffic stops
1300 block of in the 1300 block of North
Duncan, the 200 block of East Browning, the 900 block of South Banks and the 700 block of West Brown resulted in arrests.
Traffic complaints were received from the 1300
block of North Coffee, the intersection of Randy Matson and Zimmers streets, the 1000 block of West Wilks, and the intersection of Har
streets. One in the 1 Sierra 1100 block of East Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the the 1000 block of South Varnon, the 1600 block of East Highway 60, the 300 block of South Canadian, the intersection of Campbell and
Tignor streets, the 800 block Tignor streets, the 800 block
of East Murphy, the 600 block of North Banks, the 300 block of South Canadian, the 700 block of North Lefors, the 1400 block of North Wells and the 600
block of North Sloan Sup of North Sloan. Suspicious person calls
were received from the 300

## Grain prices

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of White Deer for the close of the last open market day.

| Wheat. | 4.65 |
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| Milo. | 5.18 |
| Corn. | 6.88 |
| Soybea | 7.03 |

reported in the 800 block o reported in the 800 block of
East Malone, the 400 block East Malone, the 400 block
of West Foster, the 400 block of North Wells and the 110 block of East Francis. Suspicious person calls were received in the 700 block of West Brown, the 100 block of North Ballard the 300 block of North Hobart, the intersection o Hobart and Municipa
streets, the intersection of Crawford and Clark streets, the 2200 block of Nort Hobart, the 900 block of East Gordon, the 600 block of North Russell and the
1100 block of West Coronado.
A suspicious vehicle call was received from the inter section of Kentucky and Williston streets.
Criminal mischief was reported at the intersection
of Kentucky and Williston streets, where tires on a Chevy pickup were slashed. A stolen vehicle was reported in the
East Francis.
A domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of North Warren. A threat was reported in
the 300 block the 30
Theft was reported in the 1000 block of South Faulkner, where a bike was stolen.
A prowler was reported in
the 1800 block of North Hamilton.
A welfare check was con-
duoted in the 1200 block of North Wells.

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## halloween race par-

 ty, Oct. 31, 3-11pm., Pampa Slot Car Speedway, Corona-do Ctr. Costume event ing food served 669-226

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On Vacation with the Pampa News!
Vernon, Texas


Attending the "Summer's Last Blast" car show in Vernon, Texas, in August were Pampans Cleo Meeker (from left) Dale Burns, Audrey Meaker and Gwen Allen.


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## Texas prison shakedown leads to phones, weapons

HOUSTON (AP) - A had been traced to a series of oners to their cells and systemwide shakedown of calls that began earlier this barred visitations of inmates the huge Texas prison sys- month to state Sen. John by relatives. Authorities
tem is netting authorities Whitmire. more contraband than just illegal cell phones. Officers have turned up 61 weapons, 52 instances of
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prohibited for the some 155,000 inmates in the state's 111 prisons.
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phone and phone phone and phone compo-
nents like chargers found as the first full week of the inspections ended Monday. A statewide lockdown of the system began hours after death row inmate Richard Tabler was caught making a
call from his cell. The phone

## Pep rally

Continued from Front Page public to come and support
the
Harvesters, Cheerleading sponsor
Sandee Stokes said. "W want to get as many people as we can to come.
The pep rally will feature The pep rally will feature
a costume contest with prizes for the winners and the high school staff will also be handing out candy. Friday night and a lot of the Friday night and a lot of the
kids will be coming to the game instead of trick game
treating, we wanted to give
them a chance to wear their costumes and get som candy," Stokes said. "We'l also have many more sur-
prises." prises."
The Pampa High School coaches will compete in a pie eating contest and the high
school band will be on site school band will be on site
and dressed up in their own and dresse
costumes.

## Events

Continued from Front Page
be having a free Halloween Carnival from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 1321 West Kentucky Avenue. They will feature fun booths a fishing pond
and lots of candy. There are small charges for the Cake Walk, chili dogs and chip with all proceeds will go towards their Christmas party. Kids of all ages are invited to attend. For more Fuller or Ana Rodriguez at 669-2551.

Authorities said Tabler befficers are responsible for a also shared the device with number of the contraband at least nine of his fellow items. condemned prisoners. Texas Department of Investigators determined Criminal Justice spokes-
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nation's second-largest cor-
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## Texas oilman Wyatt

 finishes sentence at home HOUSTON (AP) - A work assignment and he isTexas oil executive has been allowed to spend the nights transferred from a halfway at home house to his own home to
finish serving a prison sentence for approving the paytence for approving the pay-
ment of millions of dollars in kickbacks to Saddam Hussein's Iraq regime.
Oscar Wyatt Jr., 84, began Oscar Wyatt Jr., 84, began
serving the final stint of his serving the final stint of his
sentence at home last week, sentence at home last week,
said attorney Carl Parker. Wyatt is scheduled to be
released Nov. 15, according to the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Wyatt pleaded guilty in
October 2007 to one count October 2007 to one count of
conspiring to make illegal payments for Iraqi oil. In pleading guilty, he acknowledged he had orchestrated a
$\$ 200,000$ payment to $\$ 200,000$ payment to
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ment.
Wyatt was sentenced to a year and a day in prison, but it has been trimmed because of good behavior, the
Houston Chronicle repoted Houston Chronicle reported
Monday in its online edition Monday in its online edition.
Besides the prison sentence, he agreed to forfeit $\$ 11$ million.
Wyatt
Wyatt was transferred on
Sept. 22 from a minimum Sept. 22 from a minimumsecurity federal prison to a Houston.
During the day, Wyatt During the day, Wyatt
reports to a law firm for his

## Texas district wins round in Oklahoma water lawsuit

DENVER (AP) - A Regional Water District in Oklahoma Attorney General Texas water district has won Fort Worth. a court decision in its lawsuit The judges also wrote that office is reviewing the deci-
over Oklahoma's ban on out Oklahoma does not own the sion over Oklahoma s ban on out Oklahoma does not own the sion.
of state water sales The 10th Circuit Court of water located in the state. A spokesman for the
The lawsuit claims Oklahoma Water Resources Appeals in Denver on Oklahoma's ban on selling Board says it will meet with
Monday denied a request by Monday denied a request by water to out of state interests the attorney general's staff Oklahoma to throw out the is unconstitutional.
lawsuit filed by the Tarrant A spokesman

## State agencies complain about computer vendor before crash

AUSTIN (AP) - Before a
massive computer crash
destroyed thousands of the
attorney general's confidential
documents, more than 10 agen-
cies complained about network
breakdowns and server backup
problems with the state's
nowly expanded outsourcing
of computer services, records
show.
A review by The Dallas
Morring News of a year's
worth of state agency repor
cards for the vendor IBM
shows several agencies' docu-
ments have been in danger.
Two dozen agencies lodged
complaints about the contrac-
tor, including unexpected serv-
er and e-mail outages, corrupt.
ed files and a hacking inciden revealing security breaches that weren't addressed for
months. They also point to severe staffing problems, poor
response time for problems and
billing billing and invoice inaccura-
cies. "Granted, all outsourcings have their rough beginnings ...
but it hasn't really gotten sub sut it hasn't really gotten subwe would expect from a world class operation like
Serna, a top official at the Texas a
Transportationartment
Transportation, said in an inter-
view Monday Mandso Monday, Brian
Rawson, the state's chief technology officer in charge of the
IBM contract, released in which he said the company in which he said the company, and has been fined $\$ 900,000$ for failure to complete timely backups as required by its $\$ 863$
million, seven-year contract million, seven-year contract.
An IBM spokesman said the company is racing to correct the data-backup problems. "We take all of this very
seriously and we're taking the seriously and we're taking the
appropriate steps to resolve appropriate steps to resolve
any issues," said company official Jeff Tieszen.
Tieszen said that viewed
from other angles, the contract
is a from other angles, the contract
is a success and the state is on is a success and the state is on
track to save $\$ 178$ million by
2013.
Last week, The News reported that a server malfunction in July destroyed nearly
half of eight months' worth of documents belonging to Attorney General Greg Abbott's Medicaid fraud inves-
tigators in Tyler The

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data." and they'll need a combined The Secretary of State's $\$ 71$ million in the next two- Office has been the contrac year budget cycle to cover tor's toughest critic, repeatedly unexpected technology costs giving it customer service
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## Viewpoints

## Today in History

## By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 28, the 302 nd day of 2008. There e 64 days left in the year.
Fifty years ago, on Oct. 28, 1958, the Roman Catholic patriarch of Venice, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, was elected Pope; he took the
On this date:
In 1636, the General Court of Massach
In 1776, the Battle of White Plains was fought during the Revolutionary War, resulting in a limited British victory. In 1858, Rowland Hussey Macy opened his first New York store at Sixth Avenue and 14th Street in Manhattan.
In 1886, the Statue of Liberty, a gift from the people of France, was dedicated in New York Harbor by President


President Wilson's val premiered in London. United States that he had ordered the dismantling of missile bases in Cuba.
In 1980, President Carter and Republican presidential nominee Ronald Reagan faced off in a nationally broadcast,
90 -minute debate in Cleveland 90 -minute deb
Ten years ago: In London, the High Court ruled that forprosecution in British courts. (The House of Lords later overturned the decision, saying Pinochet's arrest could stand. Pinochet was eventually allowed to return to Chile, where a court later held that he could not face charges because of his
deteriorating health and mental condition. Pinochet died in 2006.)

Five years ago: Firefighters beat back flames on Los
Angeles' doorstep, saving hundreds of homes in the city's -sSan Fernando Valley from California's deadliest wildfires in more than a decade. The Senate confirmed Utah Gov. Mike Leavitu as head of the Enviro an A rerican a Russian and A Spaniard from the International Space Station landed in Kazakhstan. The seven astronauts who died in the Columbia shuttle disaster were honored with the unveiling of their names carved into the national Space Mirror Memorial. killing seven college students. Argentina's first lady, Cristina Fernandez, claimed victory in the country's presidential election; she became the first woman elected to the post.



## Affordable health care

One of the campaign is "affordable" health care. Shouldn't we ask ourselves whether we Want the politicians who able" housing that created the current financial debacle, to now deliver us affordable health care? Shouldn't we also ask how things turned out in coun-
tries where there is social ized medicine?
The Vancouver, British Columbia-based Fraser Institute's annual publicaion, Waiting Your Turn, median waiting times from a patient's referral by a general practitioner to treatment by a specialist, depending on the procedure, averag. diagnostics, such as MRI or CT, ranges between four and 28 weeks. According to Michael Tanner's "The Grass Is Not Always Greener," in
Cato Institute's Policy Analysis (March 18, 2008), the Mayo Clinic treats more than 7,000 foreign patients a year, the Cleveland Clinic 5,000, Johns Hopkins Hospital of three Canadian physicians send a patient to the U.S. for treatment each year. If socialized mediCanadian ghereat, why do

## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press
A sample
the nation:
Oct. 19
Houston Chronicle on planting one million trees: Houstonians have a special relation-
ship with trees. They grow quickly shere, making a faceless subdivision a cozy village in record time and softening the hard edges of our urban architecture. They provide a dappled illusion of cool in summer's steam bath and
bring a visual grace to our everyday iving.
That bond was brought home to many Houstonians in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike's rampage, in which the city lost tens of thousands of trees,
Broken limbs and trunks were strew across yards and parks like old and stal wart friends laid low.
So when Mayor Bill White announced last week that the city was participating in Million Trees
Houston, a plan to plant more than Houston, a plan to plant more than
million trees in Houston in the next five
patients to the U.S. and he Canadian government sends over $\$ 1$ billion our country?
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## Services

hopes to achieve an 18-
week maximum wait from week maximum wait from general practitioner to
treatment, including all treatment, including all
diagnostic tests, by the diagnostic tests, by the
end of 2008 . The delay in health care services is not only inconvenient, it's deadly. Both in Britain and Canada, many patients with diseases that are cur-
able at the time of diagnoable at the time of diagno-
sis become incurable by the time of treatment or patients become too weak for the surgical procedure. British Prime Minister Gordon Brown plans to
introduce a "constitution" setting out the rights and responsibilities of its health care system. According to a report in the
$(02 / 01 / 2008)$, "What this (Gordon Brown's plan) seems to amount to in practice are the Government's rights to refuse treatment, and the
patient's responsibilities
to live up to what the state decides are model stanards.

That means people who have unhealthy habits such as smoking, heart sufferers who are obese or
those who
 those who
fall ill
because of because of
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lar exercise might be refused care, even though they pay taxes to support govern ment health care. Government health care reported in a Human Events (1/17/08) Human "Gordon Brown Wants Your Organs" written by Susan Easton. As in the
U.S., many Brits die while on the waiting list fo organ donations. The prime minister has a solution called a "Presumed Consent Scheme."
Mrs. Easton says, "If
you don't specifically you don't specifically
carry a card saying 'leave my corpse alone' - known as the 'opt out option', or unless one's family is on hand to object, one's remains are considered
fair game for an organ harfair game for an organ harSupporters scheme argue that what is done with people's organs after their death should
not be up to the next of
in. Such a vision differs little from one that holds hat after one's death he becomes the property of Of course, if socialized medicine becomes a realiy here, Americans can do s many Brits do. Mrs. Easton says, "more than 0,000 Britons - known as health tourists' - have gone as far as India, for major operations. This figure is expected to rise o almost 200,000 by the end of the decade." We have health care problems in the U.S. but free market system of health care delivery. Well over 50 percent of all health care expenditures are made by government.
Where government pends government regulates. It's truly amazing that Americans who are dissatisfied with the current level of socialized medicine in the U.S. are asking for more of what first place. Anyone thinking that an American version of socialized health cound in differ from that Sweden, France and elsewhere are whistling Dixie. -Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.
years, the news was doubly welcome Mayor White has championed, throughout his tenure, a greener, less polluted city, and this latest enterprise with other like-minded advocates is a wise investment that will bear fruit not to mention leaves and branches for enerations to come. Turner, the multimillion dollar publicprivate partnership will include the Texas Department of Transportation, which has promised to plant 513,000 trees on highway rights of way; Harris
County, planting more than 275,000 ounty, planting more than 275,000
rees; and Trees for Houston and Texas Forest Service, each planting more than 10,000 trees. Starting with a $\$ 750,000$ budget, the city plans to plant at least 15,000 trees. (They began the project
ast month.) "Our big public goal", said White, "is to plant more trees that se we White, "is.to
ever have."
The benefits of trees go far beyond the visual. Particularly important in an urban environment, they help clean the pollutants (dust, ash, pollen and smoke)
that can damage human lungs, and they
absorb carbon dioxide, removing and absorb carbon dioxide, removing and
storing the carbon while releasing the oxygen back into the air. They aid in flood prevention, muffle sound and wind, and they attract and support all kinds of life.
George R
George Rogers, professor of landscape architecture and urban planning Throxicl A\&M University, told the help to reduce stress and that trees recover from surgery and illness, and that tree-lined streets slow down traffic and prevent accidents. White told nesses to participate in the program by giving employees "the gift of trees" for the upcoming holidays, a gift that lasts a lot longer than a turkey. Maybe they could give both. A
turkey is always welcome and turkey is always welcome and makes
that holiday dinner worth eating. But as professor Rogers pointed out, "Without a habitat in nature, you end up without a life worth living." URL:
http://www.chron.com


TOP: Travis Elementary School students Lilly Porterfield, from left, Alexis Benton and Tiegan Lewis listened to a story read recently by Mrs. Karen Bridges of Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa. BOTTOM: Hanna Boland and Lacey Bilyeu listened to Altrusan Mrs. Myrna Orr read a story.

submitted photos Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa recently held its Fall Festival at the library. The event included a Halloween costume contest as well as refreshments crafts, games and more. Approximately 250 peopie participated, a news unteers Donna Goff, Donna Green, Erin, Lacie, Ashley, Teresa, Robert and Dillon. BELOW, 1: Daylon won most original costume. 2: Jeremy and Jasmine, brother and sister, won scariest costume. 3: Jordan took home the cutest costome pumpkin for attending as Dorothy from "The Wizard of Oz." 4: Reid earned honorable mention with his pirate costume.



ASTRA
submitted photo
ASTRA Club of Pampa volunteered at Pampa Sheltered Workshop's recent Halloween party, helping with refreshments and assisting with games and the cake walk. Above: (back row) Bernardo Casanova, club president, Eric
Freelen, Kaitlin Wingeart, Robin Fernuik; (front row) Roul Serenio, Oscar Retana, Shawna Salazar and Erin Buck. ASTRA is a high school service club sponsored by Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa Current Altrusa sponsors are Barbara Cox, Rochelle Lacy and Stephanie Willis.

Wash. couple plead not guilty to mistreating girl SEATTLE (AP) - A
father and stepmother
20 miles east of Seattle, by accused of withholding their the state Department of since she was 9 .
14 -year-old daughter's food Social and Health Services. 14-year-old daughter's food
and water pleaded not guilty
Social and Health Services.
In court documents, a The girl told investigators and water pleaded not guilty In court documents, a she was allowed about 6
Monday to mistreating the
girl who weputy sheriff described the
ounces of water each day, $\begin{array}{ll}\text { girl, who weighed only } 48 & \text { girl as "extremely skinny and and was monitored by Long } \\ \text { pounds when authorities } \\ \text { pale" and found she weighed to keep from drinking extra }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { removed her from the home. } & \text { only } 48 \text { pounds. } \\ \text { The girl's father, Jon E. Court documents also said water. Pomeroy was aware of } \\ \text { her treatment but did nothing }\end{array}$ Pomeroy, 43, and stepmother, that doctors who evaluated to stop it, the girl said.
Rebecca A. Long, 44, each the girl found that she was Rebecca A. Long, 44, each
could face three to four years could face three to four years
in prison if convicted criminal mistreatment.
King County Superior
Court Judge Cheryl Carey Court Judge Cheryl Carey
ordered the couple to avoid
contact with contact with the girl and her
12-year-old brother, who are both in foster care. The couple declined to comment
afterward. The couple was charged on Oct. 13, two months atter the

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## Skinhead plot news sweeps suspect's Tenn. hometown

BELLS, Tenn. (AP) - In a rural
Tennessee county where you can't buy alcoTennessee county where you can't buy alcohol or even find a Wal-Mart, residents of tiny
Bells stopped each other to ask if anyone knew the pale-skinned young local accused of plotting to kill dozens of black people, including Barack Obama.
It was a jolt to find out on Monday that a 20 -year-old who grew up among them was one of two white supremacists accused of plotting a national killing spree that would
ultimately target Obama, the Democratic ultimately target Obama, the Democratic
candidate for president.
The town surrounded by fertile cotton fields is safe and certainly not known for breeding neo-Nazis, they agreed.
"If we had any skinheads in this county I wasn't aware of it. We hardly know what
they are," said Sam Lewis, who lives across they are," said Sam Lewis, who lives across
the street from the mother of suspect Daniel Cowart. Cowart, he said, grew up in the comfortable, well maintained neighborhood and wasn't known as a troublemaker
"His mother is a real sweet, nice girl, and
this comes as a shock and a surprise," Lewis said. Cowart is charged along with Paul Schlesselman, 18, of Helena-West Helena, Ark., with planning a killing spree to shoot by attacking Obama. The charges were made public Monday.
Cowart and Schlesselman are charged by federal authorities with possessing an unreg-
istered firearm, conspiring to steal firearms istered firearm, conspiring to steal firearms
from a federally licensed gun dealer and threatening a candidate for president. The were being held without bond.
Authorities describe the two as neo-Nazi skinheads, and an affidavit from a federa agent says they devised a plot to kill 88 peo-
ple - beheading 14 of them. The numbers 88 and 14 are symbolic in the white supremacist community. The killing spree was initially to target a
predominantly black school, which was no

sWitch today and starting saving tomorrow.

identified in court documents. It was to end, dhorities said, with the two suspects -
dressed in white tuxedos and top hats blasting guns from the windows of a speeding vehicle aimed at Obama.
The young men said they expected to die in the attack, the affidavit said.
Obama's campaign had no immediate comment on the alleged plot.
In Helena-West Helena, on the Mississippi River in east Arkansas' Delta, Schlesselman was described as a "troubled child" by a
woman who works with his adoptive father Mark Schlesselman.
The father works as a parts manager at
co-owner of the company located in one of the nation's poorest regions, trailing even parts of Appalachia in its standard of living Riddell said she tried to offer Paul Schlesselman a pet lizard she couldn't care
for, but was warned by his family that "he would hurt it.
"They might have done that man a favor picking that kid up," Riddell said. "He was a troubled child already."
On the other hand, a former high schoe classmate of Cowart's in Bells said he was quiet but friendly. But it took Lacy Doss a minute to recognize the young man in the news photo brandishing a large rifle.

## a

## United Way

## CREATE-a-Beat! provides

 after-school outlet for childrenThe following article was provided by attended the program. He was often dirty, CREATE-a-Beat! and is one in a series of and when it was time to go home each articles of profiles on the agencies and day he had the saddest face. organizations supported by Pampa Eventually his parents were arrested
United Way. This information was sub- and convicted, and he started living with mitted by Pampa United Way as part of his grandparents. One of the first thing its 2008 "Pampa United Way, Let's Rev It Up"
fund-raising campaign. In helping children, In helping children, you expect to see, things
that you consider normal. However, one of the things you don't necessariyber of children being raised by grandparents.
 he asked them was, "An At CREATE-a-Beat!, it 1 still going to get to go to
CREATE-a-Beat '?" They assured him that They assured him that he would
at the program, his is one of the cheeriest faces piling off of the bus. He is always clean (unless he
jumped in a puddle jumped in a puadde or
some snow). His clothes are clean and match. He has been inspirational to witness the sac- "Preacher Mike" when he walks through rificial love and devotion of these grand- the front door, and his best hugs are parents as well as the love and admiration the children have for those grandparents
who care for them. One regular CREATE-a-Beat! kid is being raised by his grandparents because mom and dad are drug addicts. When the boy first began attending the program, he The served for "Miss Julie." The staff at CREATE-a-Beat! cannot ful. They can't, for example, give him thmom and dad that he deserves, but they can love him and play with him and teach him. He is one of just 90 -plus CREATE a-Beat! kids.

Events calendar

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| Nazarene, 500 N. West, | ored on their 90th-plus |
| will present the docume | days. The meat |
| $y$ "Obsession" at 7 p |  |
| Nov. 1 at the church. The | Gwendolen |
| film is a documentary from | Apartments, 800 N . |
| HonestReporting.com on | Nelson, will be handing out |
| the "Islamic War on the | fun treats, candy and sur- |
| est." It is for mature | prises to any child |
| diences only and is fr | tume from 10 a.m. |
| and open to the public. | Oct. 31 in the office of the |
| - Harrington Cancer | apartment complex. |
| Center Pampa Support | Panhandle |
| Group will meet at 6:30 | Twenty/20, Amarillo |
| p.m. Oct. 28 in the second | College, Amarillo |
| floor classroom at Pampa | Chamber of Commerce |
| Regional Medical Center. | and Celebrate Education |
| Dr. Carol Gardner will | will sponsor Developing |
|  | the Workforce of the |
| usic and Wellness." | Future, a follow-up report |
| ng-time cancer sur- | to Panhandle Twenty/20's |
| rs, Loree Shultz and | "The Panhandle |

Church of the
Nazarene, 500 N . West, will present the documenNov. 1 at the church. The film is a documentary from
HonestReporting.com on the "Islamic War on the est." It is for mature audiences only and is free - Harrington Cancer Center Pampa Support p.m. Oct. 28 in the second oor classroom at Pampa Dr Carol Gedical Center. present the program Two long-time cancer sur"The

Imperative," from 11:30
a.m. $-1: 30$ p.m. Oct. 31 at A.m.s Business \& Industry Center. Learn the lates about the challenges fac ing the region as well as actions being taken to improve the region Tom Pauken, chair of the Texas Workforc Commission, and Dr. Kar Eschbach, Texas State be provided. Seating is limited. To RSVP, call (806) 376-4521.

Briarwood Full Gospel Church of Pampa
will hold its Fall Festival wrom $6-9$ p.m. Nov. 1 at the church. The event will include booths, a cake walk, hay rides, food games and more. Open to
the whole family. For more information, call 665-7201. - Pampa Book Club is scheduled to meet a Lovett Memorial Library on the following date(s): Nov Melinda Haynes).
Depart The Texas Department of State Health Services will be offering immunization clin-
ics for vaccines ics for vaccines that give
protection against several childhood diseases includ ing polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis) measles, rubella, mumps,
HIB (haemophilus influen zae Type B) and chicken pox (varicella). Flu vac cines may also be offered at designated clinics. The
TDH will charge money to TDH will charge money to
help with the cost of keepheip with the cost of keep-
ing the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s)
will be offered: $9: 30-11: 30$ a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Nov 19, TDH, 736 S.m. Cuyler Pampa. For more informa
tion, call 665-4752.

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## Dear Abby... <br> By Pauline \& Jeanne Phillips

## VOTERS VALUE THEIR PRIVACY IN HEATED ELECTION SEASON

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in regard to the pray that he/she makes the best decision letter from "Registered Voter in North for me. I believe no matter who wins we Carolina" (Sept. 23). I never tell anyone must work together to overcome the probwho I voted for, not even my husband lems we face. -- JANE IN JACKSONS even though I usually tell him everything). GAP, ALA.
It's not that I don't want him to know, but
we respect each other's rights to voting pri- DEAR ABBY: The quickest way to get vacy. We have lots of discussions about the people to drop the subject is to reply, "Isn candidates and issues, and both research it great that we live in a country with prihem together. We have similar political vate ballots, so we cannot be persecuted or views, and through our discussions we nagged for whe wote for? The nosy
 Pr. I hate when people ask me who 1 ald My husband went to war to protect our rights -- including the right to privacy -and more people should respect them. GLOVERSVILLE, N.Y., VOTER

DEAR VOTER: Thank you for writing. I was pleased to hear from a large number of readers also stressing the importance of exercising our freedom to vote. I am sure I tant it is to vote in the Nov. 4 national elec tion. This is a crucial time in our nation's history. Your vote will affect generations to come, so make your voices heard. Read on DEAR ABBY: I say you should be proud of your candidate of choice and say it! If someone refuses to say who they voted for, to me it seems like that person is ashamed to admit he or she supported this candidate instead of that one. If someone asks me who I voted for, I gladly let them know. -PROUD SUPPORTER IN COLUMBUS
DEAR ABBY: When asked, I say, "I voted DEAR ABBY: I tell people I don't care for the person I want to win." If the ques- how anyone votes, as long as EVERYONE
tioner persists, I say, "I don't discuss politioner persists, I say, "I don't discuss poli- votes. Sadly, not everyone is fortunat tics. My doctor says my blood pressure is enough to have that privilege
too high as it is." -- MIDDLE OF THE ALEXXIA IN FRANKFORT, ILL. too high as it is
ROAD IN S.C

DEAR ABBY: I answer that question by
telling people I voted for "the president,"
because whoever wins, I will support and


DEAR ABBY: I grew up in a household in the political fence. My mother had a very tactful way of shutting down conversations bout personal politics by responding almly, "We have a secret ballot in this country for a reason." -- ERIN IN INDEENCE, MO.

DEAR ABBY: I have a simple answer when pollsters or friends ask who I voted my husband that That's "I don't even tel tains on the voting booth." That usually shuts 'em up. -- ANNA IN ALTON, N.H.
DEAR ABBY: When I'm asked the same personal question, I lean in close and ask in whisper, "Can you keep a secret?" Of course, they always say "yes." Then I back way and reply, "So can I!" -- VOTING IN ASTINGS, NEB

## Flo \& Friends




Garfield


Beetle Bailey

Marvin


## Sports

Lady Harvesters defeated by No. 1 in state Hereford

staff photos by David Bowser
TOP LEFT: The Pampa High School Lady Harvesters Varsity Volleyball Team lost 25-9, 25-14 and 25-12 to Mereford Lady Whitefaces in Hereford on Saturday night. Lady Harvester Taryn Eubank prepares to send the ball across the net in Saturday's Pampa-Hereford game. The Lady Whitefaces are the number one volleyball team in the state.
TOP RIGHT: Lady Harvester Jessica Miner jumps high to send the ball back to Hereford.

BOTTOM LEFT: Lady Harvester Jessica Miner prepares to send the ball across the net in Saturday's Pampa-Hereford game in Hereford.

## World

## Series

 Game 5 of the World Series was suspended because of ain in the sixth inning Monday night with thePhiladelphia Phillies and Tampa Bay Rays tied at 2 and the field already a sloppy, soggy mess. "I can't tell you tonight when we'll resume," com-
missioner Bud Selig said.
"We'll o celebrate Thanksgiving here."
It might be a day or two,
at least, before the Phillies at least, before the Phillies
get a chance to wrap up their
first championship since 1980. Philadelphia leads three games to one. There has never been a
rain-shortened game in Series history ghe in his one resumes, it will pick
up right where it left off, with the Phils about to bat in the bottom of the sixth. "The weather tomorrow is supposed to be worse," said
Bob DuPuy, MLB's chief operating officer.
Carlos Pena wo-out single in the sixth for the Rays, and the umpires called it moments later. By then, every ball and
every pitch had become an every pitch had become an
adventure because of the miserable conditions. If Pena had not tied it, Selig said he would not have
let the Phillies win with a let the Phillies win with a
game that was called after game that w
six innings.
"It's not a way to end a World Series," he said. "I would not have allowed a
World Series to end this way."

Childhood dream, career goal becomes reality for Pampa cowboy

The few months has been full of twists and turns in
the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association steer the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association steer Zane Hankel of Decatur lead the rookie of the year race the entire season and increased his lead over Zack Cobb of Pampa from $\$ 5100$ in August, to just over $\$ 7,000$. Cobb continued to find ways to
win. With a wins of $\$ 412$ in Albuquerque win. With a wins of $\$ 412$ in Albuquerque, N.M. in
mid September and $\$ 366$ and $\$ 432$ in San Bernardino Calif., and Poway, Calif. respectably in late September, Cobb kept his dream alive.
October brought a close to the regular season competition. Cobb's goal for this year, which he has dreamed of since childhood, was to become the PRCA rookie of the year. He continued to chip away
at Hankel's lead, but Hankel was still competing as at Hankel's lead, but Hankel was still competing as
well. Cobb had one last chance at his goal by overcoming a $\$ 5,163$ deficit at the final rodeo of the season.
The Heartland Pro Rodeo Chafmpionship is the crowning event of the Heartland Pro Rodeo Series, which was created to provide support for rodeos with October 2007. The rodeo will offer a minimum prize purse of $\$ 484,000$. This nine performance rodeo feafures the top 30 contestants or teams, from each vent, in the Heartland Pro Rodeo Series standings. These contestants or teams are splin three ver the first six nights. The top four contestants (or eams) in each group, based on total money returned for the challenge around on October 9, then reducing the field to twelve in each event. The top ten scores or times from the challenge round qualify for the semifinal round the following night, with the top
eight qualifying for the championship Saturday. The eight qualifying for the championship Saturday. The
field ultimately will be paired to a four contestant final round and eventually the Heartland Pro Rodeo Series Champion in each event.
Now Cobb's dream rest in the midst of a who's who of Professional Rodeo. In this format the key is o advance. Hankel was eliminated but still had performances in the books it came down to one steer for him to advance. He not only managed to advance, he won the round by throwing his steer in an incredible time of 3.6 seconds. This win earned $\$ 2,596.43$ Cobb's biggest single win of his career. He was still privilege to advance to one more round.
privilege to advance In round seven Cobb repeated the consistency that he had used all year long, to reach this position, to once again, keep his hopes alive. He was able to catch his seventh round steer, jump from his horse
and throw the steer in less than four seconds. The and throw the steer in less than four seconds. The
time of 3.9 seconds was good enough to once again time of 3.9 seconds was good enough to once again
place 1 st in the round and earn another $\$ 2,596.43$. place 1st in the round and earn another $\$ 2,596.43$.


Pampa native Zach Cobb competes in a steer wrestling competition. Cobb acheived his childhood dream and career goal by becoming the 2008 professional Rodeo Association Rookie of the Year.
childhood dream and a career goal by $\$ 29.86$. This matic invitations to the biggest rodeos in 2009 giy win brought about still another opportunity for one ing him a level playing field to begin next season. more round. By tracking Cobb throughout this season it is obviIn round eight cobb turned in a time of 4.3 sec- ous that, when he is backed into the proverbial coronds good enough for an additional $\$ 750$ and the four Cobb threw his steer in Rodney Burks for the round win and an additional sixth round of the National Finals Rodeo in Las Cobb is the 2008 Professional Rodeo Association Rookie of the Year. His Heartland Pro rodeo Series o number 31 in the World Standings with a first year total of $\$ 34,533$. Being 31st in the world brings auto-

## Health Fair



TOP: Zach Wolfe, Juanita Flores and Jordan Lemons, art students at Pampa Junior High School, recently displayed this poster they designed for the upcoming Pampa ISD Health Fair slated from 4-6 p.m. Nov. 3 at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

вOTTOM: Drake Fisher and Cheyenne Hoskins working on their posters for the upcoming Health Fair.

## Stevens faces long odds in Senate race

WASHINGTON (AP) - For most though he's not here, he's had a lot of politicians, a guilty verdict on seven air time. felony counts - eight days before an
election - would guarantee the end of a political career
${ }^{\text {put }}$ But Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens is not like most politicians. After his conviction Monday on charges that he lied gifts from a wealthy oil contractor the gifts from a wealthy oil contractor, the
84 -year-old Stevens refused to drop out of his re-election race against Democrat Mark Begich. Republican presidential nominee John McCain called Tuesday for Stevens to resign from the Senate, say-
people."
McCain and Stevens are not close. They've frequently exchanged barbs on the Senate floor, particularly over the pet projects that lawmakers insert into spending bills. Stevens is an unabashed
champion of such earmarks; McCain is the Senate's biggest critic of them. While Stevens faces long odds in a contest where polls showed a close race even before the verdict, few in Alaska were willing to count him out Tably Republican seat as part of their bid afor a filibuster-proof 60 -vote majority in the Senate.
"It's very possible that (Stevens) is Shepro a professor of political science Shepro, a professor of political science - Anchorage. $\quad$ While Begich has run a strong cam-
"thaign, "Stevens has been blanketing the

Many Alaskans believe that Stevens - a 40-year senator and a legend in Alaska politics - is being unjustly attacked and that the charges against him don't amount to real corruption Shepro said.

Republican presidential nominee John McCain called Tuesday for Stevens to resign from the Senate, saying he "has broken his trust with the people."
"A lot of people feel the senater is completely innocent and that there are people who have been doing favors for Shepro said. "The senator is very popu Shepro said.
lar in Alaska."
But Ancho
But Anchorage Moore said Stevens is almost certin to
"I think it's pretty much inconceiv. able that Ted will be able to pull it out from this point," said Moore, who has
been polling on the Alaska Sente race been polling on the Alaska Senate race for more than a year. Moore's latest mony was wrapping up, showed the Senate race essentially tied.
Many voters said they were waiting
for a verdict to make up their minds,
and most of them are likely to be convinced that as a convicted felon Stevens must be ousted from the
Senate, Moore said. A Washington jury found Stevens guilty of seven felony corruption charges of accepting home renovations and other gifts from an oil executive and then lying about it. The verdict "is going to hurt him to the point where he can't win," Moore
said of Stevens. Moore predicted a relatively close race, even with the conviction. Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev., chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, virtually conceded the race in the wake of the guilty verdict.
"Ted Stevens served his constitu for over 40 years, and I am disappointed to see his career end in disgrace," Ensign said. "Sen. Stevens had his day in court, and the jury found he violated the public's trust - as a result he is
properly being held accountable. This is a reminder that no one is above the law."
The veteran senator was in no mood for accommodation Monday night. In a statement issued, by his Senate office, Stevens said he was disappoith-
ed but not surprised at the verdict, "given the repeated instances of prosecutorial misconduct in this case." Stevens proclaimed his innocence
and said, "I will fight this unjust verdict and said, "I will fight this unjust verdict with every ounce of energy I have." He asked Alaskans and his Senate sues his legal rights and his re-election sues his
campaign.

Treat youngsters to a safe spooky holiday in 2008
Texas drivers are asked to drive safely around areas where children are likely to gather this Halloween. And trick-or-treaters are asked to make sure they behave safely as well.
"We're expecting more children and adults to be out on Halloween this year because it falls on a Friday. Slow down and watch for pedestrians. If you're planning to attend a Halloween party, please designate a sober driver," said Col. Stan Clark, interim director of the Texas Department of Public Safety.
"Pedestrians should make sure to look both ways before crossing a street, and they should choose costumes that will be easy for drivers to see," Clark said.
Following these safety tips will help keep trick-or-treaters safe.

- Have a safe costume:

Avoid toy guns and knives - they could be mistaken for the real thing.
Wear costumes that are light in color and short enough to avoid tripping.

Wear shoes that fit.
Place reflective material on the costume, so drivers can see you.
Avoid masks - use face paint instead for better visibility and peripheral vision.
Carry a flashlight.

- Keep these tips in mind:

Look both ways before crossing roadways. Always walk, don't run.
Cross the roadway at intersections and crosswalks when possible.
Travel in groups with adult supervision
Do not enter the cars and homes of strangers. Avoid homes without visible porch lights.
-Make sure children know their home phone number and how to call 911 or their local emergency number if they have an emergency or become lost.
"Take all treats ihomenfori an adult to inspect before eating anything. Never eat unwrapped candy.

## Police

Continued from Page 2
Monday, Oct. 27
Five traffic stops were made.
Five traffic stops were made.
Agency assistance was rendered in the 200 block of Agency assis
North Russell.
One open door was investigated.
One robbery was reported in the police department lobby.

Fire
Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24 -hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
Monday, Oct. 27 7:42 a.m. - One unit and three personnel responded
to the 1400 block of West Somerville on a medical call. 12:55 p.m. - One unit and one personnel responded to the 500 block of North Dwight on a fire investiga7:48 p.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to the 100 block of East Browning on a gas leak.

## Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's office today recorded the following arrests.

Saturday, Oct. 25
John Hardy King, 57, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department and charged with disorderly conduct-language.
ly conduct-language. Joshua Richard Chafin, 18, of Canadian was arrested by GCSO and charged with failure to identify giving false/fictitious information.
Tabitha Dawn Aklin, 26, of Canadian was arrested by GCSO and charged with no valid driver's license. Donald Wayne Moran, 22, of Canadian was arrestna. David Wayne Trekell, 40, of Pampa was arrested by
Texas Department of Public Safety and charged with Texas Department of Public Safety a
DWI, second offense.
Sunday, Oct. 26
Moises Ramirez Ramirez, 34 , of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with public intoxication.
Willie Loyd Ball ard, 37 of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD on a warrant out of Potter County for failure to appear.
Alvarado Benancio Duenez, 48, of Wheeler was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with public intoxcation.
Steven
Steven Craig Angel, 42, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD on four capias pro fines and on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

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## HAPPY BIRTH

Oi. 29, 2008: Luck on your team this year. You migh make the impossible dream a reality
Using determination and visula you can make nearly anything within you can make nearly anything within
reason happen. Get into a strong physical iexercise program to discharge anger and energy. A neighbor or sibling, could
demand a lot. If you are single, excitement will surround you You will be like the ringmaster at the circus. Stop if you want to get to know someone better.
Learn to be less me-oriented if you are attached. Your partner will open up and
surprise you with more nurturing. surprise you with more nurturing.
SCoRPIO can test your patience!
Remember, he or she reflects a side of

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll
Have:
5-Dynamic;
4-Positive; ARIES (March 21-April 19)
$\star \star \star \star$ Don't start a problem because you are frustrated and tired of dealing
with certain people. More importantly,
don't hit the cat because you are mad at the dog. Try to give back what you
receive. Time will give a new perspec tive. Tonight: Dinner and a chat TAURUS (Aprii 20-May 20)
$\star \star \star \star \star$ You observe that ot $\star \star \star \star \star$ You observe that others want
to have their way. More imporataty, they to have their way. More importantly, they
will go ot any lengts to make that hap-
pen. Rather than get into a tiff, let it go. pen. Rather than get into a tifi, let it go.
Ins.t there something the Bull would love to do if you had the time
Socialize, network and visit. Socialize, network and visit.
GEMII (May 1 - -une 20)

 oliar a work. or ould dhatbe youn Dive into work, making accomplishment your
middle name. Tonight: A much-needed CAVCER ( Ime 21 IJuly 22) reative buar phatestaness fimests into Achage. Follow your orternaty fum-
 and Eat ** Nata wiut bisisis Propary, invest


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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
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toasty on communction is hot and $\star \star \star \star \star$ Communication is hot and
toasty on some level. You easily could be overwhelmed by all you are hearing. A





 your bills.
C*RPIO (Oct. 23 -Nov. 21 )
$\star \star \star \star$ Y You sparkle with energy
$\star \star \star \hbar \star$ You sparkle with energy.
Demosstrate your innate flexibility
through a discussion or action. Though,
of course, you would
evens tumble yar way, be evento opiry


 dity tive. Let go of feaviness. Tonight: Vani
while you can.
 $\star \star \star \star \star$ Zero in on what you want.
You are strong-willed and determined. Anyone who could be so unfortunate to
get in your way will hear about it. A
friend continues to gre in your way whusting to por what he or
frien wants. Tonight: Whatever makes you
she she wans. Tonighe hatever
smile. SUe the unexpected
AQUARUU (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
$\star \star \star \star$ A must appearance is-demand ing. Many yeople want something from
you. Knowing when to pull back could you. Knowing when to pull back could
be important. A boss or someone in
charge must have his or her way. .Do not charge must have his or her way. Do not
interfere. Tonight: A litle more carefree. PISEES (Feb. 19-March 20)
$\star \star \star \star \star$ You cond
$\star \star \star \star \star$ You could surprise someone
and be the source of a lot of unexpected and be the source of a lot of unexpected
developments. You will want to try developments. You wit want on the
another apprach or detach to see wher
you are making a situation more compliyou are making a situation more compli-
cated than necessary. Tonight: Make sure cated than necessary. Tonight:
you have music around you.

## BORN TODAY Actor Richard D

Actor Richard Dreyfuss (1947), comedi-
an Fanny Brice (1891), actress Kate
Jackson (1948)

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