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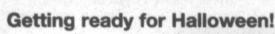


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Taking advantage of a beautiful Saturday afternoon on the high plains, Kade Arnd, 5, helps his dad, David, carve a pumpkin at their home in Pampa. staff photo by Randy Pribble

Meetings set on amendments

will host two public information meetings this week on proposed constitutional amendments.

Judge Richard Peet will act as facilitator for the meetings Thursday and Friday.

Linda Lewis, Gray County Election Administrator, said the meetings are to review the Constitutional Amendments and the proposition establishing a limitation on tax liability for the disabled or 65 or older citizens who reside in Gray County.

There are 11 proposed Constitutional Amendments on the Nov. 3 general election ballot, she said. There will also be a proposition on limiting the ad valorem tax for the disabled and older citizens.

Lewis said the meetings are to help clarify the issues. She said offi-

A Gray County judge cials will be available at the meeting to answer questions. She said voters will not be urged to vote one way or another. Officials will be there only to explain the language in the proposals.

Lost revenue, instance, from the long term consequences for the tax breaks for older citizens and the disabled will have to be made up by other tax payers, she said.

The first meeting will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday. The second will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday. Both meetings will be in the County Courtroom on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse.

State Rep. Warren Chisum had been scheduled to be at the meeting, but Lewis said he reported that he would be tied up in a committee meeting in

Jnited Way Campaign entering its final two weeks

Later today the Pampa nity assistance organiza-United Way's annual campaign committee will meet to compare notes and turn in the past week's dona-

Although local campaign officials remain optimistic about reaching this year's goal of \$315,000, they want to make sure the public is aware that is short and they are still far from the goal.

"I'm confident that we will reach our goal," said Katrina Bigham, the local United Way's executive director, "but if we don't ask for it, we won't get it for sure."

The success of last year's campaign was aided by an anonymous \$25,000 donation that, Bigham said, will not be repeated this year.

Dozens of local commu-

tions, from the Boy Scouts to Meals on Wheels, rely on the United Way to provide funding that assists their programs.

"Some depend on us more than others," Bigham noted, "but if we didn't have these agencies, I can't imagine what our community would be like."

Before today's checkin, the total stood at \$65,477.11, or about 21 percent of the campaign's goal.

However, Bigham said that is somewhat misleading since a number of larger participants - companies and banks, for instance have not yet turned in their

collections. The committee is concerned that the community may have assumed that the goal had already been reached, which is definitely not the case, she added.

For the next few issues, The Pampa News will be running some brief informational pieces on the local agencies that benefit from the annual United Way Drive. These brief articles are submitted by the agencies to give the public an idea of the wideranging impact a United Way donation has in the community.

To make a donation to this year's United Way campaign, send it to United Way Campaign, P.O. Box 20767, Pampa, TX 79066 or drop it by the office in the Chamber building: Suite 102, 200 N.

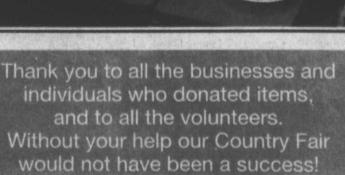


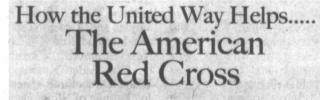
Mexican Fiesta Dinner & (Above, from left) Kelly McElwain, Tom McElwain, Reba Howard, and Ben Howard enjoy a Mexican dinner courtesy of the Pampa High School Choir at its fundraiser Friday at the high school cafeteria. The proceeds will be used by the Choir Booster Club to support the organization. The choir served 475 people. (Below, from left) Joe Kyle Reeve, Sholby Reeve, Jordan Lemons, Sheldon Reeve, Sarita Reeve and Shattner Reeve partake in the PHS Choir Mexican dinner Friday.

staff photos by Andrew Glover



Thank you to all the businesses and individuals who donated items. and to all the volunteers. Without your help our Country Fair would not have been a success!





One of a series of articles submitted by local organizations who benefit from the United Way Campaign.

It is so very hard to single out one person or family the Eastern Texas Panhandle Red Cross has helped.

Most American people don't realize that the American Red Cross is the communication link between the families and their loved

ones in the military. The families in the military are so very important because their loved ones are protecting great country and they give up so much.

We as a community do our best to support these families but I think sometimes that we as a people forget all these families especially the children of our service men and women who are risking their lives for all of us do each and everyday. As we start this year's campaign I think I would like to focus on a story of a mother who has a son in Iraq who just lost her mother, dealing with that grief which all of us have done and then have the son that is close to us a long way from home who was very close to their grandmother, you want to let them

RED CROSS cont. on page 3





For the record

PAMPA FORECAST

Tuesday Wednesday

Low 52

High 56



Thursday

Low 39 Low 41

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 82. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tonight: Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly after 1 a.m. Cloudy, with a low around 52. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

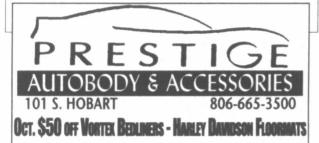
Wednesday: Showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1 p.m. High near 56. Windy, with a north northwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent.

Wednesday Night: A chance of showers, mainly before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 41. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 39. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today

Monday, Oct . 19.

Keith Shannon Heler, 42, of Cartwright, Okla., was arrested by Gray County deputies on a warrant charging him with failure to appear.

Donald Richard Wright, 24, of Abilene, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of theft of property by check, speeding, operating a motorcycle without approved headgear, no motorcycle endorsement on his license, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, failure to appear, failure to display a driver's license and failure to report a change of address.

James Robert Alexander Jr., 23, of McLean, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of illegal dumping.

Gerald Black West, 49. of Dallas, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of evading arrest and public intoxication.

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MARK SHELL is preaching and Banks, 7pm.

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PUT YOUR Business Name on the Halloween Candy List. Listing is free, ad will be in the Pampa News, on Fri. Oct. 30th. Deadline to be on the list is Mon. Oct. 26, before 4pm. 669-2525.

WE WILL have Flu Shots available at The Senior Citizens Center Thursday two agency assists. from 10:30-2:00

Obituaries

Bertha Della Kieth, 89

Pampa - Bertha Della Kieth, 89, died Tuesday, October 20, 2009 in Pampa. Services are pending

with Carmihael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Kieth was born February 29, 1920 in Pampa, where she had been a lifelong resident. She married Herman Kieth on September 13, 1938, and he preceded her in death on August 25, 2004. She was a member of First Christian Church.

Survivors include a son:, Kenneth Kieth of

Pampa; four grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by a sister Anna Bell Wallin.

Sign the on-line register at http://www.carmichaelwhatley.com.



Bertha Kieth

Richard Glenn Rick Foster, 61 Pampa - Richard Glenn

"Rick" Foster, 61, died Sunday, October 18, 2009 in Pampa. Services will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, October

22, 2009, at Trinity Fellowship Church with Pastor Lonny Robbins, officiating. Burial will be in Memory

Gardens Cemetery with military honors courtesy U. S. Navy. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Rick was born August

21, 1948 in Quanah, TX, and came to Pampa in 1950 from Quanah. He was a 1967 graduate of Pampa High School where he played varsity basketball

Pampa - Audrey T.

Burns, 89, died Monday,

October 19, 2009 in Pampa.

at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday,

October 21, 2009, at

Carmichael-Whatley

Colonial Chapel, with Rev.

Steve Cox, minister of St.

Paul United Methodist

Burial will be in

Fairview Cemetery under

the direction of Carmichael-

Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mosquero, New Mexico.

She had been a resident

of Pampa since 1933.

She married Wylie Burns

on August 3, 1956 in

Mrs. Burns was born

Church, officiating.

October 2,

Services will be held

and baseball. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War, serving on the USS Hamner. Rick later transferred to the U. S. Naval Reserve where he served until 1973. He married Ginger Ferguson on July 25, 1970 in Pampa. He was a salesman for Clifton Supply for several years and was a member of Trinity Fellowship Church Rick was a loving hus-

band and father, and loved his family and church family very much. He loved the Pampa Harvesters and was their number one fan. He was an avid golfer. Survivors include his

wife, Ginger Foster of the home; one son, Seth Foster of Pampa; one daughter, Sara Foster of Pampa; one sister, Susan Brooks and husband Richard of Irving; two brothers, Joe Foster and wife Candi of Odessa, and Chuck Foster and wife Cheryl of Boerne; his mother-in-law, Virginia Gooch of Pampa; his brother-in-law, Al Ferguson and wife Susie of Pampa; four nieces, six nephews, five great-nieces and eight great-nephews.

Rick was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Kebby Renea Foster in 1973; his father, D. G. "Jack" Foster in 1995; and his mother, Gloria Foster in 2005.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Fellowship



Rick Foster

Church, 2225 N. Hobart, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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Special notice: The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m, on Wednesday, October 21, 2009.

Sign the on-line register at http://www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

Audrey T. Burns, 89

Clovis, New Mexico, and they reared four daughters together. She was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church. Her granddaughter, Gion, said Audrey was a woman who faithfully loved and served the Lord. One of her greater joys was to have her family over for big dinners.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the Pampa Nursing Center for their love and compassion for both Audrey and

Survivors include her loving husband of 53 years, Wylie Burns of the home; four daughters, Glenda Garrison and husband David of Ponca City, Oklahoma, Jeannie Gates and husband Bobby of Livingston, Beverly Cox and husband Glenn, and Mary Woodruff and husband Gary, all of Norman, Oklahoma; seven grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; a special niece, Pam Jonas and husband Randy of Pampa.

She was preceded in death by a grandson: Dean Woodruff in 1995.

Memorials: St. United Methodist Church, 511 N. Hobart, Pampa, Texas, or American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Road, Suite 12-A,

Lubbock, Texas 79724.



Audrey Burns

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Marilyn Rose Kotara Voyles, 68

Rose Kotara Voyles, 68, died Monday, October 19, 2009 in New Braunfels, TX, surrounded by her loving family.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Marilyn "Lynne" was born August 17, 1941 in Pampa to Johnny and Theresa Urbanczyk Kotara. She was raised on the family farm in White Deer with her seven siblings. She attended school in White Deer, graduating from White Deer High School in 1959. She was very active in school activities where she was on the student council, a cheerleader, played tennis and basketball, with her team going to the state finals her

senior year. Although Marilyn is remembered for her intelligence and beauty, she is also remembered and

New Braunfels - Marilyn revered for her dedication to her marriage, children and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She continued to dedicate time, energy and resources not only to the church, but to all who crossed her path, with love and patience that is not only rare, but will forever be cherished by those who were blessed to know her. She was very successful in insurance sales, winning many awards and trips for her achievements.

Never a cross word or enemy did Marilyn know. Family members and friends alike will forever be hard pressed to ever hear a negative word of this Godloving mother, wife and friend. We will continue to live with the gift of love she readily imparted upon us all. She will forever be remembered for her loving examples of class, humor, tact, patience, strength and

kindness which she leaves etched in our hearts.

Survivors include her dedicated husband of 48 years, Lavon Brack "L. B." Voyles of the home; five children, Brack Voyles and wife Dora of Amarillo, Brad Voyles and wife Laura of Las Vegas, Nevada, Amy Pierce and husband Steve, Heather R. Voyles and Ashlea Nesbitt and husband Rusty, all of New Braunfels; a brother, John Alden Kotara of White Deer; three sisters, Joy Grange of White Deer, Debbie Huff of Grand Prairie, and Gaylene Blaylock of San Antonio; and 11 grandchildren.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents; and three brothers, Maynard Kotara, Gary Kotara and Kenneth Kotara, all of White Deer.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorials be



Marilyn Voyles

directed to the Alzheimer's Association, 4144 North Central Expressway, Suite 750, Dallas, Texas 75204, or another charitable foundation of their choice.

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

There were four traffic stops and one accident. There were nine animal-

related calls. Pampa EMS reported four calls and Lefors Volunteer and Rescue EMS reported one.

Monday, Oct. 19. Pampa officers reported A bicycle was

found in the 1500 block of North Hamilton.

About \$550 in cash and materials were stolen from a Ford F150 pickup in the 2100 block of North Hamilton.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 2800 block of North Perryton Parkway.

Officers were assigned crossing guard duty in the 1000 block of South Hobart.

Fire officials made a fire prevention presentation in the 1000 block of East Murphy.

assisted a Officers motorist in the 400 block of West Brown.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of South Finley.

The Lefors Volunteer Fire Department reported a grass fire on FM 1312. A prowler was reported

in the 2200 block of North Nelson. Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart. A suspicious person was

reported in the 2300 block of North Aspen.

A violation of city ordinance was reported in the 1900 block of North Lynn.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2800 block of North Perryton Parkway.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Tuesday, Oct.20.

A runaway was reported in the 1500 block of

Williston. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of North Wells.

A suspicious person was reported at Wells and Browning.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1500 block of Williston.

An open door was reported in the 200 block of East Brown.

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Housing starts rise in Sept.; wholesale prices dip

Ai Construction of new U.S. homes edged up slightly in September, helped by a rebound in single-family construction. But applications for building permits fell by the largest amount in five months. a worrisome sign for future housing work.

The Commerce Department said Tuesday that construction of new homes and apartments rose 0.5 percent in September to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 590,000 units. That was a weaker showing than the 610,000 economists had expected.

New applications for building permits, considered a good sign of future activity, fell 1.2 percent in September.

That's the biggest decline since a 2.5 percent drop in April and underscored worries the fledgling housing revival could be derailed by rising unemployment and the expiration on Nov. 30 of the government's \$8,000 tax credit for firsttime homebuyers.

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Meanwhile, the Labor Department said wholesale prices fell 0.6 percent last month on a drop in energy costs. Outside food and energy, core inflation fell 0.1 percent. In the 12 months ending in September, core wholesale prices rose a modest 1.8 percent.

The drop in wholesale prices was another sign the recession had kept a lid on

inflation. Last week, the government said consumer prices edged up a modest 0.2 percent in September.

Housing has been struggling to recover this year following a steep collapse that helped pull the overall economy into the worst recession since the 1930s.

But the industry still faces high unemployment, tighter bank lending standards and worries that home sales could falter once the a tax credit of up to \$8,000 for first-time homebuyers expires at the end of next month. Real estate agents and homebuilders are lobbying Congress to extend the credit.

That effort appears to be gaining momentum, but the administration is being vague about its position.

Housing Secretary Shaun Donovan said in written testimony for a congressional hearing Tuesday that supporting the housing market "can be very expensive, especially at a time of significant budget deficits." The administration "will work with Congress to fashion appropriate and effective home buyer incentives," he added.

Some analysts and lawmakers are skeptical about extending the credit, arguing that most homebuyers who receive it would have decided to buy anyway. And soaring unemployment is likely to dull the impact of any extension, Mark Vitner, a senior economist with Wells Fargo Securities, wrote in a note to clients.

"Many of the most likely buyers targeted have already taken advantage of the program," he wrote.

The 0.5 percent rise in overall construction in September followed a 1 percent drop in August that was revised down from an initial estimate of a 1.5 percent gain.

Construction of singlefamily homes rose 3.9 percent last month to an annual rate of 501,000 units, reversing a 4.7 percent drop in August. Multifamily construction, a much smaller and more volatile segment, posted a 15.2 percent drop following a 20.7 percent rise in

Construction rose 7.1 percent in the South, but all other regions showed weakness. Building activity fell 5.5 percent in the Northeast, 1.8 percent in the Midwest and 8.8 percent in the West.

An index from the National Association Home Builders that measures builder confidence slipped slightly in October to a reading of 18, from 19 in September. Builders blamed the slippage on the approaching expiration of the homebuyer tax credit.

The industry contends that extending and expanding the credit for one year would generate nearly 350,0000 jobs and \$11.6 billion in additional tax revenues.

Red Cross

this photo in front of the JFK Library in Boston.

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know you need them close in this time of grief so you call the American Red Cross.

This mother is upset for the as well as having her loved one not knowing and being so far from home the communication link for this family is the Red Cross. As the volunteer who

takes the call it is heart wrenching for them as well as the family to let this service person know what happened, you ask for presence of this service person not knowing if he or she will be released to come home for the funeral.

The Red Cross takes the message then passes it to the command center and then it is passed to the military person and his command so they can contact the family. At this time people need to stay aware of what our service men and women do for all of us as a community and a nation.

The Réd Cross also responds to single-family cont. from page 1

ing as the family usually is standing on the curb watching as their home, possessions, and family memories are being destroyed. As you give that child in the family a stuffed animal, a toothbrush and make sure they have a safe warm place to stay the night it makes you stop and reflect that helping people is what Red Cross does.

It is all about caring. With the help of the United Way of Pampa the mission of the Red Cross is a sucfires. This is heart wrench- cess in our community.

Texas Lottery unveils \$2 veterans scratch-offs AUSTIN, Texas (AP)

-Two days before Veterans Day, the Texas Lottery will start selling \$2 scratch-off tickets for veterans.

The state on Nov. 9 will roll out Veterans Cash scratch-offs, becoming the first such ticket dedicated

to a cause other than public education.

Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, and Rep. Chris Turner, D-Burleson, said Monday the dedicated ticket was created under a new state law and was a tough sell.

Veterans groups plan to let their members know about the new game.

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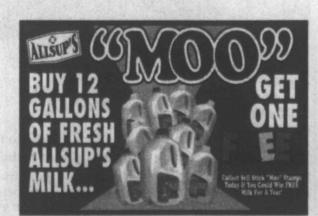


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1792 - U.S. President George Washington writes about religious differences as the cause of the world's troubles: "Of all the animosities which have existed among mankind those which are caused by a difference of sentiments in religion appear to be the most inveterate and distressing and ought to be deprecated."

1867 - British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli writes about change in a time that many people were afraid of it, "change is inevitable in a progressive country, change is constant."

1892 - The city of Chicago dedicates the World's Colombian Exposition.

1903 - A joint commission rules in favor of the U.S. in a boundary dispute between the District of Alaska and Canada

1944 - The Yugoslav cities of Belgrade and Dubrovnik are liberated during World War II; Gen. Douglas MacArthur, keeping his promise to the Philippine people that he would return to rescue them from Japanese occupation, steps ashore at

1945 - Egypt, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon warn the

'Morals is not preaching, it is beauty of a rare kind.

 Ernest Dimnet, French Lecturer and Author

U.S. that creation of a Jewish state could lead to war in Middle East; Arab League is formed.

1947 - The House Un-American Activities Committee opens hearings into alleged Communist influence and infiltration within the motion picture industry.

1977 - Civilian government

Thailand is ousted in bloodless coup by military junta which installed the regime one year earlier.

1990 - Kim Dae Jung, leader of South Korean political opposition, ends a 12-day hunger strike when government leaders say they are willing to compromise on some of his demands: end military surveillance, improve the economy and halt plans to replace the presidential system of government.

1993 - NATO defense ministers agree to offer former Warsaw Pact states and neutral European countries "partnerships for peace" as a first step toward qualifying for full membership in the alliance.

2000 - Local and international health workers tackle an outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus in Gulu, Uganda. Officials report a slowing in the spread of the epidemic that has killed 47 people and infected as many as 75 more.

2004 - Two Muslim girls who refuse to remove their head scarves in class are expelled from their schools in France, and two more risk the same fate as officials begin taking action against those who defy a new law banning conspicuous religious symbols from public schools.

2005 - A U.N. investigation concludes that highranking Syrian and Lebanese security officials were involved in the assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

2006 - Colombian President Alvaro Uribe withdraws his offer to negotiate a humanitarian prisoner exchange with leftist rebels after blaming the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia for a car bomb that wounded 23 people.

Today's Birthdays: Sir Christopher Wren, English architect (1632-1723); Arthur Rimbaud, French author (1854-1891); John Dewey, U.S. philosopher (1859-1952); (1884-1952); Snoop Dogg, U.S. rapper (1971--); Viggo Mortensen, U.S. actor (1958--); John Krasinski, U.S. actor (1979--).

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Property rights measure becomes key issue in Governor's race

DALLAS (AP) - Gov. Rick Perry's plan to build a massive tollway system through the heart of Texas may be dead, but it lives on as a political issue.

Kay Bailey Hutchison, Perry's challenger in the March Republican primary, discussed the failed Trans-Texas Corridor repeatedly Monday during an appearance urging voters to support a proposition to limit the state's power of eminent domain. She said the concept for Perry's massive network of toll roads and rail lines is still alive.

"So that's why it's so important that we pass this constitutional provision, which will give the extra measure of protection," said Hutchison, a longtime critic of Perry's project. "The Trans-Texas Corridor was a massive land grab, and that certainly heightened the awareness of Texans everywhere."

Perry, after a Houston speech where he also touted the ballot measure, Prop 11, said it was unfair to tie it to the concept of the Trans-Texas Corridor.

"I think the senator is following a felled political campaign strategy from 2006," Perry said. "The Trans-Texas Corridor is a thing of history.'

In the 2006 election, independent candidate Carole Keeton Strayhorn attacked the toll road project, which landowners opposed because of the large land seizures necessary for the project. Hutchison and Perry both

back the proposition, one of 11 on the Nov. 3 ballot. Prop 11 would ban the taking of private property for economic development for the purpose of tax rev-



Texas Farm Bureau President Kenneth Dierschke, left, listens as Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison speaks at a news conference in Dallas, Monday, Oct. 19, 2009. Hutchison is on the road with Texas Farm Bureau President Kenneth Dierschke to promote a state proposition limiting how the state government can take private property. (AP Photo/Donna McWilliam)

enue. It also would make it harder for lawmakers to approve eminent domain in the future. But it wouldn't affect land seizures for public projects like roads.

Both candidates say the proposition is needed in response to a 2005 U.S. Supreme Court decision that gave cities the right to use eminent domain for

private development. "I have been working with the Legislature to build a firewall between the court's misguided principles and private property owners' rights," Perry said. "The folks in Washington might be doing their part to restrict personal freedoms. I still consider Texas to be

the land of the free." Although Perry favored eminent domain for public projects such as roads, he has opposed eminent domain for private devel-

Hutchison was joined

on her swing through Dallas, Nacogdoches and Lufkin by the head of the Texas Farm Bureau, who knocked the tollway project in his opening remarks introducing the senator. The group, which boasts 421,000 members in the nation's No. 2 agricultural state, loudly opposed the Trans-Texas Corridor and is endorsing Hutchison.

"We do know that the Trans-Texas Corridor idea is not dead," said Farm Bureau president Kenneth Dierschke. "Our members have told us they support the state of Texas and transportation needs, but

they do not want the state to be able to take their land and build these highways."

The Farm Bureau got upset with Perry over his 2007 veto of a bill that rural property owners said would have protected them from eminent domain for private uses. Perry said he rejected the measure because it was loaded up with "personal interest legislation" and high costs for taxpayers.

The \$175 billion Trans-Texas Corridor was first proposed in 2002 but sputtered to a halt this year after loud complaints. The Texas Department of Transportation said earlier this year that it was scaling down the project and dropping the name "Trans-Texas Corridor."

Program funds transportation enhancement projects

AUSTIN - TxDOT has announced a program call Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program. Submissions will be accepted until December 11, 2009.

The Texas Transportation Commission authorized TxDOT to conduct the \$67.5 million program call to solicit project proposals for development opportunities for non-traditional transportation related activities.

The federally-funded program supports transportation-related activities that promote the quality of the environment through aesthetic enhancements associated with transportation.

Projects will be selected on a competitive basis.

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· establishment of transportation museums.

Applications should be submitted to local TxDOT district offices.

For more information about the TE program, http://www.txdot. gov/business/governments/



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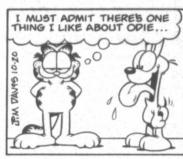
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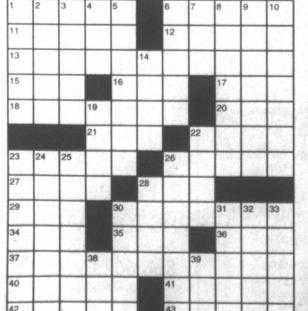






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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** Someone clearly is going out of his or her way for you. Be willing to break past your self-imposed restrictions and greet new or different thinking. At first, you might be uncomfortable, but a risk could have very pleasing results. Open up to new thinking. Tonight: Where there is music.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** A child, new friend or loved one continues to reach out to you. Understand what is happening with this person. Get into the good feelings, and make plans for later. Meanwhile, finish off what you must. Tonight: Fun and

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ** Stay centered on your priorities. Someone clearly cares about you, and deeply at that. Listen to news that heads in your direction. Consider working from home more. You feel more centered than

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The research, which is a part of the Texas Alzheimer's Research Consortium, is necessary to try to identify genetic and blood markers associated with Alzheimer's disease.

Sid O'Bryant, Ph.D., director of Rural Health research for the F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health, and assistant professor in the Department of Neurology, said it is exciting to be only one of five institutions in the state involved in the consortium, but most importantly to contribute to the possible research that will find answers to Alzheimer's disease

"The state of Texas has taken a great step towards creating a better understanding of the underlying biological factors associated with Alzheimer's disease. Through our work, the Consortium is beginning to produce important new information relevant to this devastating disease," O'Bryant said.

More than 200,000 Texans and their families are coping with Alzheimer's disease today. That number is projected to more than double to about 500,000 cases by 2025.

"Some of the nation's top Alzheimer's researchers, from our institution and the four other member institutions of the Texas Alzheimer's Research Consortium, will use participant's genetic and blood data to help answer research questions about onset, triggers and progression of Alzheimer's disease," O'Bryant said.

Other member institutions of the Consortium are Baylor College of Medicine. The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, University of North Texas Health Science Center, and the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

All participants will receive \$100 for their time. Persons interested in this study should contact Larry Hill, at (806) 743-



Planning for the Pantry Drive -- Altrusans Brenda Tucker (from left), Terri Williams. Mayda King, and Alison Watson make plans for the Tralee Pantry Drive October 31. sponsored by Altrusa. The drive, sponsored by Altrusa, will benefit the Tralee Crisis Center for Abused Wome.

Happy State Bank purchases 1st National Bank of Canadian

Happy State Bank acquired National Bank of Canadian on Oct. 2, according to J. Pat Hickman, Chairman

The First National Bank of Canadian, established in 1892, has offices in Canadian, Higgins and Canyon. Happy State Bank now has 22 offices in 14 area communities.

With this acquisition, Happy State Bank purchased approximately \$28 million in loans and assumed about \$120 in deposits. Total assets of Happy State Bank is now \$1.3 billion. Happy State Bank reached a billion dollar in

assets in January of this year, only the second bank in the Texas Panhandle to reach this milestone.

While Happy State Bank already has a significant presence in the Texas Panhandle. this transaction moves the bank into Canadian and Higgins for the first time.

Hickman added that, "We've wanted to be in Canadian, the oasis of the Panhandle, for a long time. These offices are a perfect fit for our bank. Not only does it allow us to increase our market share in Canyon, but more importantly, it allows us to move into two

new communities.

Happy State Bank now has offices in Happy, Amarillo, Borger, Canadian, Canyon, Dalhart, Dumas, Hereford, Higgins, Pampa, Panhandle, Plainview, Sunray and Stratford. Happy State Bank was chartered in 1908 in Happy, Texas. In 1990, the \$10 million bank headquartered in Happy, Texas was acquired by a group of Panhandle area investors and is now the second largest bank in the region. The bank has approximately 225 stockholders (95 percent + of them living in the Panhandle area).

Cash for candy: Local dentist to trade cold cash for sweet treats

One Pampa dentist is redefining the phrase "put your money where your mouth is."

This Halloween, trick-ortreaters can bring their excess candy to Jay A. Johnson, DDS, Inc. and receive \$1 per pound. Dr. Jay Johnson is leading this anti-decay movement by giving away dollars and glowing electric toothbrushes in exchange for cavity-

provoking candy. "Ditch the candy, that's what we're saving. Visiting your dentist twice a year and brushing daily are great preventive measures, but doing away with excess sweets altogether would really give your teeth a healthy

boost," said Dr. Johnson. "Kids can still have all of the fun of trick-or-treating, and now

their piggy banks will benefit as well. Plus, these glowing brushes we're giving out are really cool—they're like light sabers for your mouth.' Global sugar consumption

for children increases by about two percent annually and currently sits at 50 million tons per year, which means parents need to be sure their kids' teeth are being cared for more than ever. In addition to hurting children's teeth, candy can lead to hyperactivity and weight gain. In some cases, the wrong types of candy can

also lead to broken teeth and damaged braces.

Candy will be collected at Dr. Johnson's office (2427 N. Hobart) the Monday after Halloween only from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The candy must be unopened. Please no bites! It will then be shipped to troops overseas.

Dr. Jay Johnson recently celebrated the 33rd anniversary of his dental practice which emphasizes family dental care as well as cosmetic procedures. Dr. Jay is available to provide more information at 806-665-0921.

Covalt recipient of Cabot Scholarship

John Covalt, a 2009 graduate of Pampa High School in Pampa, TX is the recipient of the 2009 Cabot Scholarship Award. John will use the \$2,000 award to attend Abilene Christian University in Abilene, TX.

John will receive the scholarship award for a total of four years or until he earns a bachelor's degree, whichever occurs first. Renewal is contingent upon maintaining a 2.8 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) in a full-time undergraduate program and continuation of the program by Cabot Corporation Foundation.

Each year, Cabot awards scholarships to students who excel in academics, sports and civic achievements. In high school, John was a member of Pampa High School's Wall of Fame for outstanding ACT and SAT scores and the National Honor Society. He also received several hon-



John Covalt

ors and awards including the GT-EL Norma Leadership Award. His father, Monte Covalt, is employed at Cabot's facility in Pampa, TX.

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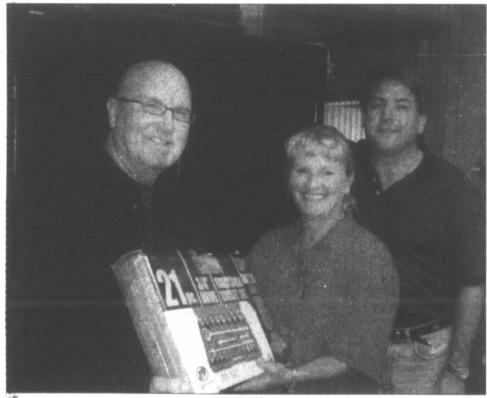
Dear Abby...

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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



Scholarship fund prizes - Dwight Chase, president of API Panhandle Chapter receives a door prize from Tammye Maple & Marc Reed of Engine Parts, Engine Parts donated å 21 piece socket set that was given away at API's annual Shrimp Boil & Catfish Fry. Numerous local businesses also donated door prizes. All proceeds from this event go to the API Scholarship Fund.

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DEAR ABBY: I was thrilled to read "Sober in Scottsdale's" (July 28) letter about drinking. I'm a 21-year-old college student who has also struggled with choosing to be sober amidst the majority of my drunken peers. Most people my age drink only to get drunk and appear to be unable to have fun without the aid of alcohol. Every activity must be performed

under the influence. While at a nightclub, one friend asked me how was able to "dance and have a good time without being drunk."

Abby, in your response to "Sober," you said that drinkers should "mind their own business" because 'there is usually a good reason why a person doesn't drink." For me, there is no medical, metabolic or addiction problem that prevents me from consuming alcohol. But I have seen the effects it has on my peers -- putting them in drunken stupors, using awful judgment, and being taken to the hospital after blacking

I left the college of my choice after one month because I could no longer stand hearing people in the bathroom vomiting all night long. Drinkers aren't ashamed of these displays. They brag about them to their friends the next day.

I sure hope this stage is one that will pass with age.

I often long for the days when I was younger, when playing board games and sipping juice was considered a good time. -- NOT DRINKING IN NEW **JERSEY**

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DEAR DRINKING: Apparently binge drinking is still a rite of passage for some college students. I would like to address one comment you made in your letter. With some young people, binge drinking is a phase that passes as they learn their limit -- but with others it can be a pattern that begins in their teens and sometimes even younger. Read on for more comments from readers who

feel as you do: DEAR ABBY: I chose to be a non-drinker when my children became teenagers. I wanted to show them that I could have a good time without drinking, and I think it was an important lesson.

Parents need to seriously consider the messages they convey. I'm shocked that some allow underage drinking in their homes. One mother who had a party in her home told me the kids were drinking there for the "learning experience." I got so annoyed I asked her if she was also providing hookers, since many of the teens were probably sexually inexperienced too. She didn't know what to say.

-- VENTING IN SOUTH

WINDSOR, CONN. DEAR ABBY: You said there's usually a good reason why a person doesn't drink. Can't it just be my choice? I'm not an alcoholic, and I don't take medication that alcohol would react adversely with. I enjoy an occasional glass of wine or other alcoholic beverage, but I do not need to drink in order to have a good time. And there is nothing "wrong" with me if I choose to refrain from indulging. More people should make the same choice. -- CHERYL IN MADISON, ALA.

DEAR ABBY: I choose not to drink so I can be the designated driver should the need arise. My dad was a member of AA. And, quite frankly, I'd rather use my calories on cake than a drink. -- DESIGNATED DRIVER, CEDAR PARK, **TEXAS**

DEAR ABBY: Why should a person need a reason not to drink? The question that should be asked is, "Why are these people drinking?" Personally, I'm with "Scottsdale." I don't like the taste of alcohol, don't like the effects and, more important, I don't like the death statistics associated with drinkers and those unfortunates who end up in their paths. --DONNA IN LAKE CITY.

Sports

Stephens earned Globe player of the week honors

BY ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

A Pampa High School volleyball player was named player of the week in the Amarillo Globe October 6.

Senior Kara Stephens earned the honor for her play against the Canyon Eagles October 3. Stephens had 17 kills, six blocks, 20 digs and an ace. Stephens said she felt good about getting player of the week and having her name with

the other players that got player of the week.

"It just made me feel honored, because it let me know that I could play up with them at that level to,' Stephens said.

Stephens said she got started with volleyball in the seventh grade and started playing club volleyball in Amarillo. The senior said playing club volleyball helped her become a better player.

"We travel to different states and stuff, and differ-

said. "It gives you the experience of playing all year around."

Stephens said she enjoys everything about the game of the volleyball.

"Volleyball is just one of my favorite sports," Stephens said. "It's something that I know I can excel in."

Stephens is also on the track team and runs in the open 200, the mile relay, and the 800 relay.

Cole Buck had the sev-

enth best score with a 151,

Joseph Mechelay was 27th

with a 163, Collin Killgo

finished 31st with a 167,

and Brenden Burrell fin-

ished 36th with a 174.



Kara Stephens' play against Canyon earned her player of the week honors.

Pampa H.S. XC runs in

BY ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

The Pampa Cross Country team ran at West Texas A&M Saturday.

J'Cee Holmes ran in the girls varsity two-mile race and finished 29th with a time of 13:01. Brittney Weatherford and Lyndi Whitson ran in the girls junior varsity two-mile

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Weatherford was 72nd with a time of 15:32 and Whitson was 104th with a time of 17:15.

Trent McAnear and Steven Botello ran in the junior varsity boys threemile race. McAnear finished 20th with a time of 20:06 and Botello finished 53rd with a time of 24:06.

Miguel Tapia, Flavio Gonzalez, Cole Chumbley,

and Ramon Portillo ranin the varsity race. Tapia finished 36th with a time of 18:56, Gonzalez finished 43rd with a time of 19:31, Chumbley finished 63rd with a time of 21:30, Portillo finished 64th with a time of 21:40.

The Harvesters next meet is the district meet October 30 at West Texas A&M.

PHS boys golf wins fourth in Dumas Invit. 628 in two rounds of golf which was sixth overall, BY ANDREW GLOVER

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The Pampa High School boys golf team finished fourth and had two golfers finish in the top 10 in the Dumas Invitational at Dumas Saturday.

The Harvesters shot a

finishing 10 strokes behind the third place Canyon A team. Randall won the invitational with a 591. Pampa shot a 308 on Friday which was fifth overall and shot a 320 on Saturday which was fourth overall.

Logan Reagan shot a 150

PHS girls golf wins fifth

BY ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

The girls golf team finished sixth in Borger shooting a 405 finishing 15 strokes behind fifth place Canyon. Pampa was one stroke ahead of seventh place Dumas. Amarillo

Liz Hoelting had the best score of the Pampa golfers with a 95. Cori Cook shot a 97, Samantha Kelly shot a 100, Sydney Hoelting scored a 113 to complete the Lady Harvesters score.

High won the meet with Lindsey Brown scored a 114.

Head Coach Alan Segura said this was the best team score all year for the girls. The boys next meet is at Borger. The girls next meet is Friday at Canyon.

Whooper boosters hope for a better winter

Texas Texas' most famous endangered bird is on its way back to its winter home, and supporters everywhere are hoping it's a better year for the whooping crane. Federal biologists report that whooping cranes have begun their fall migration from Canada, with arrivals on the central Texas coast anticipated within the next couple of weeks.

Texas' winter flock of whooping cranes represents the last remaining "natural" flock of whooping cranes in the wild. The birds summer and nest in northwestern Canada in Wood Buffalo National Park, but spend winters in and around the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge in Texas.

Once numbering only 21 birds on earth, the species reached a population high last winter of 270. However, the flock experienced higher-than-average mortality last year, as 23 cranes died over the course of the winter. Refuge biologists attributed the high mortality to lower food and freshwater availability associated with the severe drought of the last two years. Canadian biologists report that reproduction on the nesting grounds was also lower than usual this summer, and, with only 22 chicks sighted in August, it is unlikely the species will reach a new high this year.

Such "slowdowns" in the recovery of the species are not unprecedented, accord-

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whooping crane's long, steady recovery, we have seen a dip in population numbers every 10-12 years," Linam said. "The important thing is whether we continue to provide high quality habitat for the species to begin its growth in population again."

Linam reports that the last drop in population occurred in 2000-01, when the flock dropped from 180 to 176. However, 2008-09 was unusual in the amount of mortality that occurred on the wintering grounds. The majority of losses usually occur during migration.

Because of the importance of the migration period, Texas citizens are asked to be on the watch for whooping cranes migrating through the state. The cranes usually pass through a migration corridor in Texas that extends from the Texas panhandle eastward to Dallas-Fort Worth and southward to the wintering grounds on the central coast. The majority of the cranes pass through Texas from late October through the end of November.

Whooping cranes are the tallest birds in North America, standing over four feet tall. They are solid white in color except for black wing-tips that are visible only in flight. They fly with necks and legs out-

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ing to Lee Ann Linam, at stretched. During migration they often pause overnight to use wetlands for roosting and agricultural "Over the course of the fields for feeding, but seldom remain more than one night. They nearly always migrate in small groups of less than 4-5 birds, but they may be seen roosting and feeding with large flocks of the smaller sandhill crane.

Whooping cranes are protected by federal and state endangered species laws, and Texans can help safeguard this national treasure by helping to prevent harm or harassment to whooping cranes. Anyone sighting a whooping crane is asked to report it to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at (800) 792-1112, extension 4644 or (512) 847-9480. Sightings can also be reported via e-mail at leeann.linam@tpwd.state.

Additional aids to help people identify whooping cranes can be found on the TPWD whooping crane Web page and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service migratory bird Web page. Information about nature tourism opportunities to view wintering whooping cranes can be obtained from the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge Web site or the Rockport Chamber of Commerce Web site.

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Tuesday, October 20 the 7th grade plays in Borger at 5 p.m.; 8th grade plays at Harvester Field at 5 p.m.

Thursday, October 22 the Freshman will travel to Dumas with kickoff at 5:00 p.m. and the JV at home on Harvester Field at 5:00

We will meet again on Monday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ready Room inside the Athletic Building on Randy Matson Ave. Parents of 7th-12th grade players are encouraged to attend and be a

Varsity will travel to Dumas on Friday, October 23 with kick off at 7:30

Player of the week recipients will be announced next week.

Please come out and support your Harvesters!



Weston Cox, Ryan Baker & Hayden Henson ready to take the ball down the field in their U6 division soccer game Saturday. The U6 division plays every Saturday at 9 a.m. (Photo contributed by Deborah Henson).





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ShopperTrak forecasts slight holiday sales rise

YORK (AP) -ShopperTrak, a retail research firm, predicted Tuesday that total holiday sales will rise 1.6 percent compared with a year ago, which would be good news for retailers compared with last year's steep decline.

The research firm also expects a 4.2 percent decline in foot traffic from last year's

Last year, holiday sales fell 5.9 percent while foot traffic dropped 15.4 percent, according to ShopperTrak estimates. The research firm tracks customer traffic at more than 45,000 stores.

The holiday sales estimate is a bit rosier than other forecasts offered over the past few weeks, which have been at best no better than unchanged from last year's debacle. The holiday 2008 season saw the biggest sales decline in at least several decades.

Retail The National Federation, usually bullish about holiday sales, predicts a 1 percent decline in total sales to \$437.6 billion for November and December combined.

"The consumer is just tired" of all the bad news, said Bill Martin, co-founder of ShopperTrak, based in Chicago. He added that shoppers have pulled back from buying sweaters and other purchases over the past year and are looking to refill their closets, though spending will be tempered.

ShopperTrak's figures exclude sales from grocery stores, restaurants, auto dealers, gas stations and drug



ou take care of everyone else ... be sure to take care of yourself.

Texas authorities searching for missing child

DENVER CITY, Texas (AP) - Authorities are searching for a 3-year-old boy and his father, a man they're calling a person of interest in the death of the boy's mother.

The Texas Department of Public Safety has issued an Amber Alert for Mitchell Romero, a 3-year-old Hispanic male with black hair. Denver City police said he was discovered missing Thursday from the home where his mother, 29-year-old Vernonica Esquivel Romero, was found dead.

A statement from police said the cause of death is under investigation.

Investigators suspect the husband, 34-year-old Mario Romero, is driving a maroon 2004 GMC Yukon with Texas license plates 434-FX6. He is a Hispanic man with black hair and brown eyes, weighing 205

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