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EDC on track to give \$250,000 for aquatic park

The Pampa Economic Development Corporation is planning to give a quarter of a million grant to the City of Pampa for a Family Aquatics Center, but the measure still has to be approved by the Pampa City Commission.

The economic corporation held a public hearing on the measure at their meeting Tuesday, but no one showed up to oppose or speak for the measure.

With the city commission's approval, the PEDC will give \$250,000 to

the city for the aquatics center if the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department doesn't award such a grant to the city.

In other business, PEDC Executive Director Clay Rice briefed the board about his trip to the Texas

Economic Development Council's annual conference in San Antonio.

He said Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Susan Combs was one of the most impressive speakers that he encountered.

"She's a dynamic speaker," Rice said. "She has a lot of ideas. She's not afraid to speak her mind."

Rice quoted Combs as saying business climate in Texas was still in relatively good shape.

He said, however, that he was interested in the 504-loan program. Under the program, small businesses can obtain funds from various sources. They can combine their money with money from a bank and the Small Business Administration. The interest rate, while it fluctuates, is 4.86 percent for this month.

"Right now," he said, "it's very, very low."

Rice said he's already talked to a business in Pampa about the program since returning from San Antonio.

He said Texas Department of Agriculture officials were there presenting their 'Go Texas' campaign, something that will help some of the farmers and ranchers in the panhandle.

"I'm glad that I went," Rice said.

Rice also told the board about his and his assistant's trip to Austin last week to meet with five specific groups.

The first was the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

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Pampa Junior High Band performs...for a while



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The Pampa Junior High School Band, under the direction of Laura Villarreal, performs during the Reapers/Bulldogs at Harvester Field last night. The performance and the game was cut short due to lightning with 58 seconds to go in the second quarter.

Texas has been allocated almost 1 million doses of swine flu vaccine

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) -- Texas has been allocated 960,400 doses of the swine flu vaccine.

The Texas Department of State Health Services said Tuesday that the number of vaccine doses earmarked over the last three weeks

add up to nearly a million.

Texas was allocated 454,200 doses last week. The number includes 233,100 in the shot form and 221,100 in the nasal mist form.

In the week ending Oct. 9, Texas was allocated

363,800 doses, which included 235,000 shots and 128,800 mists.

The state's allocation for the week ending Oct. 2 was 142,400 doses, all in mist form.

To reach priority vaccine groups, the state health

department is allocating vaccine to those who serve pregnant women, 2- to 4-year-old children, 5- to 18-year-olds at higher risk of serious consequences from the flu and health care workers who provide direct patient care.

United Way Campaign at 27 percent of goal

How the United Way Helps.... Pampa's Meals on Wheels

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

Mitch Phillips and his wife, Vesta, first started with Meals on Wheels in 2004, when Vesta started having health problems.

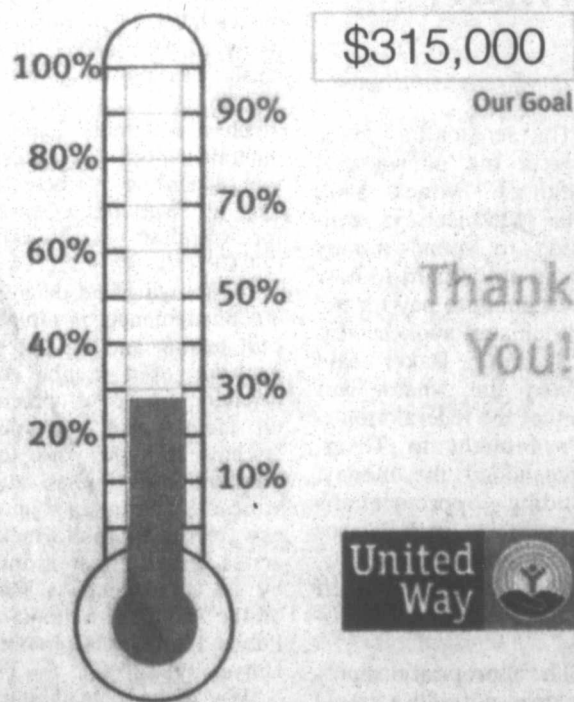
Mitch lost the love of his life on October 13, 2004, after enjoying 68 years of marriage. He has continued with the meal program which has been such a support for him and has given him assurance of remaining in the home he made with his wife 56 years ago. Mitch and Vesta bought their home in 1953. Mitch has three sons, none of whom live in Pampa. However, each of his sons graduated from Pampa High School. They have tried, to no avail, to get him to move closer to them, but Mitch said he doesn't ever plan to move.

He will celebrate his 94th birthday on August 22nd. He told me he has had a wonderful life and has done a little bit of everything in making a living for his family. He has served three stints in the military, moved to Kermit during the oil boom to work in the



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As of yesterday, the local United Way Campaign had received donations of \$85,546.15, or about 27 percent of its goal this year. 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. Ballard.



FEMA issues new county flood map

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is presenting draft flood risk maps to communities in Gray County, Texas. The maps will help county officials and local residents identify known flood risks and will be used for insurance and development decisions.

The preliminary maps revise and update information on the existence and severity of flood hazards in every community in Gray County as well as unincorporated areas. The maps are based on detailed ground elevation models, decades of rainfall and storm gauge information and current topographic data.

"Flooding is the most common disaster in the U.S. and I urge Gray County residents to look at the preliminary maps and be familiar with flood risks in their community," said Gary Jones, acting FEMA regional administrator. "These maps can help residents make informed decisions about flood insurance and flood protection."

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Jim and Linda Bruton, (Grandy and PaPa) spent a week this summer in Red River NM with two of their grandsons, Hunter and Holden Brown of Tuttle Ok. They enjoyed a well rounded week of RV camping, fishing, hiking, exploring caves, panning for gold, driving the jeep trails and downtown shopping.



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EDC

"Now, they know us," Rice said.

He said he hoped to follow up on some of those meetings.

State Rep. Warren Chism had recommended making the trip and helped set up the meetings, Rice said.

He said they also met with the Office of State and Federal Relations and the Texas Public Utilities Commission.

Rice said the latter was important because of their involvement with the CREZ program that's being developed in the area to build power lines to take electricity from the panhandle downstate.

Board member Carthyne Warner, however, was concerned that the PUC was

asking that developers in the panhandle put money down up front while developers in other parts of the state were not being asked to do that.

"They wanted to make sure they had a commitment from developers up here," Rice said.

Gary Sutherland, president of the EDC board, said that his understanding is that initially the PUC was going to require developers put up \$50,000 per tower, but that has now been dropped to \$10,000.

"It's a doable deal," Sutherland said.

One of the other issues, Sutherland said, is how long is the PUC going to keep the money.

Rice and Kathy Cota,

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assistant PEDC administrator, also met with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and some developers involved in projects in this area.

In other business, Cota said she hoped to have the EDC's new website ready by the first of November, although she admitted that she may be a little optimistic.

Cota said they are also still working on the Certified Retirement Community designation for Pampa. She said she hopes to have that finished by December.

Sutherland reported the Pampa EDC received more than \$79,000 this month for their share of the sales tax revenues.

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oil fields, moved to Pampa in 1941 and went to work for Cabot where he was employed for 27 years.

After retiring from Cabot, Mitch went into the ministry. He preached at the First Baptist Church in Allison, Texas for a number of years, as well as Briscoe and Hedley. Mitch is a delight to visit with. He goes to McDonald's for coffee almost every morning. He has friends that meet him there and share their most recent adventures over coffee, and sometimes, even breakfast.

Mitch is also a favorite with the Meals on Wheels staff. He is very interesting to talk with and his presence always puts a smile on our faces. He usually comes to the Meals on Wheels office the first of each month to pay his bill. His driving is limited, but he can still drive to McDonald's and Meals on Wheels.

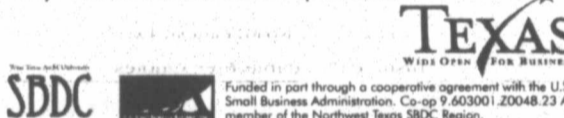
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Residents and property owners who believe the flood maps contain errors have from October 22, 2009 to January 20, 2010 to appeal by submitting scientific or technical information. Appeals are submitted through communities to FEMA. Once all appeals are resolved, FEMA will notify communities, insurance companies and resi-

dents of the effective date of the final maps.

Floodplain administrators in each community have copies of the maps available for public viewing. Information about the maps is available at www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/bfe.

When the flood maps are finalized and effective, some flood insurance

policy holders may see changes in their policies. Jones recommends that all policyholders contact their insurance agent or company to ensure that they have adequate coverage and that policies account for new flood risk information. More information on flood insurance is available at www.floodsmart.gov.

Tralee Crisis Center receives \$200,000 grant

PAMPA - Tralee Crisis Center has been chosen to receive a \$200,000 grant from The Mary Kay Foundation as part of the organization's annual \$3 million national domestic violence grant program.

Tralee is one of 150 domestic violence organizations participating in the program. The grant will be used to provide comprehensive victim services in eight counties of the eastern Texas panhandle.

"This grant is such a blessing to Tralee Crisis Center in a variety of ways," said Dee Dee Laramore, Tralee's executive director. "Not only does it make up for a deficit in funding this year but gives us hope and strength to continue what we do. Domestic violence is not going away and deserves very serious attention. Programs to help battered women and their children require a lot of resources. That's why we are so thankful The Mary

Kay Foundation is helping us help families in throughout our service area."

The economic climate has not only caused a decrease in donations but can also be attributed to an increase in the need for domestic violence services. In May 2009, Mary Kay's Truth About Abuse survey of domestic violence shelters across the country revealed some alarming results: three out of four domestic violence shelters report an increase in women seeking assistance from abuse since September 2008, a major turning point in the U.S. economy. The survey data directly connects the downturn in the economy to an increase in domestic violence.

"In light of the economic downturn and alarming increases in domestic violence, The Mary Kay Foundation's missi, is more critical than ever before. Tralee Crisis Center has helped so many women

and their families in the Pampa area. We know they will use these funds to benefit even more domestic violence survivors and their children and help end domestic violence," said Jennifer Cook, The Mary Kay Foundation board member.

Since 1984, Tralee Crisis Center has been the primary source for comprehensive services for victim/survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and other violent crimes in Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Donley, Gray, Hemphill, Roberts and Wheeler counties of the eastern Texas Panhandle.

During the past year, the organization served 448 new victims, 521 continuing clients and answered 2,441 hotline calls from Gray County.

For more information, call Tralee's 24-hour hotline at 806-669-1788 or 1-800-658-2796.

Texas court denies pair of death row appeals

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - The highest criminal court in Texas has denied appeals from two death row inmates, including a hit man in a murder-for-hire plot and another man convicted of killing his wife.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals on Wednesday affirmed the convictions and death sentences of John Steven Gardner and Howard Paul Guidry.

Guidry was convicted in 1997 for the shooting death of 33-year-old Farah Fratta in Harris County. Fratta's husband, former Houston public safety officer Robert Fratta, masterminded the plot to have his wife killed.

Gardner was convicted of murdering his wife, Tammy, in her Collin County home, shortly

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
October 27, 2009	October 28, 2009	October 29, 2009
Anytime between 4:30 to 7:30 PM	Anytime between 4:30 to 7:30 PM	Anytime between 4:30 to 7:30 PM
Fair Park Auditorium	City of Wellington Auditorium	Route 66 Museum (Devil's Rope)
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Cross Texas Transmission, LLC (CTT) is proposing to construct a 345 kilovolt (kV) double circuit high voltage electric transmission line as a part of the Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZ) initiative. The CREZ project is being developed to integrate additional renewable energy and increase system reliability throughout the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT). CTT intends to file a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) application in the first quarter of 2010 requesting authorization from the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) to construct and operate the transmission line between the Gray and Tesla Substations.

CTT's routing consultant has identified a number of preliminary alternative routes to connect the Gray and Tesla substations. These routes, to the extent possible, were developed parallel to existing right-of-ways (ROW) and property boundaries while avoiding or minimizing impacts to environmental and physical constraints. The proposed Gray to Tesla transmission line will be approximately 90 to 120 miles long depending on the route selected by PUCT. The line will connect the Gray Substation, southwest of Lefors, and the Tesla Substation, east of Childress near Kirkland. The transmission line will be potentially located in the following counties: Gray, Wheeler, Donley, Collingsworth, Hall, Childress, Hardeman, Cottle, and Foard Counties. The proposed line will be constructed in a ROW that is approximately 200 feet wide.

Please note that there will not be a formal presentation as part of these meetings. Detailed maps showing the preliminary alternative routes and other information will be available for individuals to review. Individuals have the opportunity to visit with us anytime between 4:30 and 7:30 PM to ask questions and to provide comments to representatives and technical experts from CTT and its consultants regarding the proposed transmission line. CTT and its consultants will consider information gained during these public open house meetings into the overall routing evaluation that will be submitted as part of the CCN application. CTT is committed to routing, constructing, and operating the proposed transmission lines in a manner consistent with the values of the local communities, and the rule and policies established by the Texas Legislature, the PUCT, and ERCOT.

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Today in History

Today is Wednesday, October 21, the 294th day of 2009. There are 71 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1797 - The U.S. Navy frigate Constitution, also known as Old Ironsides, is launched in Boston's harbor.

1805 - A British fleet commanded by Adm. Horatio Nelson defeats the French and Spanish in the Battle of Trafalgar; Nelson, however, is killed.

1847 - The Sonderbund War between Catholics and Protestants begins in Switzerland.

1861 - The first South American railroad line is inaugurated in Paraguay.

1879 - American inventor Thomas A. Edison demonstrates the first electric lamp.

1913 - Royalist uprising in Portugal fails.

1916 - Austria's premier, Count Carl Stuerghk, is assassinated by a socialist.

1923 - Start of a 160-day heat wave in Marble Bar, Western Australia, during which the temperature did not fall below 38 degrees Celsius (100 degrees Fahrenheit).

1938 - Japanese troops take Canton in China.

1944 - U.S. troops capture the German city of Aachen during World War II.

1945 - Women vote for first time in France.

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— Charles Buxton
English Author (1823-1871)

1969 - An army coup in Somalia follows assassination of President Abdi Rashid Ali Shermarke; Willy Brandt becomes first Social Democratic chancellor in West Germany's 20-year history.

1971 - North Vietnam's Premier Phan Van Dong says his government is ready to accept cease-fire as first step toward settlement of Vietnam War.

1973 - Four Gulf states cut off oil supplies to United States to protest U.S. arms shipments to Israel in Middle East conflict.

1988 - A federal grand jury in New York indicts former Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos and his wife, Imelda, on charges of fraud and racketeering. Marcos dies before he can be brought to trial; his widow, Imelda, is acquitted in 1990.

1989 - A Honduran jet breaks apart in flight and crashes outside Tegucigalpa, killing at least 120 people.

1991 - Jesse Turner, a U.S. university professor who was taken hostage in Beirut in January 1987, is released by his captors.

1992 - A British vacationer is killed and two others are wounded when Egyptian Muslim extremists open fire on their tour bus near Asyut, 380 kilometers (240 miles) south of Cairo.

1993 - Burundi's National Palace is stormed in a coup and President Melchior Ndadaye is killed.

1994 - The United States and North Korea sign a pact to end tensions over Pyongyang's nuclear program.

1996 - A U.N. envoy arrives in Kabul, Afghanistan, to try to avert an all-out war for the shattered city.

1997 - Aid begins pouring into Brazzaville, the war-torn capital of the Republic of Congo, with planes flying in supplies to help the recovery from four months of battles.

1999 - A powerful 7.6 earthquake strikes Taiwan in the pre-dawn hours, killing more than 2,300 people and damaging 82,000 housing units. The quake causes some \$9 billion in damage and noticeably alters the island's topography.

2000 - About 23,000 Afghan refugees of Tajik descent flee to Pakistan as fighting rages in the northeastern provinces between the ruling Taliban militia and opposition forces.

2001 - The Solidarity Electoral Action Social Movement that Lech Walesa led to victory over Polish communists in 1989, concedes defeat one month after being trounced by ex-communists .Ai the Democratic Left Alliance.

2002 - A vehicle packed with explosives slams into a bus near Hadera, in northern Israel, killing 14 Israelis and wounding 50 others.

2003 - A series of massive wildfires in southern California rages across wooded and suburban regions surrounding Los Angeles and San Diego, killing at least 22 people and scorching about 743,000 acres (301,000 hectares). Some 3,500 homes are destroyed.

2004 - Japan starts the clean up from its deadliest typhoon in over a decade, a day after the storm ripped across the country, killing 55 people and leaving 24 missing.

2005 - The body of a defense lawyer in Saddam Hussein's mass murder trial is found dumped in the street with two bullet wounds in his head hours after gunmen dressed as security forces take him from his office.

2006 - Donations of clothing set off stampedes in impoverished Bangladesh leaving at least eight people dead. All are women except for one child.

2007 - A Soyuz craft with two Russian cosmonauts and a Malaysian aboard undocks from the international space station for the return to Earth.

2008 - Former Prime Minister of Thailand Thaksin Shinawatra is convicted of corruption in absentia and sentenced to two years in prison.

Today's Birthdays: Hokusai, Japanese artist (1760-1849); Samuel T. Coleridge, English poet-philosopher (1772-1834); Alfred Nobel, Swedish inventor and founder of prize (1833-1896); Georg Solti, Hungarian-born conductor (1912-1997); Timothy Leary, U.S. psychologist, author and popularizer of LSD (1920-1996); Benjamin Netanyahu, Israeli politician and former prime minister (1949-); Carrie Fisher, U.S. actress-writer (1956-); Ken Watanabe, Japanese actor (1959-).



Preparing for the sausage dinner -- The annual White Deer Polish Sausage Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 1, 2009, at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall in White Deer, TX. Preparing for the dinner are (from left) Nelson Britten, Brad Britten and Dean Wyatt. The first Polish Sausage dinner began in 1938, when a Polish priest, Father Zienta, wanted the Polish pioneers to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the parish. The families gathered in the pasture behind the church for the sausage dinner. The sausage was steamed in large black kettles and served on wooden planks. The Sacred Heart Altar Society organized the first dinners. Today a sausage dinner chairman organizes and plans the event. The Polish Sausage dinner became an annual affair, except for a few years during World War II. The dinner has always been held in the fall of the year, after the crops are harvested and today the festival is held on the first Sunday of November. This year, 4,200 pounds of sausage, 700 pounds of coleslaw and potato salad and 250 pounds of pinto beans are being prepared. Serving will be from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

State awards scholarships, grants

(AUSTIN) — Some \$2.5 million in scholarships to community colleges and technical schools and \$3.5 million in grant awards to nonprofit organizations that help prepare low-income students for careers in high-demand technical occupations were awarded by Texas Comptroller Susan Combs.

The money is part of the Comptroller's "Every Chance Funds," a \$25 million initiative providing grants and scholarships over the biennium for career and technical education. Combs' program will help the state better serve students in getting the education they need to meet future work force challenges and promote the continued prosperity of our economically diverse state. "These grants for scholarships and innovative, successful programs that train out-of-work and underemployed workers for in-demand jobs are essential because of the huge, positive potential impact they have on the state," Combs said. "Texas higher education must meet future work force challenges, and a diverse economy will help our state continue to prosper. These projects help students get the skills they need to thrive in the work force."

Created earlier this year as the "Jobs and Education for Texans" (JET) Fund by the 81st Legislature, Every Chance Funds includes \$5 million for student scholarships for tuition and fees at community and technical colleges split over two years; \$10 million to support and expand existing nonprofit programs with proven success in training unemployed and under-

employed workers for in-demand jobs; and \$10 million for startup funding in career and technical education programs, which the Comptroller will award later this year.

The Career and Technical Scholarship Fund is providing tuition grants to 54 Texas community colleges and public technical institutes. Recipient schools will award scholarships to students enrolled in a training program for high-demand occupations — such as engineering technology, welding, computer support and many others — where a certificate or an associate degree is a basic prerequisite. Students must also be permanent legal residents of the United States and able to demonstrate financial need.

In addition to this year's \$2.5 million in awards, the Comptroller will distribute another \$2.5 million for scholarships in fiscal 2011. The amount of JET scholarship funds available annually to each public community college or public technical institute is determined by a formula established by the Comptroller allocating 60 percent of the funds to certificate programs and 40 percent to associate degrees. This year, each college received a proportionate share of the funding based on the number of degrees awarded in 2007-08.

The Comptroller's list of high-demand degree areas include computer, information sciences and support services; engineering technologies; science technologies; construction trades; mechanical and repair technologies; precision production; and health professions and related clinical

sciences.

The Career and Technical Scholarship Fund will help build a work force with the skills Texas employers need now and in the future. In her 2008 Texas Works report, Combs pointed out that the number of jobs requiring technical training, certification or an associate degree is outpacing the number of workers available to fill them, despite the fact that many pay above-average salaries.

The \$10 million Launchpad Fund supports and expands existing nonprofit programs with a proven track record of good performance. Today, the Comptroller awarded \$3.5 million of these funds to the following nonprofit organizations:

- \$500,000 — Project QUEST, Inc., San Antonio (Alamo Workforce Development Board District)
- \$500,000 — Project ARRIBA, El Paso (Upper Rio Grande)
- \$500,000 — Capital IDEA, Austin (Capital Area)
- \$500,000 — H.I.S. BridgeBuilders, Dallas (Dallas)
- \$400,000 — Valley Initiative for Development and Advancement, Weslaco (Lower Rio Grande Valley)

• \$300,000 — Valley Initiative for Development and Advancement, Weslaco (Cameron County)

• \$300,000 — Liberty County Workforce Academy, Dayton (Gulf Coast)

• \$250,000 — Capital IDEA, Austin (Gulf Coast)

• \$250,000 — East Texas Literacy Council, Longview (East Texas)

Nonprofit organizations across the state feature programs that prepare low-income students for careers in high-demand technical occupations, such as welding, computer support, engineering technology, nursing and allied health professions.

The 501(c)(3) organizations must be governed by boards that include community and business leaders and must assist low-income students to prepare for, apply and enroll in public community colleges or technical schools in high-demand occupation training programs.

For more information about the funds, visit www.everychanceevery-texas.org/funds. The Texas Works report is available on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/specialrpt/workforce.

Oil dips on hints of a buildup in supplies

AP - Oil prices fell again Wednesday on hints that the amount of unused crude going into storage is on the rise. Retail gasoline prices, however, moved higher for the eight consecutive day.

The price for a barrel of crude has jumped more than 10 percent in little over a month. Yet in three of the past four weeks, the government has reported that crude supplies are growing, with 5 million barrels going into storage.

An extended oil rally appeared to stall Monday with doubts about how much crude is needed with the economy still in a funk. Gasoline prices often trail crude, and the extended rise in prices appears to show that pump prices are following the oil rally that began in early October.

Benchmark crude for December delivery fell 34 cents to \$78.78 a barrel on

the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract slid 84 cents to settle at \$79.12 on Tuesday. The November contract expired Tuesday, falling 52 cents to \$79.09.

The government is expected to report that crude supplies grew again last week on Wednesday. Last week, the Energy Information Administration said last week that refiners who make gasoline and other fuels had slashed production by 4 percent, sending wholesale prices spiking.

Prices at the pump rose 1.9 cents to \$2.596 a gallon, according to auto club AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service. Prices are now 4.5 cents higher than a month ago and 29.3 cents below year-ago levels when prices were plummeting from their record level of \$4.11 a gallon reached in July 2008.

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009. This year, you often wonder how situations get tossed into limbo when they looked as if they were clear.

Daily Horoscope

on overload and might feel that way one more time. By detaching and not triggering, you could find a way out of this maze. Tonight: Defer to others.

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Around Town



Teams of Tomorrow -- (Top photo, from left) Judd Garth, Keighly White, Instructor Christy Parker, Bethany Henson and Clay Snapp have some fun in "Teams of Tomorrow" at Mother's Day Out. The service is offered at First United Methodist Church on Wednesdays. Bottom photo, from left - Judd Garth, Bethany Henson and Clay Snapp practice skills they have learned during recent lessons.



New arrival -- Kaylee Nicole Weaver was born at 4:46 p.m., July 31, 2009, at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital, to parents Thorban and Alecia Weaver and older brother Hudson Weaver of Pampa. At birth, she weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 18 3/4 inches long. Relatives include her grandparents, Kenneth and Carolyn Hall and Robert and Debra Weaver, all of Pampa; and her great-grandparents, Edna Tosh and the late Thomas "T.C." Tosh, the late Vernon and Francis Hall, and the late William and Auslie Scott, all of Pampa, and the late Virgil & Rosalee Weaver of Skellytown.



New arrival - Jake Scroggs and Tatum Butler of Stinnett, TX announce the birth of their son, Rhett Eli Scroggs in Pampa on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009. The baby was born at 7:16 p.m. He weighed 7 lbs., 5 ozs. and was 21 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Dale and Sherri Scroggs of Stinnett. Maternal grandparents are David and Tracy Butler of Pampa.

Local students among WTAMU orchestra members

CANYON, Texas-It will be swashbuckling at its best when the West Texas A&M University Symphony Orchestra presents its live-cinema presentation of the 1929 classic *The Iron Mask* at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1 in Mary Moody Northern Recital Hall on campus. The orchestra includes two members from Pampa. Nathanael Holmes, trombone, and Justin Myers, percussion, are among the members of the WTAMU Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Mark Bartley, assistant professor of music, who will provide the live musical accompaniment while the black-and-white silent film plays on the wide screen. The presentation will mark the orchestra's fourth live-cinema production in as many years. "We've had great success with horror in *Phantom of the Opera* and comedy

with *City Lights* and *The Kid* featuring silent film stars Lon Chaney and Charlie Chaplin," Bartley said. "This year Douglas Fairbanks and *The Iron Mask* seemed to be a great fit for a performance around Halloween." The *Iron Mask* features Douglas Fairbanks in a sequel to his 1921 film *The Three Musketeers*. The film was his last silent movie and his last one portraying a swashbuckler. The movie reunites the legendary brotherhood of D'Artagnan, portrayed by Fairbanks, and the Three Musketeers (Athos, Porthos, and Aramis) as they are drawn into Cardinal Richelieu's plot to hide King Louis XIII's twin son to protect the Kingdom of France from possible revolution. De Rochefort and his ally Milady de Winter kidnap D'Artagnan's sweetheart Constance when she learns

of the baby's existence. The Musketeers race to save her, but the rescue attempt yields an end to their company and a new threat to the throne. "The audience will enjoy the musical score by Carl Davis. It's remarkably effective with D'Artagnan and the Three Musketeers represented by each of the four French horns," Bartley said. The orchestra will perform the program Oct. 26 at the Ector Theatre in Odessa. The performance will provide a good warm-up for the Nov. 1 live-cinema production at WTAMU. Advance tickets for the WTAMU production are available by calling 806-651-2854. For more information, call Bartley at 806-651-2830 or visit wtamu.edu/academic/livecinema.aspx.

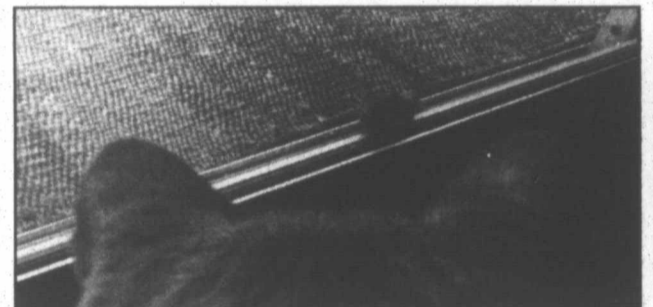
Dr. Kelly to participate in candy buy back

Pampa's Dr. Greg Kelly will be participating in the Halloween Candy Buy Back 2009. Trick-or-treaters will be able to come by his office at 1835 N. Hobart on Monday, Nov. 2 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and receive a \$1.00 per pound for their unwanted and unopened candy. They will also receive a Firefly toothbrush along with a several other goodies from Sonic and our local Army recruiting office. They will also have the chance to meet a few of our local troops and sign thank you cards that will be put in the care packages along with the candy.

Students to present "Choices"

"Choices," a skit presenting "choices a young person faces every day," will be performed by Pampa High School students in the high school library, Tuesday, Oct. 27 from 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. The special presentation is for all parents of PHS students. The students will also be serving cinnamon rolls, coffee and juice. The event is part of SADD WEEK (Students Against Destructive Decisions) at the school.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My best friend "Jenny's" husband died four years ago. They had been married 28 years, and she has grieved hard for him. She has been looking for a relationship because she wants a man in her life. Three months ago, she ran into a married man she knew through her former job. (I'll call him "George.") They were casual acquaintances, but when George learned she was a widow he immediately asked for her phone number. He called the next day, they talked, he visited her at her home, and they had unprotected sex. They now see each other once or twice a week and have sex. That's all they do. Jenny says she's in love with him. She talks about him constantly and says she's very happy. My husband and I were at a club the other night and saw George in the company of another woman. I haven't told Jenny because she doesn't want to be told if her man is cheating on her. She says that what she doesn't know won't hurt her. I disagree. If he's having unprotected sex with her, it's probably the same with the other woman. George appears to be a player and Jenny has blinders on. I'm worried about her.

save her. Your husband is right. Leave it alone.

DEAR ABBY: I work for a small company where I'm one of 12 employees under one manager. My boss, "Debbie," is having problems at home. Almost daily, she brings her not-so-sunny outlook to the office and proceeds to drag everyone else down. Any time a colleague has something positive to share, Debbie finds a way to negate it. If someone mentions it's nice weather, she'll complain about how much yard work she needs to do and the disastrous effects of global warming. She even complained that a pregnant co-worker's impending maternity leave will be "inconvenient."

The woman thrives on negativity, chaos and stress. She even complains about happy times of the year like summer vacations and holidays because we tend to be busier. (Isn't that a good thing considering the economic climate?) Our office is small, so there's no escaping her. If she's not complaining to us, she's telling the same sob stories to a client on the phone. What can my co-workers and I do to keep from being dragged down with her? -- WORKING FOR "DEBBIE DOWNER INC."

DEAR WORKING: You and your co-workers should talk to your employer as a group because "Debbie's" behavior is neither professional nor conducive to a healthy working environment. Your boss should also be told that she is sharing her "sob stories" with clients, because it could cost him business.

DEAR DISMAYED: When someone tells you she doesn't want to know if her man is cheating on her and what she doesn't know won't hurt her, take it from me, she already knows he probably is. And by the way, George isn't "her" man -- he is his wife's man. How do you know he wasn't with his wife that night at the club? You may love Jenny like a sister, but you can't

DEBBIE may or may not need psychological counseling, but she definitely needs to be "counseled" about leaving her personal problems at the door when she enters the work environment. And the person to stress that to her is HER boss.

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Sports

Harvesters and Dons suspend match until Thurs.

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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Five of six of the doubles matches between the Pampa Harvesters (5-13, 2-8) and the Palo Duro Dons were completed. The singles matches were just beginning and the tennis boosters just started serving hamburgers when lightning struck.

Head Coach Sarah Corse had everyone come over and tell her where they were at in their matches and the Harvesters went back to their locker room.

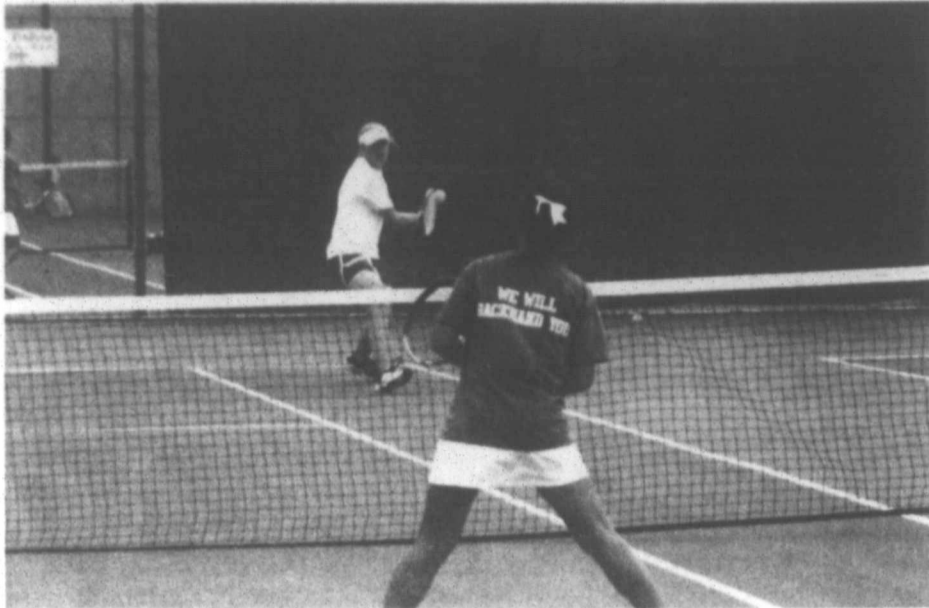
and Palo Duro went back to the team bus to wait and see if things calmed down. Thirty minutes later, Corse told her team there was no way they would be able to finish the match Tuesday, and suspended the match until 4 p.m., Thursday with Palo Duro leading 3-2.

Alyssa Hoelting and Robin Fernuik got the Harvesters their first victory, blanking their opponent with a pair of 6-0 set victories. Samantha Finney and Holly Gage got the Harvesters other victory winning in two sets. Erin

Buck and Hilary Acker's match was in the third set when the match got called. Hoelting was four points away from a singles victory before the delay.

Pampa was swept in boys doubles. Myles Foreman and Garrett Coutts lost 4-6 and 3-6, Aaron Silva and David Moore lost 3-6, 3-6 and Logan Karbo and Nick Nelson lost 4-6 and 4-6.

This match is Pampa's last one at home in the fall season. The Harvesters last match of the fall season is Saturday at Dumas.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Holly Gage returns a ball in her doubles match with Sammi Finney Tuesday. Gage and Finney won their match. Play was suspended until Thursday due to lightning.

Lady Harvesters one win closer to playoff berth

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa Lady Harvesters (17-12, 5-5) moved one victory closer to clinching a playoff berth in a four game match victory (25-17, 25-13, 29-31, 25-21) over the Caprock Lady Longhorns (15-20, 2-9) Tuesday in Amarillo.

Natalie Parker led the varsity in kills with 14 and Kara Stephens had 10. Stephens led the team in blocks with six and Alanna Stephens had five. Kara Stephens led the team in digs with 30 and Cheyanne Collins had 29. Taryn Eubank led the team in assists with 39 and Kara Stephens had one ace.

Head Coach Libby Garza said she was pleased with how Alanna Stephens, Kara Stephens and Natalie Parker played.

"I was very pleased with the way Alanna Stephens played," Garza said. "Natalie Parker had a sea-

son high of 14 kills. Emilie Troxell and Kara Stephens were solid for us."

Garza said her team let their frustrations of losing the third game motivate them to finish the match.

"They just started off very strong," Garza said. "We had trouble finishing that game but we got it done."

The junior varsity defeated the Longhorns in three games (25-20, 21-25 and 25-23). Coach Matt Embry said his team had some passing issues but played strong.

"My freshman girls really stepped up big," Embry said. "Maddie (Fatheree), Claire (Hopkins), Cassidy (Winegeart) and Callie (Brewer) had some great stuff tonight."

Embry said his team did well in serving.

"We didn't have our first service error until midway through the third game," Embry said.

The junior varsity coach

said his team will need to follow Fatheree's leadership to beat Hereford Saturday.

"Her leadership has gone to a new level over the past weeks," Embry said.

The freshman were swept by the Longhorns (19-25 and 16-25). Coach Deanna Polasek said her team played better than Saturday.

"We missed some serves and some trouble with digs," Polasek said. "We just have to keep working hard in practice and get ready for Hereford on Saturday."

The Lady Harvesters need one more victory to clinch a spot in the playoffs. Pampa hosts Hereford (32-6, 8-2) Saturday with the freshman starting at 1 p.m.

Garza said her team has lots of urgency to clinch.

"We have to get the rest of our kinks out this week in practice," Garza said.

Weather halts PJH game vs. Borger

Pampa Junior High's game against Borger only lasted until 58 seconds left in the second quarter as the game was called due to lightning.

Coach Jim Gill said since this was a subvarsity contest the game would not be made up but wishes his team could finish the game.

"I really feel like we were headed in the right direction for a win," Gill said. "We were able to run the ball very effectively and we moved the ball passing well also. Our defense was awesome last night."

For the first time this season the junior high band was performing at a game. Pampa Junior High's next game is 5 p.m. Tuesday at Perryton.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Adrian Elam runs upfield in Pampa Junior High's game against Borger Junior High Tuesday at Harvester field. The game was called with 58 seconds left in the half.

Correction

- The Pampa freshman football team will be playing at Dumas 6 p.m. Thursday
- The Pampa junior varsity football team will be playing Dumas 7 p.m. Thursday at Harvester Field



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