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### aquifer

Mesa and Arrington filed petitions to change the desired future conditions as outlined by two of the four groundwater districts in the Groundwater Management Area.

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Wednesday, Texas Water Development Board officials came to the panhandle to hold a hearing on Mesa's and Arrington's petitions.

Testifying before the hearing board, Arrington said that the water beneath his Hemphill County ranch was virtually worthless because the Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District had adopted more restrictive regulations for pumping water.

AQUIFER cont. on page 3

# Mayor signs prayer day proclamation

organizations and businesses

more coverage of Veterans Day

events, see tomorrow's edition

from the Pampa area. For

of The Pampa News.



This week Mayor Lonny Robbins signed a Proclamation declaring Saturday, November 14 "Arise! Cry Out" a Worldwide Day of Extraordinary Prayer for Children and Schools. Pictured with the mayor are Pat Kennedy, Lisa Clifton, Stephanie Kelly, Tonja Stowers, Area Coordinator. In celebration of 25 years of prayer, Moms In Touch International is hosting an historic prayer event at over 1600 sites around the world for Christian women to "Arise! Cry Out!" for the generations. The event location in Pampa will be from 9 a.m to 1 p.m at Faith Bible Church, 201 N. Cuyler on Saturday, November 14, .

Extreme Makover: Home Edition seeks Pampa area families

HOLLYWOOD, CA— Do you know a family whose home deserves an Extreme Makeover? If so, the producers of ABC's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition want to hear from you.

"We are looking for the deserv-

ing people and inspiring families that America can relate to," says Supervising Producer Rebecca Shumsky.

The Extreme Makeover: Home Edition producers are looking for families whose homes desperately need to be rebuilt. "We really want to help families whose homes present major problems for the family, those big issues that affect the family's quality of life on a daily basis. We want to find deserving people who just don't

have the resources, ability, or time to fix those serious issues without our help."

To be eligible, a family must OWN their own single family home and be able to show produc-EXTREME cont. on page 3



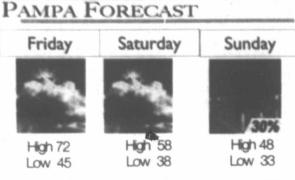
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> AMARILLO – Mesa Water and George Arrington squared off against Groundwater Management Area 1 this week as opposing points of view were expressed in a Texas Water Development

Board hearing here. Last summer as part of the state's water planning, Groundwater Management Area 1 selected three different desired future conditions for the Texas Panhandle. Mesa and Arrington objected on grounds that the conditions were based on political subdivisions such as county lines and water dis-

trict boundaries instead of natural subdivisions of the Thursday, November 12, 2009 — The Pampa News

# For the record



Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 72. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north northwest. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east. Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 58. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west northwest.

Sunday: A 30 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 48. 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

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## Obituaries

# June Marie Little, 73

Little, 73, died November 10, 2009, in Pampa, Texas. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, November 13, 2009, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Billy Jones, minister of Pleasant Valley Church of Christ in Amarillo, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Little was born

Pampa- June Marie February 5, 1936 in Ralls, graduating from Ralls High School in 1954. She married Richard E. Little on November 18, 1956 in Wellington. He preceded her in death on March 18, 2002. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1969, and was a member of the West Side Church of Christ.

Survivors include daughter: Debbie McCall and husband Michael of Pampa; two sons, Larry

Amarillo, and Jerry Little of Pampa; two sisters: Joan Curry of Fredericksburg, and Pernecia Hull of Lubbock; 11 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother: Dale Savage; and a sister: Dema Kay Whitten.

MEMORIALS: Diabetes American Association, 8008 Slide Suite Road, 12-A, Lubbock, Texas 79424.



### Little

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at 1715 Christine in Pampa.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatlev.com

" Moore Sr., 90 Raymond "R.L.

Shawnee, Oklahoma-Raymond "R.L." Moore Sr., 90, died Tuesday, November 10, 2009.

Family visitation will be from 5-7 pm at Walker Funeral Service Thursday, November 12, 2009.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, November 13, 2009 at Oak Park Church of God with Rev. Leroy Kerbo and Rev. Kim Kerbo officiating.

Burial will be in Johnson 38 1/2 years and retired in Mavis Moore, daugh-

Cemetery PERSONAL HISTORY Birth Date: October 10, 1919

Woodville, Place: Oklahoma Parents: Edwin and

Pearl Moore Marriage: Married

Mavis Cahall March 17, 1984 Occupations: Heavy Equipment operator for

the Cabot Corporation for

1984.

Memberships: member of Church of God

Other highlights of life: He loved spending time with children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, champion domino player and a recent bingo player

Preceded in death by: sons Raymond Moore Jr. and Clifford Cahall

Wife: Survived by:

ters: Pat Welch and husband Leroy of Shawnee, Sharron Ellison and husband Danny of Denison, TX, Susie Cahall of Shawnee, Pearlene Peters of Berterum, TX, Connie Moore of Temple, TX, 11 grandchildren and a host of great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren

EMERGENCY SERVICES

stops.

Street.

### SHERIFF

According to Gray County Sheriff Officials. the following people were booked into Gray County Jail during the period between 7 a.m. Wednesday, November 11 and 7 a.m. Thursday, November 12.

Helen Charmaine Hudson 40, of Pampa was sentenced for violation of probation interfering with public duty

Edward Clay Bullard 34, of McLean was arrested by Gray County Sheriff officers for violation of probation sexual exploitation of a minor, violation of

Monday Animal Control Officers

responded to 10 calls or

Pampa Police Officers

made 28 traffic stops, had

two ongoing investiga-

tions, and responded to two

A stolen vehicle was

An alarm was reported in

A civil matter was

reported in the 1000 block

the 700 block of S. Cuyler

reported in the 600 block

A narcotics violation was

reported in the 400 block

of W. Montagu Avenue.

requests for information.

of W. Terry Road.

of Lowry Street.

Lane. Theft was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill Avenue.

An injured animal was reported in the 2100 block of Duncan Street.

A traffic complaint was taken in the 1400 block of N. Hobart Street.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 800 block of S. Hobart Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1500 block of N. Sumner Street.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the Gordon/ Finley intersection.

The Pampa Police Department responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Wednesday, November 11 to 7 a.m. Thursday, November 12.

the 900 block of N. Frost in the 1600 block of Holly Street.

Theft was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill Avenue.

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A runaway was reported in the 615 block of W. Buckler Avenue.

A civil matter was reported in the 1000 S. Christy Street

An accident was reported in the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway

Criminal trespass was reported in the 700 block of N. Banks Street.

An accident was reported in the 1300 block of Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the Beryl and

### vets' claims backlog

HOUSTON (AP) -Gov. Rick Perry is allocating nearly \$400,000 from his office to pay for up to a dozen new counselors to accelerate benefits claims processing for Texas veterans.

The state's two regional Department of Veterans Affairs offices in Houston and Waco have more than 39,000 backlogged claims. That also makes Them among the most backlogged offices in the nation.

In Houston, where Perry made the announcement

Thursday at an American Legion hall, 41 percent offender. of the claims from veterans have been pending for more than four months.

The additional counselors from the Texas Veterans Commission will make sure applications are complete and correct and find information that may be slowing the process.

The governor says the move is the state's offer of a "hand out to a federal agency that we feel we can assist.'

probation failure to register as a sex offender, Grand jury indictment, failure to change address/name sex

### Pampa PD

The Pampa Police Department responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Tuesday, November 10 to 7 a.m. Wednesday, November 11.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of S. Christy Street. A welfare check was made in the 1700 block of

Grape Lane. Criminal trespass was reported in the Atchison and Tying intersection.

An accident was reported in the Harvester and Hobart intersection. A traffic complaint was taken in the Twiford and

Lowry intersection. A civil matter was taken

Animal Control Officers responded to 13 calls or stops.

Pampa Police Officers made 24 traffic stops, had 3 ongoing investigations, and responded to 2 requests for information.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2800 block of N. Charles Street.

Finley intersection.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 100 block of S. Cuyler Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of N. Frost Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the 700 block of N. Banks Street.

Burglary was reported in

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ADDISON, Texas (AP) - It still fits.

A former Air Force pilot who spent more than seven years as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam has his wedding ring back decades after it was confiscated.

able energy.

Environment

Ceremonies were held on Veterans Day in suburban Dallas to honor retired Lt. Col. James Hivner (HIV'ner) of Plano, who slipped the ring on his finger, saying "It fits, ta-dah."

His wife, Phyllis, says her spouse is the family's hero.

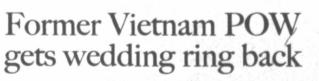
Hivner's plane was shot down in 1965. His captors took his wedding band and dog tags.

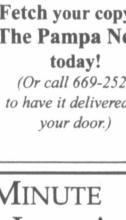
Retired Navy Cmdr. Rick Tolley says someone he knows was approached in Hanoi by a man who said he was retiring from the Vietnamese army.

Tolley, who helped locate Hivner, says the Vietnamese man asked that items he had be returned with peace and respect."

2 percent between 2004 years.

#### state's using more renewdioxide emissions from oil, coal and natural gas from 1990 to 2007. It found Texas released a report Thursday that emissions from fossil that shows the state's fuels went up 19 percent between 1990 and 2007, release of the gases linked to climate change dropped but has slowed in recent





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DALLAS (AP) - An and 2007. In that same period, 33 states increased environmental group says Texas still leads the nation in greenhouse gas pollution but has decreased emissions slightly in recent

Report: Texas

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their emissions. The report analyzed the most recent U.S. Department of Energy stayears — in part because the tistics to calculate carbon

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## Iva Lee Thomas celebrates 104th



Iva Lee Thomas, surrounded by family, nieces and nephews, celebrated her 104th birthday Wednesday, November 11. Frida Hagerman baked a cake and ice cream was provided by her nephew, Jerry from Houston. Pictured are Lyndsey Pickle, Iva Lee Thomas, Sydney Pickle and Deana Davis; in the middle row are Elaine Pickle, Tiffany Davis, Elisabeth Dickerson and Veronica Davis; in the top row are John Davis, Chase Dickerson, John Pickle and Jerry Schmidt

## FSA ballots due December 7

Pampa-Matthew Street, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Texas, Agency in announced that the 2009 FSA county committee elections start today as bal-

lots are being mailed to eligible voters. Dec. 7, 2009, is the deadline for eligible voters to return ballots to their local FSA offices.

"The FSA county committee system is unique

## Extreme

ers how a makeover will make a huge difference in their lives.

Interested families should e-mail a short description of their family story to: ExtremeTexas@gmail.com Nominations may be submitted by the family or by a member of their community. Each nomination must include the names and ages of every member of the household along with a description of the major challenges within the home Anyone submitting a nomination should be sure to explain why the nominated family is deserving, heroic, and/or a great role model for their community. If possible, include a recent photo of the family. All nominations must include a contact phone number.

The deadline for nominations December 1st, 2009. Don't delay!

cont. from page 1 contractors and several hundred workers who have

just seven days to totally rebuild an entire property: every single room of the house, plus the exterior and landscaping.

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Each episode begins with team leader Ty Pennington's now-famous "Good morning!" wakeup call, when he and his design team surprise the unsuspecting family with news that their home has been chosen to receive a Toys for Tots event makeover. Viewers not only witness the unbelievable transformation of the

house, but during the final

cies, because it allows producers to make important decisions concerning the local administration of federal farm programs," said Street. "I urge all eligible farmers and ranchers, especially minorities and women, to get involved and make a real difference in their communities by voting in this year's elections.

among government agen-

Committee members apply their knowledge and judgment to make decisions on disaster and conservation payments, establishment of allotments and yields, producer appeals, employing FSA county executive directors and other local issues. FSA committees ·operate within official regulations designed to carry out federal laws.

To be an eligible voter, farmers and ranchers must participate or cooperate in FSA programs. A person who is not of legal voting age, but supervises and conducts the farming operations of an entire farm. can also vote. Agricultural

producers in each country submitted candidate names during the nomination period held last summer.

Eligible voters who do not receive ballots in the coming week can obtain ballots at their local USDA Service Center. Dec. 7, 2009, is the last day for voters to submit ballots in person to local USDA Service Centers. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than Dec. 7th. Newly elected committee members and alternates take office Jan. 1, 2010.

Close to 8,000 FSA county committee members meet monthly at more than 2,300 FSA offices nationwide. Each committee consists of three to five members who serve threeyear terms. Approximately one-third of county committee seats are up for election annually.

For more information about FSA county committees and FSA programs, visit: http://www.fsa.usda. gov.

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### Pampa Physical **Therapist Team** Member of the Year



Physical Therapist Joshua Link of Ford Family Chiropractic Rehabilitation & Wellness Center was recently honored with the "Team Member of the Year" Award for 2009 by a national Multidisciplinary Healthcare Organization endorsed by the American Chiropractic Association. Joshua (left) was presented this prestigious honor by Dr. Mark Sanna (right) CEO of the organization. Physical Therapist Link was chose out of approximately 10,000 eligible healthcare team members.

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Each episode of Extreme Makeover: Home Edition is self-contained and features a race against time to complete a project that would ordinarily take at least four months, involving a team of designers,

## Aquifer

and emotional reveal, they see how the home makeover has impacted the lives of the deserving families. Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, which has

won back-to-back Emmy Awards as Best Reality Program (non-competitive), is in its sixth season on ABC.

#### entry and have a few hours of free fun as a reward. The event will start off with winter crafts, then a movie in the auditorium, and finally a cookie decorating and and

50-50 goal.

Plains

Steve Walthour, gener-

Groundwater

al manager of the North

Conservation District, said

the western four counties

of his district had more

cropland and less ranch-

land and used more water

than the eastern counties.

Therefore, they needed

to permit more pumping.

He said that was why they

allowed only 40 percent of

the groundwater in storage

at the end of the 50 period

Jim Haley, president

Water

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of the Hemphill County

defended the higher amount

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"I am aware of the desired

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lished for Hemphill County

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Underground

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50 years period.

gingerbread house making contest. New toys are preferred and will be donated to the

at library Dec. 12

Salvation Army.

Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa will be having a

Winter Day Event for participating in the Toys for Tots

program. Bring a new of gently used toy to the library for

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pointed out, was to maintain a sustainable groundwater condition for future generations.

"It is my opinion," Haley told the representatives of the Texas Water Development Board at Wednesday's hearing, "that the adoption of the DFC in Hemphill County benefit Hemphill County as well as the City of Canadian."

He said that the adoption of the desired future condition of groundwater in Hemphill County is proper, sustainable and allows for future development.

Consultant Ray Brady agreed with Haley and said holding 80 percent of the groundwater in place for the 50-year planning period was reasonable.

The results of the hearing will be presented to the **Texas Water Development** Board in February in Austin.

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#### percent of the water now in Steve Stevens, executive vice president of Mesa Water Inc., agreed with regard to water rights that Mesa Water had bought or contracted for in Hemphill County.

Stevens testified that Mesa held 210,000 acres in Roberts, Ochiltree, Lipscomb and Hemphill County and had some \$100 million dollars invested in its water project.

Last summer, Groundwater Management Area 1, which consists of White Deer-based Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, Dumas-based North Groundwater Plains Conservation District, Canadian-based Hemphill Underground County Conservation Water District and the northern tip of Lubbock-based High Plains Underground Water Conservation District, set a desired future condition of the Ogallala Aquifer, the major aquifer in the panhandle that provides water for the municipalities, including Pampa, at 50 percent of the water now in the aquifer at the end of a 50 year period. North Plains allowed 40 percent of the water in four counties of the northwestern panhandle to remain in 50 years, an area that's highly irrigated. Hemphill County, with little irrigation, set the limit at 80

place to remain in 50 years. Both Arrington and Stevens said they could live with the 50-50 goal adopted by Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District and

High Plains Underground Water District, but objected to the 40 percent limit and 80 percent limit in the Northwestern Panhandle and Hemphill County.

Amarillo lawyer Marty Jones, representing Arrington and Mesa, indicated that the areas in the North Plains and Hemphill County districts should not be different because the goals were not based on scientific evidences but on political boundaries.

the Members of Groundwater Management Area 1 spent the afternoon clarifying their different positions.

C.E. Williams, general manager of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District said having 50 percent of the groundwater in place at the end of 50 years was the result of groundwater interest that exploded in the 1990s. The Panhandle district came up with the concept and it was accepted by regional water planning groups a decade ago.

Jim Conkwright, general manager of the High **Plains Underground Water** Conservation District, said his district, too, backed the

by GMA1 for the Ogallala Aquifer and believe it to be reasonable," Haley said.

He said the desired future condition of the aquifer that GMA1 adopted last summer was the result of three years of study and deliberation and extensive discussion.

Haley said it was done in accordance with Texas Water Development Board rules and guidance.

One of the primary objects of the desired future condition, Haley

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# Around town

## Local dentist sends candy to military in Afghanistan



Picture with treats for Operation Candy Storm are Stacie Martindale, Laura Allen, Dr. Jay Johnson, Susan Boothe, Lolly Reyes (holding M&Ms) and Brenda Morrison.

One area dentist "put his money where his mouth is" this past Halloween. Trick-or-treaters were encouraged to bring their excess candy to Jay A. Johnson, DDS, Inc. and receive \$1 per pound. Dr. Jay Johnson led the anti-decay movement in our area by giving away dollars and glowing electric toothbrushes in exchange for cavityprovoking candy. "Kids still had all of the fun of trick-or-treating, but their piggy banks benefited too," said Dr. Jay. His staff also gave the kids coupons for a free ice-cream cone or French fry donated by McDonalds.

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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.

"The event was a success and the kids who came were very enthusiastic about sending their candy to our troops," says Dr. Jay. "One young man really impressed me when he told me he was going to send the money he received to a missionary organization called Speed the Light. He was definitely 'paying it forward!'" The candy donors also had the opportunity to sign a

giant card that will be sent to the soldiers along with the candy. Several adults also donated big bags of candy and well wishes in support of the troops. Parents of the children also had the chance to win a gift certificate to the Plaza restaurant in Pampa. Dr. Jay is sending the candy to Task Force Fury West in Afghanistan. This is a group of approximately 1600 paratroopers under the direction of Lt. Col. David Grosso (who assures us the soldiers will brush their teeth after treating themselves to



### isaster assistance deadline approaching

Area sports

Pampa- Gray County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive

Director Matthew Street, reminds eligible rancners and livestock producers of the Dec. 10 deadline for applying for benefits under the provisions of the livestock Forage Disaster Program for losses incurred during calendar year 2008. For losses incurred during the 2009 calendar year, the deadline to apply for benefits is Jan.30, 2010. LFP provides payments to

eligible livestock producers that have suffered livestock grazing losses due to qualifying drought or fire. Fire losses apply only to federally managed rangeland

Eligible livestock under LFP include beef cattle, alpacas, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine. goats, llamas. poultry. reindeer. sheep and swine. For losses due to drought. Qualifying drought ratings are determined using the U.S.

at http://www.drought.unl. eduldmlmonitor.html.

"It is imperative that livestock producers meet these deadlines for disaster assistance as there are no late file provisions for LFP. said" Street. 1'0 insure a smooth application process, producers should have all required supporting documentation with them at the time they visit our office to apply for benefits.

In order for an LFP

Drought Monitor located applicant to qualify for program benefits, the applicant must have purchased insurance coverage through FSA's Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) or the Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Insurance (PRF) program offered through the Risk Management Agency.

Producers who meet the requirements of a socially disadvantaged, limited resource, or beginning farmers or ranchers,

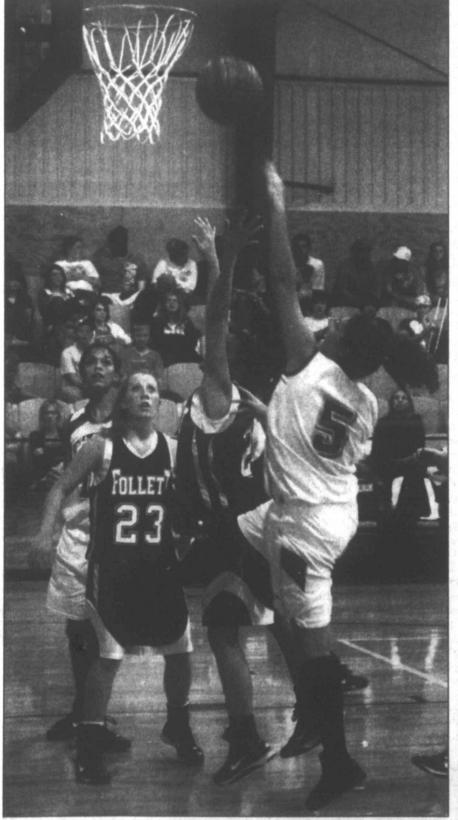
as defined in the Food. Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, Section 2501 (e) (7 U.S.C. 2279(e». do not have to meet this Risk

Management Purchase Requirement (RMPR) and, therefore, are not rquired to have paid the buy-in fee. LFP program applicants should note that in addition to risk management provisions. certain payment limitation and adjusted gross income eligibility require-

ments must be met in order

to qualify for livestock disaster program benefits. For more information or to apply for LFP and other USDA Farm Service Agency disaster assistance programs. please contact the Gray County FSA office at (806)665-6561 ext. 2.

Information can also be obtained on line at http:// www.fsa.usda.Oov.



McLean senior Sheri Haynes shoots a layup against Follett Tuesday night at McLean as Lady Tiger senior Alexis Menefield watches. Menefield and Haynes were the top scorers in the game with 21 and 19 points. McLean won, 72-37. (Photo by Mike Haynes)



Lady Tigers Ashley Byron, right, and Nicole McClendon fight for the ball against a Follett player Tuesday night at McLean. The Lady Tigers won, 72-37. (Photo by Mike Haynes)

## ean downs Follett 72

The McLean Lady Tigers opened the 2009-2010 basketball season Tuesday night with a 72-37 win over Follett at McLean.

Senior Alexis Menefield led the Lady Tigers with 21 points, and senior Sheri Haynes scored 19.

Follett won the state cham-

pionship two years ago after defeating McLean at the regional tournament in Levelland.

Kaila Haddon led the Lady Panthers Tuesday with 14 points followed by Jessie Wiley with 8.

McLean got off to a fast start, forcing several turnovers on the way to an 18-7 lead after one quarter. Coach Benji Hausen's Lady Tigers led 31-16 at the half and 45-29 after three periods.

The McLean and Follett boys did not play because the Panther football team still is in the six-man playoffs.

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DEAR ABBY: May I respond to your column regarding excessive waits in doctors' offices (Sept. 1)?

I am a board-certified interventional cardiologist who has been practicing for 30 years. I work 85 to 90 hours each week. As hard as we try, our office schedule often falls behind. Despite recommendations that acute problems go to the emergency room, unscheduled patients come to the office with chest pains, and they must be attended to. Even scheduled patients can develop complex medical issues that require extra. unplanned time to evaluate and treat.

Our patients with a history of heart disease do not mind waiting when the office runs behind because they receive the same specialized extra-care treatment when they need it. Delays that result from spending extra time evaluating and treating sick patients with complicated problems is not "unprofessional" behavior as "Larry W." implied. On the contrary, it relates to the art of medicine and caring for the well-being of each patient above all else.

And for the architect, I wonder when he last worked a 90-hour week, took seven or eight phone calls from his clients after midnight, and got up at 3 a.m. to do an emergency two-hour procedure before returning to his office at 8 in the morning bright-eyed, bushy-tailed and running on schedule the rest of the day? -- DR. RON IN LAS VÉGAS

DEAR DR. RON: I felt it was only fair to print your response to my follow-up column on "Sick of Waiting in Denver." That column elicited a mountain of letters, all of them offering reasonable expla-



nations for the delays in medical offices. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Many factors cause doctors to run behind. Routine physicals can reveal life-threatening conditions that must be dealt with immediately.

Also, people do not reveal the true reason for their visit when they call, so they are not given the appropriate amount of time for the appointment. A teenager brought in for vomiting could have the stomach flu, onset diabetes or even be pregnant.

A colleague once had a woman complaining of abdominal pain who gave birth in the exam room. That definitely took more than 15 minutes! -- M.D. IN WOODSTOCK, ILL.

DEAR ABBY: My husband is a thoracic surgeon who spends four days a week in the O.R. and one action-packed day seeing patients in his office in addition to his on-call schedules. When I ask my husband what held him up when he gets home late for dinner, his response is always the same: "I give each patient my undivided attention. I would never cut them off or hurry to see the next one until I know every concern was addressed." If these readers who complained about waiting have a doctor as kind and caring as my husband, their wait is worth every second. -- MARRIED TO A WONDERFUL MAN

DEAR ABBY: Every single day, multiple patients wait until their appointment time is up to say, "There's just one more thing I was afraid to bring up ..." Then they tell me about their chest pain, depression or possible abuse. These are things I cannot and will not ignore. But it does mean the next patient will have to wait.

Some people behave as if they're going to a

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

fast food drive-thru. And if things don't change, that is exactly the kind of care they'll end up getting. -- DELMAR, N.Y., DOCTOR

DEAR ABBY: When your doctor has to deliver devastating news about your health and you have lots of questions, lots of tears and your mind is filled with terror, you'll appreciate the time being spent with you -- which means someone else will have to wait. -- MEDICAL OFFICE MANAGER IN KINGSPORT, TENN.

atrist suspected in a deadly rampage at Fort Hood, Texas, has been charged in a military court with 13 counts of premeditated murder. U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command

spokesman Chris Grey told a news conference Thursday at the Texas base that additional charges may also be filed against Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan.

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Hasan is suspected of killing 12 soldiers and one civilian in last Thursday's shooting spree at Fort

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Army: Fort Hood suspect charged with murder Hood. He was shot and wounded by two police officers at the base, and remains in recovery at an Army hospital in San

Antonio. His attorney says he was read the charges at the hospital.



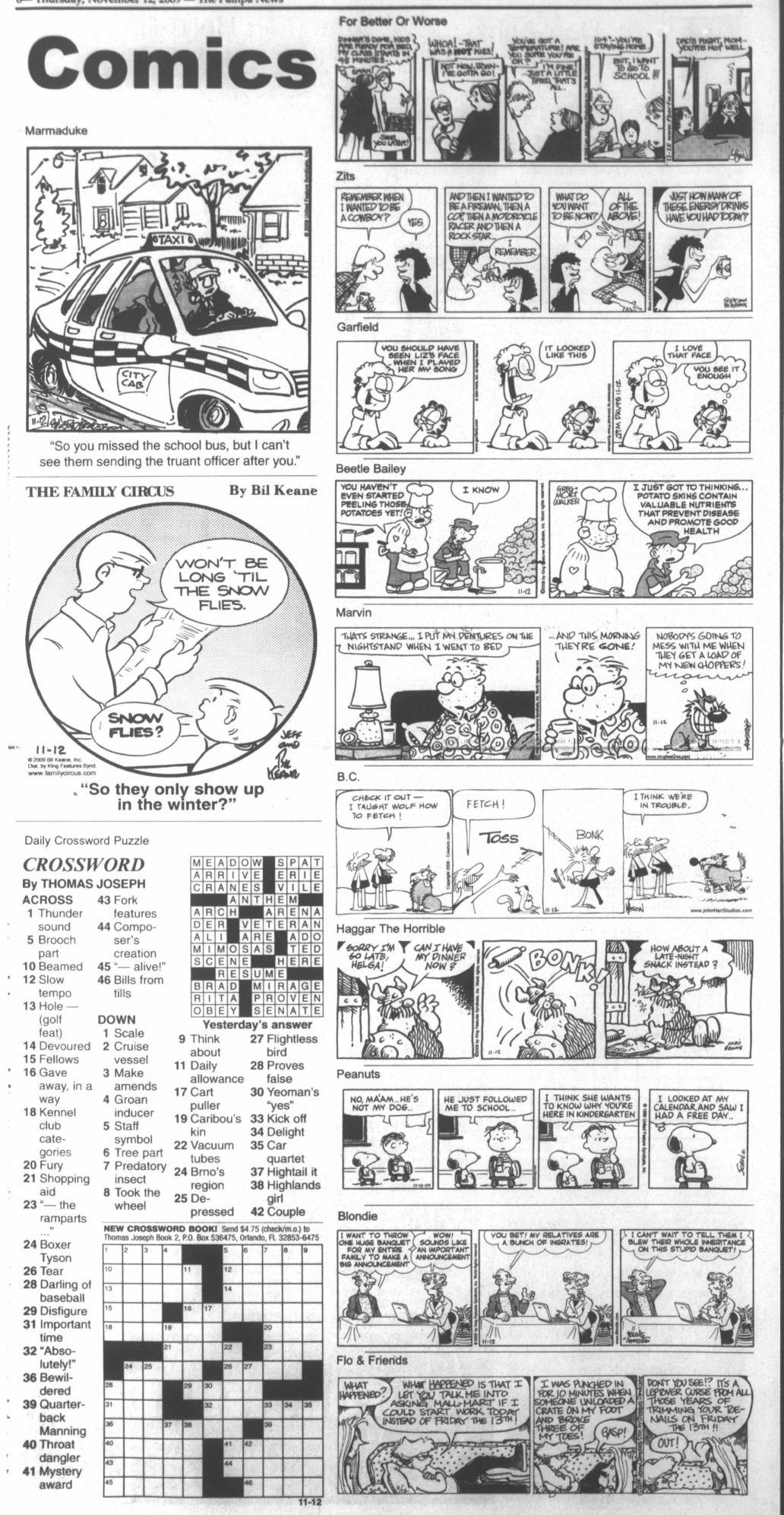


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# Sports

## Pampa excited to face Hereford in 4A playoffs

#### BY ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

The Pampa Harvesters football coaches and team members are excited about competing in the playoffs against the Hereford Whitefaces (9-1), 7:30 p.m., Friday at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.

Senior Corbin Clifton said he hopes it's a good experience for the team.

"I've never played in the playoffs before," Clifton said. "I want to enjoy it."

Senior Nathan Smith said he hopes Pampa can have success in the playoffs.

"It's really exciting to be in the playoffs," Smith said. "I hope we can win and advance next week."

Head Coach Heath Parker said the team is excited to play and the playoffs are a special time for his players. "It's been a really good

week as far as getting prepared to play Hereford with our varsity kids," Parker said. "I've really enjoyed getting to see the underclassmen in action this week. Taking a look at them and seeing what the future holds."

Hereford used to be in Pampa's district in football until this season. Parker said some of his players have experience playing against their <sup>4</sup>players but doesn't think that will matter in the playoffs.

'The thing that is so much fun and unique about it (playoffs) is now there is no well let's see what happens next time and improve on these things," Parker said. "The team that plays the best that night is the team that's going to

ilar to Pampa's in that they run multiple formations.

"They ran a little bit of everything," Parker said. "They use a little motion. (They have) A nice sprint out game. Their offense revolves around their guarterback. This is his second year to start for them as a senior. Parker is a good player. He's very similar to Alex in that he has a strong arm. He's elusive when he takes off with the football."

Parker said Hereford's coach Don DeLozier said Hereford's defense is the best since 2003.

"It's a pretty senior laden group," Parker said. "They are very gap sound. They know what they are doing and they show up. '

Smith said he thinks Hereford will challenge Pampa on offense with how physical their players are.

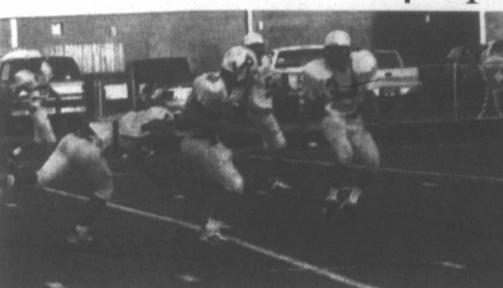
"We (offensive line) need to make sure we stay on our blocks," Smith said.

Senior Luke Watson said the key for Pampa to win is to just give it their all.

'We got to leave everything on the field and good things will happen," Watson said.

Parker said the key for his team will be to survive the first quarter.

"Hereford having the season they've had, I'm sure is going to try to knock us out early," Parker said. "They're probably going to try to onside kick it, double pass or something crazy and try to get two scores on top of us, and break our will and build a big lead. I think the longer we keep the game a tied game or a one score game in one direction or the other,



Pirates, Mats set for re-match

BY ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

Last season the Lefors

Pirates defeated the Motley County Matadors in the bidistrict round of the 6-man playoffs. This season they meet again in bidistrict 7:30 p.m. Friday in Matador, TX.

Lefors Head Coach Joey Czubinski aka "Coach Ski" said his team being familiar with Motley County is the best thing for them.

"Seeing them on film they are a running team," Coach Ski said. "They are running similar plays but not the same as last year. "They have a good running back. They are a good ball club. They beat the team that is their district champion.'

Coach Ski said the bye week was fantastic for his

Coach Ski said. "The sheer rush of playing for 12 straight weeks wears on you. This guys are teenagers so they bounce back quicker but they still get sore."

Coach Ski said Motley County runs a 3-2 defense meaning they have three lineman and two linebackers.

"They have a quick defense," Coach Ski said. "They don't have a lot of size on defense but they try to disrupt the offense."

Coach Ski said the key for his team advancing to the next round is just executing the game plan.

"We need to keep their offense off the field," Coach Ski said. "The team that makes the big stops on defense is the team that's going to win."

eford Whitefaces, 7:30 p.m. at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

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