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WOODY GUTHRIE CENTER VANDALIZED

Anonymous tip notifies police of broken windows

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Pampa Police were investigating a vandalism report today at the Woody Guthrie Center on South Cuyler.

Officers said today they were notified by an anonymous tipster Sunday afternoon that part of the window in a door of the Woody Guthrie Center, 320 S. Cuyler, had been knocked out.

Investigators responding to the report found another window had also been broken out in the 300 block of South Cuyler.

Reed Echols of the Woody Guthrie Center said today that she had driven by the Center Sunday afternoon but had not noticed a broken window.

"Of course, I wasn't looking for it," she said.

Echols had checked on the Woody Guthrie Inn in the 400 block of South Cuyler and then had gone home when police called to notify her of

the broken glass at the center. Officers said the windows

in the 300 block of South Cuyler, including the window in the front door of the Woody Guthrie Center, appeared to have been broken out sometime between 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday.

Police said today that the ywere investigating the circumstances surrounding the broken window in the center's front door. As of press time, nothing appeared to have been taken from the building.

The center, the site of the former Harris Drug Store, is dedicated to the memory of folk singer Woody Guthrie, who started his musical career in Pampa in the 1930s.

RIGHT: Thelma Bray of the Woody Guthrie Center picks up broken glass from behind the building's front door. Pampa Police found two windows broken at the Center on Sunday afternoon.



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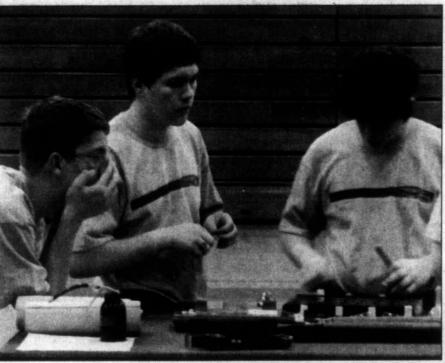


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Brennan Dickinson (from left), Seth Starbuck and Zach Robles concentrate on reassembling an engine at the recent Hot Rodders of Tomorrow Division 4 Competition. The PHS team, nicknamed "Team Comp Cams"," finished third at the event.

PHS machining team posts strong showing

ARNIE AURELLANO editor@thepampanews.com

It's not every day that Pampa High School sends a team to a machining competition, so when they got an opportunity, they did their best to capitalize, bringing home a third place finish and \$2,000 in scholarship

money for each student. The contest, named the Hot Rodders of Tomorrow Division 4 Competition, was sponsored by the School of Automotive Machinists (SAM), a prestigious school that specializes in the building and design of high performance engines. Teams

were competing against

each other to disassemble and re-assemble an engine without being penalized for errors or technique.

It was the second year for the event and the first such competition for the team, nicknamed Team Comp Cams. PISD automotive technology instructor Donny Archer, who accompanied the team to the event. said that the team actually posted the second-best time, but were knocked down to third after a penalty.

Still, Archer said, the result was a great one for the team.

'What an awesome showing for these kids," Archer MACHINISTS cont. on page 5

McCullar no fair weather cop

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Asked about her distinctive first name, Pampa Police Officer Stormy McCullar said she was named by her grandmother. "I have a 'weather' family," McCullar

said. "I have a cousin named Windy, and I also have a cousin named Misty.' None of them, she joked, are meteorolo-

With the exception of McCullar, she said no one else in the family went into

law enforcement, either. "Ever since I was a little kid," said the 33-year-old McCullar, "I've wanted to be a cop. It's something I've always wanted

to do.' Born in Groom, her family moved first to Aledo and then to Tulia.

"We moved up here when I was in the fourth grade," McCullar said. "We've pretty much lived here since."

She said she wanted to get into law enforcement in order to help people.

"This is what I wanted to do," McCullar

She joined the Pampa Police Department in September of 2000.

"I worked for about three years," she said. McCullar took four years off from her

career to have a couple of children. "I stayed home with the kids," she said. She returned to the beat in 2007,

once again joining the Pampa Police Department. McCullar said she enjoys working with STORMY cont. on page 5



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Stormy McCullar of the Pampa Police Department rejoined the force in 2007 after a four-year leave to have kids.



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David Brian Tice, 53

David Brian Tice, 53 died Saturday, July 17, 2010 in Pampa

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 20, 2010, at Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Rob Lackey, Baptist minister, officiat-

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley **Funeral Directors**

Mr. Tice was born on March 29, 1957 in Los Angeles, Calif., and was a lifelong resident of Pampa. He attended schools in White Deer and Pampa. David married Kimber Mesneak on March 19, 1979 in Pampa. He owned and operated Panhandle Transfer for 16 years and later worked as a compressor mechanic in the oil and gas industry. At the time of his death, he worked for Universal Plant Services. In his spare time, he liked to cook out and spend time with his grandchildren. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

Survivors include his wife, Kimber Tice of the home; a son, Chris Tice of Lubbock; a daughter, Regina Tice of Pampa; his father, Milton Tice of Pampa; his mother and

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stepfather, Virginia and Sam Gomez of Lockhart; two brothers, Gary Tice and wife Suzette of Pampa and Jerry Tice and wife Sherry of Skellytown; four sisters, Joye Morrison of Lockhart, Mary Ann Miller of Oklahoma City, Della Schneider and husband Doug of Houston, and Kathern Manning of Chelsea, Okla.; two granddaughters, Danyel Deleon and Calli Tice, both of Pampa; and by his motherin-law, Peggy Atwood of Wickenburg, Ariz.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association, 2514 82nd St., Lubbock, TX 79423.

Visitation will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

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Obituaries

Melvin V. "Red" Watkins, 90

Melvin V. "Red" Watkins, 90, died Saturday, July 17, 2010 in Clinton, Okla.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Watkins was born on Dec. 23, 1919 in New Mexico. He resided in Pampa from 1926 until moving to Butler, Okla. in 2006. Red graduated from Pampa High School where he lettered in football, track, and golf and was a Golden Gloves boxer. He married Lois Foster on June 27, preceded him in death on April 3, 2010. Red served in the U.S. Army 79th Infantry Division during World War II where he received two Bronze Stars, the Purple Heart, and a Presidential Citation. He was a supply sergeant for the Nuremburg War Crime Trials. Red was a supervisor at Celanese Chemical Co. for 27 1/2 years and was a cattleman for 25 years in Texas and New Mexico. He was a farmer, quarter horse breeder, and oil and gas operator in Colorado,

Okla.— 1941 in Sayre, Okla. She Texas, and Oklahoma. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Pampa Jaycees, Top O' Masonic Lodge Texas Lubbock the #1381. Scottish Rite Consistory, and he was a 50-year Mason. Red was a member of the Texas and Southwestern Cattlemen's Association.

Survivors include two sons, Tod F. Watkins and wife Vickie of Deer Park, and Jay Watkins and wife Carol of Butler, Okla.; a brother, Burton Watkins of Safford, Ariz.; six grand-

children, nine great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son. Bryan Kip Watkins, by his parents, M. V. and Dora Watkins, by 3 brothers, Elmer, Zade, and Herman Watkins, and by a sister, Alma Glasscock.

Memorials may be made First Presbyterian Book Church, Remembrance, 525 Gray, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

Georgiana Gray Organ, 93

Georgiana Gray Organ, 93. died Saturday, July 17, 2010 in McLean.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 21, 2010, at the First Christian Church with Rev. Roy King, interim pastor, officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Organ was born on July 24, 1916 in Keystone, Okla. to Georgia and Bill Gray. She moved to Pampa in 1925 and graduated from Pampa High School in 1935. As a little girl, she watched the downtown bricks being laid. Georgiana married Bernard A. Organ in 1935, and he preceded her in death in 1979. Together they had a daughter, Sandra, and a son, Stan. Georgiana worked a short time in Great Bend, Kan., at a grocery store, then as a secretary at her husband's company, Contractors Equipment, in Pampa. She and her family lived many places including New Mexico, Illinois, California, Oregon, and Colombia, South America. Georgiana has been a member of First Christian Church since she was nine years old and was baptized and married by Brother Todd. She was also active in Daughters of the Nile, Desk and Derrick, and the Petroleum Engineers' Wives. She loved golfing and bowling and was a member of the Ladies Golf Association.

Survivors include her

daughter, Sandra Bronner and husband David of Pampa; son, Stan Organ and wife Gail of Pampa; six grandchildren, Jenny Bronner and husband Dennis Norris, Kathryn Killgo and husband Michael, Steve Organ and wife Janene, and Teressa Organ, all of Pampa, and Stan Knight Organ and wife Gail of Houston and Shannon Organ of Odessa; 14 great grandchildren, Erin Bissell and husband Dustin and Cheyenne Rush, all of Amarillo; Jenee, Ali, and Derek Norris, Mitchell and Collin Killgo, Zachery, Kaylee, Ashlyn, and Harley Organ, all of Pampa; Chloe and Christian Organ, both of Odessa; and Ricky Browder of Houston; several nieces and nephews.



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Georgiana was preceded in death by a brother, Dennis Powell, and by a grandson, Patrick Bronner.

Memorials may be made to Daughters of the Nile. 305 SE 5th, Amarillo, TX

Sign the online register book at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

Levie Laverne Wallace, 78

Levie Laverne Wallace, 78, went home to be with her Lord on Friday, July 16, 2010 in Plainview.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 20, 2010 at Childress Cemetery in Childress, with Rev. Don Robertson officiating. Arrangements are under the care of Kornerstone Funeral Directors of Plainview.

Laverne was born May 1, 1932 in Childress, to Walter and Canard Anglin Childers. She left behind a legacy of love.

She is survived by two sons, Michael Stephens memorials may be made of Plainview and Randy to a charity of choice. Stephens and wife Pam of Mansfield; one daughter, Deeda Carter and husband Wes of Plainview; two sisters, Merlene Richardson

of Cape Cod and Lou Johnson of Sacramento; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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Joyce Sandefur Thornton,

Joyce Thornton, 68, of Midland, went home to be with her Lord on Thursday, July 15, 2010 in Odessa. She was born on November 15, 1941 in Strawn, to the late Willie Henry and Dorsett Isabell Sandefur. She was raised and educated in Strawn, and graduated from Mineral Wells High School. She later moved to Pampa.

Joyce was a very independent and free spirited person that always had a smile on her face. She touched many people's lives just by her warmth and friendliness. One of her granddaughters always commented on how hard

Sandefur of a worker she was. She enjoyed cooking, especially for a large group of people, gardening, watching reality TV shows and spending time with her children and grandchildren. She will be dearly missed by all who knew

> Joyce was preceded in death by parents, Willie and Dorsett Sandefur; brother, Richard Sandefur and her daughter-in-Cindy Sandefur. She leaves behind a son, David Sandefur of Odessa; daughters, Kay Collis and Angie Moore and husband Steve all of Midland; brothers, Raymond Sandefur of Dallas, Bill Sandefur

and John Sandefur both of Pampa and Clyde Sandefur of Laguna, Calif.; sisters, Ella Hazard of Sweetwater, Patti Barnett of Abilene and Barbara Martinez of Pampa; seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one grandchild on

the way. Family received friends Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Funeral service were held Sunday, July 18, 2010 at at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. A graveside service is set for Monday July 19, 2010 at 2 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa.

Services are under the direction of Lewallen-



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Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@ntsonline.net.

John Roy McBride, 74 1993. He was a lifetime John Roy McBride,

74, of Little Elm, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his familv on the morning of July 15, 2010. John Roy was born on June 27, 1936 in Pampa, to Lee Roy and Mary McBride. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1954 and attended the University of Texas in Austin: He was a member of Phi Kappa Theta Catholic Fraternity and was still close to many of his fraternity brothers. John Roy was married to Jane Anne Stephens on

April 27, 1963 in Wichita

Falls. She preceded him

in death on November 6,

Paul Catholic Church in Pampa and was a member of the Knights of Columbus Chapter. John Roy moved to Dallas in 1996 and married Gerry Naylor on October 20, 2001. They lived happily together on Lake Lewisville in Little Elm. John Roy was an active member of the Richardson Senior Golf League where he gained many valuable friends. He is survived by his wife, Gerry Naylor of Little Elm; daughters, Leslie and husband, Randall Nutter of Arlington, Mary Lisa and husband, Tom Bell

member of St Vincent de

of McKinney, Lee Anne and husband, Eric Verret of Austin; grandchildren, Barrett, Brenden and Josh Bell and Rustin Verret of Austin; brother, James McBride and wife, Sandy of Amarillo; stepson, Norman Naylor and wife, Sharon of California; stepdaughter, Diana Naylor Chiang and husband, Ray of California and seven step-grandchildren. The family received friends at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 19, 2010 at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home in Frisco, one hour prior to the Funeral Service at 11 a.m. A graveside service will be held at



McBride

Fairview Cemetery in Pampa on Tuesday, July 20, 2010 at 2 p.m. Donations may be made

in John Roy's memory to Century Hospice of Dallas.

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Anytime Fitness was welcomed to the Chamber on June 18 by the Top O' Texans. From left are Kathy Cota, Charles Henry, Lonni and Paul Lemery (owners) with their children Amber and Joseph, Bob Marx, Roy Morriss, Sarah Groves (personal trainer), Monte DeMaroney (manager), Bill Stowers (personal trainer), Ken Rheams, Joe Weaver, Sheila Webb, and Clay Rice.



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Pak-A-Sak was welcomed to the Chamber on June 23 by the Top O' Texans. Pictured among the many Goldcoats are manager Mark Boyett and his wife Heather with their children Taylor and Ty.



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Easy's Westside Package Store was welcomed to the Chamber on June 25 by the Top O' Texans. From left are Pat Montoya, Stacey Salinas, Sheila Webb, Terry Barnes, Heidi Schwope, Geri Shaw, Ken Rheams, T.C. Loving, Gladys Vanderpool, Joe Weaver, Milton Cooke (owner), Benny Horton, Shirley Jernigan and Paulette Hinkle.

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Scenes from the Boomtown Block Party









Top and bottom photos - Contestants scramble during the frozen T-shirt contest; Middle right -Bryan Johnson of Pampa EMS after spitting his prize winning grape; Middle left - Angie Paquette from Underwood Law Firm trying her best to launch her grape.





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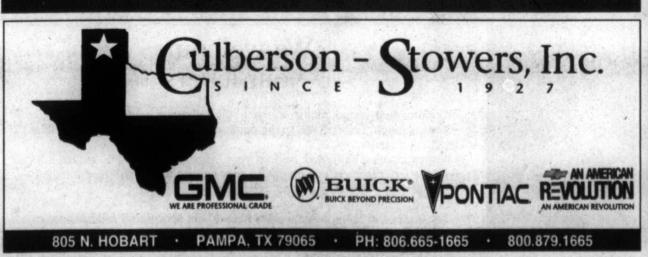
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Today in History

Today is Monday, July 19, the 200th day of 2010. There are 165 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 19, 1553, King Henry VIII's daughter Mary was proclaimed Queen of England after teenage pretender Lady Jane Grey, who had claimed the monarchy for nine days, was deposed. (Lady Jane Grey was later executed for high treason.)

On this date:

In 1848, a pioneer women's rights convention convened in Seneca Falls, N.Y.

In 1870, the Franco-Prussian war began. In 1943, allied air forces raided Rome during

World War II

In 1969, Apollo 11 and its astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin and Michael Collins, went into orbit around the moon.

In 1980, the Moscow Summer Olympics began, minus dozens of nations that were boycotting the games because of the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

In 1984, U.S. Rep. Geraldine A. Ferraro of New York won the Democratic nomination for vice president by acclamation at the party's convention in San Francisco.

In 1985, Christa McAuliffe of New Hampshire was chosen to be the first schoolteacher to ride aboard the space shuttle. (McAuliffe and six other crew members died when the Challenger exploded shortly after liftoff in Jan. 1986.)

In 1990, baseball's all-time hits leader, Pete Rose, was sentenced in Cincinnati to five months in prison for tax evasion.

Ten years ago: President Bill Clinton shuttled between Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak. Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and his own experts during peace talks at Camp David after delaying his departure for an economic summit in Japan.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush announced his choice of federal appeals court judge John G. Roberts Jr. to replace Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. (Roberts ended up succeeding Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, who died in Sept. 2005; Samuel Alito followed O'Connor.)

One year ago: A Russian-owned civilian helicopter crashed shortly after takeoff from southern Afghanistan's largest NATO base, killing 16 civil-

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. George McGovern is 88. Actor George Dzundza is 65. Rock musician Brian May is 63. Movie director Abel Ferrara is 59. Actor Peter Barton is 54. Rock musician Kevin Haskins (Love and Rockets; Bauhaus) is 50. Movie director Atom Egoyan is 50. Actor Campbell Scott is 49. Actor Anthony Edwards is 48. Country singer Kelly Shiver is 47. Actress Clea Lewis is 45. Country musician Jeremy Patterson is 40. Classical singer Urs Buhler (Il Divo) is 39. Actor Andrew Kavovit is 39. Rock musician Jason McGerr (Death Cab for Cutie) is 36. Actor Jared Padalecki is 28.

Thought for Today: "No written law has ever been more binding than unwritten custom supported Carrie Chapman Catt, by popular opinion." American feminist (1859-1947).



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Obamacare bad, but what's the GOP for?

Polls suggest that President Barack Obama's health care plan is becoming somewhat more popular - even as evidence mounts that it will be astronomically expensive and may cause millions of workers to lose their employer-provided health insurance.

congressional Meanwhile, Republicans are calling for repeal of the plan — without any realistic hope of doing so and without offering an alternative that would cover anywhere near the 30 million who will get insurance under Obamacare.

Two conservative experts writing in the quarterly journal National Affairs do propose an interesting alternative plan, which they say will not add to federal deficits, but it would cover only about 18 million of the nation's 50 million uninsured.

The basic design of the plan, by Paul Howard of the Manhattan Institute and Stephen Parente of the University of Minnesota, is to offer vouchers or tax credits to low-income workers to buy basic private insurance in regulated exchanges across state lines.

Over time, they'd eliminate the tax preference for employer-provided insurance and offer vouchers to all workers. They'd also add vouchers to (and eliminate) Medicaid, the federal-state program for poor people.

Howard and Parente anticipate that competition among insurance carriers would lower costs and that the plan could be paid for with a "Buick tax" on midlevel insurance policies.

Their plan was originally developed for a group of Republican senators led by Bob Corker (Tenn.), but it was never introduced because GOP leaders preferred simply to say "no" to Obamacare.

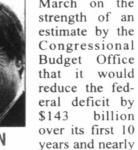
Corker confirmed that he worked on the plan and tried to entice Democrats, but he distanced himself from the Howard-Parente proposal to "voucherize" Medicare.

The Howard-Parente article also contains a devastating critique of Obamacare, which the authors say fails to address surging health care costs, the underlying cause of rising insurance premiums.

"The new law," they write, "is likely to inflate premium costs, increase government spending, displace millions of insured Americans and lead to price controls that will hinder innovation and politicize health care."

also criticize two The Republicans for failing to address health care when George W. Bush was president and the GOP controlled Congress.

Obamacare passed Congress in



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May, the CBO changed its estimate, reporting that the law would cost \$115 billion more to implement than it calculated previously.

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second. But in

That's peanuts compared to calculations of former CBO Director Douglas Holtz-Eakin — also top domestic policy adviser in Sen. John McCain's presidential campaign — who estimates that Obamacare may increase the federal deficit by \$500 billion in the first 10 years and by nearly \$1.5 trillion in the following decade.

Holtz-Eakin, in an article in Health Affairs last month written with Michael Ramlet of the Advisory Board Co., a healthresearch firm, noted that Congress purposely left out of its reform bill a \$276 billion "doc fix" protecting physicians from scheduled Medicare cuts.

The two forecast, among other things, that Congress similarly will bow to political pressures — from seniors or providers — to forgo other Medicare cuts that are contained in the legislation.

Even the chief actuary of the Medicare system has written that "providers for whom Medicare constitutes a substantive portion of their business could find it difficult to remain profitable and, absent legislative intervention, might end their participation in the program (possibly jeopardizing access to care for beneficiaries).

Besides failing to curtail the federal deficit, Obamacare is virtually certain not to "bend the curve" of national healthcare outlays. That's the main reason insurance premiums will continue to rise.

Another cause is the minuscule penalty young workers can pay to opt out of Obamacare's supposed coverage mandate — until they get sick or injured and need insurance, which the plan will guarantee them.

Howard, in an interview, says he suspects that the Obama administration plans to respond to premium increases by imposing price controls — driving private insurance companies out of business and creating a demand for government-run "public insurance."

Perhaps the most damaging new

March on the discovery about Obamacare is the extent to which it will encourage strength of an employers to drop coverage of estimate by the Congressional their workers and push them into Budget Office heavily subsidized government "exchanges" — causing an addithat it would tional explosion of federal costs. reduce the federal deficit by

Firms with 50 employees or more need pay only a \$2,000 per employee fine for failing to offer insurance.

As Holtz-Eakin demonstrates ir a paper on his American Actior Forum website, employers coulc give their employees a pay raise to make up the difference betweer the federal subsidy and the value of their existing employer plan pay the fine — and still save thousands of dollars per employee.

Indeed, companies such as AT&T and Caterpillar have already studied dropping coverage and Fortune magazine estimated that 50 percent of workers may ge dumped — adding \$160 billion to federal costs by 2016.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services actuary Richard Foster estimated that 14 millior workers would lose coverage even though Obama repeatedly promised that "no one would lose the insurance they have." Holtz-Eakin estimates that the

number could be as high as 38 million. If they went into the government-subsidized pool, the cost would be \$1.4 trillion.

So why, in view of all this bac news, has opposition to Obamacare dropped from 49 percent — where it was more or less consistent from st December to this May — to 44

percent in June, and support grown from 41 percent to 45 percent? And why, according to the

Rasmussen poll, has support for repeal dropped to 53 percent from a high of 63 percent in May? It may be that the public's atten-

tion has shifted to jobs and the Gulf spill. Or that Obama's touting of immediate benefits of his plan — such as guaranteed coverage of young people up to age 26 by their parents' insurance — has taken hold.

It may also be that the public understands there is no way that Republicans can repeal Obamacare even if they capture control of Congress in November. They'd have to control the White House, too. So, while they're waiting

instead of just talking about repea - Republicans ought to figure ou how they can cover the uninsured There has to be a better way.

A veteran journalist whos spent almost ai of his nearly 40-year career in Washington Kondracke is also a regular commentato for Fox News Channel, a nightly panelist or "Special Report with Brit Hume" and co-hos of "The Beltway Boys.



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Well still capped despite seeping

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - The federal government Monday allowed BP to keep the cap shut tight on its ruptured Gulf of Mexico oil well for another day despite the possibility something is seeping from the sea floor near

The Obama administration's point man for the spill, retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, said early Monday that the company promised to watch closely for signs of new leaks around the mile-deep well, which has stopped gushing oil into the water since the experimental cap was closed Thursday.

Late Sunday, Allen said something was detected seeping near the broken oil well and demanded in a sharply worded letter that BP step up monitoring of the ocean floor. Allen didn't say what was seeping. White House energy adviser Carol Browner told the CBS "Early Show" the possible seepage was found less than two miles from

Obama: Restore unemployment

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Barack Obama took aim at Republican lawmakers Monday, accusing them of holding the public hostage to Washington politics by blocking extended unemployment benefits for millions of out of work Americans.

"It's time to do what's right, not for the next election, but for the middle class," Obama said in a presidential statement in the Rose Garden Monday morning.

Lawmakers have battled for weeks over legislation extending unemployment benefits to workers who have been out of a job for long stretches of time. The last such extension expired at the end of May, leaving some 2.5 million people without benefits, with hundreds of thousands more losing benefits each week.

On Monday, he cast his Republican opponents as hypocritical for having voted for extensions of unemployment benefits when his Republican predecessor, President George W. Bush, was in the White House, but not now. He accused Republican leaders of subscribing to what he called a misguided notion that providing unemployment aid to people lowers their incentive to look hard for a job. "That attitude, I think, reflects a lack of faith in the

American people," Obama said.

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Nat'l Guard to border in August

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal officials say National Guard troops will begin heading for the southwest border Aug. 1 to help secure it.

The troops will train and be fully deployed by September and should be on the border for a year. They will be stationed in Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas.

Machinists

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said. "It was an awesome opportunity to begin with just to be invited, and for them to get into it at the ground level like they did, it's great for the kids to be a part of."

According to Archer, the team received an invite thanks to Monty Smith, his automotive instruction counterpart in Hereford. A good friend of Archer's, Smith was instrumental in passing along information about the competition to Archer and the team.

Archer said that a competition like this gives his team the opportunity to be seen in action by some influential people.

"SAM, who helps put on the competition, they're not just any automotive school," said Archer. "They've sent guys to (NASCAR Sprint Cup teams) Roush and Gibbs and Penske. They've sent guys to Top Fuel teams. This is great exposure for the guys, and it's great to see these kids get opportunities like this and make the most of it.'

people. She says she sees a lot of people get hurt physically and psychologically by crime.

Whether it's auto burglaries or identity theft, the victims are violated and that can cause deep wounds.

"There are a lot of crimes that are preventable," McCullar

That's one of the reasons that she is so committed to her job as the Crime Prevention Officer at the Pampa Police Her days are spent trying to get the word out about how to

prevent crimes and what people can do to help others.

"I think a lot of people probably already know what to do,"

so alone.

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she said. "They just need a reminder." McCullar said that it's important that the community and police department work together as a team.

"It takes both of us," she said, "to get crime down."

McCullar said citizens play a big role in crime prevention. "I think sometimes they're not aware of how big of a role,"

McCullar said she plans on staying with the Pampa Police

"I like where I'm at," she said. "I like what I'm doing." She said her job keeps her busy.

"And I like it," she said.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am being married in October and asked my best friend of 19 years to be my maid of honor. "Brianna" likes to dye the bottom of her hair red. I asked her to take the red out of her hair for the wedding, but she flat-out refused! When I told her that it is MY wedding and I don't want any red hair because it won't match my color scheme, her exact words were, "I don't care."

Am I wrong for asking Brianna to remove the dye? How do I get her to realize this is my wedding and I don't want to be upstaged! Please help me. — SEEING RED IN MARYLAND

DEAR SEEING RED: I'll try. When you picked your best friend of 19 years to stand up with you at your wedding, you knew what she looked like. Either you should have picked another color scheme for the production, or chosen a cast member who was suitably mousy that she wouldn't dim your spotlight. Please note that I am using theatrical terms because you have lost sight of what a wedding really should be. What a shame.

DEAR ABBY: I am 20, and my life seems to be going nowhere. I graduated from high school two years ago and have put off going to college. I am obese and have no willpower to exercise to get healthy. I'm constantly thinking about the past. In high school I had few friends. none of whom keep in touch with me.

I recently bumped into a former guy friend at a store. We were close during my junior year, but he ignored me in my senior year. At the store, he didn't speak to me, which was hurtful. It reminded me of the pain I felt back in school. I always felt

My dream is to be an actress, go back to school and lose weight. But I can't actually see myself accomplishing any of it. I don't know what to do with myself anymore. Can you offer me some guidance? - GOING CRAZY IN PHOENIX

DEAR GOING CRA-ZY: I'm glad you wrote, because you may suffer from long-term depression. Please schedule an appointment with a doctor and tell him or her exactly what you have described to me. With help, you may be able to stop needing to comfort yourself with food and find the energy you need to be-

come more active. If you want to be an actress, see what acting classes are available in Phoenix and if there is any regional theater. Not all actresses have to be skinny.

And one more thing. The former classmate you saw in the store may not have seen you or he may not have matured since graduation. It's a reflection on him.

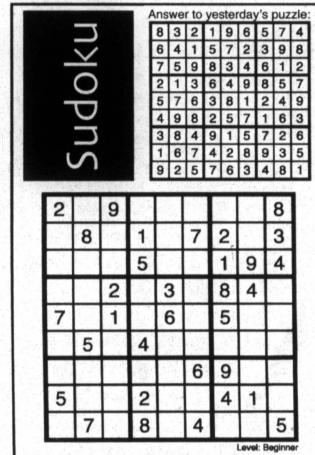
DEAR ABBY: It is picnic and barbecue season, and I would like to inform you of a disturbing trend that seems to be growing. When guests arrive at gatherings, they tend to prepare "to go" plates as soon as they arrive, take the plates to their cars, and then

return to eat as if they had just arrived.

My mother-in-law thinks this practice is just fine. I think it is tasteless, to say the least. Will you please settle this disagreement between us? - APPALLED IN CHI-CAGO

APPALLED: DEAR If this is a "trend," this is

the first time I have heard about it. You may feel that taking food from a party to a hot car and returning to attend the gathering is "tasteless." I think it's downright dangerous because it could lead to food poisoning. The time to take leftovers is at the END of the party.





A story in Friday's issue of The Pampa News stated that the Pampa Independent School District board of trustees has been named the School Board of the Year for the State of Texas.

The story was in error.

The board was named the School Board of the Year for Region XIV of the Texas School Board Association.

The Texas statewide School Board of the Year has not been selected yet and the local school board is still in the running.

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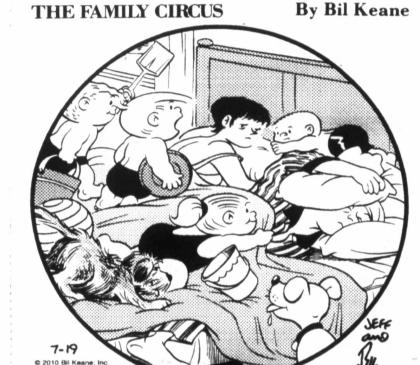


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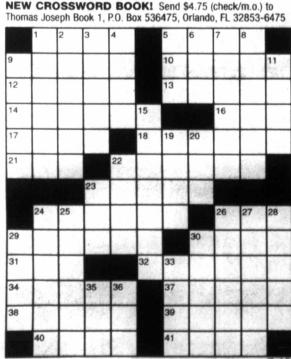
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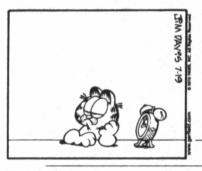


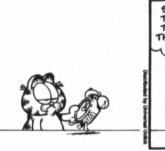
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single, an unusual magnetism emanates

from you this year. You might have quite

a few suitors to sort through. Enjoy the

process. If you are attached, the two of

you enjoy your special time together

more than ever. You act like newfound

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

*** Focus on a partnership. This

person remains a resource no matter

what. A brainstorming session provides a

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

with a special friend.

GEMINI (May 22-June 20)

way. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

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**** Tap into your imagination

when you encounter a difficult person.

Try to imagine what this person is feeling

and what is going on. A partner often

inspires you to take action and do some

thing special. Tonight: Last-minute

** Listen to your instincts on a secu-

rity-related matter. Others might not

intend to delude you; they have on rose-

colored glasses. They see people in a

more positive vein than many. Tonight:

Head home early. A child or a new friend

*** Keep conversations flowing.

You might be spending extra time in your

mind going over what you are hearing.

Don't stop the flow of a discussion; you

could prevent an open exchange, which also is important. Observe a co-worker.

He or she might not have your best inter-

ests in mind. Tonight: Share news over

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

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lot of important information. Handle one project or issue at a time. Keep reaching out for more information. Tonight: News needs to be released. A discussion is weaves its way to you TAURUS (April 20-May 21) much more important than you realize. **** Allow greater give-and-take between you and others. Confusion often Be sensible with spending. Tonight: Relax, then make a decision. stems from an older person. For some, it

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Don't stall any longer. Handle could be a boss. Ingenuity seems to be your strong suit. Tonight: Spend time a key project. Move a new interest along. A friend could be in a somber mood: feedback from this person could be off. ★★★ Focus on work and getting the job Weigh that fact in your mind before comdone. Completion is exceptionally pletely accepting his or her feedback. important. By tomorrow, you will be

Tonight: Clear out a misunderstanding. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ** Maintain your current low profile You might not be comfortable with everything that you see and hear. Confusion surrounds a message. It is either more vague than you realize or incomplete. Don't take any comments personally. Tonight: Nap, then decide. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** A meeting could prove to be very important in furthering your desires. Not only do you get the support you need, but many ideas and comments emerge. Incorporate some of these ideas into what you are working on. Tonight: Meet friends immediately after work. AOUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Stay on top of your responsibilities, even though you feel as if someone or something is always hitting you from out of left field. A partner could be on a rampage. Listen and help this person evaluate whether he or she is grounded In the long run, your caring will be appreciated. Tonight: Working late. Meet another friend for a late dinner who also is working.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Keep reaching out for more information, especially if you sense that something important is being left out. A partner or associate appears to be playing devil's advocate. Avoid an argument, and appreciate that he or she is playing this role. Tonight: Surf the web.

BORN TODAY Father of modern genetics Gregor Mendel (1822), singer Chris Cornell (1964), Mt. Everest climber Sir Edmund Hillary (1919)

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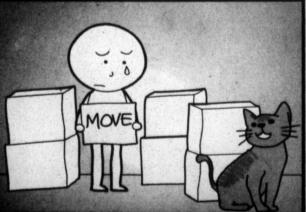
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Sports

Coaches look forward to Cal Ripken Tournament

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When John Davis was a child he had a great time playing Little League baseball.

"It's all we ever wanted to do during the summer," Davis said. "My family programmed their summer around playing Little League baseball."

Now, Davis is the manager of the nine and ten-yearold All-Star Team in the Cal Ripken Tournament starting Thursday at Optimist Park. While the leagues aren't quite the same (Ripken baseball is for younger kids than Little League), Davis can still understand his players' excitement.

Likewise for Brady Eakin, assistant coach of Pampa's Ripken team, who played all the way through optimist baseball and got to go to regionals in Beaumont when he was 13

"We stayed with host families," Eakin said. "It was a fun experience.

Davis said this is a different experience for him as a coach and says there is a lot more responsibility than when he played.

You have to have all of your pitchers down," Davis said. "There is a lot more to it than playing baseball.'

Eakin said he didn't know what to expect as a coach.

"I'm waiting to see," Eakin said. "I hope it's as fun as when I was playing in the game.'

Last week the All-Star team competed in the state tournament at Denver City. The team opened with Plainview and lost a back-and-forth game 9-6. Then Pampa beat Muleshoe 13-0 in a run-rule shortened game. The All-Star team beat High Plains with a walk-off home run in eight innings. Lamesa ended their tournament as they took advantage of Pampa's limited pitching. Both coaches are excited about their team competing in this tournament. "We got a good chance," Davis said. "It's going to be a challenge but we are going to do good."

"I'm looking forward to getting back out there and competing again," Eakin said. "Practice isn't the same as competing in a game."

Games start at 11 a.m. Friday at Optimist Park. Davis said it's a nice advantage for his team to play at

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"It was hot and humid in Denver City plus we had to travel," Davis said. "So our kids were kind of tired. But we get to stay in our own homes and get good night sleep. We're familiar with the field that we're playing on."

Also coaching on the team is Ty McCoy. Davis said both coaches are doing a great job. The tournament runs through July 28.

13-year-old All-Star team wins first two tourney games

KEVIN HUNT

Special to The Pampa News

The West Texas State 13 vear old Babe Ruth tournament started this past Saturday in Dumas. The winner of this tournament automatically qualifies for the Babe Ruth World Series being held this year in Levelland With that on the line, the Pampa All-Stars have gotten off to a tremendous start by winning their first two games. In Game 1, Pampa defeated Seminole by a score of 17-7, and then turned around and beat the South number one seeded team from Littlefield by a score of 14-

In Game 1, Pampa got up by as much as 16-0, then coasted to a 17-7 win. Aaron Allen singled and advanced to third on a steal and throwing error. With

walked and stole 2nd. Ethan Hunt then lined an 0-2 pitch up the middle to score Allen and Troxell. Pampa would add two more runs in the first for a quick 4-0 lead. In the third, Pampa would add five more runs. Chance Douglas lined a triple to right-center that scored Hunt and Jacob Nelson. Douglas scored on an errant pickoff attempt by the catcher.

In the fourth inning, Pampa added seven runs and then added one run in the fifth. Douglas was the leading hitter for Pampa with two triples and a single and four RBI. Ryan Powell added a single, Hunt went two-for-two with two walks. Tom Haley added a double and Brycen McClendon added a single and scored twice. Braxton Maul scored two runs for Pampa as well. Derrick one out, Blayne Troxell Maxwell and Bryan Yates

also added to the win for Pampa.

Hunt picked up the win by pitching two innings, giving up no runs on no hits, walked two, hit one and struck out five. Haley and Allen finished up the game on the mound for Pampa.

Pampa coach Blake Sieck said, "We came out geared up and ready to play. I was really impressed with how we got the bats going and gave ourselves an early lead. It was a lot of fun finally being out there in a game type situation and seeing all of our hard work pay off"

In Game 2, Pampa would have to fight off some early nerves and battled back from a 4-2 deficit to win 14-7. In the bottom of the second down 1-0, Pampa tied the game. With one out, Pampa loaded the bases on consecutive singles by Maul, McClendon and Allen. Maul scored on a misplayed ball by Littlefield's second baseman that allowed Powell to reach..

In the bottom of the fourth and down 4-1, Pampa added a run. With two outs, Allen walked and Powell was hit by a pitch. Allen and Powell advanced on a wild pitch and Allen scored on a single by Troxell.

In the bottom of the fifth, and down 5-2, Pampa exploded for 10 runs to go ahead 12-5. Douglas and Haley led off with walks, Maul was hit by a pitch to load the bases. McClendon walked and scored Douglas. Allen scored Haley on a misplayed grounder. Powell scored Maul on a misplayed Troxell walked to score McClendon. Hunt singled to score Allen and

Powell. Douglas singled to score Troxell and Hunt and advanced to third base on an error by the left fielder. Haley scored Douglas on a misplayed ground ball. A steal of second allowed Haley to score on a single by Maul. In the sixth, Pampa added two insurance runs. Allen singled and advanced to second after the left fielder misplayed the ball. Powell doubled to right center and scored Allen. Hunt scored Powell from second on a single to left field. Nelson also added a single for Pampa.

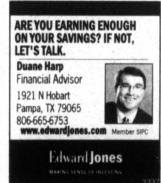
Powell pitched four innings for Pampa giving up four runs on four hits. He struck out eight and walked four. Hunt picked up the win by pitching the three innings. He gave up three runs on three hits, struck out six and walked three.

Pampa coach Braden

Hunt said, "I thought the kids fought really hard. They got down early but didn't give up. I was very proud of how they didn't let the scoreboard affect their play in the middle of the game."

The team is coached by Candi Allen.

Pampa will Plainview on Monday night at 6:00 PM. The winner of that game will advance to the Championshiip game on Wednesday night.



Hidden Hills results

Kiwanis Club Scramble Played At Hidden Hills Saturday July 17th 2010

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