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City Commission to limit tonnage at landfill

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The Pampa City Commission will limit tonnage at the city landfill, give Clarendon College \$150,000 and deny actions proposed by Southwestern Public Service.

Meeting Tuesday afternoon, the Pampa City Commission voted to limit monthly tonnage at the city landfill.

Pampa Director of Public Works

Donny Hooper said a large amount of trash is being brought into the landfill without payment of the proper fees.

"The problem that we've had in the past," Hooper said, "is not so much related to the residents bringing out their loads, but contractors have been bringing in commercial loads saying it originated from their houses or residences. Then upon inspection of their residents later, we find out that none of it came from there."

It happens a lot, and it's not being paid for, Hooper said.

Under the proposed ordinance, Hooper said people would have to bring a water bill to show that they live within the city limits and the new ordinance will limit the amount of trash to 1,000 pounds per month with a few exceptions.

"The average load is about 400 pounds," Hooper said.

He said the ordinance isn't fool-proof, but the city needs to deter people from bringing loads for

which they don't pay.

In other business:

The commission also approved on first reading a resolution to give a \$150,000 grant as proposed by the Pampa Economic Development Corporation to fund emergency medical services equipment for an EMS training program at Clarendon College's Pampa campus.

Clay Rice, executive director of the PEDC, said the equipment

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CENTER STAGE



photo courtesy of Della Moyer

The cast of "Our Town" shares the stage during the show's second act at the M.K. Brown Auditorium earlier this week. The show ran on Monday and Tuesday evening.

Veterans Day dinner at VFW on Thursday

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The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars are inviting all local veterans and their families to share a special meal with them this Veterans Day.

The VFW will be holding its 2010 Veterans Day Dinner from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. this Thursday at the VFW Hall. The dinner is a long-standing tradition for the group, said VFW Post Commander Danny Martin.

"We've been doing this a long time," said Martin, who is also the VFW's district commander for the area. "I'd say at least six years."

Martin and the VFW have been busy organizing the dinner for the past week. Martin said that due to continuing high turnout numbers — the VFW fed 250 people at last year's dinner —

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Pampa VFW Veterans Day Dinner
 When: Thursday, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 Where: VFW Post 1657 Hall, 105 S. Cuyler
 What: Thanksgiving meal to honor all veterans

OMI earns state award for water safety program

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The company that runs Pampa's water treatment plant has made the city proud.

OMI, who contracts with the City of Pampa to operate the city's water system, has been recognized by the state for its program.

"We're really proud of them," Donny Hooper, public works director for the city, said today.

In order to be recognized, he said the water plant had to meet very strict guidelines over the last six months.

There are only about 60 plants

out of the thousands in the State of Texas that have received this recognition, he said.

Hooper credited Rebecca Middlebrook, plant operator, and Gary Turley, project manager, for the successful program.

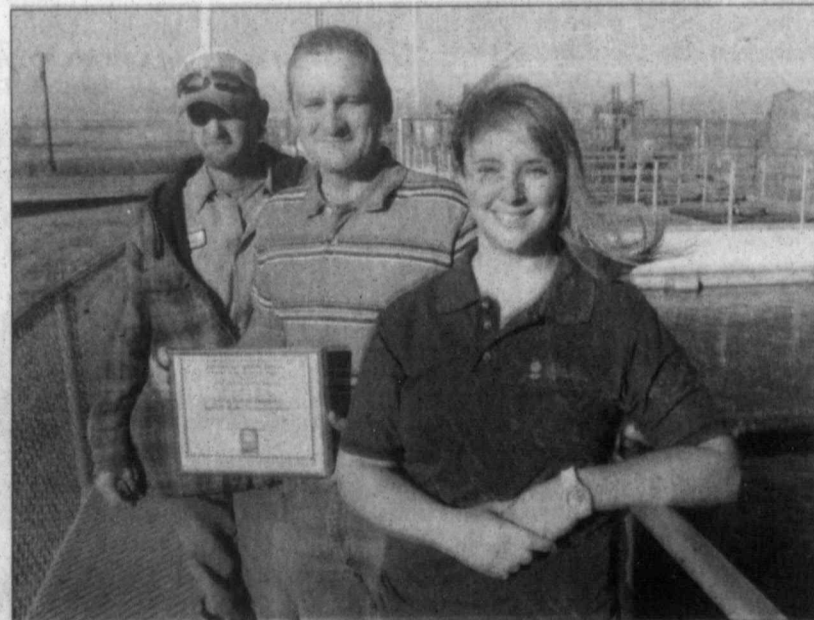
"Their goal was to reduce the risk of waterborne disease," Hooper said.

He said that Pampa's water plant design is unique.

"Our plant can handle low turbidity water that most plants can't," Hooper said.

The Texas Optimization Program (TOP), he said, is a voluntary, nonregulatory program

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staff photo by David Bowser

Brian Bridwell (from left), Gary Turley and Rebecca Middlebrook display the Surface Water Treatment award they received for their work at the Pampa Water Treatment Facility west of town.

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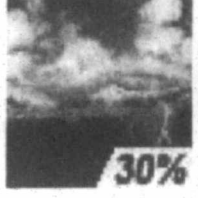

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For the record

Obituaries

PAMPA FORECAST

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		
30%	30%	
High 65 Low 39	High 55 Low 29	High 54 Low 30

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 36. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Veterans Day: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly sunny, with a high near 65. Wind chill values between 28 and 38 early. South southeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: A chance of rain and thunderstorms, then rain likely after midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 39. Wind chill values between 32 and 37. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Friday: A 30 percent chance of rain, mainly before noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 55. South wind 15 to 20 mph becoming north northwest. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 29. Northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 54. West northwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30. East southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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designed to dramatically improve the performance of existing surface water treatment plants without major capital improvements.

"The underlying mission of the TOP is to protect the public health of Texas' citizens," Hooper said.

The management team at the Pampa water treatment facility set out to meet the programs requirements six months ago and succeeded. The goals cover six month time periods.

"Now it starts all over again," Middlebrook said today.

City

includes a simulated patient on which EMS students can train with.

The commission also voted to deny Southwestern Public Service Company's proposed tariff sheets for certain interruption-service tariffs.

City Manager Richard Morris said that would allow Southwestern Public Service to appeal their case to the Texas Public Utilities Commission.

The commission also approved a resolution for the city to participate in the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission's regional hazard mitigation plan update.

Morris told commissioners there's no money involved, but there is a lot of paperwork involving the types of equipment or assistance a community might be able to give in an emergency or disaster.

Commissioners approved an agreement with CH2MHill OMI to extend their 10-year contract for operation, maintenance and management of the city's water and wastewater plants.

Hooper said CH2MHill's also operates the city well field and the prison water

system and the effluent system that goes out to the golf course.

The OMI team in Pampa was earlier at the city commission meeting recognized with the Texas Optimization Program Award.

The three-year extension, according to Hooper, will save the city \$25,152.

"I feel they've done a great job for us," Hooper said.

Commissioners approved on second and final reading ordinances that would grant a cell tower at Harvester Field and change zoning at 905 S. Nelson from Commercial to Single Family 3.

The commission also heard the Pampa Economic Development Corporation's annual report.

PEDC President Gary Sutherland told the commission his organization has about \$2.5 million in total assets and virtually no liabilities.

"Of that \$2.5 million in assets," Sutherland said, "we have about \$2.4 million that's either in the checking account or in certificates of deposit."

He said the PEDC has about \$700,000 in commitments, including the Claren-

Maxine Joyce Freeman, 85

YUKON, OKLA.—Maxine Joyce Freeman, 85, died November 7, 2010, in Yukon, Okla.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, November 11, 2010, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, in Pampa, Texas, with John Curry, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Freeman was born May 31, 1925, in Amarillo, the daughter of Joe D. Deason and Beulah Jenness Merchant Deason. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Pampa, where she also sang in the choir. She served as president of the Ladies Golf Association in Pampa as well as the Amarillo Garden Club. She was also a National Horticulture judge.

Survivors include her son, Richard Dorman and wife Jenny of Yukon, Okla.; daughter, Janet Dorman of Carrollton; sister, Jacqueline Merchant Roberts and husband Cecil of Houston; grandchildren, Rebecca Phillips of Oklahoma City, and Richie Dorman and wife Dawn of Las Vegas, Nevada; great-grandchildren, Ashlie and Megan Dorman of Las Vegas; several nieces and nephews. Maxine was preceded in death by her parents, and her loving husband, Russell Carlton Freeman.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Freeman

Rayford Daniel Goodnight, 94

Rayford Daniel Goodnight of Weatherford, passed from this earthly place into his heavenly home Monday, November 8, 2010. He was born August 31, 1916, in Quanah, to William Oren Goodnight and Eliza Maria Billings Goodnight. He is preceded in death by his parents and his wife of 72 years, Beatrice Goodnight, one brother, Frank Goodnight, and two sisters, Lena Louise Goodnight and Lorene Schoolcraft. He is survived by two children and their spouses, James and Rochelle Goodnight and Nancy and Meredith Hard; four grandchildren, Julie Goodnight, Dr. Steve Hard and his wife Barbara, William Goodnight and his wife Rhonda, Brian Goodnight and his wife Wendy; seven great-grandchildren; one sister, Dorothy Jameson; several nieces and nephews.

He and his wife Bea lived in McKinney before moving to Weatherford. Before that they lived almost thirty years in "the hill country" where he owned and operated The Hobby Shop, a master framer studio. Ray spent a number of years selling oil field equipment before retiring and moving to the Hill Country. Ray was a Texas Aggie and member of the Masonic Lodge. He had served in numerous capacities in the Methodist Church such as Sunday School Superintendent. He is known for his dry sense of humor and love of dominoes. Most of all he loved his family and his friends.

Memorial service is planned for Saturday, November 13, at 4 p.m. at Weatherford United Methodist Church, 101 S. Main. Visitation will be beforehand at 3 p.m. in the Family Life Center. He requested that memorials be made to United Methodist Church of your choice.

Galbreath Pickard is in charge of arrangements.

Jennifer Erin Hernandez, 29

BUSHLAND—Jennifer Erin Hernandez, 29, died November 9, 2010, in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, November 12, 2010, at First Presbyterian Church in Pampa, with Rev. Kenny Rigoulot, pastor, officiating.

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



Hernandez

Mrs. Hernandez was born March 14, 1981, in Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1999 and then graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State University School of Pharmacy with a Doctor of Pharmacy in 2006. After graduating, she worked for Walgreens Pharmacy for three years, and then worked for CVS/Caremark for one year. Jennifer married Elijo Hernandez on June 30, 2007, in Pampa. They made their home in Bushland.

Jennifer was a loving daughter, wife, sister and granddaughter who greatly enjoyed family. Her priority was to always care for her family and those around her. As a pharmacist, she enjoyed caring for her patients and getting to know them on a personal level. She enjoyed helping those in the community whenever there was a need. She loved being around children, family and friends. Jennifer was a devoted Christian whose faith carried her all her life. She was a longtime member of First Presbyterian Church in Pampa.

The family wishes to thank the many doctors and nurses, including Dr. Powell, the MD Anderson Cancer Center staff, Bob Lindsey and Odyssey Hospice staff, and Rev. Kenny Rigoulot for the loving care she received.

Survivors include her husband, Elijo Hernandez of the home; her parents, Cindy and Tony Frogge of Pampa; two brothers, Ryan Frogge of Pampa and Ben Frogge and wife Amanda of San Angelo; paternal grandmother, Carolyn Frogge of Pampa; maternal grandparents, Tom and Helen Burns of Pampa; aunts and uncles, Joan and Rob Forsyth, Doug and Lori Burns, and Marlin and Tina Burns; five nieces, one nephews, her many cousins and her beloved dog, Bear. Jennifer was preceded in death by her grandfather, Buell Frogge; and her great-grandparents, Peggy and Garland Burns.

Memorials may be made to Pampa Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, TX 79066-0939, the High Plains Food Bank, 815 Ross Street, Amarillo, TX 79102, Book of Remembrance at First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, Pampa, TX 79065, Odyssey Hospice, 69001-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, TX 79106, or a local charity of your choice.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Darrell E. Whatley, 51

GROOM—Darrell E. Whatley, 51, died November 9, 2010, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, November 11, 2010, at First Baptist Church in Groom, with Kevin Howell, and Jonathan Land, pastor of First Baptist Church of Groom, officiating.

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

Mr. Whatley was born June 10, 1959, in Groom. He attended Groom schools, graduating from Groom High School in 1977. From 1980-1984, he worked for Circle B Meat of Groom and also worked for Arthur Brothers Construction from 1980-1987. Darrell worked for Celanese Chemical Company from 1987-2009, and was currently employed by B & W Pantex of Amarillo. He was a member of the Carson County Livestock Show Board for 15 years, and the Celanese Fire Crew for 15 years. He was a member of the Celanese Employees Club. Darrell received a 20-year service award from Celanese, as well as being named the lead man in the unit for overtime for 15 consecutive years. He received the Adult Leader of the Year from the Carson County 4H, the Friend of 4H Award in 2007, and received the Star Chapter Farmer Degree with FFA. He was a lifelong farmer and rancher. He enjoyed spending time with his family, and especially with his grandson, Gage. He and Charlotte enjoyed many trips to Branson, Mo.

Survivors include his wife, Charlotte Whatley of the home; a son, C. J. Whatley and wife Kamy of Groom; one daughter, Dara Whatley and fiancé Derek Kidd of Amarillo; daughter by choice, Kelly Wheeler of Chickasha, Okla.; his grandson, Gage Whatley of Groom; his parents, Curtis and Margret Whatley of Groom; three sisters, Debbie Tigg and husband Ron, Sheila Whatley and companion Carole King, all of Amarillo, and Sharlene Lewis and husband Howell of Groom; four nephews, Darin Wheeler of Oklahoma, Michael Lewis of Trinidad, Colo., Jeremy Lewis of Ft. Worth, and Cameron Tigg of Missouri; one niece, Atisha Kuhn of Amarillo; numerous aunts and uncles.

Memorials may be made to Darrell E. Whatley Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o any Happy State Bank, or Groom EMS, P.O. Box 217, Groom, TX 79039.

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Whatley



Sutherland

don College EMS grant. Most of the rest of the committed funds consist of \$525,000 to Hampton Village.

Sutherland said the funds for Hampton Village is an old commitment.

"We agreed to load them \$525,000 when they were 80 percent complete," Sutherland said. "They have not asked for that yet. They are making lots and lots of progress."

He said there are two other potential projects being discussed that could take another \$600,000.

Sutherland reported that the PEDC's total income for the past fiscal year was \$1,100,000. They funded \$694,000 in projects during the past fiscal year. Operating expenses, he said, were \$268,000.

"We have funded in the four and a half years that we've been drawing the sales tax income," Sutherland said, "we have funded about \$1,900,000 in total projects."

Commissioner Bill Allison wanted to know why nothing appeared to have been done on a voluntary program to help clean up the city that had been discussed with the city commission a year ago.

"We had a discussion and we had a proposal and found out that we couldn't do what the city was asking us to do," Sutherland said. "We've talked about trying to get back together and do something and we haven't gotten there."

The city was asking the PEDC to fund a volunteer community clean-up program, but the PEDC's attorney said the PEDC couldn't fund that type of program, Sutherland said.

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AFTERNOON RUSH Regents meet today about Longhorn Network

Perry's view not changed

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Gov. Rick Perry says his perspective hasn't changed after state lawmakers filed Arizona-style bills intended to crack down on illegal immigration.

Perry on Tuesday reiterated his support of Arizona seeking to require police to sometimes question people about their immigration status, but said the law as written isn't right for Texas.

Republican lawmakers filed several hardline immigration bills Monday, the first day for proposing legislation to be considered in the upcoming session.

Perry said he wouldn't "take the bait" and declare that he would veto certain legislation. Fresh off winning a third full term, Perry said "we'll go through the process" when the Legislature convenes in January.

Perry was in San Antonio promoting his new book, "Fed Up!"

Palin to appear in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) - Sarah Palin is heading for Texas.

The 2008 GOP vice presidential nominee and ex-Alaska governor had an appearance scheduled Wednesday night in Dallas at an event to benefit Heroic Media.

The faith-based nonprofit group, according to its website, seeks to reduce abortion and connect women in crisis with life-affirming resource centers.

GOP Gov. Rick Perry, who won re-election Nov. 2 and is on a tour promoting his new book, also was scheduled to attend Wednesday night's event. Perry's book is called: "Fed Up!: Our Fight to Save America from Washington."

Perry calls special election

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - Gov. Rick Perry has set a special election for Dec. 14 to fill the House seat left vacant by the death of Rep. Edmund Kuempel.

Perry's office announced the decision Tuesday.

Candidates have until close of business Monday to file applications with the secretary of state.

The district, which includes Gonzales, Guadalupe and Wilson counties, was represented by Kuempel until his death last week. Kuempel, who was 67, had a heart attack.

The early voting period begins Nov. 29 and ends Dec. 10.

Sun to power treatment plant

LOMETA, Texas (AP) - A wastewater treatment plant in Lampasas County is being run by the sun.

Dedication ceremonies were held Tuesday in Lometa for a 100-kilowatt solar array. The system is expected to provide or offset up to 100 percent of the electricity needed to run the facility, which is owned by the Lower Colorado River Authority.

A nearly \$489,000 grant from the Texas Department of Rural Affairs contributed to the project. The department says the unit in Lometa is the first in Texas to have its wastewater treatment plant powered by the sun.

The department says electricity costs at the plant are expected to be reduced an estimated \$13,000 annually.

Lometa, with a population of nearly 900, is located 80 miles northwest of Austin.

Polygamist sentenced to 6 years

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) - A jury has sentenced a member of a polygamous West Texas group to six years in prison after finding him guilty of sexual abuse of a child.

Keith William Dutson Jr. could have been sentenced to up to 20 years in prison Tuesday. A Tom Green County jury returned its guilty verdict Tuesday in San Angelo against the 25-year-old member of the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

The FLDS sanctions polygamous unions, which are not official civil marriages. The San Angelo Standard-Times reports Dutson would have been 20 at the time of the October 2005 ceremony. The girl would have been 15.

2 years for detention ctr. guard

GEORGETOWN, Texas (AP) - A judge has sentenced a former guard at a federal immigrant detention center in Central Texas to a year in jail and two years of probation after he admitted to groping female detainees at the camp.

Donald Charles Dunn received the sentence in a state district court in Georgetown under a plea deal with Williamson County prosecutors.

Deputies had arrested the 30-year-old former guard on three counts of official oppression and two counts of unlawful restraint in August. The one-year sentence for each count will be served concurrently and is the maximum provided by law.

Dunn confessed to fondling women during unscheduled stops while Dunn was driving them from the T. Don Hutto Residential Center in Taylor to Austin-Bergstrom International Airport for deportation.

A spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office says a federal investigation of Dunn's actions continues.

White House altered report?

WASHINGTON (AP) - An inspector general says the White House edited a report about the administration's moratorium on offshore oil drilling to make it appear that scientists and experts supported the idea of a six-month ban on new drilling.

The Interior Department's inspector general says the changes resulted "in the implication that the moratorium recommendation had been peer reviewed." But it hadn't been.

Still, the report said the administration did not violate federal rules because it had offered a formal apology and already publicly clarified the nature of the expert review.

The Web site Politico was first to report the inspector general's findings. The Associated Press on Wednesday obtained a copy of the report, which has not been publicly released.

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - University of Texas regents are scheduled to meet Wednesday with the school president about plans to create a special Longhorn Network for sports programming.

President William Powers Jr. is expected to meet with regents behind closed doors Wednesday morning in Austin to discuss details, with a shorter, public meeting scheduled for early afternoon.

ESPN has confirmed it is in talks with Texas to distribute the network, but ESPN and school officials have declined to discuss how much it would be worth.

Fox reportedly also has been interested in developing the Longhorn Network. A Fox spokesman did not immediately respond to an e-mail message seeking comment.

"We're continuing to talk, and we're working on a deal but do not have it yet," Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds said when asked about network partners.

Texas has been considering launching its own network for several years, and it was one of the reasons the school chose to stay in the Big 12 rather than accept an offer to join the Pac-10, which wanted to control broadcast rights.

According to the regents' agenda, Powers will outline a recommendation for creating a network that "will have a national focus and the potential to attract millions" of subscribers.

"We have a national brand with the Longhorn, and we feel it's something we can do," Dodds said Tuesday.

Texas is expected to model its network after the Big Ten Network, a 3-year-old venture that is reportedly delivering about \$70 million a year to the conference. The Longhorn Network would be Texas-specific programming, although Texas football and basketball rights are now part of the deals the Big 12 conference has with

ESPN/ABC and Fox.

Dodds said the school began considering a Texas network a few years ago when the Big 12 members starting talking about a

league network.

"We felt a Texas network would work better than people seeing a 12th of Texas on a conference network," Dodds said.

"We've had a goal for several years to have our own network and our own channel with just university of Texas content. That's what this is about."

If You Build It...



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In 2005, the American Film Institute debuted its 100 Series, part of which heralded the Top 100 quotations from American cinema. "If you build it, he will come," from the 1989 film "Field of Dreams," made the cut.

Most of us know the quote as, "If you build it, they will come." But in both the film and the novel it is based on, W.P. Kinsella's "Shoeless Joe," it is "he" and not "they" who will be coming. And its altered form suits human nature just fine, particularly human dog owner nature.

If you love them, they will obey.

If you feed them, they will listen.

If you bring them into your home, they will do whatever it is you ask of them, even if you ask them in a language they don't understand.

These are statements of blind faith. Dedicated dog lovers seemingly extend this benefit of the doubt to any and every dog, making the collective "they" more reflective of our faith in the species than the singular "he."

Either way, it's just not true.

Frustrated dog owners lament, "He wants to do what he wants to do!"

Well, yeah.

Good-hearted people truly believe that if you love a dog and feed a dog and offer a dog a comfy place next to you in the "big person" bed, the dog will crumble, will cave in regard to his own instincts, will knock it off with the chewing and the digging and the fence jumping and the puddles.

But alas, a dog is a dog — and thank goodness for that! Understanding your dog's inherent dogness, knowing that

his view of the world from two or three feet off the ground is much different from ours, is, to quote another from AFI's Top 100, "the beginning of a beautiful friendship."

Humphrey Bogart, who famously delivered the line above in the final scene of "Casablanca," knew a little something about the benefits of dog training. In the 1941 film "High Sierra," Bogie's character's dog, "Pard," is played by Bogie's real-life dog, Zero. Who among us could call on our dogs to perform on command amid the chaos of a film set?

The answer: Sylvester Stallone. "Butkus," Rocky Balboa's dog in the 1976 Oscar-winning "Rocky," was played by Stallone's real-life Butkus. You might question the name, but you can't question the dedication to training.

And it's all about training. When a dog develops a problem behavior, the owner has three choices: do nothing, get rid of the dog, or get rid of the problem.

By my lights, the latter is the only way to go — except in cases of dogs who are vicious or bite children and family members.

To get rid of the problem, one must:

- Accept responsibility.
- Stop blaming the dog for his inability to read the mind of a human.
- Invest in appropriate training.

To those willing to make the effort, whether solo or under the guidance of a professional dog trainer, I say, "Bravo!" But when confronted with unrelenting denial and a litany of excuses to duck the responsibility of training, I am reminded of the quote that topped the AFI's Top 100: "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn."

Woof!

Dog trainer Matthew "Uncle Matty" Margolis is co-author of 18 books about dogs, a behaviorist, a popular radio and television guest, and host of the PBS series "WOOF! It's a Dog's Life!"

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Ortiz has refused to concede the House seat he has held since it was created in 1982.

Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 10, the 314th day of 2010. There are 51 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 10, 1775, the U.S. Marines were organized under authority of the Continental Congress.

On this date:

In 1871, journalist-explorer Henry M. Stanley found Scottish missionary David Livingstone, who had not been heard from for years, near Lake Tanganyika in central Africa.

In 1917, 41 suffragists were arrested for picketing in front of the White House.

In 1919, the American Legion opened its first national convention, in Minneapolis.

In 1928, Japanese Emperor Hirohito was formally enthroned, almost two years after his ascension.

In 1938, Kate Smith first sang Irving Berlin's "God Bless America" on her CBS radio program. Turkish statesman Mustafa Kemal Atatürk died in Istanbul at age 57.

In 1954, the U.S. Marine Corps Memorial, depicting the raising of the American flag on Iwo Jima in 1945, was dedicated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in Arlington, Va.

In 1969, the children's educational program "Sesame Street" made its debut on National Educational Television (later PBS).

In 1975, the ore-hauling ship SS Edmund Fitzgerald and its crew of 29 mysteriously sank during a storm in Lake Superior with the loss of all on board.

In 1982, Soviet leader Leonid I. Brezhnev died at age 75.

Ten years ago: The battle over Florida's disputed presidential election continued, with George W. Bush's camp pressing Al Gore to concede without pursuing multiple recounts, and Democrats pressing ahead with protests, determined to find enough votes to erase Bush's razor-thin lead in initial counting.

Five years ago: A suicide bomber killed some three dozen people at a Baghdad restaurant frequented by police. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, a former finance minister of Liberia, claimed victory in the country's presidential election.

One year ago: John Allen Muhammad, mastermind of the 2002 sniper attacks that killed 10 in the Washington, D.C. region, was executed. President Barack Obama visited Fort Hood, Texas, where he somberly saluted the 13 Americans killed in a shooting rampage, and pledged that the killer would be "met with justice - in this world, and the next."

Today's Birthdays: Actor Russell Johnson is 86. Film composer Ennio Morricone is 82. Blues singer Bobby Rush is 76. Actor Albert Hall is 73. American Indian activist Russell Means is 71. Country singer Donna Fargo is 69. Lyricist Tim Rice is 66. Rock singer-musician Greg Lake (Emerson, Lake and Palmer) is 63. Actress-dancer Ann Reinking is 61. Actor Jack Scalia is 60. Movie director Roland Emmerich is 55. Actor Matt Craven is 54. Author Actress Vanessa Angel is 47. Actor-comedian Tommy Davidson is 47. Actor Michael Jai White is 46. Country singer Chris Cagle is 42. Actor-comedian Tracy Morgan is 42. Actress Ellen Pompeo ("Grey's Anatomy") is 41. Rapper-producer Warren G is 40. Comedian-actor Chris Lilley is 36. Rapper Eve is 32. Rock musician Chris Joannou (Silverchair) is 31. Actor Bryan Neal is 30. Actress Heather Matarazzo is 28. Country singer Miranda Lambert is 27. Actor Josh Peck is 24.

Thought for Today: "It is a stupidity second to none, to busy oneself with the correction of the world." - Moliere, French dramatist (1622-1673)



Attention Congress: Fix the potholes

It's an odd Americanism to elect someone to be in government who freely admits they don't like government. As if reluctance translates into competence. "Oh he'll be a great husband, especially since he doesn't believe in marriage." For some reason, we buy the premise of politicians begging to be a part of the thing they are, in theory - against.

Son of an incumbent seven-term Texas Congressman, Kentucky's Rand Paul, in his first public statement as a government-employee-elect, said, "We've come to take our government back." And he's going to do that by cashing a government paycheck...reluctantly.

A politician who is against government is like an actor who is against entertainment. It's ridiculous. Because we hate politicians so much, the only way we can stand inking a bubble next to their name is to pretend they really don't want to do their job.

But do Americans actually know what the government is - or what the government actually does? Failed Nevada Senate candidate Sharron Angle told a crowd during her campaign, "Government isn't what our Founding Fathers put into the Constitution." Yes, the framing document of the U.S. Government has no "government" in it. At CPAC this year, Fox News Host Glenn Beck told his government-leery audience he learned progressivism is evil by educating himself at public libraries because "books are free." Yes, Glenn, they are "free" because the government

funds public libraries with some-

thing your federal and local governments build and maintain. Yes, that's the government messing up your car's alignment. And along with bridges, dams, drinking water, energy, waterways, levees, public parks, rails, schools and sewage - it's all in desperate need of repair. The American Society of Civil Engineers gave our infrastructure an average of a "D." They also reported it would take \$2.2 trillion over five years to bring that grade up to a "B." The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (AKA The Stimulus) allotted \$105.3 billion to infrastructure projects. So we're the richest country in the world yet we're spending only 5 percent of what we need in order for our citizens not to die from bridges collapsing and levees buckling.

This is the most basic thing the government can do: fix the potholes. Fix America. Business can't work if we don't have roads. Left, Right or Independent - we are all dependent on a functional sewage system and an electrical grid.

In light of this, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell said his party's top priority - top meaning above all else, is to make Obama a one-term president. So after the Bush Lost Decade of job growth and wages, a current 9.6 percent unemployment and other countries (e.g., Kazakhstan) outperforming us in basic literacy - the Republicans once again opt for myopia. Instead of enabling the country on its most fundamental level to work - the Republican plan is to throw a monkey wrench in their opponent's presidency. Their eye is on one prize: a one-term president.

This is like firemen refusing to come to your house to put out a fire because they want the Captain to lose his job.

Here's a message from the people "on the ground:" Knock it off - and fix the potholes.



TINA DUPUY

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Scarcity of peyote plant means hard times for dealers

RIO GRANDE CITY, Texas (AP) — When the state of Texas licensed him as a peyote distributor in 1990, Mauro Morales put a sign in his front yard with his name and phone number: "Peyote Dealer. Buy or Sell Peyote."

His neighbors balked, saying calling so much attention to his trade had to be against the law. "So I called Austin and said, 'I think everything's legal. I've got the paperwork. Can't I put up a sign?'" Morales recalled.

Twenty years later, the sign still stands, but it's harder than ever for Morales to make a living. The hallucinogenic cactus is becoming more difficult to find because many ranchers have stopped allowing peyote harvesters on their land, preferring to plow the grayish-green plant under so cattle can graze. Others now lease their property to deer hunters or oil and gas companies.

The result is over-harvesting of remaining stocks, making peyote even more scarce. "Things are kind of getting slower every year," said Morales, who is one of just three Americans currently licensed to sell peyote, which grows wild in four Texas counties along the border with Mexico.

Peyote is illegal under federal law, except for use in some American Indian religious ceremonies. Since the mid-1970s, the state has licensed a small number of people to sell it to members of the Native American Church.

California voters recently rejected a proposal to legalize marijuana for recreational use, and a drug war threatens to tear Mexico apart. But Morales says his business is simple and honest.

"I try to stay out of problems," he said. "I've been doing it too long."

Morales, 67, has seven employees who search for peyote plants to harvest their "buttons," small round growths that contain the mind-altering juice mescaline, which produces a dreamlike delirium for up to 12 hours.

Users generally chew on the buttons, smoke them or boil them in water to make a drug-infused tea. The number of buttons it takes to feel psychedelic effects varies greatly by person and the potency of individual plants.

Morales' crews now bring in about 3,000 buttons per day, but even four years ago, it was 10,000. He began harvesting peyote at 14, when American Indian elders taught him to cut the buttons without harming the roots. Back then, each button could be sold to distributors for a nickel, but had to be at least as large as a half dollar.

Now Morales pays his harvesters 15 cents per button, no matter the size. "There are no more half dollar-sizes around," he said.

New peyote plants look a bit like oversized green molar. Even fully grown plants rarely get larger than an orange.

Known as "Peyoterios," the peyote distributors use information provided by families in the area to hunt the cactus down, and they know all roads and trails by heart.

Prime spots are usually hillsides that are a bit rocky and have no sand in the soil. The intense heat means harvesters can often search only until early afternoon and must contend with the occasional rattlesnake.

Texas Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Tela Mange said peyote distributors sold more than 1.5 million buttons worth approximately \$483,000 last year, up from nearly 1.48 million buttons with a value of \$471,000 in

2008. But that's down sharply from the mid-1990s, when distributors sold more than 2.3 million buttons, according to Morales and another licensed peyote dealer, Salvador Johnson.

Mange said the number of licensed distributors in Texas has declined as the job has gotten harder. Experts have noticed the same changes.

"The cactus grows slowly, and the peyoterios are forced to go back too early and harvest re-growth buttons," said Martin Terry, a biology professor at Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas. He co-founded the Cactus Conservation Institute to safeguard several species, including peyote.

Harvesters once routinely uncovered 100- to 150-year-old plants but now usually settle for cacti that are less than five years old, said Johnson, who deals peyote in Mirando City, about 90 miles north of Rio Grande City, otherwise known for its thriving mesquite tree population.

Teodosio Herrera is spiritual leader of the 30-member Rio Grande Native American Church and calls peyote "the medicine," a moniker used by everyone who deals legally in the cactus. He said the problem of cutting away buttons too early is exacerbated by poachers who harvest peyote incorrectly, harming the roots so the plants cannot regenerate.

"If we don't do something to ensure survivability, it may not be around for my great-grandchildren," said Herrera, 62.

Commercial quantities of peyote grow nowhere in the U.S. outside Texas. Besides Morales and Johnson, the only other licensed peyote dealer is Morales' nephew, also in Rio Grande City. Ninety percent of peyote grows in Mexico, but it is generally not valuable enough to smuggle to the U.S. — Morales sells 100 buttons for \$35.

He said there used to be poachers who hunted down their own peyote and sold it illegally on the roadside, but their ranks have also diminished along with the supply.

Morales has 300 to 500 clients per year. Buyers must be members of the Native American Church and at least one-quarter American Indian. They have to fill out paperwork providing tribal information.

The church traces its roots to the 1880s, around the time of the Wounded Knee massacre, when a new religion known as the "ghost dance" sprung up among American Indians. The church now has branches in more than 20 states and as many as 500,000 worshippers by some estimates.

Herrera, who has church members spread across South Texas, performs seven ceremonial gatherings a year with peyote. He leads more for special occasions such as weddings and funerals.

"In the '60s especially, hippies were experimenting with it," Herrera said. "To us, it's always been a spiritual medicine."

Slight and balding, Morales is extremely hard-of-hearing but chatty — switching seamlessly between English and Spanish. He shares his home with his wife and a Chihuahua that sleeps in a rusty bird cage.

Many of Morales' customers visit him to buy fresh peyote, which he breaks down with a tomato slicer and parcels out in gunny sacks. He will also mail dry buttons

all over the U.S.

Many buyers stay on his property to use the peyote. In his backyard, where chickens totter about and mosquitoes feast on any exposed skin, Morales has a brick altar surrounded by a garden of peyote.

In an adjacent shed, he has wooden bins, each holding 1,000 peyote buttons in various states of aging. He generally keeps 20,000 total in stock.

Fresh peyote is fairly smooth. Older buttons become gnarled and even sprout exterior seedlings similar to the eyes on potatoes. Inside, the cactus is yellow and starts out looking moist but dries out over time. After about a month, the button becomes soft and full of bruises.

For years, Morales refrained from using peyote because doing so was against the law for him. But now he acknowledges sometimes taking it with his morning coffee.

He credits it with helping ease his heart disease. Once a day, he steps to his altar and crosses himself, offering a small prayer of thanks.

"It gets in your head after a while and feels pretty good," he said. "The plants were made by the creator. I think about that a lot."

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend is pressuring me to take his camera cell phone with me into the girls' locker room and take pictures of the other girls with little or nothing on. He says it has always been a "fantasy" of his, and that if I really love him I'll help him fulfill his fantasy.

He promises to keep the pictures secret and says that what the other girls don't know won't hurt them. He offered to do the same for me and take pictures in the boys' locker room, but I'm not interested. I know it would be wrong to do it, and I wouldn't want someone secretly taking pictures of me.

He hinted that if I refuse he will look for another girl who will. I'm scared of losing him because I'm not much to look at, and he's the only boy who has ever shown any interest in me. I know you're not going to tell me to go ahead and do this, so I'm not sure why I'm writing, but I would appreciate any advice you can give me. — DON'T WANT TO LOSE HIM IN THE U.S.A.

DEAR DON'T WANT TO LOSE HIM: I'm glad you wrote. If you do what this boy is pushing you to do, you could be thrown out of school. He will not be able to resist the urge to show the pictures to his friends -- and possibly put them on the Internet. It would be a huge invasion of privacy and a breach of trust, and regardless of what he says, it will NOT bring you closer together.

If he truly cared about you, he would never ask you to do something that could get you into serious trouble. You could be accused of creating and distributing pornographic material, and there could be legal liability. The penalty you would pay isn't worth the "interest" he's showing in you. Run!

DEAR ABBY: Two friends and I recently went on a trip together. While on the trip, one of them told me she knows how old I

am because she looked it up online. My reply was that a friend would ask me for that kind of information, and if I didn't want to reveal my age she would respect my wishes.

Abby, I wonder about her reason for letting me know she was looking up information about me on the Internet. Am I wrong to be upset over it? Her response was that "everyone" does it, and because I was offended she will no longer speak to me. Did I overreact? — AGELESS TEXAN

DEAR AGELESS TEXAN: (Or should I say "formerly" ageless?) If the subject of your age came up during the trip and you expressed reluctance to reveal yours, then what the woman did was one-up you. That she would then imply that you were "wrong" to feel invaded and to no longer speak to you is her attempt to blame you for your very normal reaction.

That said, along with the "blessing" of the Internet has come the sobering reality that there are enormous amounts of information about all of us on it (some true, some not), and that anyone who is curious or nosy can mine it to his or her heart's content -- which is what happened to you. And no, you did not overreact.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have had a long-standing disagreement. Her family leaves the price tags on all gifts. This has caused our children to expect that I spend the same amount on them for Christmas and birthdays. I feel they have become materialistic and have lost the meaning behind the gifts. My family never left the price tags on, and I feel that doing so is tacky. What's your opinion? — \$\$\$ IN HAMMOND, ILL.

DEAR \$\$\$: I agree with you. Leaving the price tag on a gift IS tacky.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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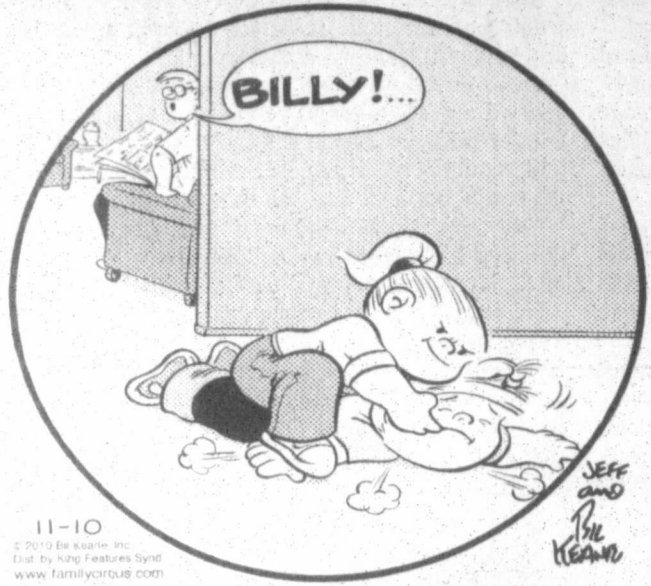
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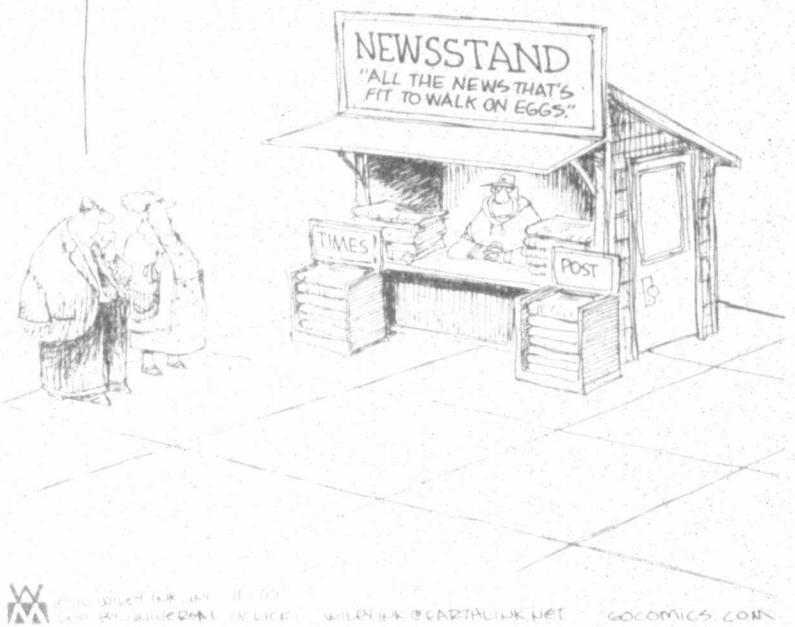
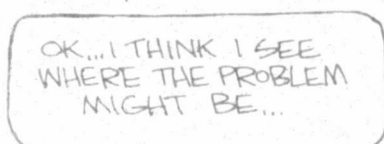


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"...Don't be too rough with Dolly, remember she's just your little sister!"

Non Sequitur



Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010:

This year, you open up to a very different style and way of approaching matters. Keep conversations moving at an even clip, and don't get bogged down in the details. Observe a tendency not to express your depth and feelings. Understand that perhaps this type of withholding impacts your relationships. If you are single, you easily could meet two people of interest simultaneously. One could be more exciting than the other, who will be more stable and secure. Take your time deciding if you want to make any type of commitment (and to whom)! If you are attached, the two of you become more deeply united on goals and key pastimes. Re-create your first date or your first few encounters. Let romance build. **AQUARIUS** can be challenging.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★ Opportunities emerge if you follow your intuition, especially when dealing with others. A sudden insight tosses you into thought. Take your time, as all this could be changing your plans and your perspective. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★ It might take quite a bit of perspective to understand what is going on. You could be overwhelmed by everything that drops on your plate and the unpredictability of others. Learn to flex and wave goodbye to rigidity. Tonight: Take in new vistas.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★ One-on-one relating could bring forth some startling insights that might encourage thinking through a community or professional matter. Be willing to listen more to a close friend or loved one. Tonight: A cozy get-together where there is music.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★ You discover how difficult it can be to juggle many different interests. Expert opinions, as well as news from a distance, could be quite startling. Defer to others who might have a stronger sense of direction. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★ Others seem to be the source of energy and plans. Though you might not feel like you can put your feet up, you certainly don't need to push so hard. Your ability to

synthesize ideas needs to come into play. Tonight: Consider starting your weekend early.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★ Your creativity pinnacles, as does the ability to intrigue others. Use this combo to increase your audience and pull with a key matter. A child or new friend could play a significant role in your day. Let go of being meticulous. Tonight: Head home. Everyone needs some quiet time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★ If you can lie back or work from home, all the better. You will have the energy to flex with some surprising events or news. You have a soft and caring manner that intrigues a loved one. This person cannot get enough of you! Tonight: Get into weekend mode.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★ Keep communication going, even if you have a moment of feeling shocked and without words. This situation will encourage greater ingenuity and creativity. Make calls; encourage opinions. Be open, and respect different ideas. Tonight: Make it early.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★ Curb a need to possess at this moment. You really don't need to live like the Joneses. Opportunity strikes out of the blue. A friendship could take an interesting turn. Tonight: Strut on out the door.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★ Though you might need to negotiate an insight or event, you radiate with happiness and directness. Someone you care a lot about demonstrates that his or her feelings are mutual. Learn to relax a little more. Tonight: Your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★ Take your time dealing with a personal matter, especially as it is interfering with your daily routine. Your instincts could be unusually correct regarding a money matter. Still, curb wild risking! Tonight: You are coming into your own element.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★ Note that at present you are best among groups of people. How you push your agenda and the choices you make might be guided by your entourage more than you realize. A meeting could evolve into a social happening. Tonight: Only as you like it.

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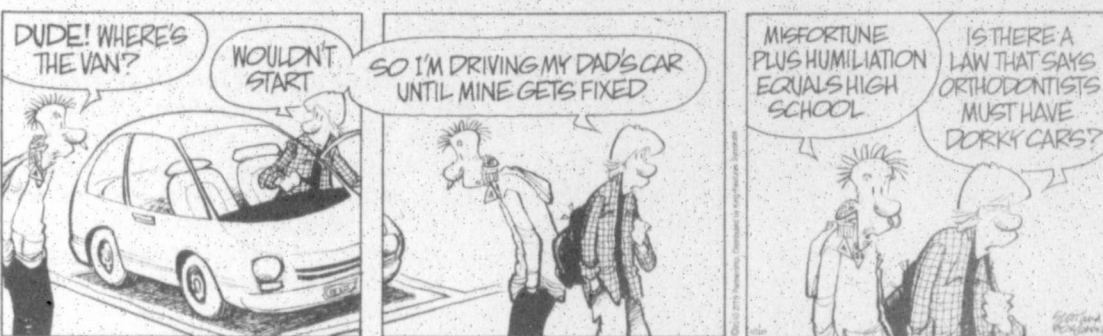
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PHS renovation nearing final stage
The renovation of the Pampa High School building is nearing its final stage. Construction workers are currently finishing up the interior of the building, which is set to be completed by the end of the month. The project has been a major undertaking for the district, and the new facility is expected to provide a more modern learning environment for students.

City, PEDC to team up against trash
The City of Pampa and the Pampa Economic Development Council (PEDC) have announced a new initiative to combat the problem of illegal dumping. The partnership will involve joint patrols and increased enforcement of city ordinances. The goal is to reduce the amount of trash being dumped in public areas and improve the overall appearance of the city.

Debate on name of PJHS mascot favors unity
A heated debate is taking place over the name of the Pampa Junior High School mascot. The school board has received several suggestions, but the most controversial is the use of a Native American name. The debate has been ongoing for several weeks, and the school board is expected to make a decision in the near future.

Perry says he will call special session
Governor Rick Perry has announced that he will call a special session of the Texas Legislature. The session is expected to address a number of key issues, including the state budget and education reform. Perry's announcement has been met with mixed reactions from lawmakers and the public.

Open meetings violation suit filed against PISD
A lawsuit has been filed against the Pampa Independent School District (PISD) for allegedly violating the Texas Open Meetings Act. The lawsuit claims that the school board has held several meetings in secret, which is prohibited by state law. The case is currently pending in court.

Gov breaks collarbone in biking accident
Governor Rick Perry has suffered a serious injury in a biking accident. The governor was riding his bicycle on a public road when he lost control and fell. He sustained a broken collarbone and other injuries. He is currently recovering in a hospital and is expected to be discharged in the coming days.

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Sports

Short handed Pampa dominated by No. 3 Lady 'Dogs

RYAN THURMAN
Special to The Pampa News

The Pampa Lady Harvesters basketball team already had it tough, opening the season with the third-ranked Plainview Lady Bulldogs. Missing five players who were playing in the volleyball regional quarterfinal didn't make things easier as Pampa opened the season with an 89-11 loss to the Lady Bulldogs at Plainview.

Head coach Gene Valentine said it was tough and eye opening.

"(Plainview) is definitely good," Valentine said. "They had all of their players. We did some good stuff. It allowed our younger kids to get an idea of what it's like to play at this level." Plainview head coach Danny Wrenn said this game was tough for his team.

"A game like this is hard for both teams," Wrenn said. "We're not a team who wants to run the score up on anybody, but it gave us a chance to work a lot in half court, and I really thought the kids did a good job staying focused. It's really easy to lose focus in a game like that."

The Lady Dogs opened the game with a 28-0 run before Pampa's Kayla Hughes hit a 15-foot bank shot with less than a minute left in the opening quarter

to put the Lady Harvesters on the scoreboard.

As Wrenn indicated, Plainview's focus did not waiver after building a 26-point advantage.

After going up 28-2 in the first eight minutes, the Lady Dogs matched that offensive production in the second quarter, adding 26 points while shutting out Pampa.

The second half was less of an offensive showcase as most of Plainview's starters saw few minutes after starting the third quarter, but the Lady Dogs' depth showed up, continuing to put points on the board while maintaining the defensive intensity.

The Lady Dogs added 18 points in the third quarter to take a 72-5 lead, and closed out the game with 14 in the fourth.

The Lady Harvesters (0-1) will get their players on the volleyball team back for the Frenship Tournament that starts Thursday in Wolfforth.

Valentine said he will get those players ready.

"We're going to get them reviewed and get them into playing shape," Valentine said. "They are already well conditioned. Basketball shape is different than volleyball. Fortunately they are good athletes."

Pampa News sports reporter Andrew Glover contributed to this report.



photo courtesy of **Richard Porter**, Plainview Daily Herald
Kayla Hughes defends a shot from Plainview's **Sydney Hearn** in the Lady Harvesters opener at Plainview. Pampa lost 89-11 and play in the Frenship Tournament starting with Randall 3 p.m. Thursday.

Stat Summary

Plainview 89, Pampa 11

Pampa 2 0 3 6 — 11

Plainview 28 26 18 14 — 89

Pampa (0-1) FG 3-pt FT R TP

Cook 1-10 1-4 1-2 0 4

Bridwell 1-10 1-4 1-2 0 3

TOTALS 3-33 2-12 3-6 20 11

Plainview (1-0) FG 3-pt FT R TP

Welch 3-6 1-3 0-0 3 7

Ritter 6-10 1-3 3-4 3 16

De La Garza 2-5 0-0 1-1 2 5

B. Ramirez 1-6 0-3 0-0 4 2

Wells 1-3 1-3 0-0 1 3

Gamboa 3-4 1-2 1-2 1 8

Hearn 3-5 0-0 8-10 3 14

A. Ramirez 2-4 1-2 0-0 2 5

Castillo 1-5 1-2 2-2 3 5

Davis 4-6 0-0 4-4 3 12

Richburg 2-5 0-0 2-5 4 6

Alexander 0-1 0-0 1-1 4 1

TOTALS 28-60 6-18 22-29 37 89

Assists: PAM 2 (Morgan, Baker); PLA 19 (De La Garza 4); Turnovers: PAM 39 (Morgan 9); PLA 10 (Davis 3); Blocks: PAM 0; PLA 0; Steals: PAM 3 (Baker, Bridwell, Cook); PLA 26 (De La Garza 6).

Check out Thursday's edition for a preview of Pampa's bi-district game against Lubbock Cooper and other area teams bi-district gridiron previews



photo courtesy of **Butch Noble**
Aaron DeLeon attempts to wrap up Darrouzett's Tommy Mercer Friday in Lefors. DeLeon will be one of several Pirate returning next season and will look to get back to the playoffs after missing this year.

Pirates look forward to next season

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The Pirates season ended with Lefors senior Cody Hess running for a 37-yard touchdown Friday. This week, Lefors isn't preparing for a bi-district game as their season fell a victory short of the playoffs. The Pirates though are looking forward to next year.

Head coach Joey Czubinski said they have higher standards and his returning players will remember this season.

"When they are a junior and senior and remember what happened when they were freshmen and sophomores, they are the experienced ones," Czubinski said. "We're looking forward to next year. We have a hellacious off-season planned. Most schools look at 5-5 and say we did all right, but not Lefors football."

Sophomore quarterback Spencer Nicholson said the reps he got this year will help him next season.

"This is my first year and it definitely changed my aspect on being a quarterback in high school football," Nicholson said. "It's made the upcoming guys more aware of what's going to happen."

After starting the season 4-0, the Pirates lost five straight, getting 45ed in four of them. Czubinski said the blow out losses they suffered was a good learning.

"We rotated as many as 10 different starters on offense this year," Czubinski said. "We never did that before. On defense we did the same thing. We only had two returning starters. What doesn't kill them is definitely make them better."

Senior Cody Hess said though he is not returning, he looks forward to how they will do next season.

"We ended on a good note," Hess said. "I'm looking forward to next year and I will definitely be watching."

2010 Highs and lows for Lefors

Highs

- The Pirates started 4-0 for the third consecutive season
- Lefors finished with their fifth consecutive non-losing season
- The Pirates had enough players for a starting offense and defense giving most of their players quality reps

Lows

- Lefors suffered a five-game losing streak that ended their run as district champions and their playoff streak
- The Pirates were 45ed in four games and before this season were only 45ed twice.
- Lefors allowed more points than they scored.

Sports

No. 10 Lady Harvesters can't silence Lady Dogs' bark

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Pampa Lady Harvesters head volleyball coach Libby Garza was a senior at West Texas A&M when her mom told her that "not everyone wins their last game."

Returning to her former home college floor as coach, those words rang true as the No. 10 Lady Harvesters lost in four sets (18-25, 25-21, 20-25, 23-25) to the Borger Lady Bulldogs in the regional quarterfinal at West Texas A&M Fieldhouse Tuesday.

Garza said they were not prepared mentally and Borger was ready.

"It's something I felt coming in to tonight," Garza said. "We didn't have good practices. The girls weren't there mentally. We couldn't look past Borger and they came ready to play."

Senior Taryn Eubank, who played her final game said they beat themselves.

"We had too many unforced errors," Eubank said. "We just couldn't handle the pressure. We were the better team by far. We already beat them four times but we just didn't pull through this time."

Garza said she was proud of how Eubank played and wished others would step up.

"I couldn't ask any more of Taryn," Garza said. "She did everything she possibly could to keep her team in that game. These younger girls will get it."

The Lady Harvesters got on the board first with kills from juniors Delaney Clendening and Kailyn Troxell. The Lady Bulldogs took control with a 6-1 run and never let Pampa take the lead the rest of the first set. The Lady Harvesters got within one a couple times but Borger pulled away with another 6-1 run to lead 16-9. Pampa cut the lead to three but that's as close as they would get.

The Lady Bulldogs started the second set strong with a 6-2 run. Pampa fought back and with junior Kirsten Kuhn serving, the Lady Harvesters took an 8-7 lead. The Lady Harvesters led by as much as four but Borger would go on another surge. With Pampa leading 15-11, the Lady Bulldogs went on a 9-5 run and tied the game at 20. Pampa finished the set strong with a 5-1 run and evened the match.

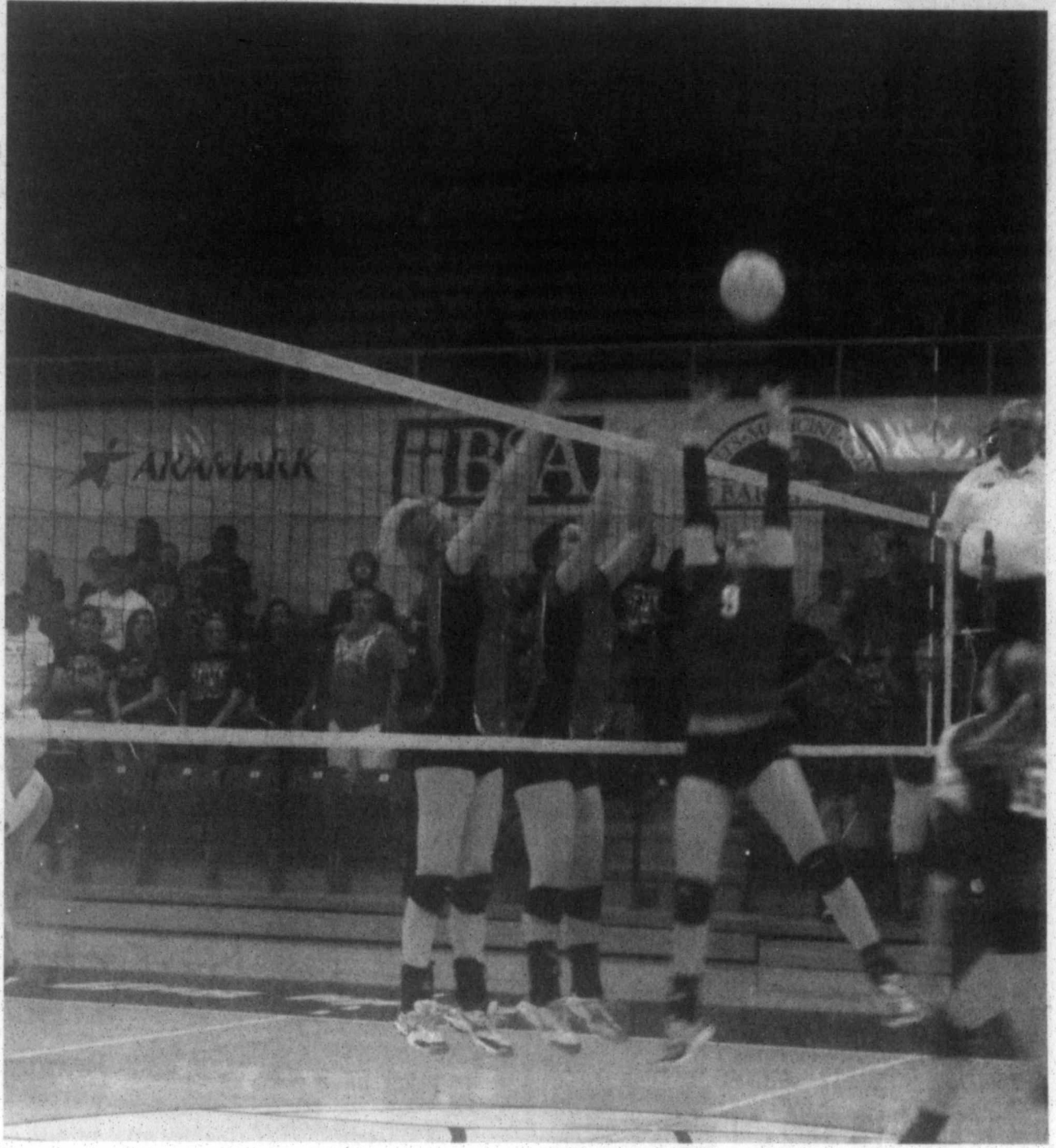
The Lady Bulldogs started the third set strong with a 9-4 run. The Lady Harvesters never got the lead in the set and trailed by at least three most of the way. Pampa got within two a few times and got within one late in the match. Borger would not let the set slip away and closed the set with a 5-1 run and moved a victory away from advancing.

In the final set, Pampa held the lead most of the way and built a 14-7 lead. Yet again Borger crept back in and went on an 8-1 run and tied the game at 15.

Eubank said they were not able to hold momentum and needed to side out quicker.

"We just needed to shorten their runs and make ours longer," Eubank said. "We needed to side out after they scored. We let them get too many points in a row. It's just hard to come back from a difference like that."

From that point both teams exchanged points until late in the match. With Pampa leading 22-21, Borger scored the next three points and moved with in a point of clinch-



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Taryn Eubank sets a ball for her teammate in the first set Tuesday at West Texas A&M fieldhouse against Borger. The Lady Harvesters lost in four sets and finished the season 27-14.

ing. Junior Caitlin Sieck briefly kept the Lady Harvesters season alive but Borger's Emma Boren delivered the fatal blow. After that it was a mix of emotions, Borger erupted in celebration and the Lady Harvesters walked off with tears of defeat.

Garza said the loss will help motivate her girls for next season.

"Next year they are definitely going to get what it takes," Garza said. "It's an awful feeling losing. It's just got to be fuel to our fire next year."

The Lady Harvesters finished the season with a 27-14 record. Borger (23-12) will advance to the regional semifinals Friday in Lubbock and play No. 3 Abilene Wylie (42-1).

Night at the volleyball game goes to the dogs: A running diary

Tuesday was my first of two trips that I'll be taking to Canyon, with my second with the football team on Friday.

This trip had the No. 10 Pampa Lady Harvesters facing their arch rival the Borger Lady Bulldogs.

Going into that game, I have to say I liked my odds because the only losses I've suffered at the hands of the Pups have happened in football and futbol, a.k.a. soccer. Let's hope the trend continues.

5:10 p.m. Went to Braums and ordered the same combo I ordered Saturday, because I can't change things up from a victory. While I'm having dinner, the Lady Harvesters escort passes by and it won't be too much longer before I'm on the road.

5:30 p.m. I take off and, this time, I have plenty of time to spare because my GPS has my arrival time at seven. It helps driving a route that I'm 96 percent familiar with, I've just never been to West Texas A&M.

7:05 p.m. I arrive after having to take a little time to find the venue. About 10 min-



ANDREW GLOVER

7:29 p.m. Just like the first game, Pampa has a nice following as their side is mostly full. Borger is only half full but I'm sure that will change when things get started.

7:37 p.m. The game is underway and Pampa is off to a good start leading 2-0 after kills by Delaney Clendening and Kailyn Troxell, looks like it could be a good night.

7:41 p.m. Like I said Monday, things in volleyball can change in a hurry, and the Lady Bulldogs have scored six of the last seven points and are ahead 6-3. Hopefully Pampa can regroup.

7:45 p.m. Not much change in the deficit for Pampa. Hopefully they can

get something going and get back in front.

7:48 p.m. The Lady Harvesters took a timeout early, but that did little to change the momentum. The Lady Bulldogs have nearly doubled their lead. Pampa needs to regroup in a hurry.

7:52 p.m. Pampa had a small surge that got them within in two but need another and in a hurry, the Lady Bulldogs are only five points away from a set victory.

7:56 p.m. The first set has gone to the Lady Bulldogs, but we saw this happen before when we played in district. Hopefully the end result tonight will be similar.

8:03 p.m. Momentum is hard to stop in volleyball and right now Borger is continuing where they left off in the first set and lead 6-2. Pampa needs to get going soon otherwise they could be in a deeper hole.

8:05 p.m. Kirsten Kuhn's serving has Pampa on a roll and they take an 8-7 lead. Looks like the Lady Harvesters aren't going down without a fight.

8:07 p.m. The Lady Harvesters are still going

strong and have built a 15-11 lead. Pampa is in good shape to even the match. Let's see if they finish strong.

8:11 p.m. The Lady Bulldogs aren't going to go down easy, either. They have tied it up at 19. The Lady Harvesters are six points from tying the match or having their backs against the wall. Looks like this is going to be a dog-fight, no pun intended.

8:19 p.m. Pampa's student section is chanting "one more point." It's always so beautiful to here that chant. Let's see how quickly the Lady Harvesters slam the door.

8:21 p.m. Senior Taryn Eubank records her second kill and match is tied at one. Third set will be very pivotal.

8:27 p.m. Early on things are rolling for the Lady Bulldogs. Pampa takes a timeout hopefully to turn the momentum.

8:31 p.m. The Lady Harvesters cut the lead in half but will need to do more to have a chance at winning. Let's see if Pampa can take control.

8:42 p.m. The Lady

Harvesters pull within one. But the next two points went to the dogs. Pampa needs to make a run to tie this up before it's too late.

8:44 p.m. Borger takes the second set, let's see how Pampa responds with their backs against the wall. We were successful in the regular season finale against Dalhart. Let's hope this ends the same.

8:50 p.m. The Lady Harvesters take the early lead, hopefully they can build on this.

8:55 p.m. Caitlin Sieck gets a couple of kills and Pampa is control with a 12-6 lead. But will the pesky Lady Bulldogs stay at bay?

8:59 p.m. The Lady Harvesters upped their lead to seven, Borger takes time. The timeout has helped the Lady Bulldogs as they have gained momentum and has tied the game at 15. Ten points left for both teams last if Pampa keeps their season alive.

9:05 p.m. It's down to five points left for both teams. This has the makings of a photo finish but will it end well.

9:10 p.m. Borger's

Emma Boren nails a kill in the right corner of the court and that's all she wrote. I get up and walk over to where Pampa's locker room is and try to see as little of our rivals celebration as possible. Reminds me of the feeling I felt those years the Red Wings beat out the Avalanche or when the Braves beat out the Astros.

9:45 p.m. I start my long journey home and wonder what went wrong. I ate the same pre-game meal, wore the same game day shirt. Was it because I left too early? Was it because I didn't take the notebook with my notes from the previous playoff victory? Maybe I should have skipped my Jimmy Needham CD on the way especially, since one song has the lyrics "Even accolades fade away someday."

The last time I did a running diary on Borger game it didn't end well, either. Maybe I should just not do a running diary when we play Borger.

I guess it wasn't meant to be. Hopefully trip two to Canyon on Friday will end better. Find out in the Weekend Edition.

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Pampa EMS employees recently recognized the Emergency Services Foundation Of Texas founder Dr. James Hall and COO Joe Anstey for their efforts in the development of the current locally managed Emergency Medical Services. The system has been in place one year as of Oct. 1. Top photo - During the scheduled Emergency Services Foundation Board Meeting, held Nov. 5, the employees, represented by Supervisor Brent Aaron (standing), presented polo shirts with the a Foundation logo, for each board member. Bottom photo - Dr. Hall (left), the Pampa EMS Medical Control Physician, and Joe Anstey, COO, received plaques in appreciation of their efforts to develop and create a locally based EMS system. The employees rallied together to purchase the shirts and plaques in appreciation of all the time and effort put in by this group of leaders.



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Dinner

this year's meal will be bigger than in years past.

"We're adding a little bit more this year," he said. "A couple of years, we ran out of food. I'd rather have too much than not enough."

Martin said that, given the large number of veterans in the Pampa community, the VFW wanted to make sure it was prepared to honor

them all.

"I know we have 153 (veterans at the VFW)," he said. "As for how many veterans are in town, there's a lot more than that. Veterans for the countryside, there's 23.8 million. There's a lot."

No reservations are necessary to attend the dinner, Martin said. The VFW will continue to serve as many diners as it can accom-

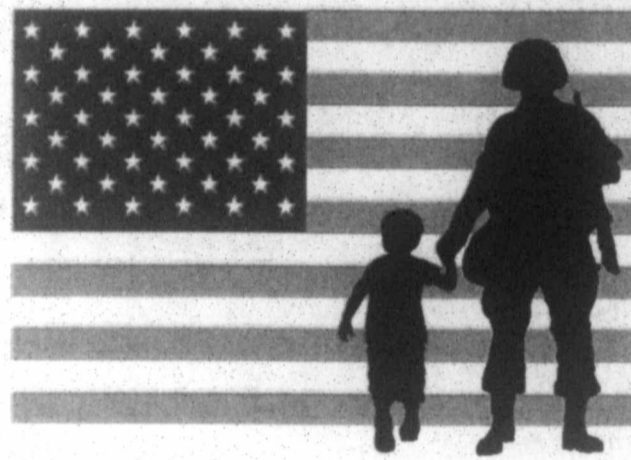
modate."

"As long as the food lasts," he said with a smile.

"It's just, you know, another way to honor our veterans," Martin continued. "A thank you. Especially on Veterans Day, it's just something that needs to be done. It's just a special deal for all veterans and their families. We hope they'll come."

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