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United Way celebrates 2010 with luncheon

ARNIE AURELLANO editor@thepampanews.com-

There were two prevailing messages from Tuesday's United Way Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon. Thanks for a productive 2010, and let's get ready for an even better

Addressing a crowd of supporters and volunteers at the Americann Event Center, Executive Administrator Katrina Bigham expressed her gratitude for their continued hand in the United Way's suc-

"We appreciate you," Bigham said. "Thank you for your service to the United Way.

Board member Ryan Monroe

said that it was a pleasure to chair the funding drive this past year and added that, while the United Way didn't quite reach its monetary goal, each of the organization's recipient groups will not see a decrease in funds.

*Our campaign goal for 2010 was \$310,000," Monroe said. "We didn't quite reach that. We hit \$308,712, so we had a pretty good effort.

However, in years past, if we hadn't made our goal, we had to decrease some of the funding that was given to some of our agencies. This year, we don't have to, with Genesis House not receiving funding (due to its closure in October). We've got more than enough money with UNITED cont. on page 5



staff photo by Arnie Aurellano

Katrina Bigham (center, at podium) addresses the crowd at the United Way Awards Luncheon. She is joiged at the head table by Mike Ruff (from left), board members Nancy Ruff and Ryan Monroe and loaned executives Kenny Rigoulot and Shawn Boyd

A DAY AT THE PARK



staff photo by David Bowser

Jay Weeden pulls an old culvert out of the ground in Central Park as the City of Pampa replaces the pipe that helps drain the park.

Pampa renews animal control assistance pacts

DAVID BOWSER

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The City of Pampa is renewing its animal control contracts with seven area towns concerning animal control

The Pampa City Commission, during its meeting Tuesday afternoon, voted to renew two-year contracts concerning animal control assistance. Under terms of the agreements, Pampa will provide animal shelter and services for Clarendon, Groom, Lefors, McLean, Miami, Skellytown and White Deer. CITY cont. on page 2

Funeral fund established for Pampa woman

ARNIE AURELLANO editor@thepampanews.com

Billie Phea was not only a longtime Pampa resident, but also an active one, serving as her Progressive Baptist Church's secretary-treasurer until her death Friday at the age of 103...

Now, facing a shortage of funds to pay for her funeral expenses, her family and church are looking to the PHEA cont. on page 3

PGWCD considers use of soil moisture probes

DAVID BOWSER dbowser@thepampanews.com

WHITE DEER - The Panhandle Groundwater

Conservation District is studying the possibility of using soil moisture probes to enhance timely water application to crops in the area.

The board heard from Steve Walthour, general manager of the Dumas-based North Plains Groundwater District, about such a program that they had launched last year. The North Plains district claimed to be saving as much as four (acre) inches of irrigation water per year.

· The Panhandle board tabled an agreement between the Panhandle district and the North Plains district concerning farmland owned by Perryton's David Peckenpaugh. Most of Peckenpaugh's farm lies in the North Plains district, except for 35 acres in the Panhandle

The groundwater pumping rules in the North Plains district would allow Peckenpaugh to pump more in that district.

· The Panhandle district board approved a request by Larry Stephens to replace an eightinch irrigation well.

· The board also approved changes to its scholarship criteria to meet Amarillo Area Foundation guidelines.

· The board also reviewed quarterly production reports and out of district transportation reports from the City of Amarillo, Conoco Philips, the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, the City of Borger, the City of Fritch, the City of Memphis and Brice-Lesley.

· The board issued drilling permits for oneinch wells for Harry Sims in Wheeler County, PGWCD cont. on page 2

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PAMPA FORECAST

Thursday



Low 26

Friday

LOW 27



Low 25

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 22 Wind chill values between 13 and 18. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 59 Wind chill values between 11 and 21 eary Breezy, with a west northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high. as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Clear, with a low around 26 Wind chill values between 19 and 24. West northwest wind between 5 and 10

Friday: Sunny with a high near 64. West southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph

Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 27 South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north northwest

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 53. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 25. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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continued from Tues.

Police Department

Mon. Jan. 24 0

A suicide attempt was failure to appear. reported in the 800 block of N. Nelson.

reported in the 2800 block of N. Charles.

A suspicious vehicle and Magnolia.

An alarm was reported intoxication. in the 400 block of E. Brown.

A gas drive-off was reported in the 300 block of \ ● Hobart

Tuesday, Jan. 25

A 911 hang-up was reported in the 200 block of N. Russell.

A prowler was reported traffic-related in the 700 block of N. Dwight

reported in the 600 block ed calls. of N. Hobart.

Welfare checks were conducted in the 1100 and one accident. block of S. Hobart and the 1500 block of N. Dogwood.

A building check was conducted in the 700 block of N. Dwight.

A suspicious person was of E. Harvester. reported in the 300 block

of N. Hobart. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 300

block of N. Gillespie. An assault was reported at One Medical Plaza.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the block of S. Finley. following arrests over the 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Jan. 24 tin Wade Ditirro, 19, on Hobart.

warrants in connection with failure to make full restitution, two counts, displaying expired registration, two counts and

Police arrested Omar Marquez, 32, of Hereford, A missing person was on charges of robbery

Tuesday, Jan. 25

Deputies arrested Jowas reported at Kingsmill seph Anthony Wilson Jr., 43, on charges of public

Police Department

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

Officers reported 15 incidents and one accident.

Animal control officers A suspicious person was reported six animal-relat-

Pampa EMS responded to three ambulance calls

Tuesday, Jan. 25

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block

of N. Wells. Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 100 block An assault was reported

in the 100 block of W.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 100 block of W. 30th.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block

of W. Kentucky. An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 200

Officers conducted fol-24-hour period ending at low-up investigations in the 1300 block of N. Hobart, the 4000 block N. Bad Cattle Company Ln. Police arrested Jus- and the 1400 block of N.

City

The city commission also recog- than a three-year process. nized Karen Price for her City Secretary Certification.

Although Price was home with the flu, Pampa City Manager Richard Morris said that she had worked hard for the certification, which is more

The state certification program requires 200 hours of study and exams over the courses. It also requires attending eight two-day seminars.

The commission approved disbursements of \$1,977,195.05 for cont. from page 1

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bills in December and an income of \$1,387,268.90.

The city commission then adjourned into executive session to discuss the purchase of real property by the Pampa Economic Development Corporation. No action was taken.

PGWCD

JACO Inc. in Gray County, and Ammar Jarrous in Potter County.

They approved drilling permits for larger wells for Paul Field in Carson County, Wade Ritter in Carson County, Randy Stalls in Wheeler County, Mark Cadra in Wheeler County and John McDowell in Wheeler County

The Panhandle board also amount was \$347.

approved three loans for sprinkler irrigation systems and errored off all Carson County taxes less than one dollar for the 2010 tax roll. The total

bituaries

Ruth Hess Magee, 94

McLEAN-Ruth Hess Magee, 94, died Sunday, January 23, 2011, in McLean.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 27 2011, in Robertson Funeral Directors Route 66 Chapel in McLean, with Rev. Thacker Haynes, Pastor of the First United Methodist Church in McLean, offici-

Interment will be at Magee Ranch Cemetery near

McLean. Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of McLean.

Mrs. Magee was born October 5, 1916, to Jake and Bessie Sitter Hess, the second of four children. Her grandparents and parents were pioneer ranchers in Donley and Collingsworth Counties. Ruth grew up in a ranch house 20 miles south of McLean. She and her siblings attended school at Enterprise during their elementary years, then attended high school in McLean. Ruth and her sister, Margaret, commuted to McLean High School in a Model A Ford, sometimes staying in town with their grandparents, George and Nannie Sitter. While in high school, Ruth participated intennis, girls basketball, choir, and was valedictorian of her graduating class in 1933. She then attended Texas Tech College for two years before returning to McLean, secured her teaching certificate at West Texas Normal College, and began teaching

Ruth met Clyde Magee, the local vocational agriculture teacher newly arrived from southern Louisiana, and their courtship led to marriage on July 19, 1936. They made their home in McLean. This union led to many years of stewardship in caring for their ranch land and tending their herd of registered Hereford cattle. Ruth continued her interest in the cattle even after Clyde's death in 1975, finally selling the last of their herd of registered cows in 1980.

dedicated Methodist, Ruth participated in United Methodist Women, serving as district and conference historian. She was president of the Pampa District of the Northwest Texas Conference and also served as the conference chairperson of the Northwest Texas Commission on Archives and History and continued as a member of the Texas United Methodist Historical Society. Ruth was instrumental in securing state historical markers for the McLean United Methodist Church, as well as other Methodist churches throughout the area. Locally, she taught Sunday school and helped with Vacation Bible School for many years an served on various committees in the church.

Because of Ruth's interest in the cattle business, she became active in the Texas Hereford Breeders Auxiliary, serving as its president in 1969, and was also a member of the Top O' Texas Cowbelles. Always interested in community activities, she was the first woman to be elected to the McLean City Council, and was appointed to serve on the board of the Panhandle Health Systems Agency. In 1980 she was named a recipient of the Texas Panhandle Distinguished Service Award. Locally, she served as PTA president and spent 16 years as a room mother. Ruth supported her daughters in the Order of Rainbow for Girls and served as Mother Advisor, then Worthy Matron of the Order of Eastern Star. In 2004, she received her 50 year membership pin from the Order of Eastern Star. She was a member of the Texas and Gray County Historical Foundations, the Knife and Fork Club of Pampa, The Pioneer Study Club, the Lovett Library Board and served as past president of the McLean Cemetery Association. For many years she played the piano when called upon, especially at the McLean Care Center. In recent years she enjoyed participating in the McLean School reunions, often winning the prize for being the oldest graduate in attendance, or being the oldest woman athlete present. Following her husband's death, Ruth began traveling, usually with friends, saw many countries around the world, and loved every minute of it.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde J. Magee, a daughter, Janiece Magee, two sisters, Marga- Louise Nelson Haught, 40, ret Hess Coleman and Mary Hess Dwyer; a brother, F. J. Hess; and a nephew, Ray Dwyer.

Survivors include her son, Joe and his wife, Kay Magee of McLean; daughters, Marilyn and husband Juan Chavez of Phoenix, Ariz., and Donna Magee Smith of Amarillo; grandchildren, David and Buffie Smith of Clarendon, J. P. and Paloma Money of El Paso, Misty and Jimmy Hannon of Water Valley, Destry and Katy Magee, and Mindy and Cal Holwick all of McLean; great grandchildren, Taylor Smith, Tyler Smith, Trenton Smith, and Brooke Smith all of Clarendon, Kaylyn Magee of Kansas City, KS, Trae Hannon and Bradley Hannon of Water Valley, Jack Magee, Kayden Holwick, Holden Holwick, and Hennesy Holwick all of McLean, J.B. Money of El Paso; nieces, Caroline Loupe and Glenn Turner of New Gloucester, Maine, Margaret and Van Joffrion of Blowing Rock, N.C., Rose and Dale Steel of McLean, Nancy Blackburn of San Antonio, Sarah and John Fox and Jan and Dennis Watts of Lubbock; nephews, Dr. Nelson Dwyer of Amarillo, Jake Hess of McLean, Max and Carolyn Coleman of Whitewater, Kan.

The family suggests that memorials be to the building fund and First United Methodist Church, PO Box 125, in death by her father, Marvin Nelson. McLean, TX 79057-0125

Sign our online guestbook at www.RobertsonFuner-

Connie M. Germany, 99

Connie M. Germany, 99, died January 25, 2011, in Pampa.

Celebration of life services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, January 27 2011, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Direc-



Germany

Connie was born July 10, 1911, in Alvord to Clark Dugan and Artie Missie Mullins. She spent much of her early life in Burkburnett, attending schools there, and college in Wichita Falls. She married Robert W. Germany on April 26, 1935 in Burkburnett. He preceded in death in 1982. They moved to Skellytown in the 1950's and to Pampa in the early 1970's. She was a member of First Baptist Church and was the oldest surviving member of the Anna Sunday School class. She was a member of the Pampa Senior Citizens Center. She was preceded in death by four brothers. Survivors include her daughter, Carol Germany Cofer

and husband Bill of Pampa; son, Mike Germany and wife Linda Moore Germany of White Deer; three grandchildren, Keith Germany of White Deer, Jennifer Reasoner of Amarillo, and Brian Germany of Monrovia, Calif.; 10 great-grandchildren, and five great-greatgrandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Pampa Senior Citizens Center, P.O. Box 475, Pampa, TX 79066-0475, or White Deer Senior Citizens Center, 315 S. Main, White Deer,

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.

Lanny Orin (L.O.) Weatherly, 73

TULSA, Okla.—Lanny Orin (L.O.) Weatherly, 73,

died January 11, 2011, in Tulsa, Okla. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funer-

al Directors of Pampa. Mr. Weatherly was born September 15, 1937, in Elk City, Okla., to Lanny L. and Clementine Gibson Weatherly where he grew up and went to school. L.O. served in Germany with the "Hell on Wheels" Army unit out of Lawton, Okla., and was honorably discharged in 1961. He was a former longtime resident of Pampa, and had been a resident of Tulsa since 1995, retiring in 2000 from

First Maintenance Company L.O. was a self-taught artist, and his number one passion was fishing. He loved music, ranging from Bob Dylan, Johnny Cash, Elvis Presley, to Blues and Jazz he was an aficionado of music! He will be greatly missed. He was preceded in death by his mother, Clementine Weatherly; his father, Lanny L. Weatherly; and a sister, Rosalie Weatherly Doucette.

Survivors include his two brothers, Johnny Weatherly of Albuquerque, N.M., and Jimmy Weatherly of Montgomery; four sisters, Leota Arthur of Tyler, Patricia Howard of Pampa, Sandra Roberson of Katy, and Susie Johnson of Edmond, Okla.; and numerous nieces and

Memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans, National Headquarters, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, Ohio 45250-0301

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

Tina Louise Nelson Haught

MUSTANG, Okla.—Tina died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011, in Mustang, Okla.

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

Tina was born on Aug. 10, 1970, in Wichita, Kan. to Marvin and Elva Nelson. As a young girl, she moved to Pampa where she attended Pampa schools. She worked at Homeland Supermarket while living in



Haught

Pampa. In 2004, she moved to Mustang, Okla. where she was living at the time of her death.

Survivors include her mother, Elva Nelson of Pampa; four sisters, Paula Almanza of Pampa; Christine Shaw and husband Gary of Wolfforth; Tracie Ramirez and husband David of Amarillo; and Linett Bledsoe and husband Mike of Oklahoma City; two brothers, Calvin Nelson and wife Angela of Houston and Monty Nelson and wife Grace of Pampa; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded

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LUBBOCK (AP) - Lubbock police say the body found along a remote road north of the city is that of a teenager missing since January.

Police Capt. Greg Stevens says a Tuesday autopsy positively identified the body found a day earlier as that of 15-year-old Elizabeth Ennen.

Humberto Maldonado Salinas Jr. is jailed on an aggravated kidnapping charge in Ennen's disappearance. Jail records show the 45-year-old doesn't have an attorney.

Lubbock County District Attorney Matt Powell says there's no rush to add a charge pertaining to Ennen's death since Salinas is already jailed.

Ennen disappeared after baby-sitting for Salinas children at a motel the evening of Jan. 4. Her mother reported her missing about 1 a.m. Jan. 5

Ennen's body was found in a field near Shallowater, about 10 miles northwest of Lubbock

Giffords moved to rehab hospital

HOUSTON (AP) - Police stood guard as an ambulance took Rep. Gabrielle Giffords from intensive care to a rehabilitation hospital in Houston on Wednesday, an encouraging step that came after doctors upgraded her condition from serious to good.

Doctors at Memorial Hermann Texas Medical Center Hospital determined the Arizona congresswoman was healthy enough to move to nearby TIRR Memorial Hermann, where she will continue her rehabilitation

Jones enters U.S. Senate race

AUSTIN (AP) Texas Railroad Commissioner Elizabeth Ames Jones barnsformed the state Tuesday to announce her candidacy for the U.S. Senate in 2012

Jones aims to replace U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who plans to retire when her current term expires. Jones joins a crowded field for the Republican nomination, which includes the current chairman of the Texas railroad commission, Michael Williams.

Jones stopped in Dallas, Houston, Austin and San Antonio on Tuesday with plans to visit 10 more cities: Before being appointed to the Railroad Commission, she was elected three times to the state House of declaring in his State of the Union address Tuesday Representatives. She is originally from San Antonio.

Jones said she is running as a conservative Texan to "rein in out of control spending."

Chopper hunts eyed for hogs

AUSTIN (AP). - Feral hogs in Texas could be targets for high-flying hunters.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is considering allowing hunters in helicopters to shoot wild pigs at the Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge.

Refuge manager Deborah Holle on Monday told the Austin American-Statesman that feral hogs have been trapped and killed during autumn hunts, but the pig population continues to thrive and destroy habitat.

The refuge, with about 23,000 acres in Burnet, Travis **Phea** and Williamson counties, was formed to protect the habitat for two endangered songbirds.

The service is considering amending the 2001 Feral community for help. Hog Management Plan to allow aerial shooting.

The proposal would allow personnel from the U.S. been set up at the National a little over \$4,000 is still Department of Agriculture to shoot feral hogs on refuge Bank of Commerce to help lands away from public roads and developed areas.

Regulators to vote on coal plant insurance," said Cynthia

AUSTIN (AP) - Federal regulators and environmentalists will be watching carefully as the Texas Phea's records, Lemons Commission on Environmental Quality considers an air said, and the financial quality permit application for a coal-fired power plant shortage was not discovproposed for Corpus Christi.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is asking Texas' environmental regulatory agency to vote Wednesday to withhold the permit. In a letter dated Monday, the EPA said state regulators should vote down the permit for the planned Las Brisas Energy Center until they and the EPA can resolve various issues. EPA concerns include a lack of consultation with them and a lack of evidence that the plant won't violate air quality

The letter says the EPA has "strong concerns about the public health and environmental impacts."

A Texas administrative panel has twice recommended that state regulators deny the permit.

Airlines fly less, make money

DALLAS (AP) — After a decade of multibillion-dollar losses, U.S. airlines appear likely to profit for years for a simple reason: They are flying less.

By grounding planes and eliminating flights, airlines have cut costs and pushed fares higher. As the global economy rebounds, travel demand is rising and planes are as full as they've been in decades.

The government says profit margins at big airlines are the highest in at least a decade. The eight largest U.S. airlines are forecast to earn more than \$5 billion this year and \$5.6 billion in 2012.

U.S. airlines are in the midst of reporting fourth-quarter results that should cap the industry's first moneymaking

The Air Transport Association says U.S. airlines lost about \$60 billion and eliminated 160,000 jobs from 2000 through 2009.

Life sentence for soldier's death

GATESVILLE (AP) - A 20-year-old Fort Hood soldier has been sentenced to life imprisonment after pleading guilty to murdering a fellow soldier.

A jury had been seated Tuesday for Brandon Christopher Walker's capital murder trial in Gatesville, and prosecutors had said that they'd seek the death penalty. Instead, Walker pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of murder in a plea deal with Coryell County prosecutors and accepted a life sentence with the possibility of parole after 30 years.

Twenty-two-year-old Travis Vershun Brazil still faces trial for the January 2010 shooting death of 22-year-old Frank Schreiber and wounding of his 22-year-old wife, Leila K. Schreiber, during a break-in and robbery of their Copperas Cove home.

Jury selection in Brazil's capital murder trial is scheduled for March 21 in Gatesville.

Is it protection or is it aggression?

MATTHEW "UNCLE MATTY" MARGOLIS Creator's Syndicate

A lot of people say they got a dog for protection. But do those people know the difference between protection and aggression?

Barking at anyone who comes into your yard or house is not pro-

Charging the mailman is not pro-

Snarling at passers-by from that coveted spot at the front window is not protection.

Growling at or biting family members and friends is certainly not protection. So what is?

A protection dog will recognize a potentially life-threatening situation and act to prevent it. This kind of recognition requires training to develop, as does the dog's ability to respond reliably and appropriately to the situation. Anything less is simply aggression.

Aggression is an overreaction: It's a form of imbalance. An aggressive dog responds to stimuli, however innocuous, without reason or logic. He's irrational, out of control, unpredictable and even Was Talks **Uncle Matty**

I recently spoke with a couple whose dog bit their

upstairs neighbor's child. Their response? "He didn't mean it. He was protecting our son.

From what? The playfulness of another kid? The dog overreacted. He wasn't picking up on a lifethreatening situation. He misread the signs, and his response was grossly inappropriate.

With a dog like this, the question becomes: How do you prevent unpredictable behavior?

'He doesn't do it all the time.'

I hear this all the time. It just underscores the challenge of making safe an unpredictable dog. If he did it all the time, it would be predictable, and you could, in that case, desensitize the animal to those tried-and-true triggers. "He doesn't do it all the time" is by no means a good thing. When it comes to aggressive behavior, that he does it at all should be cause to call in a professional,

If you want a protection dog, there are plenty of specialty trainers who can help you find the right one for your needs. Begin deciding what your needs are watchdog, deterrent dog, varying degrees of personal protection. You might be surprised by what you find when doing your research. A trained Yorkie can

make an excellent alarm system if

you discover that's all you really But if the cold, hard facts determine that you have an aggressive dog, don't dress it up in sheep's clothing. Don't wait until someone gets hurt. Aggressive behavior doesn't mean a death sentence for the dog, and it doesn't mean you're a bad person. In my experience, 95 percent of aggressive dogs can be rehabilitated and their behavior controlled to allow for a good and

safe, existence in the right envi-

ronment. Whereas, calling aggres-

sion "protection" will only get you

trouble 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!"

Obama urges unity in State of the Union

WASHINGTON -- Pleading for unity in a newly divided government, President Barack Obama implored Democratic and Republican lawmakers to rally behind his vision of economic revival for an anxious nation, night: "We will move forward together or not at all."

The president unveiled an agenda of carefully balanced political goals: a burst of spending on education, research, technology and transportation to make the nation more competitive, alongside pledges, in the strongest terms of his presidency, to cut the deficit and smack down spending deemed wasteful to America. Yet he never explained how he'd pull that off or what specifically would be cut.

Obama spoke to a television audience in the millions and a Congress sobered by the assassination attempt against one of its own members, Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. Her seat sat empty, and many lawmakers of competing

parties sat together in a show of support and civility. Yet differences were still evident, as when Democrats stood to applaud his comments on health care and tax cuts while Republicans next to them sat mute.

In his best chance of the year to connect with the country. Obama devoted most of his hourlong primetime address to the economy, the issue that dominates concern in a nation still reeling from a monster recession -- and the one that will shape his own political fortunes in the 2012 election.

Eager to show some budget toughness, Obama pledged to veto any bill with earmarks, the term used for lawmakers' pet projects. House Speaker John Boehner and other Republicans applauded. But Obama's promise drew a rebuke from his own party even before he spoke. as Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said the president had enough power and that plans to ban earmarks were "a lot of pretty talk.

pay for Phea's burial.

"She did not have any life Lemons, Phea's niece.

There was a mix-up in Lemons said. ered until too late. Phea can help them give Billie

already has a plot and cas- a fitting sendoff. An expense account has ket, but Lemons said that "She was active in her needed to give Phea a nice ceremony

"We're just hoping for the minimum of what the funeral home wants,"

Now, Phea's loved ones are hoping that some generous Pampans.

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her church until the day she died," Lemons said. "We don't want to have. any extras. We just want a nice, simple little funeral."

If you would like to contribute to Phea's funeral fund, contact Nan Vaughn at National Bank of Commerce.

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The animals can be seen through the window of the shelter any time. The Shelter is open to the public Mon. - Sat. from 3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 26, the 26th day of 2011. There are 339 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 26, 1861, Louisiana passed an Ordinance of Secession, 113-17, at the state capitol in Baton Rouge, becoming the sixth state to break free from the United States.

On this date:

In 1788, the first European settlers in Australia, led by Capt. Arthur Phillip, landed in present-day

In 1837, Michigan became the 26th state. In 1841, Britain formally occupied Hong Kong, which the Chinese had ceded to the British.

In 1870, Virginia rejoined the Union.

In 1911, the Richard Strauss opera "Der Rosenkavalier" (The Cavalier of the Rose) premiered in Dresden, Germany

In 1942, the first American expeditionary force to go to Europe during World War II went ashore in Northern Ireland. In 1950, India officially proclaimed itself a

republic as Rajendra Prasad took the oath of office In 1961, President John F. Kennedy appointed Dr. Janet G. Travell to be his personal physician;

she was the first woman to hold the job. In 1979, former Vice President Nelson A.

Rockefeller died in New York at age 70. In 1996, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton testified before a grand jury connected to the

Whitewater probe. Ten years ago: Lacrosse coach Diane Whipple, 33, was attacked and killed by two huge dogs belonging to neighbors outside her apartment in San Francisco. (One of the dogs' owners, Marjorie

Knoller, is serving 15 years to life in prison for second-degree murder; her husband, Robert Noel, served just over two years for involuntary manslaughter.) Five years ago: Saudi Arabia recalled its ambas-

sador from Denmark to protest caricatures of the prophet Muhammad published in a Danish newspaper. (Protests spread across the Muslim world for weeks, and dozens of people were killed.)

One year ago: Toyota suspended U.S. sales of several popular vehicle models to fix sticking accelerator pedals; the suspension was on top of a recall of 23 million vehicles.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Anne Jeffreys is 88. Actress Joan Leslie is 86. Cartoonist Jules Feiffer is 82. Sportscaster-actor Bob Uecker is 76. Actor Scott Glenn is 72. Singer Jean Knight is 68: Activist Angela Davis is 67. Rock musician Corky Laing (Mountain) is 63. Actor David Strathairn (streh-THEHRN') is 62. Alt-country singer-songwriter Lucinda Williams is 58. Rock singer-musician Eddie Van Halen is 56. Actress-comedian-talk show host Ellen DeGeneres is 53. Hockey Hallof-Famer Wayne Gretzky is 50. Musician Andrew Ridgelev is 48. Actor Paul Johansson is 47. Gospel singer Kirk Franklin is 41. Actress Jennifer Crystal is 38. Actor Gilles Marini is 35, NBA player Vince Carter is 34. Actress Sarah Rue is 33. Country musician Michael Martin (Marshall Dyllon) is 28.

Thought for Today: "My experience of the world is that things left to themselves don't get right." - TH Huxley English biologist and author (1825)



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Government workers are the new illegal aliens

Did you know the government can't create jobs? Nearly two years ago on CNN, former Republican National Committee chairman Michael Steele said, "Not in the history of mankind has the government ever created jobs." And then, "Trust me."

When Steele said those words, he was widely panned. It was dismissed on the right as a gaffe and debunked on the left as grossly inaccurate.

It was laughable, when Steele said it.

Cut to: Meet the Press last Sunday CNBC's Squawk on the Street host Erin Burnett said, "Government can't create jobs." It was left unchallenged by any of the other panelists and host David

Karen Hughes, who worked in the Bush administration (her government i-o-b) added, "Well the president seems to have had a revelation that it's actually business that creates jobs.

Then to top it all off the Democratic Congressman James Clyburn - agreed. 'No, we can't create jobs, and we shouldn't. We want them created in the private sector. "

16.5% Over Americans are employed by the government, about 2 million of the 135 million payroll jobs. And they're not just pencilpushing, useless cushy benefit collectors - but scientists. There are no private sector astronauts. None. Firefighters are government employees, as are police "More cops on the streets" means

more government trained and compensated people in your community. The district attorneys, judges and bailiffs draw an Uncle Sam signed paycheck. The government? Law and order

The second largest employer in the country is the United States Postal Service. Try telling the lady raising her family by delivering your overdue notices that the government can't create jobs.

According to the Department of Labor, the private sector has been steadily adding jobs and the PUBLIC sector has been cutting jobs at the fastest rate in 30 years. Especially local government jobs: teachers, sanitation workers and librar-

So the government does, in fact, create jobs. It also slashes them. Cities and states have been balancing their budgets by cutting back on everything. Most infamously Camden, New Jersey is eliminating half of their police force.

To those who work for a living, a job is a job. To those who sloganeer for a living, cutting jobs means magically creating them.

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group who are treated like parasites, on the system; their jobs are illegitimate and disposable. Lawmakers gleefully talk about eliminating government employees' livelihoods. The rhetoric would have us believe

those aren't even jobs.

It's not the banksters and hucksters on Wall Street only ones who can save us! It's not a general revenue slow down tied to a collapse after the Saturnalia cheats. It's those comfortable public servants who are bleeding us dry!

We're told we're bankrupt because of well-paid government employees with "Cadillac health insurance plans." Yes, we still refer to posh things

as an American made car from a company, GM, which the U.S. government saved and made profitable again.

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So everyone who makes an actual Cadillac can thank the government for their job.

Out of our \$3.5 trillion annual budget we dole out around \$1.5 trillions on "defense" spending. It really should be considered "offense" spending these days, but I digress. There are some accounting tricks with mandatory and discretionary spending. But added up: it's \$1.5 trillion.

What is the military? Jobs. Careers too. Plus a retirement plan and socialized medicine. It's a jobs who wrecked our econo- program the government my. No, now they're the created. It's also a big wasteful unaccountable sieve for tax dollars. If the GOP-controlled House is really looking to weed out of liar loans and real estate pork (which they arguably are not) they would check out the bacon haven we call the Pentagon.

But, better to stick with the empty and symbolic than tackle the difficult.

LaTina Dupuy is an award-winning writer and fill-in host at The Young Turks.

We welcome your letters

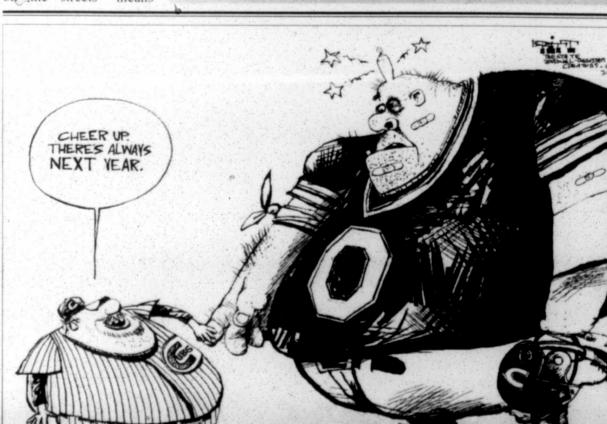
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✓ Among the loaned executives present at the United Way's Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon were (from left) Josh Hess of Wal-Mart, Derek Farmer of Cabot Corporation, Celie Locke of Harvester Cleaners, Kenny Rigoulot of First Presbyterian Church, Shawn Boyd of Duncan, Fraser and Bridges, Ryan Monroe of Happy State Bank, Barry Haenisch of the Pampa ISD and Nick Howell of Xcel Energy.

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After Monroe thanked all of the United Way's donors for 2010, he introduced the organization's campaign chair for 2011, First Presbyterian's Kenny Rigoulot.

Rigoulot said that the United Way is already focused on moving forward and using a solid 2010 as a springboard for a big 2011.

"We're going to sit down in the next couple of months and evaluate what went well this year and what could go better this year," he said. "We really liked the idea of having a community kickoff with free food and a chance for people to learn more about the agencies.

"We've got some ideas to maybe draw some more people in that way, and then, of course, we'll be visiting with our volunteers and getting their input... It was a good year and I think we can build on that for next

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In other end of year business, Bigham passed the United Way presidency from Jeff Andrews to Nancy Ruff. Ruff introduced the rest of this year's officers, Monroe as Vice President and Karen Heare as Treasurer.

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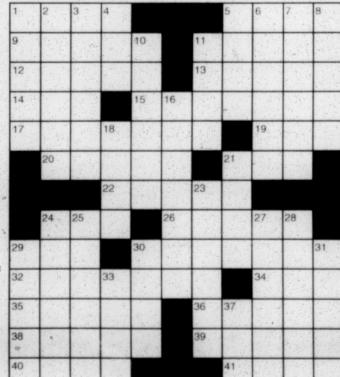
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

issue that has me concerned, and I need some expertise. I have a problem with anger. I don't know what triggers it. It happens out of the blue sometimes.

in anger toward another person, but people have witnessed my outbursts and seemed taken aback by the behavior. The instances occur every month or two.

I'm a nice guy. I would bend over backward to help someone if I could. My verbal explosions contradict who I am inside. Do you beliefs or values are queshave any suggestions on what I can do to control my temper in these situations? HOTHEAD IN NEW

JERSEY DEAR HOTHEAD: Anger is a normal emotion. Everyone has experienced it at one time or threat, they reacted instinctively with either fear

DEAR ABBY: I have an infants display anger by cally ill can have the same And we've all seen older holler and throw things.

Whatever is causing I have never struck out your angry outbursts, it is important to analyze what has been triggering them. Being out of work, unable to pay one's bills or feeling unfairly treated can do - things they later rearouse feelings of anger. gret. Being hurt emotionally by someone can cause it, too. People have been known

tioned or threatened. Low self-esteem can also cause people to feel easily threatened. Many feel they must continually prove themselves. To compensate for their feelanother. When primitive ings of inadequacy, they men and women were are driven to "win every faced with a potential battle," whether at sports or in an argument.

or anger. It was nature's tired have been known rather than thoughtlessly way of enabling us to run to lash out without real reacting. away or fight back. Even provocation. Being physi-

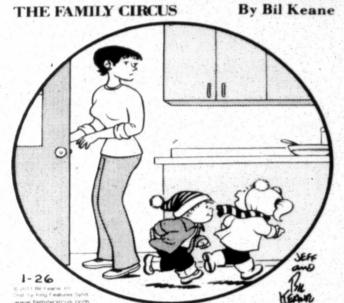
screaming or holding their effect. (You can break that breath until they turn red. cycle by simply explaining that you're not feeling children throw tantrums, well and ask for patience because your temper is short at such times.)

Depression, drugs and alcohol abuse have long been known to cause people to lose control of their emotions and say - and

Most of us have been trained from early childhood to suppress anger. to become angry if their But it is even more important to learn to express it in ways that are constructive rather than destructive. Anger can be a positive emotion if it is people who suffer from channeled in the right dichronic low self-esteem rection. Uncontrolled, it can be a killer.

Now that we have become somewhat - one hopes - civilized adults, the challenge we face when something angers us is how to deal with it effec-People who are overly tively and constructively,





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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Jan. 27, 2011:

This year, keep-your eye on the big picture. Your professional or civic role will be more important than in the past. Don't deceive yourself; do a reality check. The more realistic you are, the less disappointment you will experience. Your instincts serve you well when dealing with those in power. If you are single, you could meet someone who is very interesting but not necessarily available. Take your time. You will want to get to know him or her before even thinking about a relationship. If you are attached, a vacation as · a couple enhances your relationship. SCOR-PIO pushes you into the limelight

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** A partner counts on your sense of direction. It seems no one will let you veer off track. Try to explain that sometimes you need to spin a tale or try out different ways to proceed in your head. That process helps you conceive even tighter plans. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Others want to hear more of what you think. A brainstorming session begins when you walk through the door. Someone you need to respect seems off or confused. Say little, and understand what is happening. Tonight: Go with a friend's spon-

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** You must stay focused if you are to achieve what you want. A key person has a strong opinion. You must listen, and you might need to incorporate this person's thinking. A boss or parent does the unexpected, delighting you in some way. Tonight: Don't push.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Others seem to be an endless source of information. You might find yourself locked in, but not necessarily against your will. One person intrigues you with different opinions. You might wonder which way is the best path. Tonight: Opt for the unique

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** You might want to stay home, but you might need to go out. Accomplishing a project could be an even bigger priority than kicking back. Stop the interference of others. A friend or loved one demonstrates once more his or her expertise in distraction. Tonight: Finally, time to do your thing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Rethink a conversation. You might want to approach this person again. You have gained a deeper understanding, and with a bit of creativity, you might be able to encourage a meeting of the minds. Confusion emanates like a fog at the ocean. Verify as much as possible. Tonight: Join a friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**★ Realize the cost of putting someone on a pedestal and/or continuing with a creative venture. You might be focused on one thing and only that. Pull back and gain a new perspective. You might surprise yourself with what you decide to do. Tonight: Treat

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Discipline your mind to stay present in the moment. It might be tempting to return to a personal problem, at least mentally. There is nothing you can do until later. You might see events differently by then. Tonight: Respond to another person's spontane-

ity in the same vein SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

** Deal with your feelings. Your perspective might not be the same in a few days. Avoid taking statements personally. Don't take on another's "stuff" and upset yourself. Work on being less reactive. Tonight: Follow. through on a wild idea.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Your communication skills help attract what you want. A meeting provides an excellent opportunity to gain supporters. Be aware of the cost of manifesting. When you decide that everything is just as you like it, get ready for a little surprise! Tonight: Where you want to be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Making a point could be difficult. Whether it is your word choice, expression and/or contradictory action, others cannot hear you. Ask for feedback from several trusted individuals. You could be taken aback by what they say. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Others encourage you to take a step or do something that makes you uncomfortable. Truth be told, you feel uncomfortable no matter what you do. Ask yourself and others what would be the best possible end result, then determine the route. Tonight: Put on a favorite piece of music

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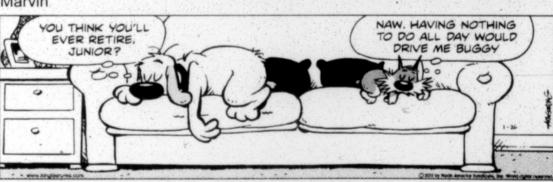


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Sports

start, lose first district game

ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

The Pampa Harvesters got off to a slow start at Perryton and, unlike in previous games, Pampa wasn't able to recover in a 69-60 loss Tuesday.

Head coach Dustin Miller said they had too big of a hole to crawl out of. "You can survive some slow starts,

but this was way too much to overcome," Miller said. "It's a road game and it's hard because everyone wants to defend their home court.

The Rangers (13-11, 2-1) scored the first seven points of the game and made four three pointers in the first quarter. The Harvesters didn't get closer than three and trailed 22-10 after one

The second quarter was more competitive. Pampa wasn't able to trim Perryton's lead, only getting within 14. The Rangers led by as many as 18 and led 36-20 at halftime.

Perryton started strong in the third quarter, expanding their lead to 20. Pampa trimmed their deficit as low

as 11 points. Junior guard Latigo Collins scored 11 of his team-leading 23 points in the third. The Harvesters trailed 52-38 after three.

In the final quarter, Pampa got back into the game. The Harvesters cut the Rangers lead down to four with two minutes to go but didn't get closer.

Collins, Reid Miller and Derrek Pollard all fouled out and Perryton outscored Pampa 6-1 to end the game.

The junior varsity (6-10, 1-2) beat Perryton 58-54. The Rangers were 19-0 entering the game. Coach Matt Embry said they made the key plays when they needed to.

"We had big shots by our guards James Thompson and Drew Facio,' Embry said.

The Harvesters (12-10, 2-1) are tied with Perryton for the district lead. Pampa hosts Dalhart (14-6, 1-2) 7:30 p.m. Friday. Coach Miller said it will be a big game.

"It's a really big game for many reasons," Miller said. "We have to defend our homecourt."

Harvesters can't shake slow Lady Harvesters fall against Perryton, playoff hopes dim

ANDREW GLOVER

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters have struggled offensively most of the year. Tuesday night wasn't different, as Pampa lost their fourth in a row 46-24 to the Perryton Rangerettes in Perryton.

Pampa led 10-9 after the first quarter. Both teams couldn't make shots in the second as they score three points each. The Lady Harvesters' shooting woes continued in third but the Rangerettes found their mark. Perryton outscored Pampa 17-2 and led 29-15 after three.

The Lady Harvesters (5-18, 1-4) were unable to make a fourth quarter comeback as they were outscored 17-9 in the fourth. Junior guard Kirsten Kuhn led the team in scoring with 12. Junior post Kailyn Troxell and junior guard Caitlin Sieck followed with four each. Sidney Walton led the Rangerettes in scoring with 16.

The junior varsity (8-14, 3-2) won 37-30. Coach Braydon Barker said they played another really good game.

"The last couple of games we have

passed the ball instead of dribbling into trouble," Barker said. "Better passing has led to better shots, which has led to us making a lot more shots."

The Rangerettes (18-8, 5-0) clinched the head-to-head tiebreaker over Pampa and a playoff spot.

The Lady Harvesters are on the brink of elimination. Pampa hosts Dalhart (13-12, 2-3) 6 p.m. Friday. A win would even the series, a loss means the Lady Harvesters have to beat Borger (10-15, 2-3) Tuesday, at Borger.

Head coach Gene Valentine's comments were unavailable as of press time.



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Sports

Lady Mustangs blank shorthanded Lady Harvesters

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters matched up again with a team that had larger numbers. Tuesday at Harvester Field. In the second half, the Lady Harvesters weren't able to keep up with the Lubbock Coronado Lady Mustangs in a 8-0 loss.

Head coach John True said his team played hard but just ran out of energy in the second half.

"They played as hard as they could," True said. "They just ran up against a buzz saw."

Junior goalkeeper Bree Howard said she thought the team played OK and defiintely had room to improve.

"As a team at the beginning we worked really hard," Howard said. "I think we used being tired as an excuse. We should have picked it up and not let being tired and hurt get to us."

Both teams were scoreless until halfway through the first half. Lubbock Coronado scored 13 minutes in and scored again two minutes later. The Lady Harvesters struggled offensively and only had a couple shots at the net. Pampa trailed 2-0 at halftime.

Howard said the forwards needed to communicate more.

"We need to get more through balls,"

Howard said. "We have really good defense but sometimes our forwards don't know what they are doing sometimes."

In the second half, True made changes and moved some players to give some players a break. It only took the Lady Mustangs four and a half minutes to expand their lead. Lubbock Coronado scored again a minute later. The Lady Mustangs scored at the nine minute mark. In the last ten minutes of the half, Lubbock Coronado scored three goals in three minutes.

Howard said the team was feeling good at halftime, but once Coronado scored they felt the game was impossible to win.

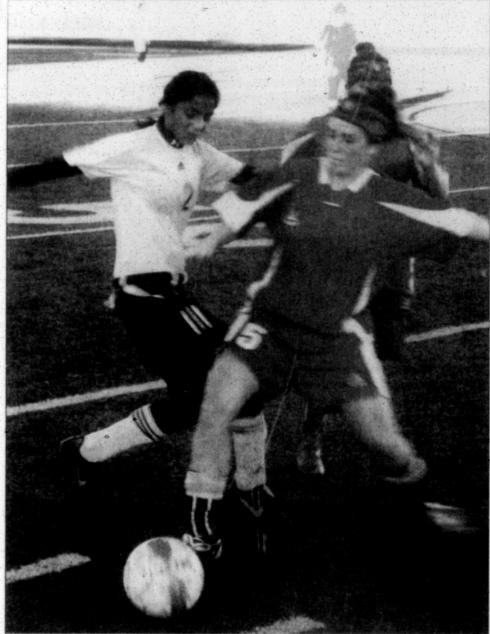
"We were down 2-0 at halftime," Howard said. "Then it was like one, one, one and we were like we have no chance at winning now."

True said he played some people out of position and that contributed to mistakes.

"You have to deal with mistakes all over the field when you play people out of position," True said.

The Lady Harvesters (0-5-0) open district Monday at Caprock. True said he thinks district will be a dogfight.

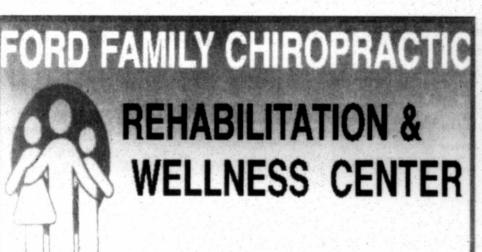
"I think Randall is going to finish on top because they have players and pedigree," True said. "The rest of the positions could be anybody. It's just who's going to do what it takes to get on a roll."



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