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Rush hour wreck slows traffic

BY GAYDEN HAYS ghays@thepampanews.com

Monday morning a 2007 Mercedes SUV driven by Anna Diaz of Pampa, leaving the Pampa Junior High, failed to yield the right of way at the stop sign on the corner of Bad Cattle Co. Road and Perryton Parkway, according to a report by the Pampa Police Department.

south on Driving Perryton Highway was Paula Whitney, driving

a 2000 Ford Excursion. She was unable to avoid the collision when Diaz entered the highway.

Police Pampa Department, Fire Department and EMS responded at 7:45 a.m. to the scene, which for a short time blocked the highway and entrance to the Middle School, causing traffic to backup more than a quarter mile.

Parents were delayed for nearly half an hour dropping off their junior

high children, because emergency responders were able to clear one southbound and one north bound lane quickly.

Officials were able to clean up the wreck, and all lanes were opened up in less than 45 minutes.

While no one was seriously injured, Diaz was immobilized and transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center for observation.

She was released a short time later.



Photo by Gayden Hays

MORNING WRECK. A two-car accident blocked the entrance of Pampa Middle Schoo for about 30 minutes morning. No one was severely injured and the Pampa police and fire departments opened the lanes in time for students to be on time for school

WOODY'S ROAD LEADS TO PAMPA

LaFave and band please crowd with show that keeps true to Guthrie's message, yet crosses musical genres.

> BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE thowsare@thepampanews.com

You can rob a man with a six gun or with a

fountain pen.

That is just one of thought-provoking statements penned by folk legend Woody Guthrie, who learned how to play guitar at the Harris Drug Store in Pampa. The store is now home to the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center.

Those attending Saturday's Walking Woody's Road with Jimmy LaFave concert Saturday at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium didn't have to be folk music fans to enjoy the music, as LaFave and his polished group of musicians melded blues, country, rock and honky tonk with traditional folk.

LaFave, a self-discribed Woody Guthrie disciple, said off stage every show is different and when he travels from town to town, he brings in those musicians in the area that know his tunes.

This weekend LaFave will be performing his Guthrie show at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

LaFave's band Saturday included fellow Austin singer/songwriter Michael Fracasso, Glonn

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Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

JIMMY LAFAVE performs Saturday at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. At left is BettySoo Terry, an Austin-based singer/songwriter who joined LaFave at the last minute.

PRMC's health fair draws enthusiastic crowd



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

SURGEON FOR A DAY. PRMC Surgical Technolian Columbus Morgan, left, helps Mary Echols practice with wequipment similar to what the Surgery Department uses for microscopic surgeries. Echols is watching her accuracy with the tool on a video screen.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE

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The chilly and windy weather didn't keep an estimated 250 people from attending Saturday's health fair at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

"It was a success," said Lisa Needham, community education coordinator with the hospital's Golden Phoenix & Behavioral Health Services Outpatient Program. "All the comments I received were very positive."

She said the fair, which began at 8 a.m. and lasted until noon, was the first of its kind for the hospital.

About 40 vendors, some that were with hospital departments and others that were health providers within the community or nearby towns, lined the front hallways and lobby areas of hospital to educate the public on health topics and issues. Along with providing information, most gave away free items to take home.

Free food was served in the hospital's cafeteria. Brad Morse, CEO of the medical center, said the hospital invited as many vendors as it could.

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Today is last day for voter registration

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Today is the last day to register to vote for the Nov. 6 General Election.

This also is the last day to change your address to vote in the precinct where you live. If you do not make the deadline and you have moved, you are still able to vote. You will vote in the precinct that

you live in. After today, replacement cards can be printed if there are no changes to your personal information.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Wednesday Today Thursday

High 81 Low 41 High 66 Low 49

High 79 Low 56

Jessie

Gercken

Glenn

Wilkie

Today: Warm sunshine with a high of 81. Winds northwest at 12 mph. Sunrise at 7:46 a.m.

Tuesday night: Clear skies with a low of 41. Winds northeast at 10 to 20 mph. Sunset at 7:16 p.m.

Wednesday: Partly sunny with a high of 66 Winds east southeast at 11 mph. Sunrise at 7:47 a.m.

Wednesday night: Mostly clear with a low of 49. Winds south at 11 mph. Sunset at 7:15 p.m.

Thursday: Isolated thunderstorms with a high of 79. Chance of rain is 30 percent. Winds south southwest at 17 mph. Sunrise at 7:48 a.m.

Thursday night: Mostly clear with a 10 percent chance of showers. Low of 56. Winds south southwest at 12 mph. Sunset at 7:13 p.m.

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Obituaries

Jessie Overton Gercken

Jessie Overton Gercken, 82, died Friday, Oct. 5, 2012, in Pampa

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2012, at Memory Gardens Mausoleum with Rev. Mike Watson, pastor of Hobart Baptist Church, officiating.

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

Mrs. Gercken was born Aug. 10, 1930 in Lawton, Okla., to Cecil and Emma Lou Smith Overton. She was a 1949 graduate of Yukon High School in Yukon, Okla. She married Paul E. Gercken on Jan. 8, 1950 in Chickasha, Okla. Jessie had been a resident of Pampa since 1951. She was a homemaker and a member of Hobart Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Paul E. Gercken, of Amarillo; two daughters: Cheryl Yeager of Canyon and Becky Watson and husband Randy of Pampa; two sons: Doyle Gercken of Dallas and Tommy Gercken of Pampa; 7 grandchildren and several great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, by a son-in-law, Rusty Yeager, and by a daughter-in-law, Iris Lee Gercken.

Memorials may be made to Pampa Meals on Wheels, 302 E. Foster Ave., Pampa, Texas 79065 or American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles St., Pampa, Texas 79065.

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

Glenn Brashears Wilkie

Glenn Brashears Wilkie, 91, passed away Oct. 1, 2012 in his home with family by his side.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8, 2012, at Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Pampa, with Rev. Barry Owens, associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating.

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

Glenn was born February 5, 1921 in Augusta, Kansas to Henry and Stella Wilkie. Glenn was a 1941 graduate of Pampa High School. He married Mildred Fulkerson, the love of his life, July 6, 1947 in Pampa. He worked at Cabot/ Ingersoll Rand as a tool and die maker

until he retired in January of 1985, after 27 years with the company. Glenn served in the U. S. Navy during WWII aboard the battleship USS Iowa. Glenn and Mildred moved to Georgetown, Texas in 1986. They were members of Crestview Baptist Church for 24 years. He enjoyed golf, fishing and telling stories of his past. Glenn was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Stella.

Survivors include his loving wife of 65 years: Mildred Wilkie of Georgetown; daughter: Cathy Harkins and her husband Joe of Lubbock; son: Edward Wilkie of Corsicana; daughter-in-law: Sherry Wilkie-Conway of Georgetown: four grandchildren: Matthew Wilkie and Amy Minze and her husband Rory, all of Georgetown; Celeste Harkins of Lubbock; and Kayla Wilkie of Corsicana; and four great grandchildren: Tripp & Mattie Wilkie and Rody & Rylie Minze all of Georgetown.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Heart to Heart Hospice and to Nicole Osmundsen and Eva Thompson for their support in his final days.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.

Jerry Ray Guyton

Jerry Ray Guyton, 77, longtime resident of Duncan, Okla., passed away on Thursday, Oct. 4, 2012, at Marlow Manor Nursing Home, Marlow, Okla.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012, at 3 p.m. at Chisholm Trail Church of Christ with Leonard Keele officiating, under the direction of Don Grantham Funeral Home. There is no visitation at the fu-

neral home.

Jerry was born May 12, 1935, in Shamrock, Texas, to Charles R. and Lorene (Tenison) Guyton. He graduated from McLean High School and attended West Texas State University. He was employed by Texaco as an engineer, retiring in 1993 and enjoyed golf, bowling and camping. Jerry was a member of Chisholm Trail Church of Christ. He was a veteran serving in the U.S. Army.

He married Betty Ann Russell on July 28, 1961 and to this union brought two daughters.

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Jerry is survived by his wife, Betty, of the home, two daughters, Julie Gripp and husband Gordon of Houston, Texas, and Angie Kyle of Duncan, four grandchildren: Lindsay Wainford and husband Michael, Tiffany Peintner and husband Skyler, Ethan Kyle and Gavin Gripp and one great-grandchild: Khloe Peintner.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, a grandmother, Farrar L. Guyton and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, W.W. "Cotton" and Loretta Russell.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be sent to: Ross Health Care and Hospice.

Online condolences can be sent to the family at: www. granthamfuneralhomes.com.

Helen Sue Beck Cross

Helen Sue Beck Cross, 64, died Saturday, Oct. 6, 2012, in Amarillo.

Services will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2012, in the First United Methodist Church in McLean with Rev. Thacker Haynes, officiating.

Interment will be held at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean, and arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of McLean. Helen Sue Beck Cross was born April 12, 1948, in

Groom, Texas, to William Earnest and Dorothy Mae Cousins Beck. She was a 1966 graduate of McLean High School. She married John Cross on April

12, 1968 in Paris, Texas. She worked 10 years as PEIMS Coordinator for Detroit ISD in Detroit, Texas. Sue had been a resident of McLean since 2008. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in McLean. She is preceded in death by her father and mother, and

also by her sister, Barbara Beck. Survivors are her husband, John Cross, of McLean; her daughter, Aimee Driggers and husband Aaron, of Paris,

Texas; her grandchildren, Jacob and Amber Driggers, of Paris, Texas; 2 sisters, Virginia

erryman, of Houston, and Nona Turpen, of McLean; and a host of nieces and nephews. The family request memorials be sent to one of the

following: BSA Hospice, Circle of Friends, Hillcrest Cemetery Association, or the Harrington Cancer Center of Amarillo. A time of family visitation will be Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2012, from 5 until 7 p.m. at Robertson Funeral Directors in McLean.

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Pampa woman charged with aggravated assault

BY GAYDEN HAYS

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The following people were arrested and booked into the Gray County Jail between Friday and Monday morning:

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■ Lecia Kaye Miller, 53, Pampa, for aggravated assult with a deadly weapon.

Angelia Annette Hope, 46, Pampa, for possession of a certain chemical with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

Ryan Wayne Willis, 26, Pampa, for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Shelly Marie Demar, 40, Pampa, for driving

while intoxicated. Misti Dawn Hill, 44, Borger, for warrants for

speeding, no drivers license and failure to appear.

Jaden Dean Payne, 20, Pampa, for criminal tresspass.

■ Jenny Andrea Smith-Amaya, 30, Pampa, for probation revocation on money laundering charg-

Matin Guy Brokkshire, 49, Pampa, for theft of property more than \$50 but less than \$500

Carlos Rodriguez, 49, Pampa, for assault of a family member. Courny Gail Honeyc-

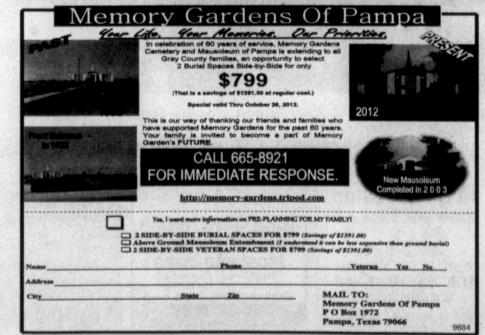
utt, 20, Pampa, for pos-

session of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, running a stop sign, failure to display a drivers license, failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Michael Anthony Chairez, 41, Bedford, for driving while intoxicated.

Johnny Michael Dominguez, 26, Pampa, for possession of drug paraphernalia, no drivers license, and outstanding warrants for no drivers license, open container, and failure to appear.

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Texas mom who glued kid's hands to wall gets life sentence

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas woman who admitted to beating her 2-yearold daughter and gluing her hands to a wall is to be sentenced.

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Escalona Elizabeth pleaded guilty July 12 to injury to a child. The young mother is scheduled to be sentenced Monday and faces up to life in

Her daughter was in a coma for two days after the Sept. 7, 2011, incident. The girl and her siblings have since been taken into state custody. Police records show the toddler's siblings told investigators their mother kicked the girl in the stomach repeatedly and hit her with various objects before gluing her hands to the wall. She was in a hospital for a week.

Dallas police Escalona was mad about potty training problems.

Woman arrested for hitting girl over ice cream

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A woman has been arrested for allegedly hitting a 10-year-old girl who refused to share ice cream with her daughter.

The San Antonio Express-News reported (bit.ly/SFxnH3) Sunday that the 10 year old bought

ice cream Saturday and began playing with nearby children.

A 4 year old asked the older girl for her ice cream, and when she refused, tried to grab it. Police say the 10 year old then slapped her hand away.

The older girl began walking home but the mother of the 4 year old, Talysa Herron, approached and hit her in the face. She then followed her home in her car.

The 10-year-old's mother, Cyndi Lafontaine, confronted Herron but was herself punched and beaten until police were called. Herron has been charged

Austin water main break leads to road collapse

with injury to a child.

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) -Utility officials say a water main break in Austin has caused part of a street to collapse and cracked sections of pavement.

Authorities say the damage to York Boulevard in northwest Austin was discovered Monday morning.

Austin water utilspokeswoman Jill Mayfield says the road has been closed for the repairs. Some water outages were reported in the neighborhood as the line was shut Officials are trying to

determine what caused the water line break.

A cold front moved through the Austin area over the weekend. The National Weather Service says temperatures early Monday were in the low 50s in Austin.

World champs win wife-carrying contest

NEWRY, Maine (AP) A Finnish couple has added to their victories by taking first place in the North American Wife Carrying Championship at Maine's Sunday River ski

Taisto Miettinen and Kristina Haapanen traveled from Helsinki, Finland — where they won the World Wife Carrying Championship for Saturday's contest. The Sun Journal (bit.ly/ Q30QWq) reports that the couple finished with a time of 52.58 seconds on a course that includes hurdles, sand traps and a water hole.

The winners receive the woman's weight in beer and five times her weight in cash.

For Miettinen and Haapanen, that meant a check for \$530. They shared their beer win-

nings with the second- and third- place finishers Jesse Wall and Christine Arsenault of South Paris and David and Lacey Castro of Lewiston.

W. Pa. town to vote on parade chairs

CANONSBURG, Pa. (AP) — A western Pennsylvania borough council is set to vote on a compromise policy to solve concerns about people who put out curbside chairs to reserve seats for the borough's popular Fourth of July parade.

The issue has come to a head in Canonsburg because some people have put up chairs to save their seats nearly two weeks in advance. Some folks tether the chairs together with rope or chains, or link them to utility poles. That can block access to sidewalks and causes other problems when the chairs blow over in stormy weather.

On Monday night, council will vote on a new policy banning the chairs until 6 a.m. July 2.

Officials don't want to ban the practice entirely because the chair-placing has become an event unto itself, with many residents decorating their chairs in a festive way.

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LaFave

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Scheutzon on bass, Bobby Kallus on drums, Bryan Peterson on piano and John Inmon on guitar.

Joining the group at the last minute was BettySoo Terry, an Austin-based singer/songwriter whose interpretation of "Vigilante Man" was one of the highlights of the concert.

The song was about how union organizers for the Oklahoma migrants who moved to California during the Dust Bowl were harassed or even murdered by local thugs and even

the police. In true Bob Dylan style, Fracasso performed solo with guitar and harmonica. LaFave said that

Woody's words and music are not only revered by folk artists such as Dylan and Pete Seeger, but also by rock musicians like Jimmi Hendrix and John

Though Guthrie is in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, he is not in the Country Music Hall of Hall, LaFave said.

LaFave believes the reason is probably because of Guthrie's outspoken political views.

Accoring to LaFave, Guthrie was neither "right wing, left wing or chicken wing." He simply believed that all races should be treated equal and that workers should be paid a fair and honest wage.



LaFave said Guthrie was pegged by some in the establishment as "Godless communist."

"When Woody would apply for jobs, they'd ask him, 'Mr. Guthrie, what religion are you?' and Guthrie would put down

couldn't put that on his application, Guthrie would write "none.'

LaFave said Guthrie was not a communist and had written page after page protesting against Hitler and fascism. The concert ended with

a sing along of Guthrie's When he was told he most famous tune, "This

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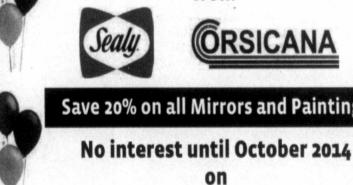
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LaFave brought on stage the few members of Guthrie's family who were attending, along with a local residents who were







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Winning the day means the same as winning the election

WASHINGTON (AP) — It can be something as small as positioning the candidate at just the right camera angle or as big as catching the opponent in a campaign-altering slip of the tongue.

Every day, the ground troops of Team Obama and Team



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Moment moment, hour by hour, they

Romney

set out in pursuit

of a com-

mon goal:

winning

the day.

scramble, maneuver and hustle to gain an inch here, a foot there on the opposition.

Driving it all is the belief that by stringing together enough small, daily victories, they can help their candidate win the one day that truly matters — Nov. 6, Election Day.

If they lose the day on Monday, they will work harder to win it on Tuesday. If they lose on Tuesday, there's always Wednesday or Thursday. Until time runs out.

Each day opens with a mental push of the reset button.

When Obama underperformed in his first debate Wednesday night, his handlers worked all the harder the next morning — in briefings, conference calls, television appearances, attack ads and more — to frame Romney's debate narrative as dishonest. Republican rapid responders served up rejoinders in real time.

Winning the day becomes a state of mind that motivates but also has the potential to distract.

It's what fires up the volunteers, the interns, the media monitors, the cable TV guests, the road warriors, the press wranglers, the local party officials and all the others who make up the infrastructure of a presidential campaign and propel it through long, wearying months and even years.

"It helps you get up at 5 in the morning so that the doughnuts and coffee are ready when the

volunteers come in at 6 or 7," says Paul Begala, a Democratic consultant and adviser to a pro-Obama super political action committee who helped create the 24-hour war room for Bill Clinton's winning presidential campaign in

scour every word from the opposition in search of openings to exploit. Most of that turns out to be wasted effort. But no one knows what one sentence could veer off-message and end up becoming a Moment that will reverberate in the political echo chamber.

"Any change in direction is something that we can grasp on to and then use to get into the news cycle and get into the narrative," says Republican National Committee spokesman Kirsten Kukowski, hours

The Democrats pounce on Romney's caught-on-tape comment that it's not his job to worry about the 47 percent of Americans who don't pay taxes. Tweets, email, press releases, YouTube clips fly.

■ The Republicans pounce on Vice President Joe Biden's offhand reference to a middle class that has past four years. More tweets, email, press ensue

Both incidents have become threads in the ongoing campaign nar-

Other moments just pass by, quickly forgotten in the daily blur of a

campaign. Romney's road team scrambles to set up an impromptu meetand-greet when his plane lands in Ohio at about the same time as an honor flight of aging veterans just back from visiting Washington

"I'm drunk!" one vet announces as he carefully makes his way down the ramp. "Better now," he says when he reaches the ground.

"Better now!" Romney

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Campaign partisans

gotten "buried" over the releases, YouTube clips

memorials

repeats.

Fire Prevention Month

Fire safety should be practiced year round, not just October

October is Fire Prevention Month and for the 28th year the Pampa Fire Department is going to all the schools in the district to teach fire safety to our young people.

The first school to get a presentation by the PFD was Travis Elementary on Friday.

Though the inclement weather prevented the firefighters from demonstrating some of their equipment, such as the ladder truck, the kids nonetheless got important lessons on how to stay safe.

If weather permits this week, kids will get a demonstration of the ladder truck and get to see the "smoke house."

"The program is to educate the children about fire prevention," said Fire Marshal Mike "Big Mac" Ryan.

As important as it for kids to learn fire safety, adults need to be informed as well. Here are some important tips from the Centers for Disease Control.

■ Never leave food unat-

Our View

This editorial reflects the views of The Pampa News' editorial board. Other opinions on this page may not reflect this view.

tended on a stove.

■ Keep cooking areas free of flammable objects (such as, potholders and towels).

Avoid wearing clothes with long, loose-fitting sleeves when cooking.

■ Never smoke in bed or leave burning cigarettes unattended. Do not empty smoldering

ashtrays away from upholstered furniture and curtains. ■ Never place portable space heaters near flammable materials (such as drapery). Keep all matches and lighters

out of reach of children. Store

them up high, preferably in a

ashes in a trash can, and keep

locked cabinet. ■ Install smoke alarms on every floor of the home, including the basement, and particularly near rooms in

which people sleep. Use long-life smoke alarms with lithium-powered batteries and hush buttons, which allow persons to stop false alarms quickly.

■ If long-life alarms are not available, use regular alarms and replace the batteries annually.

Test all smoke alarms every month to ensure they work properly.

■ Devise a family fire escape plan and practice it every six months. In the plan, describe at least two different ways each family member can escape every room, and designate a safe place in front of the home for family members to meet after escaping a fire.

■ If possible, install or retrofit fire sprinklers into

It is our hope that fire prevention and safety in our city is practiced year round, and not just during October.



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Can stocks continue to rise as earnings fall?

NEW YORK (AP) — One type of investor buys stocks when everyone is convinced that corporate earnings will fall. He buys because he thinks they're wrong and earnings will rise instead. Call

him the

type of

investor

buys when

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Another



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will rise. He buys because he thinks

they'll rise even more than expected. Call him the eternal optimist. Now, the three-and-a-

half-year-old bull market may have produced a third type of investor, an undiscovered breed with a curious strategy for success: He expects earnings to fall but buys anyway because he hopes it won't matter.

Call him the blind-faith investor. Or maybe just blind.

"How do you explain where the stock market is?" Barclays Capital stock strategist Barry Knapp said Thursday, as the Standard & Poor's 500 inched higher yet again. "Stock prices are not warranted by the fundamentals."

The financial reporting season begins Tuesday, when Alcoa announces third-quarter results.

Brace yourself: For three months, stock prices have risen while, in seeming contradiction, Wall Street analysts have slashed estimates for earnings.

Earnings for July through September are expected to drop 1.3 percent compared with a year earlier for S&P 500 companies, according to S&P Capital IQ, a research firm.

That would break an 11-quarter streak of rising earnings that began just after the Great Recession ended three and a half years ago. Earlier this year, analysts had expected earnings for the quarter to rise 7 percent.

To be fair to the bulls, it's generally future quarters that investors should be most concerned about, not the one that just passed. That's a time-

honored rule of investing. But analysts have been cutting estimates for those quarters, too. They've lowered forecasts for earnings growth for each of the next two quarters by a third since the summer, and as much as half since

the beginning of the year. The bad news started in July, when UPS, the world's largest package delivery company, said the global economy was slowing and lowered its 2012 profit forecast as a

result. Then FedEx said that shipping volume had fallen to recession levels, and that investors should expect lower earnings. Norfolk Southern, the giant railroad company, cut its forecast, too.

The flurry of so-called negative pre-announcements ranged across industries — from steel maker Nucor Corp. and Applied Materials Inc., which sells semiconductor-chip-making machines, to Starbucks and Tiffany & Co.

On Tuesday, Fifth & Pacific, the company behind Juicy Couture products, said sales were weakening and it was likely to report lower earnings than expected, too. Investors pushed its stock down 11 percent in

just a day. Tally it up and 78 percent of companies issuing pre-announcements have suggested they will disappoint, according to FactSet, a financial data provider. That is the worst reading since FactSet began keeping records six years ago.

The problem is companies are running out of ways to increase earnings. You can see that in the results for the previous quarter, from April through June. Earnings for companies in the S&P 500 barely rose from a year

earlier, just 0.8 percent. U.S. economic growth has slowed to an annual rate of 1.3 percent, practically stall speed. Meanwhile, the old formula that companies have used to compensate pulling more profit out of each sale by trying to run leaner - suddenly isn't working.

You can only cut expenses and squeeze workers so much, and many companies seem to have reached the limit. Profit margins are falling for the first time in the recovery, after hitting a record of nearly 9 percent, according to

Goldman Sachs. The other way U.S. companies have posted higher profits is by selling more abroad. But many of the 17 countries that use the euro have fallen into recession. And developing countries are facing headwinds now, too. China, India and Brazil are slowing. On Wednesday, the Asian Development Bank slashed its growth forecast for emerging economies this year and next.

So what's kept stocks rising? One theory is loose monetary policy.

The Federal Reserve announced last month a third round of bond-buying to try to stimulate the economy

That followed a bold plan by the European Central Bank to buy government bonds of struggling countries in its region.

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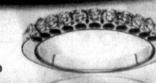
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New downtown boutique has something for everybody



SHABBY CREEK opened on Cuyler Street in mid-September.

BY GAYDEN HAYS ghays@thepampanews.com

Shabby Creek brings a new flavor to the down-

town and has a little bit of something for everyone.

Owner Stacy Helms and her partner, daughter-inlaw Samantha Helms, have included a "shabby chic" look that any shopper can appreciate.

They have home decor, antiques, baby clothes,

handmade as well as nationally known jewelry lines, scarfs and refurbishished furniture.

The store's original art deco look from the 1950s has been carried out through out the store, and adds to the friendly atmosphere and the shabby chic merchandise.

Helms started making handmade jewelry at home, and as the demand grew for her jewelry and funiture, she decided a location other than her home was needed.

"My first love is restoring old furniture pieces, but that takes up a lot of space. Finally this location on Cuyler became available, and it freed up space in my home and garage," commented Helms about why she decided to open her shop.

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clothes maker Sandra Britten moved her ladies, misses and junior clothing line into the store.

Not only do they carry sought-after local clothing, they also have a wide selection of what are called "burnouts."

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I'm reading a good book, the title of which I'll give was defendyou in just a minute. I want ing to share some intriguing passages from the book with you. But in doing so, I'm going to leave some words blank. I want you to not history buffs, America fill in those blanks. Here's a little hint: the section dominated by isolationists of the book I am sharing with you involves a relatively new major government program that a certain political party wants to repeal. Here are the passages

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ing attacks on (blank) and aire who owned railroads, promised to repeal it if established the Sun Valley elected.'

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Unfortunately, if those Security, 2) Alf Landon and 3) Social Security.

The book I am reading its darkest hours -- that Gilbert Winant.

period of time when essentially Great Britain alone freedom against the ravages of Hitler's

war machine. For those of my readers who are before Pearl Harbor was who did not want our country to get involved in "that European war." But three forward-think-

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I'm sure most of my trol of his campaign to the readers have heard of father of John F. Kennedy, party's conservative die- two of those men. One as our ambassador to Great ski resort in Idaho, dated My hunch is that many celebrities and became our Lease" program in London. The other was Edward R. were your answers, you Murrow, the CBS newsare wrong and score a fail- man who became famous ing grade. Here are the for his realistic and touchcorrect answers: 1) Social ing radio broadcasts from bomb-ravaged London.

However, I'll bet many of my readers never heard ing is called "Citizens of of the third influential London," by Lynne Olson. American. And in fact, I It tells the story of three picked up the book at my influential Americans, liv- local library because I had ing in London in 1940, a small connection with who stood by Britain dur- him. His name was John

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feited his political future in-the-blank" quiz. I find by attacking the GOP for it very intriguing that the of the nation's business Franklin Delano Roosevelt, its slashing assaults on very same issues that faced the New Deal." In 1941, America in the 1930s con-FDR appointed Winant to tinue to face us today. We replace the isolationist -- have always been arguing and thus not very popu- about what role the federal lar -- Joseph P. Kennedy, government should play in

> Britain's hour of need. from 1973 until 2005.

In 1935, Roosevelt administer the new federal care, i.e. "Obamacare" agency charged with run- debate. ning the Social Security program. FDR did so in part because he wanted the well-known Republican to opposition to the new law. net.

funding for the fledgling agency. But Winant and the other two board members, with minimal resoruces, worked tirelessly to hire staff and patch together a network of regional

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Typically, the tests cost around \$120, he said. PRMC's Surgical

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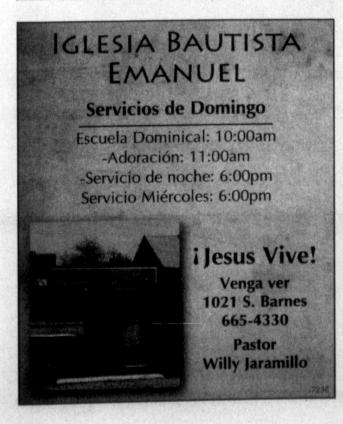
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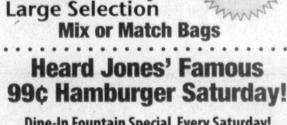
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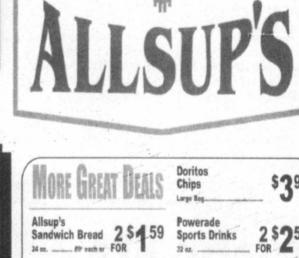
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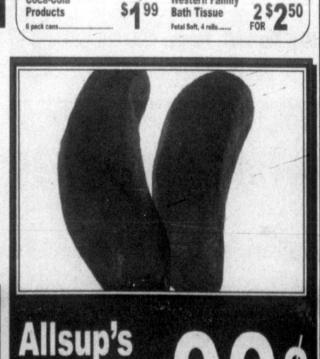


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Lady Harvesters squeak past Wellington for third victory

BARB AMRHEIN For The Pampa News

Although it took the Pampa Lady Harvesters cross country team 10 years to win a first place trophy, this year's team earned its third first place trophy this season, Saturday capturing the Canadian Invitational Cross Country Meet.

Terra Truitt won another individual title, and J'Cee Holmes took the second place position to lead the Lady Harvesters to a score of 28 points, just ahead of Wellington with 32 points. Host Canadian finished a distant third with 85 points.

Truitt covered the approximately 1.8 mile course in 11 minutes 12 seconds with Holmes finishing in a time of 11:32, but the key to the team win became Reata Collins running the course in 12:20 to edge out Wellington's fifth runner in 12:23 for 10th place overall to preserve the win.

"I'm very pleased with their effort," Pampa cross country coach Mark Elms said.

"We love to win."

With Truitt and Holmes the only veterans on the team, Elms knows that getting his young runners to finish closer to his seniors is a key to the Lady Harvester success, especially on Saturday.

While Wellington runners finished in the third, fourth and fifth positions, Yesenia Soria and Claire Hopkins took the seventh and eighth places and Reata Collins the 10th spot to give their team the win by putting all five scoring runners ahead of Wellington's fifth runner.

"We're working on getting our three, four and five runners closer together and also Canadian Invitational Cross Country Meet

Girls Team Results: 1. Pampa 28 2. Wellington 32; 3. Canadian 85; 4. White Deer 102. 5. Wheeler 111; 6. Spearman 153. Individuals (Course length was approximately 1.8 miles): 1. Terra Truitt, Pampa, 11:12; 2. J'Cee Holmes, 11:32; 3. Mikayla Klink, Wellington, 11:47; 4. Macy Davis, Wellington, 11:49; 5. Nation, Wellington, 11:51 ; 6. Ashley Parsley, White Deer, 11:52.1; 7. Yesenia Soria, 11:52.9; 8. Claire Hopkins, 11:55; Andrews, Wellington, 12:07; 10. Reata Collins, Pampa, 12:20; 11. Jantes, Wellington, 12:23; 14. Ontiveras, Vanessa Pampa, 12:42.

our sixth," Elms said.
"Vanessa (Ontiveras, in 14th place), our number six runner, did a really good job of staying closer too. I like the way we are improving as we get

ready for district."

Elms is pleased with how his team has become the most successful girls cross country team in a decade.

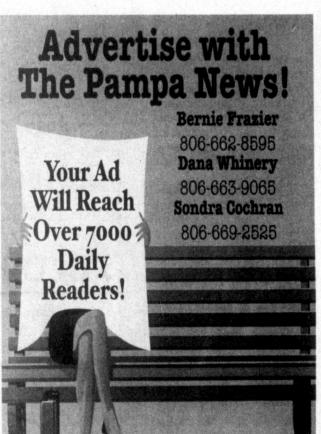
"We waited 10 years, and this year we have three wins and two seconds," he said. "Hopefully we can keep that going."

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White Deer also participated in the meet.

Ashley Parsley, finished in sixth place in a time of 11:51, and was the lone Lady Buck to crack the top 10.

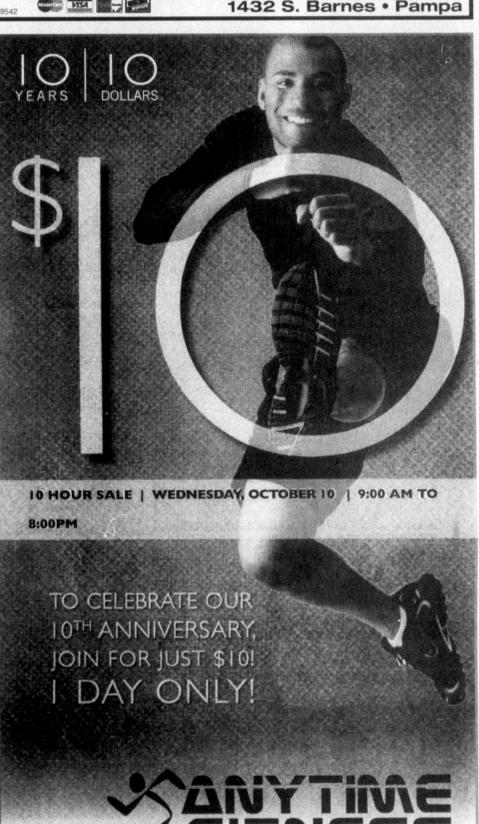
Both White Deer and Pampa, as well as Kelton junior high runners, are expected to run at the Lanthrop Memorial run at West Texas A&M University's Horse Center in Canyon Saturday.

The meet is the final preparation before district competition.









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DIGGING. Diamond Marrufo sets up the Lady Harvester offense by passing a ball during a recent match verses Dalhart. The Lady Harvesters begin the second round of district play as they travel to Perryton Tuesday, and then Host River Road Saturday at Pamp High School. Saturday will be Pink Out and all attending are asked to wear pink to the game.

Lady Harvesters solid in loss to Dalhart

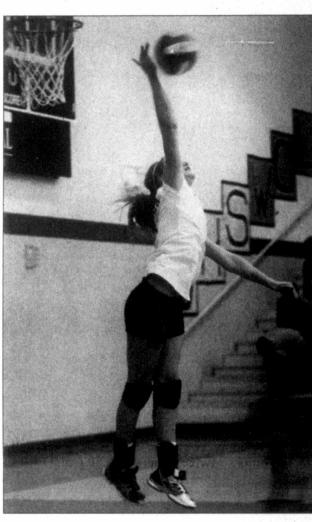


Photo by Larry Petty ACE SERVE. Madison Joyce serving for Pampa during Caragan Niccum had 3 a recent match at the Fieldhouse at Pampa High School, Pampa is scheduled to play River Road Saturday, and is sponsoring a "Pink Out", They Ladies are encouraging all to wear their pink to the game.

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The Lady Harvesters came out super strong in game one verses the Wolves on Dalhart Saturday winning 25-21.

Junior Madison Joyce played amazing offense at middle hitter to fire the Lady Harvesters up.

This is the second match in a row that Joyce has hit the ball hard and consistent. She led the team at the net with 11 kills and 3 blocks for the match. Joyce also had 2 service aces.

Diamond Marrufo led the defense in game 1 with 5 digs.

The second game against the Lady Wolves was very close.

Many Lady Harvesters contributed with kills and although the lead changed several times, Pampa came up short 26-24.

In game 2, Maddie Fatheree led the team with 8 setting assists while hitters Taylor Eubank, Joyce and Madison kills each.

In game three, hitting errors hurt Pampa's chance to take the match.

The score was 25-21, Lady Wolves.

Although Pampa had superb hustle and teamwork in game four, the Lady Harvesters had lost too much momentum and gave up the final game 25-17.

Sophomore Eubank led the team in kills with three and also had two assists in the final game.

The Lady Harvesters seem to be picking up momentum as the district season heads into the second half. Pampa seemed to surprise the competition in its first round of district games and hope to top their opponents in their final match ups.

The Lady Harvesters meet Perryton tonight in Perryton. The Lady Harvesters are currently 2-2 in district play.

Statistics for the lady Harvesters verses Dalhart: Madison Joyce, 11 kills, 3 blocks, 2 aces; Taylor Eubank, 10 kills, 1 block, 2 aces, 5 assists, 1 dig; Maddie Fatheree, 5 kills, 1 block, 1 ace, 20 assists, dig; Callie Brewer, 7 kills; Diamond Marrufo, 10 digs; Taylor Giles, 4 digs, 2 aces; Allison Noble, 4 kills; Caragan Niccum, 3 kills.



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Pampa to begin district play versus Perryton Friday night

BY GAYDEN HAYS ghays@thepamanews.com

The Pampa Harvesters begin district play Friday night against the Perryton Rangers at Harvester Field at 7:30 p.m.

The Harvesters roll out of non-district play with a 1-5 record, while Perryton sports a 3-3 record.

"We went through the ringer, had our nose bloodied, maybe even hit the mat a time or two, but our team is like Rocky, we have more resolve now with district play beginning," said Pampa Head Coach Heath Parker.

While teams strive to win all non-conference games, the next four will determine if Pampa is able to continue until the next round, the Texas State 3A Playoffs.

Parker scheduled nonconference schools that were at a higher level than the opponents Pampa will play in its own district.

This allows the coaches to address problem areas that need to be addressed before district play begins this week.

"This week more of our kids voluntarily showed



ROUNDING THE CORNER. Tyler Powell carries the ball around the end as Kristian Vizcaino leads the way and blocks a Canadian player at Harvester field.

up to see Perryton game film, because they all know that district play is where it counts," said

Parker.

The Rangers have had several opponents in common with the Harvesters. Perryton has played Dumas, losing 49-29, beat Bushland 10-3, and lost to Canadian by a score of 28-14.

In the history of the Pampa-Perryton rivalry it all comes down to less than a touchdown on the scoreboard.

Two years ago, Pampa was able to seal their victory on a fake punt and went on to run out the clock to beat the Rangers.

The opposite happened last year when an unexpected on-sides kick allowed Perryton to hold on in a close game against the Harvesters.

Based purely on the scores of the games, Pampa should have the upper hand, and with the improved play of the defense led by strong play by Chris Howard, Chris Garcia and Kyler Allen. The Pampa defense the last two games have held opponents 150 yards under

their season average. Offensively, Harvesters have shown a spark, grinding out 233 yards against the No. 4-ranked Canadian Wildcats Friday night at Harvester Field. Led by the running of quarterback Ryan Smith and Sammy Smith, the Harvesters will also rely on steady play from wide

receivers Taylor woods,

Tyler Powell, as well as tight-end Cager Osborne.

The Perryton Rangers will play the typical David Flower's defense that all of his previous teams are known for, solid in the basics, and pressing and overly aggressive from the corners.

In the Lubbock Cooper game, the Rangers allowed Cooper to move the ball up and down the field. However, when the opposition crossed into the "red-zone," inside the 20-yard line, they denied them points. ---

Lubbock drove within the 20-yard line nine times, and only was able to come away points twice. Offensively, the Rangers will look to run the ball first and want to control the tempo of the game, if possible, on the ground.

But running the spread offense, allows for more passing opportunities which their outstanding receiving core has exploited against previous opponents this year.

"This will be a typical Texas high school first round district game, whichever team wins will have the inside track to the playoffs, and both teams know it," said Parker on what to expect Friday night.

Pampa will play at Harvester Field, Friday at 7:30 p.m., gates will open at 6:30 p.m.

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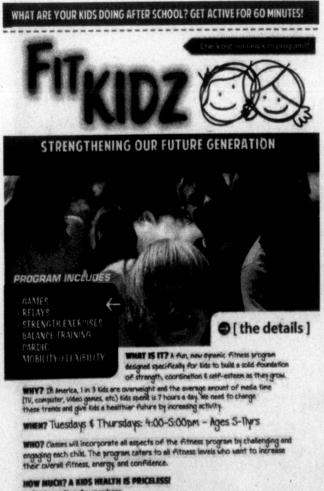


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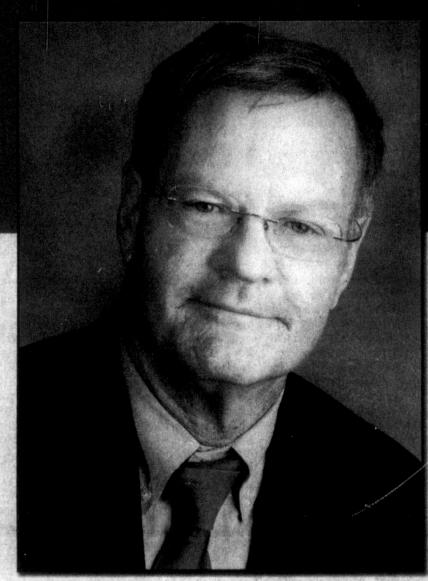
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Soda industry: Vending machines will show calories

Coke, Pepsi, Dr. Pepper to list calories.

CANDICE CHOI AP Food Industry Writer

NEW YORK — As criticism over sugary sodas intensifies, Coke, Pepsi and Dr Pepper are rolling out new vending machines that display just how many calories are in

their drinks.

The machines will let customers see the calorie counts for drinks before making a purchase. They will launch in Chicago and San Antonio municipal buildings in 2013 before rolling out nationally.

The American Beverage Association, which represents Coca-Cola Co., PepsiCo Inc. and Dr Pepper Snapple Group Inc., said Monday that the machines will increase the availability of lower-calorie drinks and remind consumers to consider alternatives with messages such as "Try a Low-Calorie Beverage."

A 12-ounce can of regular soda typically has about 140 calories and 40 grams of high-fructose corn syrup. Most diet sodas, which are sweetened with artificial sweeteners such as aspartame, have zero calories.

Starting next year,

ing machines in the two cities will feature calorie information for each beverage choice. The Atlantabased company notes that it already provides calorie information on the front of its drinks rather than

just on the nutrition panel

on the back.

The move comes as the soda industry has come under increasing fire for fueling obesity rates. Last month, New York City approved a plan to prohibit the sale of sugary drinks over 16 ounces in the city's

restaurants, movie theaters and stadiums. The beverage industry aggressively fought the measure, saying it takes away customer choice.

Soft drink makers are also dealing with shifting consumer habits. On

a per capita basis, soda consumption in the U.S. has been declining since 1998, according to the industry tracker Beverage Digest. The decline is partly the result of the growing number of bever-

age options, such as fla-

vored waters, bottled teas and sports drinks.

As a result, Coke, Pepsi and Dr Pepper are focusing on developing more diet drinks, as well as expanding into other types of drinks to reduce their reliance on sodas.







Living room built around NYC Columbus statue a hit

KAREN MATTHEWS
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Anyone hoping to commune with Christopher Columbus on Columbus Day will be disappointed: He's booked solid. Monday's tickets to the conceptual art installation that surrounds a 13-foot statue of the explorer with a well-appointed living room have all been snapped up.

The exhibit, "Discovering Columbus" by Japanese artist Tatzu Nishi, has become a must-see cultural attraction in New York since it opened Sept. 20. Some 20,000 people have made the walk up six flights of stairs for the up-close view of Columbus, as well as the unique views

of Midtown Manhattan and Central Park.

"Living room in the sky? I thought 'Cool. Check it out,'" said business analyst Brianna Goodman, who visited this past week. "I would never have thought to build a living room around a statue, but it made it like an intimate setting. And then the view from up there!"

Artist Martha Bone said the walk up and down the stairs was well worth it. "It was one of the best installations I've ever seen. ... It's my city. I like to know what's going on in it."

The exhibit is being presented by the city's Public Art Fund, and free timed tickets can be reserved at www.publicartfund.org. Another 80,000 are slated to see the exhibit before it

ends Nov. 18.

"What I have been absolutely thrilled about is that I think the project has really captured the imagination of New York," said Public Art Fund director Nicholas Baume.

Not everyone is a fan. John Mancini, executive director of the Italic Institute of America, said the artwork turns the 1892 statue by Italian sculptor Gaetano Russo into "a stage prop."

"How can one artist hijack the work of another artist?" he complained.

The statue rests on a 60-foot granite column at the southwest corner of Central Park. Columbus' marble features usually are visible only from afar. For his first installation

For his first installation in the United States, Nishi admire the title booksh

has perched Columbus' home atop scaffolding that encases the column.

The statue rises out of a large coffee table so that it seems to preside over a highbrow salon. Pink wallpaper, designed by the artist, depicts American icons Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe and Martin Luther King Jr.

Because Time Warner Inc. and Mayor Michael Bloomberg's media company are sponsors, the magazines include Bloomberg Business Week and the TV is on CNN with the sound on low. Fresh newspapers are laid out every day.

Visitors can plop themselves on the sectional, admire the views and scan the titles on Columbus' bookshelves, which include Walt Whitman's "Leaves of Grass," Barack Obama's "The Audacity of Hope" and books about baseball and American history.

"I was really enjoying trying to figure out who are these people who live in this apartment," said art therapist Bonnie Hirschhorn.

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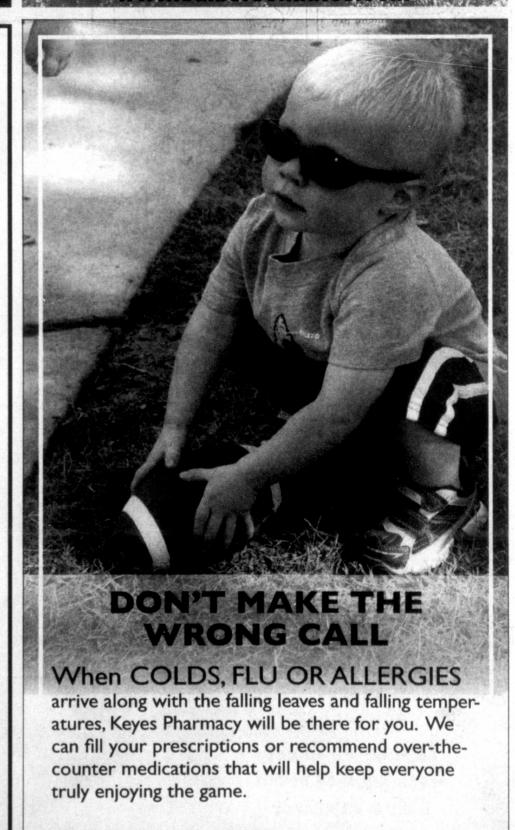
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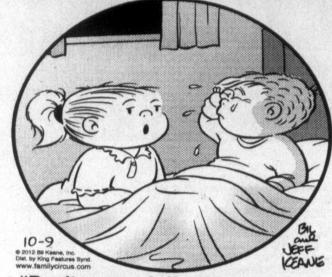
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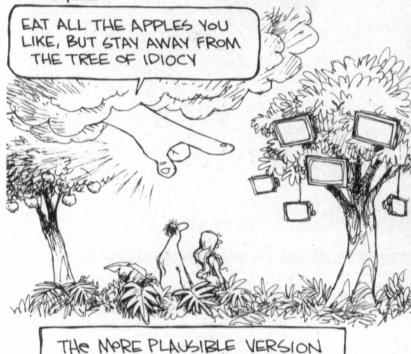


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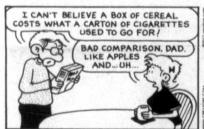
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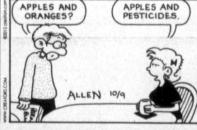
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If ever you were to have a proclivity for intensity and drama, it would be this year. You easily could be mistaken for a drama queen or king. Communication, especially with those close to you, forces your mind's eye to see beyond its current vista. Good luck comes through openness and detachment. Travel and/or education also will play a significant role in your life this year. Be careful not to overspend in your grandiose mood, or not get past a problem without first having else you could end up being unhappy when you return to your normal self. If you are single, a friendship could be vital to a special relationship. Once you meet this person, you could have difficulty landing on the ground for a while. If you are attached, do more as a couple. Work on your friendship, too. A rally. party is always better with a LEO!

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You might want to let a difficult situation alone and instead watch how others work through it. Listen to your inner voice. Do not avoid incoming calls, especially as it is likely that you will hear good news. Tonight: Paint the town red.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Your home life always is important, and you go out of your way to maintain a steady domestic life. Having priorities is important, but handling the other areas of your life is equally imperative. A friend or loved one has an unusually creative suggestion. Tonight: Mosey on home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** You make that extra effort, and others respond accordingly. Use positive thinking in order to manifest a wish. Your thoughts and words have an effect. An older relative or boss could be evasive, yet you know that he or she demands a lot. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

** Curb a need to go overboard. You might feel quite touched by someone's thoughtfulness. You also feel unusually secure when dealing with this person. Don't worry so much about tension between you and a child or new friend. You cannot change his or her personality. Tonight: Use some self-discipline.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Thoughts that come to you in your sleep might be unusually significant right now. A close friend might be the perfect person to share this information with, as he or she could give you feedback. You very well might be able to manifest this idea, but on your schedule. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** You might not want to be an active participant in what goes on today, as you could be thinking about a proposal. A boss or higher-up has a lot to share. This person has been observing you, and feels as if you are giving 100 percent of yourself. Your presence encourages others to break past boundaries. Tonight: Not to be found.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Zero in on priorities. You cana discussion with a key resource. You might be making judgments that could prevent you from accomplishing an important goal. News comes in through a call or an email that delights you to no end. Tonight: First, find your friends. The rest will happen natu-

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** You understand your role in a project, and you don't hesitate to do what is needed to accomplish the end results. A partner teams up with you and helps you accomplish more. A brainstorming session will open up a door, though you might feel hesitant to walk through it. Tonight: Up late! SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Let your mind expand as you play around with a certain situation. You might start to see a situation far differently, or in many different ways, as a result. Someone you like and who is lucky for you suddenly appears. Make plans to get together as soon as possible. Tonight: Reach out for someone at a distance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Deal with individuals directly. The conversations that ensue will demonstrate their caring. Team up with someone who has the same goals as you, but offers something different. Your instincts are excellent, so follow through on a hunch. Tonight:

Brainstorm over dinner. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** You'll discover much more of what is happening with others. You could get feedback from loved ones when trying to make plans. You suddenly might realize how much fun you could have with a certain person. Schedule a meeting for as late as possible. Tonight: Spontaneity works well.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** You have a lot to do, and you will get it done -- as long as you do not allow someone to distract you. Your imagination could lead you down some interesting paths today, even literal ones. Understand why a partner might be negative about one of your suggestions. Tonight: Get to the gym.



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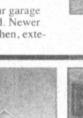
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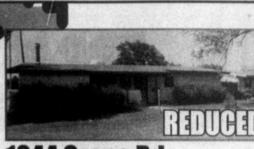




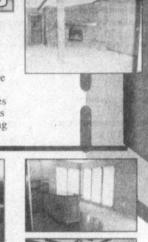
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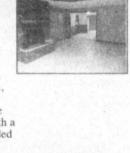
























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Abby, I am physically barely able to endure such travel. My balance is bad and walking is extremely painful for my legs and hips. I wish she would have discussed

her plan with me in advance. It's possible she wanted very much to go and suspected I'd tell her it would be unwise for me to do it. Now that we're

locked in, I'll go. But if it becomes too arduous, I'll tell her that we're going to have to leave the group and return home immediately. Perhaps that would help her understand that she should talk to me about a plan that includes me implementbefore ing it. Abby, can you comment? - GOT AN UNWELCOME **SURPRISE**

DEAR SURPRISE: What your wife did old boy is feeling threatened by my presence. He has become very "clingy" to his mother and tries to get between us.

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I know she would be crushed if I ended this relationship, because recently P.S. I'm advising you to she asked me to move in by Christmas. Marriage has been discussed prior to or shortly DEAR ABBY: I'm in love thereafter. Please help. with a beautiful woman. She's DISRESPECTED IN OHIO

> DEAR DISRESPECTED: Do not move in with this

agrees to premarital counseling with you to ensure that you're both on the same page regarding parenting, and then family counseling with her children. As much as you care about them, you are not their parent. Because your ladyfriend appears to ignore problems when they

arise, without counseling

nothing will change. Be

warned. DEAR ABBY: Our son and daughter-in-law have invited us for Thanksgiving in another state. We'll fly there with my husband's mother.

Recently my daughter-inlaw mentioned that we may all (11 of us) be going to some sort of buffet instead of making the dinner at their home. We would also end up paying

woman unless she first for the meal.

I would much rather cook for them than eat and pay for a Thanksgiving meal at a buffet or restaurant. How can we get this across to our son and daughter-in-law without hurting their feelings? -NO BUFFET FOR US IN LEAVENWORTH, KAN.

DEAR NO BUFFET: How about saying it in plain English? Tell them you would be glad to prepare the dinner, and if your daughter-in-law would help you. the task wouldn't be onerous

for either of you. P.S. Unless the men are "all thumbs" in the kitchen, they could pitch in, too. Multigenerational rituals are the glue that keep a family together.

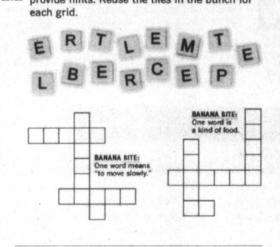
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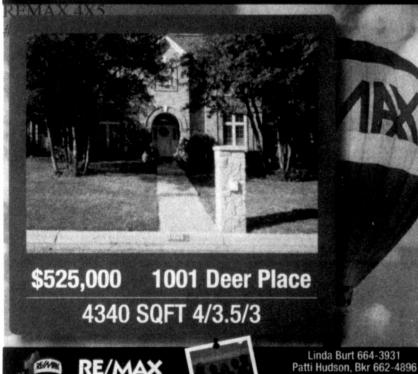
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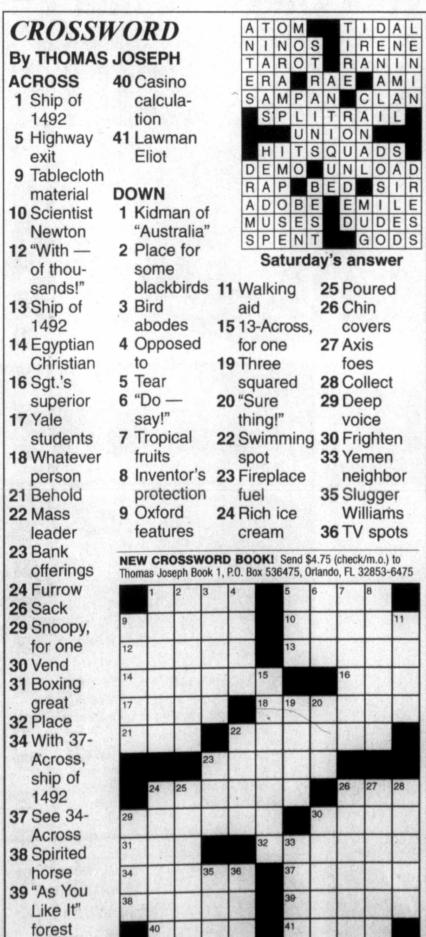


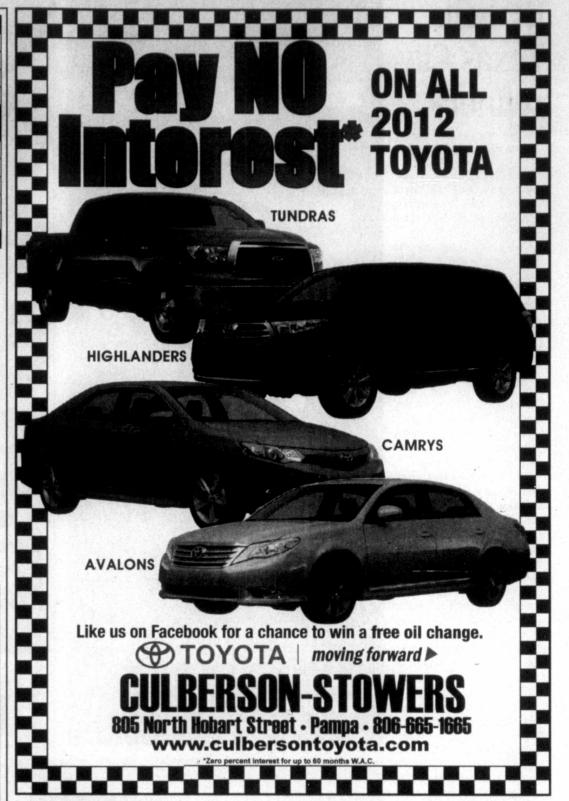
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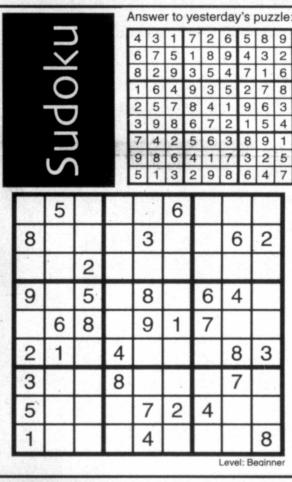
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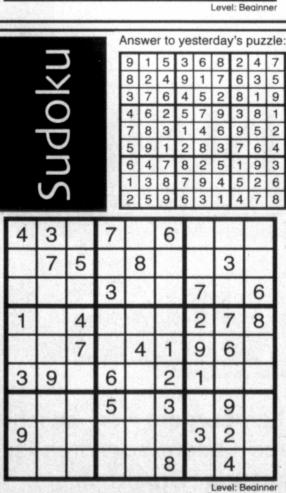
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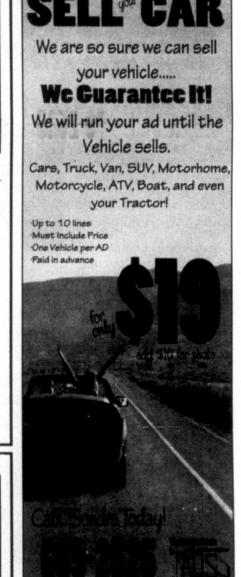
















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The Associated Press

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Marathon Petroleum Corp. will pay \$598 million for the refinery and other nearby pipelines and fuel terminals, plus \$1.2 billion for the inventory of oil and petroleum products owned by the plant. Marathon may have to pay another \$700 million over 6 years if certain unspecified conditions are met, the company said Monday.

The refinery has a troubled history. A 2005 fire and explosion at the plant killed 15 workers and injured nearly 200 others.

BP PLC been trying to sell refining and other assets to help cover costs associated with the 2010 Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill. Since 2010, BP has agreed to sell \$35 billion worth of assets, and the company said it expects that to rise to \$38 billion by next year.

BP announced in February of 2011 its intention to cut its U.S. refining capacity in half by the end of this year by selling the Carson refinery in Southern California and the Texas City refinery. BP agreed in August to sell the Carson refinery to Tesoro Corp.

The Texas City refinery processes 451,000 barrels of oil per day.

U.S. refiners have been generating enormous profits in recent months because they have been able to buy U.S. crude at prices lower than most competitors around the world. There has been a huge increase in oil production by U.S. drillers and a relative glut of oil in the middle of the country.

Refiners are then able to sell their gasoline, diesel and jet fuel at elevated world prices. U.S. exports of petroleum products are on pace to set a record this

U.S. refiners are also benefiting from natural gas prices that are far lower than what their world competitors are paying. Natural gas is used to cook oil into refined products.

In early trading Monday Marathon Petroleum shares jumped 7 percent to \$58.73.





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