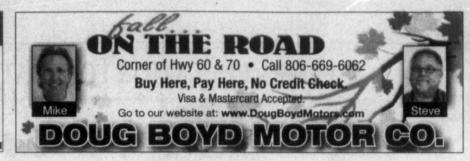


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Grant approved for golf cart path construction

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PPD receives best practices certification for 2nd time in five years.

> BY GAYDEN HAYS ghays@thepampanews.com

Wednesday, October 10, 2012

Pampa City Commissioners held their

regular meeting Tuesday. After the meeting was called to order by Mayor Brad Pingel, Chief Kelly Rushing announced to the commission that the Pampa Police Department has been re-certified. However, unlike most of the police departments in Texas,

PPD was certified with best practices. Best practices is given to departments that meet a standard in 165 plus areas required by the Chief of Police Association and set forth by the State of Texas

The certification lasts for four years,

and this will be Pampa's second such certification.

In 2008, when Pampa first certified, Pampa was one of only five departments in Texas to be awarded with best prac-

The first regular business by the commission was to do house keeping relating to the city land-

fill. The prices that are charged to contractors and other cities have never officially bet set. They have been in affect, but not in writing. The passing of the motion does not affect Pampa residents who are now are allotted 1,000 pounds a month. The motion for the clarification in writing was passed unanimously by the commission.

The second and third items on the agenda involved the Pampa Economic and Development Corp. The PEDC is award-



Kelly Brad Rushing Pingel

of \$50,000 to Hidden Hills Golf Course for improvements to the existing golf cart paths. Presently there are three miles of paths on the course, and to complete-the entire course an additional two miles is needed.

"It costs approximately \$25,000 dollars per

mile to lay the concrete cart paths and this will complete the whole course short of a small portion along number three fairway," golf professional David Teichmann told the commission.

The golf cart paths are part of a larger capital improvement project at Hidden Hills that also includes tee boxes, sprinkler systems and new water wells. "\$500,000 is needed, and since capital improvements can't be given to every department each year, we a trying to raise money without approaching the county," said Teichmann. After brief discussion the motion was accepted by the commissioners, and work should begin immediately, according to Teichmann.

Last item on the agenda for the commission was a motion for the PEDC to loan The Theater Group, \$282,000 dollars to upgrade all the existing camera: and sound systems to digital format.

"This equipment is so expensive, tha it will soon put the small town movie theaters out of business," commented Commissioner Robert Dixon. "The theater enhances our way of life.'

There was no discussion on this matter and it passed unanimously. The commission announced the funding will be done by Nov. 25, and the equipmen will be in place for the holiday season a Christmas and the new year.

The meeting was adjourned by Pingel

MELODY MAKERS



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

LOCAL MUSICIANS and a few out-of-town guests held a jam session Friday night at the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center at 320 S. Cuyler St. A jam session is held at the center every Friday starting at 6:30 p.m. and everyone who wants to play is welcome to show up. For more information, call 664-0824.

Guitar, cello duo to perform at Thursday's Community Concert

Fingerstyle guitarist Richard Smith and cellist Julie Adams will perform 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium.

Smith and Adams, who are married, will perform an eclectic mix of jazz, folk, classical and pop.

The concert is part of Pampa Community Concert Association

(PCCA) series. Single tickets at the door are \$20. Season tickets are \$40, which includes five performances in Pampa, four in Borger and five in Plainview. Corporate memberships

are available by calling 665-9432. Since 1944, PCCA has provided a series of live professional concerts featuring everything from DUO cont. on page 3



Photo submitted Julie Adams and Richard Smith.

Office space for helicopter crews approved by county

Staff report

The Gray County Commissioners Court approved Monday an agreement with Mid-Trans Corp. to create two offices for helicopter crews inside the heliport at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

The agreement was made during a special meetingw held at 1 p.m.

Construction began on the heliport about two years ago as a place to house the air ambulance helicopter during inclement weather.

"We had a helicopter but not a place to house it," said Judge Richard Peet, who presides over the Commissioners Court.

Peet said dirt work is also on the west side of the heliport for a driveway for vehicle access. He said that work should be completed in about two or three weeks.

"Things are moving along," Peet

New general surgeon hired at PRMC

30-year physician Dr. Walter Waechter leaves Arkansas to return to his Texas roots.

BY GAYDEN HAYS

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Pampa Regional Medical Center recently welcomed its new general surgeon, Dr. Walter Waechter, to Pampa.

Besides the numerous procedures that he performs, Waechter specializes in breast surgeries such as mastectomies.

Waechter comes to Pampa from Paragould, Ark., where he worked at Arkansas Methodist Medical Center. Previously, he had worked

in Texas at Arlington Medical Center south of Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas. Waechter received his medi-

cal degree from Southwestern Medical in Dallas and did his

residency at Parkland Hospital, also in Dallas. Waechter has been practicing medicine for 30 years, and is a member of the American Society of) Breast Surgeons. "Breasts are my sub-specialty, I mainly do

Dr. Walter

Waechter

lumpectomies. However, the trend is swinging back to full mastectomies, especially in younger women," Waechter said. Waechter also has treated men as well as

women over the years. According to studies of the millions of breast cancer cases, one of every hundred breast cancer patients will be

"Having roots in Texas prompted the move to Pampa, and I contacted Prime, a company that located medical jobs," he said. "I saw the Pampa Regional posting while I was online."

Within two hours of responding to the job posting at Pampa Regional, he had a scheduled an interview for the general surgeon's position, and his specialty dealing with breast surgeries sealed the deal.

"Without knowing it I had worked with Brad Morse," said Waechter. While not working with Morse directly, they did have associations at some medical centers in the past.





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PAMPA FORECAST

Today Thursday

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Friday

TODAY: Mostly sunny with a high of 66. Ten percent chance of ran with wind east southeast at 13 mph. Sunrise at 7:47 a.m.

TONIGHT: Mostly clear with a low of 49. No chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 13 mph. Sunset at 7:15 p.m.

THURSDAY: Mostly Sunny with a high of 80. Chance of rain is 20 percent. Winds southwest at 16 mph. Sunrise at 7:48 THURSDAY NIGHT: Partly cloudy with

low of 55. Ten percent chance of rain. Winds south at 12 mph. Sunset at 7:13 FRIDAY: High of 73 with isolated thunderstorms. Chance of rain is 30 percent.

FRIDAY NIGHT: Scattered thunder-storms with a low of 55. Chance of rain is 40 percent. Winds south southwest at 18 mph. Sunset at 7:12 p.m.

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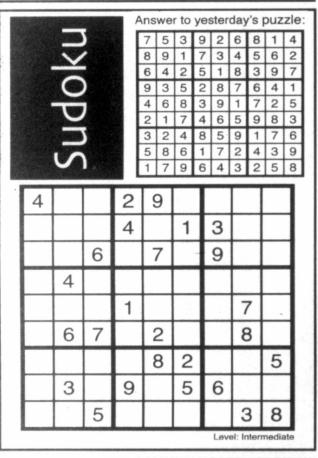
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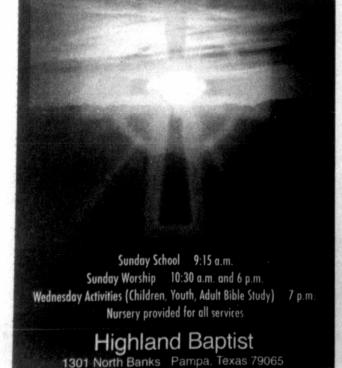
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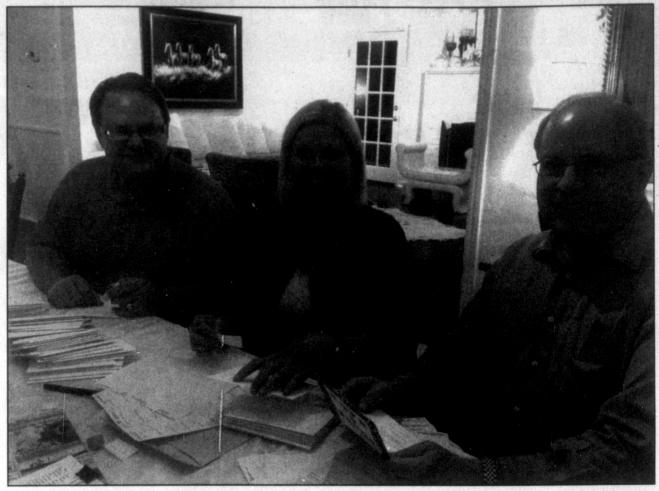


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FAJITA DINNER. Bob Ericson, president, Dana Terry and Doug Carmichael prepare invitations for the Pampa Education Foundation Barn Dance to be held Oct. 27. A fajita dinner will be prepared by Jason Dyer-Chubby's and headline entertainment will be by Matt Martindale. Dinner and dancing are \$25 per person. Call 806-665-0200 for information.

Obituaries

Lucille Mallard

Lucille Mallard, 77, died on Oct. 5, 2012 in Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at Macedonia Baptist Church, with Rev. Wesley Smith, pastor, officiating.

Lucille Mallard

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

Mrs. Mallard was born Dec. 1, 1934 in Wellington. She had been a resident of Pampa most of her life. She married Robey Mallard on Dec. 25, 1959 in Wellington. He preceded her in death on Oct. 11, 2011. Lucille was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church. She retired from the Genesis House as a house parent.

Survivors include her daughter: Marline Mallard of Pampa; her son: Rev. Marvin Mallard McPherson of Greenville; 4 sisters: Esther Landers and Dora Lee Hunnicut, both of Pampa, Lula Mae Diamond of Fort Worth, and Alice Mae Berry of Dennison; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons: Raymond Mallard and Robey Mallard Jr.; a grandson: Brandon Young; and five brothers.

Memorials may be made to Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, Pampa, Texas 79065.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, 2012, at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.

Frances Alice Meadows Hefley

Frances Alice Meadows Hefley, 91, passed away Oct. 8, 2012, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Frances Hefley

Mrs. Hefley was born April 17, 1921 in rural Hemphill County to Allen Meadows and Nannie Gertrude Cole Meadows. Frances was named for both her grandmothers, Alice Horton Meadows and Frances Massengale Cole. She attended the one-room school in the Pleasant Valley community and then graduated from Canadian High School in 1937.

Frances and James Loyd Hefley were married in the home of her parents on September 28, 1941, and he preceded her

in death on August 2, 1970. The Hefleys lived their entire lives farming and ranching in south Hemphill County and north Wheeler County. Loyd and Frances met as youngsters, attending the Gageby Baptist Church where they attended and raised their family until his death. In 1977, Frances moved into Wheeler where she became

a member of First Baptist Church, and was known and loved for her faith, her hospitality, and her flowers. In 2006, she moved to Pampa where she lived at Meredith House Assisted Living and later Pampa Nursing Center.

Mrs. Hefley was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters: Mrs. Lorene Vise and Mrs. Dollie Mooney; and by a brother: Mr. Roy Meadows.

Survivors include three sons: James Hefley and wife Charlotte of McLean, Billy Hefley and wife Lisa and Dennis Hefley and wife Brenda, all of Briscoe; a daughter: Lynn Hefley Smith and husband Herb of Pampa; ten grandchildren: Holly Williamson and husband Matt of Abernathy, Jill Brooks and husband Craig of Junction, Lori Dudley and husband Jordan of Lubbock, Nikki Shahan and husband Aaron of Hedley; Jonathan Smith and wife Elizabeth, and Jared Smith and wife Lynsey, all of Pampa; Alicia Hughes and husband Kade and Russell Hefley, all of Amarillo, Tera Wesbrooks and husband Justin of Canyon, and Nathan Hefley and wife Charity of Briscoe; great-grandchildren: Jacob, Caleb, Caitlyn, Madilyn, Rylan, Kaylyn, Kendra, DellaGrace, Lexi, Madison, Jace, Bentley, Boston, Wrigley, Colton, Tommy Joe, and Baby Smith due in February of 2013; two brothers: Cecil Meadows of Wheeler and Elvin (Sam) Meadows of rural Hemphill County; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 206, Wheeler, Texas 79096.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.

Robert Leo Rutledge

Robert Leo Rutledge, 63, was born August 1, 1949 in Lamesa, Texas to Allwyn Conard and Addie Bess (Garrett) Rutledge. He passed away Oct. 5, 2012 at his home in Yukon, Okla.

Robert received the National Defense Service Medal from the United States Air Force while serving in the Vietnam War. He retired from Celanese Chemical in Pampa, Texas before moving to Oklahoma. He enjoyed fishing, loved mowing his yard, and more than anything, loved spending time with his grandchildren.

Robert is survived by his wife of 43 years, Judy Rutledge of the home; daughters, Connie Wilbanks and husband Aaron of Yukon and Melanie Cowell and husband Christopher of Oklahoma City; and grandchildren, Grayson Wilbanks, Laurel Wilbanks and Hannah Belle

He was preceded in death by his parents and two broth-

Services will be 3 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2012 at Trinity Baptist Church in Yukon, Okla. A private interment will be on Wednesday at Ft. Sill National Cemetery in Elgin,

Online condolences may be signed at www.yandafu-

Arrangements are under the direction of Yanda & Son Funeral Home, Yukon, Okla.

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Assault charge puts Pampa man in jail

BY GAYDEN HAYS ghays@thepampanews.com

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■ Michael Ray Waldrip, ■ The following people 22, Amarillo, for failure to were arrested and booked appear, and also a blue warinto the Gray County Jail rant for possession of drug

for a warrant of aggravated assault with a deadly weap-

■ Dakota James Young, 21, Pampa, for a warrant

Al Albear, 68, Pampa, and a warrant for no child safety seats.

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3 inmates recaptured after W. Texas jail break Duo

BLANCA, Texas (AP) - Three inmates who escaped from a West Texas jail and stole a patrol car have been recaptured following an Interstate 10 chase that left a deputy hurt.

The Hudspeth County Sheriff's Office says the jailbreak happened Monday night as three men overpowered two guards. A spokesman for the sheriff's office did not immediately provide further details early Tuesday.

Officials say a deputy suffered a shoulder injury in a wreck during the pursuit.

Hudspeth County, in far West Texas near El Paso, has gained attention in recent years for celebrity arrests in drug cases.

Singer-songwriter Fiona Apple was arrested last month for hashish possession. Country star Willie Nelson, rapper Snoop Dogg and actor Armand Hammer were arrested on marijuana charges in unrelated cases.

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High court won't hear Halliburton case

WASHINGTON (AP) The Supreme Court has ruled out reviving lawsuits against Halliburton Corp. over insurgent ambushes that killed civilian truck drivers in

In its order Tuesday, the court said it will not review a federal appeals court ruling that threw

out suits filed by truckers and their families claiming that Halliburton and its former KBR Inc. subsidiary knowingly sent military supply convoys into danger on roads in the Baghdad area.

The attacks killed seven KBR drivers and injured at least 10 others in April 2004.

The appeals court said a federal law prohibits the lawsuits because it provides workers' compensation to civilian employees injured while under contract with defense agen-

Elderly UK couple unwittingly grew pot

LONDON (AP) - British police say an elderly couple unwittingly grew a monstrous cannabis plant in their yard after buying what they thought was an innocuous green bush at a flea market.

Police in Bedford, a commuter town 90 kilometers (55 miles) from central London, posted a picture of a luxuriant cannabis plant growing as tall as the fence in what appeared to be someone's back yard.

In a message posted to Twitter Friday the force said the plant had been "seized today."

"Elderly couple bought shrub at car boot sale, tended carefully-biggest cannabis plant we had seen!!" the message exclaimed.

Further details about the couple - or how either it or police got wise to the plant's true nature weren't immediately available late Monday.

Ore. man grows 1,775-pound pumpkin

HALF MOON BAY, Calif. (AP) — A grower from Oregon is the winner of this year's Half Moon Bay giant pumpkin contest with a gourd weighing in at 1,775 pounds.

Forty-five-year-old Thad Starr from Pleasant Hill, Ore., set a contest record with his pumpkin Monday, beating last year's winner by 71 pounds.

Starr, who has won the contest twice before, said he plans to use the \$10,650 in prize money to take his family to Disnevland.

His pumpkin will be on display this weekend at the Half Moon Bay Art and Pumpkin Festival.

The runner-up came in at 1,521 pounds. That pumpkin is also expected to be on display this weekend.

W. Pa. bank robbery suspect sought just \$1

NORTHERN CAM-BRIA, Pa. (AP) - Police say a man who robbed a western Pennsylvania bank last week handed tellers notes demanding only \$1 because he apparently hoped to be sent to a federal prison nearby.

But instead of being held in the Federal Correctional Institution at Loretto, 50-year-old Jeffrey Mullen remained in the Cambria County Prison awaiting a preliminary hearing Tuesday on charges from Friday's heist at the AmeriServ bank in his hometown of

Northern Cambria. Mullen must undergo a mental evaluation if he manages to post \$50,000 bail, or he won't be released from jail.

The Tribune-Democrat of Johnstown (http://bit. ly/Qcdx17) says Mc-Mullen handed two notes to tellers spelling out his brief demands.

One said, "FBI custody. Preferbly (sic) Loretto Pa. No press. Seal all files." The other said, "Federal bank robbery. Please hand over \$1.00."

Cop impersonator demands free fast food

PETERSBURG. Fla. (AP) — Authorities in Florida say a man flashed a fake gun and badge and demanded free fast food at a McDonald's drive-thru.

Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies say Joseph Pineda told employees Friday that he deserved free food, had just come from a sting and didn't have his wallet.

Workers called the police. Pineda initially ig-

nored commands to show his hands but eventually surrendered at gunpoint.

Authorities said they found two fake police badges and a handgun in the center console of his

The 33-year-old was charged with impersonating a police officer and improper exhibition of a firearm.

He was being held in the Pinellas County Jail. Online jail records did not indicate whether he had an attorney.

Lost giant tortoise startles residents

LOGAN, Utah (AP) Residents in Logan were startled to see a 127-pound giant tortoise wandering down a street after it escaped from its owner.

Assistant police chief Jeff Curtis says the African spurred tortoise was spotted Monday afternoon and that it was 3 to 4 feet wide.

He says it was so large that it took two animal control officers to load it into a vehicle and take it to the Willow Park Zoo, where it was quarantined until owner Curtis Baird claimed it.

Baird says he owns nine tortoises and recently moved to Logan. He says Timmy the 21-year-old tortoise has escaped twice in a week and he doesn't know how the animal is getting out.

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to a Beatles tribute, to country music stars to jazz bands and more. Each year PCCA provides outreach programs to the PISD system for the students to have an opportunity to interact with professional entertainers, and students have even performed with the artists for the evening performance.

PCCA is a positive addition to Pampa "cultural credentials" when industry and businesses are considering relocating to Pampa.

PCCA provides free admission to various groups, including the Pampa Sheltered Workshop for special needs clients and the Salvation Army.

For more information, call the Pampa Community Concert Association at 665-9432.



401(k) fee disclosure provides much information, little recourse

TERRY SAVAGE Creator's Syndicate

Open the envelope, per \$1,000 inplease! If you are one of the more than 72 million employees invested in, or be a real eyeeligible to join, your com- opener. If your pany 40l(k) plan, you'll be plan includes getting some very valuable an S&P 500 stock index information in the mail. It's the newly required 40l(k) fee and expense disclosure form, now being required by the Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration.

Using this information wisely could make a huge difference in your retirement plan results. The DOL estimates that paying just 1 percent in additional (and unnecessary) fees each year could reduce your retirement plan balance by 28 percent over a long career.

For example, someone who has \$25, 000 in savings and receives an annual return of 7 percent, paying just 0.5 percent in fees, would have a retirement account worth \$227,000 in 35 years. But pay just an additional 1 percent in fees, with the same investment return, and your balance at retirement would be only \$163,000!

Now that you understand the magnitude of the impact of fees on your 40l(k) plan, you might want to look at the disclosure statement a bit more carefully. Again, it should be arriving in the mail any day now and certainly before the end of the

If you're one of the nearly 70 percent of plan participants who told an AARP survey that you didn't know your plan had any fees, this will be a wake-up call. It will help you decide on mutual fund investments within your plan, using costs as one input into your decision. And it will show you any additional fees that your plan imposes.

What to look for This annual statement will include a chart showing the performance of each of your plan options over four time periods: one year, five years and 10 years, and since the fund's inception. Most interesting, it will show the

as a percent of assets and as a dollar amount vested.

This may

fund, the expenses should be well under 0.5 percent. But a managed growth fund may have much higher expenses. It's up to you to decide whether it's worth the additional costs.

Plus, if you don't know how well each fund is doing compared to its peers, (funds which may not be offered in your plan), you can also compare each fund's performance over time to its benchmark index. That will give you some perspective.

Also, the chart reveals any extra expenses being charged to the account, such as service charges for low balances or for investment advice being offered within the plan. And you'll see the impact of accounting, legal and recordkeeping expens-

Each fund is also required to have a website link on the chart, so you can check further into the plan's objectives, goals and portfolio turnover. You can also learn more about the fund manag-

Clearly, having all this information disclosed will help plan participants make smarter choices -- if you are willing to take the time to look into these facts. While past performance doesn't guarantee future results, it is helpful to see how the funds have performed over time, how they compare to their benchmark indexes -- and how much you are paying to get this performance! The fatal flaw

But while this latest educational missive from the Labor Department is a welcome and useful tool, there

is one thing it does NOT do. It does not give employees any power or leverage to force the employer to switch to another, lower cost plan provider - or to include lower cost funds.

And th fund expenses in two ways: 401(k) industry. Employees



have no control over the plan being offered or the investment choices within the plan. Even worse, they are stuck with the administrative costs of the plan and management costs of the individual fund choices

within the plan. Many small companies offer 40l(k) plans that are administered by insurance companies. Typically their overall fees are higher, and the management fees charged by the funds they include may be way above average compared to those managed by fund companies like Fidelity, Vanguard, and T. Rowe Price.

By the way, what is "average" for plan costs? The Department of Labor said it is requiring disclosure of these costs, but it is not collecting the information from plan

Therefore, there is no "benchmark" for 40l(k) fees

and disclosures. The only ing. way you could compare is to check with friends who Benefit Security Adminisest cost plans.)

retirement plan costs are hefty, what can you do? Heading straight to the HR department to complain is NOT recommended. With such little job security these days, troublemakers can find themselves out of a job. But you know that already.

That's where the Labor Department fell down on its job. It isn't publishing database or benchmark of what most plans charge. Its website (www.dol.gov/ ebsa) should collect and show that information.

And it should provide a page where anonymous complaints can be registered against companies that provide plans with aboveaverage fees and charges.

If the DOL kept a database, they could easily check to see if the employee complaint is valid. And they could contact the employer, nicely "suggesting" that fees be reduced or changes be made in the plan offer-

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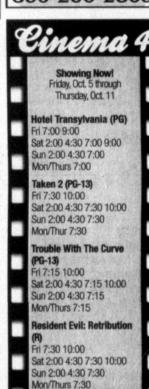
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Presidential campaigns target new citizen voters

By GARANCE BURKE Center. Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO - From Florida to Virginia, Massachusetts to California, candidates and political parties seeking to squeeze every vote from a divided electorate are targeting America's newest citizens. It's a relatively



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tial swing states and competitive congressional races. In Florida, which President Barack

Obama won by less than 5 percentage points four years ago, a new analysis of U.S. Census data shows people who naturalized as Americans since 2000 make up 6 percent of the population of voting-age citizens. For months, the Obama campaign has been sending volunteers to citizenship ceremonies to register people and canvassing Miami-area neighborhoods where immigrant families live.

In California, where new citizens comprise nearly 9 percent of potential voters, Republicans hope House candidates Ricky Gill and Abel Maldonado can reach that group by highlighting their families' journeys from India and Mexico, respectively, in search of the American Dream.

Georgina Castaneda, a home-care worker who grew up in Veracruz, Mexico, and now lives in Los Angeles, is the type of person the campaigns are targeting. After years of waiting for her citizenship application to go through the bureaucracy, she passed the U.S. civics test and swore her allegiance to the flag along with thousands of others at a ceremony in March at Los Angeles' Staples

Castaneda said Democratic Party workers walked down the aisles handing out brochures to the crowd. She filled one out while still seated.

"My idea was that one more vote could do something, so I registered at the ceremony," she said.

Political parties have tried to engage new arrivals since at least the 1790s, when New York City's fabled Tammany Hall political machine organized immigrants, especially the Irish. In this final stretch of contemporary campaigns, the influence of new voters is magnified in several battleground states, where small shifts can produce large impacts on the electoral vote

"The trick with politics is to get to people early, so what you want to do is make sure that your party gets in on the ground floor of any new citizen's thinking," said Stephen Farnsworth, a professor of political science at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Va. "So instead of meeting people at the docks like the political machines of a century ago, political parties and campaigns are meeting potential voters right after they take the oath.'

Overall, first-generation citizens historically have leaned Democratic and registered at lower rates than U.S.-born voters. But during the past decade that gap in registration has narrowed, partly because the newest Americans have been motivated by the immigration debate, said Manuel Pastor, director of the Center for the Study of **Immigrant Integration** at the University of Southern California. The center released the data last week, after performing a first-ofits kind analysis made possible because the Census Bureau in 2008 started asking people more detailed ques-

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PRMC health fair

Local health care providers should be commended for Saturday's outreach program to improve our lives

There isn't a shortage of health and fitness information on the Internet.

You can search any topic on Google — from breast cancer, to massage therapy to cardiovascular fitness — and come up with millions of hits.

But all that information at your fingertips can't take the place of meeting your local health care providers face to face.

Pampa Regional Medical Center should be commended for sponsoring its first health fair Saturday morning.

Staff members at the hospital along with health care **Our View**

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providers in the community and nearby towns volunteered their time to meet and greet and the public and provide information about their services. About 40 vendors participated.

An estimated 250 people attended despite the unseasonably cold weather.

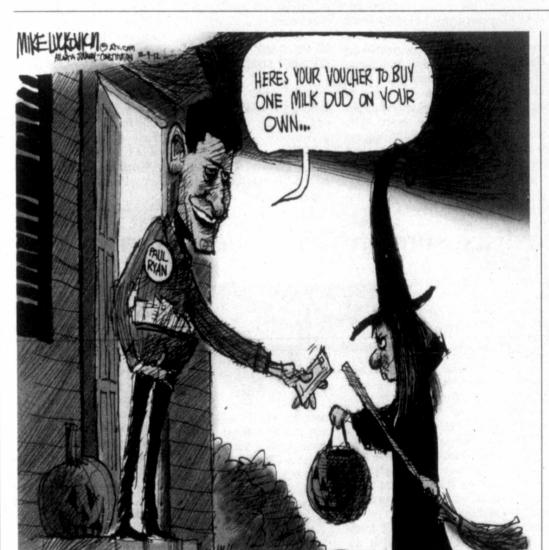
As a special service, the medical center offered fullpanel blood tests for only \$20. Normally the tests

would cost around \$120, said hospital CEO Brad Morse.

One booth that was particularly popular was the Surgical Department's booth. There, fair attendees got to be a "surgeon for a day" and try their hands at the same equipment surgeons use for microscopic surgeries.

As PRMC sponsors health fairs in future years, they can only get better.

Pampa residents should be grateful to their local health care providers for organizing Saturday's event.



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Candidates differ on missile defense policy

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BY DESMOND BUTLER Associated Press

The issue:

Missile technology is proliferating. It remains unclear how quickly foes such as Iran and North Korea could develop a capability to strike the United States with missiles, but the U.S. says Iran is already capable of hitting Europe. The United States is spending nearly \$10 billion a year on missile defense when military budgets are stretched. But the programs have yet to prove that they can reliably knock long-range missiles out of the sky and protect the U.S. from emerging threats.

Where they stand:

Early in his presidency, Barack Obama replaced a George W. Bush-era plan for missile defense in Europe that had roiled relations with Russia. Obama says his fourstage plan would protect Europe and the United States as foes develop more sophisticated missiles. The announcement initially eased tensions with Moscow, which considered the previous plan a threat to its nuclear might. Obama has proposed cutting missile defense spending in



Mitt Barack **Obama** Romney

2013 by about 7 percent,

to \$9.7 billion. Republican rival Mitt Romney would reverse Obama's proposed cuts to the program. He wants to maintain Obama's plans in Europe so long as they work. He argues that part of Obama's plan is based on theoretical technology and was designed as much to appease Russia as to address threats from Iran. Romney has called Russia the top geopolitical foe of the United States.

Why it matters: Americans have long taken comfort in the distance from tension in Asia and Europe provided by two wide oceans. Intercontinental ballistic missile technology undermines that security by offering foes the ability to strike quickly from great distance with weapons of mass destruction.

a more confrontational approach with Russia. The United States maintains that missile defenses are aimed at could destabilize the Missile defense has

countering attacks from rogue regimes and would be impotent against the arsenals of major nuclear powers such as Russia and China. But Moscow says even a limited capability against its ICBMs

balance that deters the United States and Russia from contemplating nuclear confrontation. China has also increasingly raised objections to U.S. and Japanese missile defense assets in

Asia. Although Moscow initially welcomed Obama's shift in missile defense policy, Russian officials have since objected to the latter phases of his four-stage plan. A faster interceptor, still in development, is to be deployed in 2020, theoretically capable of shooting down ICBMs that can reach the U.S. Russians also worry about an increased U.S. military presence in Eastern Europe. And Russian President Vladimir Putin said Romney's identification of Russia as a top foe justifies his concern about U.S. missile defense.

Republicans wonder if the U.S. will roll back the latter stages of the plan. They cite Obama's comment in March to Dmitry Medvedev, then Russia's president, when Obama was unaware he was speaking on an open microphone. Obama told Medvedev he would have more flexibility on the issue after November's election.

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PampaFaith

Seek and find the Lord

BY CHRIS ELY For The Pampa News

Isaiah 55:6 says: "Seek the Lord while He may be found; Call on Him while He is near." The Bible also says you will find the Lord if you seek Him with all your heart and all your soul.

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I've been thinking about that a lot lately. Am I seeking God with ALL my heart? Am I doing everything I can to build a strong relationship with the Lord? I'm sure I could be doing more. I need to be doing more.

So then I started thinking: What does it mean to seek God with all your heart? To me, it means reading the Bible. It means going to church. It means praying. But it's got to be more than that.

I think it also means just spending time with Him, thinking about Him and what He has done for us. The Bible says to meditate on His word day and night. I like to go to a park or be outdoors where I can meditate on Him and all He has created.

But we don't have to go somewhere special to seek Him. God is literally everywhere. Throughout our day, we can thank Him for the blessings He has given us, and we can also call on Him in a moment of need. He is always

God is a jealous God. He must be first place in our lives. So if I'm really seeking Him with all my heart, I must put Him above all else.

I heard a clever saying the other day: "A little less time in Facebook and a little more time in God's book." The same can be said about TV or hobbies or anything else that takes our focus off of God. He must be our priority.

I want to make Him my priority. That means making some changes and learning to focus on what matters most in life. God and seeking His will is what it's all

In this crazy, mixedup world, I sometimes feel overwhelmed by the corruption and evil I see taking place around us. It makes me ask, "Is there anything we can do to change the world around us?" "Is there anything that I, personally, can do that will make a differ-

There is something that we can all do. We can pray!

From now until the Nov. 6 election, people around the country are committing themselves to fasting and praying for our nation. I want to be one of them. I believe our prayers will make a difference in the future of our country.

Throughout history, whenever a nation has turned to God and cried out to Him in prayer and fasting, God took notice!

Remember Nineveh? Jonah went through the destruction he had threatened."

make a difference!

in this season of prayer for our country from now until the election. The future of the country depends on our prayers!

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CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Pastor appreciation at CCS



ROUNDING THE CORNER. October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and to show appreciation for their pastors, the students at Community Christian School invited their pastors to join them for chapel on Tuesday morning followed by breakfast. The students prepared several songs to sing at chapel and looked forward to having their pastors come to eat breakfast with them.



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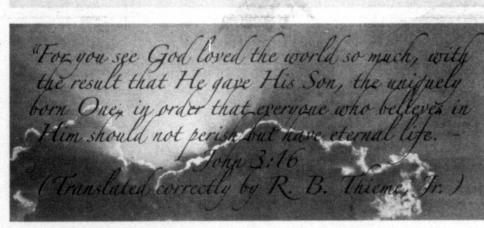
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that city, proclaiming that God was about to destroy it. The Bible says the people of Nineveh believed God, and a fast was proclaimed, "and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth." The entire city fasted and prayed. Jonah 3:10 says, "When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them

America should follow this example. We need to all come together to fast and pray. We may not be able to do anything to stop the corruption and evil in our nation, but we have the power of prayer. And through prayer, we CAN

I hope you will join

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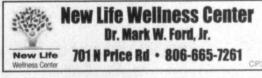
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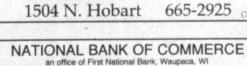


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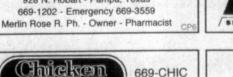
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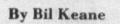


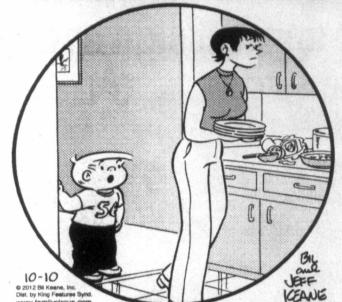
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Oct.

11,2012: This year you often are easygoing and fortunate; however, at times you could be fussy and difficult when it comes to dealing with certain people. Others who relate to you might not know which voice is really yours. The answer is: both! Dealing with you could be challenging, especially as you have developed a short fuse. If you are single, you are desirable, but often, people back away as they get confused by your mixed signals. It will take a diverse and understanding person to relate successfully with you. If you are attached, you easily could be driving your sweetie wild by your changeability. He or she might want to understand you better. VIRGO becomes even more critical when dealing with you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** You hit a wall of confusion. Step back, and allow the situation to unravel naturally. Focus on work -- whatever that may look like for you - and worry less about gathering information. You'll discover a handsoff approach that will help clarity develop. Tonight: Remember, you need to take a break

sometimes. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** You have difficulty grasping a long-term desire. Frustration emerges, yet you are able to get to the bottom of a problem. If you need to, choose an easy stressbuster in order to relax; take a walk around the block, for example. Your creativity soars, and answers appear. Tonight: Time for some fun.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Complete tasks in the morning. In the afternoon, a gentle haze moves in. Before you realize it, you could be walking in a fog. It's not just you - others feel similarly. Forcing clarity will only compound the situation. You might become frustrated, but on the other hand, you also might find time to do something you have been putting off. Tonight: At home

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Allow openness in financial discussions. You might be unusually resourceful, but others cannot hear your suggestions. Communication allows greater give-andtake, but don't make any decisions just yet. Use care around machinery and all electronic items, as your mind easily drifts to yonder lands. Tonight: Share a dream.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

** * Get an early start on the day. Listen to your instincts regarding which could in might decide not to

the best idea, either. Frustration fuels anger. Tonight: Choose a stressbuster.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Listen before acting on a decision. More information might come in. Given time, your conclusion could change. Uncertainty prevails in the evening, even though you have a lot of energy and want to get moving. Do only what you are 100 percent sure about. Tonight: Finally, others follow your lead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** How you feel in the morning might be very different from your mood in the evening. Clarify important details, and follow through on what you feel counts. Interpersonal relationships will be highlighted. Your ability to create and imagine remains high. Tap into that energy later today. Tonight: Make it exclusive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** You might feel as if you are always behind the podium directing. An undefined swing of events or a change in energy finds you on the lead horse. As a result, success seems guaranteed. You might be stunned by the difference between reality and your perceptions. Tonight: Where people are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Reach out for more information. A long-distance contact could be involved. You might be unsure of which way to head, as you juggle your home life with different, and nearly opposing, interests. Give time a chance to work its magic, and you will like the results. Tonight: Into the wee hours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Your imagination blazes in a discussion, and what emerges is a willingness to break past self-imposed mental boundaries. The ability to conceptualize and express some of your thoughts could be difficult later. Just wait a day or two, and try not to worry so much. Tonight: Let your mind lead the way. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** A partner or friend is relieved. Finally, you make time for him or her. Your recent popularity has been overwhelming, and this person has powerful feedback for you, if you are willing to listen. Confusion surrounds money. Be careful when dealing with an associate who expresses his or her anger. Pull back some. Tonight: Go for something cozy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Your understanding could be distinctly altered by the rose-colored shades you're wearing. You could find yourself feelng disappointed, but realize that the cause is ty. Much can be said about you down; however, ignoring it might not be Tonight: Go with a suggestion.



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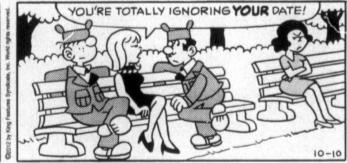


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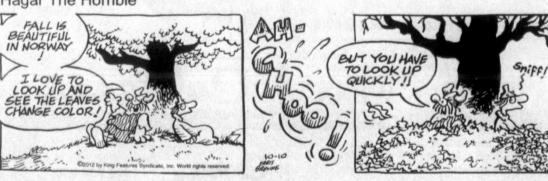


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Longhorn kicking game needs help

By JIM VERTUNO **AP Sports Writer**

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas coach Mack Brown has an unfamiliar problem: The Longhorns' field-goal kicking is not good.

For years, good kicking at Texas was simply taken for granted. Scholarship players and walk-ons alike made Texas 9-0 in the Brown era when the Longhorns needed a field goal in the final two minutes to win, including a Rose Bowl victory, a Big 12 championship and bragging rights to end a century-old rivalry with Texas A&M.

But field goals are less than a 50-50 chance through the first five games this season, raising concerns that Texas kickers simply can't be counted on in crunch time with No. 13 Oklahoma (4-1, 1-1 Big 12) next on the schedule. The problem was easy to mask when the No. 15 Longhorns (4-1, 1-1) started 4-0 start with three blowouts. Even a nail-biter at Oklahoma State ended with Texas scoring a late touchdown instead of having

But last week, Penn State transfer Anthony Fera missed a 41-yard attempt with about five minutes left that would have tied the game. Texas ended up losing to West Virginia, 48-45.

It was Fera's first game after sitting out with a groin injury. He had made a 38-yarder in the third quarter that gave Texas a four-point lead. With that miss, Texas is just 4 of 9 on field goals with none longer than 40 yards.

"I think Anthony will be great," Brown said Monday. "We didn't know until pregame that he would kick ... The last one was not a bad kick, it was just off to the right."

Texas kicks have gone right down the middle so many times for so many years that a miss can come as a shock. "I just expect us to make them," Brown said before the season started.

Justin Tucker booted Texas to a win over Texas A&M on the final play in that rivalry last season. He's now with Baltimore Ravens and Texas spent the spring trying to find his replacement.

Freshman Nick Jordan was a high school all-American, but was untested and Texas felt relieved when Fera transferred in the summer after Penn State was hit with NCAA sanctions. Fera was 14 of 17 on field goals for Penn State last season.

But Fera showed up at Texas with a gimpy groin that forced him to sit out training camp and the first four games. Jordan won the job over fellow freshman Nick Rose in the meantime, but was just 3 of 7.

Fera dressed for the first time against West Virginia. Texas watched him closely in pregame warmups and decided he was ready.

"He was one of the best kickers in the country last year. He's had a sore leg," Brown said. "I'm hoping he'll be much stronger and more confident this week."

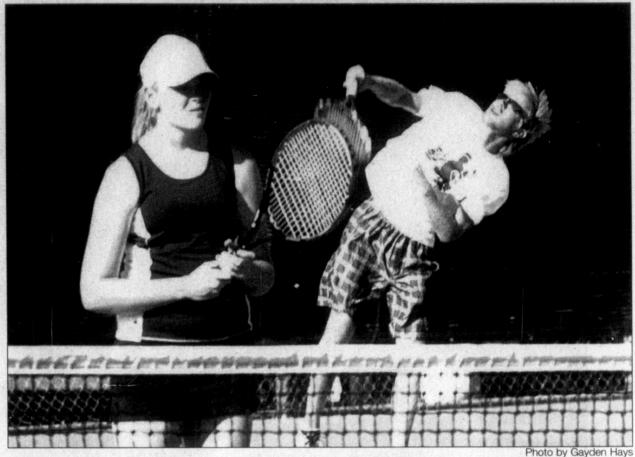
When asked about the confidence of the kickers, quarterback David Ash said, "I can't kick so I'm not going to try to teach someone how."

The problems could force Texas to adjust its play calling once the Longhorns cross midfield. If Texas isn't confident in its kicking game, the Longhorns may decide to gamble by going for it on fourth down instead of trying a field goal, particularly in a close game.

Offensive coordinator Bryan Harsin said that's for

Brown to decide.

"All I hear from him is, "You've got four downs," Harsin said. "I'm always in the mindset that I'm going to go for it until I hear different."



SENIOR LEADERS. Nick Nelson serves as Emily Terry awaits a return from the opponents during the final of the Harvester tennis teams' fall schedule. Nelson and Terry are expected to go far in district play in mixed doubles, and both serve as captains for Coach Sarah Corse.

Harvester fall tennis schedule a success

BY GAYDEN HAYS ghays@thepampanews. com

The Pampa Harvester tennis teams have completed a successful fall season, led by team captains Nick Nelson for the boys and Emily Terry for the girls.

While the fall schedule doesn't count for district titles, it does give Coach Sarah Corse the opportunity to work with the freshmen and underclassmen, readying Pampa's tennis teams for district play in the

"They played really good and I have seen alot of improvement since the start of school. Corse said.

Many of the Harvesters spring girls and boy tennis players are participating in fall sports and will not join the team until the spring semester, forcing Coach Corse to field 16 underclassmen this fall.

Even with many of the experienced players

missing, Coach Corse and the Harvester boys and girls teams have amassed a 7-2 record and defeated Borger Saturday, 14 matches to 5.

Winning for the Harvsters in Boys singles were Nick Rodriquez, Robinson, Black Chisum and Rhett Harden.

While in doubles the team of Rodrigues/ Robison and Chisum/ hardin defeated their Boger counterparts.

The Lady Harvesters did one better on the singles than the boys, winning five of six matches. Victorious were Emily Terry, Kindle Hunt, Kayree Sellers, Kristi Klusmeyer, and Zoe

The girls doubles teams of Terry/Hunt and Elliot/Sellers were also victorious.

In the final pairings of mixed doubles, the team captains were victorious Nelson/Terry, and the Hart/Hardin group won as well.

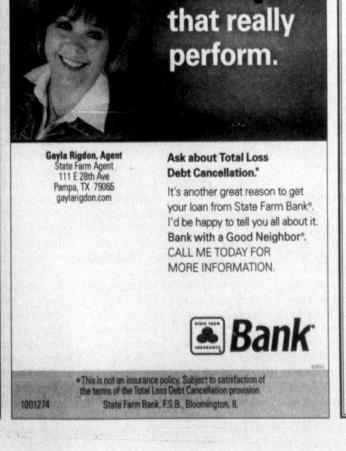
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WINNING SHOT. Brandon Gage returns serve for the Harvesters during matches this fall. Gage is one of 16 underclassmen who have helped Pampa have a winning fall schedule.







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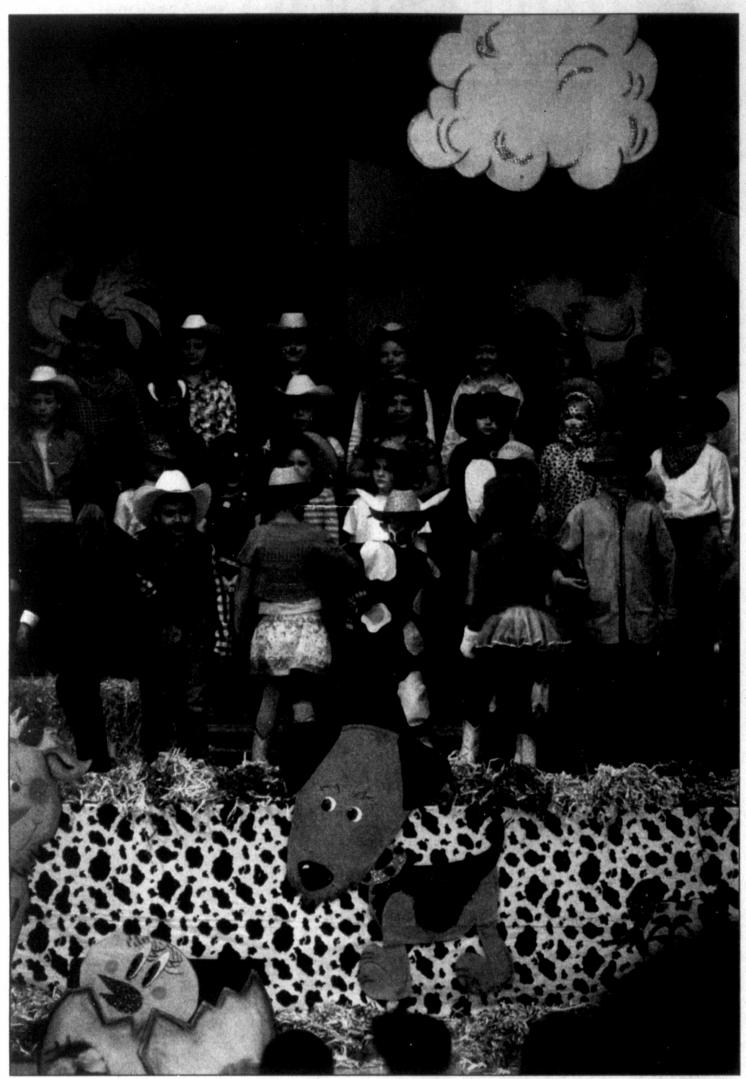


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LITTLE COWBOYS AND COWGIRLS. Austin Elementary School presented the play "Bubba, the Cowboy Prince" Tuesday in the school's gymnasium. Written by Helen Ketteman, the story was adapted for stage performance by Rebecca Lewis and Deborah Bailey. The play tells the story of Bubba, who lives on the family ranch with his evil stepbrothers. He wants to attend a ball put on by one of the neighboring ranchers, but needs a little help from his fairy god cow.

General Motors to hire thousands of computer pros

The Associated Press

BIG CHANGE: General Motors is setting up four technology innovation centers in the U.S. and plans to hire 10,000 computer specialists over the next three-to-five years. The company wants

to develop its own cutting-edge technology, which experts say is essential to staying ahead of the competition. Now the company hires outside firms for most of its software development and other computer work.

THE NEWS: GM announced

on Monday that one of the centers would be in the Detroit suburb of Warren, Mich., on the site of its Technical Center. The company plans to hire 1,500 computer specialists in about four years to staff the center. Last month, GM said it would

hire 500 computer workers at a site in Austin, Texas.

WHAT'S NEXT: The company wouldn't comment on the other two sites, but experts say they most likely will go on the West Coast, in California, Oregon or Washington.

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Since their humble beginnings in 1912, Girl Scouts has been committed to girls and their mission - Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. They encourage girls to have respect for who they are, to think and act beyond their selves and to have confidence in the choices they make in life. Ultimately, they strive to be the premier leadership experience for girls in the USA.

Mary Ruth Moreland, in Girl Scouting for more than 63 years, said it best: "My mother felt very strongly that I should be a Girl Scout.

"We didn't have much money, but I was going to be a Girl Scout or bust ... leaders are another role model for girls beyond 'mom.' You had your mother, your grandmother, your Sunday school teacher and your troop leader."

And today, the same is still true; in fact, it is more important than ever. Girl Scouts is the only girl-led, all-girl experience for girls to partner with trained adult mentors to serve the community.

Girl Scouts serves girls by helping them develop into individuals who know their own minds and their own values, who care about and collaborate with others, and who have the courage and confidence to change the world.

Pampa Troop Leader Shelly Rogers said, "Girl Scouts has greatly enhanced my daughter's ability to communicate with other people. She is more outgoing and positive now.

The bond between the girls in my troop shows that healthy, deep friendships have been formed. I love to see the girls come out of their shells and try new things. It's a safe place for them."

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For more information, call Katrina Bigham, Pampa United Way director, at 669-1001 or visit the United Way office at 200 N. Ballard St. next to the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

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tions about when they became

citizens.

Nationwide, there are an estimated 7.8 million people of voting age who naturalized since 2000, or 3.6 percent of all potential voters, according to the study. Two swing states — Florida, at 6 percent, and Nevada, at 5.1 percent — have higher concentrations than the national average.

Virginia is at 3.5 percent, and Colorado at 2.1 percent.

States like California,
Massachusetts and Illinois that
are considered likely to go for
Obama also have significant
populations of new citizens
who could make the difference in congressional races.

In Massachusetts, where the newest Americans make up 5 percent of all potential voters, GOP Sen. Scott Brown often emphasizes his support for legal immigrants who have "played"

by the rules" as he competes with Democratic challenger Elizabeth Warren for the swath of undecided voters.

of undecided voters.
In downtown Oakland,
Calif., the Alameda County
Republican Party has been
erecting folding tables
bedecked with American flags
and voter registration forms
in Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog
and English outside naturalization ceremonies at the
Paramount Theater.

"We want to be in places where we are reaching the minorities or ethnic blocs," said Sue Caro, the local GOP chairwoman.

The success rate for
Republicans in this traditionally Democratic stronghold is
unclear — Caro noted sometimes new citizens pose with
the party's cardboard cutouts
of Mitt Romney and Ronald
Reagan, then walk down the
sidewalk to the Democratic
Party's table and take family photos with likenesses of
Michelle and Barack Obama.
In Florida, the Obama cam-

paign for months has sent volunteers to the conference halls where the federal government holds its citizenship ceremonies, and has been seeking out new citizens willing to host house parties.

"Our campaign is about

"Our campaign is about inclusiveness and to that end we encourage all citizens, including our newest citizens, to get involved in the democratic process," Obama campaign spokesman Adam Fetcher said.

To be sure, campaigns and parties say courting undecided new citizens is just one element of the numbers game, which ultimately will turn on how many people show up to vote. Republican National Committee spokeswoman Kirsten Kukowski said new Americans represent a piece of the GOP's registration program, but their turnout efforts are focused on registered voters because they more reliably go to the polls.

California is considered a sure bet for Obama, but there are an unusually large number of competitive U.S. House seats. Republican and Democratic Party officials say new citizens could boost their turnout, and both sides are targeting them.

Maldonado, a former lieutenant governor whose father came to the U.S. from Mexico, is locked in a fierce campaign against longtime Democratic Rep. Lois Capps in a new Santa Barbara-San Luis Obispo district that has a voter registration edge for Democrats of just 3 percentage points.

Maldonado, a wealthy farmer, said he has been talking to new citizens at house meetings in the agricultural region of his district.

"I think they're very proud to see that someone can come here to this country of ours poor, and work hard, save, plan, pay taxes and see their son eventually become lieutenant governor," he said.

Eight-term incumbent Capps said her voting record reflected her strong alliance with Hispanics and said as a former school nurse she understands immigrant families' challenges.

In Virginia, immigrants from India make up a substantial portion of the newest citizens.

citizens.
South Carolina Gov.
Nikki Haley, who is IndianAmerican, has campaigned
for Romney multiple times
in northern Virginia, where a
sizable Indian population has
settled. Obama made a campaign stop at a high school in
Leesburg in August, and on
Friday went to Sterling, the

same town Haley addressed.

"That part of Virginia that is home to a lot of striving recent arrivals," said Farnsworth.

"And for the parties it represents time and money very well spent to approach new voters, because as close as the polls tell us this race will be, that last 3 percent may be the percent that makes the difference."

Garance Burke is a reporter for the Associated Press.

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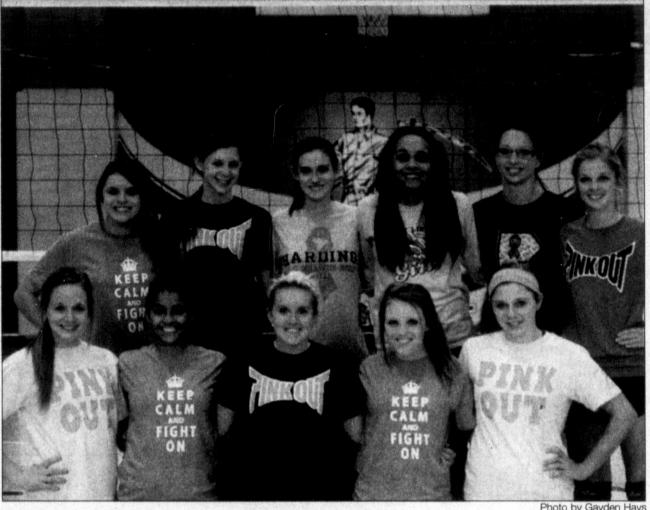
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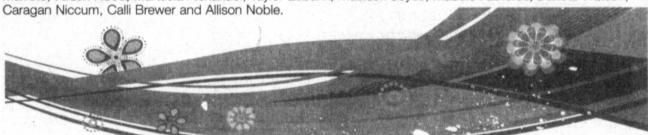
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Friday Oct. 12

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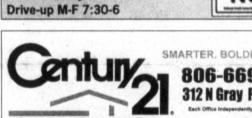
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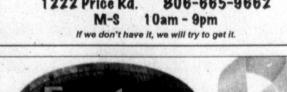


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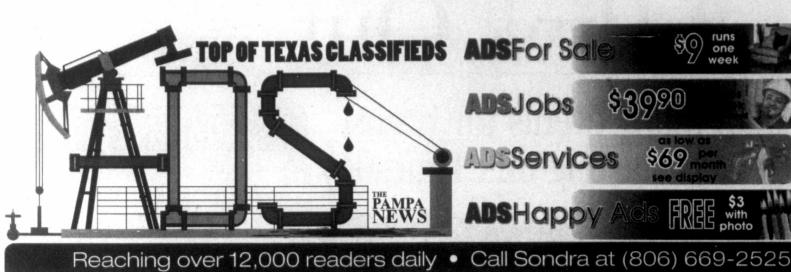






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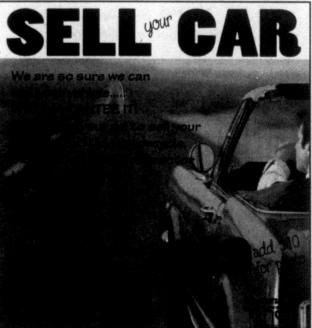
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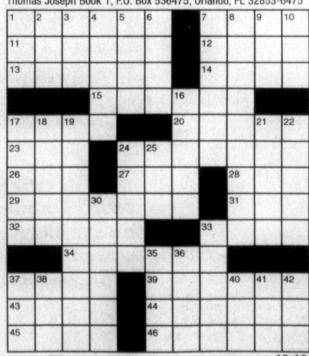
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From North Korea's OZ to its forgotten cities

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Associated Press

K A E S O N G, North Korea (AP) — From here, Pyongyang can seem like a dream.

At what passes for rush hour on a Wednesday morning, there are few sounds in Kaesong's main traffic circle but the gentle squeak of bicycles and a tinny loudspeaker blaring anthems to Kim Jong Un, the baby-faced ruler who took power after his father's December death ("The footsteps of our respected General Kim! ... Spreading the sound of a brilliant future!").

Occasionally, a solitary car goes by.

There are no nightspots here, no modern apartment complexes, no electricity except for a few hours every evening. The shelves in most stores are noticeably half-empty, and dirt sidestreets lead to clusters of small houses, many little more than shacks, with bulging walls and broken roofs.

It is the reality of North Korean urban life — with the notable exception of the capital city, 80 miles north of here, in a carefully crafted totalitarian Oz. That contrast, between Pyongyang and every other city in the country, reflects an evergrowing chasm between North Korea's elite and the daily struggles of everyone else.

Pyongyang has the Dolphinarium, a cavernous aquarium where smiling, fresh-faced trainers in skintight-suits make dolphins dance for ecstatic crowds. There's the new 3,000-unit Changion Street apartments, lit up like a movie set long into the night, a proclamation that North Korea has electricity to spare. It has the Sunrise Restaurant, the latest destination for the city's nouveau riche. where tough-looking men drink grape Fanta from brandy snifters while their drivers wait outside with their Land Cruisers. It has good government jobs and the country's top univer-

sity.
"When I finally saw
Pyongyang, it was so
wonderful, so incredible," said Kim Jong
Hui, a cheerful 51-yearold from the northeastern
city of Chongjin. She had
traveled for two days on
North Korea's decrepit
rail network to make her
first visit to the capital city
for a series of national day
celebrations.

Kim spent a recent afternoon watching friends play on the country's only putt-putt golf course, a small maze of plastic greens set between a new amusement park and a new swimming complex. "It's more exciting here, and more beautiful."

If North Korea can appear outwardly stagnant, a country frozen by poverty and Soviet economic policies, a small but resonant market economy has taken root over the past 15 years or so. While the country still has a per capita GDP of just \$1,800 per year, according to U.S. figures, this new economy - a mix of underground trading, investment funds, particularly from China, and the growth of governmentauthorized commercial enterprises - has helped

reshape Pyongyang.

Today, the Pyongyang rich, spending their dollars, euros and Chinese yuan, can buy everything from high heels to imported watches. They have bought enough cars in the past couple years to cause the occasional traffic jam.

But few of these changes have gone beyond the capital, and the elite who live there.

"Pyongyang is not just another city," said a doctor who spent most of his life in Kaesong, but who was educated in the capital. The doctor, who eventually fled to South Korea, spoke on condition of his name not be used, fearing retribution against relatives still living in the North. "It's like another country."

The urban divide can be seen in the industrial city of Hamhung, where the skies above the handful of working factories are filled with gray soot, and workers are ferried to the beach on their day off in crowded, cobbledtogether trucks powered by wood-burning stoves. It's visible on the "Youth Hero Highway" outside the port city of Nampho, where there are so few cars on the eight-lane road that it looks like an empty parking lot stretching toward the horizon.

It's in the province around Chongjin, where U.N. data shows the rate of abnormally short children — a key indicator of chronic malnutrition — is 50 percent higher than around Pyongyang.

It's in Kaesong, where residents even have a little extra money because so many work in South Korean-owned factories in the nearby industrial zone, but who still see themselves as poor country cousins to people from the capital. Few from this city, though, ever move to Pyongyang. Kaesong was part of South Korea before the Korean War, and many of its residents are seen as potential security risks because of family ties to

the south.
You can find it in the hospitals of those second-tier cities, according to people who have fled North Korea, and who spoke on condition their names not be used, fearing it would cause trouble for their relatives. They say desperate doctors struggle to treat patients with almost no medicine, using equipment that can be decades old.

It's not an issue North Koreans will discuss with outsiders, especially not foreign journalists accompanied by government minders. But the contrast is obvious, and people who have fled the country, along with analysts and academics, say the discrepancies cause widespread frustration.

Like so much else in North Korea, the urban divide is really about the politics of single-family

Pyongyang grew after the Korean War into a showcase of Stalinist propaganda, a city of hulking government buildings, enormous stadiums, broad avenues and omnipresent monuments celebrating the lives of founding ruler Kim Il Sung and his son and successor, Kim Jong Il.

It was proof to the world, the regime believed, of the victory of totalitarian socialism. More importantly, it was also a way to reward the regime's key supporters, and to keep them close.

Pyongyang is a closed city, sealed off by security forces that monitor movement at dozens of checkpoints. North Koreans cannot move there, or even visit, without official permission. Its estimated 3 million residents have been vetted for their ideological purity, or at least their connections to the inner circle.

In many ways, the capital is a complex mixture of facade and reality: blackouts remain commonplace in many neighborhoods; backstreets are dusty and potholed; the outsides of many apartment buildings are splattered with patches of mold.

But life is also far less grim than in the rest of the country. If nothing else, there is the appearance of opportunity.

Top officials in the ruling party, the government and the military live in gated neighborhoods closed to outsiders. They shop in stores filled with goods, and sing karaoke in wood-paneled restaurants. They live and work in constant proximity to power, opening up channels for professional promotion, business opportunities and black market profits.

So when the regime

needs to ensure support, it knows where it needs to focus.

"The government is privileging Pyongyang as a political strategy," said Glyn Ford, a former European Union parliamentarian and international consultant who travels regularly and widely in North Korea. "The people who live in the capital are the people who count. They're the people who underpin the regime."

Their support is particularly important right now, with the ascension of third-generation leader Kim Jong Un, who clearly sees his political survival linked to improved standards of living.

His grandfather, Kim Il Sung, was an anti-colonial guerrilla who led the country during North Korea's Cold War heyday, when the Soviets showered the country with everything from oil to food. Things grew desperate in the next generation, when Kim Jong Il hardened the police state and launched a nuclear program that made the country an international pariah. He led the country through a mid-1990s famine that foreign economists believe killed hundreds of thousands of people.

Now, with Kim Jong Un's abrupt rise to power, Pyongyang is getting even more.

In just the past few months, the regime has opened the Dolphinarium (which also required a new 30-mile pipeline to pump in fresh seawater), a \$19 million amusement park and an elaborate pool-andwater-slide complex. All are filled with adults, and all are wildly popular.

Even in Pyongyang, the top restaurants and karaoke parlors are too expensive for the rank-and-file supporters — everyone from party bureaucrats to low-ranking soldiers to schoolteachers — who also need to be kept happy.

Outside of Pyongyang, certainly, there are no \$19 million amusement parks.

Asked what Kaesong residents do for enjoyment, a city official paused to think. There's the pool, Kim Ryong Mun said eventually, though it's really just for children. Finally, he had something: "Many people go outside and have picnics."

Kim, with his faded, blue-striped tie and digital camera hanging from his wrist as a sign of his success, blames international sanctions, imposed because of Pyongyang's nuclear program, for the lack of development.

"We are suffering because of the imperialist powers," he said, standing near his new chauffeur-driven car in the city center. Nearby, an elderly

woman pushed a homemade wheelbarrow filled with bricks. A little later, a man rode by on his bicycle, with handmade shovels tied to it with twine.

Kaesong has "the determination to build a more prosperous city," Kim said, reciting a propaganda phrase that has become commonplace since the rise of the latest Kim.

"The problem of electricity is now solved," he said, when pressed about what needed to be done.

But how can that be, if there are only a few hours of power?

"We supply electricity in the evening, so people can enjoy their lives," he said. During the daytime, he added, the electricity goes to small factories. "This is normal."

On a recent evening, most lights were out by 10 p.m. Occasionally, though, you could see the orange glow of a cigarette, as a cyclist smoked as he rode home in the darkness.

And somewhere to the north, the lights of Pyongyang's amusement parks shone brightly.

The AP's David Guttenfelder contributed to this report.







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