

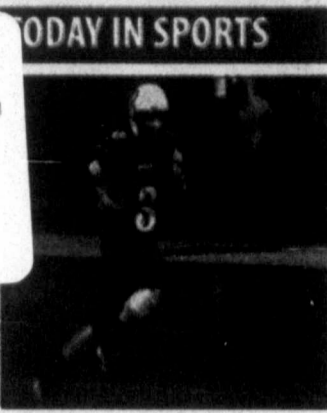
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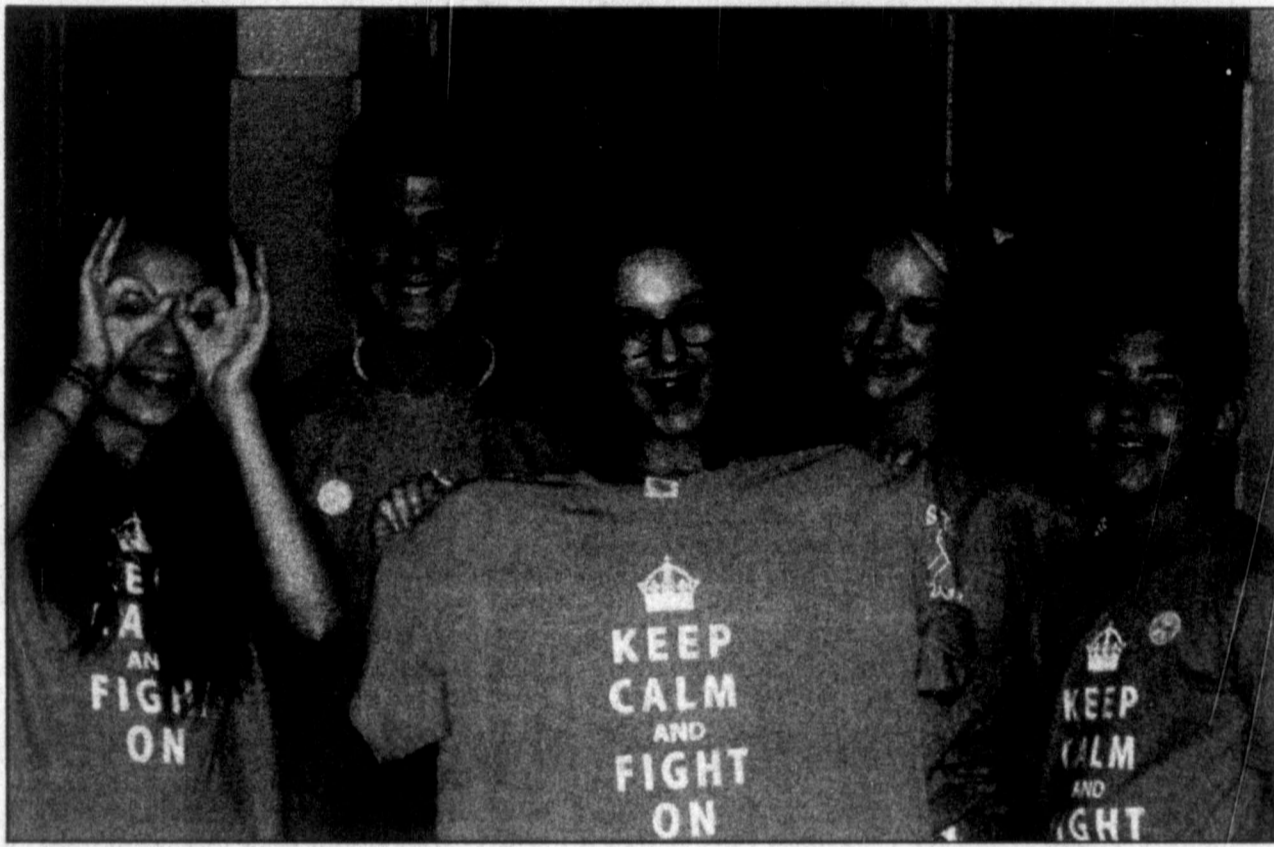


Photo by Gayden Hays

GREETINGS! Pampa High School student council members, from left, Vanessa Ontiveros, Chase Cree, Emilee Frost, Ally Roberston and Ajay Mitchell passed out Pink Out! items to everyone who attended the community pep rally Thursday night. More than 350 people attended the rally at McNeely Field House. For more pictures and a story, turn to page 1B.

Rudy Giuliani to speak on leadership

■ Engagment concludes Underwood law firm's '100 days for 100 years.'

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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Rudy Giuliani, former mayor of New York City, will share his insights on leadership at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan St.

The event is being sponsored by Underwood Attorneys at Law, which has offices in Pampa, Hereford, Lubbock and Amarillo.

Underwood is the longest practicing law firm in the Panhandle and has been celebrating its 100th anniversary throughout this year.

Rudy Giuliani

The law firm's four offices have marked the anniversary with various events, including barbecues in Pampa and Hereford.

The Amarillo office teamed up with Tyson Foods and Amarillo National Bank to donate 40,000 pounds of food to the High Plains Food Bank.

Bryan J. Guymon, an attorney at the Pampa office, said Giuliani speech concludes "100 days for 100 years."

"One of the cool things about this event is the proceeds will go scholarships," he said.

Proceeds will benefit the Amarillo College Honors Program and Center City of Amarillo.

In this presentation Rudy Giuliani will share:

■ His principles of leadership from his best-selling book, "Leadership."

■ How effective leadership can ultimately lead to profitability.

■ How to use these seemingly simple principles in your own life to inspire excellence from the team around you.

Giuliani served as NYC mayor from 1994 to 2001.

A Democrat and Independent in the 1970s, and a Republican since the 1980s, Giuliani served in the U.S. Attorney's Office, for the Southern District of New

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Gray County Commissioners to meet Monday

Staff report

The Gray County Commissioners Court will meet 9 a.m., Monday, Oct. 15, in a regular session at the Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell St.

In old business, the commissioners will discuss continuing membership in the National Association of Counties.

In new business, the commissioners will discuss the following items:

■ Pay bills and salaries as approved by the County Auditor.

■ Consider Treasurer's report.

■ Consider County Clerk's report.

■ Consider County Judge's request to replace employee.

■ Consider request for permission to install septic system at a hangar at Perry Lefors Airport.

■ Consider audit of DA's forfeiture

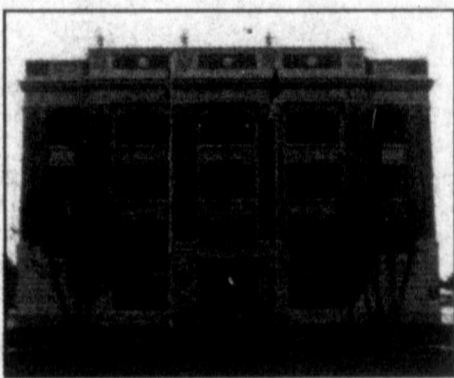
fund account.

■ Consider DA's forfeiture expenditures.

■ Consider presentation by Pat Sanders with IMS.

■ Consider contract with Med-Tran regarding Heliport.

■ Discuss discrepancies at Heliport



with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper.

■ Discuss TxDOT needs at DPS weigh station.

■ Consider proposal for restoration of storage building.

■ Recognize continuing education by Emergency Management Coordinator.

■ Miscellaneous.

The County Commissioners Court may vote and/or act upon each of the items on the regular meeting agenda and reserves the right to retire into executive session concerning any of the items listed on the regular meeting agenda, whenever it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Law.

For more information on county government, visit www.co.gray.tx.us/ips/cms/index.html.

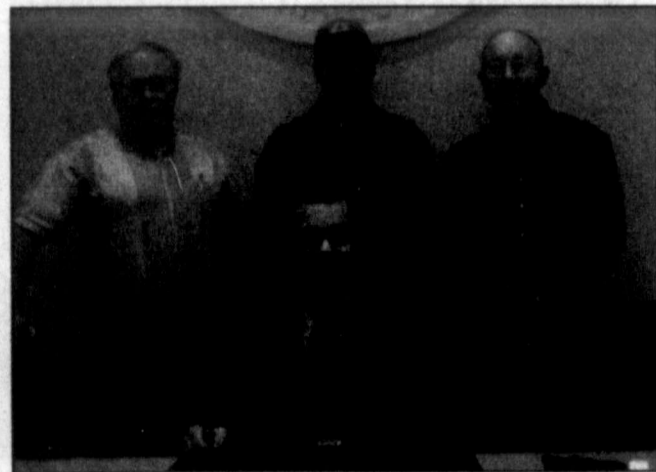


Photo courtesy of City of Pampa

Mayor Brad Pringel proclaims October and November as "Gray County History Awareness Months." Standing behind Pringel are, from left, Mike Price, Jeremy Goode and Roy Morris.

History months proclaimed

Staff report

Because much of the Pampa's history is tied to the dust Dust Bowl, Mayor Brad Pringel on Thursday proclaimed October and November as "Gray County History Awareness Months."

The Dust Bowl of 1935 had an enormous impact on the Panhandle of Texas.

Pampa is one of towns highlighted in Tim Egan's book "The Worst Hard Time, The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl." It can be pur-

chased at Hastings on Hobart Street.

Further, the Ken Burns PBS documentary "The Dust Bowl" will air on Nov. 18 and 19.

The White Deer Land Museum will sponsor an all-day Dust Bowl event on Saturday, Nov. 17, and will have for purchase the book "Keepin' it Together-A Family's Adventure in Survival" By Virginia Frantz.

For more information about Days of Dust, including videos, partner links and a community calendar, visit daysofdust.org.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Sunday	Monday
		
High 75 Low 45	High 73 Low 46	High 79 Low 51

Today: Isolated thunderstorms with high of 75. Chance of rain is 30 percent. Winds southwest at 19 mph. Sunrise at 7:49 a.m.

Saturday night: Clear with a low of 45. Zero chance of rain. Winds west northwest at 15 mph. Sunset at 7:10 p.m.

Sunday: Sunny with a high of 73. Chance of rain is zero. Winds north northwest at 10 mph. Sunrise is at 7:50 a.m.

Sunday night: Clear with a low of 46. Winds south southwest at 7 mph. Sunset at 7:09 p.m.

Monday: Sunny with a high of 79. Zero chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 16 mph. Sunrise at 7:51 a.m.

Monday night: Clear with a low of 51. Zero chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 13 mph. Sunset at 7:12 p.m.

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WITH HEARTFELT THANKS

The family of John Lewis would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the people of Pampa, to our friends, and to our family who supported John and us during his battle with heart disease. Your kind words, prayers, food, flowers, hugs, love offerings, and generosity did not go unnoticed. You were rays of God's light shining on us throughout the whole ordeal. The city-wide support you showed for the garage sale benefit was a true gift from God. Some of you worked tirelessly to put it together, some of you donated generously, and some of you turned out to buy items to help us. We would like to thank the faculty, staff, and parents of Austin Elementary for allowing the benefit sale to be held at the school. In addition, we would like to thank the employees of Pampa ISD who generously donated sick days that allowed us to be with John at the Dallas hospital at the worst of times. We would like to thank our brothers and sisters at Faith Fellowship in Pampa and at Grace Refuge in Bristow, Oklahoma for your prayers, help, and unwavering love during this time. We also want to thank Briarwood Church for opening your doors to us for the funeral dinner, and for providing such a wonderful meal after the funeral. John would be so humbled to know how much love you have shown to his family. We are so grateful, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We will never forget you. God bless each and every one of you!

With love,
Rebecca, Seth, Jacob, Christopher,
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Obituaries

Frances Yancey Cortner

Frances Yancey Cortner, 75, of Pampa died Thursday, Oct. 11, 2012, at her home in Pampa, Texas.

Her memorial service will be at Southside Baptist Church, Albertville, Alabama at a later date with the Reverend Earl Mitchell officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael Whatley Funeral Directors in Pampa, Texas.

Mrs. Cortner was born June 18, 1937 in Fyffe, Ala. to William Wesley and Jewell Estelle Maddox Yancey. She married William Matthew "Bill" Cortner III on Dec. 22, 1956. Mrs. Cortner made wonderful homes for her family in multiple locations in the Southeast United States, in Germany, and in Greece during her husband's military service, eventually settling in Albertville, Alabama in 1975. She and Bill recently moved to Pampa in December 2011.

Mrs. Cortner was preceded in death by her parents William Wesley Yancey and Jewell Estelle (Maddox) Yancey; brothers Homer, Charles, and Harmon Yancey; her sister Jewell McAbee; and infant sister Mary Nell Yancey.

Survivors include her husband: William Matthew "Bill" Cortner III of Pampa; her son: William Matthew Cortner IV and wife Nancy of Clinton, Ohio; her daughter: Karen Cortner Lang and husband Mark of Pampa; her sister: Joyce Bruce and husband Kelton of Astor, Florida; four grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and six nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Sylvia Munoz, and Carmen, Debra, Robbie and Deb-

bie at Interim Hospice for their gracious and compassionate care given to Frances and for opening their hearts to her family.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials may be made to the Pampa Animal Welfare Society, P.O. Box 2095, Pampa, Texas 79066 or to Second Chance Animal Shelter, 130 County Road 398, Boaz, Ala. 35957.

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

Glenda Cobb

Glenda Cobb, 71, died Sept. 29, 2012 in Amarillo from a long-term illness.

She is survived by: brother, Jim Christopher; children, Xan Black, Zane Phiffer, Tanya Latch, Janee Dickerson; grandchildren, Heather Latch, Kayla Phiffer, Seth Black, Jacob Black, Joshua Black, Tyler Latch, Samuel Black, Emily Black, Diana Holthaus, Lauren Holthaus, Josh Dickerson, Marleigh Phiffer. She worked as an engineering assistant at Texaco Inc. and as a substitute teacher at Pampa ISD.

She was an accomplished seamstress and avid sports fan. Services will be held at 10 a.m., Oct. 20, at Lamar Elementary School, 1234 Nelson.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donation be made to Lamar Elementary School:

Pampa ISD, Care of Lamar, 1234 Nelson, Pampa, Texas, 79065, in memory of Glenda Cobb.

For the record

Pampa man arrested on multiple charges, including attempting to take officer's weapon

By GAYDEN HAYS
ghays@thepampanews.com

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

■ Veronica Paige Villarreal, 33, Pampa, for violation of probation on theft more than \$1,500 but under \$20,000, failure to appear and running a stop sign.

■ Timothy James Ad-

cock, 29, Canadian, for possession of drug paraphernalia

■ Jason Collin Harlan, 32, Pampa, for theft under \$50, failure to appear, no drivers license, bond surrender posses-

sion controlled of controlled substance, bond surrender attempting to

take weapon from an officer, and bond surrender of driving while intoxicated with three children under 15 years old

CASA volunteers assist abused, neglected kids

CASA of the High Plains, Inc. provides trained, court-appointed volunteers who serve as the independent voice advocating for the best interest of abused or neglected children.

Volunteers strive to secure permanent placement in safe, nurturing environments. Following is the story of "John" who has a new chance in life today because he had a CASA volunteer.

When CASA first met John he was 12 years old and had just entered foster care. He and his four siblings had been homeless. He and his twin took

turns taking care of the two youngest so that each could go to school every other day.

While in state care, John was moved 15 times in two years. A child used to no rules was forced into strange houses, three hospitals, emergency care facilities and residential treatment centers in five different cities.

John watched as his siblings found permanent homes: An aunt took custody of his older brother and twin sister, but not him.

His little sister and brother were adopted, but not John. A foster home

where he and his younger siblings were placed kept his siblings but told CPS to pick John up. Relatives promised to visit but didn't. A foster dad kept him two days and returned him.

John carried my crumpled CASA business card in his back pocket. When I visited him, he would retrieve it and proudly tell me, "I still have your card." I was the only continuity in his life as I consistently and adamantly advocated for him.

While CASA struggled to find permanency for John, he deteriorated, growing angry, combative and aggressive. He broke his own arm hitting a wall. He was put on five medications. He saw bugs in his food and heard voices. He refused to eat.

After exhausting possibility after possibility for permanency, John finally got the home he deserved. Rafaela, his great aunt, wanted to be his mother.

Single, working full time, she already had three children. But John needed her and that was enough. John was taken off all medications save one, and his once slim frame bloomed with a healthy 30 pound gain. Rafaela says that to this day she has never been called to the school concerning any aggressive behavior.

It has been almost four years since the close of this case and just last week CASA saw John and he told me a secret.

He has a special box where he keeps his most treasured things. In it is a crumpled CASA business card. The same one that CASA gave him six years ago.

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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ANNA, Texas (AP) — A car driven by an 80-year-old woman smashed into a North Texas pizzeria, killing one diner and injuring two others.

The accident happened about 2 p.m. Friday in Anna, about 40 miles north

of Dallas. Police Chief Kenny Jenks says the driver lost control of her car and crashed through the front windows of Mama Mia's pizza, hitting three people eating inside.

Police Sgt. Jeff Camponera says the three diners were an 82-year-old woman, her daughter and a grandson.


The three were taken to Medical Center McKinney, where Jenks says 82-year-old Kathryn Thornhill Hamlin of Anna died. There was no word on the conditions of the other two family members but their injuries weren't thought to be life-threatening.

The driver also was taken to a hospital for examination.

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La. sinkhole, bubbling gas linked to Texas company

By **CAIN BURDEAU**
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A collapsed wall of an abandoned underground salt cavern where a Texas company had operated is being blamed with causing a sinkhole and contaminating an aquifer in a sparsely populated area of swampland west of New Orleans.

The Louisiana Office of Conservation said new data shows that a series of problems — natural gas bubbling up in local bayous and a growing sinkhole that's swallowed about 4 acres of swamp forest — are linked to the collapse of a side wall of an underground salt cavern that Houston-based Texas Brine Co. LLC operated. The company extracted brine and piped it to nearby petrochemical facilities.

Late Thursday, Conservation Commissioner James H. Welsh ordered Texas Brine to make sure the collapsed cavern does not worsen and to do more testing, monitoring and analysis to understand what is happening underground.

"We have a sense of what happened, now we're trying to figure out what is still happening," said Patrick Courreges, a spokesman for the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources.

In August, the sinkhole opened up near a community along Bayou Corne in Assumption Parish, about 60 miles west of New Orleans.

Residents in the area had reported strange bubbling in their waterways and tremors before the sinkhole opened up. Officials then issued a voluntary evacuation

order to about 350 people living near the sinkhole.

Extracting brine from salt domes is a common practice in Louisiana, where there are 75 active brine wells.

Brine is used to make chlorine, an important building block for petrochemical and plastics manufacturers.

Sonny Cranch, a Texas Brine spokesman, said the company has not finished its own analysis of what happened but that it would comply with the Office of Conservation's order.

The company has acknowledged a relationship between the sinkhole, the breached cavern and gas and oil found in both. But the company has suggested geologic tremors in the area may have caused the cavern breach.

State officials say

probes of the cavern and surrounding area reveal that a side wall of the cavern collapsed. When that happened, natural gas and crude oil that had been trapped underground began seeping to the surface, the state said.

Natural gas and crude oil has seeped into a nearby aquifer too, state officials said. The aquifer is not used for drinking water but some businesses rely on it.

Texas Brine stopped using the cavern in June 2011 after pressure readings indicated possible problems with the cavern, which the company had planned to expand, Courreges said.

Texas Brine has not been fined. The company, however, may face fines for groundwater and surface water contamination.

The company is paying residents in the evacuation zone near the sinkhole \$875 a week in compensation.

Wilma Subra, a chemist working with the Louisiana Environmental Action Network on monitoring the Bayou Corne sinkhole, said it appeared that the cavern was mined too close to the edge of the salt dome.

She said more should have been done to figure out if the cavern was prone to collapsing when problems were discovered in 2010.

Wells are being installed to vent natural gas in the aquifer. Texas Brine has proposed injecting more brine into the cavern to force out whatever oil and gas is in there, but the state has not approved that plan yet. Courreges said the state needs more data to

figure out what future steps need to be taken to get the sinkhole and gas and oil releases under control.

Residents are worried and some are asking to be relocated.

"My wife no longer feels safe here. She wants to get bought out," said Nick Romero, a 64-year-old retired postal worker. He said he lives just under a mile from the sinkhole.

"The gas is our biggest concern, when the gas started bubbling around us in the bayous," he said. "We've got bubbling in the water five houses down from where I live."

He said the company and officials so far have told the community not to worry. "They say it's not harmful to the fish, to the water, to humans. But I'm skeptical."

Mom gets 99 years for gluing tot's hands

By **NOMAAN MERCHANT**
Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas woman who beat her 2-year-old daughter and glued the toddler's hands to a wall was sentenced Friday to 99 years in prison by a judge who described his decision as a

necessary punishment for a brutal, shocking attack.

Elizabeth Escalona did not immediately react as State District Judge Larry Mitchell pronounced the sentence at the end of a five-day hearing. Prosecutor Eren Price, who originally offered Escalona a plea deal for 45 years, had argued that she

now thought the 23-year-old mother deserved life.

Mitchell said his decision came down to one thing.

"On Sept. 7, 2011, you savagely beat your child to the edge of death," Mitchell said. "For this you must be punished."

The beating left Jocelyn Cedillo in a coma for a

couple of days.

Escalona's other children told authorities their mother attacked Jocelyn due to potty training problems. wPolice say she kicked her daughter in the stomach, beat her with a milk jug, then stuck her hands to an apartment wall with an adhesive commonly known as Super Glue.

Speech

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York, eventually becoming U.S. Attorney. He prosecuted a number of high-profile cases, including ones against organized crime and Wall Street financiers.

He was credited with initiating improvements and with a reduction in crime pressing the city's quality of life initiatives. He ran for the U.S. Senate in 2000 but withdrew due to being diagnosed with prostate cancer and revelations about his personal life.

Giuliani gained international attention for his leadership during and after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade

Center. For those actions, he received an honorary knighthood from Queen Elizabeth II in 2002.

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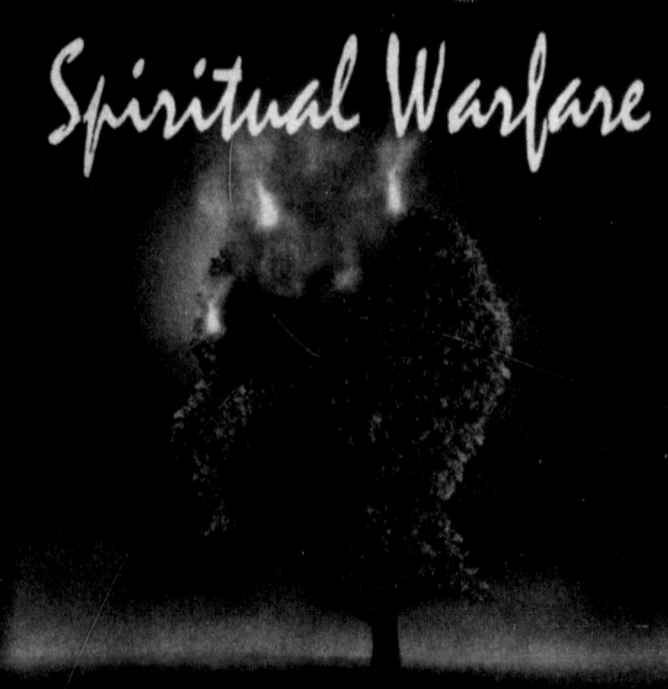
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Tweet police? Texas Rangers probe draws questions

By **PAUL J. WEBER**
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers flash the baddest badge in the Lone Star State. They're the top cops working the biggest crimes beneath iconic white cowboy hats. They're the bodyguards for the governor.

All of which raises the question: Why are they investigating a Twitter prank poking fun at a small-town city council?

Since at least August, members of the state's 150-man elite police force are getting to the bottom of who's behind parody Twitter accounts lampooning council members in what's arguably the law-and-order headquarters of Texas: Huntsville, home to the nation's busiest execution chamber.

The mock tweeters include one councilman's moustache publishing zingers that include, "(Councilman) Keith (Olson) likes to abuse his powers like I like to abuse his face." Another from the handle Laughable Loll cracked, "I shined my head extra special for tonight so the camera would reflect off of it."

Not laughing is the local prosecutor. He says the tweets may run afoul of harassment laws and asked the Rangers to investigate. That's an absurd explanation to one of the tweeters, who called it a waste of taxpayer dollars, and to constitutional experts who say the tweets are a cut-and-dry case of First Amendment rights.

"When I think of the Texas Rangers, I think of people who are committing felonies," said Katie Newman, who says she admitted to creating one of the fake accounts while being interviewed by a Ranger. "It would strike me as odd that a Texas Ranger would be involved in a parody account of council members in little Huntsville, Texas."

A spokesman for the Texas Rangers, in a brief statement responding to questions about why it would look into such tweets, said only that the Rangers work with district attorneys who request assistance.

"The amount of time spent on this inquiry is a matter of hours so far," spokesman Tom Vinger wrote in an email.

It doesn't even warrant that much time, according to some law experts.

David Anderson, a law professor and First Amendment expert at the University of Texas at Austin, said neither prosecutors nor the Rangers have "any business" investigating tweets in what's simply parody or satire. He said that even a tweet implying that a council member committed domestic abuse — as one council member claims — would be a libel matter taken up in a civil lawsuit, not in criminal court.

"It's ridiculous," Anderson said.

Few badges pack more lore than those of the Texas Rangers. They've followed the trail of Bonnie and Clyde, fought the Comanches when Texas still had its sovereignty and snuffed out smugglers during prohibition. Their Wild West legend has inspired characters from the masked "Lone Ranger" to Chuck Norris playing the karate-kicking "Walker, Texas Ranger."

Today, the Rangers have a lower profile as the state's lead criminal investigators. When polygamist leader Warren Jeffs built a massive compound for his followers in West Texas, the Rangers were the ones knocking on the doors in the middle of the night in a raid that produced widespread allegations of sexual abuse. A highly secretive "Ranger Recon" team patrols the border with the stated purpose

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Letter to the Editor

Funding of crisis center ensures victimized women have safe haven

When I first met Donna, she was so badly injured that first responders thought she had been run over by some sort of vehicle.

No, she had been systematically beaten and strangled by her husband over a long weekend. Friends found her barely conscious in her home after she failed to show up for work. I met her in the hospital emergency room.

To my surprise considering the extent of her injuries, she was released and I transported her to our shelter. After spending a time recovering from her injuries at Tralee Crisis Center's shelter, Tralee advocates and local law enforcement helped her escape from Pampa and find shelter in another center.

Unfortunately, a short time later we learned that she had returned to her abuser. I never expected to see her alive again.

Fast forward about three years: An attractive young woman came to the Tralee office and asked to see me. She had to tell me who she was. She told me it had taken her 11 attempts before she was able to leave "the monster" as she called her husband. She divorced him and began a new life. She thanked Tralee for how we had helped her. Even though we didn't see it at the time, she had found the seeds of courage she needed to leave her terrible situation.

She told me she wanted to "pay it forward" by serving on our board of directors as a representative for victims. In the meantime, she underwent numerous surgeries to her kidneys, ears and shoulder



Photo courtesy of Tralee Crisis Center

The annual Honorable Man March was held last Saturday in downtown Pampa. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. For a picture of Myrel Looper, 2012 Honorable Man, and a story, turn to page A8.

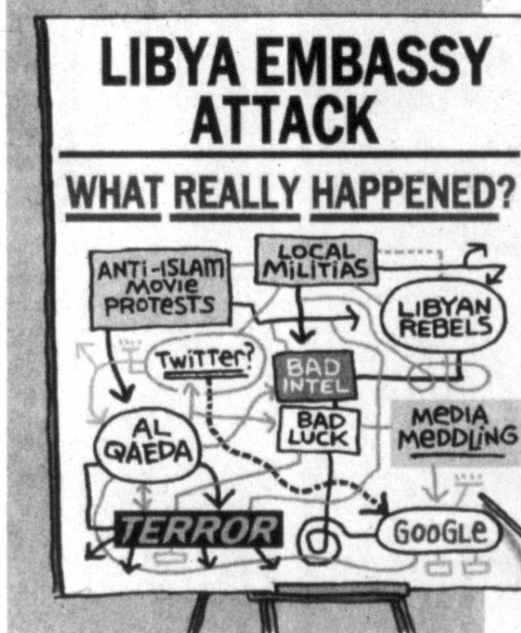
to repair the damage inflicted on her by her abuser. My experience with Donna inspired me to never give up on a victim. But now let me tell you "the rest of the story." Recently, just before our monthly board meeting ended, Donna, who had been a faithful member for some time, stood up and said, "I have something I want to tell you all. Something I'm very proud of."

For the first time, Donna shared with the other board members that she had been a victim of domestic violence. She explained that she had not had the courage to follow through with charges against "the

Monster." She lived in fear for her life and the lives of her family if she did. Even as he continued to terrorize Donna, he found another woman to abuse. This time, though, he was arrested and found guilty of his crimes. In the punishment phase of the trial, Donna was finally able to gather her courage. She took the stand and told the courtroom what he had done to her. "We had hoped that he would get 25 years," she told the board, her voice filled with triumph. "He got 85 years! He will not be back out on the street until he is in his 80s. He won't be

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Va. escapes worst of recession, but new fears ahead

By **SHARON COHEN**
AP National Writer

LEESBURG, Va. (AP) — Amid scenic horse farms, vineyards, Civil War landmarks and quaint shops tucked in historic red-brick buildings, signs of prosperity are plainly visible. The anxiety about the economy, less so — but it's here.

Talk to the husband and wife who opened a used bookstore last year, and they reveal they first signed one six-month lease, then another, not wanting to lock into anything longer until they were sure they had a viable business.

Or the construction consultant who realized government budgets were shrinking and a full-fledged economic recovery was years away, so it was time to change careers.

Or the restaurant owner who wonders when the uncertainty will fade and people will start spending.

While Virginia escaped the worst of the recession — unemployment peaked at 7.3 percent — uneasiness about the future is in the air. For good reason: The state's fortunes are tied to the outcome of the deficit debate on Capitol Hill and its outcome could dramatically alter its economy. Unless Congress finds a way to avoid the tax increases and spending cuts that could send the nation barreling over the so-called fiscal cliff early next year, the state could face serious pain.

The cuts could impact federal workers, defense firms, the state's many military installations and beyond. Virginia is home to the Pentagon, the CIA, Naval Station Norfolk,

Fort A.P. Hill, Langley Air Force Base, Marine Corps Base Quantico and more. By one account, more than 200,000 jobs could be vulnerable — more than those lost in the recession.

"This would be a punch in the face for the whole state," says James Koch, an economist at Old Dominion University. "People here have looked at other states such as Florida, Ohio and Nevada and said, 'Oh, they have it worse.' Now the worm could turn a bit."

Against this tense backdrop, President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney are dueling over the size of government and defense cuts, pouring tens of millions of dollars into this crucial battleground, a state where military spending adds enormous sums to the local economy. The winner will

claim Virginia's 13 critical electoral votes — and most likely, better odds for capturing the White House.

Four years ago, Obama broke a 44-year GOP grip on Virginia with a decisive 6.3 point win over John McCain.

The president cobbled together a coalition of minorities, young people and college-educated white voters (women more than men) in the affluent suburbs across the Potomac River from the nation's capital, a Democratic-leaning, fast-growing area. Here in Loudoun County, for instance, the population skyrocketed 84 percent in the decade ending in 2010.

Obama scored victories, too, in the Hampton Roads region, home to the

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able to hurt someone again." Donna's brave testimony aided prosecutors in getting this man sentenced to prison for 85 years — more than most murderers.

He will not be eligible for parole for 42 ½ years, under Texas law. Victims from throughout an eight-county area, which include Pampa and Gray County, call Tralee's 24-hour hotline, located in the shelter, for help with crisis situations. Manned by experienced staff members and trained volunteers working at the shelter, this hotline was where we first received the call about Donna.

We provided medical accompaniment in the emergency room, transportation for her from the hospital, crisis intervention, support services and peer counseling at the shelter.

Like all clients, Donna received full access to Tralee's advocacy services such as assistance with

protective orders and preparing crime victim compensation claims. Tralee's shelter offers a safe haven for victims of violence while they decide what steps to take toward a better life. Shelter residents can stay as long as 30 days with two-week extensions if needed. Most shelter residents escaping from abusive situations must find new places to live, a job, and child care for their children.

The shelter also provides safety for victims of sexual assault or other violent crimes until the perpetrators are arrested by law enforcement.

In fiscal year 2012 which ended Aug. 31, Tralee Crisis Center sheltered 90 victim/survivors, including 28 children.

This is a 10 percent increase in shelter residents from 2011. During this past fiscal year, Tralee assisted a total of 405 new victims which included 68 children. The agency provided continuing services to more than 350 clients. Approximately 70 percent of victim/survivors coming to Tralee

Crisis Center live in Pampa or Gray County.

To help Tralee's shelter continue to be the "place to go" for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other violent crimes, Tralee Crisis Center has partnered with the Pampa Area United Way.

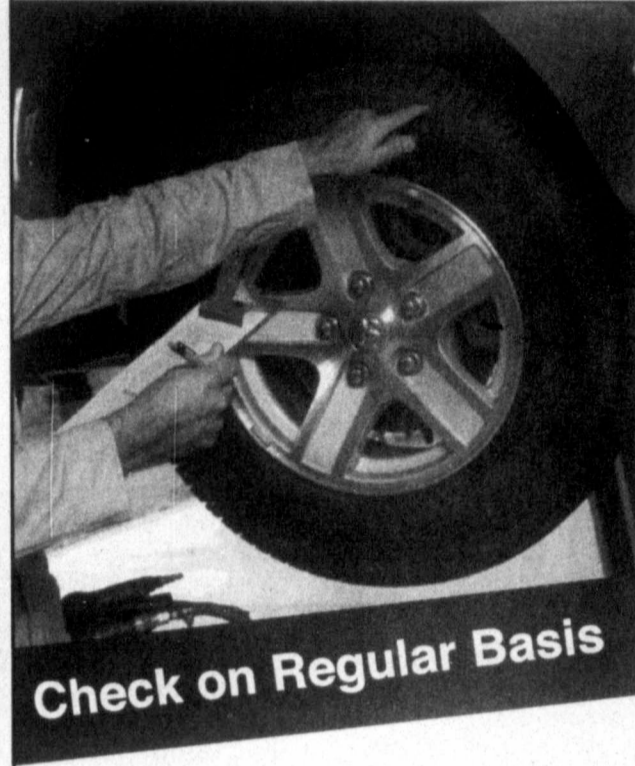
For most of the agency's 29-year history, the Pampa Area United Way funding has helped ensure that Tralee Crisis Center's shelter and comprehensive nonresident services will continue to be there to protect victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other violent crimes just as it has since 1983.

With the support of the United Way, Tralee can continue to help victims to become survivors like Donna who was able to heal, return as a functioning member of society and hold her abuser accountable — the true goals of this organization.

Dee Dee Laramore
Tralee Crisis Center
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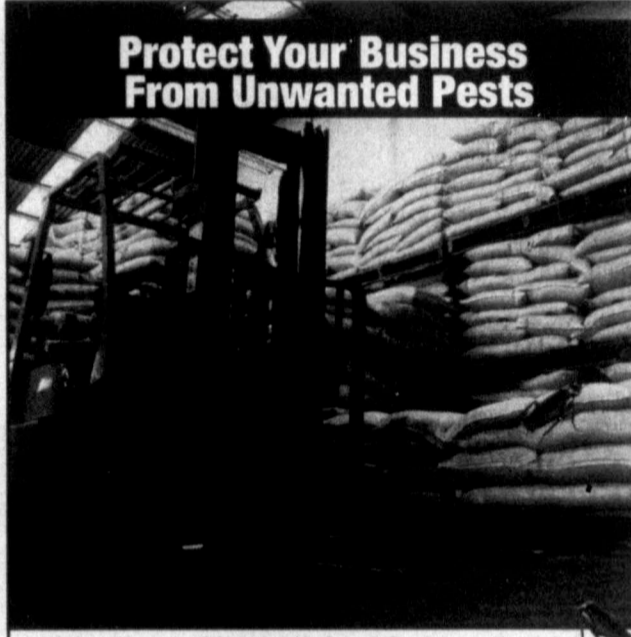
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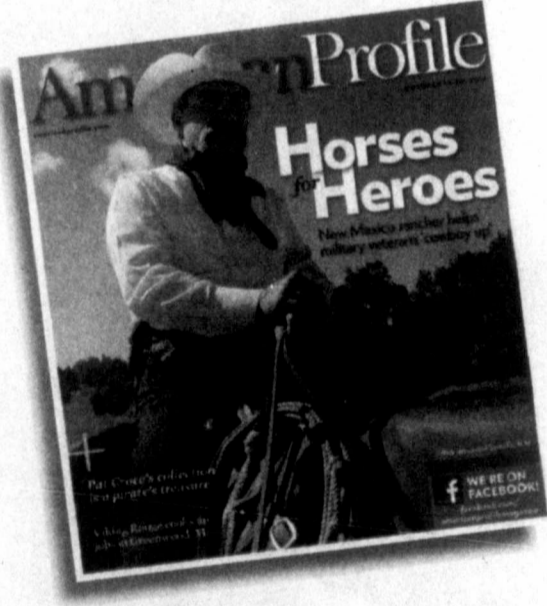
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the world's largest U.S. Naval base in Norfolk, along with many active duty and retired military. It was a stunning defeat for McCain, a Navy veteran.

Changing demographics also made the state friendly territory for Obama. The Latino population in Virginia jumped 92 percent from 2000 to 2010. Minorities now account for 27 percent of eligible voters in this state that was home to the Confederate capital.

The constituencies that propelled the president to victory remain, but enthusiasm has waned and Democrats expect a much closer race this time. Polls show Obama with a slight edge or virtually tied with Romney.

"Things are probably more competitive, just as they are nationally," says Peter Brodnitz, a Democratic pollster working in the Senate campaign of former Gov. Tim Kaine. "I don't think it's a repeat of 2008 when the wind was blowing strongly in just one direction."

The state's economy, though, shouldn't be a drag on the president.

Among battleground states, Virginia has one of the lower unemployment rates: 5.9 percent in August. It also has fared better than many others in rebounding from the recession, gaining about two-thirds of 171,000 jobs lost, compared with a national recovery rate of about 45 percent, according to Scott Hoyt of Moody's Analytics.

These days, Virginia is in an enviable position: It ended its fiscal year in June with a \$448 million

surplus that triggers a 3 percent bonus for state employees.

It's a record the Republican nominee should be trumpeting, says Mark Rozell, a political scientist at George Mason University.

"Romney should be telling the story as a Republican success — that policies on the state level are responsible for the budget surplus and overall the better economic situation," he says. "That's the political message. Whether it has any economic merits is an entirely different matter. Most economists think it's a stretch to attribute better circumstances entirely or even mostly to state government policies."

Despite its sound finances, Virginia is a land of extremes, home to the very poor and very

rich.

Five of the nation's top 10 wealthiest counties are in the northern part of the state, according to the 2011 American Community Survey. Among the key reasons: a heavy concentration of college graduates and two-income families, many with good-paying government or contractor jobs.

That diversity spawns two Virginia economies. One is urban-based, dependent on technology and government (including defense) and doing well; the other is more rural with timber, coal and agriculture and higher, even double-digit joblessness, according to Stephen Fuller, director of the Center for Regional Analysis at George Mason.

"It's a harder sell for Romney in more urbanized areas to suggest

that he can manage the economy better because it already seems better," Fuller says, noting that in northern Virginia, housing prices are up and about 30,000 jobs have been added in the last year.

Romney, he adds, will have more appeal in conservative, moderate-income areas where "the population is disenchanted with the recovery. These are the people who feel government ought to get out of their lives."

Throughout the state, Romney also has been trying to convince women his economic policies would help them

more than Obama's, part of a strategy to cut into the president's strength among female voters. Obama, who has emphasized women's health issues, held a 19-point lead among females in one Virginia poll.

Economic messages still matter despite the state's relatively low unemployment, Rozell says, because people hear the national dialogue and "share the same anxieties and concerns about their own futures."

Sharon Cohen is a Chicago-based national writer for The Associated Press. She can be

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of keeping drugs and cartel violence from Mexico at bay.

Walker County District Attorney David Weeks said asking the Rangers to investigate the tweets was appropriate.

"In looking at it, it's more the idea that you have someone totally uninvolved looking at an issue that may have political ramifications,"

Weeks said. "I try to err on the side of caution in those cases."

Twitter is swarming with the fake doppelgangers of celebrities and politicians. Chicago Mayor Rahm Emmanuel still has fewer followers than a well-known parody account that stopped tweeting a year ago, while Not Bill Walton exaggerates the eccentricities of the former basketball star to an audience of 125,000 followers.

The tone of fake accounts range from gentle caricatures to the mean-spirited.

The mock accounts in Huntsville sprang up last year and most have only a few dozen followers. Newman, who unsuccessfully ran for a council seat last year, said a Ranger in August interviewed her for more than an hour at his office in Huntsville. She said the Ranger hinted at laws surrounding false impersonations but never cited any specific statute.

Newman said she felt kind of bullied into confessing to being behind one of the accounts.

"One of the things he said is, 'What if we have proof from a council member that you did their account?'" she said.

Newman said she hasn't heard from the Rangers since that meeting. She insisted she didn't know who is behind the other parodies.

"I personally think the Texas Rangers have bigger and better crimes to fight," she said.

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Pa. students disciplined for pic of deejay with bras

IRWIN, Pa. (AP) — A school district has disciplined students after a disc jockey posted a Facebook picture in which he holds bras thrown at him during a recent homecoming dance.

Norwin School District officials told The Associated Press that an unspecified number of students have been disciplined. The district, about 20 miles east of Pittsburgh, also will no longer allow the DJ, Eric Wenning, to work school dances.

District spokesman Jonathan Szish told the

AP on Wednesday that all indications are that Wenning didn't encourage the bra-throwing but that he showed poor judgment in posting the photo to Facebook.

Szish couldn't immediately say how many students were disciplined but said confidentiality rules prevent him from naming who was punished and how.

Wenning has told WPXI-TV, which first reported the bra throwing and the photo, that he was appalled when the female students started throwing

their bras at him during the Sept. 29 dance.

Wenning didn't immediately respond to a request for comment from the AP on Wednesday, but told the station he regretted posting the Facebook picture.

"It was kind of in a moment of bad judgment. I did take a picture with a shocked look on my face holding the bras in my hand and posted it on my private Facebook page," Wenning told the station. "I really apologize for making that bad judgment call."

The picture has since been removed from his Facebook page.

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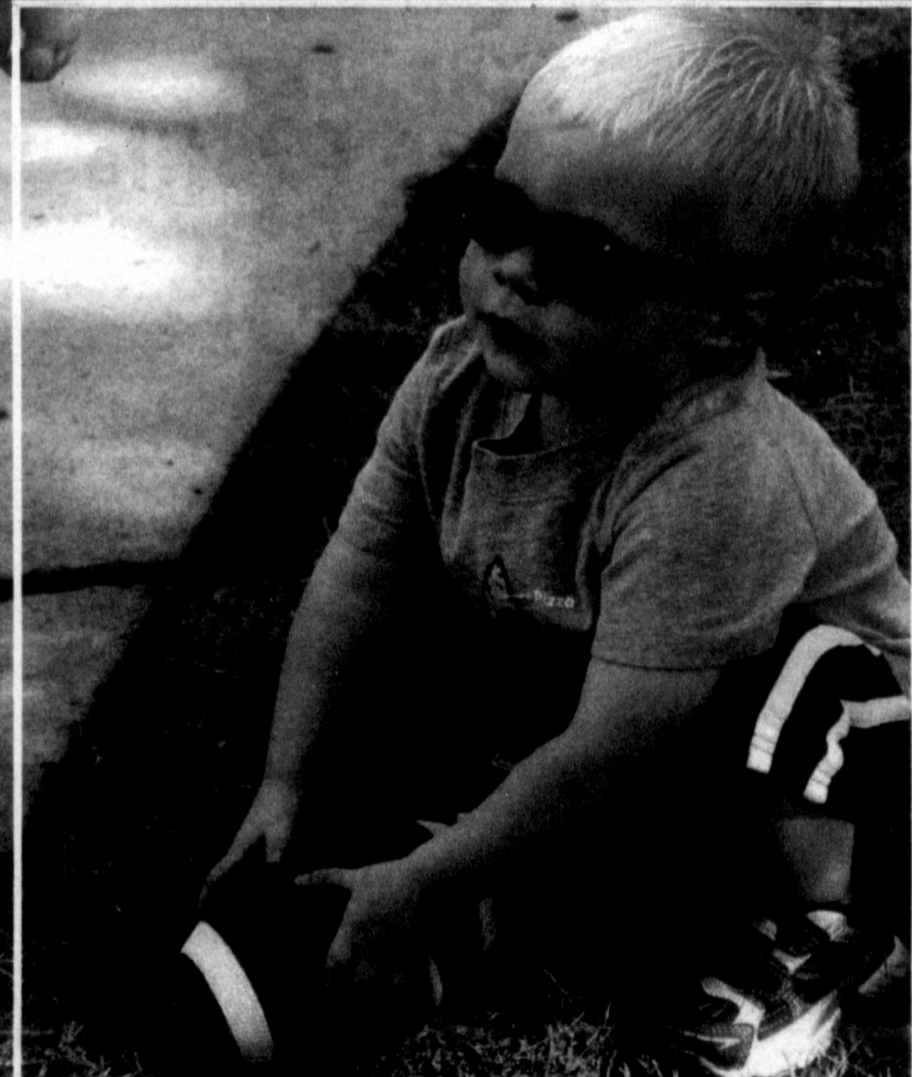
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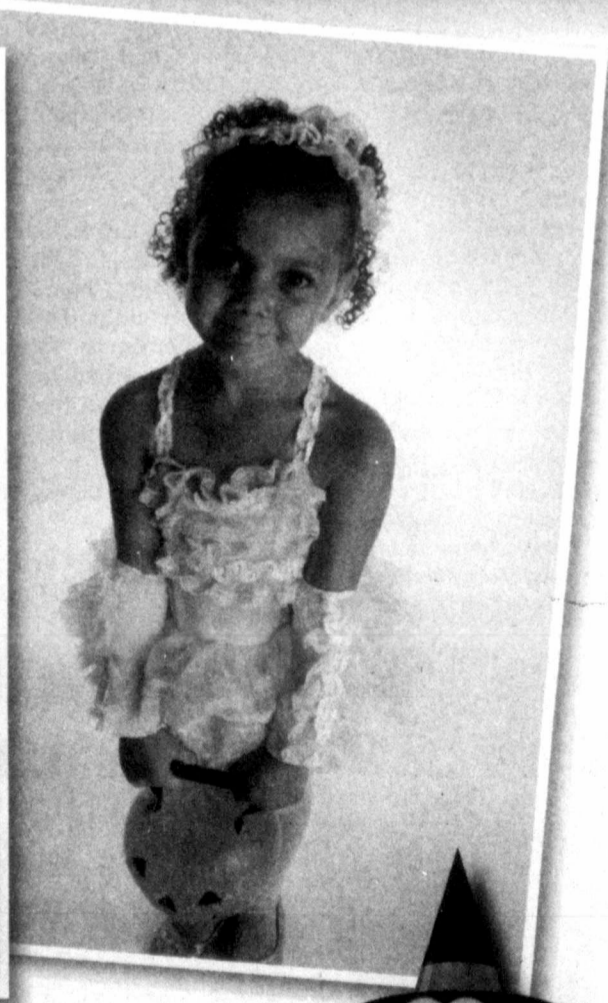
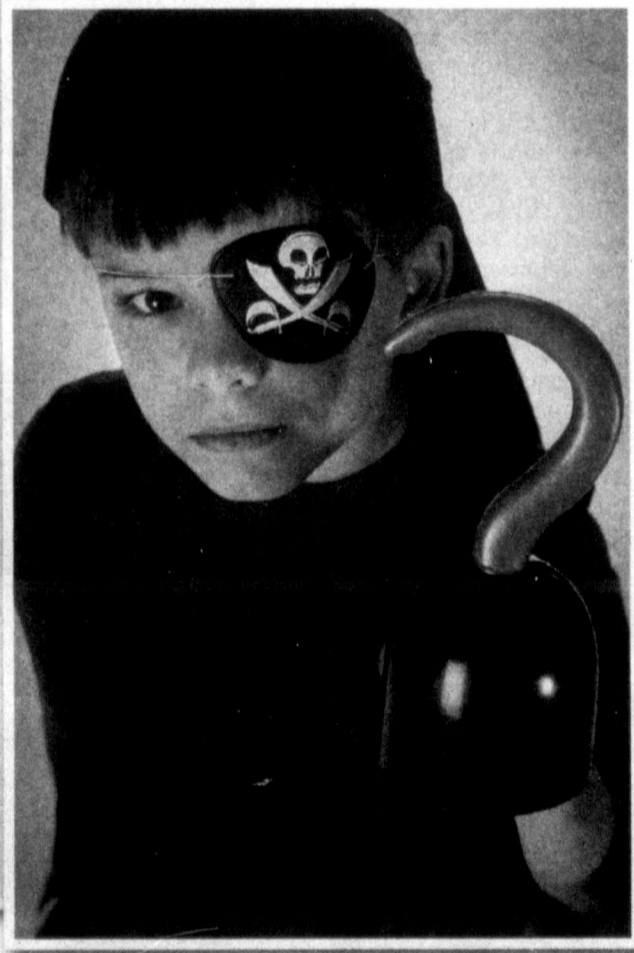
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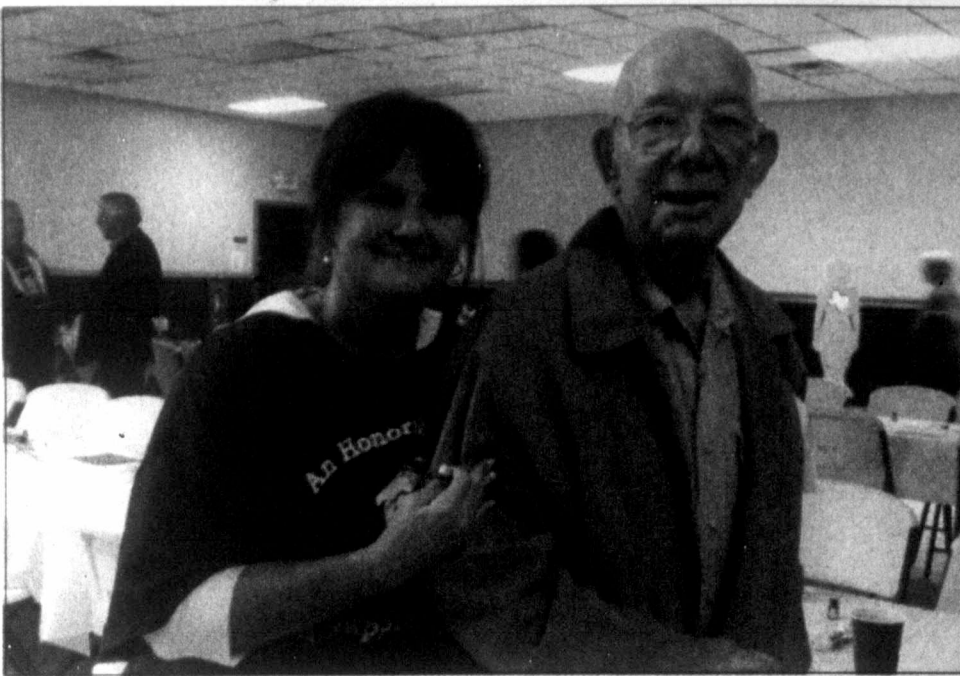


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HATS OFF TO LOOPER. Brenda Hinds, Tralee Crisis Center advocate congratulates Myrel Looper, a retired business owner, after he was named as the 2012 Honorable Man.

Looper named 2012 Honorable Man

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
For The Pampa News

Family, friends, staff and volunteers gathered to honor retired Pampa business owner Myrel Looper as Tralee Crisis Center's 2012 Honorable Man at ceremonies observing National Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities in Pampa on Saturday, Oct. 6.

Each year, someone who lives a violence-free life and embodies the qualities of an "honorable man" is chosen from nominations submitted by friends and family to be Tralee's Honorable Man of the Year.

This year's winner owned Looper Fence Co. and is a long-time member and deacon of Calvary Baptist Church.

Looper was nominated for the honor by his stepdaughter Becky Saltzman. She wrote in her essay that after he married her mother, Looper went out of his way to make her and her children feel included in the family. He influenced his grandchildren and great grandchildren by his strong character, she said.

Steve Looper, his son, describes his father as "a builder of men" who believes in working hard and being a man of his word.

"He always will do what he says he will do (and then some). He believes he is accountable to God and to his fellow man for his words as well as his actions... I am proud to be the son of this honorable man."

For nine years, an Honorable Man has been chosen from nominations submitted by family and friends and announced at a reception following the annual Honorable Man March. This year, Looper was recognized at a dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Last Saturday, Mayor Brad Pingel welcomed the group who braved the first cold spell of the fall

at the north steps of City Hall for the this year's Honorable Man March. Pingel read from the proclamation naming October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Pampa. He stressed his and the City of Pampa's commitment to ending domestic violence and praised Tralee Crisis Center staff for their hard work and dedication in helping domestic violence victims through the years.

Led by Tralee volunteer Benny Wyant and Lonnie Fowler, Looper's son-in-law, carrying the Tralee Crisis Center banner, the group marched east on Kingsmill Street to Cuyler Street and north to the Knights of Columbus Hall where more supporters waited. The marchers counted aloud and clapped every eight seconds to represent the fact that a domestic violence incident occurs every eight seconds in the United States.

The group went inside the building for a brisket dinner donated and prepared by Tralee volunteer Gilissa Murray and her husband Richard of Canadian.

The brisket for the dinner was donated by the Canadian Banking Center. A purple bottle of bubbles and a piece of paper with a name, date and place on it marked each place setting.

"These are not just black ink on white paper. These names are of real women who died this past year as a result of domestic violence," explained Dee Dee Laramore, Tralee executive director.

She pointed to four red silhouettes standing at the back of the room. "You'll see that we've added two more silhouettes to the two that we have had for many years representing Twila Busby and Ethel

Jean Goldsmith, both Pampa women who were murdered by their intimate partners.

One of the new ones is for Eva Fritz who was shot to death by her ex-boyfriend in her Pampa apartment in July 2003. The other is for Martha Johnson of Wheeler County who was shot to death by her husband in June of 2010.

"These silhouettes are tangible reminders that domestic violence affects our community," Laramore said.

Josh Blackmon sang "Jesus, Friend of Sinners" as entertainment. A video presentation featuring "honorable men" of our community created by domestic violence survivor and Tralee volunteer Lynette Miller followed. The highlight of the evening was the reading of the nominations and the presentation of Looper as this year's Honorable Man.

For almost 29 years, Tralee Crisis Center has offered crisis intervention and safe shelter for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other violent crimes in eight counties of the eastern Panhandle — Childress, Carson, Collingsworth, Donley, Gray, Roberts, Hemphill and Wheeler. Tralee also provides 24-hour safe shelter as well as hotline, advocacy, transportation for legal medical and school, assistance in obtaining housing, protective orders, clothing and food.

Tralee Crisis Center is a United Way agency.

For more information about Tralee's services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other violent crime, call Tralee's office at 806-669-1131 or the 24-hour hotline at 806-669-1788.

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Pampa comes together at 'Pink Out' pep rally

By GAYDEN HAYS
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Communities should support their own, and on Thursday night Pampa came together at Pampa High school in recognition of Breast Care awareness month.

Carter Sand and Gravel sponsored a hamburger cookout that was prepared by Ed Robinson of the Burger Station and served in the high school commons area.

While many people ate in the commons, just as many could be found across the street at Harvester field watching the seventh and eighth graders play football.

Greeting all community members were members of the PHS student council and representatives from Pampa Regional Medical Center giving away free Pink Out! items and selling T-shirts.

After the cookout, all activities were moved into the High School field house where a community pep rally was conducted.

Three people who were given special recognition, they were 2011 Hero of Hope representative Nayeli Madrid, 2013 Hero of Hope Britteny Huseman, and Anna Honeycutt a longtime



RELAY FOR LIFE. Pampa High School student council members present a \$2,000 dollar Check to Christy Robinson, Cassie Denton and Melissa Denton representing the Gray County Relay For Life. For the night, more than \$3,700 were raised. The pep rally was held in the McNeely Field House and was attended by more than 350 people, according to PISD officials.

employee at the hospital, each with their own testimony in battling cancer.

When asked about her treatment, Madrid explained, "It's been hard, but I'm getting through it with a positive attitude. These events bring more awareness of childhood

cancers."

The Gray County Relay for life organization received donations from Pampa Regional Medical Center in the amount of \$1,700, and at the same time, PRMC donated the same amount to Honeycutt.

Shortly there after student council representatives presented a \$2000 check to the Gray County relay for life staff.

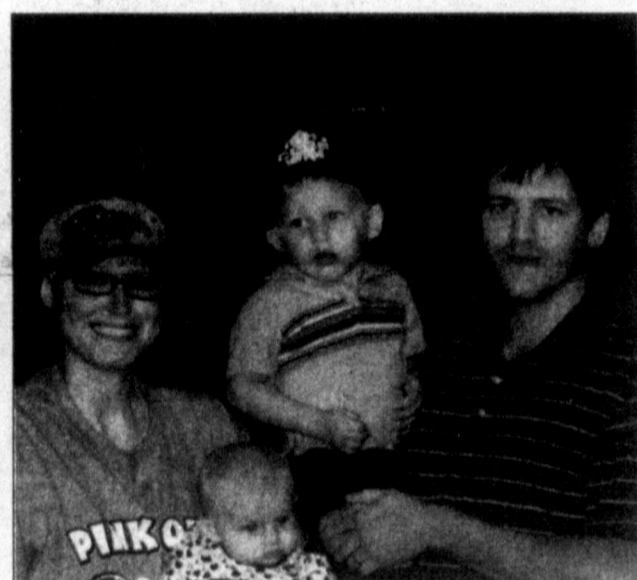
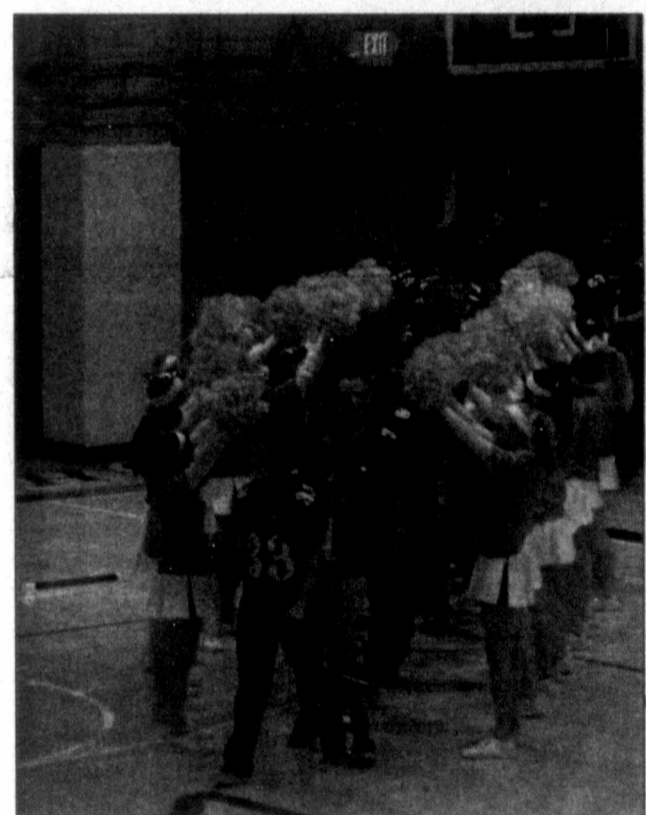
During the pep rally numerous student organizations performed, and the "Pride of Pampa" Band along with the

PHS cheerleaders lead the crowd in chants and cheers.

Friday morning, Bad Cattle Co. served coffee, juice, and donoughs in the old Dunlaps parking lot, giving back to the community and also reminding residents of

Breast cancer awareness,

This weekends festivities will culminate at the Pampa High School field house Saturday at 3 p.m. when the Lady Harvester volleyball team sponsors a "Pink Out" at their matches against River Road.



BIG NIGHT. Above: Britteny Huseman was named the 2012 Hero of Hope, pictured with her husband, Andy Huseman, and her children Franklin and Abigail. Huseman was diagnosed with breast cancer in June and is scheduled for surgery in November. Left: Members of the Harvester football team are greeted into the gym by the varsity cheerleaders



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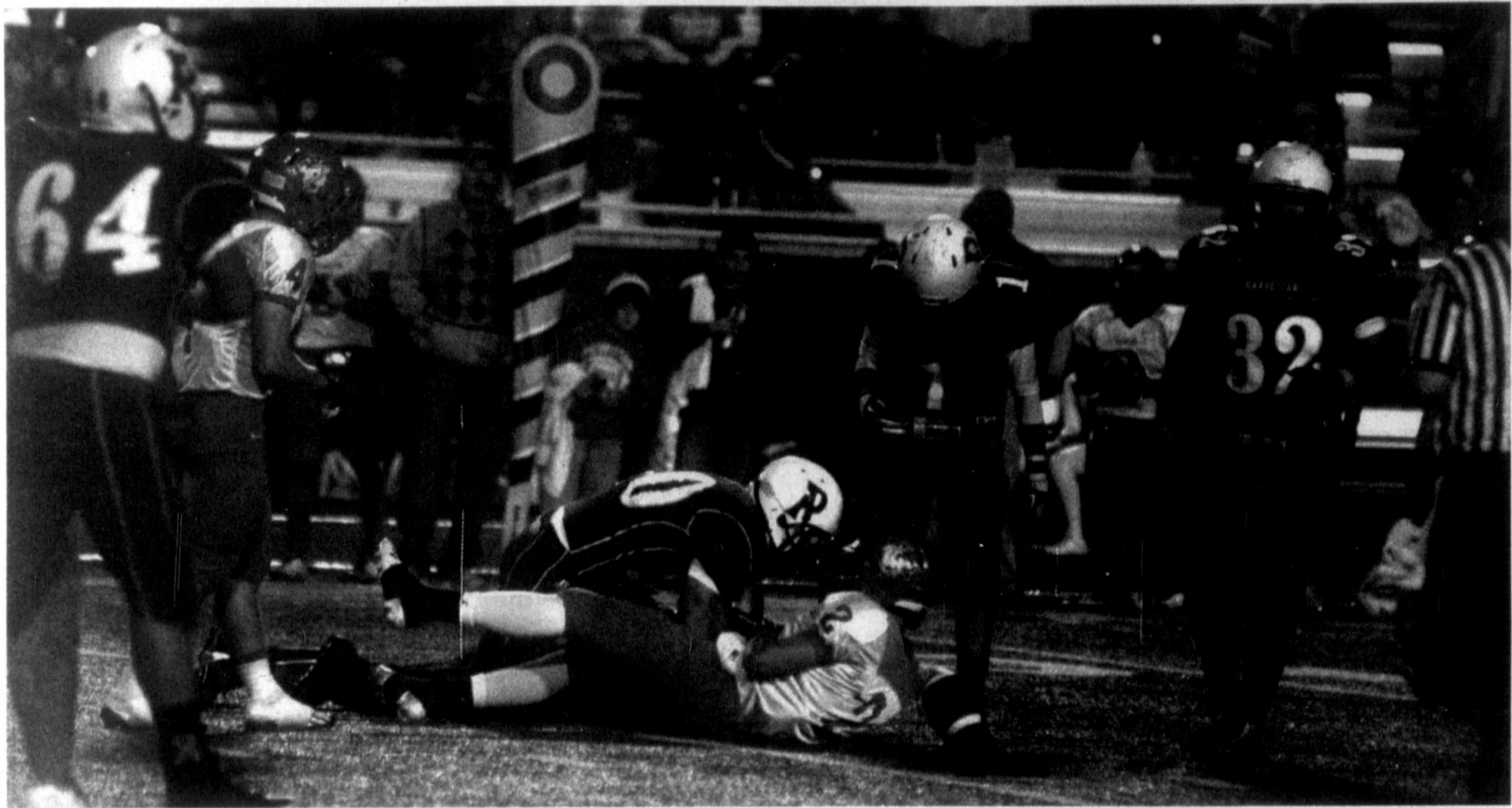
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NOT IN OUR HOUSE. Pampa's Dallan Poole (20) and Taylor Woods (1) flatten Perryton receiver Jake Whittenburg, as Chris Rivera(32), and Andrew Jimenez (64) look on during Friday night's victory at Harvester Field. Photo by Gayden Hays

Pampa storms past Perryton 21-7

By **GAYDEN HAYS**
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The Pampa Harvesters blew through the highly touted Perryton Rangers, 21-7, as strong thunderstorms with hail and lightning delayed the game.

The Harvesters won the opening toss, and deferred the opening kickoff. They were determined their defense would be able to stop the Rangers offense, led by quarterback Justin Ventura and receiver Jake Whittenburg.

"We have been getting better every week, our defense is outstanding," said Pampa Head Coach Heath Parker. "We have been causing turn overs, Coach Alexander and the rest of the staff have been working real hard."

The Pampa defense did hold the line, and in the first half, allowed less than 75 yards of total offense while amassing more than 200 yards with 174 yards coming on the ground.

Pampa started the scoring with a 65 yard burst up the middle by Sammy Smith on the third possession by the Harvesters. Smith finished the first half with 130 yards on the ground and 175 yards for the game.

Turnovers were key and the Harvester

defense caused three, with all being converted into Harvester points.

Adding touchdowns for the Pampa were quarterback Ryan Smith. With a minute remaining in the first half, a pass from Ryan Smith was tipped by Tyler Poole but hauled in by Trey Wiggins.

Harvesters led the Perryton Rangers 21-0 at half time, and the game

was suspended due to lightning and quarter-sized hail

After a 45-minute delay, the teams were given an eight-minute warm up period. Then they were allowed back on the field after officials determined the weather had moved on.

The wet conditions and the wind affected the offenses for both teams and neither was able move

the ball.

The Rangers two extended drives were ended on interceptions.

The first with 6:48 left in the third quarter when Perryton's Ventura was intercepted by Austin Wood and returned 65 yards to the Perryton 10. Chris Rivera added another pick that ended the a Ranger threat in the fourth quarter.

The Rangers were able to score seven points in the third quarter when Ventura connected with Whittenburg.

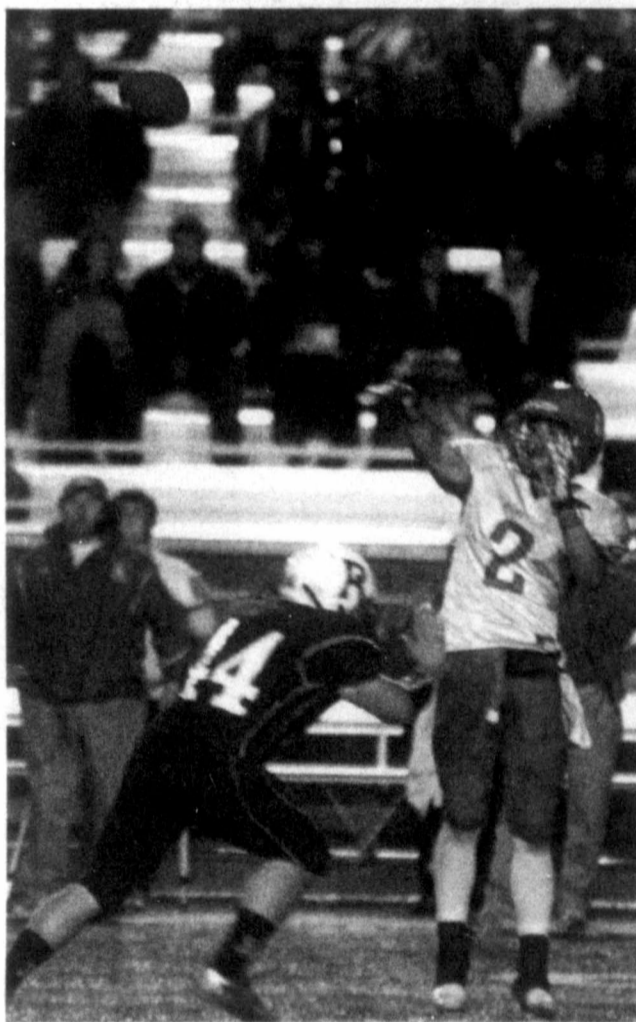
The last ray of hope for Perryton was ended when Chris Rivera, and Chris Garcia recorded back to back sacks of the quarterback, and forced Perryton to turn the ball over on downs.

With the victory over the

Rangers, the Harvesters are sitting in first place in district as they meet River Road next week.

"We are 1-0 and in the drivers seat, our team is coming together and getting better," commented Parker on the value of this district victory over Perryton.

Friday, Pampa will travel to River Road to play their second district game at 7:30 p.m.



PUNISH. Pampa Linbacker Larry Regan(44) hits Perryton wide receiver Jake Whittenburg as he attempts a trick play during the second quarter of the Harvesters 21-7 victory at Harvester Field. Despite the lightning, play continued after a 45 minute delay. Photo by Gayden Hays

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STRATEGY. The Pampa golf team gets final instructions before teeing off Friday morning in the Dumas two-day golf tournament. The Harvesters will play 36 holes Friday and then finish up Saturday with another 36 holes Saturday. Look for results in Tuesday's paper.

Photo by Barb Amrhein

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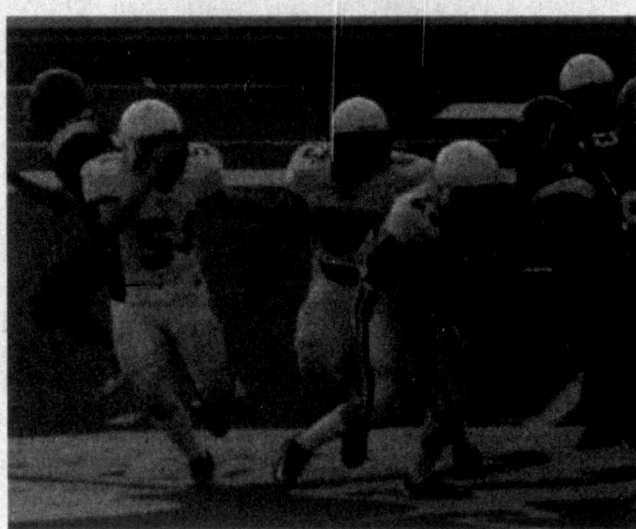
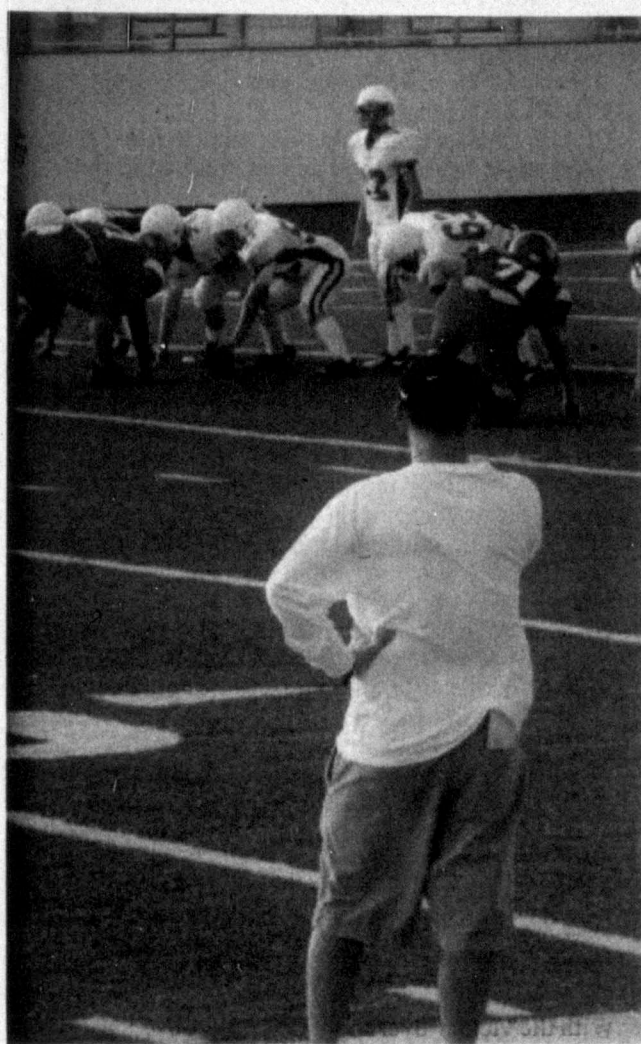


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DEFENSE. Above: (51) Ryan Lee, (23) Colton Thompson, (63) Treyton Perry chase down the Perryton runner during the junior varsities 22-20 victory Thursday night. Left: Coach Kaleb Snelgrooes watches over the freshman team.

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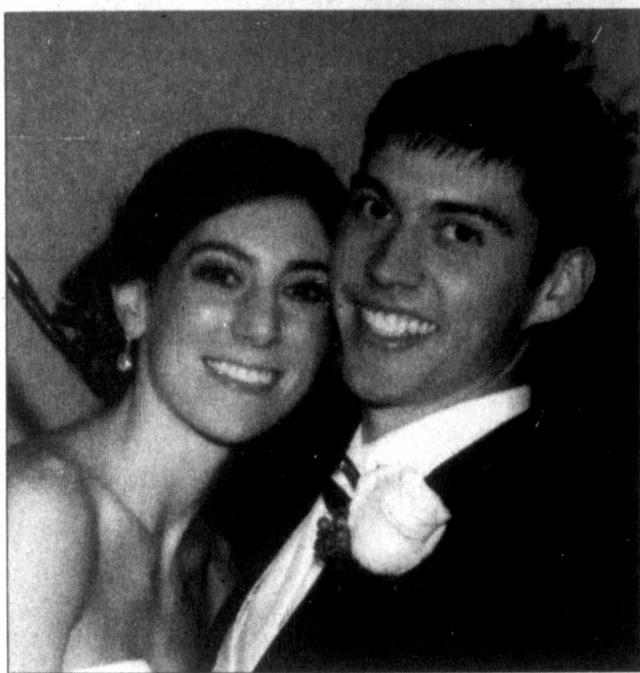
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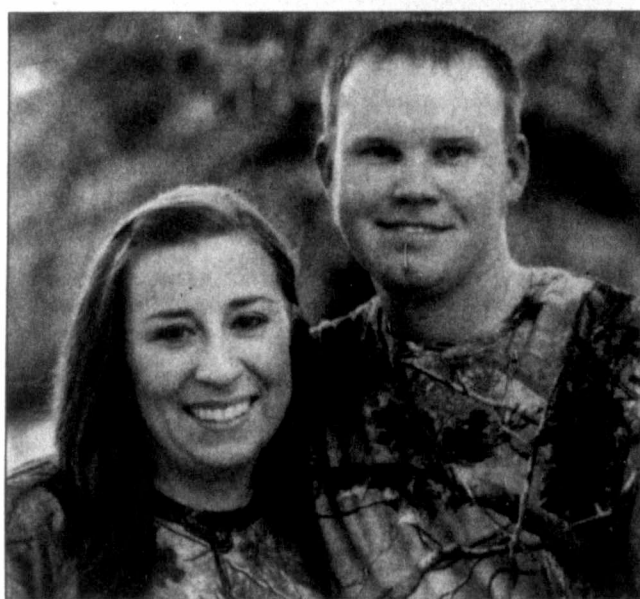
WEDDING BELLS



Haley Acker and Dustin Kuhn

Haley Acker, daughter of Greg and Lisa Acker of Pampa, was recently wed to Dustin Kuhn, son of Steve and Lynn Kuhn, also of Pampa. The ceremony took place on April 14, 2012, at First Presbyterian Church of Pampa, Texas. Matron of Honor for the Bride was Maggie Camden. Bridesmaids were Lauren Acker, Hilary Acker, and Kirsten Kuhn. Best man was Chase Brewer, and Groomsmen included Craig Stone, Taylor Fatheree, and Cameron Underwood. Ushers were Steven Smith and Rifle Collingsworth. The reception was held at Ackers Barn following the ceremony.

ENGAGEMENT



Andrea Burkhalter and Garrett Pearson

Andrea Burkhalter, daughter of Bobby and Sherri Burkhalter of Pampa, Texas was recently engaged to Garrett Pearson, son of Thomas and Theresa Pearson of Bonham, Texas. Ms. Burkhalter graduated from Pampa High School in 2007, and is currently studying Business Management at Collin College in McKinney, Texas. Garrett Pearson graduated from Bonham High School in 2004. He is currently employed as a driver for UPS in Sherman, Texas. The couple plan to marry January 5, 2013.

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Returning vets swell ranks of entrepreneurs

By **MICHAEL MELIA**
Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — As a truck driver for the U.S. military in wartime Iraq, Ed Young racked up 7,000 miles, facing a constant threat of attack that left him struggling with depression and suicidal thoughts.

Four years later, he is driving long hauls again, but now in the U.S. as one of a growing number of veterans turning entrepreneur. The Navy veteran who had seen his post-war life spiraling out of control says his Connecticut-based car transportation business has helped to put him on the road to recovery.

Young received training to run his enterprise through a program for disabled veterans at the University of Connecticut, one of many efforts emerging nationwide to help returning service members start small businesses.

"The biggest thing I got out of it was, no matter what, don't give up on your idea," said Young, 26. "Basically it's like in the military. Just accomplish the mission. That is your job, to accomplish your mission, no matter what."

More than 200,000 people are discharged from the U.S. military each year, and advocates say they often possess qualities that make good entrepreneurs: resourcefulness, a taste for risk-taking and a can-do attitude. Nonprofit groups, state governments and U.S. agencies are all providing business training aimed at giving them new purpose and easing their transition to civilian life.

Already, veterans are well-represented in the entrepreneurial ranks. Nearly one in 10 small businesses are veteran-owned, and retired service members are at least 45 percent more likely than those without active-duty military experience to be self-employed, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration. As troops return from Iraq and Afghanistan, some see an opportunity not only to help them find work, but for veteran entrepreneurs to provide a jolt to the U.S. economy.

"We think this is an opportunity where we're going to have a lot of vet-

erans who have the right skills to be entrepreneurs," said Rhett Jeppson, associate administrator for veterans' business development at the SBA. "We can help prepare them for the opportunities out there."

Unlike GI's who played a famed role in growing the U.S. economy after World War II, however, this generation is returning to the worst economic slump since the depression.

Young, who graduated last year from the Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities at UConn, had to apply to 10 banks before landing a \$24,000 loan to buy a truck and start his business, Black Knight Services. After completing more than \$75,000 in sales in the first six months of the year, he said he is looking to buy more trucks, but for now he still operates out of his apartment in Milford, Conn. when not on the road.

"It has its ups and downs, but I love it 100 percent," he said. "Unfortunately, I really can't stand people that much. At least I'm just by myself and with my thoughts."

It's been a dramatic turnaround for Young, who began drinking heavily after returning from Iraq in 2009. He hit bottom when he was arrested in 2010 for threatening to hurt his two young children.

It was during his jail time and his treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder that Young, who had developed a taste for entrepreneurship as a deejay in middle school, began to develop ideas for his own business.

Michael Zacchea, the executive director of the Connecticut bootcamp, said businesses like Young's that start during difficult financial times are more likely to succeed in the long run. Regardless of the veterans' career ambitions, Zacchea said, the program also aims to teach veterans to take charge of their civilian careers.

"It might be as simple as somebody starting a mom and pop shop," he said. "It's economic

can feed myself."

The bootcamp program, funded with assistance from donors and foundations, began at Syracuse University in 2007 and has spread to seven other schools. The students

of close advisers.

The SBA, which supported loans worth more than \$1.5 billion to veteran business owners last year, is also beginning to take training directly to military bases.

Weekly Menus

Pampa Independent School District

MONDAY, October 15

Pig in a blanket or chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, western beans, peaches, fresh fruit

Breakfast- Breakfast pizza

TUESDAY, October 16

Popcorn shrimp or chef salad, spinach, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, juice, cornbread

Breakfast- Donut, sausage patty

WEDNESDAY, October 17

Spaghetti or popcorn chicken, green beans, tossed salad, mixed fruit, fresh fruit, garlic toast

Breakfast- Waffle sticks, syrup

THURSDAY, October 18

Egg rolls or pizza, corn, broccoli florets, fresh fruit, juice, rice pilaf

Breakfast- Biscuit, sausage patty

FRIDAY, October 19

Chicken fajitas or hamburger, french fries, burger salad, pinto beans, sliced apples, fresh fruit, rice

Breakfast- Cereal, toast

Pampa Senior Citizens Center

MONDAY, October 15

Chicken fried steak or chicken alfredo, mashed potatoes, Italian green beans, beets, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, tomato spice cake, chocolate pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

TUESDAY, October 16

Chicken salad or mushroom smothered steak, Au Gratin potatoes, spinach, fried squash, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, lemon bundt cake, pineapple squares, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

WEDNESDAY, October 17

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, butter beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, marble swirl cake, butterscotch icebox pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

THURSDAY, October 18

Chicken strips or bar-b-que beef/onion rings, potato salad, corn cobettes, fried okra, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, black forest cake, blackberry cobbler, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

FRIDAY, October 19

Cod fish filet/hushpuppies or spaghetti & meatballs, potato wedges, brussels sprouts, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, brownies, cherry cream pie, fruit cup, garlic breadstick, hot roll, cornbread

Pampa Meals on Wheels

MONDAY, October 15

Corn dogs, macaroni/cheese, pork beans, mixed fruit

TUESDAY, October 16

Mexican casserole, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad, peaches

WEDNESDAY, October 17

Meatloaf, peas/carrots, potato casserole, pudding

THURSDAY, October 18

Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, sugarless cake

FRIDAY, October 19

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Oct. 15, 2012

This year your birthday falls on a New Moon, signifying a new beginning in at least one segment of your life. Your creativity and magnetism intertwine, which will open you up to more possibilities. As much as you might forge ahead, you also could feel as if you are lacking either financially or emotionally. If you are single, a relationship is yours to have, if you want it. In fact, you'll have quite a selection of admirers to choose from. If you are attached, the two of you need more personal time as a couple, but be careful to not get to me-oriented. It takes two to tango. A fellow LIBRA demonstrates his or her creativity in a totally different way.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Sometimes others see your actions and decisions as bold. Someone who is not accustomed to your style could become angry. This person will let you know how upset he or she is. An apology or explanation is in order. Consider adapting your style for more-sensitive folks. Tonight: With a favorite person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ A friend or loved one knows your Achilles' heel and will use that weakness periodically. You might be stunned by this person's words. You do not need to retaliate; instead, use this moment to look within yourself. Consider his or her commentary and internalize what is viable. Tonight: Join a friend or two.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Your creativity emerges in the presence of others' energized, and sometimes bold, actions. You understand the forces at work here. Determine if and where you want to become involved. Your instincts will guide you with a loved one. Tonight: Time for a brisk walk.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You have a tendency to be moody. You acknowledge that fact, but when you look around, you might decide that you currently are on more solid ground than many of your comrades. Tonight: A child or loved one pulls you into a fun scene.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Use the morning to the max in order to deal with others accordingly. In the afternoon, an investment or domestic issue emerges. Give thought to how you could use this pivotal situation. This evolving matter could be the basis of a new beginning. To-

night: Home is your palace.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You remain very caring with a relative or neighbor. Others note your compassion and also your ability to act on that quality. A long-wished-for opportunity to realign another important relationship might occur out of the blue. A new beginning becomes possible as a result. Tonight: Accept an invitation, hang out and visit with friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Do your thing in the morning. You could become rather frustrated by a situation that keeps emerging. Detach by doing something totally unrelated to your present thoughts, and a solution will emerge. Focus on creating better security and more opportunities for yourself and others. Tonight: Take a hard look at your budget.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might be slow to start, like the turtle, with the hare leading in front. Don't worry — your endurance and steadiness will pay off. By the day's end, you'll be the winner. Your process and style in the evening allow you to catch up and succeed in whatever you deem important. Tonight: Out on the town.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Check out what's happening behind the scenes. You have so much energy, and it is close to impossible to hold you back. How you see a situation could change radically. You laugh, and others' moods elevate. A child or loved one might behave in an unexpected manner. Tonight: Let the good times happen.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ In an attempt to be nonreactive, you might have swallowed a lot of anger. If you find that you are doing or saying something unusual or subtly hostile, look within yourself. It is important to express negative feelings, too, but in a palatable manner. As a result, you could experience a new beginning. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

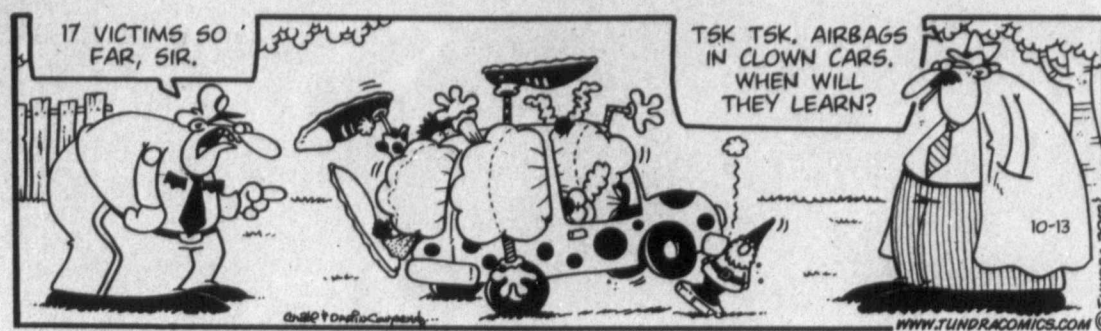
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You are in the limelight, and you'll make an impression on a boss or supervisor. The trail you blaze easily could lead to a new beginning, if you so choose. Your creativity flourishes, yet the cost of this self-expression could be high. Tonight: Could go into the wee hours.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Use timing to facilitate your desires. Individual conversations will flourish in the morning and midday. Afterward, take a serious look at what is happening around you. You might want to do more research. Tonight: Let your mind wander. Daydream away.

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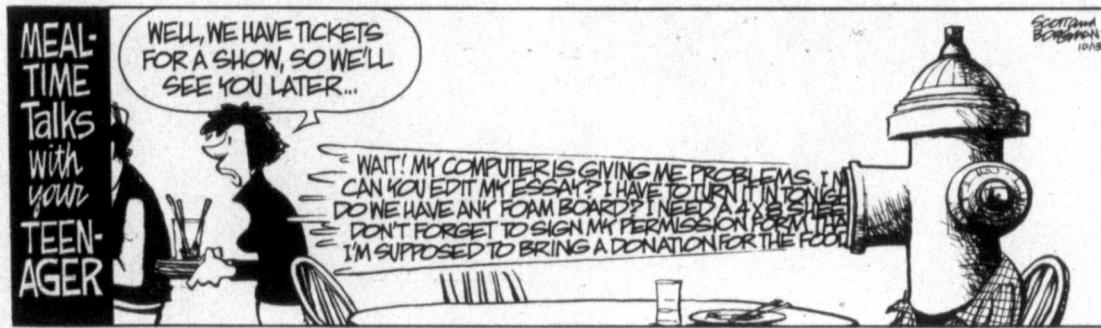
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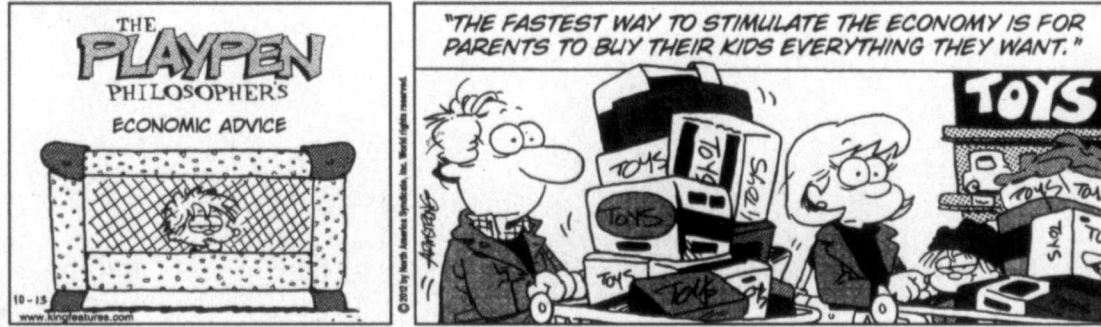
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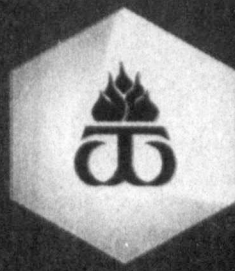
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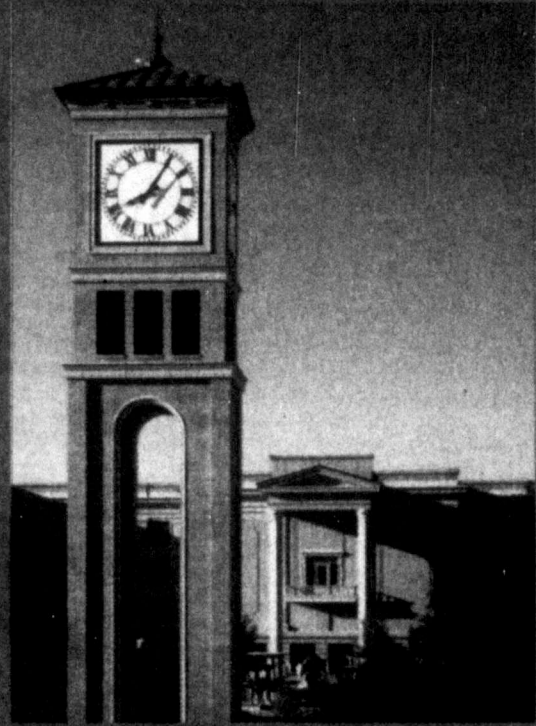
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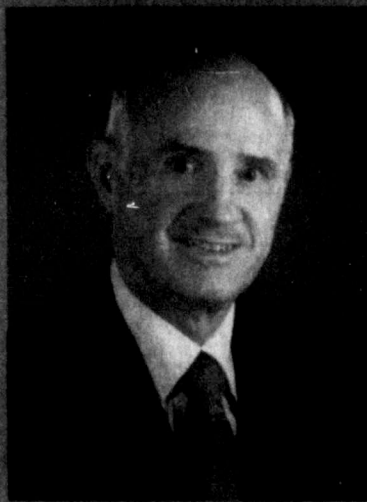
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Christian band Petra to perform Oct. 21

BY GAYDEN HAYS
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Petra and Seventh Day Slumber are performing at 6 p.m., Oct. 21, at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium, 1100 W. Coronado Drive in Pampa.

The iconic 1980s rock band, Petra, is on the rise again and will be in Pampa with Seventh Day Slumber to spread a message their music has delivered since 1972 when they formed.

Founding members Bab Hartman, Mark Kelly, John Lawry, Greg Volz and Louie Weaver used the Greek word for "rock" as their name, and Petra began.

During their rise to fame bringing their message of Christianity to the public, they were compared to mainstream acts such as Foreigner and Journey.

Over the last 40 years they have released 20 studio albums, selling 10 million copies. They have been nominated for 13 Grammy Awards, winning four and adding 10 Dove Awards into their list of accomplishments.

When asked what the audience will see, Volz said, "They'll see a bunch of zealous elders up there rocking the house. It'll be as good as anything Journey or Foreigner will pull off."

Adding to the message that will be given that day, opening for Petra will be Seventh Day Slumber, an up and coming Christian rock band with strong testimonies.

Slumber was formed in 1997 by front man Joseph Rojas. They have risen to the top of the Christian

music charts and are known for the honesty and candor in their music.

Rojas started his journey as a drug-addicted teen and convicted felon, using music to express his anger and pain.

Slumber, along with their tour this year, have released their eighth album. Rojas calls the album, "One of the most honest records we've made. We've opened ourselves up more, and been vulnerable. On this record we pull no punches."

Both of these bands are here because of hard work by Dean Spurell of The Heavens Project, a Christian-based organization that wants to help out the seniors at Cornerstone Academy in Wheeler, Texas.

Each year the seniors travel to a private Christian school convention. According to Pastor Erron Spruell of Cornerstone Church, who is also the principal at the academy, the economy has hurt everyone. "Parents pay for the kids to go, and this concert is to help alleviate some of the costs," Spruell said.

The cost for the tickets is \$15 dollars per person, or \$12 each for groups of eight or more.

Tickets can be purchased on line at www.showclix.com/event/seventhdayslumberpetra, or the day of the concert.



Submitted photos
ROCKIN' FOR A HIGHER POWER. Christian rock bands Petra, above, and Seventh Day Slumber, left, will be at the M.K. Brown auditorium on Sunday, Oct. 21 to support Wheeler Cornerstone Academy.

33rd annual Crazy Water Festival will get off to a running start — literally

MINERAL WELLS Texas — The festival gates don't open till 9 a.m. But a pack of 5K runners will get things kick started at 8 a.m.

For the third year, the festival will take place in the streets surrounding Famous Water Co. on N.W. 6th Street one block west of U.S. Highway 180.

More than 100 vendors are signed up, and there will be lots of food, refreshments, games, activities, the car/truck/bike show and three stages of music.

And don't let a threat of thunderstorms give you second thoughts about going — just be sure you get there early. The current chance of storms on Saturday are, as of this writing, predicted to arrive late in the afternoon or evening.

If so, they could affect the end of the festival, which will shut down at 6 p.m. Rain fell the last hour of the festival last year, but by then an estimated 10,000 people had already passed through the festival gates.

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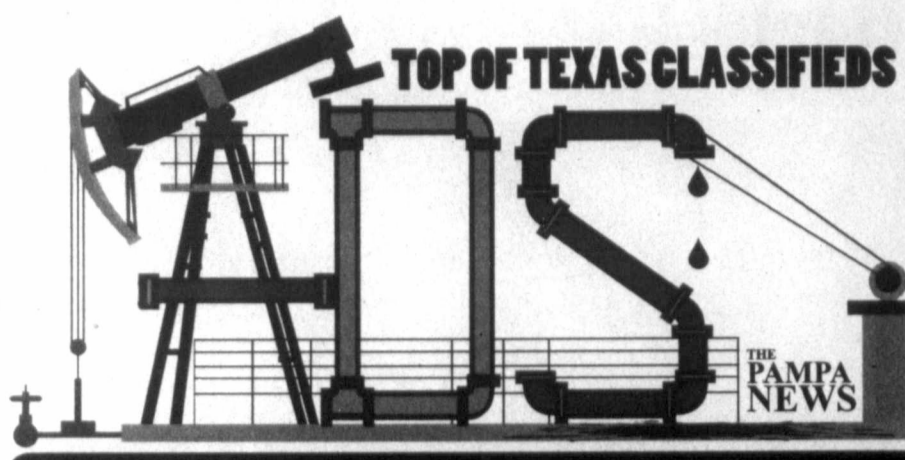
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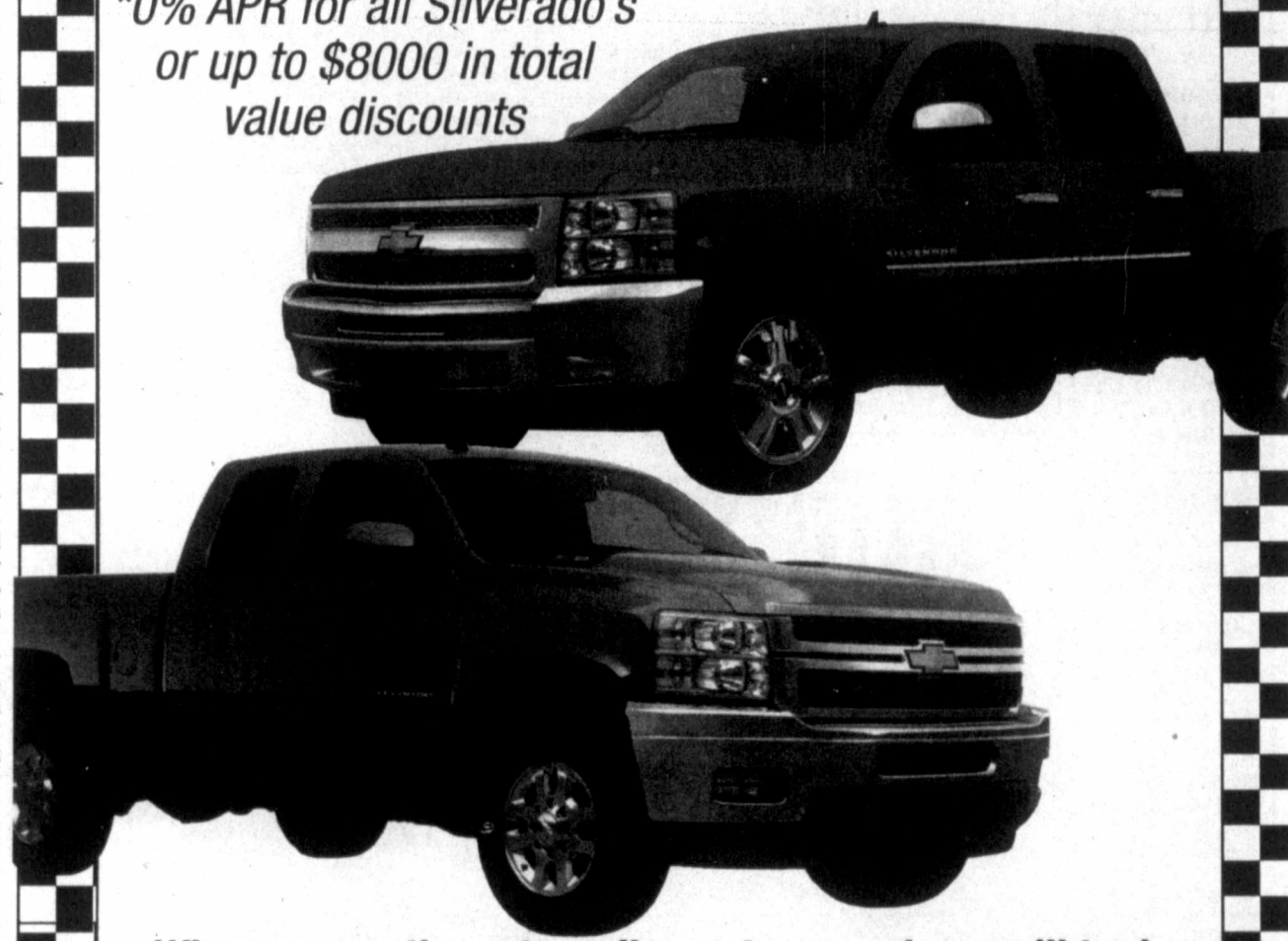
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm 17 and go to a high school with drug addicts and girls who are lucky they aren't pregnant. (Some are.) My father thinks I'm like them even though I have proven time and again that I'm not. I have a 4.0 GPA and have never done drugs or had sex.

I'm not allowed to drive anywhere without my mother accompanying me. If I want to go on a date with my boyfriend, my parents must be present. I have lost friends who are tired of having to hang with my parents and me. I have tried telling my dad this, but he claims I'm being ridiculous and

then picks a fight with me. I suggested family counseling, but Dad refused. He says we don't have the money.

What do I do? I just want to be a normal teenager who can hang out without my parents following me everywhere. — **TIRED TEEN IN WYOMING**

DEAR TIRED TEEN: You have my sympathy. You have caring and conscientious parents, who appear to have gone overboard in trying to shelter you. By age 17 — and with a 4.0 GPA — you should have been allowed to socialize without a constant chaperone. That's how teens

learn to develop relationships and make mature decisions.

In another year you will be 18 and an adult. If there is an adult relative in whom you can confide, ask that person to please speak to your parents on your behalf. You should be experiencing more freedom than you have been allowed.

DEAR ABBY: I have known my boyfriend, "Kyle," for eight years. We have been dating more than two years and living together for seven months. We have an amazing relationship. We love to laugh and make each other laugh. That's a "quirk" we share.

This morning, Kyle woke up, went straight to his dad's house without saying why and returned with his hair cut, beard trimmed and looking well-groomed. He seemed kind of "off," though — almost nervous. He then went to his mom's to help with some yard work and when he came home, he snuck up behind me and slipped a ring on my finger.

I got a little teary-eyed and asked where it came from. He said from his mom. He acted shy, wouldn't say much or look right at me. Then, after a moment, he shouted, "Just kidding! I wanted to make you laugh and freak you out a little."

I don't think there was malicious intent on his part. He's a sweetheart, but I don't know how to tell him how badly he hurt me emotionally. I thought he was proposing. What should I do? — **UNENGAGED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**

DEAR UNENGAGED: Sit Kyle down and tell him the effect his "joke" had on you. After a couple has started living together, a proposal of marriage is no laughing matter unless both partners are in on the joke.

P.S. If you talk to him in all seriousness, you may find that he DID propose, but then got cold feet.

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Yesterday's Answer: IMPACT, ANKLET; LETHAL, TRAGIC

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Sudoku

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 5 Exchange neighbor
- 9 Form deck
- 10 Mystic deck
- 12 Henry VIII had six
- 13 Clear cooler
- 14 Summer cooler
- 16 Storage spot
- 17 P look-alike
- 18 OK, tell me more"
- 20 Jacket part
- 22 Sunup spot
- 23 "Childe Harold" poet
- 25 Liberate
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- 35 Bat wood
- 36 Having a snack
- 38 Position
- 40 Refinement
- 41 Skater Sonja

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Yesterday's answer

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- 19 Flexed
- 21 Skeptic's comment
- 24 Commo-dore's insignia
- 25 News bulletin
- 26 Took ten
- 27 Odorless gas
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sunday horoscope

Note: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun and Moon in Libra all day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012: This year your creativity soars. You are likely to see this gift come out nearly everywhere in your life, depending on the various facets of your personality. If you are single, you could be judged as quite exotic as a result. The person you attract this year might not work forever, but could be just what you need for the time being. If you are attached, you easily could become quite me-oriented. Remember, it takes two to tango. LIBRA attracts controlling people.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You really might appreciate playing a low-key part in Sunday festivities. Be aware that many people could be knocking on your door. You simply might decide to screen your calls and do what you want. You could surprise yourself with the freedom and space you create. Tonight: Make a call to a jovial friend.

This Week: Use the New Moon Monday to revitalize a relationship.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You could be hammered with as many responsibilities as you can handle. It appears as if you are trying to pitch in wherever you can, whether it be driving someone to church or helping another person with his or her groceries. Stop. You need to take care of yourself. Tonight: Put your feet up.

This Week: Much is going on behind the scenes. Someone might open up around Thursday.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Your playfulness is renowned, and it opens you up to many different possibilities. Whether hanging out with a loved one, dear friend or child, it makes no difference. You seem to be naturally spontaneous. Tonight: Only where the good times are.

This Week: Your imagination can be difficult to tame right now.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You might enjoy inviting a friend or loved one over. Relax at home, or simply go for a drive to enjoy the fall foliage. The bottom line is not to exert yourself or do anything you do not want to do. Tonight: Do what feels natural.

This Week: You seem to be surrounded by needy people; perhaps you should split town.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Catch up on family news. Make a

phone call or two, particularly to a friend you rarely have a chance to speak to. Be impulsive with a situation involving a potential trip. Squeeze in a movie so you can daydream. Tonight: Meet others for a late dinner.

This Week: Express your intentions Monday. No one can stop you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Rethink a personal matter that keeps irking and/or confusing you. Knowledge and understanding can help. You might not be sure how the other person involved will react. Lighten up and enjoy those in your immediate surroundings. Curb a tendency to push back with a controlling person. Tonight: Indulge a little.

This Week: Observe how you spend your funds. You might want to make a few changes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You could have a strong reaction to a friend or loved one. A shake-up, emotionally or with your plans, is possible. Avoid being stubborn or difficult, and let go of any frustration. Someone wants you to join him or her at a music happening or a movie. Say "yes." Tonight: As you like.

This Week: The New Moon in your sign attracts many people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You might not be in the mood to deal with anyone. If you want to isolate yourself, you certainly can try, but know that a key loved one will seek you out. You can

share and discuss a situation that might be trying. Get feedback. Tonight: Choose something relaxing and agreeable.

This Week: You might not feel up to snuff until Tuesday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Your friends want your attention. A loved one could react if you do not set aside some time for him or her. You will have your hands full doing a juggling act if you try to maintain the status quo. You might have to make a choice here. Tonight: With a favorite person.

This Week: You could go off and buy a new car or computer out of the blue. Think carefully.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You still might feel overwhelmed. Do less, and try not to push yourself so hard. You do need to visit with an older friend or relative; however, you don't have to plan this rendezvous today -- just soon. A roommate is in an uproar. Give this person some space. Tonight: At home.

This Week: Demands surround you, and more responsibilities drop on you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Meet a friend who lives away, but not too far away, at a halfway point. Getting together is refreshing for both of you. Do not forget to call

a loved one who would appreciate hearing from you. Tonight: Don't push.

This Week: Your mind is everywhere but where you are. Why not take off and visit the person of your daydreams?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Deal with others directly; they'll appreciate your attention. An important phone call or meeting needs to happen. Keep in mind that this encounter might go beyond friendship. You'll

renew your energy by tapping into a parent or family member. Make plans with this person. Tonight: Dinner with a special someone.

This Week: A partnership gets a new beginning. Enjoy.

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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Beginner

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I work in a professional office where nearly all my co-workers are married and live rather uneventful lifestyles. I was divorced a few years ago and have not remarried.

I have dated a lot of women, and it has become an issue with my co-workers. They insist on hearing about the dates I go on and ask for the details of what took place, and I usually oblige them. Lately, there has been more and more gossip about my so-called "wild lifestyle," and I have become the talk of the office. Some co-workers have called me names like "skank" because I refuse to settle down with one girl. I'm looking for the right one, and it may take many wrong ones to get there.

I think my co-workers are jealous. I'm living my life to the fullest and having fun and because they can't do what I do, they resort to gossip and name-calling. It really frustrates me. How can I make this stop without causing unnecessary tensions in my workplace? — MAN IN MOTION IN INDIANA

DEAR MAN IN MOTION: You are not a "skank." You are a bachelor. I hope you realize that you started this by regaling your co-workers with the intimate details of your "adventures." None of it was appropriate workplace conversation. If you want this to stop, you'll have to draw an iron curtain between your work life and your social life. Start today.

DEAR ABBY: I am engaged and have been for a while. From the beginning I knew my fiance and I would have to pay for our own wedding. During a recent discussion with my father (who is divorced from my mother), he offered to chip in a reasonable amount and asked me to see if my mother would match it. My mother thought it was a great

idea and agreed. A week or so later she wrote me a check for the amount and I deposited it into my savings account.

At the time, I had a high-paying job and a "round-about" wedding date set. I have since left my job and the wedding has been postponed indefinitely. My mother has now requested that I return the money because she's behind on bills.

Frankly, I think it is inappropriate for her to ask me to return "her" money when it was a gift that I did not request at the time. Am I wrong, or should she leave the money be? — ENGAGED IN VIRGINIA

DEAR ENGAGED: When your mother gave you the money toward your wedding, BOTH of your financial situations were different than they are today. This isn't a question of etiquette. Because you won't be needing it in the near future, return the money to your mother so she can pay her bills. It's not as if she'll be using it for a Caribbean cruise. She

needs the money!

DEAR ABBY: My daughter and her husband have a wonderful little boy, "Matthew," who is 3. They say they don't plan on having any more children. I am upset that they won't be giving my grandson a sibling. They claim the reason is to be earth-friendly, but I think it is selfish. I know my urging won't change the situation, but it weighs heavily on my mind and makes me sad for Matthew.

My daughter has a brother she is close to. Her husband has two siblings. I think the main reason they don't want any more children is my son-in-law is 17 years older than my daughter. Is there any good way for me to tell her how upset this makes me? — DISAPPOINTED IN OREGON

D E A R DISAPPOINTED: No, there isn't. There may be reasons that go beyond your son-in-law's age for their decision to limit the size of their family to one child. And they are none of your business.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 43 Tennis

- 1 Get to star Chris one's feet
- 6 Pitt of low "Thelma & Louise" pastime
- 10 Archery item
- 11 Carnival attractions
- 13 Davis of "Thelma & Louise"
- 14 Clarifying words
- 15 — Arbor — grata
- 16 Sprinted
- 18 NFL player
- 19 Sci-fi craft
- 22 Snaky fish
- 23 Sunrise site
- 24 Like a judge
- 27 Bulb rating
- 28 God of war
- 29 Used a chair
- 30 Ladder company member
- 35 Hanks or Cruise
- 36 Language suffix
- 37 Chopping tool
- 38 Steer clear of
- 40 Lassos
- 42 Made over

DOWN

- 1 Long tales
- 2 British river
- 3 Sports setting
- 4 Persona
- 5 Towered over
- 6 Fetch
- 7 Brink
- 8 Having a knack for
- 9 Most precious
- 12 Derisive sounds
- 17 Suffer
- 20 Baseball's Pee Wee
- 21 Waste-land supporter
- 24 Roof
- 25 Baltimore team
- 26 Its capital is Hamilton
- 27 Used a bookie
- 29 Bro's sibling
- 31 Nourishes
- 32 Become narrower
- 33 Wield
- 34 Takes a breather
- 39 Use a spade
- 41 Future embryos

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Saturday's answer

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Each of the two-letter groups below may be extended both on the right and the left to form a six-letter word. Use the tiles directly above each group to fill in the blanks.

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Yesterday's Answer: **OUTFLANK, MERCHANT, OVERHARD, TELECAST**

10.15

Fewer U.S. layoffs no longer suggest strong hiring

By **CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER**
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Declining applications for unemployment benefits have typically pointed to stronger hiring.

Not so much anymore. Since the U.S. recession officially ended in June 2009, fewer layoffs have meant fewer people seeking unemployment aid. On Thursday, for example, the government said first-time applications for benefits hit a 4½-year low.

Yet job growth remains sluggish. That was evident last week in the government's jobs report for September. A survey of employers showed that they added a modest 114,000 jobs last month.

And the unemployment rate, based on a separate survey of households, did

sink in August to 7.8 percent from 8.1 percent.

If fewer people are being laid off, why aren't employers hiring more?

Blame the slow pace of the U.S. economy, damage from Europe's economic crisis and fear that tax increases and spending cuts could trigger another U.S. recession next year.

Many companies have said they lack confidence that the U.S. economy will strengthen enough in coming months to justify hiring now.

"The relationship between claims and jobs has been less strong during this recovery than in past post-war recoveries," said Drew Matus, an economist at UBS. "There's a hiring problem out there, as opposed to a layoff problem."

Even last week's sharp drop in people seeking

unemployment benefits came with a cautionary note.

Applications fell 30,000 to 339,000, the fewest since February 2008. And the four-week average, a less volatile gauge, reached a six-month low. But economists noted that much of last week's drop was due to seasonal volatility in the data.

A Labor Department spokesman said one large state accounted for much of the drop in applications for unemployment aid. The spokesman didn't identify the state, but several economists speculated that it was California.

The long-term trend in applications for unemployment benefits has been steadily down, though it has leveled off since spring.

When the economic recovery officially began

in June 2009, an average of roughly 600,000 people were filing first-time claims for benefits each week. For nearly a year, that figure has remained consistently below 400,000.

But the decline hasn't correlated with robust job growth, as it did in past economic recoveries. Many economists say they're not ready to predict a strengthening job market.

"We're going to wait for some corroborating data," said Dan Greenhaus, chief market strategist at BTIG LLC.

The number of people who continue to receive unemployment benefits has fallen. Slightly more than 5 million Americans received benefits in the week that ended Sept. 22, the latest period for which figures are avail-

able. That's down about 44,000 from the previous week.

But some people who no longer receive aid have likely used up all the benefits available to them.

The 114,000 jobs employers added in September are roughly enough to keep pace with population growth. They aren't enough, though, to provide work for the more than 12 million unemployed Americans.

And most of the job increases last month came from those who had to settle for part-time work: In September, 582,000 more people than in August said they were working part-time but wanted full-time jobs.

The economy did gain an average of 146,000 jobs a month in the July-September quarter — more than twice

the monthly pace in the April-June quarter.

Still, another government report this week added to signs that hiring will likely remain modest: Employers advertised slightly fewer open jobs in August than in July. It was the second straight monthly drop. And the number of posted openings was the fewest since April.

A major problem is the U.S. economy isn't growing fast enough to generate significant hiring. Economic growth slowed to a tepid annual rate of 1.3 percent in the April-June quarter. That was down from a 2 percent annual rate in the previous quarter.

And most economists foresee growth staying at or below 2 percent in the second half of the year.

Spanish bailout dilemma sharpens following credit downgrade

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MADRID (AP) — The Spanish government's dilemma over whether to request a European bailout has become more acute following a downgrade of the cash-strapped country's credit rating.

Standard & Poor's late Wednesday cut its rating on Spain's debt by two notches to BBB-, just a step above junk status, or non-investment grade. By indicating that it's a riskier asset to hold, S&P's downgrade may make it more expensive for the Spanish government to borrow money as it might scare off some of its bond investors.

The agency said it was concerned by the deepening economic recession, which has seen unemployment rise to nearly one in four and fueled social discontent. It also noted that the government's hesitation in requesting a European financial lifeline was "potentially raising the risks to Spain's rating."

Though S&P's warning may nudge the Spanish government to make a bailout request sooner rather than later, rival agency Moody's has indicated it may cut its rating for Spain in the event of a bailout request.

"It would appear that when it comes to the rating Spain is a bit between a rock and a hard place," said Gary Jenkins, managing director of Swordfish Research.

The Spanish government said the downgrade was unjustified but argued that it would have little, if any effect, on its plans to raise money in the money markets.

"The evaluation by Standard and Poor's caught us by surprise," Spain deputy Economy Minister Fernando Jimenez Latorre said Thursday. "We don't agree with its reasons."

Despite the downgrade, Spanish stocks posted solid gains as investors were cheered by some strong U.S. jobs data. And the yield on the country's 10-year bond was more or less unchanged, around the 5.74 percent level, as investors weighed up whether the country would tap a new facility from the European Central Bank.

Last month, the ECB announced a new plan to keep a lid on the borrowing costs of indebted countries like Spain. It said it would buy unlimited amounts of debt of struggling European countries. However, the governments first need to apply for a eurozone bailout and so far the Spain's has balked at the prospect.

Instead, the government led by Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy has introduced a series of austerity and labor measures in a bid to bring down its deficit and convince investors it can manage its finances without outside help.

Though it has raised around 90 percent of the money it needs to service its debts in 2012, Spain will have to tap investors for around €200 billion (\$258 billion) in 2013.

"Not easy to raise that kind of money with that kind of rating when the economic data is likely to come in worse than gov-

ernment forecasts," said Swordfish's Jenkins.

Like many other countries in Europe, Spain is living way beyond its means. Its budget deficit is running at a little over 6 percent of gross domestic product, double the amount allowed by EU rules.

That is adding to Spain's public debt burden, which the government forecasts will rise to 80 percent of GDP this year from 69 percent last year. It projects it hitting 90 percent next.

Households are also struggling financially

amid high unemployment and the implosion of a property bubble.

Earlier this week, the International Monetary Fund forecast that the Spanish economy would contract 1.3 percent next year, more than double the Spanish government's own prediction.

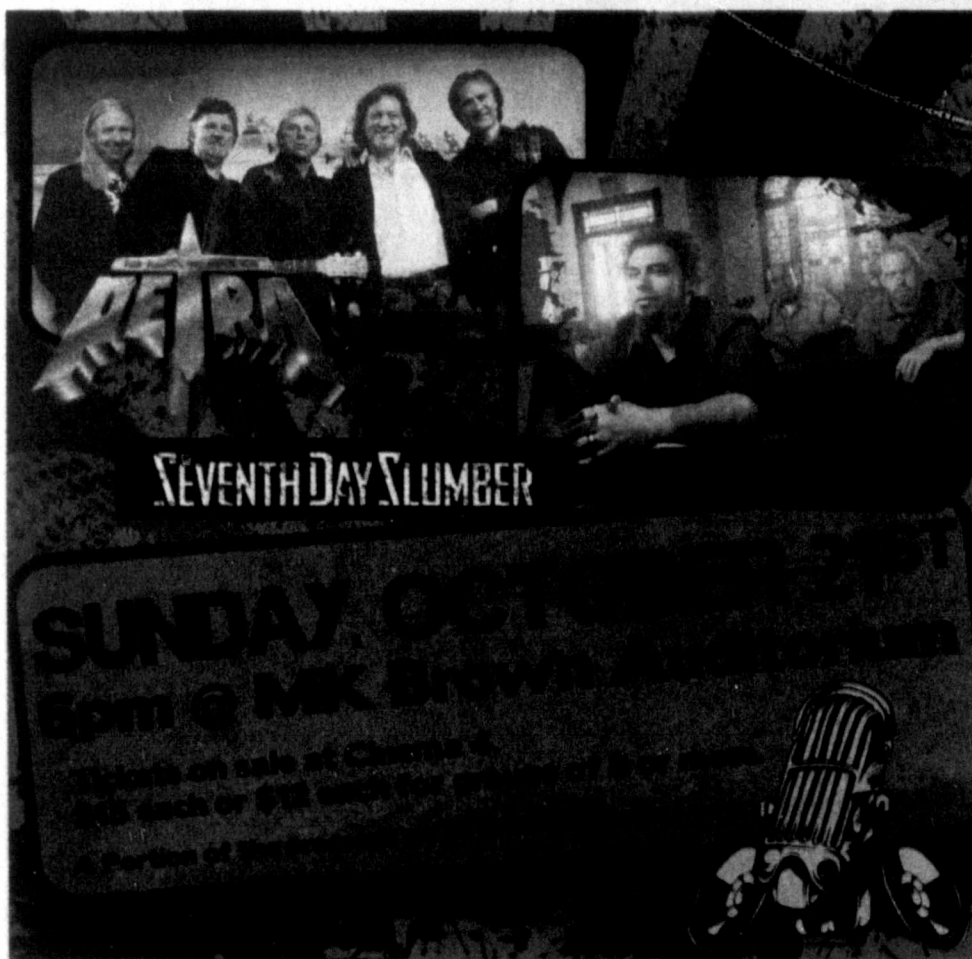
Rajoy on Wednesday said the country was making important reforms and that those, combined with Europe's efforts to increase economic integration, would prove the IMF wrong.

"If we follow that strategy ... we'll see that the

reality turns out to be better than the forecasts," Rajoy said.

The prevailing view in

the markets remains that Spain will have to request outside help, possibly after regional elections.



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