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Commissioners to consider health insurance options for county employees

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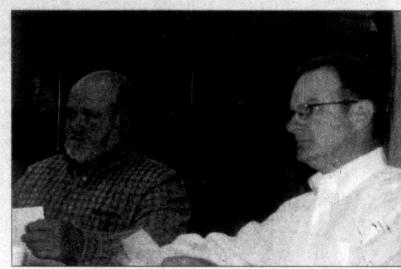
The Gray County Commissioners met Monday morning to consider an audit of the district attorney's office, a contract with Med-Tran, and adjustments to the county employee medical health plans. The first order of business was to consider a continued membership in the National Association of Counties. The commissioners decided

the \$500 cost was worthwhile because the association provides NACO cards at local pharmacies that give anyone without insurance \$20 off their prescriptions.

A motion to fill the vacant custodial job at the county courthouse also was passed.

Judge Richard Peet, who presides over the commission, said that cash on hand was \$2.6 million, and that average county bills per court session was approximately \$500,000. One area of concern for the commissioners court was the forfeiture fund account. This account is used by the district attorney's office for everything from office supplies to paying for investigators in court cases.

This account is only audited when a change of leadership occurs, and current District Attorney Lynn Sitzer has decided not to run again for office. Therefore, the office is being audited for the benefit of next DA. Since Sept. 2, 2011 the fund has seen expenses of **COUNTY** cont. on page 6



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS John Baggerman and Jeff Haley listen as Pat Sanders of Insurance Management Services explains trends in the insurance business and suggests options for them to consider for county employee insurance plans for next year.



White House mulls plans after Libya attacks

> KIMBERLY DOZIER AND RUKMINI CALLIMACHI

Photo by Gayden Hays

BOOMTOWN GALA. Debroh Heiser, owner of Victoria Rose, and Brandon Richard, owner of Brandon's Flowers, comprise the decorating committee for the 28th annual Country Fair, and have been working hard preparing the decorations for Saturday night. This is Heiser's first time on the committee, while Richard has been offering his services for several years.

BY GAYDEN HAYS

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The Chamber of Commerce 28th annual Country Fair/Boomtown Gala looms close on the horizon.

The event will be held Saturday night at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served from 6 to and 7 p.m.

Dyer's Bar-B-Que will provide eight-ounce ribeye steak or chicken breast, twice-baked potatoes, green beans, salad, dinner rolls, assortment of desserts, and tea or coffee.

Following dinner will be entertainment by the Buster Bledsoe Band.

The band formed in 2007 and consists of

Buster Biedsoe on acoustic guitar; Bobby Bailey, drums; Kenny Rickwartz, bass; Chris Adame, lead guitar; and Shawn White, sound engineer.

In 2010, they were voted the best local country band in Amarillo, and have preformed with Little Texas and Gary P. Nunn.

They recently have just released their newest CD, "Don't Stop."

There will be an auction that will include high-tech items, jewelry, handmade items, and a 2006 Mini Cooper convertible that has been donated by Doug Boyd Motors.

Tickets for the Boomtown Gala can be purchased at the chamber or from any board member for \$30 a person.

For more information, call 806-669-3241.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House has put special operations strike forces on standby and moved drones into the skies above Africa, ready to strike militant targets from Libya to Mali — it investigators can find the al-Qaida-linked group responsible for the death of the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans in Libya.

But officials say the administration, with weeks until the presidential election, is weighing whether the short-term payoff of exacting retribution on al-Qaida is worth the risk that such strikes could elevate the group's profile in the region, alienate governments the U.S. needs to fight it in the future and do little to slow the growing terror threat in North Africa.

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Cruz raises 3.5M from July through September

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Tea Party-backed Republican Ted Cruz has raised \$3.5 million between July and September in his bid for Texas' open U.S. Senate seat.



The former state solicitor general said he now has \$2 million cash-on-hand. He is vying with ex-Democratic state Rep. Paul Sadler to replace retiring U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Cruz is heavily favored in the Nov. 6 general election after he upset Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst to win the GOP senatorial primary.

Ted Cruz Of the \$3.5 million he raised in the third fundraising quarter between July 1 and Sept. 30, \$2 million came

after his July 31 primary victory.

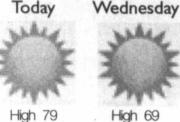
Cruz says he's now raised about \$11.8 million overall and gotten donations from all but 10 of Texas' 254 counties.

Sadler's campaign expects to release its quarterly fundraising totals soon.



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PAMPA FORECAST



Thursday High 62

Low 52

Low 40 Low 42 Today: Warm sunshine with a high of 79. Zero

chance of rain. Winds northwest at 13 mph. Sunrise at 7:52 a.m.

Tuesday night: Clear with a low of 52. Chance of rain is zero. Winds southwest at 12 mph. Sunset at 7:58 p.m.

Wednesday: Sunny and windy with a high of 69. Zero chance of rain. Wins northwest at 24 mph. Sunrise at 7:53 a.m.

Wednesday night: Clear with low of 42. Chance of rain is zero. Winds north northeast at 7 mph. Sunset at 7:05 p.m.

Thursday: Sunny with a high of 62. Zero chance of rain. Winds north northwest at 13 mph. Sunrise at 7:53 a.m.

Thursday night: Clear with a low of 40. Zero chance of rain. Winds north northwest at 9 mph. Sunset at 7:04 p.m.

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Obituaries

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Frances Yancey Cortner

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

with the Rev. 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 wonderful homes for her family in mul-

States, in Germany, and in Greece during her husband's military service, eventually settling in Albertville, Ala., in 1975. She and Bill recently moved to Pampa in December 2011.

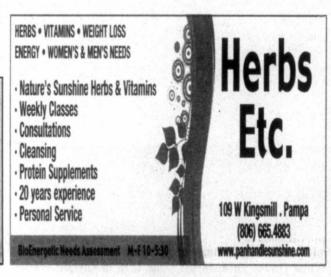
Mrs. Cortner was preceded in death by her parents William Wesley Yancey and Jewell Estelle (Maddox) Yancey; brothers Homer, Charles and Harmon Yancey; her sister com. Jewell McAbee; and infant sister Mary Nell Yancey.

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 Debbie 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.



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Funeral services for Earl Wallin will be conducted Her memorial service will be at Southside Baptist Monday, Oct. 15, 2012 at 11 a.m. from the Martin Fu-Church, Albertville, Ala., at a later date neral Chapel with Dr. Russell Duck officiating. Interment will be in the Fairlawn Cemetery under the direction of the Martin Funeral Home of Elk City.

Earl Hampton Wallin Jr. was born April 1, 1929 at Pampa, Texas, to Earl and Freda (Jones Wallin and passed away Friday, Oct. 12, 2012 at the age of 83. He graduated from Pampa High School and was married to Theda Mae Clark on December 28, 1950. They lived in Pampa, TX until 1994 when they moved to Elk City where he on Dec. 22, 1956. Mrs. Cortner made has lived since. He retired from Celanese Chemicals as a supervisor. Earl was preceded in death by his wife on tiple locations in the Southeast United October 19, 2010. He was also preceded n death by his parents, a son, Steve and a sister, Peggy.

Survivors include two children: Sharon Swindell and her husband Travis of Clearlake, Texas, Doug Wallin and his wife Sue of Elk City, 6 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

An online registry is available at www.martinfhok.

Garry Don Langwell

Garry Don Langwell, 62, died Oct. 13, 2012. A celebration of his life will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday Oct. 16, 2012 in LaGrone-Blackburn-Shaw Coulter Road Chapel with Pastor Larry Mills officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family received friends from 6-8 p.m. Monday evening at the funeral home, 8310 S. Coulter.

Garry was born April 8, 1950 to Johnnie and Muriel Langwell in Wheeler Texas, and was raised in Pampa. Garry graduated Pampa High Class of 1968, and attended West Texas University.

Garry Langwell

Garry was married to Laura Stovall of Amarillo from 1973-1992. After college, Garry moved to Amarillo and began working as a machinist for Bell Helicopter until Bell closed its Amarillo plant.

His next career move was as a Deputy Sheriff for Potter County Sheriff's Department. Garry graduated Valedictorian of the 66th Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy of Amarillo College.

After being a deputy, Garry worked various jobs until retiring in Pampa. Garry was proceeded in death by his father, mother and oldest brother, J.B. Langwell.

He is survived by a son Steve Langwell and wife Beth of Amarillo, a son Jerry Langwell, and wife Teri of Borger. Garry's greatest love was for his family, especially his 6 grandsons, Weston, Devon, Payton, Matthew, Ryan, Tyler, and his only granddaughter Katelyn who all tenderly know him as "Papa."

Garry is also survived by two older brothers, Lawrence Langwell of Combine, Texas, and Eddie Langwell of Claude, and several nieces, nephews and extended family. By all that knew him, Garry will always be remembered as a tender hearted teddy bear with a gentle and selfless nature. He was extremely loved and will be greatly missed.





Fortherecord

Two men arrested for carrying more than 50 pounds of marijuana

BY GAYDEN HAYS ghays@thepampanews.com

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

Pao Choua Vang, 34, St. Paul, Minn., for possession of marijuana more than 50 pounds but less than 2,000 pounds.

Sao Her, 56, Merced, Calif., for for warrants for outstanding tickets. possession of marijuana more than 50 pounds but less than 2,000 pounds.

David Lee Arnn, 44, Pampa, for driving while intoxicated.

Tommy Joe Stephenson, 32, Lefors, for evading arrest. Pampa, for public intoxication.

Candice Burknett, 20, Pampa, for assault causing bodily harm.

Brenda louise Dorman, 42, Lefors, for warrants for outstanding tickets Kristina Diane Wood, 27, Pampa,

Shannon Michael Dorsey, 18,

easy.

members of the Libyan

militia group Ansar al-

Shariah. The group has

denied responsibility, but

eyewitnesses saw Ansar

fighters at the consulate,

and U.S. intelligence inter-

cepted phone calls after the

attack from Ansar fighters

to leaders of al-Qaida in

the Islamic Maghreb, or

AQIM, bragging about it.

The affiliate's leaders are

known to be mostly in

northern Mali, where they

have seized a territory as

large as Texas following

a coup in the country's

But U.S. investigators

have only loosely linked

"one or two names" to the

attack, and they lack proof

that it was planned ahead

of time, or that the local

fighters had any help from

the larger al-Oaida affili-

If that proof is found, the

White House must decide

whether to ask Libyan

security forces to arrest

the suspects with an eye

ate, officials say.

capital.

Pampa, for burglary of a habitation. Kelly Aljean Liberty, 46, Pampa, for driving while intoxicated.

Nicholas Johnathan Pearsall, 17,

Angela Ann Closser, 27, Pampa, for driving while intoxicated.

Scot Leo Pearsall, 18, Lefors, for public intoxication.

possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone, tampering/fabricating physical evidence and warrants for parole violations.

tent, imminent threat" to

"If the people who were targeted were them-

to target them in Africa, ' it raises all kinds of sovereignty issues ... and makes people very uncomfortable," said Grenier, who has criticized the CIA's heavy use of drones in Pakistan without that gov-

Even a strike that hap-

Employee injured at W.W. Fiberglass

STAFF REPORT

A workplace accident that was first reported over the police scanner Monday morning as a forklift falling on a woman turned out to be a minor accident, a company spokeswoman said.

Susan Hennessey, OSHA and Department of

Brandi Carol Brewer, 39, Pampa,

publicly that they were unaware of how large the U.S. intelligence presence was in Benghazi until a couple of dozen U.S. officials showed up at the airport after the attack, waiting to be evacuated roughly twice the number of U.S. staff the Libyans thought were there. A number of those waiting to be evacuated worked for U.S. intelligence, according to two American officials.

In Mali, U.S. officials have urged the government to allow special operations trainers to return, to work with Mali's forces to push al-Qaida out of that country's northern area. AQIM is among the groups that filled the power vacuum after a coup by rebellious Malian forces in March.

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Details on the administration's position and on its search for a possible target were provided by three current and one former administration official, as well as an analyst who was approached by the White House for help. All four spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the high-level debates publicly.

The dilemma shows the tension of the White House's need to demonstrate it is responding forcefully to al-Qaida, balanced against its longterm plans to develop relationships and trust with local governments and build a permanent U.S. counterterrorist network in the region.

Vice President Joe Biden pledged in his debate last week with Republican vice presidential nominee ^O Paul Ryan to find those responsible for the Sept.

11 attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi that killed Ambassador Chris Stevens and three others.

assault an act of terrorism early on, and slow to strike back at those responsible. "They are aiming for a small pop, a flash in the

being slow to label the

pan, so as to be able to 'Hey, we're doing say, something about it,' said retired Air Force Lt. Col. Rudy Attalah, the former Africa counterterrorism director for the Department of Defense under President George W. Bush.

Attalah noted that in 1998, after the embassy bombing in Nairobi, the Clinton administration fired cruise missiles to take out a pharmaceutical factory in Sudan that may have been producing chemical weapons for al-Qaida.

"It was a way to say, 'Look, we did something," he said.

A Washington-based analyst with extensive experience in Africa said that administration officials have approached him asking for help in connecting the dots to Mali, whose northern half fell to al-Qaida-linked rebels this spring. They wanted to know if he could suggest potential targets, which he says he was not able to do. "The civilian side is looking into doing something, and is running into a lot of pushback from the military side," the analyst said. "The resistance that is coming from the military side is because the military has both worked in the region and trained in the region. So they are more realistic." Islamists in the region are preparing for a reaction from the U.S. "If America hits us, I promise you that we will multiply the Sept. 11 attack by 10," said Oumar Ould Hamaha, a spokesman for the Islamists in northern Mali, while denying that his group or al-Qaida fighters based in Mali played a role in the Benghazi attack.

Finding the militants who overwhelmed a small U.S. targets, current and security force at the conformer officials said. sulate isn't going to be The key suspects are

selves directly complicit in this attack or directly affiliated with a group strongly implicated in the attack, then you can make an argument of imminence of threat," said Robert Grenier, former director of the CIA's Counterterrorism Center.

But if the U.S. acts alone ernment's support.

pens with permission could prove problematic, especially in Libya or Mali where al-Qaida supporters are currently based. Both countries have fragile, interim governments that could lose popular support if they are seen allowing the U.S. unfettered access to hunt al-Qaida.

The Libyan government is so wary of the U.S. investigation expanding into unilateral action that it refused requests to arm the drones now being flown over Libya. Libyan officials have complained



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"We will find and bring to justice the men who did this," Biden said in response to a question about whether intelligence failures led to lax security around Stevens and the consulate. Referring back to the raid that killed Osama bin Laden last year, Biden said American counterterror policy should be, "if you do harm to America, we will track you to the gates of hell if need be."

White House The declined to comment on the debate over how best to respond to the Benghazi attack.

The attack has become an issue in the U.S. election season, with Republicans accusing the Obama administration of to extraditing them to the U.S. for trial, or to simply target the suspects with U.S. covert action.

U.S. officials say covert action is more likely. The FBI couldn't gain access to the consulate until weeks after the attack, so it is unlikely it will be able to build a strong criminal case. The U.S. is also leery of trusting the arrest and questioning of the suspects to the fledgling Libyan security forces and legal system still building after the overthrow of Moammar Gadhafi in 2011.

The burden of proof for U.S. covert action is far lower, but action by the CIA or special operations forces still requires a body of evidence that shows the suspect either took part in the violence or presents a "continuing and persisMember SIPC ww.edwardi Edward Jones MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING









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Let's renew our focus on crime prevention

BY GREG ABBOTT Texas Attorney General

Each October, national crime Prevention Month encourages communities across the country to renew their focus on crime prevention. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) is committed to working with law enforcement officials across the state to keep Texas communi-

ties safe,

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combined to make more than 3,500 arrests. OAG peace officers have also helped educate parents and educators about cyber safety by offering tips, training and other valuable resources through our website: www.texasattorneygeneral.gov.

Our Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) works closely with local, state and federal law enforcement officials to protect nursing home patients from physical abuse, neglect and financial exploitation. Texas taxpayers spend more than \$17 billion on the Medicaid program each year, so we also investigate Medicaid providers who defraud the taxpayers by submitting reimbursement requests for goods and services that were never actually ren-

Panhandle weather

New editor warned, but still perplexed

A day or two after I moved here on Sept. 29, someone told me, "If you don't like the weather in the Panhandle, wait for five minutes."

I can't remember if it was somebody at work or out in the community, but in the short two weeks



that I've lived here I've found this to

I was living near Phoenix, Ariz., before I moved here so I'm used to hot, sunny weather. It may be a "dry heat," but when it gets over 110 degrees in June

and July in the desert, it's pretty unbearable to be outdoors. But the good thing is, starting in October the weather starts to cool off, and 90 degrees with low humidity is very pleasant.

I grew up in Northwest Indiana near Chicago, so I am not unfamiliar with cold winters with a lot of snow. They don't call it the Windy City for nothing. When the gusty, north wind blows down from Canada across Lake Michigan, you feel like you're in Antarctica.

I suppose the weather in the Panhandle is somewhere in between Arizona and Indiana.

I know we get snow here, but not as much as Indiana. I know we get rain here, but not as much as Indiana or Florida, where I lived for five years.

Phoenix only gets 10 or 11 inches of rainfall per year.

In the two weeks prior to moving from Arizona to Texas, I followed the Pampa weather on Accuweather.com and it seemed like each day in Pampa was about 10 degrees cooler than that day in Phoenix. So if the high in Phoenix was 95, the high here was 85. Along with temperatures I compared the humidity. If was 21 percent in Phoenix, it was maybe 28 or 29 percent here in Pampa.

I figured my adjustment to the Panhandle weather would be easy, but I was wrong.

We got hit with a cold front last week that made me feel like I was back in Indiana instead of still living in the Southwest.

My brother-in-law, who lives in Indianapolis, commented on his Facebook it was warmer in Indianapolis than in Austin, Texas.

Last Saturday, when I went to Pampa Regional Medical Center to cover the health fair, the daytime high was only 42 degrees and sun never came out. Sunday didn't seem different.

Then, throughout last week, one day was sunny and the next was cloudy. One day it rained and the next day it was clear.

Friday during the football game I was working at the office while Gayden Hays, our sports reporter was covering the game. I heard on the police scanner that the National Weather Service had advised that a powerful thunderstorm was rolling in our way at 60 mph.

I called Gayden at the game to let him know what I had just heard, but the storm was already wreaking havoc at Harvester Field, he said.

The game had just been delayed for 30 minutes and he was rushing to his car to stay dry.

He said along with the heavy rain, there was also quarter-sized hail.

Here at the newspaper, we did rain but it didn't seem as heavy as at the high school. The next day, Saturday, was warm and sunny but very windy.

Then Sunday the weather was just beautiful - the nicest since I've moved here. Sunny with a high of 77. Calm winds and not a cloud in the sky. Today, Monday, seems to be about the same.

In Indiana, we called warm, sunny days in October "Indian summer." I'm not sure if you use that term around here.

I'm keeping my fingers crossed today that the weather stays this nice for a few more days and "doesn't change in five minutes."



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Law enforcement cannot do it alone, however. Citizens who are vigilant and active in their communities are crucial partners in the fight against crime. To help foster a well-informed citizenry, OAG staff members help lead seminars for consumer and senior groups, participate in law enforcement expos and speak at conferences across the state. Our experienced professionals are well-versed on a wide array of topics, including identity theft, fraud, and scams against seniors, to name a few. Law enforcement associations and consumer advocacy groups may schedule an outreach event by contacting our director of outreach, Ben Taylor, at 512-936-1864 or by email at Ben. Taylor@texasattorneygeneral.gov.

Collaborative law enforcement is also a crucial component of crime prevention. The OAG works closely with city, county and federal law enforcement officials to crack down on dangerous child predators and keep Texas neighborhoods safe for our children. The OAG's Cyber Crimes and Fugitive Units, which locate sex offenders who have violated the terms of their parole, have

dered. Texans can report waste, abuse or fraud by a Medicaid provider by contacting the MFCU at 512-463-2011.

The OAG is also committed to cracking down on identity theft. Our consumer and senior alerts and proactive outreach programs help warn Texans about fraudulent sweepstakes offers, foreign "lotteries" and identity theft schemes. Texans who fall victim to identity theft can use the OAG's ID Theft Kit to help speed the recovery process. The kit, which is available for download on our website, includes forms and agency contact information that can help victims restore their credit and prevent further damage to their good name.

In order for the criminal justice system to hold wrongdoers accountable, it's often important for crime victims to help law enforcement identify and prosecute the perpetrators of the crime. To help assist victims and encourage them to actively participate in the criminal justice system, the OAG's Crime Victim Services **Division administers** the Compensation to Victims of Crime Fund

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Political ads bombard viewers, but to what effect?

BY BETH FOUHY Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Is there any escape from all those political ads in the most hotly contested states in the three weeks before the presidential election?

The TV ads come in rapid succession and at all hours — in the middle of newscasts, soap operas and talk shows. They cover everything from jobs to education to trust, and they're sharply negative.

It's all enough to turn off voters, leaving them frustrated and annoyed. "It's just way too

much," says Scot French, a history professor at the University of Central Florida. He lives along the swing-voting Interstate 4 corridor that will play an important role in deciding whether President Barack **Obama or Mitt Romney** wins the state, and perhaps the White House.

French is quick to criticize both political parties, calling the homestretch advertising deluge "a game of sowing confusion among those who are confusable.

This is the risk facing the candidates and their allies as they spend huge sums of money before the Nov. 6 vote. It's a risk

to take, given that polls show the race remains close nationally and in the most competitive states

that both sides are willing

such as Florida. By the end, the campaigns and independent groups will have spent about \$1.1 billion on television advertising this year, with \$750 million already allocated in the handful of states likely to determine the outcome of the contest -- Colorado, Florida, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia and Wisconsin, the

Kantar-Campaign Media Analysis Group estimates. Florida tops the list, with more than \$150 million spent by both sides so far.

At least some voters tuned out long ago. In interviews last week, many cited the negativity and lack of specifics in the commercials; others said they had already decided which candidate to support and didn't need

to be persuaded. Indeed, many of the commercials at this late stage are aimed at those voters who have not yet locked in on their selection. The target audience includes people such as Felicity Rusnak, a stay-athome mom from Orlando. But Rusnak, 40, says she

pays no attention to the ads and will rely on other sources of information to make up her mind.

"The ads I just find entertaining," Rusnak said. "The debates and what I read about are going to affect my decision. I need to know where the candidates stand."

There's no doubt that TV advertising has the power to shift voter perceptions, particularly when a candidate is not well known. Romney prevailed in the Republican primaries after he and his allies buried his two main rivals with negative advertising in early voting states. Obama's team tagged Romney as a ruthless corporate raider with a flood of negative advertising in the early stages of the general election. The ads may have shaped perceptions in states such as Ohio, where Obama has held a narrow lead in polling for weeks.

Even so, the unprecedented level of spending this year on ads hasn't changed many minds, according to one analyst.

"There's not much bang for the buck," says John Geer, a political science professor at Vanderbilt University who studies presidential campaign advertising. "The public

is pretty much set on who they will vote for and only a tiny slice is up for grabs."

That was the finding of his YouGov Ad Rating project, which screens political commercials with representative sample of 600 voters, including an oversample of 200 swing voters, who judge them for their fairness, believability and emotional reactions. Few ads, he said, really "move the dials."

Not that the candidates and their backers aren't trying their best to do just that.

In the final weeks, Obama's team is running an ad warning that Romney would cut Medicaid money for nursing home care. "We have a president who won't let that happen," the ad says.

Romney primarily is running a spot in which he promises to boost the economy through manufacturing, energy and cracking down on China.

"Let me tell you how I will create 12 million jobs when President Obama couldn't," Romney says.

Both sides are being buffeted by independent groups.

Romney is getting a big assist from two super political action commit-FOUHY cont. on page 5

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Pampa Altrusa discusses fundraisers, National Make a Difference Day

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Altrusa International Inc. of Pampa met Oct. 2 at the First United Methodist Church with Pat Johnson, president, conducting the business meeting.

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Following the Altrusa Grace and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, the Accent was given by Mary McDaniel. She discussed the requirements for Altrusa fundraisers to raise money for the club's service projects.

All members should participate in some way.

The financial reports for both the Club and the Foundation were approved.

The board recommendation, given by secretary Brenda Tucker, was to send an invitation for membership to Tamra Geise.

Correspondence received included a thank you letter and receipt from Tarlton State College for Harley Mayfield's scholarship.

Leona Willis reported a thank-you letter for the discount coupons for military families we send to a US Marine Corps base in Iwakuni, Japan. Because this has been so successful and they only need coupons every six months, we will now send part of the coupons to the U.S. Navy Air station in Atsugi, Japan.

Committee reports:

Allison Watson, PHS-ASTRA sponsor, reported that their membership has grown to fifty member and they have numerous service projects scheduled for October.

Initiation of new members will be Sunday, Oct. 21 at the First Presbyterian Church parlor.

The Silo Project at PHS had four members and three "altrousers" (hus-

bands) helping carry and hang up clothing donations. At present, there is no room for more donations until they have additional clothing rods.

Carol Fields reported that six members helped with the monthly reading at Travis Elementary School. This month they read to first graders.

Kathryn Green said members participated in the first "Lunch Dignitaries", taking students to the airport. Next month students will go the White Deer Land Museum.

Altrusa will again participate in the national Make a Difference Day on Saturday, Oct. 27.

Since the emphasis of Altrusa International, Inc. is literacy, chairman Kerrick Horton presented two projects--an essay contest for local 5th graders and preparing book marks for Lovett Library's Fall Festival the same day. Leona Willis said that

we will again assist Travis Elementary with their Veteran's Day program on Friday, Nov. 9. We will help assemble programs on Nov. 6, then help with set-up and registration at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium the day of the program.

Myrna Orr announced that it is time to start planning for the winter fundraiser of Soup with Mrs. Claus to coincide with the annual Santa Day Parade.

Pat Johnson reminded members of the District Nine Fall Leadership Event in Fredericksburg On Nov. 11.

Following the Altrusa Benediction, the Brag Basket was passed. Greeters were Brenda Guess and Kathryn Green. The program meeting

will be Oct. 23 and the

Abbott

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which helps victims and their families cover the cost of health care, counseling and expenses associated with violent crime when they have no other means of paying these costs.

The OAG also partners with crime victim advocates and nonprofit organizations across Texas who walk victims through the recovery process. With the CVC Fund facing a significant budgetary shortage, we are working closely with these organizations and with leaders in the Texas Legislature to ensure that critical funding for victim assistance and crime victim services grants is resolved during the next legislative ses-



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sion. Together, we can help crime victims receive the counseling, emergency shelter, health care and financial assistance they need to recover and thrive in the future.

From partnering with nonprofit organizations like Texas CASA Inc., Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas and the **Texas Association Against** Sexual Assault to conducting joint operations with local law enforcement authorities, the OAG has demonstrated that collaboration and coordination are critical to maintaining an effective, efficient criminal justice system. National **Crime Prevention Month** helps remind all Texans that they, too, can join our fight. Together, we can help foster a safer, more productive Texas for generations to come.

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next Gal-Event is Oct. 30.

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tees, Restore Our Future and American Crossroads. The pro-Obama Priorities USA Action is running an ad saying Romney would cut early childhood education if elected.

Among those who aren't watching is Paul Gentille, a 67-year-old Obama supporter from St. Petersburg.

He said he tuned out the ads months ago. "Everyone I know has already made up their mind. The ads are kind of

annoying," he said. "It's a shame to see so much money being spent." On the other side is

Julie Harris, also of St. Petersburg. The 33-year-old stay-

at-home mom said she always planned to support Romney and that his ads made her "more enthusiastic" about doing so. One particular Obama ad stuck out to her: the ad assailing Romney's pledge to end federal support of public television and the Sesame Street character Big Bird. Even though she's a fan of public TV, she says that ad won't affect her

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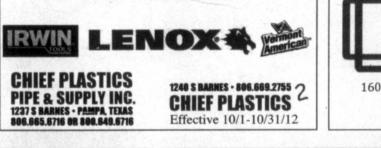
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Fort Elliot students bring 'The Aristocats,' Disney's classic kitty caper, to life

Submitted

Everybody wants to be a cat in Fort Elliott's All School production of Disney's The Aristocats. Performances will be at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20,

2012 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 21, at 3 p.m. The musical will be held at the high school auditorium in Briscoe. Admission is free and a reception will follow Saturday night's performance.

Fort Elliott is excited to bring Disney's classic kitty caper to life.

When Madame's jealous butler Edgar catnaps Duchess and her Aristokittens and abandons them in the Parisian countryside, what's a cat to do? Luckily, Thomas O'Malley and his rag-tag bunch of Alley Cats come to their rescue!

This feline adventure starring an all-kid cast is sure to get you tapping your feet to its hep, jazzy beat, which includes the Disney favorites "The Aristocats," "Scales and and Arpeggios"

"Ev'rybody Wants to Be a Cat.'

Fort Elliott music teacher Ginger Meers is directing The Aristocats.

Meers is a graduate of

Pampa High School and Evangel University in Missouri with a degree in Music Education. A few of Meers' creditsinclude performing in the musical "Oklahoma," as well as stage performances in New York City and Branson, Mo.

She previously taught school in Missouri and continues to give private voice lessons.

She is the daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth (Kelly) Meers, formerly of Pampa and granddaughter of Alice Kelly of Briscoe and H.L. and Nadine Meers of Pampa.

This program gives

He's a carry-over from

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will step in and boost his

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his points or letting him

pick a launch date within

By that time, he'll be

in his 60s, and will have waited 20 years for a per-

mit. He's trying to cut that

time short by applying

for the lottery, looking

for other trips to join and

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"You have to proac-

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head in the sand," said

Petrocco, of Marble,

Colo. "It's a crapshoot,

had any luck yet.

five years.

students the opportunity to participate in theatre, experience the process of putting on a show as well as learning basic acting techniques and skills. These activities give young people a chance to have fun with theatre, thus nurturing a life-long love of the arts.

Come join the fun as the hard work of all involved brings the Aristocrats to life.

The show is perfect for a family outing, an afternoon's entertainment or to treat your children as they watch one of their favorite Disney cartoons brought to life before their eyes.

Grand Canyon works through list for river trips

BY FELICIA FONSECA Associated Press

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — The Grand Canyon boasts some of the most spectacular views in the world, revealing a rich geological history that few ever see from the Colorado River that formed it millions of years ago.

Those eager to watch rare animals emerge from the cliff sides, camp under the stars and get an adrenaline rush as they soar over rapids must get a permit if they want to lead one of hundreds of the trips available through a lottery each year.

One in eight will get one a dramatic shift from a system that once had applicants waiting up to 27 years for that chance. While it's a gamble that results in more losers than winners, the National Park Service and rafters say there is renewed hope for those wanting to run private trips.

"Most people have some pretty good hope for this," said Steve Sullivan, river permits manager for Grand Canyon National Park. "In the old way, it squashed that."

Grand Canyon National Park has collected six years of data on the lottery system since it made the switch from the waiting list in 2006 and doubled the amount of private launch opportunities. Paying a rafting company for a commercial trip leads to a much faster launch for those wanting to snake down hundreds of miles of the river, and joining another private river trip could, too.

But people like Tony Petrocco see value in

and the amount the county

picking his own crew and but what are you going charting his own journey. to do?"

The Park Service conducts the lottery every February for launch dates the following year. The one in eight odds

for the lottery don't factor in additional drawings held when trips are canceled or unclaimed and often have repeat applicants.



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\$151,000 and only \$39,000 in income.

will be charged for housing the EMS in its location The last order of busi-

consider changes to the

the current deductibles up closer to industry standards for health insurance.

Currently, county employees have a \$1,000 ness was for the court to for an individual and \$2,000 per family.

"We want to make sure that the incoming district attorney has money to prosecute cases and to run their office," said Commissioner Jeff Haley

Next on the agenda was a contract with Med-Tran and the county EMS services. The county accepted the proposed contract, but asked for clarification on expenses that will be made to the existing structure,

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county medical insurance plan.

Gray County is currently a "self-insured" entity, meaning they pay the medical bills for the employee's beyond their deductibles.

Pat Sanders of the Insurance Management Services has managed the account for Gray County for 10 years and suggested to the court moving

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Peet pointed out that according to the numbers presented, the county would save approximately \$22,000.

"Deductibles are based on a calendar year and not on a per case basis," said Sanders.

The commissioners asked for new numbers and ideas to be drawn up and resubmitted to the court at the next session.

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Red Cross always there when disaster strikes

Everyone dreads hearing the phone ring at 4 a.m. You know it can't be good news. But to Red Cross volunteers, they immediately know someone is experiencing a disaster.

The volunteer answers the call. Someone's home has just burned. It was a mobile home with four children from ages 6 to 1.

Luckily everyone got out and is safe at a neighbor's home. The Red Cross volunteers meet with the adult family members. Between the tears and trying to reassure the family the Red Cross volunteer arranges for a motel room, and then provides the family with a client assistance pre-load credit card for clothing, shoes, and food.

It doesn't replace the loss. It is a start to their recovery

The Red Cross volunteer makes referrals to other agencies within the area to help meet the long term recovery needs (home furnishings, additional clothing, and food).

Last year this occurred seven times in Gray County.

A total of 33 individuals were provided with food, clothing and shelter by Red Cross volunteers.

This valuable assistance could not be provided by Red Cross without the support of Pampa United Way.

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.

Skydiver breaks sound barrier in 24-mile jump

By JUAN CARLOS LLORCA Associated Press

ROSWELL, N.M. (AP) - In a giant leap from more than 24 miles up, a daredevil skydiver shattered the sound barrier Sunday while making the highest jump ever — a tumbling, death-defying plunge from a balloon to

a safe landing in the New Mexico desert. Felix Baumgartner hit

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Mach 1.24, or 833.9 mph, according to preliminary data, and became the first man to reach supersonic speed without traveling in a jet or a spacecraft after hopping out of a capsule that had reached an alti-

tude of 128,100 feet above the Earth. Landing on his feet in

the desert, the man known as "Fearless Felix" lifted his arms in victory to the cheers of jubilant friends and spectators who closely followed his descent in a live television feed at the command center

'When I was standing there on top of the world, you become so humble, you do not think about breaking records anymore, you do not think about gaining scientific data," he said after the jump. "The only thing you want is to come back alive."

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mounted on his capsule as Baumgartner, wearing a pressurized suit, stood in the doorway of his capsule, gave a thumbs-up and leapt into the stratosphere.

"Sometimes we have to get really high to see how small we are," an exuberant Baumgartner told reporters outside mission control after the jump.

Baumgartner's descent lasted just over nine minutes, about half of it in a free fall of 119,846 feet, according to Brian Utley, a jump observer from the FIA, an international group that works to determine and maintain the integrity of aviation records. He said the speed

calculations were preliminary figures.

During the first part of Baumgartner's free fall, anxious onlookers at the command center held their breath as he appeared to spin uncontrollably.

"When I was spinning first 10, 20 seconds, I never thought I was going to lose my life but I was disappointed because I'm losing to lose my record. I put seven years of my life into this," he said.

He added: "In that situation, when you spin around, it's like hell and you don't know if you can get out of that spin or not. Of course It was terrifying. I was fighting all the way down."

No marriage penalty under Social Security

TOM MARGENAU Creator's Syndicate

Q: I am living with a man will stop when and have been for many you years. The reason we have However, you never gotten married is would be able that we heard our Social to get a wife's Security benefits would be benefit from your cut if we tie the knot. Is new husband. this true?

A: No, it is NOT true. "urban myths" that exist about Social Security. alty under Social Security law.

very well-to-do neighbors. all their lives. And each of them receives about efits on their own account. Security benefits whethmarried. By the way, I am assum- their widow's benefits. ing each of you receive retirement ried, depending on the type law changed? of benefit you are getting.

a for-Social husband, benefit remarry. and you

If you are getting a widow's benefit from a first That's just one of the many husband who has died, and assuming you are over 60 years old, you will con- their full retirement age. There is no marriage pen- tinue to get that widow's payment even if you marry in 1970. At that time, the the gentleman with whom retirement age was 65. Another myth holds you are living. A long time People got a "delayed that there is some kind of ago, the law said that wid- retirement credit" of onemaximum limit that a mar- ows would lose their ben- twelfth of one percent ically quote the "five-ninths ried couple can draw. That efits when they remarried, for each month they put of one percent" reduction is also is untrue. I have some Congress got embarrassed off starting their benefits because it doesn't tell the by frequent media reports between ages 65 and 72. Both the husband and wife of couples "living in sin" worked at high paying jobs due to fear of losing Social retirement bonus was benefit is reduced five-Security widow's checks if they did get married. So \$2,400 per month in Social about 30 years ago, they Security retirement ben- changed the law to say that between ages 65 and 72. women over age 60 could So both you and your remarry and keep their wid- age began to go up from 65 male friend will continue ow's benefits. Even though to 66, the delayed retireto receive the same Social that rule has been on the ment bonus applied only books for three decades to those years between the er you are simply living now, many women don't full retirement age month together or whether you are know that remarriage after up to age 70 (note: no lonage 60 will not terminate ger age 72). your own Social Security many times about the 32 changed to two-thirds of benefit. percent bonus people get if one percent for each month However, if you are get- they delay retirement until between ages 66 and 70. ting Social Security ben- age 70. Well, I retired at That comes out to eight efits from a prior husband's age 70, about 20 years ago, percent per year or 32 perrecord, then there could be and I don't remember get- cent if you delay collecta problem if you got mar- ting such a bonus. Has the ing Social Security benefits A: Yes, the law has Q: You responded to If you are getting a changed over the years, a past email of mine by divorced wife's benefit primarily because of telling me that my ben- net.



changes to the retirement age. But ever since 1972, there has been some kind of bonus paid to folks who delay collecting Social Security benefits beyond Those bonuses started

efits would be reduced by "about one-half of one percent" for each month I start my Social Security before age 66. I plan to take my Social Security at age 62. But someone at the Social Security office told me the reduction actually was five-ninths of one percent. So who is right?

A: You must be an engineer, right? Or maybe some kind of accountant? To a guy like me, five-ninths of one percent is "about half of one percent." But to a guy like you, I guess it's not.

The reason I don't specifwhole story. What the law



In 1981, the delayed actually says is that your increased to one-fourth of ninths of one percent for one percent for each month the first 36 months you benefits were not taken are under age 66 and five-

Q: You have written in 2004, the bonus was until age 70.

twelfths of one percent When the full retirement for any remaining months. Because you are retiring at age 62, that means you will have 36 months of the five-ninths of one percent reduction and 12 months of the five-twelfths of one percent reduction. That And finally, beginning adds up to an overall 25 percent reduction if you take your Social Security at age 62.

So do you see why I usually simply say the reduction is "about one-half of one percent?"

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.





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Teen fatally shot by deputy in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - A teenager has been fatally shot in San Antonio by a sheriff's deputy who says it was in self-defense.

Bexar (BEHR) County Sheriff's Detective Louis Antu says the sergeant was driving about 2 a.m. Sunday when he saw the 19-year-old walking partially in the street and acting suspiciously.

Antu says after the sergeant got out and asked the teen to be patted down for weapons, he became violent and tried to shove the sergeant into oncoming traffic.

Antu says the sergeant shot him multiple times and then called for medical help. The teen died at a hospital.

No names have been released. The sergeant has been placed on administrative duty.

Antu says the teen may have been the same person at a nearby gas station acting erratically before the incident.

Bar fight over woman leaves Texas man dead

GARDEN CITY, Mich. (AP) — Police in suburban Detroit say a bar fight over a woman led to the fatal stabbing of a 21-year-old Houston-area man and the wounding of two men from California in a parking lot.

Garden City police say they're seeking to identify several suspects in the attack, which followed a dispute early Sunday at Albert's in the Alley. Chief Robert Muery tells The Associated Press that the dead man was Oscar E. Avila of Conroe, Texas:

Police say 25-yearold Cristobal E. Gutierrez of Riverside, Calif., was critically injured and 21-year-old Gerardo Sanchez of Hesperia, Calif., was treated and released. Police say the three victims were transient workers who'd just arrived in the Detroit area for work in the trucking industry. Investigators are reviewing video of the fight leading to the attack.

But experts warn that teachers who have inappropriate relationships can cause psychological harm to the students -even when there's no sex. The Dallas Morning News reports (http://dal-

lasne.ws/RnAlus) that Texas Education the Agency opened 156 cases of educators accused of having inappropriate relationships with students or minors the last fiscal year. That number has increased steadily from 86 in 2007-08.

Schools are warning educators to be careful ---such as not texting a student.

Syrian regime accused of bombing own people

BEIRUT (AP) — The Syrian regime was accused Sunday of dropping cluster bombs - indiscriminate scattershot munitions banned by most nations --- in a new sign of desperation and disregard for its own people.

The international group Human Rights Watch cited amateur video and testimony from the front lines in making the allegation against the government of President Bashar Assad.

Syria and Turkey, meanwhile, declared their skies off-limits to each other amid mounting crossborder tensions in Syria's 19-month-old conflict, now a civil war. Turkey is an outspoken backer of rebels trying to oust Assad.

The weekend's mutual ban on overflights is part of Turkey's increasingly assertive stance toward Syria that has stirred concerns about a regional conflagration.

In the past two weeks, Turkey has retaliated for stray Syrian shells and mortar rounds, intercepted a Syrian passenger plane on suspicion it carried military equipment, and

Inside Syria, rebel fighters and regime forces have been locked in a bloody stalemate for weeks, with rebels holding large rural stretches in the heavily populated western area, but unable to dislodge Assad's troops from urban centers. During the summer, the regime escalated shelling and airstrikes on rebel-held neighborhoods.

CDC scientists fight fungus blamed for meningitis outbreak

ATLANTA (AP) Scattered across the carefully landscaped main campus of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are the staff on the front lines fighting a rare outbreak of fungal meningitis:

A scientist in a white lab coat peers through a microscope at fungi on a glass slide. In another room, another researcher uses what looks like a long, pointed eye dropper to suck up DNA samples that will be tested for the suspect fungus.

Not far away in another building is the emergency operations center, which is essentially the war room.

There's a low hum of voices as employees work the phones, talking to health officials, doctors and patients who received potentially contaminated pain injections believed to be at the root of the outbreak. Workers sit at rows of computers, gathering data, advising doctors and reaching out to thousands of people who may have been exposed.

Overall, dozens of people are working day and night to bring the outbreak under control.

More than 200 people in 14 states have been sickened, including 15 who have died.

There is a sense of urgency — people are dying, and lives could be saved if those who are sickened get treated in time. But

the CDC fails to unravel in the popular TV series "The Walking Dead." Unlike those outbreaks, this strain of meningitis isn't contagious and doesn't spread between people. It is likely isolated to the contaminated steroid, produced by the New England Compounding Center in Framingham, Mass.

"This is a very unusual infection," said Dr. John Jernigan, a CDC medical epidemiologist who is leading the clinical investigation team for the outbreak response. "So, treatment recommendations, diagnostic recommendations are all going to be new, and we're learning as we go on this one."

Meningitis, an inflammation of the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord, is not uncommon. But it is usually caused by bacteria, and it is very unusual to see it in patients with normal immune systems, Jernigan said.

This strain is caused by a fungus that is common in dirt and grasses - people routinely come into contact with it without getting sick - but it has never before been identified as the cause of meningitis.

Feds fail to protect kids from toxic jewelry

LOS ANGELES (AP) Federal regulators failed to pursue recalls after they found cadmium-tainted jewelry on store shelves, despite their vow to keep the toxic trinkets out of children's hands, an Associated Press investigation shows.

Officials at the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission also have not warned parents about the contaminated items already in their homes.

More than two years after the AP revealed that some Chinese factories were substituting cadmium for banned lead, the CPSC still hasn't determined the extent of the contamination. Contaminated jewelry

is surely less prevalent in the U.S. than before its widespread presence was first documented. However, rings, bracelets and pendants containing cadmium and marketed for preteen girls were purchased over the last year.

The AP and representatives of two consumer groups were able to buy the items in Los Angeles, suburban San Francisco, central Ohio and upstate New York.

Despite touting its work as a model of proactive regulation, the agency tasked with protecting Americans from dangerous everyday products often has been reactive — or inactive.

Gun-rights groups warming to Romney

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) Gun-rights groups President perceive Barack Obama as a threat to unfettered access to firearms. They once had qualms about Mitt Romney, too.

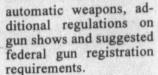
But times and circumstances have changed for Romney, the GOP presidential nominee now in tune with the National Rifle Association and organizations, similar whose members are motivated voters.

In the tight White House race, every bit of support helps, especially in the most closely contested states and particularly from groups that claim millions of members nationwide.

Romney's prior embrace of weapon-control proposals had put him crossways with the NRA and others. These days, Romney is on their good side by opposing renewal of a federal ban on semi-

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The NRA and some less prominent organizations are spending big money on mailings, radio ads, TV commercials and booths at game fairs to promote the former Massachusetts governor and portray Obama as hostile to gun rights.

Endeavour arrives at museum after 12-mile trip through city

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It took much longer than expected, but the Space shuttle Endeavour has finally reached its permanent resting place at a Los Angeles museum.

After a 12-mile journey through city streets that included thousands of adoring onlookers, flashing cameras and even the filming of a TV commercial, Endeavour arrived at the California Science Center Sunday to a greeting party of city leaders and other dignitaries that had expected it many hours earlier.

The Endeavour was still slowly moving toward a hangar on the grounds of the museum mid-Sunday afternoon.

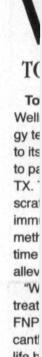
Organizers had planned a slow trip, saying the spacecraft that once orbited at more than 17,000 mph would move at just 2 mph in its final voyage.

But that estimate turned out to be generous, with Endeavour often creeping along at a barely detectable pace when it wasn't at a dead stop due to difficult-to-maneuver obstacles like trees and light posts.

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DALLAS (AP) - Education experts say accusations of teachers having inappropriate relationships with students are becoming more common in Texas.

The increase has been linked to modern technology. Teachers can have easy contact with students through Facebook and cellphones, and investigators have computerized footprints to use as evidence.

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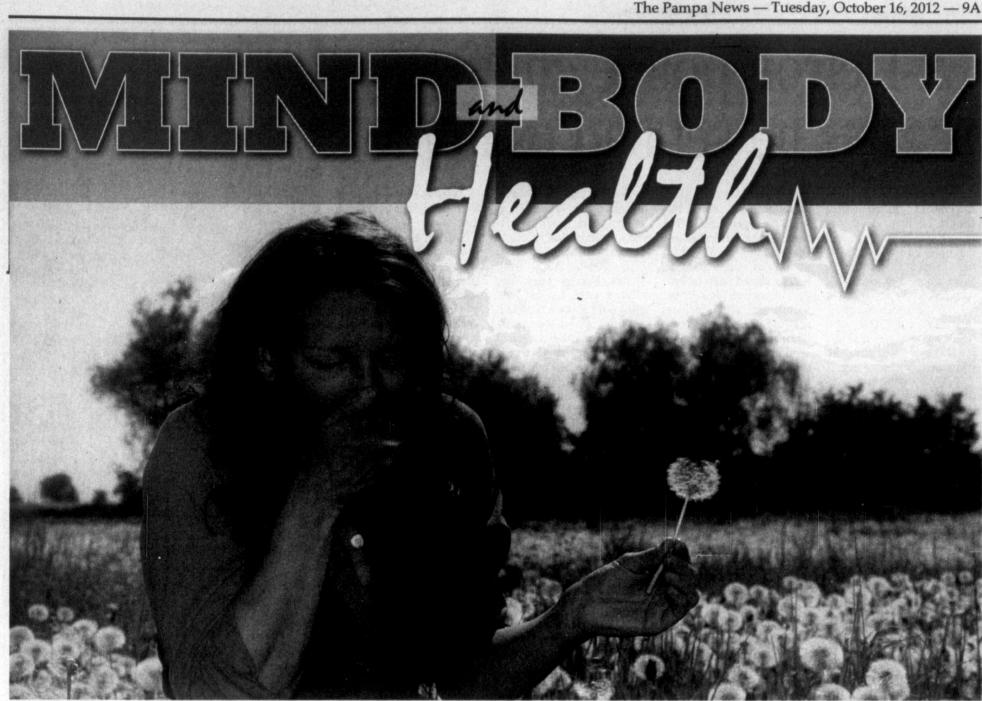
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Ex-Detroit police chief regrets he set bad example

DETROIT (AP) — Ex-Detroit police Chief Ralph Godbee is apologizing for setting a bad example through his sexual relationship with a subordinate that forced his resignation.

WDIV-TV broadcast an interview with Godbee on Monday, marking his first public comments since he resigned early last week.

"I'm very contrite. A lot of people put a lot of hope in me," he said.

Godbee, who is married, was appointed chief two years ago to replace Warren Evans — who was fired over an affair with a female officer who also reportedly was involved with Godbee. Mayor Dave Bing announced on Oct. 2 that he had suspended Godbee for 30 days while the city investigated allegations about the chief's affair with internal affairs officer Angelica Robinson. Robinson, who also is married, drew attention to the affair when she posted a photo on Twitter of herself with a police gun in her mouth.

Godbee, 44, resigned Oct. 8.

"I'm not proud of things that have transpired," Godbee said, calling the matter "very personal."

"I take full responsibility for what I did. I am accountable to God for those things," he said. Godbee is the city's fourth police chief in as many years, and the latest in a string of chiefs to resign amid scandal.

In 2009, Bing fired James Barren after less than a year on the job. Bing said Barren didn't do anything wrong but that he felt the department needed a leadership change. Evans came in to replace him.

Barren had replaced Ella Bully-Cummings, who retired in 2008 during a text-messaging sex scandal that toppled Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick from office. Bully-Cummings, a staunch Kilpatrick supporter during the scandal, said she quit for personal reasons. Kilpatrick went

to prison and now is on trial in a federal corruption case.

Bully-Cummings followed Jerry Oliver, who resigned in 2003 after federal inspectors found a loaded .25-caliber handgun in his checked baggage at Detroit Metropolitan Airport. Oliver pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor charge of possession of an unlicensed handgun. And long-time Chief

William Hart left in 1991 after a federal grand jury indicted him in 1991 for embezzling \$2.6 million from the department's drug enforcement fund. He served seven years in prison.

Paul becomes major hurricane in Pacific off Mexico

By IGNACIO MARTINEZ Associated Press

LOS CABOS, Mexico (AP) — Hurricane Paul rapidly strengthened into a major Category 3 storm n the Pacific Ocean off Mexico on Monday, prompting a hurricane warning for a swath of Baja California's western coast.

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The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said Paul's maxinum sustained winds had ratcheted up to 120 mph (195 kph) as of 8 p.m. EDT Monday. Paul was centered ubout 360 miles (580 kilometers) southwest of the tip of the Baja pennsula and moving north-northeast at 14 mph (22 kph).

Forecasters said Paul was expected to approach the western coast of he southern Baja peninsula by late Fuesday and be near or over the cen-

tral Baja peninsula on Wednesday. The hurricane was expected to begin weakening Tuesday, the hurricane center said.

Paul is on track to bypass the heavily populated tourist areas of Los Cabos at the tip of the peninsula, and the capital, La Paz, on the eastern Gulf of California. But school was suspended Monday and Tuesday as a precaution in Los Cabos, and heavy rain and high waves closed the ports of Cabo San Lucas and San Jose del Cabo, said Wenceslao, Pettit, head of civil protection.

The storm is forecast to brush Baja's Pacific coast farther north near Puerto San Carlos, an area of sparsely populated area of fishing villages, before turning northward along the coastline. The outer cone was forecast to pass over the entire peninsula farther north in the towns of Meluge. Comondu and Loreto. State civil protection authorities say they are monitoring the storm for possible evacuations and have sent advance teams from the federal electricity and water commissions to help maintain services during the storm.

A hurricane warning is in effect for the western coast from Santa Fe north to Puerto San Andresito, and a tropical storm warning on Baja's western flank from north of Puerto San Andresito to Punta Abrejojos and also from Agua Blanca to south of San Fe. A tropical storm watch is in effect for north of Punta Abreojos to El Pocito.

In the Atlantic, meanwhile, Rafael reached hurricane strength late Monday in the Atlantic Ocean south of Bermuda.

The hurricane center said Rafael's top sustained winds had risen to near 75 mph (120 kph).



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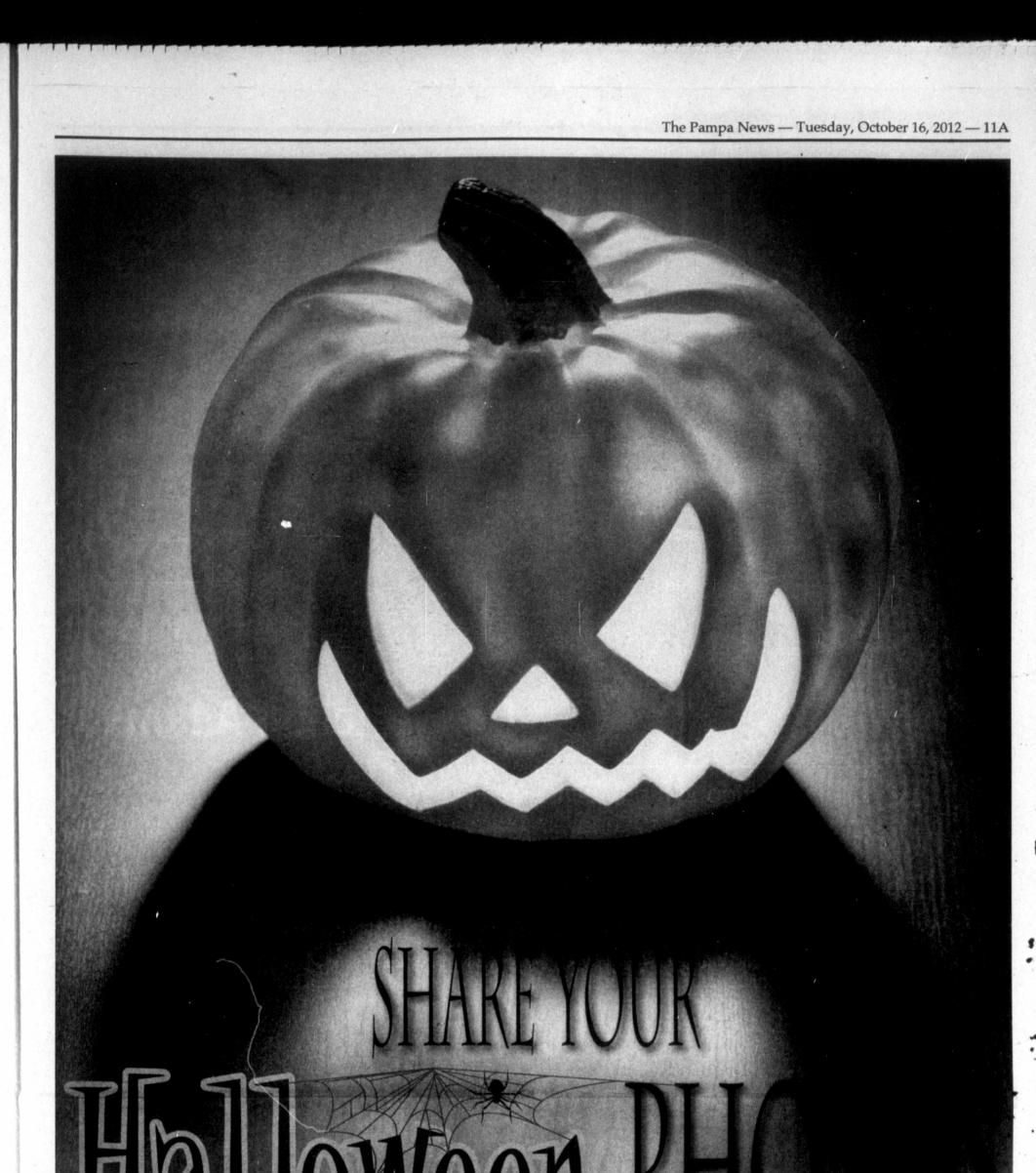
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Lady Harvesters fall to Wildcats in three

BY GAYDEN HAYS ghays@thepampanews.com

The Lady Harvesters have started their second round of district play, and after a Loss to Amarillo's River Road Wildcat, stands the same at .500 percent.

The ladies hosted the last of the high schools "Pink Out!" events when they played host to the Wildcats this past weekend.

River Road won in three games, but the Lady Harvesters kept it close against the district leaders, scoring for the matches were 25-23,27-25, and 25-20.

Calli Brewer lead Pampa with 18 digs, followed closely by Taylor Giles, and Mattie Fatheree with 16 a piece.

Fatheree also had nine assists, and Taylor Eubanks recorded six overall during the matches

Offensively Madison Joyce served three aces, and Eubank added one of



Photo by Butch Nobel

SPIKE. Dakota Watson spikes the ball during a game against Amarillo River Road as Maddie Fatheree looks on. The Lady Harvesters lost in three sets but will look for revenge when they travel to Borger today at 5 p.m. Senior day will be held at Pampa High School Saturday at 3 p.m.

her own.

Brewer led the Lady Harvesters with six kills, followed by Eubank with five and Caragan Niccum, Joyce, fatheree and Dakota Watson had two of their

own during the matches. The Pampa Junior Varsity, played previous to the Varsity and despite winning their first game eventually fell to the Wildcats two games to Dalhart.

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The Lady Harvesters are 3-3 on the year and will play today at Borger and back at home for "Senior Day" Saturday versus







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DIG. Genevieve Zavala digs a ball off the court during the Junior varsities matches this past Saturday aat Pampa High School.

Harvester golfers finish 11th at Dumas Invitational

BARB AMRHEIN For The Pampa News

The Pampa golf team continued to struggle against class 3-4A competition at the Dumas Invitational Friday and Saturday at Pheasant Trails Country Club in Dumas.

The Harvesters, with no seniors on the team, shot a two-day total of 847 to capture 11th place in the 13-team field.

Amarillo High's four scoring golfers combined for 614 shots to win the tournament.

Borger had the highest finish of any class 3-A team in the tournament with a score of 663 strokes, good for fifth place in the team competition.

Gabe Garcia was the only Pampa player to break 100 both days in the windy and rainy conditions. Garcia shot 97 on Friday and 99 on Saturday to tie for 41st in the 65 player field with a final score of 196.

"We're just not playing very good right now, Pampa golf coach Alan Segura said. "Hopefully we'll get better (for the spring and district)."

Nathan Sprinkle was the other Pampa player to break 100 in at least one round. The junior shot 103 on Friday on the par 70 course, but improved to 95 on Saturday for a two-day total of 198.

The Fall season continues Saturday at Borger.

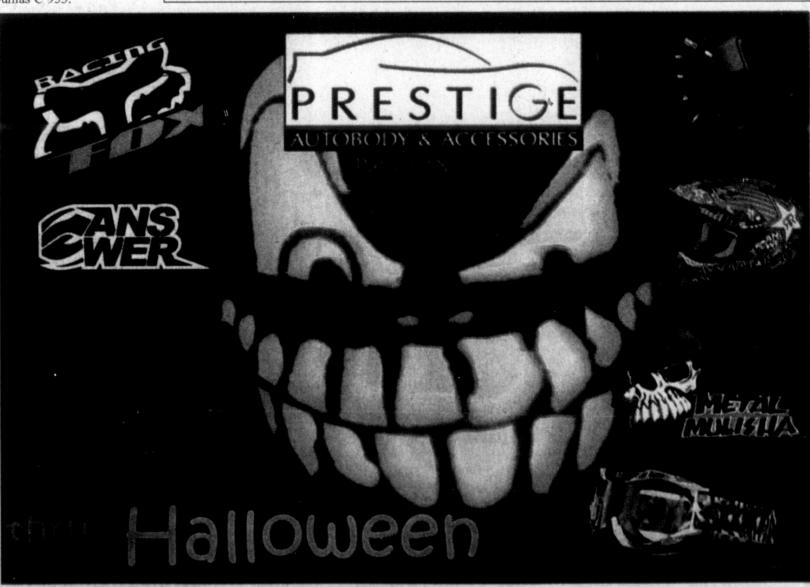
Dumas Invitational Boys Golf Tournament Results

Teams: 1. Amarillo High 614; 2. Plainview 633; 3. Randall 640; 4. Canyon 648; 5. Borger 663; 6. Dumas A 672; 7. Hereford 719; 8. Tascosa 725; 9. Dumas B 755; 10. Palo Duro 811; 11. Pampa 847; 12. Dumas C 953.



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Lady Harvesters cross country takes 2nd in Lathrop Memorial

BARB AMRHEIN For The Pampa News

Terra Truitt, J'Cee Holmes and Alex Maruffo led the contingent of Pampa cross country runners at the Lathrop Memorial Buffalo Stampede in Canyon Saturday.

Truitt finished second in 12 minutes 12 seconds behind defending Region I Class 3A champion Sara Smith of Dalhart (11:48) and Holmes finished fourth in 12:29 on the 3,200-meter course.

Maruffo, was the other local harrier to enjoy a top level performance. The junior clocked in at 17:17 the approximately 3-mile course.

The Lady Harvesters continue to struggle against nemesis Dalhart in team competition.

The Lady Wolves, third in Region I last season, just three points ahead of Pampa, won the Lathrop Memorial title with 44 points.

The Lady Harvesters finished second with 51 points.

Yesenia Soria (13:29) finished 16th, Reata Collins (13:32) captured 17th place and Vanessa Ontiveros 21st place to complete the Pampa scoring.

"We learned a few things about how we stack up to Dalhart and Borger (81 points) as we get ready for district," Pampa cross



ALEX MARUFFO lead a Pampa boys during the cross country race in Borger this Saturday. Maruffo ran a 17:17 over the approximate 3-mile course, finishing in fourth place two seconds behind his rival from Borger.

country coach Mark Elms said. "Now we know what we need to work on in the next week to try to beat them (Dalhart)."

In the boys race, Marrufo finished only two seconds behind district foe Lane Newcomb of Borger and will enter the district meet knowing he should be one of four runners with a chance to win the individual title.

Jose Hernandez and Nate Furgeson also ran in the varsity division and finished 27th and 30th respectively. Lathrop Memorial

Buffalo Stampede at Nance Ranch, Canyon Girls 3200 Meters: Teams: 1. Dalhart 44;

Pampa 51; 3. Bushland
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Holmes, Pampa, 12:29;
5. Kayla Banks, Dalhart,
12:37; 6. Kenzie Schaffer,
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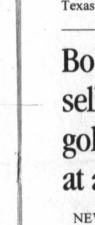
www.thepampanews.com Shania Reeves, Borger 13:11. Other Pampa scorers:

16. Yesenia Soria, 13:29; 17. Reata Collins, 13:32; 21. Vanessa Ontiveros, time not reported.

Boys Division I (class 1-3A): Teams: 1. Borger 42; 2. Hartley 61; 3. Dalhart 68; 4. Bushland Black 72; 5 Bushland Gold 124; 6. Bovina 127. Individuals (approxi-

mately 3 miles; 44 finishers): 1. Derek Wieck, Hartley 16:39; 2. Mitchell Johnson, Hartley, 16:57 3. Lane Newcomb, Borger 17:17; 4. Alex Marrufo Pampa, 17:19; 5. Johr Singler, Bushland, 17:39; 6. Pierre Valencia. Dalhart, 17:56; 7. Reese Montgomery, Dalhart 17:57; 8. Julio Jaramillo Hartley, 18:04; 9. Juliar Juarez, Borger 18:05; 10 Vincent Hearon, Borger 18:12. 27. Jose Hernandez. Pampa, 19:23: 30. Nate Furgeson, Pampa 20:06.





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FORE. Nathan Sprinkle warms up on the driving range before the Dumas Invitational Golf Tournament. The junior finished tied for 45th out of 65 high school golfers participating.



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Texas coach Mack Brown says no plans to retire

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - Two days after another whipping at the hands of rival Oklahoma, Texas coach Mack Brown dismissed any suggestions he may be ready to retire, saying he's still got energy and the backing of the school and its big boosters.

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Brown said Monday that several prominent boosters told him keep his head up and keep fighting after the 63-21 blowout, the third time in Brown's tenure the Sooners have hung more than 60 points on the Longhorns.

Texas' second consecutive loss dropped the Longhorns (4-2, 0-2 Big 12) to 17-14 overall under Brown since 2010, and raised new speculation that the 61-year-old who led Texas to the 2005 national championship may consider retiring.

Brown is under contract under 2020. At more than \$5 million per year, he is one of the highest-paid coaches in the country.

"I have my energy. I'm moving forward," Brown said. "I know I've got time to fix it and I know I can."

Brown would not say which boosters reached out to him, but added that he heard the same positive message from many former Texas players.

"I'm way too competitive and (have) way too much pride to leave something bad," Brown said, adding he still thinks Texas can win 10 games

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this season Brown has heard rum-

blings about his job before but nothing truly serious. From 2000-2004, his

teams lost five in a row to Oklahoma, but those teams still won at least nine games every year. Texas ended the losing streak the season the Longhorns won the national title and the dissension melted away.

The strongest speculation about his possible retirement came in 2009-2010.

Texas had a coach-inwaiting in defensive coordinator Will Muschamp in 2009, the season Texas lost in the BCS title game. Some thought had Texas won that game, Brown would retire with his second championship.

Texas fell hard to 5-7 the following season and Muschamp bolted for the head coaching job at Florida. Brown said he met with school President Bill Powers and athletic director DeLoss Dodds after that season.

"When I decided to come back, I told them it was going to take some time," Brown said. "We sat down and had hard discussions.

They were 100 percent in their support. They said, We want you to stay and we'll give you the time and money to do it.' That's not an issue."

"I've got great bosses. This job isn't like the others," Brown said. "I'm the luckiest guy in the world." Texas gave Brown his

initial \$5 million-per year deal in December 2009 after a 12-0 regular season but before the BCS game loss

The contract was extended it four years in January 2012 after Texas rebounded from the losing season to go 8-5 in 2011.

After Saturday's loss to Oklahoma, when the television cameras often

caught Brown looking frustrated on the sideline, the coach clearly expected his team to hear speculation about his future. He told his players he wasn't going anywhere.

"He told us he wasn't going to quit and didn't want to see any quit in us, either," offensive lineman Mason Walters said. Brown also had a message on Monday for his top assistant coaches, offensive coordinator Bryan Harsin and defensive coordinator Manny Diaz, whose unit is on pace to be statistically the worst in school history.

The Longhorns surrendered nearly 700 yards against Oklahoma and have given up at least 31 points in four consecutive

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"At this school you will be really criticized for not doing well in a ball game. You take it and man up

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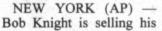
It's part of the deal here," Brown said. "You guys want to be head coaches, learn now, because you are going to get some questions later.'

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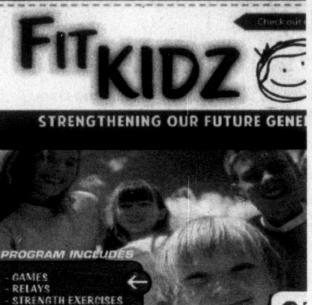
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Jeremy competed as a paralympic athlete for the United States in category P44 pentathlon events. He competed at the 2008 Summer Paralympics in Beijing, China. There he won a gold medal and set a world record in the men's Pentathlon - P44 event, won a gold medal in the men's Discus throw - F44 event, and finished fourth in the men's Long Jump - F42/44 event. Jeremy also competed in the London Paralympics where he won gold in Discuss-F44 event.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Oct. 17,2012;

This year you'll be able to make a longterm dream a reality. You might consider writing down your dreams, as that also could lead you to what you want. Be aware of a heightened sensitivity involving your intuition, and note any premonitions you get as a result. If you are single, you could meet someone in your day-to-day travels. Know that you don't need to play "cat and mouse" with this person. If you are attached, the two of you like to spend time indulging in a favorite pastime or two. SCORPIO has an intensity that draws you in.

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)

★★★★ Reach out to others. Those who are wise seek feedback in order to test out an are in, yet you might not be as realistic as you idea. During this process, an even better idea might pop up. Do not allow your ego to get involved if someone has sounder concepts than you; instead, welcome them. Brainstorm away! Tonight: Your instincts could mislead you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ Relate to others directly, and know what it is that you desire. Friends and/or loved ones might think they know what they want, but in reality, their ideas come across garbled. If they allow it, you will need to help these individuals organize their thoughts in a way that makes more sense. Tonight: The want. only answer is "yes."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Defer to others, and make it a point to let them know that you trust them to make good choices. Then step back and observe. You might be clearing up a disagreement or power play now that they can see what it is like to run the show. Tonight: Say "yes" to someone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ All work and no play is not a healthy lifestyle. More than other signs, you have a tendency to swing from one emotional extreme to the other. You need to maintain a healthy amount of physical activity, as that is the key to keeping your stress level down. You might feel uneasy about an upcoming crowds are. trip or a call coming in. Tonight: Work on getting physical.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** You often exude confidence, yet right now, you are working on a faulty premise for which you do not have all the facts. It is likely that you could be hearing only what you want to hear without realizing it. Center

yourself, and go back over an important decision in your mind. Tonight: Happy at home. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Listen to news from someone who has easy access to you. You'll want to rethink a decision involving a partner. You might not be seeing the whole picture or the people involved clearly. You can only come from your own perspective. Let a friend play devil's advocate. Tonight: Hang out with your pals

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** News heads your way that involves your finances or an offer pertaining to money. Though the other person might have good intentions, there could be a last-minute hassle or problem that arises. Do not spend funds before you get them. Tonight: Do your thing. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

 $\star \star \star$ You enjoy the dreamlike mood you would like to be. Consider the possibility that a risk could backfire and leave you feeling unhappy. Use your dreams as a starting point to build from, but use logic to guide you. Tonight: Treat yourself on the way home. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Use your energy in the most effective way you can. The Moon highlights you, which makes nearly anything possible. You would be well advised to try to deal with everything except a domestic or propertyrelated matter. You could have a last-minute problem. Tonight: Do absolutely what you

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Allow yourself to loosen up more. If you have an idea or a wish that has been floating around in your mind, bring it forth now. Come up with a plan for how you can make it a reality. Talk to a trusted friend who might be unusually resourceful. Tonight: You might want some downtime.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Emphasize what you want. A meeting could be particularly important in completing a project. You might have more supportive friends than you realize. Look around and ask for some feedback. Use caution with your money, and refuse to make any agreements today. Tonight: Where the

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Be discreet, especially if you are confused right now. How you handle a difficult situation could change given some time. Nevertheless, you have to take the lead on a project, like it or not. Do not make any overthe-top comments involving commitment. Tonight: Into the wee hours.



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Endeavor finally reaches permanent home in LA museum

ALICIA CHANG AND CHRISTOPHER WEBER

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) - It was supposed to be a slow but smooth journey to retirement, a parade through city streets for a shuttle that logged millions of miles in space.

But Endeavour's final mission turned out to be a logistical headache that delayed its arrival to its museum resting place by about 17 hours.

After a 12-mile weave past trees and utility poles that included thousands of adoring onlookers, flashing cameras and even the filming of a TV commercial, Endeavour arrived at the California Science Center Sunday to a greeting party of city leaders and other dignitaries that had expected it many hours earlier.

Endeavour was still inching toward a hangar on the grounds of the museum mid-Sunday afternoon.

It's like Christmas!" said Mark Behn, 55, a member of the museum ground support team who watched the shuttle's snaillike approach from inside the hangar. "We've waited so long and been told so many things about when it would get here. But here it is, and it's a dream come true."

Movers had planned a slow trip, saying the shuttle that once orbited at more than 17,000 mph would move at just 2 mph in its final voyage through Inglewood and southern Los Angeles.

But that estimate turned out to be generous, with Endeavour often creeping along at a barely detectable pace when it wasn't at a dead stop due to difficult-to-maneuver obstacles like tree branches and light posts.

Another delay came in the early morning hours Sunday when the shuttle's remote-controlled, 160wheel carrier began leaking oil.

Despite the holdups, the team charged with transporting the shuttle felt a great sense of accomplishment" when it made it onto the museum grounds, said Jim Hennessy, a spokesman for Sarens, the contract mover.

"It's historic and will be a great memory," he said. "Not too many people will be able to match that --- to say, 'We moved the space shuttle through the streets of Inglewood and Los Angeles."

Transporting Endeavour cross-town was a costly feat with an estimated price tag of \$10 million, to be paid for by the science center and private donations.

Late Friday, crews spent hours transferring the shuttle to a special, lighter towing dolly for its trip over Interstate 405. The dolly was pulled across the Manchester Boulevard bridge by a Toyota Tundra pickup, and the car company filmed the event for a commercial after paying for a permit, turning the entire scene into a movie set complete with special lighting, sound and staging.

Saturday started off promising, with Endeavour 90 minutes ahead of schedule. But accumulated hurdles and hiccups caused it to run hours behind at day's end.

Some 400 trees had been removed along the route, but officials said most of the trees that gave them trouble could not be cut down because they were old or treasured for other reasons, including some planted in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

The crowd had its prob-

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lems too. Despite temperatures in the mid-70s, several dozen people were treated for heat-related injuries after a long day in the sun, according to fire officials.

But it was a happy, peaceful crowd, with firefighters having only to respond to a sheared hydrant and a small rubbish fire, and no reports of any arrests.

And despite the late problems the mood for most of the day was festive.

every turn of At Endeavour's slowspeed commute through urban streets, spectators jammed intersections as the shuttle shuffled past stores, schools, churches and front yards through the working-class streets of southern Los Angeles. Sidewalks were off-limits due to Endeavour's enormous wingspan.

coming.

It may have zipped around the Earth nearly 4,700 times, but its roots are solidly grounded in California. Its main the San Fernando Valley. The heat tiles were invented in Silicon Valley. Its "fly-by-wire" technology was developed in the Los Angeles suburb of Downey. In 1991, it rolled off the assembly line in the Mojave Desert to replace Challenger, which blew up during liftoff in 1986.

As Endeavour shuffled by crowds, its age was evident after 123 million miles in space and two dozen re-entries.

Stephanie Gibbs, a longtime Inglewood resident, passed the Forum, where the Los Angeles Lakers used to play and where Endeavour made a pit stop

Endeavour's arrival in Saturday, many times in Los Angeles was a home- her life. But she wasn't prepared for what she saw.

There was a space shuttle blocking the street and I said, 'Whoa,'" she said. Gibbs, who lives off Crenshaw Drive, the narengines were fashioned in rowest section of the move, would like to see

a sign designating it as a shuttle crossing.

'We've been on the map" because of the Lakers, she said. "This kind of highlights it more."

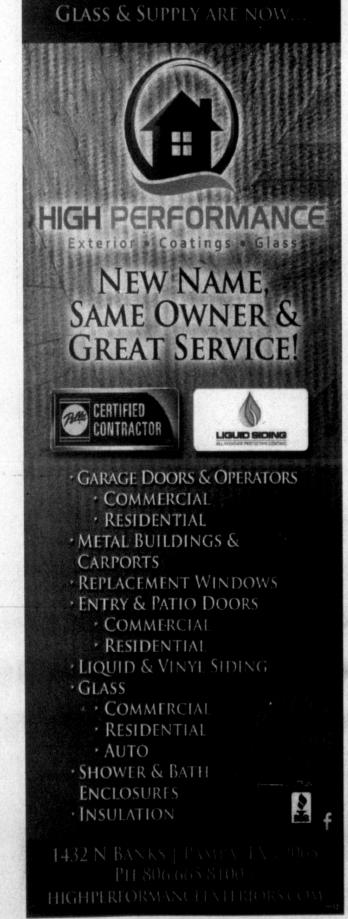
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Long after death, Confederate spy honored in Arkansas

BY JEANNIE NUSS Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — The story of David O. Dodd is relatively unknown outside of Arkansas, but the teenage spy who chose to hang rather than betray the Confederate cause is a folk hero to many in his home state.

Street signs and an elementary school in the state capital have long borne Dodd's name, and admirers gather at his grave each year to pay tribute to Dodd's life and death.

"Everyone wants to remember everything else about the Civil War that was bad," said one of them, W. Danny Honnoll. "We want to remember a man that stood for what he believed in and would not tell on his friends."

A state commission's decision, though, to grant approval for yet another tribute to Dodd has revived an age-old question: Should states still look for ways to commemorate historical figures who fought to defend unjust institutions?

"(Dodd) already has a school. I don't know why anything else would have to be done to honor him," James Lucas Sr., a school bus driver, said near the state Capitol in downtown Little Rock.

Arkansas' complicated history of race relations plays out on the Capitol grounds. A stone and metal monument that's stood for over a century pays tribute to the Arkansas men and boys who fought for the Confederacy and the right to own slaves. Not far away, nine bronze statues honor the black children who, in 1957, needed an Army escort to enter what had been an all-white school.

The newest nod to Dodd would mark a site across town where he

soldiers found encoded notes on him about their troop locations. Dodd was convicted of spying and sentenced to death, and legend has it he refused an offer to walk free in exchange for the name of the person who gave him the information.

"He was barely 17 years old when the Yankees hung him" on Jan. 8, 1864, Honnoll said. "Yeah, he was spying, but there (were) other people that spied that they didn't hang.

Dodd is certainly not the only teenager to die in the war or even the lone young martyr, said Carl Moneyhon, a University of Arkansas at Little Rock history professor.

"If you start talking about the 16-, 17- and 18-year-olds who were killed in battle, the number is infinite," Moneyhon said. "There are tens of thousands of them. They become unremarkable."

So it seems all the more curious that some have come to portray Dodd as Arkansas' boy martyr.

"It's part of the romanticizing of the Civil War that began in the 1880s and the 1890s, that looks for ... what could be called heroic behavior to celebrate in a war filled with real horrors," Moneyhon said.

And it's caught on, though many question why

"It's a very sad story, but at the end of the day, Dodd was spying for the Confederacy, which was fighting a war to defend the institution of slavery," said Mark Potok, a senior fellow at the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Sharon Donovan — who lives on West David O. Dodd Road (there's an East David O. Dodd Road, too) — said she wouldn't mind another Dodd namesake in her neighborhood. "The fact that we live

understand why he would want to do it because he was actually working for us in a way. ... For that era, I think it was probably a noble thing to do," Donovan said.

About a half-mile away, a banner outside an elementary school proclaims, "David O. Dodd Committed to Excellence." A doormat bearing Dodd's name shows a black boy smiling next to a few white ones. About half of the school's 298 students last year were black and only 27 were white.

Jerry Hooker, who graduated from Central High School years after the desegregation standoff over the Little Rock Nine, lives at the site where he says Dodd was detained almost a century and a half ago. The Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission approved his application and agreed to chip in \$1,000 for the marker noting the spot's historical significance.

Hooker, 59, said the move to commemorate Dodd is not about honoring slavery, but about remembering the past.

"I don't think it has a thing to do with race whatsoever," Hooker said. "He was a 17-year-old kid with a coded message in his boot that had enough of whatever it is in him that he didn't squeal on his sources.'

Still, in a city that stripped "Confederate Blvd." from its interstate highway signs shortly before dignitaries arrived in town for the opening of Bill Clinton's presidential library, the question remains: Should Dodd's name be etched into another piece of stone or metal for posterity's sake?

"There are currently more monuments to David O. Dodd than any other war hero in Arkansas,' Potok said. "You would think that at some point it



was detained after Union in the South, I could would be enough."

Before Facebook, there was Manet, painting friends

BY JOHN SEEWER Associated Press

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) Long before smartphones turned so many of us into amateur photographers and "revolutionized how we depict each other through social media, there were the works of French Impressionist Edouard Manet.

Known for portraits of friends and celebrities of his era, the painter often called "the first modern artist" came of age during the mid-1800s when photography first became available to the public.

He even kept his own collection of photos of the subjects he painted.

Manet's portraits and how they were influenced by photography are the focus of "Manet: Portraying Life" at the Toledo Museum of Art, the only U.S. museum to host the exhibition before it moves to The Royal Academy of Arts in London next winter.

The show that opened this month and runs through the end of the year features 40 paintings from public and private collections, including some of his best-known works. Instead of assembling a retrospective of Manet's works, the two museums chose portraits that would open the discussion of what impact photography had on Manet's paintings.

"We're not suggesting an exact reliance on photography, but this was a new medium in the era that he's painting and it was very important," said co-curator Lawrence Nichols.

It is the first time a Manet (1832-1883) exhibit has looked solely at his portraits, said Nichols, the museum's curator of European and American painting and sculpture before 1900. The museum's own collection includes Manet's portrait of a childhood friend who wrote extensively about the artist.

The works include straight forward portraits of men in top hats and women in flowing dresses. There are others that illustrate the change in around his home in Paris, revealing social unrest and the Industrial Revolution.

Sprinkled throughout the exhibition are photos of his subjects - some are original and others are digitized from an album Manet kept — to give insight into how he interpreted them the people he painted. In one photo, the tie and beard of a man bears a noticeable similarity to one of his paintings.

"He had images in his life beyond the paintings he made," Nichols said.

About half of Manet's entire works, which rank among the greatest of the Impressionist movement, were portraits or scenes from everyday life.

Some of the portraits in the show evoke the pho-

tos that we see today on social networking sites like Facebook — they're small and straightforward yet reveal something personal about each subject.

And they reveal how we record and connect with each other.

The proliferation of images now is similar to what was happening during Manet's time when the camera made portraits ubiquitous, he said.

These are ideas that the century-and-a-half old paintings can convey to a modern audience, Nichols said. "This is very much about 2012 and what it means to conceive of yourself, to be perceived by someone else," he said. Manet's portraits are spread throughout eight galleries into the museum.

The exhibit neatly flows into another show featuring nearly 100 mostly black and white photographs of Hollywood legends from the 1920s to the 1960s.

Outside the hall, there are 700 Facebook-like images of community members, museum volunteers and staff.

"These threads together make it very contemporary," said Toledo Museum Director Brian Kennedy. "The prints and photos take us back literally through time to Manet.

"It covers all the various ways people use various media to represent each other."

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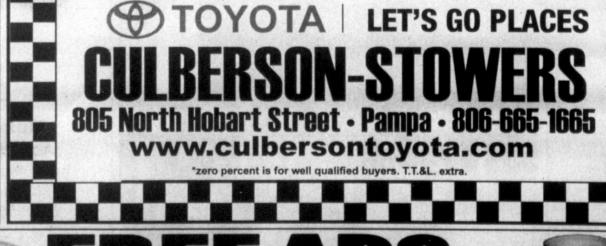
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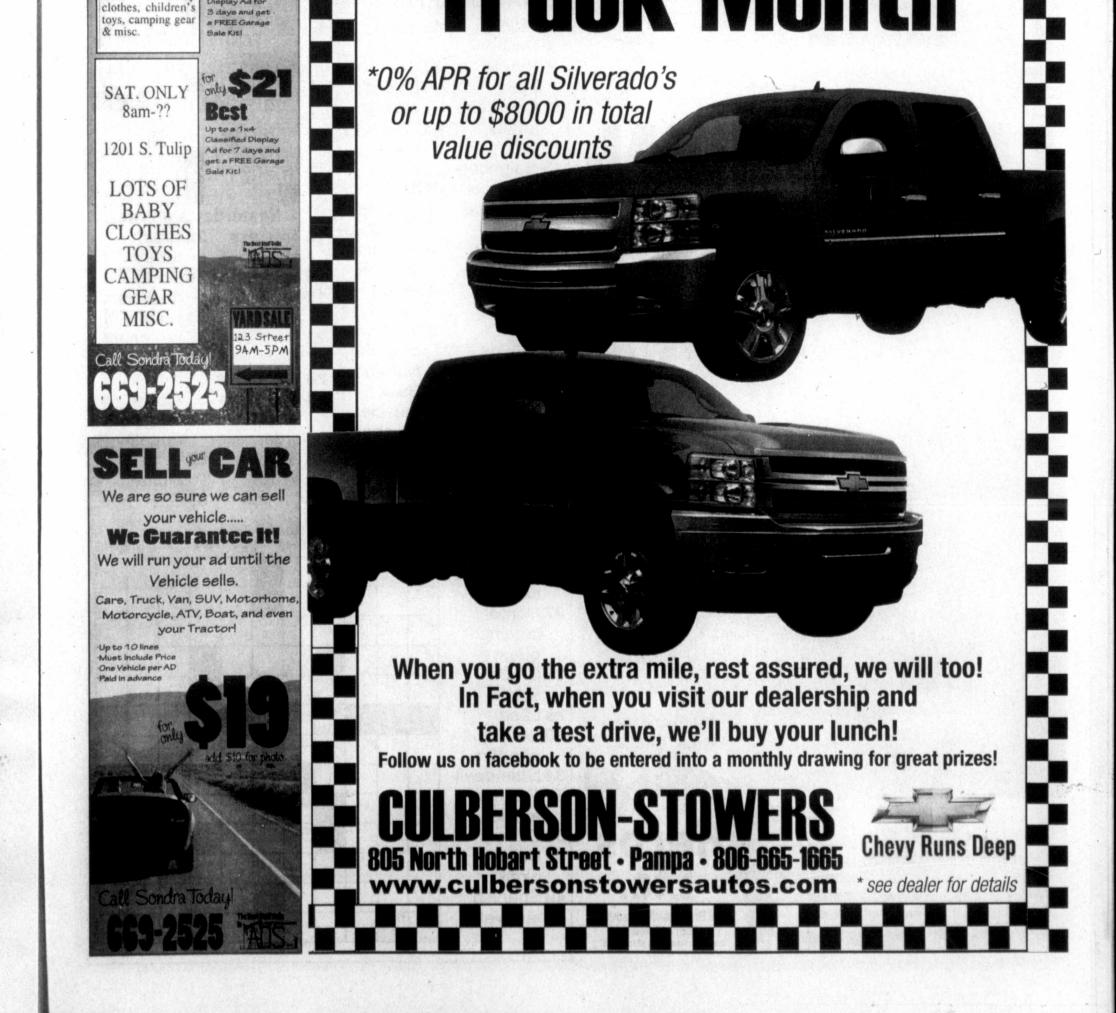
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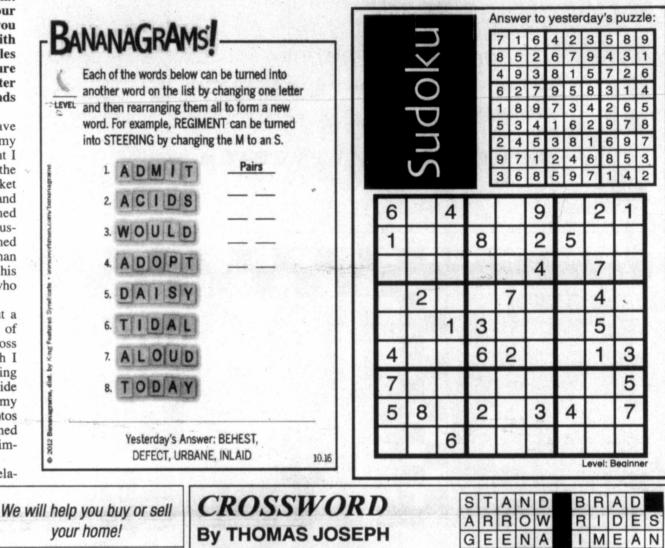
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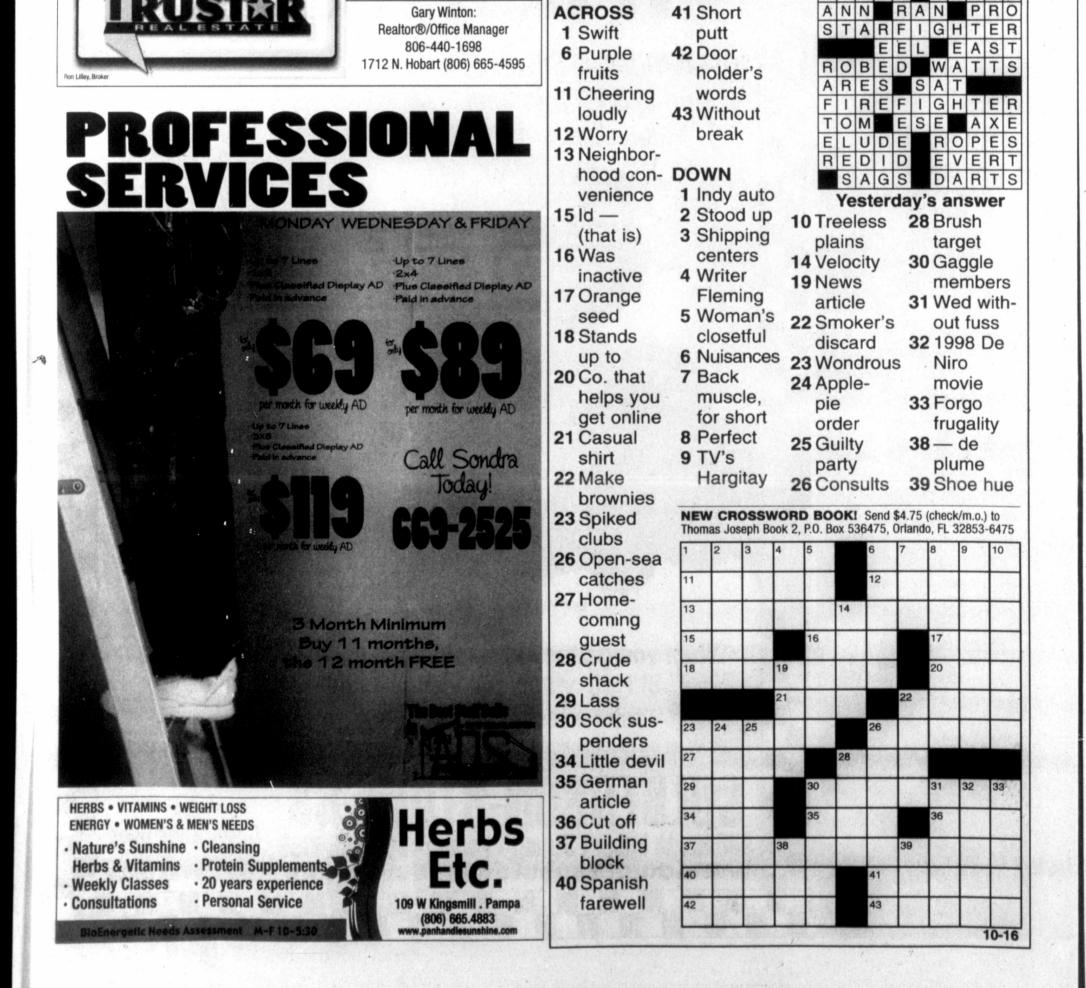
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Sept. 11 trial rules under scrutiny at Guantanamo

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GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — A U.S. military judge is considering broad security rules for the war crimes tribunal of five Guantanamo prisoners charged in the Sept. 11 attacks, including measures to prevent the accused from publicly revealing what happened to them in the CIA's secret network of overseas prisons.

Prosecutors have asked the judge at a pretrial hearing starting Monday to approve what is known as a protective order that is intended to prevent the release of classified information during the eventual trial of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, who has portrayed himself as the mastermind of the terror attacks, and four codefendants.

Lawyers for the defendants say the rules, as proposed, will hobble their defense. The American Civil Liberties Union, which has filed a challenge to the protective order, says the restrictions will prevent the public from learning what happened to Mohammed and his codefendants during several years of CIA confinement and interrogation.

The protective order requires the court to use a 40-second delay during court proceedings so that spectators, who watch behind sound-proof glass, can be prevented from hearing — from officials, lawyers or the defendants themselves — the stillclassified details of the CIA's rendition and detention program.

"What we are challenging is the censorship of the defendant's testimony based on their personal knowledge of the government's torture and detention of them," said Hina Shamsi, an ACLU attorney who will be arguing against the protective order during the pretrial hearing at the U.S. base in Cuba.

The protective order, which is also being challenged by a coalition of media organizations that includes The Associated Press, is overly broad because it would "classify the defendants own knowledge, thoughts and experience," Shamsi said in an interview.

"It's a truly extraordinary and chilling proposal that the government is asking the court to accept," she said.

Protective orders are standard method in civilian and military trials to set rules for handling evidence for the prosecution and defense. Military prosecutors argue in court papers that the Sept. 11 trial requires additional security because the accused have personal knowledge of classified information such as interrogation techniques and knowledge about which other countries provided assistance in their capture.

"Each of the accused is in the unique position of having had access to classified intelligence sources and methods," the prosecution says in court papers. "The government, like the defense, must protect that classified information from disclosure."

The U.S. government has acknowledged that before the defendants were taken to Guantanamo in September 2006 they were subjected to "enhanced interrogation techniques" such as. the simulated drowning method known as waterboarding. Defense attorneys say the treatment will be used to form the basis of their defense but the proposed protective order limits their ability to make that case in court and in public advocacy on behalf of their clients.

"It's a way in which the government can hide what it did to these men during the period of detention by the CIA," said Army Capt. Jason Wright, a Pentagonappointed attorney for Mohammed. "I think we need to bring the truth to the light of day on these issues."

The judge's approval of the protective order, which may not happen this week, must occur before the Sept. 11 case can move forward. Defense lawyers cannot begin to review classified evidence against their clients until it is in place.

The protective order is the most contentious of about two dozen preliminary motions scheduled to be heard during a pretrial hearing expected to run through Friday. Other matters include whether the defendants can be required to attend court sessions, what clothing they are allowed to wear and defense requests for additional resources for what is considered one of the most significant terrorism prosecutions in U.S. history.

The families of people killed in the Sept. 11 attacks have been invited to military installations in the U.S. states of New Jersey, Massachusetts, Maryland and New York City to watch the pretrial hearings, which are closed to the general public. An earlier round of hearings in May was also transmitted to viewing locations for relatives of the victims, survivors of the attacks, and emergency personnel who responded to the disaster.

Mohammed and his four co-defendants are being prosecuted in a special military tribunal for wartime offenses known as a military commission. They were arraigned May 5 on charges that include terrorism, conspiracy and 2,976 counts of murder in violation of the law of war, one count for each known victim of the Sept. 11 attacks at the time the charges were filed. They could get the death penalty

if convicted.

Mohammed, a Pakistani citizen who grew up in Kuwait and attended college in North Carolina, has told military officials that he planned the Sept. 11 attacks "from A to Z" and was involved in about 30 other terrorist plots.

He has said, among other things, that he personally beheaded Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl. The other defendants are Ramzi Binalshibh; Walid bin Attash; Mustafa Ahmad al-Hawsawi; and Ali Abd al-Aziz Ali.

Their arraignment was an unruly, 13-hour proceeding in which the defendants stalled proceedings by refusing the use the court translation system and ignoring the judge.

Subsequent hearings to handle pretrial motions were postponed because of scheduling conflicts, the Muslim holy period of Ramadan and Tropical Storm Isaac.

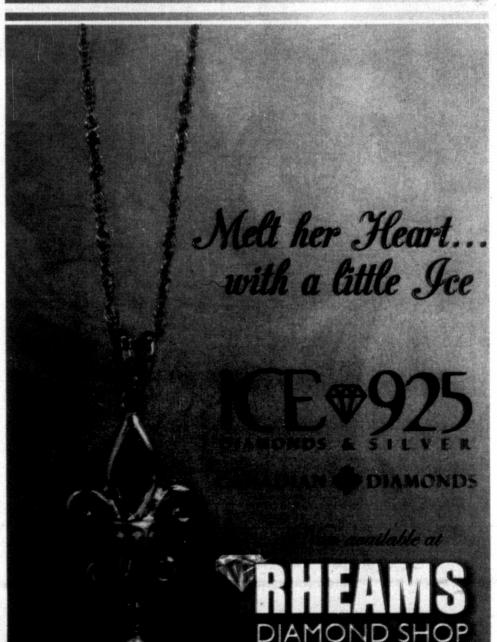
Several more pretrial hearings must be held to litigate hundreds of motions before the start of the trial, which is likely at least a year away.

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Arlen Specter, architect of 1-bullet theory in JFK death, dies



HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — For most of his 30 years as Pennsylvania's longest-serving U.S. senator and prominent moderate in Congress, Arlen Specter was a Republican, though often at odds with the GOP leadership.

He helped end the Supreme Court hopes of former federal appeals Judge Robert H. Bork, who was nominated by President Ronald Reagan. Decades later, he was one of only three Republicans in Congress to vote for President Barack Obama's economic stimulus.

His breaks with his party were hardly a surprise: He had begun his political career as a Democrat and ended it as one, too.

In between, he was at the heart of several major

American political events. He rose to prominence in the 1960s as an assistant counsel to the Warren Commission, developing the single-bullet theory in President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

He came to the Senate in the Reagan landslide of 1980 and was a key voice in the Supreme Court confirmation hearings of both Bork and Clarence Thomas.

Specter died Sunday died at his home in Philadelphia from complications of non-Hodgkin lymphoma, said his son Shanin.

He was 82. Over the years, Specter had fought two previous bouts with Hodgkin lymphoma, overcome a brain tumor and survived cardiac arrest following bypass surgery.

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