

Heliport, EMS station at PRMC nears completion

\$1.3M facility will house helicopter, ambulances

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE thowsare@thepampanews.com

Visitors to Pampa Regional Medical Center may have noticed what looks like a large, metal warehouse building being built behind the hospital.

It might be better described as a giant garage for one helicopter and three ambulances. And, along with that, it will be a dorm and offices for EMS staff and helicopter flight crews.

Very soon, the helicopter ambulance parked behind the hospital will be moved into the enormous building, along with

the three vehicle ambulances helicopter is owned and operdriven by local paramedics.

Since PRMC does not have trauma designation, patients needing trauma services are flown to the Texas Northwest Healthcare System campus in Amarillo.

"Patients on this side of Lubbock are flown to Amarillo Northwest," said Judge Richard Peet.

Peet, who oversees the Gray County Commissioners Court, said construction on the building started about two and a half years ago. It was originally a \$600,000 project, but as the plans grew to include more services, it evolved into a \$1.3 million project that included state grant funds, he said.

The county owns the building and the property, and the ated by Med-Trans Corp. out of Amarillo.

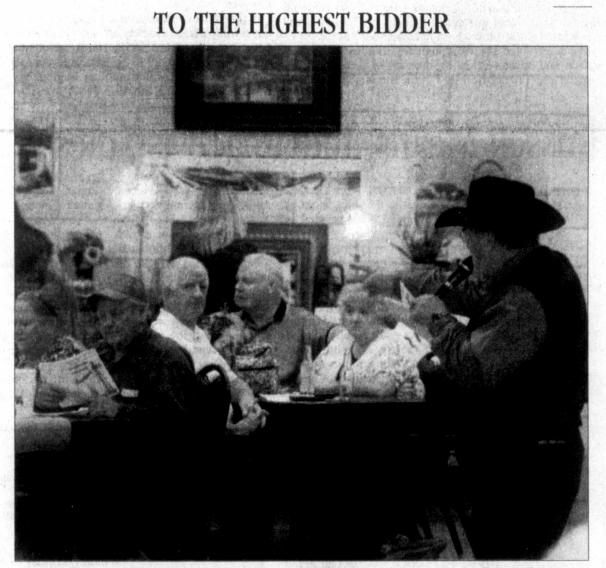
Peet said the helicopter, which has been at the hospital for about three years, has been a lifesaver not just for Pampa residents, but patients throughout the Panhandle and as far as Kansas and Oklahoma. For instance, if there was a seriously injured patient on Interstate 40 across the Texas-Oklahoma state line, the helicopter could fly to the scene of the accident and then transport that patient to Amarillo.

Brent Aaron, director of ambulance services for Pampa EMS, said it takes 20 to 25 minutes for the helicopter to fly to Amarillo versus at least an

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Photo by Timothy P. Howsare Judge Richard Peet, right, talks with his granddaughter Destiny Peet outside the heliport behind PRMC. Destiny, a seventh grader at PJHS, was shadowing her grandfather for a school project. With the Peets is Brent Aaron, director of ambulance services for Pampa EMS.



Local Halloween events scheduled

BY GAYDEN HAYS ghays@thepampnews.com

Halloween is a time of fun, and many Pampa organizations and churches will make sure that kids and adults are entertained while being safe. Lovette Memorial Library will be holding a Fall Festival" on Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m., at 111 N. Houston St. The library will be closed for regular business during that time, and the games and activities will be geared for infants to fifth graders. However, all ages are invited to attend and everyone is asked to wear costumes. The library staff and patrons have on their schedule story time, ghost bowling, treat walk, bean bag throw, duck game and pin the wart on a witch. Helping the library staff and patrons during this event will be Altrusa, Astra and Girl Scouts of America. Saturday, the library will also have a Haunted Library that will run from 8 to 11 p.m., and parental guidance is strongly recommended. The Pampa Police and Fire departments will host an event for the kids Thursday night at the Chamber of Commerce building, located at 200 N. Ballard St., at 6:30 p.m. Snacks will be provided, and reflective Halloween bags will be passed out until they are EVENTS cont. on page 6

Photo by Gayden Hays

Auctioneer Dale West turns a quick phrase and a quick deal as he auctions 18 items Saturday at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce's 28th annual Country Fair/Boomtown Gala. Along with a 2006 Mini Cooper, other live auction items included 1/2 karat earrings, a Remington 12-gauge pink-camo shotgun, a full-page color ad from The Pampa News and a a \$500 scholarship gift certificate to Clarendon College. For more gala photos, please turn to page 11A.

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Though all the numbers haven't been tallied yet, the Pampa Chamber of Commerce's Country Fair/Boomtown Gala was a success with between 325 to 350 people attending.

A fundraiser for the chamber, the 28th annual fair was held Saturday at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium.

Hundreds of items and gift certificates were donated by local businesses and individuals for the silent auction, and a live auction was held after the silent one closed.

Dale West was the auctioneer, and live auction hawkers were Jason Bagwell, Doug McFatridge, Greg Logan and Mike Hooper.

The highest-priced item at the auction was a 2006 Mini Cooper convertible donated by Doug Boyd Motors.

The top bidder was Swasey Brainard, who paid \$10,250 for the car.

"My wife will drive it," he said.

Pampa resident Thelma Bray said this about the gala, "We are delighted this event brought everybody out."

Bray said she's been coming to the galas "as long as they've been having them."

She serves on the chamber's tourism committee and the boards of the Freedom Museum and the Woodie Guthrie Folk Music Center.

The announcer was Clay Rice and greeters were the Top O' Texas Goldcoats, who serve as ambassadors for the chamber.

Local veterans: Let's read your stories

In honor of Veterans Day, The Pampa News is planning a special Veterans section.

We want your story or the story of your loved ones who have served for our country.

To be a part of our special Veterans Day section, just type up your stories, scan in your photos, and then email them to us at thowsare@ thepampanews.com.

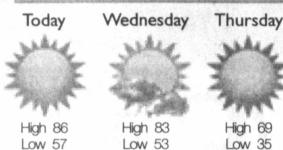
Please include names and your contact information to be submitted along with your story. Deadline for stories is noon, Oct. 30.

Stories will be published inside The Pampa News on Saturday, Nov. 10.

For questions or more information, contact Tim Howsare at The Pampa News at 806-669-2525. If you have already emailed your submission, please contact Tim to make sure he has received it.



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Today: Warm sunshine with a high of 86. Zero chance of rain. Winds southwest at 17 mph. Sunrise at 7:58 a.m.

Tuesday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 57. Zero chance of rain. Winds southwest at 14 mph. Sunset at 6:58 p.m.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy with a high of 83. Chance of rain 10 percent. Winds south southwest at 18 mph. Sunrise at 7:59 a.m.

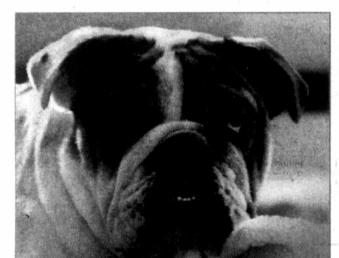
Wednesday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 53. Zero chance of rain. Sunset at 6:57 p.m.

Thursday: Sunny with a high of 69. Zero chance of rain. Winds west northwest at 19 mph. Sunrise at 8 a.m.

Thursday night: Clear and colder with a low of 35. Zero chance of rain. Winds east at 11 mph. Sunset at 6:56 p.m.

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Obituaries

LaDonna

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LaDonna Jean James

LaDonna Jean James, 47, died, Monday, Oct. 22, 2012 in Skellytown.

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

> Mrs. James was born Oct. 28, 1964 in Benton, Ken. She married Bobby James on June 15, 1981 in Mayfield, Ken.. She had been a resident of Skellytown since 1985. LaDonna received her LVN from Frank Phillips College in 1986, and she was a charge nurse at Coronado Healthcare Center. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Skellytown. She was a proud supporter of the Bandidos MC.

Survivors include her husband, Bobby James, of the home; a son, Quinton James

of Pampa; two daughters, Jessica James of Amarillo and Tamara Brown of Skellytown; a brother, Jimmy Harpole of Paris, TN; 3 sisters, Teresa Reed and Rena Young, both of Mayfield, KY, and Lisa Parrish of Borger; three grandchildren, Cadence McKinley and Scarlett McKinley, both of Amarillo, and Carson Brown of Skellytown. LaDonna was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Berlene Harpole and a brother, Terry Harpole.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

Deborah Marie Latham

Deborah (Debbie) Marie Latham, 62, of Shamrock, Texas died Oct. 20, 2012 after losing an 11-month battle with cancer. She died in the home surrounded by family, loved ones and friends.

She was born Jan. 21, 1950 in Shamrock to DW and Mary Rankins. She had a brother, Gary Rankins of Amarillo.

She attended Shamrock schools and graduated in 1968 from Shamrock High School. She married Jerry Wayne Latham on August 4, 1967 in Lela Baptist Church.

For 19 years, she worked with Jerry Wayne on various family businesses and endeavors and raised their two daughters, Tammy and Tanya. After Jerry Wayne's untimely death in 1986, Debbie continued to work and raise her daughters.

She attended Nursing School at West Texas A&M University in 1992 and graduated with a B.S. in Nursing in 1996. She then received her Master's Degree in Education from the University of Phoenix in 2005. She served as a Nurse at the Shamrock Nursing Home, Wheeler Nursing Home, and the Veterans Affairs (VA) Hospital and Nursing Home in Amarillo where she retired as the Associate Chief of Education in December 2011.

She is survived by two daughters, Tammy Marie Sorenson and husband Edwin Sorenson of Saskatchewan, Canada and Tanya Michelle Larkin and husband, Dustin

Larkin of Pampa, Texas.

Grandchildren: Keana Marie Daughtry of Pampa, Texas; LaKeisha Diane Applewhite and husband Matt Applewhite of Sweetwater, Oklahoma; Latham James Daughtry of Wheeler, Texas, and Brody Allan and Sydney Ellen Larkin of Pampa. Great Grandchildren: Teagan Nicole and Brooklynn Grace Applewhite of Sweetwater, Okla. Mother: Mary Marie Rankins of McLean Nursing Home in McLean Texas Brother: Gary Alan Rankins and wife Linda Rankins of Amarillo. Many brothers and sisters in law, cousins, nephews, and nieces.

She is preceded in death by husband, Jerry Wayne Latham, who died on June 4, 1986. Grandson, Kenneth James Daughtry III, who died on Oct. 7, 1991. Father, DW Rankins who died on Feb. 8, 2006.

Services will be held Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 2 p.m. at Calvary Christian Church in Shamrock with Brother Joe Jernigan officiating.

Pallbearers: Gene Latham of Albuquerque, NM; Jesse Earl Latham of Republic, Kansas; Clyde Powell of Shamrock Texas; Rody Lummus of Shamrock Texas; Kurt Clay of Shamrock Texas; Gary Larkin of Skellytown Texas. Honorary Pallbearers: Gaylon Kirkland of Shamrock Texas; Richard Blakemore of Shamrock Texas; Slim Kimbrell of Tyler Texas

Visitation at Robertson Funeral Home in Shamrock with Graveside services to follow at Shamrock Cemetery. Memorial donations can be made to Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo.

E. Bryant Flowers

E. Bryant Flowers, 90, passed away after a short illness on Oct. 20, 2012 in Amarillo.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, October 24, 2012 in Miami Cemetery with Rev. Lewis Holland, retired Methodist minister, officiating, under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors in Pampa. Funeral honors courtesy of Fort Hood Army Personnel.

Mr. Flowers was born Jan. 19, 1922 in Perryton. Bryant was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving at the end of World War II in the Pacific Theater. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1967. He was a member of the Miami American Legion #106, Pampa Elks Lodge, and the Western Swing Music Society of the Southwest. Bryant was an avid collector and published the book The Flowers Collection Avon Guide.

Survivors include a daughter: Jo Lynn Rowland of Amarillo; 2 sons: Tim Flowers of Miami and Jim Flowers of Wheat Ridge, Colo.; 4 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother: James Flowers, a grandson: Scott Flowers, and a nephew: Eldon Flowers.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Western Swing Music Society of the Southwest, P.O. Box 644, Shattuck, Okla. 73858, The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, 2750 N. Lakeview Ave, Chicago, IL 60614, or The Miami American Legion No. 106, P.O. Box 272, Miami, TX 79059

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SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Russell Means never shunned attention. Whether leading Native Americans in railing against broken federal treaties, appearing in a Hollywood blockbuster or advocating a sovereign American Indian nation within U.S. borders,

lead the 1973 uprising at Wounded Knee reveled in the spotlight.

But it was only on his terms. Openly critical of mainstream media, the onetime leader of the American Indian Movement often refused interviews and verbally blasted journalists who showed up to cover his public appearances. Instead, he chose to speak to his fan base

and blog posts on his personal website.

When he did speak out publicly, he remained steadfast in his defense of AIM. He found himself dogged for decades by questions about the group's alleged involvement in the slaying of a tribe member and the several gun battles with federal officers during the 71-day occupation of Wounded Knee, but

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moted violence.

"You people who want to continue to put AIM in this certain pocket of illegality, I can't stand you people," Means said. lashing out an at audience member question during an April gathering commemorating the uprising's 40th anniversary. "I wish I was a little bit healthier and a little bit younger, because I wouldn't just talk."

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

Bobby Ray Helm, 24, responsibility. Pampa, for a Blue Warrant on credit card abuse.

Tamara Brown, 24, Pampa, for no drivers license and four outstanding tickets.

Ramon Campos Garcia, 45, Pampa, for driving while intoxicated third offense.

Marcos Rodriguez, 24, intoxicated.

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Maxwell, 50, Pampa, for assault/family violence. Jennifer Sullins, 32, Pampa, for fail- tion.

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Friona, for driving while inspection and registration. ing while intoxicated third Trent Logan Murray, offense. Danette 18, Pampa, for driving

> while intoxicated. Serando Collazo, 22, Michelle Pampa, for public intoxica-

> > Jonas Merlos, 22, Pampa, for theft by check.

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Fredrick L. Tate, 21, St. Louis, Mo., for possesion of marijuana.

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Republican Women met at

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The meeting was called

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Leona Willis. The guest speaker was Marty Rowley, Republican candidate for Texas State Board of Education, District 15.

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He will face Democrat Steven D. Schafersman of Midland in the November general election.

Rowley, who is from Amarillo, said this about education: "I believe federal and state regulations are stifling the creativity

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Whitehead was out town, so minutes of previ-Roading Jaka contract profits tional media for, familer pestor of a ous meet ing will be read at the next meet-8,000 member church past president of Carch

The trea-Pregnancy Centers surer s turrent President of Maverick Boys and Girls report wasgiven by Club, Coach at Kids Inc. YMCA and Upward for more than 20 years,

father of three children; and married to Cindy for 30 years. It was decided at the

meeting to open the headquarters on Saturday Oct. 20, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. in addition to Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., and 4 until 6 p.m.

Texas day care owner faces trial in fatal fire

By JUANA. LOZANO Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) - The fire that killed four young children and seriously injured three others at a home day care facility in Houston began when oil ignited inside a frying pan on a stove top burner that had been left on.

Attorneys for the day care's owner insist she never meant to harm anyone. But legal experts say that if prosecutors can prove the deaths occurred because she abandoned the children to go shopping at a nearby Target, they don't need to prove intent to harm to secure a murder conviction that could send her to prison for life.

Testimony is expected to begin this week in the trial of Jessica Tata, 24, who fled to Nigeria after the February 2011 blaze but was later captured by authorities. She faces four felony murder charges as well as five other counts, including abandoning a child. The seven children inside the home during the fire ranged in age from 16 months to 3 years old. The jury could be chosen Tuesday with opening statements scheduled for Wednesday in a trial expected to last at least a month. Tata initially is being tried on one of the murder counts related to 16-month-old Elias Castillo, who died of smoke inhalation.

Prosecutors declined to comment before the trial. Her lawyers insist the charges are excessive and that when the blaze broke out, Tata tried to save the children.

"People having an emotional reaction without knowing all the facts, that's the hardest thing,' Mike DeGeurin, one of Tata's attorneys, said last week.

Philip Hilder, a Houston criminal defense attorney and former federal prosecutor, said while he doesn't think Tata intended to kill the children, that won't be the key issue at her trial. Under Texas law, a person can be convicted of felony murder if he or she committed an underlying felony, such as abandoning a child, and that action led to the death.

"It's going to be hard to find a legitimate reason to excuse the abandonment of these children," Hilder said. Besides the four murder charges, Tata also is charged with three counts of abandoning a child and two of reckless injury to a child. She remained jailed on bonds totaling more than \$1.1 million since being returned to the U.S. from Nigeria in March 2011. Tata was born in the U.S. but has Nigerian citizenship.

At a pretrial hearing last week, Tata's attorneys tried to suppress several pieces of evidence, including a Target store receipt that arson investigators found at the home hours after the fire. Prosecutors say it shows she was shopping at the time of the blaze.

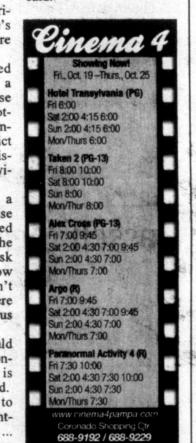
Tata had told authorities she was in the home's bathroom when the fire broke out.

DeGeurin had argued investigators needed a search warrant because the receipt was at the bottom of a bag and not plainly visible. State District Judge Marc Brown disagreed, allowing the evidence.

Grant. Scheiner, a Houston criminal defense attorney not involved in the case, said the defense's hardest task will be explaining how children "who couldn't

Houston attorney not connected to the case, said he believes Tata will be convicted in the case. The question will be if jurors decide Tata abandoned the children and that led

to their deaths, he said. "If the evidence is there, there should not be a problem in convicting her of murder," Androphy said.



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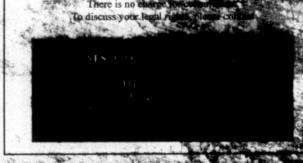
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Joel Androphy, another

fend for themselves were left in a clearly dangerous situation."

But prosecutors could face a challenge in convincing jurors Tata is guilty of murder, he said.

"It's a lot to ask a jury to hold somebody accountable for murder charges ... when clearly there was no intent to kill," Scheiner said.



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UCI agrees to strip Armstrong of 7 Tour titles

GENEVA (AP) — Forget the seven Tour de France victories. Forget the yellow jersey celebrations on the Champs Elysees. Forget the name that dominated the sport of cycling for so many years.

As far as cycling's governing body is concerned, Lance Armstrong is out of the record books.

Once considered the greatest rider in Tour history, the American was cast out Monday by his sport, formally stripped of his seven titles and banned for life for his involvement in what U.S. sports authorities describe as a massive doping program that tainted all of his greatest triumphs.

"Lance Armstrong has no place in cycling and he deserves to be forgotten in cycling," said Pat McQuaid, the president said of the International Cycling Union. "This is a landmark day for cycling." McQuaid announced that his group, known as UCI, accepted san ctions imposed by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency and would not appeal them to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.





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Obama-Biden: Playing the liar card

Within the first few minutes of the second presidential debate. Obama said "not true" more times than Lance Armstrong, Mark McGwire and Baghdad Bob - combined. Sure beats talking about the economy

President Obama scored a big victory over Mitt



week's cover story in Time magazine: "Who is LARRY Telling

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ELDER the Truth?" How is this a victory for Obama? The silliness of sending out surrogates to call Romney a "liar" has become a Big Media

Breaking news: Almost all politicians obfuscate, sometimes

Issue in 2012.

"Bush" or "the Bush administration" of warning about a "mushroom cloud"? Bush never said that. The speaker was then-National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice. Is it a "lie" to say that those words were "said" by Bush? Or was the Rice statement a reflection of the administration's view that Iraq represented — to use a "grave and gathering danger"?

Where was truth-busting, fact-checking Time magazine during one of the most scurrilous attacks on a sitting president --- that President George W. Bush "lied" us into the Iraq War?

Accusers included Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., who voted for the war, then turned against it, saying the Bush administration "intentionally misled the country into war." Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid,

Stick to a 2-drink limit if you do drink

BY TOM HARRIS **Guest Columnist**

Editor's note: This column was written to coincide with Red Ribbon Week.

I've been a full time counselor for 20 years. For the 20 years before that, I was in the U.S. Marines. My drinking caused me significant trouble as a young man, and for the last several years in the Marines, I ran the drug and alcohol counseling center for the 3rd Marine Division. I know a lot about drinking. In the Marines, I learned that handling firearms can be useful and enjoyable if you are careful and know what you are doing. The same thing for alcohol. I enjoy drinking, and here are seven things I have learned about drinking alcohol that I want you to know.

The first is that alcohol is a potentially addictive drug. One out of 15 drinkers become addicted, and that's never pretty. Alcoholism tends to run in biological families. With one alcoholic parent, your chances of addiction go from one in 15 to one in two. Treat it with respect.

The second thing I want you to know is that for non-

alcoholic drinkers, alcohol is not important. Like ice cream, it's enjoyable and harmless in small quantities, but not important. If alcohol (or ice cream) becomes more important

than your health, your career, your friends and loved ones, or more important than obeying the law, you have a serious problem. If that's the case, do not drink.

TOM

HARRIS

The third thing to knew is to stick to two drinks per occasion. (Alcoholics think that is crazy.) Two drinks gets you nearly all the pleasure and none of the pain alcohol has to offer. A drink is a regular size beer (12 ounces), a small glass of wine (5 ounces), or 1.5 shots of hard liquor. A drink or to helps us relax, puts us in the mood to socialize, makes meals more enjoyable and has

The fourth thing is to know that anybody with any problem that involves alcohol has an alcohol problem. Whether that problem is called alcohol dependence (alcoholism) or something else is for mental health professionals like me

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to decide. Normal drinking is problem-free drinking. Normal drinking does not result in arrests, hangovers, problems at work, school, or home, or even angry girlfriends and boyfriends. It does not result in having to apologize for something you said or did while drinking. It does not result in awakening and not knowing where you are, how you got there, or who that person next to you is.

The fifth thing to know is to stay away from people who drink to excess or who use illegal drugs. They are not going anywhere other than down, and they will take you down with them. Remember, the drug is more important to them than you are.

The sixth is that almost all alcoholics are people with jobs and families. It takes decades of hard drinking to end up on a park bench. Also, you do not have to be a daily drinker or even a frequent drinker to be an alcoholic. Alcoholics and their families try hard to look normal. Don't be fooled.

Lastly, if you have a problem with alcohol or drugs, admit it, take responsibility for it, and do something about it. Convincing yourself or others HARRIS cont. on page 8

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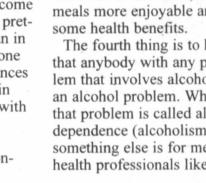
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shading or altering positions as political winds shift and even completely changing positions. Sometimes they admit changing positions (Obama on gay marriage). Sometimes they change while denying any change (Romney initially asserting that RomneyCare could and should be a "model" the federal government "can learn from").

Time magazine asks, for example, did Romney tell the truth when he accused Obama of saying that "if Congress approved his plan to borrow nearly a trillion dollars, he would hold unemployment below 8 percent." No, that's "misleading," Time tells us. "Obama never said that, but before he took office, two of his economists predicted that a large stimulus might have that effect.' Huh?

OK, Obama himself never said that, but he has acknowledged his top economic advisors did. The statement therefore reflected the goals and expectations of the Obama administration. Is it "misleading" to say "Obama said" as opposed to "his top economic advisors predicted"?

How many times did the "Bush Lied, People Died" crowd accuse

D-Nev., shamefully called Bush "a loser" and "a liar." He apologized for the loser part, but allowed "liar" to stand. The late Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., said, "Week after week after week we were told lie after lie after lie." These are party leaders - not a couple of beer-guzzlers holding up hand-painted signs at an Occupy rally in Zuccotti Park.

Now, what about the word "liar" - and Vice President Joe Biden?

During his only debate, Biden denied voting for the "two wars on a credit card" (Obama's words) that supposedly contributed to the recession. Biden said: "And, by the way, they talk about this Great Recession if it fell out of the sky, like, 'Oh, my goodness, where did it come from?' It came from this man voting to put two wars on a credit card, to at the same time put a prescription drug benefit on the credit card, a trillion-dollar tax cut for the very wealthy. I was there. I voted against them (emphasis added). I said, no, we can't afford that."

Biden voted for the authorization for both the Afghanistan and Iraq wars. About Iraq, Biden said in 2002, "If we wait for the danger to become clear, it could ELDER cont. on page 8

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Psst ... taxes go up in 2013 for 163M workers

BY STEPHEN OHLEMACHER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) -President Barack Obama isn't talking about it and neither is Mitt Romney. But come January, 163 million workers can expect to feel the pinch of a big tax increase regardless of who wins the election.

A temporary reduction in Social Security payroll taxes is due to expire at the end of the year and hardly anyone in Washington is pushing to extend it. Neither Obama nor Romney has proposed an extension, and it probably wouldn't get through Congress anyway, with lawmakers in both parties down on the idea.

Even Republicans who have sworn off tax increases have little appetite to prevent one that will cost a typical worker about \$1,000 a year, and two-earner family with six-figure incomes as much as \$4,500.

Why are so many politicians sour on continuing the payroll tax break?

Republicans question whether reducing the tax two years ago has done much to stimulate the sluggish economy. Politicians from both parties say they are concerned that it threatens the independent revenue stream that funds Social Security.

They are backed by powerful advocates for seniors, including AARP, who adamantly oppose any extension.

"The payroll tax holiday was

intended to be temporary and there is strong bipartisan support to let that tax provision expire," said Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, the top Republican on the Senate Finance Committee. "The continued extension of a temporary

payroll tax holiday has serious longterm implications for Social Security and, frankly, it's not even clear that it has helped to boost our ailing economy.'

The question of renewing the pay-

roll tax cut has been overshadowed by the expiration of a much bigger package of tax cuts first enacted under President George W. Bush. The Bush-era tax cuts also expire at the end of the year, and Congress is expected to try to address them after the election, in a lame-duck session.

The payroll tax cut could become part of the mix in negotiations that could go in many directions. But lawmakers in both political parties say they doubt it.

"I think there's a growing consensus that Congress and the president can't continue to divert such a critical revenue stream from Social

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Security," said Rep. Kevin Brady of Texas, a senior Republican on the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee. "I think more and more Americans understand that that payroll tax cut, while politically appealing, is endangering Social Security.

Before he was named as Romney's running mate, Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., disparaged the payroll tax cut, calling it "sugar-high economics" that wouldn't promote long-term growth.

Social Security is funded by a 12.4 percent tax on wages up to \$110,100, rising to \$113,700 in 2013. Half is paid by employers and the other half is paid by workers. For 2011 and 2012, Congress and Obama cut the share paid by workers from 6.2 percent to 4.2 percent.

A worker making \$50,000 saved \$1,000 a year, or a little more than \$19 a week. A worker making \$100,000 saved \$2,000 a year.

The beauty of the tax cut is that is shows up in weekly paychecks, giving workers more money to spend or save. The downside is that some workers may not notice a \$19-a-week increase in pay, making them unlikely to credit the politicians who made it happen.

Under the law, Congress is reimbursing Social Security for the lost revenue, estimated at \$103 billion in 2011 and \$112 billion in 2012. But Congress didn't cut spending TAXES cont. on page 8



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Ex Venezuelan VP confirms meeting with Fidel Castro

HAVANA (AP) Former Venezuelan Vice President Elias Jaua said Sunday that he met with aging revolutionary icon Fidel Castro for five hours and showed The Associated Press photos of the encounter, quashing persistent rumors that the former Cuban leader was on his deathbed or had suffered a massive stroke. Jaua also confirmed that the 86-year-old retired Cuban president person-ally accompanied him to the Hotel Nacional after their meeting Saturday, in which they talked about politics, history, culture and tourism.

"He had the courtesy of bringing me to the hotel," Jaua said Sunday, adding

it's too thor-

that Castro looked "very well."

Jaua showed a photograph of himself seated in a minibus along with the former Cuban leader, Castro's wife, Dalia Soto del Valle, a hotel executive and several other people.

photo shows The Jaua and Castro smiling broadly, and the former Cuban leader is wearing a checked shirt and cowboy hat:

The public appearance was Castro's first in months.

A top Hotel Nacional executive told the AP earlier Sunday how Castro had dropped off the Venezuelan guest, then stayed on to chat with hotel staff.

Not your grandma's Social Security office.

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this is based on the maxim recent columns about the that folks are more likely various ways people can to complain about poor service than they are to applaud Security benefits. Here is good service. But sadly (and one simple example. A this is coming from a retired 66-year-old man who is still 32 year SSA employee), working plans to wait until I've heard so many complaints about poor service, unanswered questions and to get the 32 percent bonus months of very intensive even alleged misinforma- paid to folks who put off tion being given, that I must taking Social Security for conclude that SSA's commitment to provide top quality service to its customers is home mom and thus has no classes taught by very expegoing downhill.

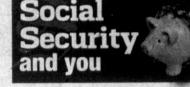
This opinion was rein- he can file for his retirement forced when I recently at age 66 so his wife can then learned that many Social claim dependent spouse's Security offices will soon be benefits on his account. closing their doors at 3:00 Then he would immediately gram and the sessions tend p.m., an hour or two earlier suspend his benefits wait- to include a lot of onlinethan in the past. And I've also heard from my contacts within the agency that there are long term plans to lock the doors of all offices one day a week and to possibly close some local offices all together. In their defense, SSA officials point out that the agency's online resources are always increasing. In other words, people can go to www.socialsecurity.gov and take care of almost any kind of Social Security business they formerly only could do in a local field office. They can apply for a new or replacement Social Security card. They can get an estimate of their future Social Security benefits. They can download about a hundred publications that explain all the facets of the various Social Security programs. They can file a claim for any kind of Social Security benefit. They can get access to actuarial reports and a whole variety of research and statistical data. Those are just a few examples of the many services available -- 24 hours a day, seven days a week. I will admit their website is very thorough. Indeed, some have complained that

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agency, with programs and notches above your local rules and regulations that impact every man, woman and child in the country. I get emails from some However, links to the kinds readers' telling me that of services most people are

Yet, I still have an uneasy with the professionalism of feeling about the direction the agency is headed. There Unfortunately, I get many may be too much reliance generally unpleasant sur- fessional one-on-one perroundings and overall poor sonal counseling that often

Here is a case in point. I I would like to think that have written many times in try to maximize their Social age 70 to file for retirement benefits because he wants Social Security on her own,



ing for the age 70 bonus. But his wife would get her dependent's benefits during those four years. Just try setting up that kind of claims scenario online. It can't be done. Or rather, it can't be done easily.

And here's what makes the case for declining Social Security service even more distressing. Some of these maximizing strategies can be rather complicated. And I have heard from many readers who told me that the Social Security representative they were dealing with on the phone or in person did not understand the procedures involved. And in some cases, they were even economically viable to offer told that such a strategy was not possible.

I'm afraid this is a result of the decline in training offered to Social Security personnel. When I started with the agency in 1973, I received almost three classroom training that covered all aspects of the many those four years. But if he Social Security programs. has a wife who was a stay at These were relatively small rienced Social Security pro-. net. gram experts.

> Today's new SSA employees get a muchabbreviated training pro-

based lessons. It's just not the same as being taught by a human being who knows the ins and outs of Social Security laws and rules. It's the decline in training

and in the personal approach to service that troubles me the most about today's Social Security office. I can remember in the early days of my career being sent from my district field office to small towns and villages in the area where I set up a mini Social Security office for the day. I enjoyed being "Mr. Social Security" in those little far-flung burgs. I even was sent to people's homes to help them with their Social Security problems or issues.

I know I am coming across as an aging fuddyduddy pining for "the good old days." Just as it isn't possible for doctors to make house calls anymore, it isn't one-on-one Social Security service in small towns and especially in people's homes.

But I'm just not sure if an over-reliance on the Internet and an under-reliance on quality training and good old-fashioned personal service is the way to go.

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



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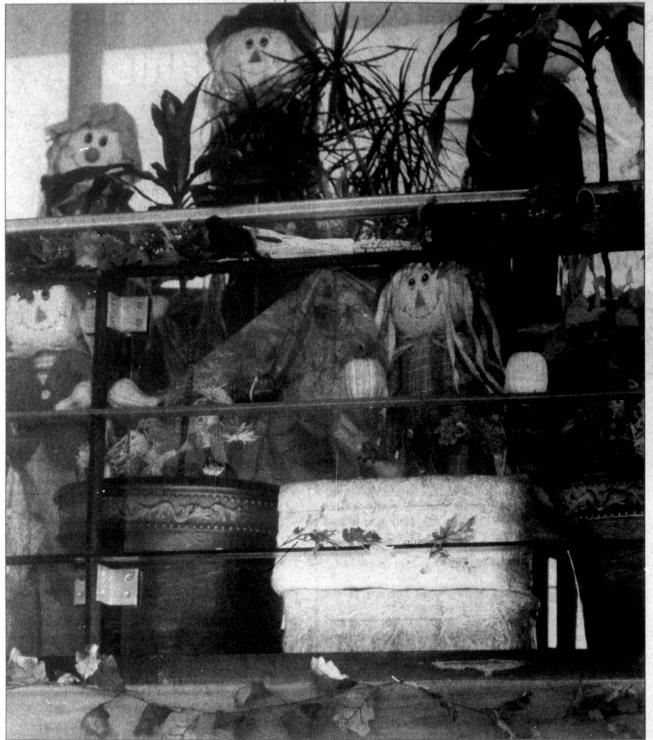


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Library staff and patrons have decorated the Lovette Memorial Library in preparation for the Fall Festivities this Thursday and Saturday.

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gone to all of the trick or Treaters. Making special appearances at the event will be, McGruff, Eddie the Eagle and Sparky.

Officer Stormy McCullar asks that if the parents have any questions, call the Pampa

Police Department at 806-669-5700 Ext. 259.

Finally, St. Vincent's Catholic Church will sponsor a "Trunk or Treat" on Oct. 31, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the church parking lot located at 810 W. 23rd Avenue.

"This gives a safe place for parents to take their kids for trick or treating", said church coordinator for the event Sarah Stockman.

People are encouraged to decorate their cars and participate in the event, prizes for the best deco-

rated trunk will be given. Other activities scheduled during the event will be, a best costume contest, face painting, and hot chocolate and helium balloons will be passed out.

The Church youth group will also be selling backpacks.

If your church, organization or youth group has Halloween events planned, call The Pampa News at 806-669-2525 so we may publish the date and times.

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Photo by Timothy P. Howsare The driveway to the heliport building will soon be completed.

Heliport **Continued From Page 1**

hour in a land ambulance.

Presently, Pampa EMS' three ambulances are housed in the city's old south side fire station, which is about four miles away from the hospital, Aaron said.

They will be moved into the heliport once the driveway is completed.

An indoor heliport was needed as a place to house the helicopter during inclement weather, Peet said in an interview earlier this month. "We had a helicopter but not a place to house it.'

On the north side of the heliport is a cement pad the helicopter will take off and land as soon as the wind sock, which right now is too close to the pad, is moved to the top of the building.

Besides acting as a garage for a helicopter and three ambulances, the building will service as a place where crews can live and work while they're on duty.

Aaron said that seven people, including his staff and Med-Trans staff, will be on call at the building 24-7. There are several dormitory rooms, bathrooms and showers

for both men and women, a kitchen, day room and several office spaces.

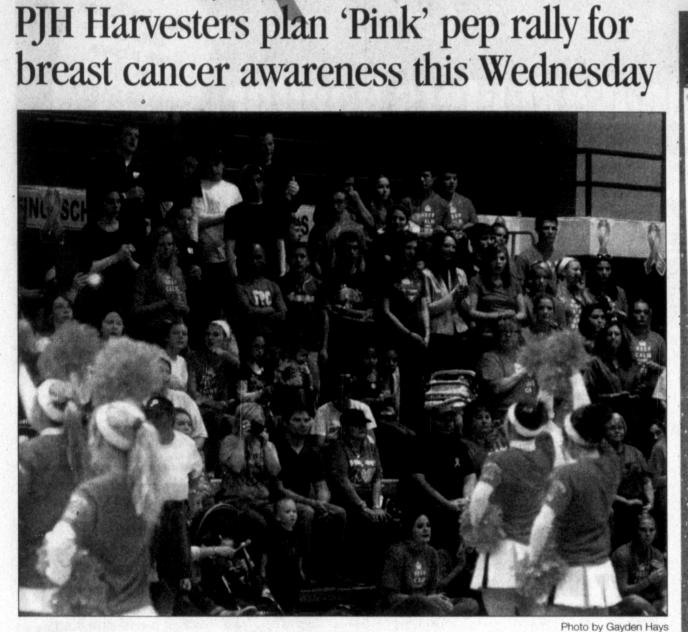
Brad Morse, CEO at PRMC, said the heliport provides a lot of benefits to the community.

"I'm happy to see the vision of this come to fruition," he said. "When I first got here it seemed like it wasn't going to happen, but the city, county and hospital all sat down at the table to get a good plan and get this done for the community.

"Med-Trans was able to go in there and get everything they needed to be done and we now have a helicopter service we can be proud of."

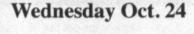


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Pink Out

PEP RALLY. Pampa Junior High will hold a "Pink Out!" pep rally Wednesday in conjunction with its Red Ribbon



PJHS Pink Pep-rally Pink Out Pep Rally Agenda PJH Title 1 School October 24, 2012-2:15-3:00

- Band
- Choir
- Introduce our Watch Dogs
 - Introduction of sport coaches Football Volleyball **Cross Country** Tennis
 - **Dizzy Bat Race**
 - Students vs. Teachers Pinked out the most winner
 - Raffle (teachers pied in face)
- Watch Dogs hands out pink stuff Band plays Fight Song



Week activities. During the pep rally, PJH will introduce the new Watch Dog program and volunteers. They will also be passing out pink items to all in attendance. There will be a students versus teacher bat race, a raffle to see who gets to throw a pie in a teacher's face, and awards will be given to the students who have the most pink clothing and costumes. Football coaches will be introduced, and the PJH band will perform.





Taxes

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or raise other taxes to offset the lost revenue, so the payroll tax cut is being financed with borrowed money, adding to the national debt.

Democrats are more willing to defend the tax cut, saying it helped prop up the economy during a rough stretch while providing what amounted to a-2 percent pay increase to millions of middleincome workers.

But they, too, are concerned about maintaining Social Security's source of revenue.

"I think people realize that was a temporary thing," said Sen. Mark Begich, D-Alaska.

Rep. Richard Neal of Massachusetts, a senior Democrat on the Ways and Means Committee, said he thinks there is evidence that the tax cut helped the economy. But, he added, "I'm not sure that it met expectations."

House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California said she, too, wants to let the tax cut expire.

Larry Summers, Obama's former economic adviser, is a lonely voice in Washington calling to extend the payroll tax cut. He said in a recent speech that the economy is too fragile to. reduce workers' incomes.

Obama pushed for the tax cut in late 2010 as a way to increase workers' take-home pay to help boost consumer spending and provide a spark for the economy.

Economists were divided on the economic

from the conservative

Heritage Foundation?

benefits.

Many said it probably helped increase consumer spending but there was no consensús on the magnitude

The initial tax cut was for only a year, and many Republicans in Congress wanted to let it lapse at the end of 2011. But Obama and Democratic lawmakers successfully fought to extend it through 2012. Obama, however,

didn't include the tax cut in his 2013 budget proposal, and Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner told Congress this year that he saw no reason to extend it again.

White House spokeswoman Amy Brundage wouldn't rule out an extension but wouldn't commit to one, either.

"The president fought extremely hard last year

vidual mandate (emphasis

added). ... The confusion

arises from the fact that

20 years ago, I held the

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massive instability. ...

My idea was hardly new.

Heritage did not invent

the individual mandate."

The dictionary

describes a "liar" as

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in the face of Republican opposition to ensure that the payroll tax cut was extended," Brundage said. "There are a number of tax issues that Congress will have to deal with at the end of the year, this being one of them, and we will continue to evaluate all

of the options available to us at that time." Romney's campaign hammers Obama almost every day for proposing to let Bush-era tax cuts expire for individuals making more than \$200,000 and married couples making more than \$250,000. But Romney's tax plan would let the payroll tax cut expire, an issue he doesn't mention on the stump.

Romney's campaign declined to discuss the issue

someone who intends phrase economist Thomas Sowell, today the word "liar" means a conservative who is winning an argument with a liberal.

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be too late," and, "We must be clear with the American people that we are committing to Iraq for the long haul; not just the day after, but the decade after.

Can we call liberal pundits "liars" when they claim the idea for an individual mandate came

Stuart Butler, Heritage's director of the Center for Policy Innovation, recently wrote: "Is the individual mandate at the heart of 'ObamaCare' a conservative idea? Is it constitutional? And was it invented at The Heritage Foundation? In a word, no. ... And make no mistake: Heritage and I actively oppose the indi-

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Meningitis outbreak toll now at 297 cases

An outbreak of fungal meningitis has been linked to steroid shots for back pain.

The medication, made by a specialty pharmacy in Massachusetts, has been recalled.

Latest numbers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

Illnesses: 297, including three joint infections. Deaths: 23.

States: 16; Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

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PampaSports

Lady Harvesters lose, 3-2 matches to Dalhart, make playoffs



Photo by Gayden Hays ALLISON NOBLE jump sets the ball durng the matches against the Dalhart Wolves as Dakota Watson and Taylor Eubank prepare the attack.

BY GAYDEN HAYS ghays@thepampanews.com

The Lady Harvesters pushed the district leading Dalhart Wolves to five games before eventually losing the sudden death match on "Senior Day" at the Field House at Pampa High School. Scores for the five games were 19-25, 25-22, 22-25, 28-18, 10-15.

Despite the loss, Pampa went 4-4 in district and will begin the bi-district playoffs next Monday and Tuesday. The playoff game is expected to be played in the Plainview area, but has not been announced yet.

Senior leaders for the

Lady Harvesters were Diamond Marrufo with 13 digs, and one ace. Maddie Fatheree recorded 19 digs,

20 assists, 12 kills, one ace and three blocks. Dakota Watson had six

blocks and three kills. Calli Brewer had 16 kills, eight digs, one assist, three aces and two blocks. Other Pampa play-

ers recording plays were Taylor Eubanks with 20 digs, followed closely by Taylor Giles with 19.

Eubanks also led all players with 21 assists, and she also had two aces, and Taylor Giles had four aces. Kills were led by Seniors Brewer and Fatheree, followed closely by Caragan Niccum, Madison Brown,

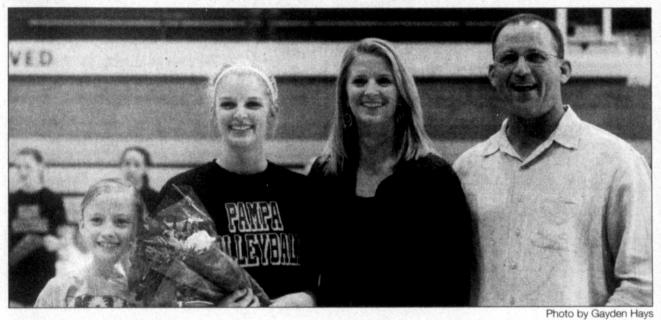
and Eubank with four apiece.

The blocks for the Lady Harvesters were led by all underclassman Brown with six blocks tied with Watson, and Eubanks recording four.

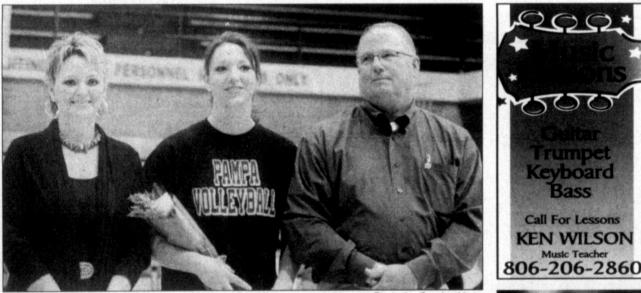
Today, the Lady Harvesters will play in a warm up game against Fritch at 6 p.m.



Seniors recognized at game Saturday



SENIOR MADDIE FATHEREE, honored before the game against Dalhart, is pictured with her sister Chandler Petty, and mother Kristi and stepfather Larry Petty.



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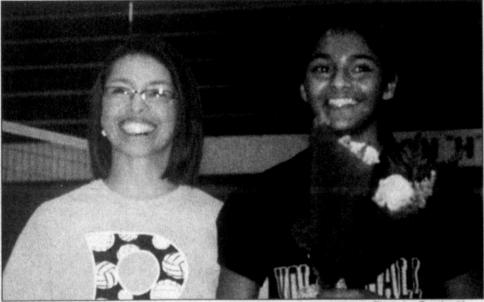
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Photo by Gayden Hays Senior Dakota Waton pictured with her parents Maxine and Ben Watson during Senior Day recoginition Saturday at Pampa Field House.



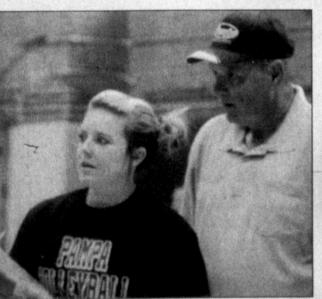
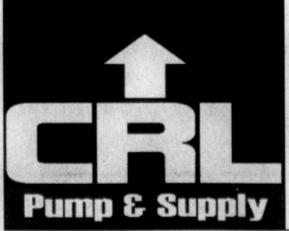


Photo by Gayden Hays SENIOR CALLI BREWER, honored before the game, was accompanied by her grandparents Gary Don and LaGwenda Walker.

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Photo by Gayden Havs SENIOR DIAMOND MARRUFO is escorted by her mother, Maria, onto the court before the game Saturday. The Lady Harvesters begin the playoffs next Monday.



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Hadlee Gomez wins Top O' Texas Rodeo fall barrel races

BY GAYDEN HAYS ghays@thepampanews.com

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association held its second barrel race of the three-part series it runs during the year on Sunday at the Top O' Texas/ Bowers Arena in Pampa. They held one race this past summer, and will hold the third of the season in the spring.

Fourty-four racers competed in four divisions divided by a half-second split. "Each rider can compete on different horses, but a horse can only make one run," said Ed Robinson, Top O' Texas president.

Many competitors will run several horses to allow their young horses gain experience

in race competition.

Robinson announced the event, and the entire event was run by TOTRA directors.

In Division One, Hadlee Gomez riding Princess, turned in the fastest time with a 17.155, and won \$173 for the effort. Following close behind was Tamara Reinhardt, 17.299 in second, and Kim Adcock, 17.333 finishing third.

Division Two was lead by Teddra Kinsey, 17.682. Followed closely by Tina Ramirez, 17.703 and Leslie Cambern, 17.749 for second and third respectively.

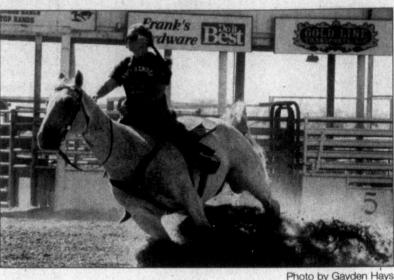
The Third Division was led by Lesley Chester, riding her horse Jackson with a run of 18.179. Following Chester,

less than two-tenths of a second behind were Tina Ramirez, 18.323 in second place and Ariel Cambern in third crossing the finish in, 18.394 seconds.

Jennifer Douglas won Division Four on her horse Four Wheeler in 18.941, and was followed closely by Elizabeth Meech in second with a run of 18.978, and Tommie Potter finished third in 19.016.

This will be the last TOTRA race that will be held this calendar year, but the third race in the series will be run in the spring.

Upcoming at Top O' Texas/ Bowers Areana will be the Junior High Rodeo that will be held Nov. 3 and 4.



KARLI DOUGLAS rides Petey in the barrel race competition this past Saturday at the Top O' Texas Arena. Forty-four entrees in four divisions competed for "cash and pride."

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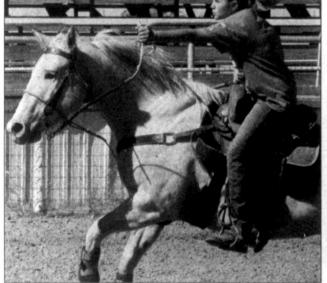


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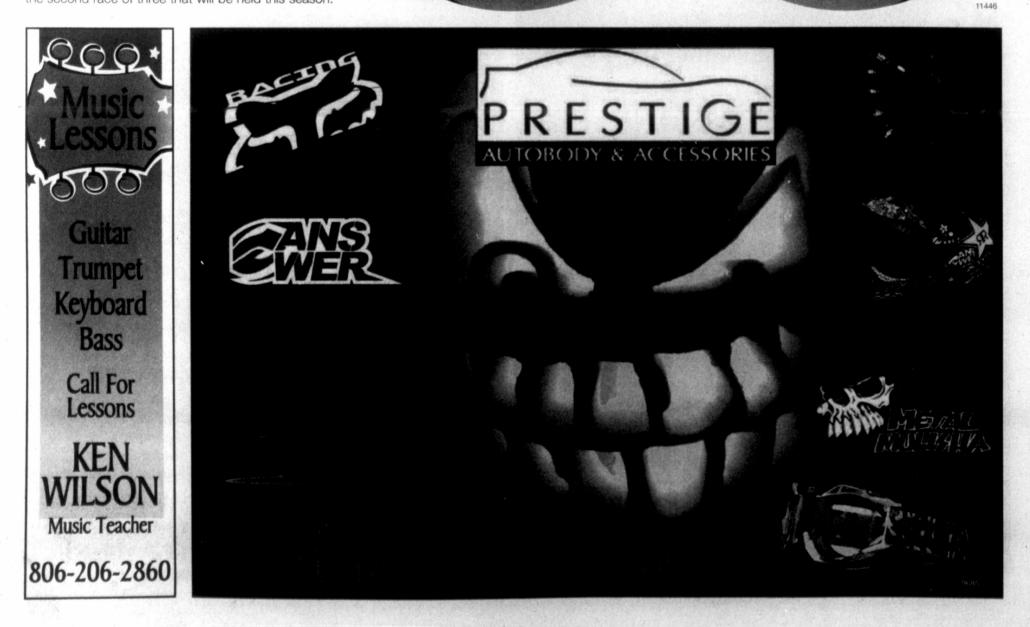
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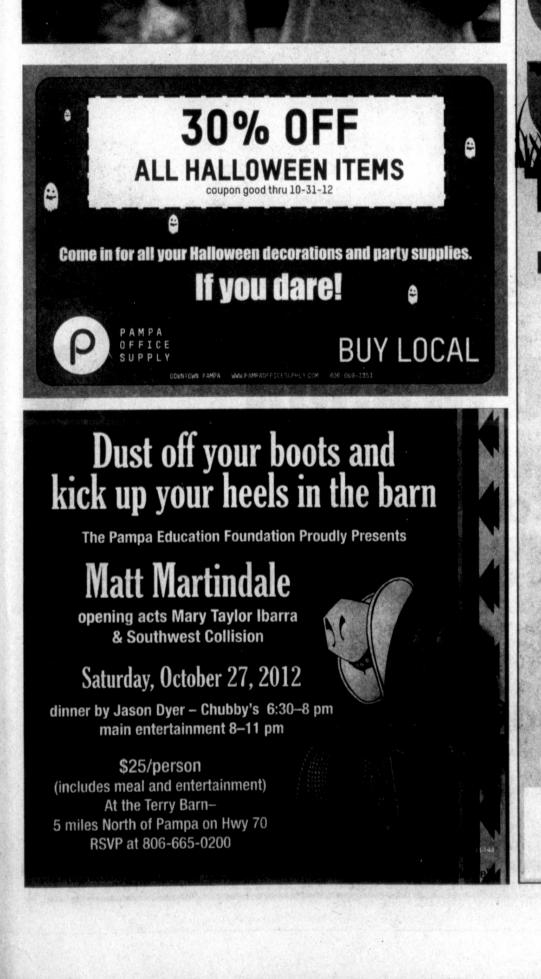


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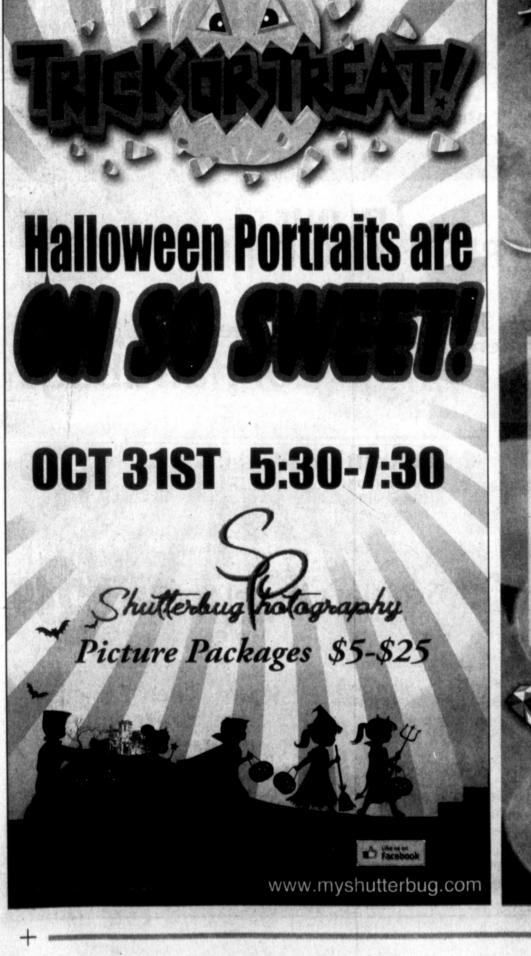
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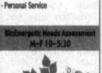
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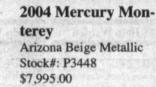


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DEAR ABBY: Since EMBARRASSED: DEAR ABBY: We have Halloween is nearly here, If your pediatrician two family weddings I have a question about doesn't know about coming up soon. One of This family has the atti- point of view. What do their choice. Make your trick-or-treating. Last your problem, he or she our cousins has Down year on Halloween I was should be told so you can syndrome, among other sitting down for an early be examined to make medical problems. He's dinner that was planned sure there is nothing a grown man, but he has for 5 p.m. so we wouldn't physically wrong with the mental capacity and be disturbed by trick-or- you. There are medica- manners of a 7-year-old. tions that can help you His parents don't disci-Suddenly the doorbell overcome your problem. pline him and he is out rang. When I answered, There are also devic- of control. He screams I was bombarded with es called bedwetting and talks loudly and will requests for candy from alarms that can solve jump around on the dance three boys who live down the problem. To find floor and run into couples the street. It was still light out more about them, while they are trying to search for "bedwetting dance. His parents bring him to special occasions, BANANAGRAMS Using each two- and three-letter word just once. combine a word in the left column with a word in LEVEL the right. Then rearrange each five-letter set to form a word that begins with an F , R or T and write it into the appropriate space. SUE OF TEN OIL Yesterday's Answer: BEN, STU; JAMES, RON; BOB, LEON; BILL, DAVE 10.23 Answer to yesterday's puzzle: 5 2 3 9 7 6 4 1 8 Sudoki 7 4 8 1 2 5 3 9 6 1 9 6 8 3 4 5 7 2 4 8 1 6 9 7 2 3 5 59342187 6 3 72 581964 9 3 7 4 5 8 6 2 1 2 7 1 3 8 4 9 6 5 8 1 4 2697 5 3 2 9 З 8 7 1 2

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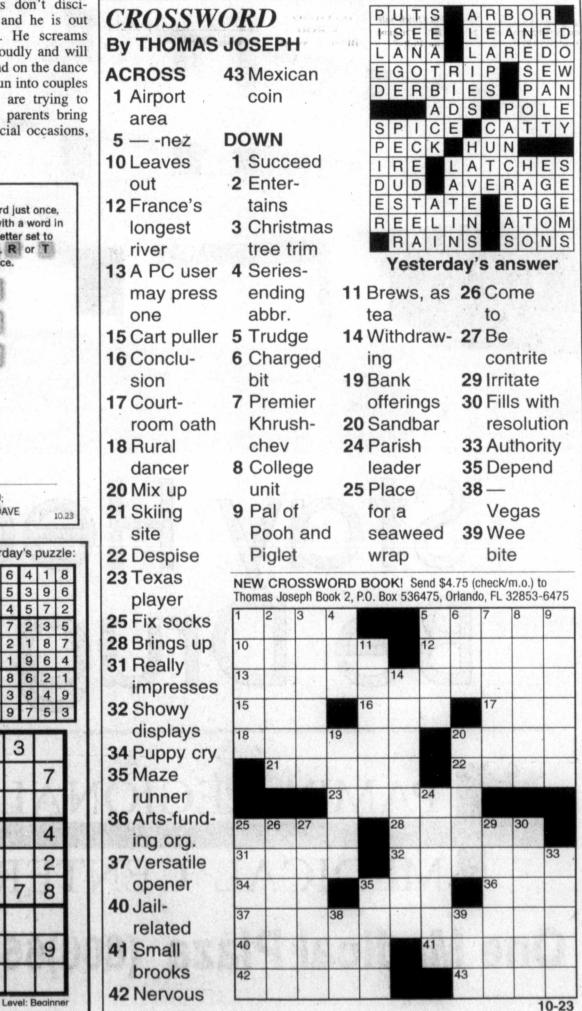
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43 Mexican coin

problem will be solved.



outside.

I told them to come alarm" on Google. back later, when I wasn't eating dinner. I wanted to teach them that they shouldn't overextend the holiday and disrupt other people's lives. An hour later I received a call from the boys' mother scolding me for sending them away.

I was just trying to get a bit of peace and quiet before the festivities. Was I wrong not to give them candy and ask them to come back later? -TREAT CHEATER IN CONCORD, CALIF:

DEAR TREAT CHEATER: I think so. The boys' mother may not have wanted them out after dark, which is why she started them on their rounds early. Halloween is the day for trick-or-treating, and part of the "treat" is seeing the children's excitement and their costumes. To have expected peace and quiet with kids in the neighborhood was unrealistic. Think back to your own childhood and, when the doorbell rings, answer it and be welcoming.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 14-year-old girl and still wet the bed. I have tried to stop, but it doesn't do any good. Some of my family members know about my situation, but none of my friends do. I'm not sure how to stop because I have tried not drinking anything two hours before I go to bed, but wake up every three hours to use the bathroom. -EMBARRASSED IN HOUSTON R D E

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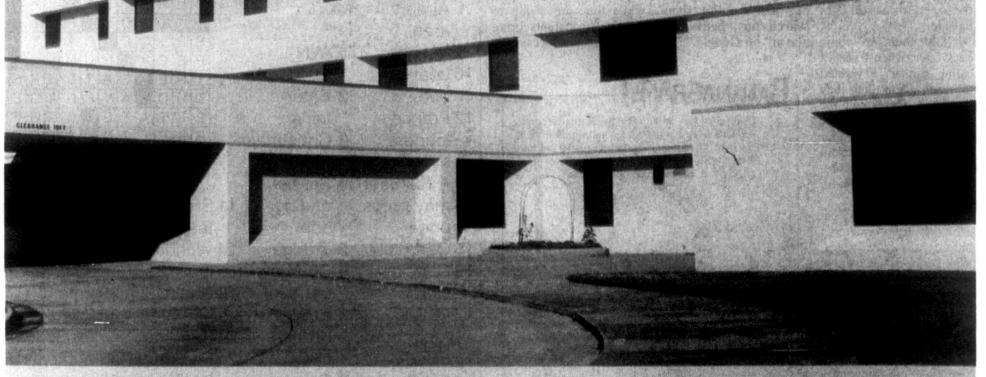
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