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Pampa City Commission spotlights Public Works rodeo winners

By GAYDEN HAYS ghays@thepampanews.com

The City of Pampa City Commission held its regular meeting Tuesday afternoon at City Hall.

Mayor Brad Pingel called the meeting to order, and after the invocation and the pledges introduced Donny Hooper, Pampa Public Works director.

Hooper announced to the commission the winners of the 2012 Public Works Rodeo, which was a competition between employees of the Public Works Department.

"We competed against Borger last year, but decided to make this a Pampa city event this year," Hooper said.

The competition was divid-

ed into seven events and then an overall champion was announced.

The first event was the side loader competition, won by James Wagenknecht. The ackhoe competition followed, won by Jay Weeden.

Eric Ballew was recognized winning the skid steer basketball competition, and Billy Matthews won the zero-turn mower race.

Michael Chaney was the overall winner of the competition winning three events, track hoe tire stack, cone toss and trailer backing.

All employees of the Public Works Department were congratulated for not only their work during the rodeo, but also the hard work they do for the

citizens of Pampa.

In action items on the agenda, the City Commission approved on the second and final reading a \$50,000 grant to Hidden Hills Golf Course and approved \$282,000 for a loan to the The Theater Group. Both projects are funded by the Pampa Economic Development Corp.

Also adopted was an ordinance amending the tonnage fees charged at the city landfill.

The last business for the commission was accepting six bids on property seized for delinquent property taxes.

All bids were accepted by the commission, and with all the scheduled business complete, Pingel adjourned the meeting.



Photo by Gayden Hays

COMMISSION SPOTLIGHT. Public Works Director Donny Hooper introduces the winners of the 2012 Public Works Rodeo before the City Commission Tuesday afternoon.

A PINK OUT PIE



Photo by Gayden Hays

DIRECT HIT. Coach Aaron Pena expresses his delight as Garrison Stevens successfully hits him with a pie to the face on Wednesday. Pampa Junior High students were able to donate a dollar for breast care awareness for a chance to "pie" a teacher of their choice. For more PJHS Pink Out! rally photos, turn to page 7A.

Pampa United Way at \$84,000 as of Tuesday



STAFF REPORT

Mac Smith, United Way campaign chairman, opened the third check-in meeting for the Pampa United Way Tuesday at the Pampa Optimist Club.

He announced the money raised so far is close to \$84,000, which is 27 percent of the goal of \$315,000.

Hosting the check-in were five agencies of the United Way: Pampa Optimist Club, Create-A-Beat, Community Day Care, Lefors Senior Citizens and Samaritan Pastoral Counsel.

The first to speak was Nikki Shelton from the Optimist Club. She said they have just finished volleyball and are now holding basketball sign-ups. They had more teams this year for volleyball than last year, and it is only in their second year. They could not help families be apart of the Optimist Club if not for the United Way.

Second to speak was Lefors Senior Citizens. The center appreciates the support that they receive from the United Way.

Third to speak was Josh Shell with the Samaritan Pastoral Counsel. He said that they have a satellite office in Pampa that provides counseling to UW cont. on page 5

Panhandle resident killed in SUV rollover

By GAYDEN HAYS ghays@thepampanews.com

Megan Joyce Green, 27, of Panhandle, was killed Tuesday in a one-car accident on Carson County Road O a quarter mile south of County Road 9.

Green, driving a 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe, was traveling north when it appears she left the road and over corrected her steering several times before entering the ditch where her vehicle overturned. She and her 3-year-old daughter, Madison Green, were ejected from the car, according to the Department of Public Safety.

Neither was wearing seat belts, which would of prevented them from being ejected from the automobile, the DPS report stated.

Both were transported to Northwest Hospital in Amarillo, where Megan Green was pronounced dead and Madison remains in critical condition with brain trauma.

U.S. suit alleges 'brazen' fraud at Countrywide

By CHRISTINA REXRODE
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The latest federal lawsuit over alleged mortgage fraud paints an unflattering picture of a doomed lender: Executives at Countrywide Financial urged workers to churn out loans, accepted fudged applications and tried to hide ballooning defaults.

The suit, filed Wednesday by the top federal prosecutor in Manhattan, also underscored how Bank of America's purchase of Countrywide in July 2008, just before the financial crisis, backfired severely.

The prosecutor, Preet Bharara, said he was seeking more than \$1 billion, but the suit could ultimately recover much more in damages.

"This lawsuit should send another clear message that reckless lending practices will not be tolerated," Bharara said in a statement. He described Countrywide's practices as "spec-

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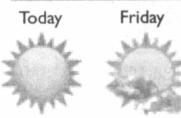


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PAMPA FORECAST



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Low 32

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Today: Sunny and windy with a high of 56. Zero chance of rain. Winds north at 25 mph. Sunrise at 8 a.m.

Thursday night: Clear with a low of 32. Zero chance of rain. Winds northeast at 9 mph. Sunset at 6:56 p.m.

chance of rain. Winds northeast at 10 mph. Sunrise at 8:01 a.m. Friday night: Clear with a low of 29. Zero

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Saturday: Sunny with a high of 53. Zero chance of rain. Winds southeast at 10 mph. Sunrise at 8:01 a.m.

chance of rain. Winds east northeast at 6 mph.

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Arts and crafts show scheduled Nov. 2-3



Photo submitted

Pam Lash, who is one of the women who started the arts show at the Little Red Schoolhouse 25 years ago, with some of the items that she sews. Her

STAFF REPORT

The Little Red School House Arts Show will be held Nov. 2 and 3 at the old Wayside School five miles north of Pampa on Highway 70.

Hours for Friday, Nov. 2, are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and hours for Saturday, Nov. 3, are 9 a.m. to 4

There is a limited amount of space, so vendors are limited.

The show was started 25 years ago by a few friends who did crafts. All the items at the show are handmade.

New vendors are Debbie Davis, who makes baskets and gourd art, Denise Downs, who makes goat's milk soap and Pam Lash, who makes pajamas, other sewn items, and silver jewelry with her husband, Steve.

vendor's Additional items are: painted decorative items on different materials, leather pillows, creative items from old silverware, outdoor cement items, wool hats, note cards, fashion jewelry, wooden puzzle boxes and many more gift items.

It is somewhat like a reunion each year since everyone at the show gets to visit with friends and customers they don't see often through out the

Each vendor is creative and is always adding new ideas to his or her list of crafts. The atmosphere is always friendly, much like a country store.

The show is free to the public and refreshments will be served. Cash and checks are accepted (no credit or debit cards).

For more information, call Debbie Davis at 1 at 665-0123 or 663-9453.

Obituaries

Russell **David Hext**

Russell David Hext, 54, died Oct. 22, 2012 in Tulsa, Okla.

are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Russell Hext

Hext was born Jan. 3, 1958 in Borger and

Services

had been a resident of Pampa most of his life. Russell

was a cowboy most of his

Fri., Oct. 19 - Thurs., Oct. 25

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life, working for the Taylor Ranch, McCloy Feed Yard and the Herring Ranch. He had worked for B & G Electric for the past 5 years.

Survivors include 2 sons: David Hext and wife Stacy and Cody Hext and wife Chassey, all of Pampa; his mother: Evelyn Hext of Pampa; a brother: Derrel Hext and wife Tina of Pampa; and two grandsons: Damian Hext and Davin Hext.

He was preceded in death by his sister: Debbie Mc-Cowan

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

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Thursday, November 1

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Pampa man arrested for assault with bodily injury

BY GAYDEN HAYS ghays@thepampanews.com

between Tuesday Wednesday morning:

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County for failure to ID, and failure to appear.

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■ Dallas Lee Moreno, Pampa, for no seat belt, no 18, Pampa, for assault drivers license, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

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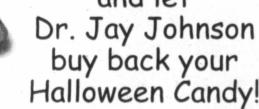
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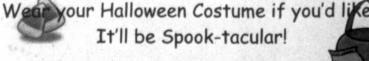
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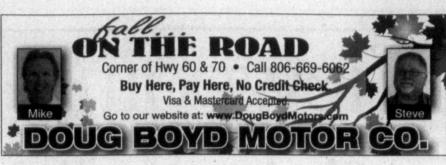


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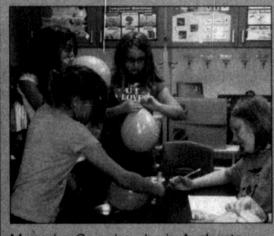
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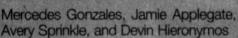
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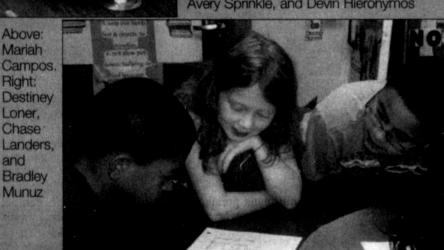
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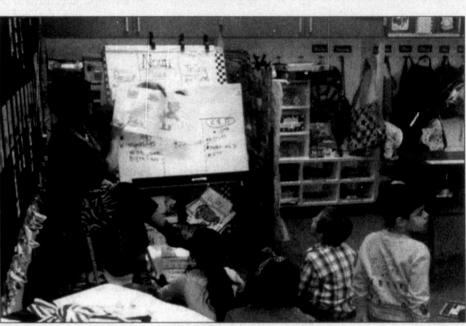




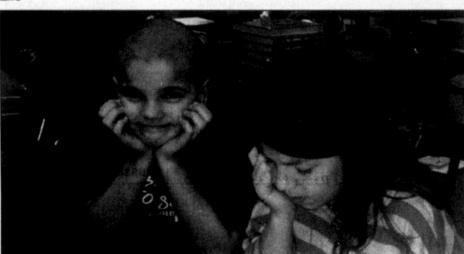




Left: Mariah Campos, Ezekiel Scoggins, and Fabian Enciso

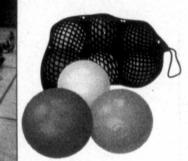


Above: Teresa Dyson's 1st Grade class. Below: Thayer Barton and Rebecca Ellis





4th grade gym class

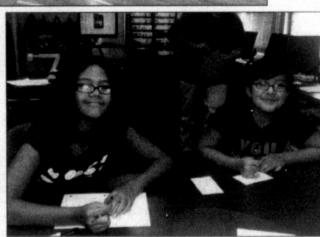


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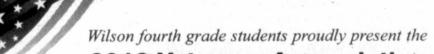


Left: Teresa Dyson. Above: Charlie Martinez and Salvation Army Students



Dejco Scott, 5th grade and Andrea Eulloqui, 5th grade ELA Class





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An October surprise

Political pundits have been warning about an October surprise that could affect the outcome of the presidential election. But this year's October surprise may have been the 9/11 murder of U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens, along with three other Americans, and President Obama's deceitful, cowardly response.

The fallout is the col-

lapse of the false narrative that the assassination of bin Laden brought finality to Muslim

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of the failure of President Obama's Middle East policy, and the cover-up. A cover-up is a bad act or false statement followed by an effort to conceal or mislead public knowledge.

threats,

the proof

Obama got away with his war on Libya without congressional approval because no Americans were killed. Now four Americans have been killed.

The 9/11 attack in Benghazi, Libya was a preplanned, calculated, organized, military-style assault on U.S. territory and personnel. But the Obama administration persisted for two weeks in spinning the fairy tale that it was just the spontaneous outburst of a mob angry about an anti-Muslim video.

On Sept. 16, the Obama administration sent U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice onto five Sunday TV programs to redundantly present the party line that the torching of the consulate and murder of the U.S. Ambassador were merely an angry mob reaction to an anti-Islam video made in the U.S. Rice called the event "spontaneous, not a premeditated response" that seemed "to have been hijacked" by "extremists who came with

heavier weapons."
White House spokesman Jay Carney insisted on Sept. 14 that the attack was all about an anti-Muslim video, saying, "We have no information to suggest that it was a preplanned attack." He spent eight days denying the obvious before he admitted that the label of terrorism was "self-evident."

When Obama spoke to the United Nations on Sept. 25, he announced, "the vision we will support." Expressing "outrage" at the anti-Islam video (which he mentioned six times), but not at the terrorists or violent enemies of the United States, Obama proclaimed that, "the future must not belong to those who slander the prophet of Islam."

In an emotional pitch to the U.N., Obama announced that it's the world's duty to condemn the video. Obama and Administration spokesmen almost sounded like they were empathizing with the rioters, and that it must be our fault for allowing a video to be shown that hurt the rioter's feelings.

Mitt Romney challenged Obama on the Libyan attack in the second presidential debate on Oct. 16. Obama responded by claiming he had called it a "terror" event the day after it happened, after which moderator Candy Crowley showed her bias by immediately backing up his statement.

Fact checkers emphatically pointed out Obama had made a vague reference to unspecified "acts of terror" in his Sept. 12 Rose Garden remarks, but he absolutely did not apply the "T" word to the fatal Benghazi attack. It took Obama two weeks to admit that we had suffered another deliberate enemy attack, meanwhile whining that suggestions that he would "mislead is offensive.'

Obama spent more time discussing the evils of the video than castigating any particular violent attack from the Muslim world. He said Ambassador Stevens was "killed" in Benghazi without mentioning who murdered him, much less labeling them as terrorists.

Obama is deeply committed to the myth of a liberating "Arab Spring" and "the forces of change" to bring about democracy in the Middle East. He seems oblivious to the reality of how his policy of dislodging dictators friendly to the United States, such as in Egypt and Libya, has resulted in rule by Islamist forces who attack and kill Americans.

The evidence is over-OBAMA cont. on page 6

Christmas lights

Support DBA in their efforts to light up downtown

You don't have to sell sparkling diamonds and other precious jewels to know that Christmas lights can brighten up a downtown for the holidays.

But in Pampa's case, it was a local jeweler, Ken Rheams, who looked down Cuyler Street one day and thought the downtown area needed some holiday color.

Rheams, a member of the Downtown Business Association, continues his effort every year to bring the holiday spirit to the downtown every year.

"Twenty years ago I decorated the 40 trees with lights on Cuyler Street, but last year

Our View

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

asked businesses to decorate their store fronts," Rheams said.

Last year was the first year that store fronts in the downtown area were lit up. Sixteen businesses on Cuyler, Foster and Kingsmill participated, with different color lights used on each store front.

Like so many good things in life, there is a cost.

With more than 500,000 lights used, the cost for the lights and hanging them was \$10,000.

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Let's hope we can light up the downtown this holiday season even better than last year.

Please support Rheams and the DBA in their efforts to bring the Christmas spirit to downtown.

The lighting of downtown will begin Nov. 23.

To donate money for the lighting, call Rheams at 665-2831. Checks can be mailed to the Pampa Downtown Business Association, 111 N. Cuyler St., Pampa, Texas 79065, in care of "Lights."



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Why climate change matters in election

By SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

The issue:

People love to talk about the weather, especially when it's strange like the mercifully ended summer of 2012. This year the nation's weather has been hotter and more extreme than ever, federal records show. Yet there are two people who aren't talking about it, and they both happen to be running for president.

Where they stand:

In 2009, President Barack Obama proposed a bill that would have capped power plant carbon dioxide emissions and allowed trading of credits for the right to emit greenhouse gases, but the measure died in Congress. An international treaty effort failed. Obama since has taken a different approach, treating carbon dioxide as a pollutant under the law. He doubled auto fuels economy standards, which will increase the cost of cars but save drivers money at the pump. He's put billions of stimulus dollars into cleaner energy.

Mitt Romney's view of climate change has varied. In his book "No Apology," he wrote, "I believe that climate change is occurring" and "human activity is a contributing factor." But on the campaign trail last year he said, "We don't know what's causing climate change on this planet." He has criticized Obama's treatment of coal power plants and opposes treating carbon dioxide as a pollutant and the capping of carbon dioxide emissions, but favors spending money on clean technology. Romney says some actions to curb Barack

to curb emissions could hurt an already struggling economy.

Why it matters:

It's worsening. In the U.S., July was the hottest month ever recorded and this year is on track to be the nation's warmest. Climate scientists say it's a combination of natural drought and man-made global warming. Each decade since the 1970s has been nearly one-third of a degree warmer than the previous one.

the previous one. Sea levels are rising while Arctic sea ice was at a record low in September. U.S. public health officials are partially blaming unusually hot and dry weather for an outbreak of the deadly West Nile virus that is on pace to be the worst ever. Scientists blame global warming for more frequent weather disasters, with the World Health Organization saying: "Climatic changes already are estimated to cause over 150,000 deaths annually." Others put the toll lower.

Emissions of carbon dioxide and other green-house gases from the burning of fossil fuels are trapping more of the sun's heat on Earth. One study showed that 97 percent of the scientists who publish about climate in peer-reviewed journals say global



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But limiting carbon dioxide emissions from coal and oil would be costly, with billions of dollars in changes to the U.S. economy only a starting point. Similarly the price of not doing anything is extraordinarily high because of costly and deadly extreme weather. People will pay either way in taxes, energy prices, insurance premiums, disaster relief, food prices, water bills and changes to our environment that are hard to put a price tag on, says

MIT economist Henry Jacoby.

A NASA study this year found the most extreme type of weather, which statistically should happen on less than 0.3 percent of the Earth at any given time, is now more common. Until recently, the most extreme year was in 1941 when extremes covered 2.7 percent of the globe. From 2006 to 2011 about 10 percent of the globe had that extreme weather, with a peak of 20 percent, the study said. That was before this year's record extremes started.

The issue of manmade global warming is "totally missing" from the campaign between Obama and Romney, says Jacoby. It should be talked about, he says, because "we're running a serious risk of passing a much-damaged planet to our descendants."



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individuals, couples and some children. The services are provided on a sliding scale. They have served people ranging in ages from 7 to 105.

Fourth to speak was Julie Long with Create-A-Beat, which is now a 10-year-old organization. The first group they served when they opened are now 10th graders, and they have gotten to watch these kids grow.

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They are serving 102 kids this year and still have a waiting list. Half of the kids in their program are on fee waivers and they are allowed to offer these waivers because of the United Way.

They also spoke about the homework room they provide so that the parents will be able to spend time with their kids and not



Photo by Dana Whinery

MAC SMITH, right, United Way campaign chair, announced Tuesday that Pampa United Way has collected \$84,000 of its goal of \$315,000.

worry about having to do homework. The last to speak was

Kim Winegert with Community Day Care, which serves children from birth to age 5. They serve 5,000 meals a

month and have 21 staff with exceptional training. They could not give the services they provide without the United Way, they said.

Also during the luncheon, Smith announced that Jana Gregory will be the new executive administrator to replace Katrina Bigham.

The next check-in will be at noon Tuesday at the CASA of the High Plains at 315 N. Ballard St.

Suit

Continued From Page 1

tacularly brazen in scope." Bank of America had no immediate comment.

Countrywide was a giant in mortgage lending, but

was also known for approving exotic, even risky, loans. By 2007, as the market for subprime mortgages collapsed, Countrywide was anxious for revenue.

The lawsuit alleged that the company loosened its standards for making loans while telling Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which were buying loans from Countrywide, that standards were getting tighter.

Fannie and Freddie, which packaged loans into securities and sold them to investors, were effectively nationalized in 2008 when they nearly collapsed under the weight of their mortgage losses.

To churn out more mortgage loans, Bharara said, Countrywide introduced program called the "Hustle," shorthand for "High-Speed Swim Lane." It operated under the motto, "Loans Move Forward, Never Backward."

The program eliminated checks meant to ensure that mortgages were being made to borrowers who could afford them, according to the lawsuit.

For example, loan processors no longer had to complete worksheets that helped them assess whether income levels that borrowers entered on their loan applications were reason-

· If processors entered a borrower's information into a computerized underwriting program and the program raised flags, employees were encouraged to change the numbers.

How to get a mail-in ballot

If you are over 65, disabled or will be out of county on election day and wish to vote by mail, call the Gray County Clerk's at 669-8004 to request an application for a ballot by mail.

The last day to request applications is Oct. 30, but ballots can be received through Nov. 6.



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The Pampa High School 2012 Yearbook is on sale now through Nov. 5.

This is the last time for students and the community to buy the high school yearbook for 2012.

current price The including tax is \$75.78. The deadline for the last sale campaign is Nov. 5. Yearbooks will be on sale again in January of 2013 for a higher price.

You may order online at www.pampaisd.net on the high school page or contact Lori Valentine at 806-669-4800 ext. 1164 or lori.valentine@pampaisd.net.

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-whelming that Ambassador Stevens and his tiny security staff had made repeated requests to the Obama administration for enhanced security and more security staff. Fox News reported 230 prior security incidents in Libya.

Assistant Secretary of State Charlene Lamb, who was in charge of diplomatic security, testified on Oct. 10 she had placed "the correct number of assets in Benghazi at the time of 9/11 for what had been agreed upon." That doesn't square with the denials of repeated requests for enhanced security measures and

Exec says he never heard man was Spears manager

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A top recording executive testified Monday that he was Britney Spears' "lifeline" during the darkest days of her well-documented meltdown and never heard that she had a new manager named Sam Lutfi

Barry Weiss, who headed Jive Records, the label on which Spears recorded, said his only contact from Lutfi in 2007-08 was when Weiss asked him for assurance that Spears would be on set to record a music video for her "Blackout" album.

"Britney was pretty erratic at the time," Weiss testified during trial in a defamation lawsuit brought by Lutfi against Spears' parents.

Lutfi claims he was Spears' personal manager and deserves millions as his share of her income during that period.

The defamation suit stems from the way Lutfi is depicted in a book written by Spears' mother that detailed the star's meltdown.

Conservators of Spears' estate, including her father, Jamie, who was in court, contend that Lutfi was never her manager but was simply a user who inserted himself into Spears' life and preyed on her vulnerabilities.

Weiss told of working closely with her former personal manager, Larry Rudolph, but said he was never told Lutfi had assumed the role.

"Sam Lutfi never introduced himself or came in for a meeting. He never discussed records or a record contract," Weiss

Obama revealed his messianic self-importance in this interview given on New Hampshire Public Radio on Nov. 21, 2007: "The day I'm inaugurated, not only the country looks at itself differently, but the world looks at America differently ... If I'm reaching out to the Muslim world, they understand that I've lived in a Muslim country, and I may be a Christian, but I also understand their point of view."

We hope congressional investigations will keep digging. We still want to know what Obama and other administration officials know and when they knew it.

Phyllis Schlafly is a lawyer, conservative political analyst and author of 20 books. She is the co-author, with George Neumayr, of a current New York Times Best-Seller titled "No Higher Power: Obama's War on Religious Freedom."

Make a Difference Day projects

Altrusa International Inc. of Pampa has two projects planned for national Make a Difference Day, one with Lovett Memorial Library.

The Pampa Junior High Advanced Arts classes will have a bookmark contest.

The winner's book mark will be handed out at the Fall Festival at the library on Saturday, Oct. 27.

Altrusa will help decorate the library Saturday for the "Haunted Library."

The other project is an essay contest for fifth grade students.

The essays will be judged on Oct. 27 by members of Altrusa and several members of Pampa Retired Teachers Association.

Winners will be recognized at school assemblies on Nov 2, 5, 9 and 16. Altrusa has chosen these projects to go with its international emphasis on literacy.

Altrusa is a service orga-

nization specializing in community needs as well as literacy. Kerrick Horton is chairman of the project.

Award assemblies are scheduled at 8 a.m. as fol-

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Dear Uncle Matty: During the holidays (both Thanksgiving and Christmas), our house is going to be full of visiting revelers. The whole season will be an extended family reunion of sorts, and some of my relatives are getting up there in age. Two elderly uncles walk with canes, and others usually need some kind of assistance. I'm worried about Biscuit, our energetic Labrador. She is 13 months old and a

The problem is, she not only jumps up on people when they first enter the house, but if they say anything to her, she's up and at 'em or in their laps if they are sitting down. Other than this problem, she is a really wonderful dog. She has not had any formal training, but she caught on to "sit" and "come here" all by herself. How can we teach her not to knock people down? -- Anne

Dear Anne: The problem is the lack of training and a lack of true communication between you and your dog. A well-trained dog will always "sit" and "stay" on command. And if she is sitting and staying, it is impossible for her to be jumping and knocking over your guests and possibly injuring them.

Your options are: hire a trainer who can solve the problems, or work with your dog yourself. Solving the jump-

ng problem is not difficult, but will require some time and effort. Do not resort to abusive techniques like kneeing the dog in the chest or stepping on her back toes. It is cruel treatment and harms the relationship between you and your best

There are a lot of ways to correct a dog. One of the most effective is the corrective jerk using a training collar and leash. But you must know how to execute the correction properly. See "When Good Dogs Do Bad Things," Siegal-Margolis, published by Little Brown and available at unclematty. com or at most libraries.

There are a couple of quick fixes that may work quite nicely. If your dog is not shy, keep a whistle around your neck or a shake can handy (empty soda can with a few pennies taped inside). Then, have someone greet your dog in the same fashion that usually encourages her to jump. When she does, blow the whistle followed by a firm "no." Or use the shake can and say a firm "no." When your dog stops jumping, praise her. Repeat this four or five times. If your dog is shy, a firm "no" may be sufficient as opposed to a loud noise that may scare her.

This will help, but you still need to train yourself and Biscuit in the basics. Without training, the problems are endless. Remember, don't get rid of the dog, get rid of the problem.

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Dog trainer Matthew "Uncle Matty" Margolis is co-author of 18 books about dogs, a behaviorist, a popular radio and television guest, and host of the PBS series "WOOF! It's a Dog's

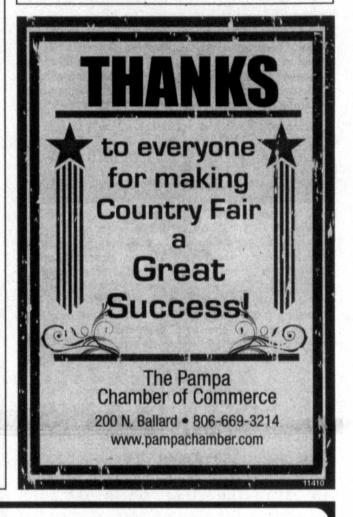
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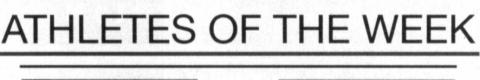
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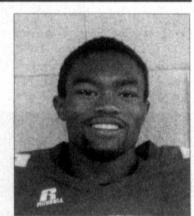
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Pampa Junior High holds 'Pink Out' pep rally



SEA OF PINK. Pampa Junior High celebrated breast cancer awareness by holding a pep rally Wednesday. The WATCHDOG program mentors were introduced, along with student versus teachers in spin around the baseball bat races. The highlight of the event was the lucky students who were able to throw a pie in the face of the teacher



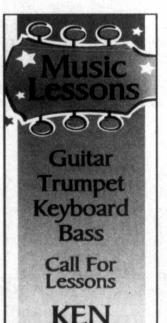




SEVENTH GRADE VOLLEYBALLERS. Janae Williams and Jonae Whinery pose with PJH Volleyball Coach Deanna Polasek after the "Pink Out!" pep rally, Wednesday in PJHS Gym. The rally is part of Red Ribbon Week that is being observed at all of



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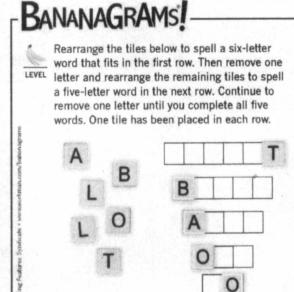
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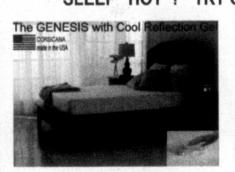


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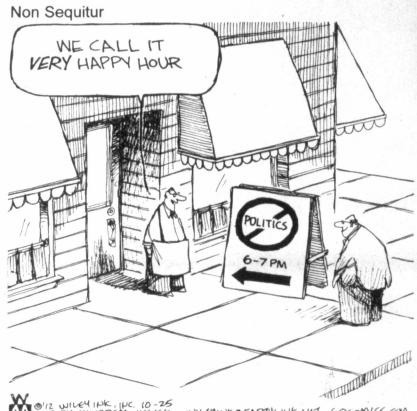
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Oct. 26, 2012:

This year you swing from being wildly emotional to being peacefully calm. No one knows what to expect from you, which, on some level, you do not mind. You find that this keeps things interesting. If you are single, you could meet someone during the summer months or afterward. This bond will be deep and emotional. If you are attached, try to be less intellectual with your sweetie; instead, let your feelings flow. ARIES is more explosive than you ever could be.

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)

*** Make it OK to drag your heels in the morning. You will hear some news that might energize you and get you out of this lethargic mood. You blossom in the afternoon. Make choices and plans for the weekend based on your current charisma. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★ Use the morning for whatever is important to you. By midafternoon, you might slow down and think about taking a nap. You could hear some news that might stop you in your tracks. Follow your instincts with a money decision. Test out a risk on someone. Tonight: Not to be found.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Clear out some last-minute errands and return calls in the morning. You will take care of these tasks quickly and allow yourself some more free time. Zero in on what you want to do in the afternoon. Your friends are likely to be involved. Tonight: Only where the action is

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Your mind drifts to others who are not in your immediate environment. You might want to make a call or two. Make plans to take off ASAP. Being the good sport you are, you might be left holding the bag once more. Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

you are. Why not just follow your mind of showing your feelings. Tonight: Fun out the door? Tonight: Let go and enjoy. does not need to cost.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Others make all sorts of demands. Your immediate reaction is to say "no." You have stretched yourself so thin for others that you might be fed up. Spend the afternoon with those you value or need to spend time with. Do for you. Tonight: Note a tendency to go overboard.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** You work very hard. You are focused in the morning, but plan to spend the remainder of the day networking or socializing. Your people skills emerge once more. You will tend to go to extremes in some form, and you will love every moment. Tonight: Say "yes." SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** You could be a bit tired and worn out by someone's high energy. Get creative and unleash this person, at least for a while. Own your day, and make plans that suit you. A secret admirer comes forward; the attention is quite flattering. Tonight: Get some exercise,

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Once you get going, you will be full of energy. By midafternoon, you'll know what you want to do, and

you'll have every intention of doing just

that. Let your concerns fall to the way-

side for now, and get into the next few days. Tonight: Aren't you wild? CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** You have a lot on your plate before you even wake up. Handle as much as you can early in the day. Do not allow someone to take up more time

than you wish. Schedule some private or

personal time in the evening. Tonight: Happiest at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ** Curb spending, if possible. You might feel cornered by a stressful money situation, and there only seems to be one way out. Trust that you will find a different path with your ingenuity and imagination. Make an important phone call before the day is through. Tonight: Speak your mind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** You illuminate a conversa-** You could be hard to find, ex- tion, a room and/or someone's day. cept by certain people. In the afternoon, Communication flows with someone you might become available, but you at a distance. Use some caution with a could have difficulty staying in the mo- purchase, and be reasonable as to how ment. Your mind is anywhere but where much you spend. There are other ways

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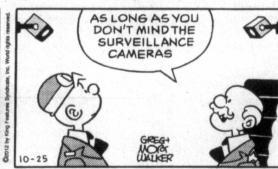


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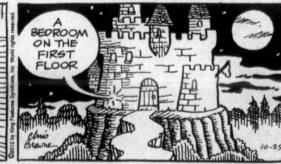


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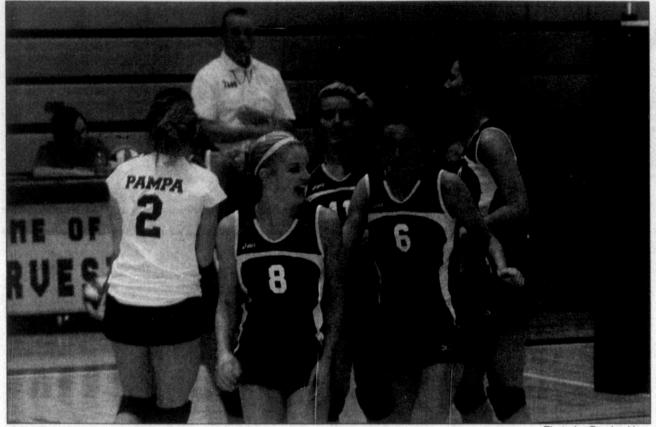
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TEAM PLAY. Maddie Fatheree and Taylor Eubanks led the Lady Harvesters on the court during last weekend's matches with the Dalhart Wolves. Tuesday, the Lady Harvesters played a warm up game against Fritch, preparing for the up coming bi-district playoffs that will be held next Monday and Tuesday. Pampa still awaits the announcement of their opponents for the first round of the Texas 3A championship. The site of the games will be neutral sites, and will probably be around the Plainview area, according to the coaches.

In new era, surging Penn State proving skeptics wrong

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STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — The new-look Penn State Nittany Lions are getting quite adept at proving skeptics wrong.

Most of them stuck it out this summer after the NCAA announced sanctions so severe, some college football observers opined the program was better off with the so-called "death penalty." About 10 players transferred before preseason practice. Then, an 0-2 start had even the die-hard fans wondering if a feared post-sanctions dry spell had arrived early in Happy

Valley. Not even close.

Penn State football is making headlines again for what's happening on the field. A five-game winning streak sparked by a fun, unpredictable offense and trademark Linebacker U. defense has propelled

the Nittany Lions (5-2, 3-0 Big Ten) into the Leaders Division title race headed into the Saturday evening tilt against unbeaten No. 9 Ohio State (8-0, 4-0).

Both schools might be ineligible for the overall Big Ten championship because of sanctions, so Saturday night's game has extra juice as a virtual midseason bowl game in Happy Valley

"These are the kinds of games you dream of playing ... but we also feel that we worked to get here," running back and senior leader Michael Zordich said. "We've earned this spot."

Perhaps no other team in the history of college football has had to endure the kind of adversity that has swirled around the Nittany Lions the past year.

How the school handled the child sex abuse scandal involving retired assistant coach Jerry Sandusky led to the landmark NCAA

penalties in July. About 10 players took advantage of an NCAA waiver for an immediate transfer to another school, most notably tailback Silas Redd (Southern California), receiver Justin Brown (Oklahoma) and punter-Anthony Fera

(Texas). Then came the 0-2 start, beginning with the 24-14 loss at home to No. 23 Ohio in the season opener. A 17-16 loss a week later to Virginia highlighted how much Fera's defection hurt when current kicker Sam Ficken missed four field goals, including a potential game-winner from 42 as time expired.

They're the kind of close, tough losses that could send teams on a downward spiral.

But on the adversity scale, it turned out to be a blip compared with the off-the-field scrutiny on the program due to a scandal that had nothing to do

with the players.

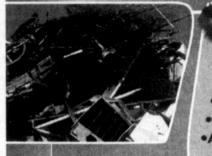
This hardship was just about football, something the Nittany Lions could control. On defense, that meant tightening up on third downs. Penn State hasn't played much nickel this year because of a lack of depth in the secondary, so defensive coordinator Ted Roof adjusted by getting more speed on the field on third downs by inserting Mike Hull for starter Glenn Carson at



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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have had many discussions regarding tattoos. She would say she wanted

one; I'd disagree. Well, just before her birthday she had her best friend, a tattoo artist, give her a small tattoo of a dragonfly with dots representing our four children. I didn't know about it for about six weeks, until I walked up behind her at her computer desk and noticed it on her knew and hadn't said anything

I got really mad and left the house for a while. When I returned and began arguing with her, she would say only that it was her body, and she would do whatever she wanted.

I have gotten over the tattoo part, but I haven't forgotten about not knowing and how I finally found out. I am hurt that she didn't tell me. She doesn't think it's worth apologizing for. It seems like everything she does now is one big secret. Please advise. HURT TO THE BONE IN KENTUCKY

DEAR HURT TO THE BONE: Your wife didn't tell you because she wanted to avoid the argument that she knew would fol- part-time, and I want out.

low. Your children didn't say anything because they were protecting their mother.

It appears that you and your wife have significant communication problems. Counseling might help, and I recommend it because secrets can cause marriages to crumble.

DEAR ABBY: When I was a young woman, I was a single parent. I did it all the cooking, the cleaning upper shoulder. Our kids and working. My friends would laugh at how often I'd say, "I need a wife!" I didn't mean it in a sexual way; I simply hated house-

work and cooking. When I started dating my husband, my daughter told him, "Mom will never marry you. Men are just more wash and messes." He told her he would do the housework. Stupidly, I

believed him. The economy tanked, I lost my job and I have become a housewife. I feel like I'm serving a life sentence in a prison of my own making. I tried to convince my husband to move so I could find a job and hire a maid. No luck. He decided that since we didn't need as much money, he would work less. Now he works

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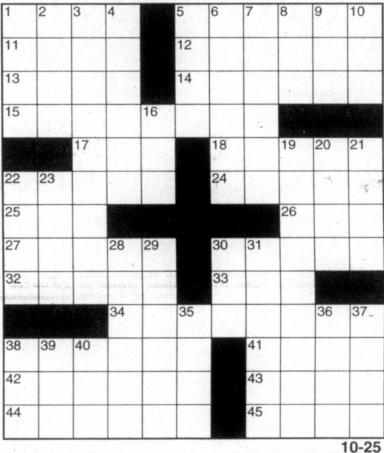
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Special Olympics golf tournament held at Hidden Hills for Area 16

CONTRIBUTED STORY

Pampa Special Olympics hosted an area golf tournament for Area 16 at Hidden Hills Golf Course on October 13.

Athletes from Pampa Special Olympics, Team Amarillo and ADVO from Amarillo competed.

There were a total of 70 golfers competing. The tournament included skills, course play consisting of 9 hole alternate shot with a partner and 18 hole alternate shot with a partner.

Three athletes from Pampa who played the 9 hole alternate shot with partners were Ashley Abbe and Gary Turley, Cody Dyer and John Hervey, Michelle Blodgett and Terrie Cochran.

Pampa athletes competing in skills which consist of short putt, long putt, chip, pitch, irons and woods were Virginia Winegeart, Debbie, Ellis, Wauneta Reece, Eric Knott, David Winegeart, Chris Bradley, Aries Villerreal, Patrick Twork, Cordell Schneider and Cole Nall.

Course awards were



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GOLF GOLD MEDAL. Ashley Abbe receiving her gold medal with Atkins/Handley silver medalists from Amarillo. Ashley partner Gary Turley was not available for the picture.

Abbe/Turley – Gold Medal, Dyer/Hervey-Gold Medal and Blodgett/ Cochran- Silver Medal.

Skills awards – Gold medals, Cordell Schneider and Wauneta Reece. Silver medals – Virginia Winegeart, Debbie Ellis, Aries Villerreal and Cole Bronze medals – Eric Knott, David Winegeart, Patrick Twork and Chris Bradley.

Coaches for Pampa inetude Janet Abbe, Shannon Loter, Jim Bob Nall, Bill Hammer, Gary Griggs, John Hervey, Gary Turley and Terrie Cochran

Hustlin' Harvester Basketball begins Friday at midnight

BY GAYDEN HAYS ghays@thepampanews.com

The Harvester basketball season begins this Friday night after the Harvester verses Borger football game at Harvester Field, and after the Pampa High School dance.

The event will be held in McNeely Field House at midnight.

Head Basketball Coach

Matt Embry will hold "Midnight Madness," Green verses White scrimmage kicking off the 2012-13 season.

"We encourage all students, faculty, friends, and community members to come out and get a sneak peek at your 2012-13 Hustlin' Harvesters," said coach Embry about the idea of midnight practice.

"We are excited about the

season and look forward to a great time of fun and fellowship."

The Harvesters will begin their season Nov. 13 versus San Jacinto at McNeely Field House at 7:30 p.m.

"We chose midnight because we wanted to give the kids an opportunity to do something unique and fun," comment Coach Embry.

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