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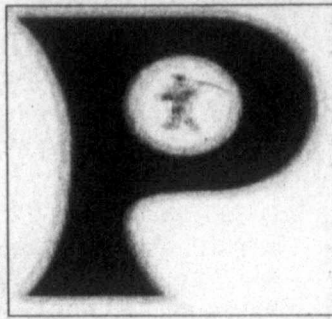
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Steady housing recovery boosting economy

By **ALEX VEIGA AND CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER**
 AP Business Writers
 WASHINGTON (AP) — From purchases and prices to builder sentiment and construction, the U.S. housing market is making consistent gains. The latest evidence came in reports Monday that sales of

previously occupied homes rose solidly in October and that builders are more confident than at any other time in 6½ years. New-home sales and home-price indexes have reached multi-year highs. And Lowe's Cos. on Monday reported a surge in net income, a sign that home-improvement retailers are benefiting. The housing market's recovery

still has a long way to go. But for now, it's helping prop up an economy that's being squeezed by a global slowdown and looming spending cuts and tax increases. Joseph LaVorgna, an economist at Deutsche Bank, estimates that the housing recovery could boost U.S. economic growth by a full percentage point next year. That's because a

stronger housing market would mean more jobs, especially in industries like construction, and more consumer spending. "Housing could provide a meaningful — and critical — lift to overall economic activity when other growth drivers, like exports, are slowing," LaVorgna said. Helping drive the housing rebound is growing confidence

among builders. An index of builder sentiment compiled by the National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo builder rose to 46 this month, up from 41 in October. It was the highest reading since May 2006, just before the housing bubble burst. Readings below 50 signal negative sentiment about the **HOUSING** cont. on page 7

STRUGGLES OF 1930s RELIVED



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

HISTORY RELIVED. Nancy Coffee portrays her mother, Polly Alexander, who struggled to raise a family in Pampa during the 1930s. Coffee was one of the presenters Saturday at "A Historical Perspective of the Dust Bowl and the Drought of the 1950s."

Dust Bowl presentation informs, entertains

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**
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 When the dust clouds blew and the sky was dark, chickens don't know when to lay their eggs because they can't tell day from night. This is just one of many interesting facts and anecdotes presented Saturday at "A Historical Perspective of the Dust Bowl and the Drought of the 1950s" at the White Deer Land Museum Annex. Nancy Coffee reenacted her moth-

er, Polly Alexander, who was struggling to raise a family in Pampa in the 1930s during the drought and dust storms. She told of how a young boy died from "dust pneumonia," a form of pneumonia when the lungs literally become filled with dust, and how his mother regretted that he never got to see rain. Many people got lost or suffocated during the storms, she added. But not all the stories were sad, Coffee said, there is a tale, perhaps

a tall one, of a man trying to make his way home during a dust storm. On his way encounters another man wearing a 10-gallon hat who is buried waist-deep in dust. The first man asked if there was anything he could to help the man with the tall hat, and he said, "I'll be all right. I'm on my horse." Pampa resident Mary McDaniel was among a group of panelists who spoke about the Dust Bowl first hand during a forum moderated by **DUST** cont. on page 8

Calif. judge denies bid for park Nativity display

By **GILLIAN FLACCUS**
 Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A federal judge on Monday denied a Christian group's bid for a preliminary injunction to force suburban Santa Monica to reopen spaces in a city park to private, unattended displays, including Christmas Nativity scenes. U.S. District Court Judge Audrey Collins formalized an earlier tentative ruling during a hearing. William Becker, the attorney for the Christian group, said he expects the case will be dismissed at the next hearing and plans to appeal. "The atheists won and they will always win unless we get courts to understand how the game is played and this is a game that was played very successfully and they knew it," Becker said after the hearing. Christmas Nativity scenes had been erected in Palisades Park for decades. Last year, atheists overwhelmed the city's auction process for display sites, winning most of the slots and triggering a bitter dispute. Santa Monica officials snuffed the city's holiday tradition this year rather than referee the religious rumble, prompting churches that have set up a 14-scene Christian diorama to sue over freedom of speech claims. Under the city's rules, the churches can still set up an attended display when Palisades Park is open and erect unattended displays in 12 of the city's other parks with a special **NATIVITY** cont. on page 7

Local artist shines in both paint, photos

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**
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 Local photographer and painter Omajean Lewis said she tried to take lessons once, but the teacher kept "touching" her paintings. "Most artists don't want you to touch their paintings," she said. Aside from those few lessons, Lewis, who is Pampa's Fine Arts Association Artist of the Year, is self-taught in both painting and photography. Lewis is a member of the association, which has about 200 members. Her oils, water colors and photographs are

on display at the White Deer Land Museum until Dec. 1. Several of her paintings are of actual flower bouquets she's had in her house. But most of what she has on display at the museum are photographs of anything from her kids and grand children to photos taken in far away places like the Eiffel Tower in France. Lewis is from Oklahoma and has lived in Pampa for 47 years. Her husband Dalton is from Canyon. "We love to travel; we travel a lot," she said. **ARTISTS** cont. on page 7



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OMAJEAN LEWIS,
 Pampa Fine Arts Association Artist of the Year, talks about one of her paintings on display at the White Deer Land Museum until Dec. 1.

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High 70 Low 42	High 69 Low 47	High 67 Low

Today: Sunny with a high of 70. No chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 8 mph. Sunrise at 7:25 a.m.

Tonight: Mostly clear with a low of 42. Ten percent chance of rain. Winds south at 11 mph. Sunset at 5:34 p.m.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy with a high of 69. No chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 20 mph. Sunrise at 7:26 a.m.

Wednesday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 47. No chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 13 mph. Sunset at 5:34 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day: Partly cloudy with a high of 67. No chance of rain. Winds west at 14 mph. Sunrise at 7:27 a.m.

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Obituaries

Wanda Wright

Wanda Wright, 68, died November 15, 2012 in Pampa.



Wanda Wright

Services were held Monday at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Timothy Dale Roberts, her nephew,

officiating.

Burial followed in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Wright was born March 4, 1944 in Wheeler. She moved to Pampa in 1949 where she graduated from Pampa High School. She married Troy Brewer on July 10, 1959. He died on April 19, 2010. She later married J. P. Wright on April 11, 1972 in Pampa. He preceded her in death on October 23, 2008. She worked in the nursing and home health care fields for many years. She later became the co-owner of Action Bail Bonds. Wanda and J. P. were foster parents to many children. She attended Briarwood Church. She spent most of her life caring for her family and friends, and she will be greatly missed. Wanda also enjoyed spending time at the VFW Post #1657, and especially loved spending time with her grandchildren and loving pet "Bubba." She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter: Mitzi Blaylock; 2 grandchildren: Jimmy Blaylock and Tanner Woodruff; 3 sisters: Veta Crocker, Dalphine Roberts and Dora Nell Roberts, and 2 brothers: Billy Roberts and Glen Edward Roberts; and her lifelong friend: Alice Hasler.

Survivors include 6 daughters: Rhonda Hagan and husband Van, Melinda Brewer, Alisha Stroud and husband Greg, and Becky Willis and husband Lynn, all of Pampa; a son: Troyce Brewer and wife Michelle of Pampa; additional daughters: Vicki Leshar and husband Tim and Staci Proctor and

Sherry Garmon and husband David of Pampa;

Memorials may be made to the VFW Post #1657, P.O. Box 2684, Pampa, Texas 79066-2684.

The family would like to express their gratitude to all of her caregivers who provided such loving care for her mother.

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

William Keith Mackey

William Keith Mackey, called Bill, was 85 years old when he died at his



William Mackey

home in Chama, NM on October 22, 2012. Bill was born in Norton, Texas on March 11, 1927 to James

Floyd Mackey and Mary Frances Mitchell Mackey.

Bill is survived by his wife Carol of Chama, daughter Cindi Wallace and her husband Mark of Albuquerque, NM; son James Keith Mackey and his wife Donna of Lake Charles, LA; daughter Melissa Mackey and her husband Matt Pierce of Espanola, NM; grandson Jason Cox and his wife Shelly of Pagosa Springs, CO; grandson Josh Mackey and his wife Kate of Portland, OR; grandson Jeff Cox and a great-granddaughter of Pampa, TX; and sister Nina Lee Mackey of San Antonio, TX.

A service celebrating the life of Bill Mackey was held at Ghost Ranch near Abiquiu, NM on November 17th at 10:30 a.m. followed by luncheon. If you wish to remember the family or honor Bill, please consider a donation to the National Ghost Ranch Foundation, the Friends of the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad, or the charity of your choice.

Bill joined the Navy in February 1945 and served until 1953. He graduated from North Texas State in January 1955 and married Carol Lee McCune in December of that same year. The couple taught in Texas before moving to Ponce, Puerto Rico in 1958 for Bill to work for Union Carbide. In 1962, Bill left Union Carbide and the couple and their two children Cindi and James Keith moved to Carol's hometown of Pampa, Texas to teach school. Third child Melissa was born in 1964. In 1965, Bill and Carol both earned Master's degrees from North Texas State. They taught in Pampa from 1962 till they retired in 1991.

The Mackeys attended the First Presbyterian Church and were very active in the life of the community. Bill served as an elder, led the senior high fellowship, and belonged to the Mariners Fellowship. He was on the board of Southside Senior Citizens and was a part of the initial opening of the center on the south side of Pampa. He and Carol were dedicated to their work with Girl Scouts and shepherded Troop 619 from Brownies in 1972 to First Class Girl Scouts in 1981.

Bill's teaching field was Industrial Arts and he was a woodworker and a craftsman who built the house he and Carol raised their children in. With his careful technique and deft hands he could repair most household and mechanical objects. In later years he

learned blacksmithing, an interest he shared with his son James and grandson Josh. He loved old tractors and steam engines of any kind.

After retirement, Bill and Carol gave even more time and energy to the place that had become a second home--Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu, NM. In 1993 they moved to Ghost Ranch and became permanent volunteers there. They ran the Service Corps and hosted, designed and taught Elderhostel courses. Bill and Dave Morrison carved the wooden welcome sign that hangs over the Ghost Ranch gate. Bill also spent several years restoring a red 1948 Jeep that was his pride and joy.

His interest in steam engines led to a love of American steam railroading and a deep passion for the narrow gauge Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad in Northern NM and Southern CO. He and Carol were devoted and hardworking members of the Friends of the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad beginning in the early nineties. Bill worked on railroad cars during Friends work sessions for much of the nineties, and he and Carol helped with or managed the tool car during summer work sessions as recently as this past June.

They re-retired from Ghost Ranch in 2009 and moved to Chama, NM.

Bill Mackey was a kind, gentle and humorous man, a faithful and loving husband, a devoted father and a generous friend. The salt of the earth is missing one of its own, while the saints rejoice for one more in their midst.

Garland Lee Eggleston

The air in Heaven is fresh, pure and clean.

Garland Lee Eggleston left this earth on November 16, 2012 to smell the roses in Heaven. He lived life to the fullest and fought the good fight.

Garland was born in Elk City, Oklahoma on September 28, 1938 to George and Velva Eggleston. He lived in Elk City, Perryton, Pampa and Big Lake, Texas. He attended high school in Elk City, Oklahoma. Toward the end of his high school days, he was given the opportunity to run a small burger drive in called the Pig Hip, a hopping place at that time. It was a sign of things to come for the rest of his life. It was working at the Pig Hip where he met the apple of his eye, Janiece McDaniel. Soon after a time of courtship they were married on June 22, 1955 in Cheyenne, Oklahoma. They enjoyed 53 years of marriage.

They started their family life in Pampa, Texas. It was there many strong bonds with his brother George and his wife Carol. They became inseparable and enjoyed many good times together. Always a gambler and with this drive in his blood he pulled up roots and moved his family to Big Lake on October 31, 1968. He went to work for Kiawana Oil Company. This would get him going until his gambling spirit took over. He went into business for himself along with Jan starting up the first of many businesses, the 67 Steak House. Never afraid to dive into a new challenge, he would also go into the electric busi-

ness, oil production, real estate rental, car wash and he also loved auctions. He spent the last 30 years of his life in Triple G. Supply business.

Garland was an active sponsor of many activities close to his heart. These included the Reagan County Little league, All Sports Booster club, Reagan County 4-H and many others. He loved sharing his knowledge of business with others. He would never hesitate to give his opinion on how to do it right. His greatest passion was to entertain in this way and won many tournaments. Garland had even won a match against noted gambler Amarillo Slim and many other known celebrities.

Garland was preceded in death by his loving wife, Jan, son Gerald LeRoy Eggleston along with sisters Freda Barrow, Janice Piercy and Mary Eggleston.

He is survived by sons Gary Eggleston of Big Lake and Gregory Eggleston of Las Vegas, Nevada; loving daughter Tina Noland and husband Mark of Big Lake. He is also survived by his family, brother George Eggleston and wife Carol of Pampa, Texas, brother Orland Eggleston and wife Hedy of Tampa Bay, Florida, brother Elwin Eggleston of California; sisters Deanna Mulford and husband Steve of Indianapolis, Indiana, sister Olga Fuller of Main; also special cousins Pat and R.J. Wooten of Lake Jackson, Texas, Delores and Gerald McKay of Borger, Texas, Laura Ellen Witt of Sweetwater, Oklahoma, Shirley and Leo Bradley of Yukon, Oklahoma, Marita Wornam of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Raymond Cardin of McCloud, Oklahoma; also sister-in-law Shirley Thomas and husband Tony of Dowagiac, Michigan along with many, many nieces and nephews. His pride and joy his 6 grandkids Penny Jones, Guy Eggleston, Ashley Eggleston, Lindsey Noland, Mandi Eggleston and Brentley Noland; his 6 great-grandkids Destiny Jones, Alyzza Villarreal, Makayla Villarreal, Julio Vasquez, Devin Reyes and Maleeah Mares.

The family would like to extend its grateful thanks to the following for helping extend Dad's life over the years Dr. Ayass and his staff, the PCU nurses and aides at Community Hospital, Dr. Blanc and his nurse Mary, Dr. Hunt, Dr. Leon, Dr. Sudolcan and staff; the Reagan County Ambulance service especially Elizabeth and Doug for making Dad's wishes of coming home true; the staff at Reagan memorial Hospital, San Angelo Home Health and Lincare. Thanks to Odyssey Hospice for making his final days peaceful. Finally to Belen Ramirez for being there for dad with his doctor visits and trips. Last but not least, Uncle George and Aunt Carol along with Aunt Shirley and Uncle Tony.

Services were held Monday, Nov. 19 at First Baptist Church of Big Lake with Rev. Buddy Helms officiating. Interment followed at Glen Rest Cemetery. Arrangements are by Johnson's Funeral Home. Pallbearers will be Belen Ramirez, Victor Villarreal, Blake Kohutek, Freddy Leija, Jody Garber and Larry Heintzelman. Honorary Pallbearers will be Dennis Kruse, DD Poyner and Jimmy Martin.

Family and friends may sign an online guestbook at johnsons-funeralhome.com

Lone Star Christmas Parade on Dec. 1

STAFF REPORT

The annual Pampa Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday Dec. 1. The event is hosted by the Pampa Chamber of Commerce and is titled "Lone Star Christmas."

Line up for the parade will begin at 1 p.m. on Atchison Street in the BNSF Depot parking lot. The parade will begin at 2 p.m.

All floats are welcomed to throw candy to the crowds, but are asked to not have anyone dressed as Santa. The only Santa in the parade will be the "official" Santa at the end of the parade.

Entry for the parade is free. All businesses, groups and organizations are encouraged to participate.

If your group would like to have a float in the parade, pick up an entry form from the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Office at 200 N. Ballard, or call 806-669-3241 and they will email you a copy.

Forms may be returned via mail, in person at the Chamber office or by fax at 806-669-3244. Forms need to be returned by Friday Nov. 30.

For more information on Lone Star Christmas, contact the Pampa Chamber at 806-669-3241.

For the record

Pampa man arrested on multiple charges

■ 19-year-old Luis Raul Ramos, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by the Pampa Police Department on multiple charges. The charges were speeding, no driver's license, failure to appear, violation of a promise to appear, theft under \$50 and possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ 42-year-old Rosa Isela Mejia, Pampa, was arrested Friday by PPD on a capias pro fine charge for nonpayment of court costs and fees.

■ 22-year-old Derrick Wayne Smith, White Deer, was arrested Friday by PPD on failure to appear and violation of a driver's license restriction.

■ 20-year-old Adam Chase Knoop, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office on violation of probation for hindering the apprehension and prosecution of a suspect.

■ 49-year-old Charles Kenneth Johnston Jr., Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ 45-year-old Albert Francis Zimmerman, Pampa, was arrested Friday by DPS for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ 40-year-old Steve Ashley Crenshaw, Barn-

well, S.C., was arrested Saturday by DPS for a DWI, driving with an invalid license and improper driver's license for a motorcycle.

■ 19-year-old Carlos Mendoza, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by DPS for possession of marijuana.

■ 52-year-old Karl Wayne Crow, Lefors, was arrested Saturday by the Lefors Marshal for a capias pro fine charge of nonpayment of court costs and fees in Lefors.

■ 49-year-old Martin Merkie Martinez, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD on a DWI charge third or more offense.

■ 26-year-old Kallie Nicole Graham, Pampa, was arrested Monday by PPD on a warrant for failing to appear.

Turkey causes small power outage in Wis.

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SHEBOYGAN, Wis. — Maybe this turkey was trying to launch a pre-emptive strike before Thanksgiving.

Utility officials say a turkey flew into a power line in Sheboygan County on Saturday morning. A Sheboygan Press report (<http://shebpr.es/WdEVNQ>) says the contact knocked out power for about 1,500 people.

We Energies spokeswoman Cathy Schulze says the outage was reported just before 8 a.m. She says power was restored to all but a handful of homes and businesses within an hour.

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Mitt Romney's sneering farewell to the '47 percent'

Trying to explain away his decisive, sweeping and very expensive rout to his disappointed supporters -- those one-percent Republicans -- Mitt Romney offered a new version of the discredited "47 percent" argument that was so ruinous in its original form. In a Wednesday afternoon



JOE CONASON

conference call, the defeated Republican nominee told donors and fundraisers that President Obama had won by lavishing generous "gifts" upon certain groups, including young voters, African-Americans and Latinos.

"With regards to the young people, for instance, a forgiveness of college loan interest was a big gift," said Romney, after apologizing for losing what he called a "very close" election (he lost by more than 100 electoral votes and more than 1 percent of the popular vote, perhaps as much as 4 percent when all the state results are eventually certified).

"Free contraceptives were very big with young, college-aged women. And then, finally, Obamacare also made a difference for them, because, as you know, anybody now 26 years of age and younger was now going to be part of their parents' plan, and that was a big gift to young people. They turned out in large numbers, a larger share in this election even than in 2009 ... Likewise, with Hispanic voters, free health care was a big plus. But in addition with regards to Hispanic voters, the amnesty for children of illegals, the so-called Dream Act kids, was a huge plus for that voting group."

It's amusing that at this late date, the Republican who distanced himself from health care reform claims that Obamacare helped Obama to win.

Remember, Romney vowed every day to repeal the Affordable Care Act, which he clearly knew was bad policy but believed was good politics. He and his fellow Republicans thundered about the president thwarting the will of

the people by pushing through Obamacare -- yet now he wants to use it as an alibi because it was so popular. Keeping up with his constantly conflicting, endlessly convenient, versions of reality was never easy.

Now before dispensing with Romney for good -- as most Americans (including many Republicans) are understandably eager to do -- it is worth noting that these churlish excuses to his donors represent the ultimate falsification, not only of his campaign but of his own character.

Recall how he disowned the "47 percent" remarks when he realized how damaging they were to his chances for victory, telling Sean Hannity on Fox News that what he had been caught saying at a \$50,000-a-plate Boca Raton fundraising event was "just completely wrong." His mea culpa was factually accurate, of course -- as we have discovered again lately with the news that so many food stamp recipients reliably vote Republican. Those who don't pay income tax include plenty of Republicans, especially the elderly on Social Security and military personnel on active duty and poor white evangelical voters who simply don't earn enough. They also include thousands of wealthy Romney supporters who, like their candidate, have learned to manipulate the tax system.

But as a matter of feelings rather than facts, Romney evidently cannot stop himself from sneering at society's struggling people and the politicians who seek to improve their lives. It is not as if the donors he was addressing don't want "gifts" from government -- such as the big new tax breaks that Romney had promised them, the huge increases in defense spending that would swell their profits, or the various individual corporate favors that they regard as their very own "entitlements." Just don't expect that kind of honest introspection from Romney or his crowd.

To find out more about Joe Conason, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com.

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Faith community unites for Thanksgiving service

It should be commended that Pampa's faith community united Sunday night at the annual Community Thanksgiving Service, held this year at First United Methodist Church.

The service was held at the Ministerial Alliance of Pampa, with pastors from about 15 churches attending the service.

The community was invited and a community choir was led by Suzanne Wood.

An inspiring message was delivered by Pastor Lynn Hancock of Briarwood Church, who compared the difference between being a Christian and being a disciple.

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Our View

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Christian is not very specific -- one who believes the teachings of Jesus Christ.

But a disciple is a follower and student of a mentor or a teacher, like the Twelve Disciples or Apostles who followed Jesus.

And while different people would give different answers on whether they are a Christian or a disciple, it is important to understand that to be a Christian we must be also be a follower.

Also his message, Hancock talked of the importance of love.

He referenced Corinthians 12:13, which states, "If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing."

As we move into the holiday season, let us take this message to heart. Without love, we are nothing.



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Who fed Susan the Benghazi bullhockey?

At his news conference Wednesday, President Barack Obama postured as the young Galahad striding out onto the schoolyard to stop a pair of bullies from beating up a girl.

Sens. John McCain and Lindsey Graham had charged U.N. Amb. Susan Rice with misleading the nation

PATRICK BUCHANAN

when, five days after the Benghazi attack in which Amb. Chris Stevens and three other Americans were killed, she appeared on five TV shows to say it had all resulted from a spontaneous reaction to an anti-Muslim video.

Susan Rice, thundered Obama, "made an appearance at the request of the White House in which she gave her best understanding of the intelligence that had been provided to her."

"If Sen. McCain and Sen. Graham and others want to go after somebody, they should go after me. ... But for them to go after the U.N. ambassador, who had nothing to do with Benghazi and was simply making a presenta-

tion based on intelligence that she had received, and to besmirch her reputation is outrageous."

The indignation here is more than a bit cloying. After all, Rice's rendition of the worst terror attack on the U.S. since 9/11 was utterly false.

There never was a protest.

Rice misled the nation. No one now denies that. The question is: Did Rice deceive us, or was she herself misled or deceived?

Far from being a convincing defense, Obama's remarks call into question the competence or the truthfulness of the White House itself.

Consider again what Obama said.

"Susan Rice "had nothing to do with Benghazi."

But if she "had nothing to do with Benghazi," why was she sent out "at the request of the White House" to explain Benghazi?

Who at the White House programmed Rice? Did she push back at all when fed this bullhockey about Benghazi? Or does she just parrot the party line when told to do so?

Why did the White House not send Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, CIA Director David Pe-

traeus, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta or National Security Adviser Tom Donilon? Or did they decline to go?

The president says Rice "gave her best understanding of the intelligence that had been provided to her."

And who might be the source of that "intelligence" about the protest in Benghazi, when there was no protest in Benghazi?

Rice was scripted to tell the nation it was not a "preplanned" attack, when that is exactly what it was. The CIA knew it within hours, because two of its former Navy SEALs died in the attack, and other CIA people survived and got out the next morning.

Here we come to the heart of the matter.

Though journalists, CIA personnel and State Department people listening in real time all knew from intercepts and reports back from our people on the ground that this was a terrorist attack involving automatic weapons, rocket-propelled grenades and mortars, the fabricated story -- that it came out of a protest, a protest that never happened -- was pushed relentlessly by the administration.

Jay Carney pushed it two days after the attack. Petraeus pushed it on

the Hill three days after the attack. Rice went on five TV shows five days after the attack to recite it chapter and verse. Obama held off calling it a terror attack for weeks in TV interviews and mentioned the video half a dozen times at the U.N. on Sept. 25.

Another question arises from the press conference. When Obama said Rice "gave her best understanding of the intelligence that had been provided to her," was that also the best intelligence the president of the United States had?

If it is, if five days after the attack Obama was that clueless about what actually happened in Benghazi, he ought to clean house at his intelligence agencies.

From the outside, it appears everybody was on board to describe the attack as "spontaneous" and attribute it to the video.

Yet none of this was true. And many inside knew, during or right after the attack, the truth about what had happened and were leaking it to the press.

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Pampa Varsity Lady Harvesters' drop final two games of Frenship Tournament

By ZACHARY GREEN
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The Pampa Varsity Lady Harvesters lost their second to last game of the Frenship Tournament on Friday to Lubbock Cooper, 75-32.

In that game for Pampa, Hayley Burnett scored 18 points. Madison Brown added six points. Taylor Eubank scored four points. Hannah Baker and Karlie Jiles each scored two points for Pampa.

In the last game of the Frenship Tournament the

Lady Harvesters faced Amarillo High and were defeated 71-33.

Hayley Burnett scored 12 for Pampa. Madison Brown scored seven points. Hannah Baker scored six points. Casey Sark and Bailey Wichert

each added three points. Taylor Eubank scored two points.

With the losses Pampa falls to 1-4 on the season. The Lady Harvesters return to action tonight here in Pampa at 6:30 p.m. against Caprock.

Seniors 4-man scramble results, Nov. 15

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Hidden hills seniors four-man scramble results played on Nov. 15.

First place with a score of 63, the team of R. Wood, G. Owens, J. Lee and H. Wells

Second place with a score of 64, the team of J. Brashears, T. Lindsey, J. Mabry and H. Musgrave.

Third place with a score of 64, the team of T. Taylor, J. Stephens, K. Burkett and M. Ball

Fourth place with a score of 66, the team of R.D. Stephens, C. Johnson, B.M. Millican and J. McGuire.

Closest to the hole on hole number six was won by B.M. Millican

The PAMPA NEWS Sports Briefs

TODAY NOV. 20

■ Pampa Varsity girls v. Caprock 6:30 p.m.

■ Pampa Varsity boys v. Boy's Ranch 8 p.m.

■ Pampa JV girls v. Caprock 5 p.m.

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Community
Calendar

City Commission to meet

The Pampa City Commission will meet 4 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 27, on the third floor of City Hall. The commission holds regular meetings open to the public the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. For more information, call 669-5750.-669-5750

Soup with Mrs. Claus

Altrusa International Inc. of Pampa is gearing up for its major fundraiser of the year. Soup with Mrs. Claus, which is fast becoming a Pampa tradition, will be Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Knights of Columbus Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. before the annual Santa Day Parade downtown.

The menu includes homemade potato soup or chili with Fritos or crackers and brownies. The star of the event is "Mrs. Claus," aka Mary McDaniel, the longest serving member of Pampa Altrusa Club. Sheila Winton will take the photos, or parents may bring their own camera. Photos are free, but a donation may be given.

Local artist displaying works

The White Deer Land Museum will have the Pampa Fine Arts Association Artist of the Year Exhibit open until Dec. 1. Artist Omajean Lewis will be displaying oils, water colors and photography. The museum is located at 116 S. Cuyler St. and the phone number is 669-8041.

Editor's note: The Pampa News is starting a daily Community Calendar to publish government meetings and functions, church, school and nonprofit events. Please respect that the calendar is not meant to be a place for free advertising for businesses. Email submissions to thowsare@thepampanews.com. Submissions should be 100 words or less and written in the third person. Please include the title of the event, the date and time, physical address, the admission cost or whether it is a free event and a contact number and or email address for the public.

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Social Security spousal benefit clarifications

TOM MARGENAU
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Q. I think you have been misleading many women in your column. Let's say a woman is getting her own retirement benefits. She also has a husband who is getting a higher benefit on his account. If he dies, she will start getting the higher widow's rate. You have been telling women that they continue to receive their own benefit and that it is supplemented with some widow's benefits to take her up to whatever amount her husband was getting. Why the ruse? Why tell her she's getting benefits from two accounts? She's just getting the higher widow's rate. Let me put that another way. Had she never worked and earned her own Social Security check, she'd still be getting the same widow's payment.

A. Well, your last point is certainly valid, and I understand the overall message of your email. However, I still think I'm correct in explaining widow's benefits the way I do. Let's follow this example.

Mary worked on and off during her life, taking time off to raise a family. She is now 68 and getting \$900 per month in retirement benefits. Her husband, Stan, is 72 and is getting \$2,100 per month from Social Security. If Stan dies, Mary will start getting \$2,100 per month in total monthly benefits. But, according to Social Security's records, she is being paid \$900 off of her account and \$1,200 from her husband's

record. It may be just an internal bookkeeping practice on the part of the Social Security Administration, but I still am correct in saying that she is getting benefits from two different accounts. And frankly, I think all Mary is concerned about is that a check for \$2,100 shows up in her bank account every month.

Q. In a recent column, you talked about a husband who was getting \$2,000 per month and a wife who was getting her own retirement benefit of \$900, and she was also getting \$100 in extra spousal benefits. In other words, her benefit was supplemented up to half of his rate. Well, I happen to be getting about the same Social Security benefit as your example (actually \$1,950 per month). And my wife gets \$850 on her own Social Security. However, she doesn't get a nickel from my account. Shouldn't she be getting supplemented up to half of mine, or an extra \$125 in wife's benefits? Should I talk to my local Social Security people about this?

Social Security and you



A. Whenever I mention spousal benefits in this column, I get many emails similar to this one. The key difference, between the examples I used in the prior column and the situation presented by those emailing me, almost always comes down to the age at which the spouse signed up for Social Security.

In my example, the wife waited until age 66 to claim her benefits. At that age, a spouse can get up to one-half of her husband's Social Security. But the majority of women sign up for Social Security before age 66, many of them at age 62. In that case, the spousal rate goes way down — to about 30 percent.

The person who sent this email didn't give me any ages, but I will bet his wife was well below age 66 when she started getting Social Security benefits. That's why she isn't getting supplemented up to half of her husband's rate.

Q. I didn't take my Social Security until age 70. So I am getting my full benefit plus the delayed retirement bonus — \$2,800 per month. My wife has never worked outside the home. She just turned 66 and applied for spousal benefits on my account. I expected she would get half of my rate, or \$1,400 monthly. But she is only getting \$1,080. Can you tell me what went wrong?

A. Nothing went wrong. The rules say a spouse does not share in the delayed retirement bonus. Therefore her benefit is based on your rate at age 66, which must be about \$2,160. (Half of that is the \$1,080 that your wife is receiving.)

I'm usually pretty good at explaining the rationale behind various Social Security laws. But this is one that has always escaped me. I'm really not sure why your spouse cannot be supplemented up to your full benefit amount, including the bonus.

One bit of good news: when you die, your wife's widow's rate will be 100 percent of your entire benefit, including the bonus payment. Of course the bad news is that you have to die to make

that happen!

Q. Why do you call Social Security payments a "benefit?" It is neither a benefit nor a government handout. It is something I worked for all my life. The government isn't giving me a "benefit," they are just paying back money to me that is rightfully mine.

A. I hear where you are coming from. It really is just a matter of semantics, in this case, legal semantics. "Benefits" is simply a term used in Social Security law. And per the law, people who receive monthly payments have always been called "Social Security beneficiaries." These are not terms meant to imply that retired Social Security taxpayers are getting handouts from the government. I suppose the terms grow out of the fact that Social Security is a form of social insurance, and you and about 50 million other people are "beneficiaries" of this insurance program.

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

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Nativity

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permit. They can also distribute leaflets, carol or hold a Christmas play, city officials said.

"It's a sad, sad commentary on the attitudes of the day that a nearly 60-year-old Christmas tradition is now having to hunt for a home, something like our savior had to hunt for a place to be born because the world was not interested," Hunter Jameson, head of the non-profit Santa Monica Nativity Scene Committee, said in advance of the hearing.

The atheists were not parties to the legal case. Their role outside court highlights a tactical shift as atheists evolve into a vocal minority eager to get their non-beliefs into the public square as never before.

National atheist groups earlier this year took out full-page newspaper ads and hundreds of TV spots in response to Catholic bishops' activism around women's health care issues and are gearing up to battle for their own space alongside public Christmas displays in small towns across America this season.

"In recent years, the tactic of many in the atheist community has been, if you can't beat them, join them," said Charles Haynes, a senior scholar at the First Amendment Center and director of the Newseum's Religious Freedom Education Project in Washington. "If these church groups insist that these public spaces are going to be dominated by a Christian message, we'll just get in the game — and that changes everything."

In the past, atheists primarily fought to uphold the separation of church and state through the courts. The change underscores the conviction held by many nonbelievers that their views are gaining a foothold, especially among young adults.

The Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life released a study last month that found 20 percent of Americans say they have no religious affiliation, an increase from 15 percent in the past five years. Atheists took heart from the report, although Pew researchers stressed that the category also encompassed majorities of people who said they believed in God but had no ties with organized religion and people who consider themselves "spiritual" but not "religious."

"We're at the bottom of the totem pole socially, but we have muscle and we're flexing it," said Annie Laurie Gaylor, co-president of the Wisconsin-based Freedom from Religion Foundation. "Ignore our numbers at your peril."

The trouble in Santa Monica began three years ago, when atheist Damon Vix applied for and was granted a booth in Palisades Park alongside the story of Jesus Christ's birth, from Mary's visit from the Angel Gabriel to the traditional crèche.

Vix hung a simple sign that quoted Thomas Jefferson: "Religions are all alike -- founded on fables and mythologies." The other side read "Happy Solstice." He repeated the display the following year but then upped the stakes significantly.

In 2011, Vix recruited 10 others to inundate the city with applications for tongue-in-cheek displays such as a homage to the "Pastafarian religion," which would include an artistic representation of the great Flying Spaghetti Monster.

The secular coalition won 18 of 21 spaces. Two others went to the traditional Christmas displays and one to a Hanukkah display.

Artist

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Along with France, the couple has visited England and Hawaii and have trekked all over the western United States.

A picture of grandchildren taken in 2000 earned her an "America at the Millennium" award for photography. Besides her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren,

Lewis photographs landscapes, animals and even takes closeups of mushrooms.

Though she's good at both panoramic landscapes and tight closeups, Lewis said she doesn't use any special lenses — she uses her intuition and a good eye.

The White Deer Land Museum is located at 116 S. Cuyler St. Hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. The phone number is 669-8041.

Housing

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ing market. The index last reached that level in April 2006. Still, the index has been rising since October 2011, when it was 17. It's surged 27 points in the past 12 months, the sharpest annual increase on record.

A second report Monday said sales of previously occupied homes are near five-year highs, excluding temporary spikes in 2009 and 2010 when a homebuyer tax credit boosted purchases. Sales rose 2.1 percent in October to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.79 million, the National Association of Realtors said.

Sales are nearly 11 percent higher

than they were a year ago, though they remain below the more than 5.5 million that economists says is consistent with a healthy market.

The Realtors' group said Superstorm Sandy delayed some purchases of previously occupied homes in the Northeast. Sales fell 1.7 percent there, the only region to show a drop. Those purchases will likely be completed in coming months, the group said.

A key factor fueling the gains is a gradually improving economy, which has increased the number of people looking for homes. At the same time, fewer homes are available for sale. The low supply is helping push up prices.

Only 2.14 million homes were available for sale at the end of October, the lowest supply in 10

years. It would take just 5.4 months to exhaust that supply at the current sales pace. That's the lowest sales-to-inventory ratio since 2006.

"We built too many homes during the good years, and we have finally gotten rid of that excess," said Patrick Newport, an economist at IHS Global Insight.

In addition, mortgage rates have hit all-time lows. And rents are rising, making the purchase of a single-family home or condominium more attractive.

The rise in people seeking to buy should support more construction over the next year or two, economists say.

More Americans are looking set up their own households after living with relatives or friends in the recession and its aftermath.

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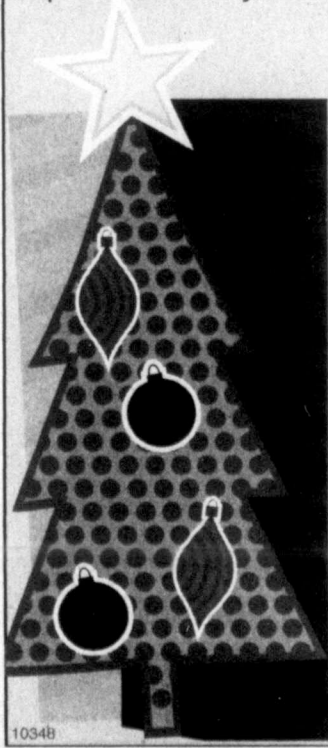
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SOULFUL SOUNDS. Joe Weaver, Rick Scott, Mike Sinks and George Wallace (unseen playing keyboard behind Sinks) of the Corn Cob Coalition perform Saturday at the White Deer Land Museum Annex.

Dust

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Joe Weaver.

Though dust storms were a frequent occurrence throughout the eight-year drought during the 1930s, the one that stands most in the minds of people who lived through the drought is the one that rolled across the Great Plains and Texas Panhandle on Palm Sunday, April 14, 1935.

The day was called Black Sunday.

McDaniel, who was a teenager on that fateful day, said she was on Francis Street when she saw a "black wall" approaching.

"It was scary and I thought the world was going to end," she said.

McDaniel said she took cover at friends house.

From its looks, McDaniel figured the force of the storm would be so great it would tear apart bodies and scatter them around.

But when it actually hit, the blowing dust was actually gentle, she recalled.

McDaniel was born in Kansas City, Mo., in 1920 and moved with her fam-

ily to Pampa in 1930. Her father came to work for the city and her uncle was advised to move to a drier climate for his health.

McDaniel recalled going to school one day and the dust was so bad they were sent home.

"Then the next day would be pretty," she said.

Along with the dust storms, McDaniel remembers bananas selling for 10 cents and "hucksters," men selling produce out of their carts or pickup trucks.

Pampa resident Dot Stowers, whose father owned the Culberson-Smalling car dealership, recalled Palm Sunday 1935 starting out as beautiful, sunny day.

"Then we saw this big, black thing rolling in," she said.

The morning's guest speaker was author Virginia Frantz, who was signing and selling copies of her book, "Keepin' It Together," an account of life in the Oklahoma Panhandle when "there was as much dust in the air as one had under his feet."

Though the work is fictional, she said some if it is based on her life.

Frantz said at first she thought she'd be "scared to death" making a presentation to a group of older adults, because she is accustomed to talking to students.

But everything worked out fine, she said. "It was great. I had fun."

A barbecue lunch was served while live music was played by the Corn Cob Coalition.

After lunch, Jennifer Puryear, meteorologist with Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, spoke about the weather conditions responsible for the droughts of the 1930s and 1950s.

In 1935, about 80 percent of the nation was in a drought condition. In the Panhandle, the drought lasted for about eight years. During the 1950s, their was a five-year drought.

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Currently, about 60 percent of the nation is in a drought state, with the Panhandle being in a drought for two years.

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She said that today farmers are able to work through droughts much better than they did in the 1930s, when little was known about soil conservation.

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THE PAMPA SPEECH team finished second behind Muleshoe in the Texas Forensics League qualifying tournament at Dumas Saturday. The speech team will travel to Amarillo Nov. 30 for a speech tournament at Amarillo High. Email school news to zgreen@thepampanews.com.



Two Pampa partnerships won event titles at the Dumas forensics tournament Saturday. Alli Davila and Maggie Hayes won first duet acting and Logan Boehmisch and Ryan Thompson won first in cross-examination debate.

Loose ends to drive second term education agenda

By **JOSH LEDERMAN**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Loose ends and thorny partisan issues that have long dogged attempts to move forward on education await the next Congress as President Barack Obama's second term begins.

Soaring campaign-year aspirations to close the achievement gap and boost college graduation rates to the highest in the world may have to fall back to earth — at least temporarily — as lawmakers and Obama tackle a number of gritty funding-related issues that just can't wait.

First up is sequestration, the automatic, government-wide spending cuts set to knock out 8.2 percent of the funding to almost all of the Education Department's programs — unless Congress acts before the end of the year to avert the cuts.

Programs intended to reduce educational inequities will take a hit of \$1.3 billion, according to the White House's Office of Management and Budget. Special education, already funded far below the levels Congress originally promised, will be slashed by more than \$1 billion. Most of the reductions won't take effect until next fall, when the 2013-14 school year starts, but Impact Aid, which helps districts that lose revenue due to local tax-exempt federal property, would be cut immediately.

What comes next is less certain. The Education Department refused to comment on its agenda for the next four years, but Secretary Arne Duncan, who has said he would like to stay on for Obama's second term, has hinted at the administration's focus. Petrilli and others closely watching the administration's signals on education say it's likely the focus will be on early childhood education and higher ed.

Pre-kindergarten was a major focus for Obama in his first term, when he strengthened Head Start's accountability rules and ex-

panded his Race to the Top program to include pre-K.

In Congress, both parties agree that college costs are spiraling out of control, but there's not much government can do to control that. What it can control is student aid, and the debate about federal loans raises a familiar disagreement about the role of government.

Higher ed also comes with a delicate set of ticking time bombs. Student loan interest rates, capped at 3.4 percent for new subsidized Stafford loans, are set to double July 1, the expiration date for a stopgap Congress passed last year. Pell Grants, the main source of federal aid for low-income students, face the same type of crisis as entitlements like Medicare and Social Security: a cost curve that's become difficult to contain as more people take part.

Lawmakers are more than half a decade overdue to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

There's bipartisan agreement in Congress that the law should be fixed and

reauthorized. "While the administration's efforts to grant waivers are helpful for states operating under the tenets of No Child Left Behind, these fixes are temporary and piecemeal," Sen. Tom Harkin, the Democrat who chairs the Senate committee responsible for education, said in an email.

But the Obama administration has shown little desire to put the policy back in lawmakers' hands. Duncan didn't mention reauthorization in a lengthy speech in October laying out his agenda.

Lawmakers are also eager to reclaim control of Race to the Top, the multibillion-dollar grant competition program Obama created in 2009 to prod states into changing laws and raising standards. The administration opened the competition to school districts this year, but with stimulus funds exhausted, the size of the program shrank dramatically.

Lawmakers from both parties may be more timid next term about embracing Common Core, a set of uniform benchmarks for

math and reading adopted by almost every state, after the defeat of Tony Bennett, the Indiana schools superintendent whose surprise loss in this month's election was largely attributed to his support for the curriculum.

Teacher assessments are at the heart of another potential flashpoint. Chicago teachers walked off the job for more than a week in September, largely over demands that their evaluations be tied to student test scores. Teachers unions enthusiastically backed Obama's re-election, but Obama's Education Department stayed neutral on the strike, and his former chief of staff, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, led the fight against striking teachers.

Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers, said there's a fixation on top-down, testing-based evaluations that marginalize teachers while holding them responsible for the effects of budgetary decisions far beyond their control.

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Prosecutor: The children left at day care in 2011 fire were doomed

By **JUAN A. LOZANO**
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Prosecutors on Monday asked a jury to sentence a Texas woman convicted of murder after a fire at her home day care killed four children to life in prison, arguing she doomed the children she was responsible for when she left them alone to go shopping before the deadly blaze broke out.

Defense attorneys for Jessica Tata countered she was a good person who made a terrible mistake and asked jurors to not be swayed by anger.

The jury began deliberating Tata's sentence after closing arguments in the punishment phase of her trial.

Tata could be sentenced from five years to life in prison. She was convicted last week of felony murder in the death of 16-month-old Elias Castillo.

Prosecutors said the February 2011 fire that killed Elias started after Tata, 24, left a group of children alone with a pan of oil cooking on a hot stove while she went shopping at a nearby Target store. Along with the four children who died, three were injured in the Houston home day care fire.

"That day when she made the decision to leave, she doomed them, she doomed them," prosecutor Connie Spence told jurors, calling Tata's actions "inexcusable."

During her 40-minute closing argument, Spence talked about each child who died or was injured, showing jurors frozen video images of each one on TV screens in the courtroom.

"What each mom will do to hold their baby one more time," Spence, her voice choked by emotion, told jurors as the mothers of the children sat in the courtroom and cried. "What's a child's life worth? ... What we want is justice."

Mike DeGeurin, Tata's attorney, told jurors she never intended to hurt the children, who ranged in age from 16 months to 3 years old. He said Tata should not have left the children alone but that she went to the store for the children, to get them juice.

"She called them her babies. She didn't want those babies to be harmed," DeGeurin said.

DeGeurin said Tata also mourns for the children who died and asked jurors to not decide on an excessive sentence.

"Don't let your emotions be whipped up. Don't let your anger be whipped up," he said.

Spence argued Tata was an irresponsible day care owner who had left the children she cared for alone on multiple occasions. The fire "wasn't an aberration, it was an inevitability," she said.

Tata fled to Nigeria after the fire but was captured after about a month, returned to the U.S. in March 2011 and has remained jailed since. She was born in the U.S. but has Nigerian citizenship.

Surveillance video shown during the trial showed her shopping at Target just before the fire. A former Target manager told jurors Tata did not seem to be in a hurry after realizing she had left the stovetop burner on.

Neighbors testified they heard the children crying as they tried to rescue them from the blaze. Parents of the children who died or were injured told jurors they had trusted Tata, believing she was qualified.

Defense attorneys presented expert testimony to argue that faulty kitchen equipment may have sparked the fire.

Tata still faces three more counts of felony murder in relation to the other children who died, and three counts of abandoning a child and two counts of reckless injury to a child in relation to the three who were hurt.

Judge asks Hostess to mediate with union

By **CANDICE CHOI**
Associated Press

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — Twinkies won't die that easily after all.

Hostess Brands Inc. and its second largest union will go into mediation to try and resolve their differences, meaning the company won't go out of business just yet. The news came Monday after Hostess moved to liquidate and sell off its assets in bankruptcy court citing a crippling strike last week.

The bankruptcy judge hearing the case said Monday that the parties haven't gone through the critical step of mediation and asked the lawyer for the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International Union, which has been on strike since Nov. 9, to ask his client, who wasn't present, if the union would agree to participate. The judge noted that the bakery union, which represents about 30 percent of Hostess workers, went on strike after rejecting the company's latest contract offer, even though it never filed an objection to it.

"Many people, myself included, have serious questions as to the logic behind this strike," said Judge Robert Drain, who heard the case in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the Southern District of New York in White Plains, N.Y. "Not to have gone through that step leaves a huge question mark in this case."

Hostess and the union agreed to mediation talks, which are expected to begin the process on Tuesday.

In an interview after the hearing on Monday, CEO Gregory Rayburn said that the two parties will have to agree to contract terms within 24 hours of the Tuesday since it is costing \$1 million a day in overhead costs to wind down operations. But even if a contract agreement is reached, it is not clear if all 33 Hostess plants will go back to being operational.

"We didn't think we had a runway, but the judge just created a 24-hour runway," for the two parties to come to an agreement, Rayburn said.

Hostess, weighed down by debt, management turmoil, rising labor costs and the changing tastes of America, decided on Friday that it no longer could make it through a conventional Chapter 11 bankruptcy restructuring. Instead, the company, which is based in Irving, Texas, asked the court for permission to sell assets and go out of business.

It's not the sequence of events that the maker of Twinkies, Ding Dongs and Ho Ho's envisioned when it filed for bankruptcy in January, its second Chapter 11 filing in less than a decade. The company, who said that it was saddled with costs related to its unionized workforce, had hoped to emerge with stronger financials. It brought on Rayburn as a restructuring expert and was working to renegotiate its contract with labor unions.

But Rayburn wasn't able to reach a deal with the bakery union. The company, which had been contributing \$100 million a year in pension costs for workers, offered workers a new contract that would've slashed that to \$25 million a year, in addition to wage cuts and a 17 percent reduction in health benefits. But the bakery union decided to strike.

By that time, the company had reached a contract agreement with its largest union, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, which urged the bakery union to hold a secret ballot on whether to continue

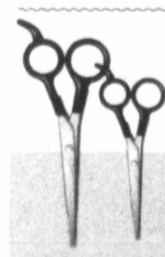
striking. Although many bakery workers decided to cross picket lines this week, Hostess said it wasn't enough to keep operations at normal levels.

Rayburn said that Hostess was already operating on razor thin margins and that the strike was the final blow. The company's announcement on Friday that it would move to liquidate prompted people across the country to rush to stores and stock up on their favorite Hostess treats. Many businesses reported selling out of Twinkies within hours and the spongy yellow cakes turned up for sale online for hundreds of dollars.

Even if Hostess goes out of business, its popular brands will likely find a second life after being snapped up by buyers. The company says several potential buyers have expressed interest in the brands. Although Hostess' sales have been declining in recent years, the company still does about \$2.5 billion in business each year. Twinkies alone brought in \$68 million so far this year.

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Public nudity ban eyed in fed-up San Francisco

LISA LEFF
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco may be getting ready to shed its image as a city where anything goes, including clothing.

City lawmakers are scheduled to vote Tuesday on an ordinance that would prohibit nudity in most public places, a blanket ban that represents an escalation of a two-year tiff between a devoted group of men who strut their stuff through the city's famously gay Castro District and the supervisor who represents the area.

Supervisor Scott Wiener's proposal would make it illegal for a person over the age of 5 to "expose his or her genitals, perineum or anal region on any public street, sidewalk, street median, parklet or plaza" or while using public transit.

A first offense would carry a maximum penalty of a \$100 fine, but prosecutors would have authority to charge a third violation as a misdemeanor punishable by up to a \$500 fine and a year in jail. Exemptions would be made for participants at permitted street fairs and parades, such as the city's annual gay pride event and the Folsom Street Fair, which celebrates sadomasochism and other sexual subcultures.

Wiener said he resisted introducing the ordinance, but felt compelled to act after constituents complained about the naked men who gather in a small Castro plaza most days and sometimes walk the streets au naturel. He persuaded his colleagues last year to pass a law requiring a cloth to be placed between public seating and bare rears, yet the complaints have continued.

"I don't think having some guys taking their clothes off and hanging out seven days a week at Castro and Market Street is really what San Francisco is about. I think it's a caricature of what San Francisco is about," Wiener said.

The proposed ban predictably has produced outrage, as well as a lawsuit. Last week, about two dozen people disrobed in front of City Hall and marched around the block to the amusement of gawking tourists and high school students on a field trip.

Stripped down to his sunglasses and hiking boots, Mc-

Cray Wimpsett, 37, said he understands the disgust of residents who would prefer not to see the body modifications and sex enhancement devices sported by some of the Castro nudists. But he thinks Wiener's prohibition goes too far in undermining a tradition "that keeps San Francisco weird."

"A few lewd exhibitionists are really ruining it for the rest of us," he said. "It's my time to come out now to present myself in a light and show what true nudity is all about so people can separate the difference between what a nudist is and an exhibitionist is."

Because clothes are required to enter City Hall itself, demonstrators who try to disrobe at the Board of Supervisors meeting will be escorted out by sheriff's deputies. That is what happened last Monday when Gypsy Taub removed her dress at a committee hearing where the ban had its first public hearing. Taub, a mother of two, said she got her start as a nudist while hosting a local cable program devoted to the theory that the government was behind the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

"I thought if I take my clothes off, I bet they are going to listen," she said.

San Francisco lawyer Christina DiEduardo filed a federal lawsuit last week on behalf of Taub and three men that seeks to block Wiener's ordinance, if it passes and is signed by Mayor Edwin Lee. The complaint alleges that the ban infringes on the free speech rights of nudists and discriminates against those who cannot afford to obtain a city permit.

While it may seem strange that going out in the buff is not already illegal in San Francisco, most California cities do not have local nudity laws, Wiener said. Instead, they are adequately covered by state indecent exposure laws and societal mores. But indecent exposure technically only applies to lewd behavior, so city officials have had to craft a local solution, he said, adding that the cities of Berkeley and San Jose already have done so.

"I suspect there are a lot of places that maybe don't currently have a local law (and) that if people started getting naked every day would quickly see a local law," Wiener said.

UN Security Council debates piracy for first time

PETER JAMES SPIELMANN
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. Security Council held its first debate Monday on piracy's rise as a threat to world peace and security.

In the past, the council has focused on regional piracy outbreaks such as off the coast of Somalia, in the Gulf of Guinea off West Africa and in Southeast Asia.

The debate was called by Indian Ambassador Hardeep Singh Puri, who holds the council presidency this month. Seven percent of

all maritime workers are Indian nationals, and many have been taken hostage.

U.N. Deputy Secretary-General Jan Eliasson said countries fighting piracy need better coordination and information sharing, and he called for stronger prosecution of apprehended pirates. He also called for an international agreement on rules for posting private armed security guards on merchant ships.

U.S. Ambassador Susan Rice told the council that no ship carrying armed guards has been successfully at-

tacked by pirates. But posting armed guards on ships is controversial. Russian and Italian military crew assigned to merchant ships have fired on and killed fishermen off Somalia, mistaking them for pirates approaching to board.

The Kuala Lumpur-based International Maritime Bureau, which tracks pirate attacks, reported 252 attacks worldwide for the year as of late October. Nine ships were being held for ransom off Somalia, with 154 hostages.

More than 20 countries'

navies have captured hundreds of pirates off Somalia, leading to problems over what to do with the prisoners. Some have been freed on the Somali coast.

The Netherlands proposed the creation of a regional U.N. piracy tribunal several years ago to take the burden until Somalia's government is functional enough to take over. But the idea has been dormant due to lack of Security Council interest.

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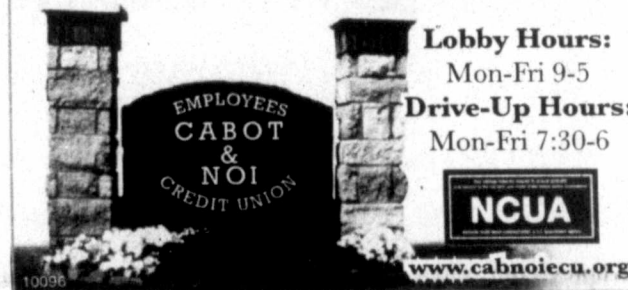
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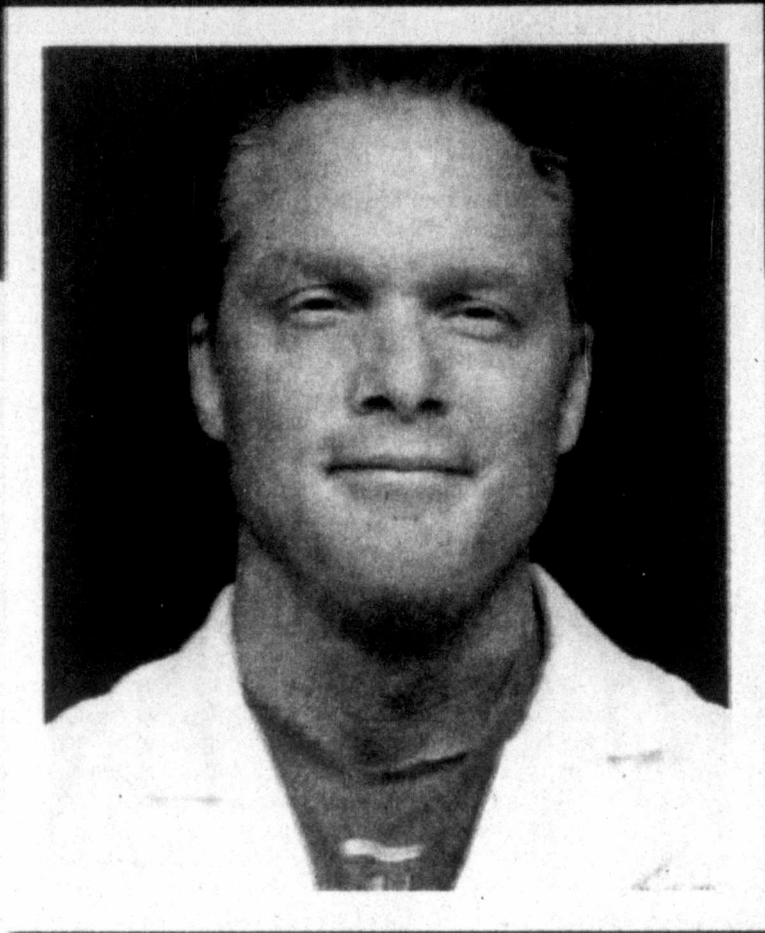
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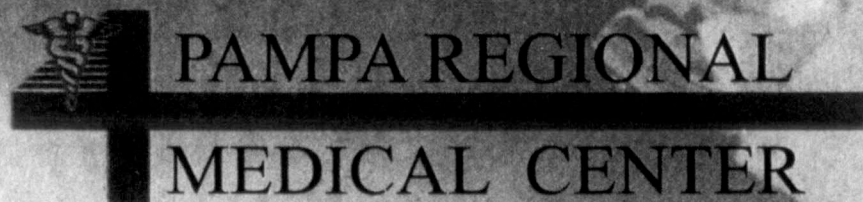
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By MESFIN FEKADU
AP Music Writer

Justin Bieber is thanking his haters.

The 18-year-old won favorite pop/rock male artist in the first award handed out at Sunday's American Music Awards and gave a shout-out to those who didn't think he would last on the music scene.

"I want to say this is for all the haters who that I was just here for one or two years. I feel like I'm going to be here for a very long time," he said, also thanking his mom, manager, family and his "beautiful, beautiful fans."

Usher kicked off the three-hour show with green laser lights beaming onstage as he performed a medley of songs, including "Numb," "Climax" and "Can't Stop, Won't Stop," which featured a smoky floor and a number of backup dancers, as Usher jammed in all black, with the exception of his red shoes.

Taylor Swift won her fifth consecutive award for favorite country female artist.

"This is unreal. I want to

thank the fans. You guys are the ones who voted on this," she said.

Nicki Minaj was also a consecutive winner, picking up her second trophy for favorite rap/hip-hop album for "Pink Friday: Roman Reloaded."

Party girl Ke\$ha was glammed up on the red carpet, rocking long, flowy blonde hair and a light pink dress. She switched to her normal attire when she performed her hit single "Die Young." It was tribal, with shirtless dancers in skin-tight pants, silver hair and skeleton-painted faces, who also played the drums. Ke\$ha was pants-less, rocking knee-high boots and rolling on the floor as she finished up the song.

Minaj and Christina Aguilera were blonde bombshells, too: Minaj's hair was busy and full of volume and she sported a neon strapless gown. Aguilera wore a blonde bob in a purple dress that matched her eyeshadow. They're both set to perform Sunday.

Kelly Clarkson also hit the stage, making a nod to her "American Idol" roots with a number on her dress

and three people in judge chairs looking on as she sang "Miss Independent." Then she went into "Since U Been Gone," "Stronger" and "Catch My Breath." It's worth noting that "Idol" judge Randy Jackson introduced Clarkson, the first-ever winner of the show. He also

advised people to donate through Red Cross for Superstorm Sandy victims.

American Music Awards nominees were selected based on sales and airplay, and fans chose the winners by voting online. At this award show, even the stars took their seats as fans: Pink said on the red car-

pet that she'd like to collaborate with Lauryn Hill. Cyndi Lauper said her musical playlist includes

Pink, Nicki Minaj and Carly Rae Jepsen's "Call Me Maybe" — an early live performance. Boy band The Wanted, who followed, said they were excited to see "Gangnam

Style" star PSY, and Colbie Caillat wants to watch No Doubt.

"What makes the American Music Awards special is the fans choose the winning artists," said Chester Bennington of Linkin Park, who won for favorite artist alternative rock and will perform at the show.

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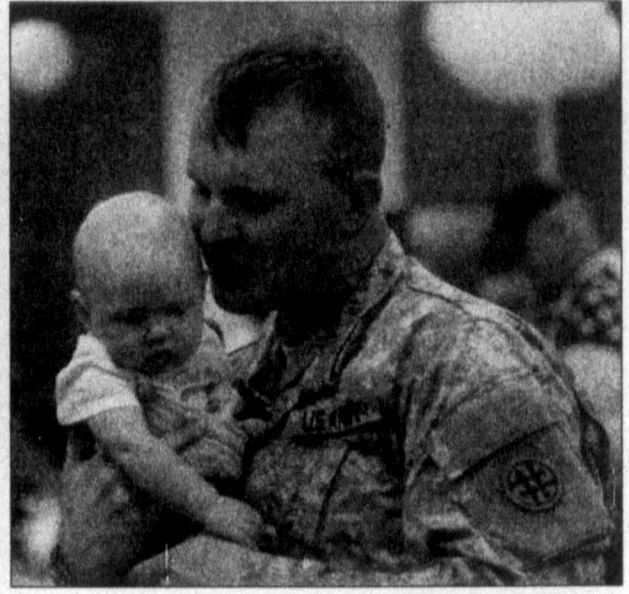
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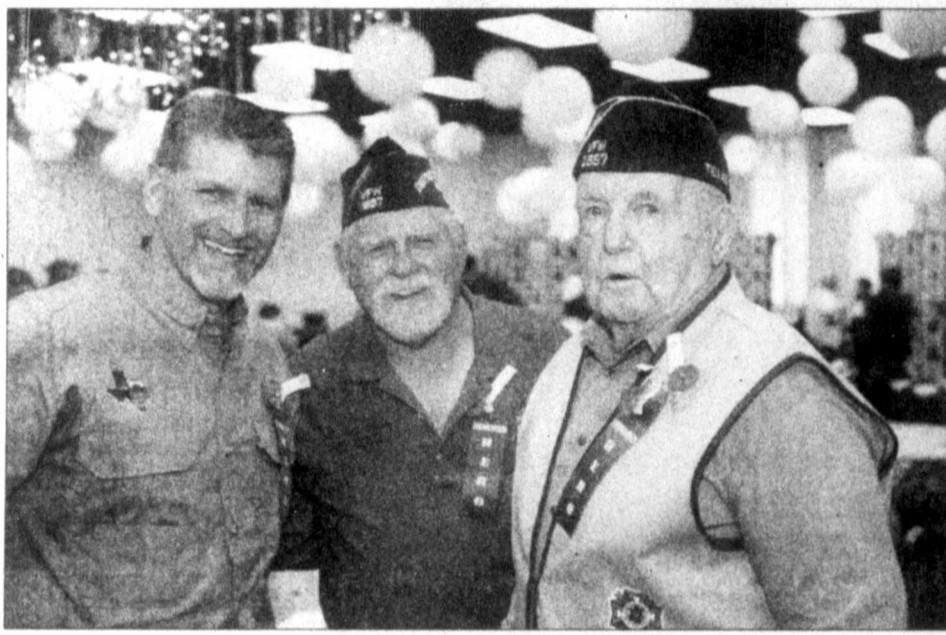
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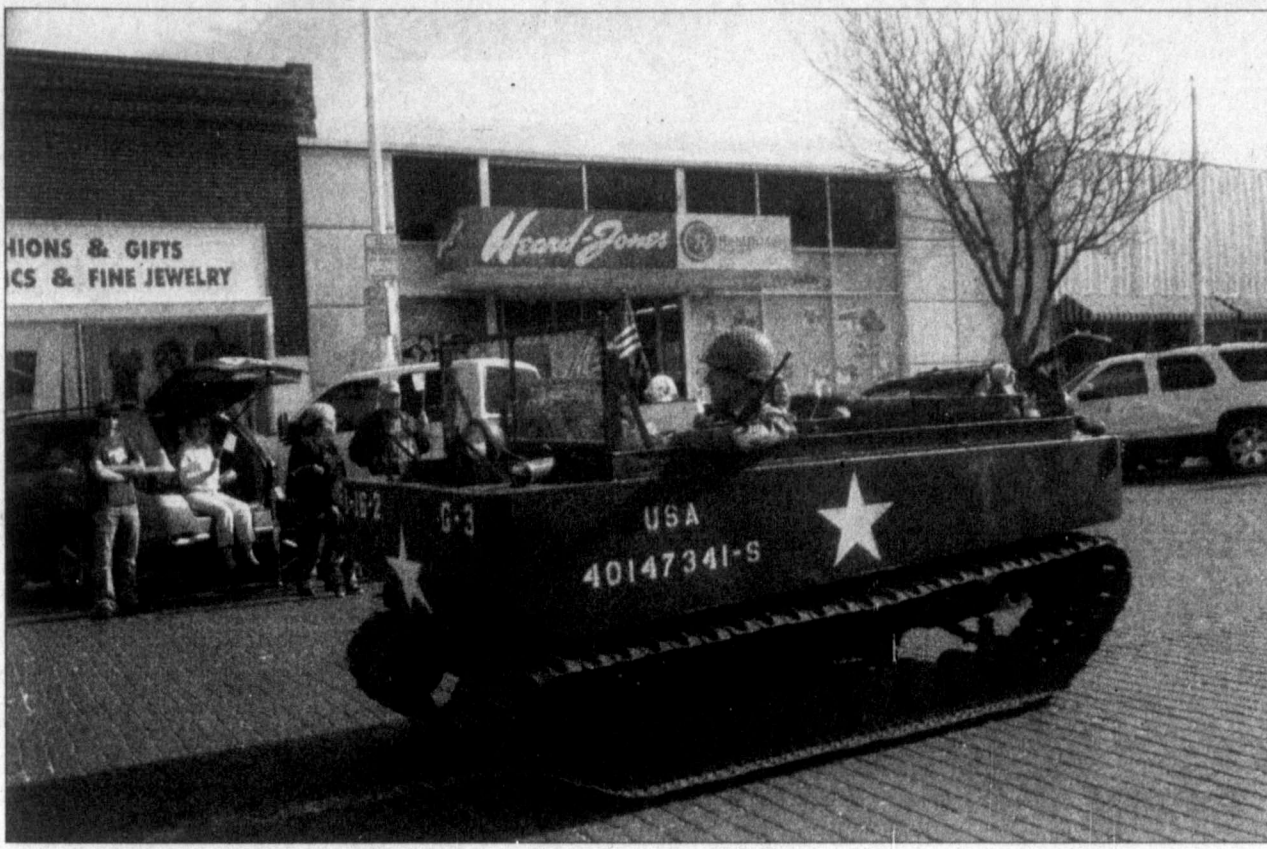
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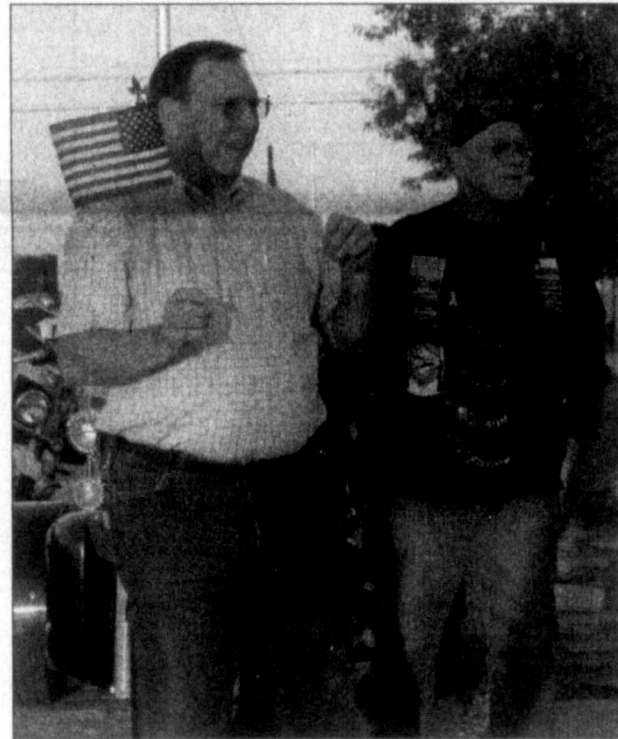
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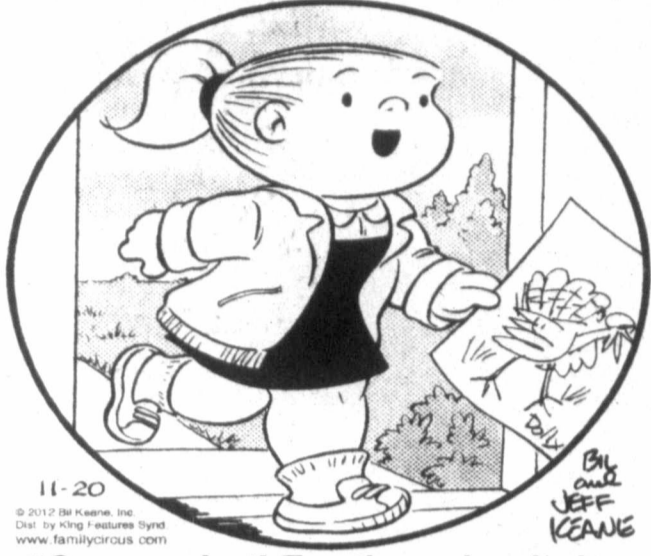


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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2012:

This year you might find that you are under pressure more often than not. As a result, you frequently send out mixed messages. Fortunately, many people who surround you are positive, and their energy floats toward you. If you are single, you'll need to work hard if you want to stay unattached, as you could have more than one suitor coming forward at the same time. If you are attached, the two of you might decide to plan and take that special trip. You also will benefit from a romantic weekend or two away. PISCES likes how you think.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You are coming from an anchored position, though you will want to hold back a little bit. Gain more knowledge as to what types of people you might need to deal with. Discussions with a key associate point to the correct direction. Tonight: Do your thing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Don't hold back, even if you feel like you don't have enough clout to speak up. Take your time making a decision; otherwise, you could be extravagant in decisions about money, food, feelings, etc. The reaction of a key person could be up in the air. Tonight: Work as a team.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Take a stand and carefully consider what you hear. Even if you feel 100 percent correct now, others might not feel the same. You can handle a lot of pressure, and you will find a way that lets both you and someone else be right. Tonight: Go with a friend's suggestion.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Reach out for more information. You might not have a situation under control as much as you might like. Tap into your creativity, and allow someone to share more of his or her thoughts and feelings. Together, you will make a great team. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You move slowly into your day, feeling full of energy by late afternoon. Follow through on what you must do, but leave some free time for yourself. You flourish when you indulge your personal interests. It is important to have a healthy balance of fun and work. Tonight: A friend chimes in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Pace yourself and expect to complete what you must. From late afternoon on, an important phone call could come in. Be open and listen to what is happening; be willing to share your feelings. Give that person an extra boost of confidence. Tonight: Hang out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your imagination carries you far and demonstrates an ability to reframe any situation. You easily will lend an ear to help a loved one who is burdened with a financial or emotional decision. Venus enters your sign and increases your desirability. Tonight: A midweek break.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Emotions could run high, as you might feel backed into a corner. Remember, this is just your perception. If you can alter your understanding of the situation, you will discover a way out. A surge of compassion and energy will push you forward. Tonight: Head home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Your words make a big difference to a friend. This friendship might not be strictly platonic on one side. You need to be careful with your words and also with this person's feelings. You will get a lot done, despite being overwhelmed. Tonight: Where the action is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Your possessive side comes out when dealing with a financial matter. You know what is correct, so follow through accordingly. A meeting late in the day lets you know that you made the right decision. Tonight: Let a meeting move into dinner or munchies.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You are all smiles, and you know which way to go. Your sense of what works comes from a family member. You sometimes feel overwhelmed by your personal life. Reach out to a special friend or a loved one who offers you a different perspective. Tonight: Yours to play out.

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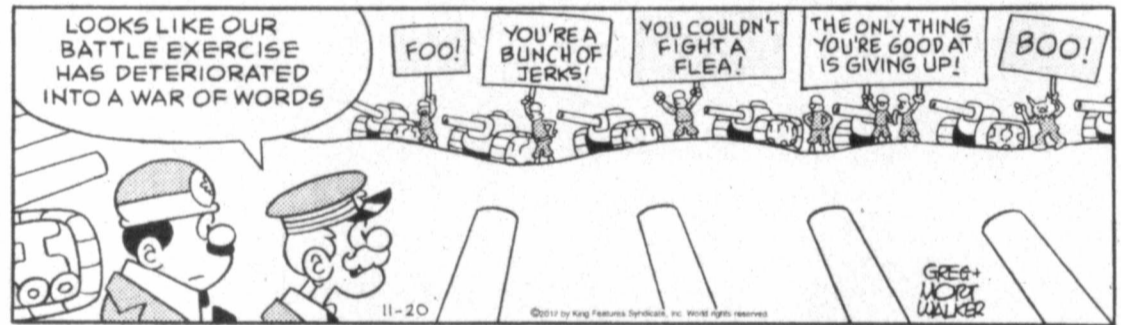
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Obama to speak at Myanmar campus scarred by violent past

BY ERIKA KINETZ
Associated Press

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — The soldiers began to shoot students at Rangoon University at 6:30 p.m. Hla Shwe watched, cowering in a nearby building, as his friends died. "I heard the shouting," he recalled. "They shot whoever they saw."

It was July 7, 1962, the day rage at the military's recent coup boiled over and a date now seared into the memory of Hla Shwe, who is 75 years old.

"I got the idea that if they used the gun against students, why shouldn't we use guns to fight them?" he said.

When President Barack Obama speaks at Hla Shwe's alma mater Monday, he will be treading on ground heavy with political and historical significance.

Since colonial times, the fight for change in Myanmar has begun on this leafy campus. It was a center of the struggle for independence against Britain and served as a launching point for pro-democracy protests in 1962, 1974, 1988 and 1996. Myanmar's former military junta shut the dormitories in the 1990s fearing further unrest and forced most students to attend classes on satellite campuses on the outskirts of town.

Today, few students walk the broken pathways of what was once one of Asia's finest universities. Birdsong fills the halls of cracked buildings. For many, the school — which was renamed University of Yangon in 1989 — has today become a symbol of

the country's ruined education system and a monument to a half century of misrule.

"Obama knows very well about the history of Yangon University, I think. This is an enemy place for the authorities," said Hla Shwe, who fought with Communist insurgents and spent 25 years as a political prisoner. "The American government is trying to show in a delicate way that they are not only working for the government but will also take care of the Burmese people."

A movement has been building within Myanmar to reclaim the university's history and restore it to its former glory. Opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi has repeatedly stressed the importance of upgrading the country's feeble school system and has been fighting in Parliament to repair the campus as part of sweeping educational reforms. U Myint, an adviser to Myanmar's reformist president, Thein Sein, in May wrote an open letter urging the government to fill the campus's empty classrooms with students, reopen the dormitories and reconstruct the Student Union building, which the junta blew up the day after Hla Shwe watched his friends get shot.

"For those who have reservations about our students and young people forming associations like other members of our society, the question we need to ask ourselves is: when we are striving so hard for reconciliation on many fronts, even with foreigners who have not been particularly kind to us, then why not also with our own

young people?" wrote U Myint.

The government ramped up education spending in the last budget but critics say it hasn't moved boldly enough to catch up after years of neglect.

"If there is one area where America can help most it is in education," said Thant Myint-U, another presidential adviser and a historian, who is the grandson of the late U.N. Secretary General U Thant. "Myanmar's university system has been decimated after fifty years of army rule. American universities are still second to none. There's no better way for the U.S. to project its soft power than through a real partnership to educate Myanmar's brightest students."

Some repair work on campus began about six months ago, but it is nothing compared with the frenzy of preparations for Obama's arrival.

Inside the school's Convocation Hall, where Obama will deliver his speech, is a riot of staple guns, buzz saws, sandpaper, hammers, spackle, drills, brooms, and fresh paint. But the facade of the building remains cracked with a black crust. Local superstition holds that scrubbing the building clean would unbalance the resigned calm that has settled on the campus and spark another round of unrest.

The curbs, lampposts and buildings that line the main road to the hall have been covered with fresh paint, but elsewhere the campus is a picture of moldering neglect. Broken desks lie stacked in the rain and shunted into

unused cobwebby rooms. Teachers in bright blue sarongs walk past buildings sprouting weeds. Stray dogs nap in dilapidated corridors.

"This is a prominent place which taught students to love the truth and to fight for it," said Zaw Zaw Min, who participated in the 1988 student demonstrations and, like his father and his son, served time as a political prisoner. He said before the recent renovations, the state of the campus made him deeply sad. "It was like a damaged city," he said.

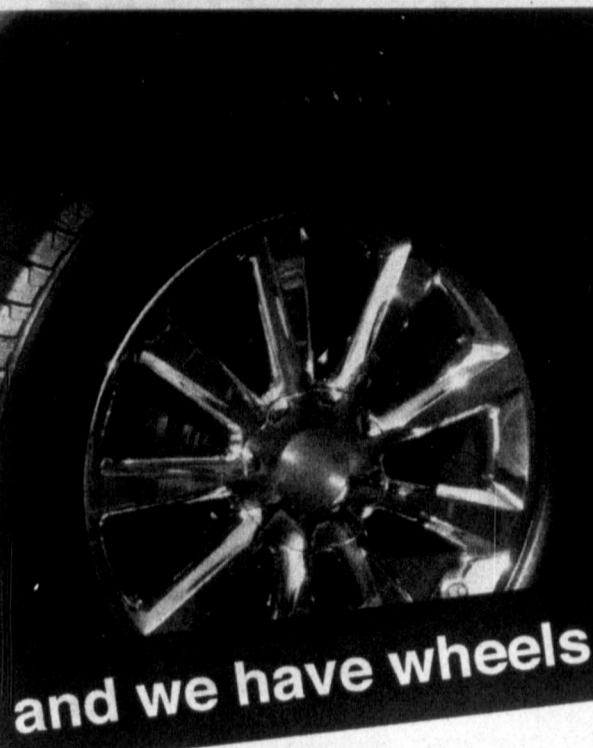
There is a real hunger for learning among many young people in Myanmar.

Aung Kaung Myat, 19, studies English at Yangon's University of Foreign Languages. "Everything is messed up," he said. "I don't want to blame my teachers. They are just the things in the system."

Literature class involves reading out loud and poetry is mostly memorization, he said. For books in English, he heads to the well-stocked library of the American Center, a cultural outpost of the U.S. Embassy in Yangon. He got so frustrated at the poor syllabus and teachers who seemed to know little about their subjects that he wrote an angry letter to the Ministry of Education, which he convinced a bunch of his friends to sign. His professor found out before he could send it, called his parents and threatened to expel him, he said.

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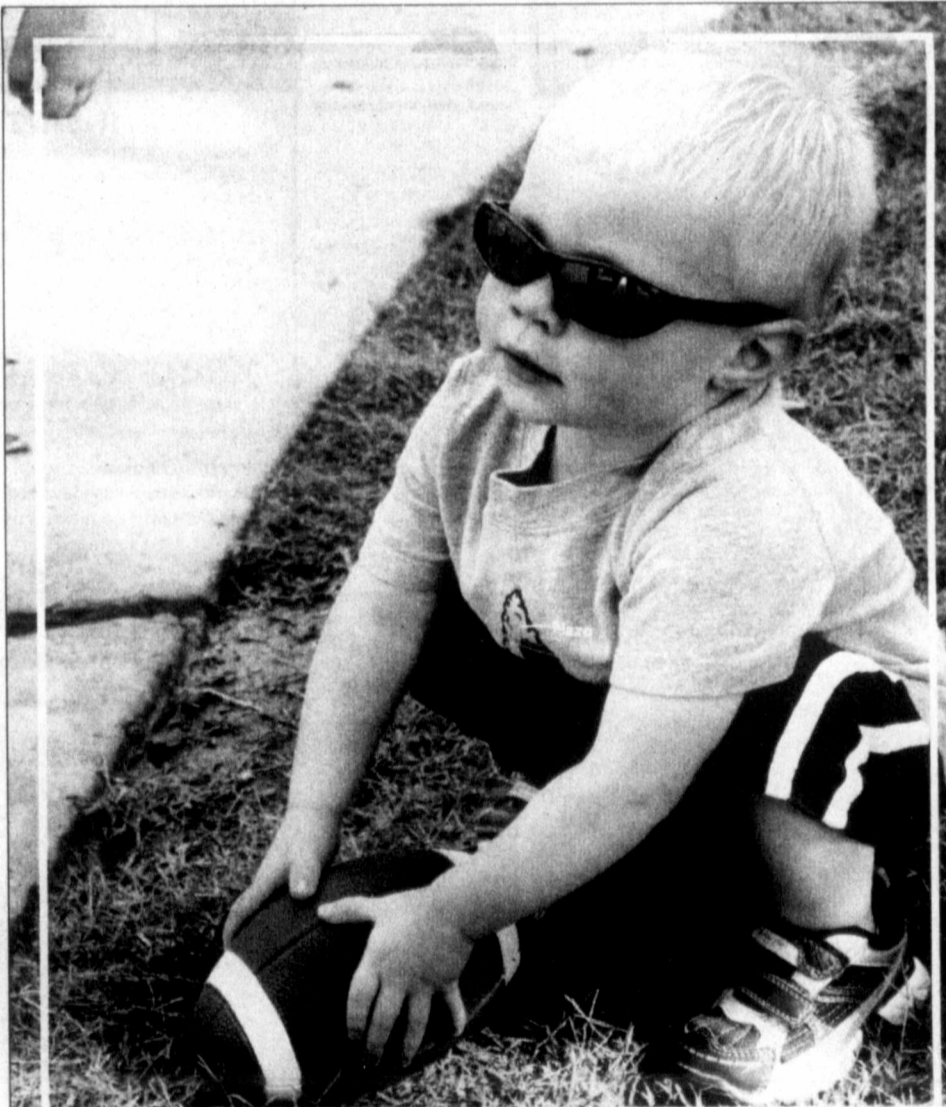
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A XYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

11-20 CRYPTOQUOTE

H B N R G I N Y G I H Z X N F G Z
ATX H B N R G V G R G C I N Y G X B G
I H Z X N F G Q W O D N H I H V S
X B N X H B N R G V G R G C I N Y G Q V G.

— MNIGZ SQCYQV AGVVGXX

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE THING ABOUT DEMOCRACY ... IS THAT IT IS NOT NEAT, ORDERLY, OR QUIET. IT REQUIRES A CERTAIN RELISH FOR CONFUSION. — MOLLY IVINS

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A	L	CHAR
E	M	P
S	T	TORN

L	O	V	E	A	L	
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Yesterday's Answer: PETUNIA FATIGUE UNTRUTH UPFRONT

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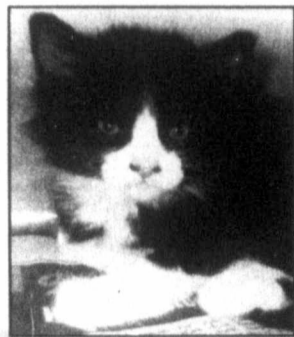




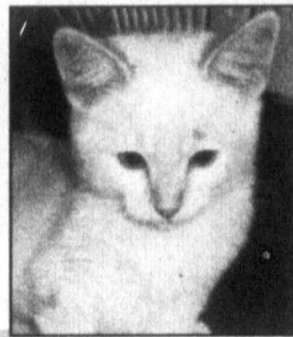
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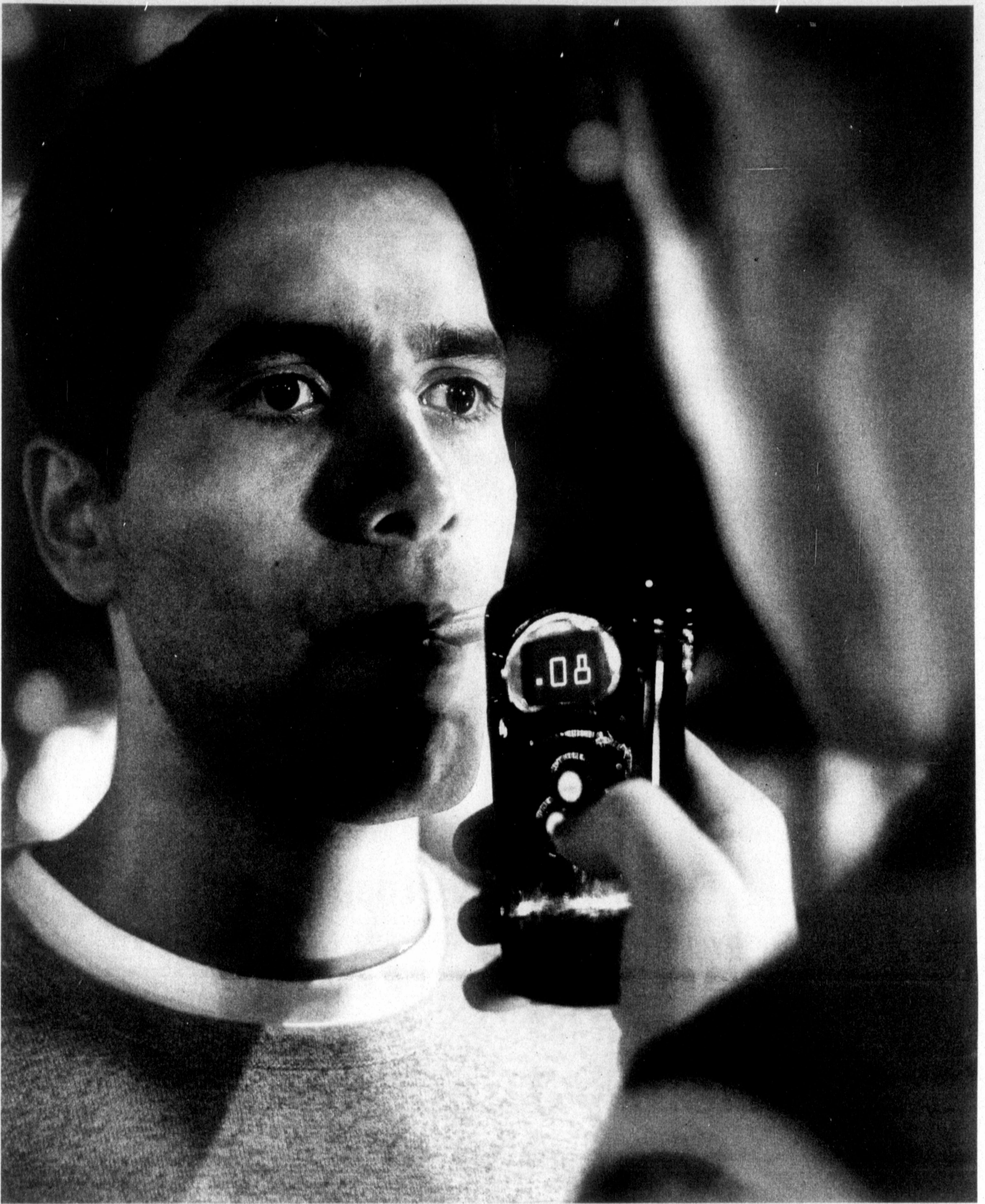
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Margie," recently lost her five-year battle with leukemia. I'm still grieving this huge loss. Something I found particularly upsetting was the apathetic attitude of her doctor and his staff.

Margie was seeing a specialist in a city 300 miles from our home. It involved many trips to his office as well as extended hospital treatments. During this period, we considered the doctor and his staff more than health care providers. We thought of them as our friends. Margie would often bring them home-cooked meals or pastries from a bakery. In addition, because she did fine needlework, she made all the women a set of dishtowels.

After my wife passed away at home, I sent a note to the doctor and his staff, thanking them and expressing gratitude for all they had done for her. I never received one message in return. I understand they treat many patients, but don't you think SOMEONE could have given me a call or sent a sympathy card?

I attend a bereavement support group and was surprised that I am not the only

one who has had the same experience. Is it normal for health care providers to stop all contact with spouses after a loved one dies? — **STILL GRIEVING IN ARKANSAS**

DEAR STILL GRIEVING: I'm very sorry for your loss, and for your disappointment. However, everyone deals with death and dying differently and doctors are people, too. In the field of oncology, for every victory there are also many deaths. Emotional detachment is sometimes the way that these physicians and staff protect themselves from emotional pain. Please forgive them.

DEAR ABBY: My son-in-law "Ralph" is a good father, good husband and we have gotten along well for nearly 20 years. But an issue has come up that has me really upset.

Ralph was an exceptional wrestler in high school until a shoulder injury ended his career. Now he wants his 10-year-old son, "Carter," to wrestle. Carter went to a few practices in early elementary school, but showed no real interest in the sport. However,

he does like basketball and shows potential to be a decent player.

Right now, my grandson's dream is to have a cellphone, and Ralph has promised to get him one — if he goes out for wrestling. I said I'd buy him a phone so he won't have to go out for wrestling just to get one.

I'm afraid Carter could get hurt while participating in a sport he has no real desire for, and could end up being unable to play the sport of his choice. I know there's danger of injury in any sport, but at least if an injury did occur, it would be while doing something he wants to do. And injuries aside, he should be

able to pursue the sport of his choice, not his dad's. We need some guidance here. — **FRUSTRATED GRANDMA IN IOWA**

DEAR GRANDMA: I agree with you, and for the sensible reasons you stated. However, I would add this: It appears your son-in-law may be attempting to relive a chapter of his life in which he failed to succeed because of his injury. To lure his son away from the sport he likes by bribing him to go into wrestling is unfair to the boy. I hope you and your daughter will talk to Ralph and tell him you think this is a bad idea, and that he will listen to you.

BANANAGRAMS!

Each of the words below can be turned into another word on the list by changing one letter and then rearranging them all to form a new word. For example, REGIMENT can be turned into STEERING by changing the M to an S.

- LEVEL
- YACHT
 - RATIO
 - SAUCY
 - TEACH
 - SCUBA
 - ADIEU
 - COATI
 - GUIDE

Yesterday's Answer: HANSOM, VACUUM

11.20

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

2	7	5	1	4	3	9	6	8
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Level: Beginner

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

1	3	8	4	2	7	5	9	6
4	9	7	3	5	6	2	1	8
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 39 Not busy

1 Delighted 40 Petty

5 Elementary quarrels

10 — avis 41 Looked over

11 Magazine worker

13 Finished 1 Gets bigger

14 Roman poet 2 "C'est —!"

15 Henry of "Happy Days" 3 Sports setting

17 High hit, in tennis 4 Turkey choice

18 It's about 6,000 feet 5 Looked upon

19 Suffix for hero 6 Love to pieces

20 Conclusion 7 Knight's title

21 Painter Klee 8 Rome native

22 Floorboard sound

25 Cars' scars

26 Warm up

27 Last mo.

28 Stipulations

29 Minsk's country

33 Even score

34 Renowned

35 Blue hue

37 Walk nervously

38 Impulse relayer

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Saturday's answer

- 9 Macaroon ingredient
- 12 Soldiers in gray
- 16 Chain unit
- 21 Nutty dessert
- 22 Makeup of a crab's shell
- 23 Purifies
- 24 Abated
- 25 Sandwich shop
- 27 Imps
- 29 Sired
- 30 All set
- 31 Cousin's dad
- 32 Spirited horse
- 36 Writer Levin

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11-19

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 40 New York's

1 Pool-swimming count

5 Joy of TV

10 Wed in secret

12 "— It Through the Rain" (Manilow song)

13 Covers in churches

15 Dessert choice

16 Wire measure

17 Honey maker

18 Mail, as payment

20 Cavalry base

21 Sculpting medium

22 Chopping tools

23 Mail, as payment

25 Goblet part

28 Modify

31 Skillets

32 Bank worker

34 "— little teapot ..."

35 Farrow of films

36 Had a feast

37 Covers in homes

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Yesterday's answer

- 9 Fixes, as a clock
- 11 Royal fur
- 14 Movie-related
- 19 Student housing
- 20 Deadly aims
- 24 Worthy toward
- 26 Tex-Mex treat
- 27 Facilitate
- 29 Poor race-horse
- 30 Tie up
- 33 Work breaks
- 35 Clutter
- 38 Pot part
- 39 Need to pay

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11-20

Company looks for worker after oil rig fire in gulf

By JANET McCONNAUGHEY
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The owner of an oil platform that caught fire after an explosion in the Gulf of Mexico last week said Sunday that it has expanded its search for a missing worker, and doctors said one of four men burned in the blaze is improving and is now in fair condition.

Two remained in critical condition and one in serious condition, doctors said.

Three dive boats are now working around the burned platform and Plaquemines Parish sheriff's deputies are checking beaches, Black Elk Energy of Houston said in a statement emailed Sunday evening.

It said all helicopter companies flying in the area have been asked to keep an eye out, and a search-and-rescue dog will be brought to the platform Monday.

The body of a second missing worker was found Saturday and turned over to the Jefferson Parish coroner, added the company, which said it is cooperating with investigators.

"We remain focused on the victims and their families, including those injured," the statement said.

At Baton Rouge General Medical Center's burn unit, Wilberto Ilagan, 50, of the Philippines, told Dr. Jeffrey Littleton that he wanted to send a message, according to a news release issued Sunday.

"To my relatives, to my family, and to my country, I am alive and in good health," Ilagan said. "I am burned, but my heart and lungs are healthy."

According to The Advocate (<http://bit.ly/ZT9WLy>), Littleton said Sunday

that the other men's names are being withheld because they have not given their consent to release them.

The Philippine Embassy in Washington has said all the workers are from the Philippines.

The Coast Guard has suspended its own search after checking 1,400 square miles near the oil platform, located about 20 miles southeast of Grand Isle, La.

John Hoffman, the president and CEO of Black Elk Energy, said in an earlier statement that the body was found near where the explosion occurred. The dead, missing and wounded workers were employees of oil-field contractor Grand Isle Shipyard, he said.

GIS CEO Mark Pregeant released a statement that the company has notified the families of

those involved but was not releasing their names, WVL-TV in New Orleans reported.

Authorities have said the blaze erupted Friday morning while workers were using a torch to cut an oil line on the platform.

Pregeant's statement, however, said the cause of the fire and explosion is unknown and that "initial reports that a welding torch was being used at the time of the incident or that an incorrect line was cut are completely inaccurate."

A man who answered the phone at the company's Galliano, La., office on Sunday said the company had no comment.

Separate from the explosion, Grand Isle Shipyard is facing a lawsuit by a group of former workers from the Philippines who claim they were confined to cramped living quarters

and forced to work long hours for substandard pay. The lawsuit was filed in late 2011 in a Louisiana federal court and is pending. Lawyers for the company have said the work-

obtained conditional class certification for allegations that Grand Isle Shipyard didn't pay them properly for overtime and may have violated other fair-labor standards, said

workers know they might be able to join the lawsuit.

He said he was not representing the injured workers, but didn't rule out the possibility that he might do so.

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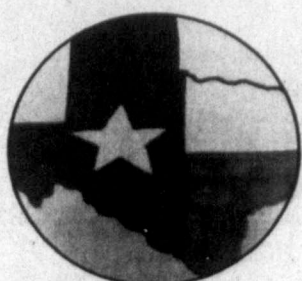
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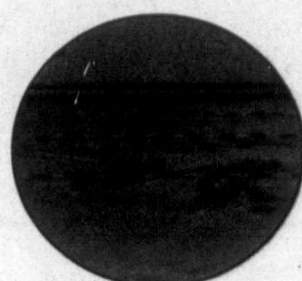
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Pink Out breaks through another year

Danna Eppison [business manager]



Pink Out: The cheerleaders gathered around on the floor.

On October 11, Pampa High School STUCO had their annual Pink Out pep rally. This is the fourth year that they have done this event.

"Pink out is for breast cancer awareness and is held during the month of October," Student Council advisor Kim Hopkins said.

Pink Out was originally started so people could know more about breast cancer. "It was originally started just to bring breast cancer to the forefront because so many people are affected by it," Hopkins said. "PHS tries to bring all cancers that people are struggling with to the forefront."

Every year there is something that changes.

"Nothing has changed a lot this year except that this year the community was very supportive with their donations. In the past, we have had a few big contributors, but this year we had many contributors that gave what they could," Hopkins replied.

Pink Out brings awareness throughout the community.

"It makes the students and the community aware of people going through struggles such as them, and some of them are students," Hopkins said.

This year, Pink Out donated \$2000 to Gray Country American Cancer Society.

"I think it is a really great way to show support for the community and people who are battling or have had cancer. It also makes students aware of this also," Hopkins stated.



Glow sticks: Everybody who has battled or is battling cancer lifted their glow sticks.



Cheerleaders: Pampa High School cheerleaders get ready.



Pink Out Dinner: Parents and students gather at in the commons for the dinner.



Let's fight cancer: Everyone gathered to show support for breast cancer.



Cancer fighters: Announcing those who have survived cancer.

Travis Elementary shows their support

Danna Eppison [business manager]

Fourteen years ago, an elementary music teacher started a music program to honor those who have served for our country. Little did she know it was going to be this big.

"When I first came to Travis, I had a fifth grade teacher that came to me and said 'why don't we do a patriotic program sometime during the year?' I decided that since the kids are not in school on July the fourth, we would do it on Veterans Day since that is the reason we have our freedom," Travis Elementary music teacher Kay Pittman said. "When we outgrew our gym and we had to move it to the civic auditorium at M.K. Brown, we decided to do some fundraising so we could do a big reception, so we could get special designed shirts, and get a gift to the veterans."

Parents play a big role in the program.

"I have been helping at Travis for sixteen years," parent volunteer Sarah Hollis said. "Each year, more and more veterans and their families have come to this program to show their support of our veterans. When I first attended the Veterans Day program celebrations, it was held in the Travis Elementary gym. It was not long before parents were asked to come to rehearsal to see their children perform because we wanted to assure that there was plenty of seating for the veteran honorees and their families."

Approximately seven years ago, the program had to be moved to the M.K. Brown Auditorium.

"Today, it is the only venue, so we are told by M.K. Brown Auditorium staff, which fills it to capacity," Hollis said.

Being a veteran means you have served your country whether in time of peace or time of conflict.

"Being a veteran means you've served your country, by signing your name on that dotted line. You are proud that you served your country, proud of your service, doing what you were told to do after signing your name on that dotted line," Post Commander of VFW Post 1657 and Commander of District 9 Danny Martin said.

The program is very heartwarming to the veterans involved.

"The program lets everyone know that they [VFW] are something a little bit special, that they have done something special to the community, special to the kids, and something special to the educational system," Martin said.

"The program means the kids are being educated about freedoms they have instilled what it means."



Veteran's Day: From left to right: Cheryl Lewis, Genevieve Zavaia and Trey Miller.



Showing support: Pampa High School's Drumline and Travis Elementary students gather to show their support of the Veterans.

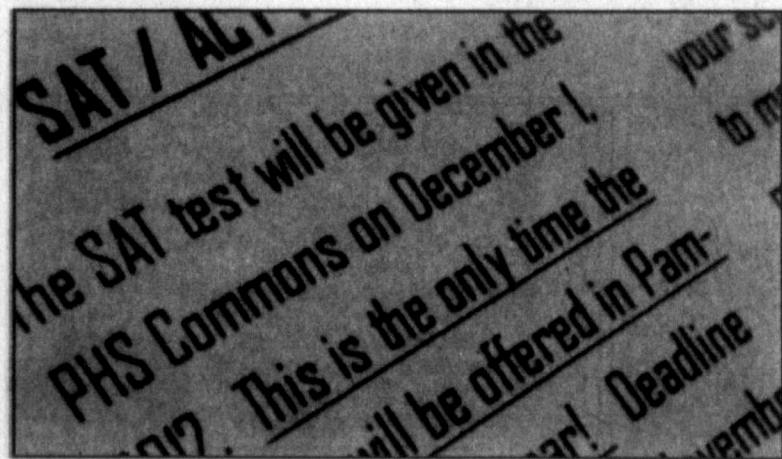


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SAT/ACT Tips

Karen Ochoa [staff reporter]

The SAT will be given here at Pampa High School on December 1, 2012. You had to be signed up with your papers filled out by November 1, 2012, but you can still apply online after that deadline. There is a late fee along with the original fee of the test. If you are wanting to take the SAT or the ACT, you have to have an ID. The ACT will be given here at Pampa High School on February 9, 2013 and on June 8, 2013. The registration deadline for February 9 is January 11, 2013.



Regular vs. Pre-AP/AP

Karen Ochoa [staff reporter]

Throughout the school there are regular classes, Pre-AP classes, and AP classes. Many students have different opinions on the different classes and the different activities. To some, Pre-AP or AP, may be or sound difficult, while others think that these classes are quite easy.

"The classes are hard and we have a lot of work, but only because the teachers are preparing us for AP classes," sophomore Karoley Villarreal said.

Having a regular class may be good for some, while it may be very easy and boring for others.

"I like being in Pre-AP classes because I like the challenge," freshman Carolyn Davis said. By having regular or Pre-AP classes, most people say that personally, you could be more focused.

"My Pre-AP class keeps me more focused on the work than my regular classes," sophomore Karen Duarte said.

To others Pre-AP just may seem too hard.

"I would not be in Pre-AP because it just would be too stressful and there would be too much work," sophomore Sarai Zarate said.

The learning experience may be different for others.

"I like Pre-AP because we go more in depth, and some teachers make it fun," freshman Nayeli Madrid said.

Overall, the learning is what counts.

"I like my Pre-AP classes because the people take it more serious," junior Kalie Smiles said. "And when I'm in my regular classes they don't take it as serious and I feel it takes away from my learning."

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Students balance work and school

[Dot News]

•Local News•

Do you have the heart?

Amarillo local Harold Jones, who is "83 years young," cleans around the Medical Center park every morning on his walk. He says he loves to kid people he meets on the trail.

www.connectamarillo.com

•State News•

Is Texas becoming a country again?

A White House web site petition from Arlington, Texas was sent to President Obama Nov. 12, the Monday following his re-election, with more than 28,600 signatures collected to secede from the United States. The petition attracted enough support to trigger an automatic review by the administration.

www.dailycaller.com

•National News•

Barack Obama is president again.

Late Tuesday Nov. 6, the United States received word that Barack Obama had been re-voted into office for a second term as president.

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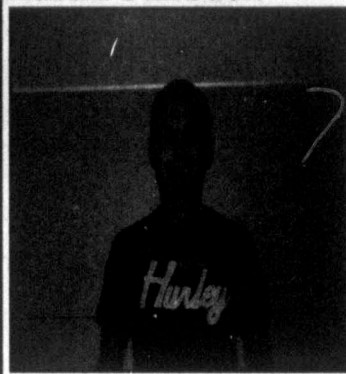
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Chinese couple pose for wedding photo after 88 years.

Wu Conghan, 101, and Wu Sognshi, 103, got married in 1924. They finally posed for a wedding photo 88 years after they got married. At the time they got married, not very many cameras were available in China.

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Austin Starbuck



Name: Austin Starbuck
Grade: Senior
Job: Pac-A-Sak

"It's tough trying to balance school work, a job, and extracurricular activities. You don't really have very much free time. Balancing homework is somewhat difficult, especially since I don't have much time to do it. Well, I just bought a \$30,000 car and I plan to pay that off before I graduate, and I'm also having to save for college so I don't have debt when I get my degree. My job is pretty awesome. I work 33 hours a week and have a great boss. It's the best job I could ask for in high school. And I kind of have a uniform. I get out of school at 12:30. I like to get as many hours as possible and the sooner I get there, the sooner I get off. I've been working at Pac-A-Sak for a little over a year."

Holly Lane

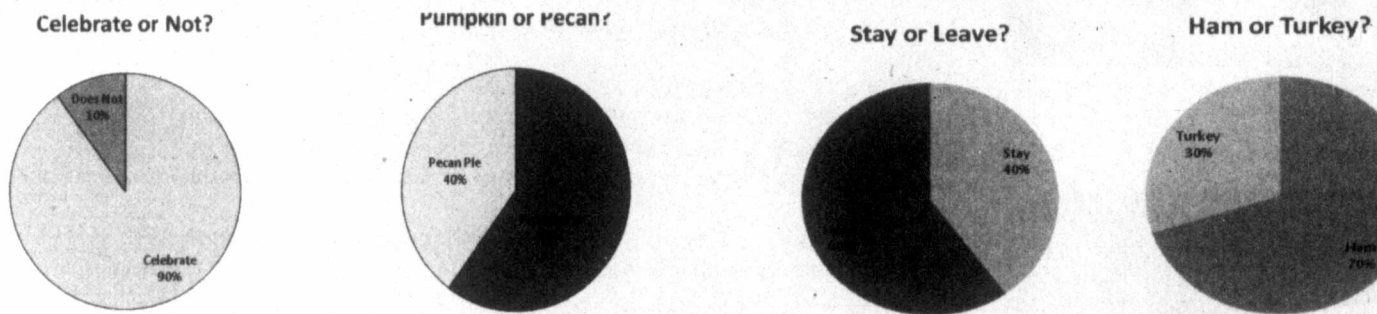


Name: Holly Lane
Grade: Senior
Job: Fenton Motors and Hastings

"It is the hardest thing I have ever had to do. I have a very busy schedule. Yes I do have trouble completing my homework, but I sacrifice my sleep for it. I am determined to graduate top ten percent of my class. I have stress because of everything that is ongoing in my life. Work does contribute a bit, but I have bills to pay. I am living the adult life for the most part during high school. I have to dress nice at Fenton and file papers and answer phone calls usually. At Hastings, I work up front at the counter and the video department."

What do you prefer for Thanksgiving?

Sierrah Adams [staff reporter]



Personal thoughts on school

Students share their opinions on school

Cruz Ortega [staff reporter]

Everybody has a different opinion about school. "The staff has been helpful and the students have been respectful," main office clerk attendance Erica Anguiano said. According to Anguiano, the school has changed in a very positive way. "The teachers help you learn and it is fun to hang out with your friends," senior Aribel Martinez said. People have different thoughts about school. "Well I'm just here to learn and get ready for the future," junior Irasema Madrid said. Freshman Nayeli Madrid's favorite class is Spanish. She said because she already knows it. Other students have other favorite classes. Senior Anthony Chavez favorite class is Marketing and Dynamics. "I get to go to work after lunch and it helps me learn about jobs and how they work," Chavez said. Teachers have their favorite thought about school. "I love it when students grasp a new idea," English teacher Melissa Roberson said.



What would you use in a Zombie Apocalypse?

On the Spot: Lee Bargas [staff reporter]

- "Machete" Junior Jose Sanchez said.
- "9mm Pistol" Junior Mickey Lanning said.
- "Machete" Freshmen Kamri Scott said.
- "Machete" Freshmen Fransico Salazar said.
- "Machete" Freshmen Andres Losoya said.
- "Machete" Freshmen Holly Osborne said.
- "Machete" Freshmen Jerry Burr said.
- "Machete," senior Makaly DeLaCruz said.
- "Machete" Senior Chris Garcia said.
- "Machete" Senior Mario Mendoza said.
- "Machete" Senior Nicholas Clancy said.
- "Machete" Senior Cheyenne Young said.
- "9mm Pistol" Sophomore Jordan Lillsan said.
- "9mm Pistol" Sophomore Tiffany Fualtz said.
- "9mm Pistol" Junior Susie Joiner said.

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Band goes to UIL competition

Pride of Pampa Band takes their talent to competition

Sierrah Adams [staff reporter]

Band kids took their talent to UIL Area but did not meet their goal of making it to State.

"We played and made second place at the pre-lims and sixth in the finals," band director Joe Barrow said.

The band students are sad that they did not make it to State but are proud of how far they have come this year in UIL.

"State went good, and it was disappointing to not make State, but the band made it farther than we have gotten ever in 12 years," sophomore Ashlee Vernon said.

The band was working really hard to get ready for UIL, so they could go to State. Even though they did not make it, they did a really good job this year.

"I honestly believe we did deserve to go to State. Not just because I am a part of the band, but because when it came down to our second and final performance we went out there and showed them what we had," senior Talia Watson said.

The routine was a theme of the Far East and the Color Guard was dressed up as Asian women.

"I think it's really exciting because we're not repeating the same thing over and over again, and we have more props in our show, which makes it even more exciting," freshman Linzy Black said.

Time and practice was put into it so they could become the best they could and it was probably hard to do, but they did it anyway.

"I think we did deserve ones because we worked really hard and we probably worked longer and harder than all the other bands," Vernon said.

The band was proud that they got all ones and are hoping to get all ones again.

"It was really exciting to get all ones because this year was a State year, and to be able to be a freshman and being able to advance was a really cool experience for me," Black said.

The Color Guard is like a family, and it takes a lot of work to get the routine down. It is not just twirling flags and moving with them; there is more to it.

"Color Guard is something I couldn't live without. It's my life. I live and breathe it. Color Guard is so much more than waving flags around and dancing. It's about giving the audience something more to visualize the show. Color Guard is an extremely hard sport and it takes time and dedication to make it possible," Watson said.

Barrow is proud of the band and how well they did this year. He worked hard with them to get them ready to compete.

"The band did their best performance and they really showed their potential through the show," Barrow said.

Some of the band students feel as though they gave their best performances ever and that they are of the Pride of Pampa.

"We gave it everything we had and it was one of the best performances ever," Watson said. "We showed them that the Pride of Pampa is back."



Kasonedar Jerome, Ashley Vernon, Adrian Lopez, and Christian Peñaranda practice UIL music.

Way to stay safe

Healthy choice idea

Tianni Costley [staff reporter]

There are some hard choices you have to make in life and it depends on how you react to them that makes the consequence. Big Decisions is about sexual choices and some people find it okay but others do not like it at all.

"It's dumb, really repetitive, and no one really cares," sophomore Nikki Dabbs said.

Teachers are apparently not doing a good job about teaching the students according to some students.

"It's so repetitive that the things we're supposed to retain are going in one ear and out the other," junior Jose Sanchez said.

Teachers may say some embarrassing stuff, but Big Decisions does not embarrass many people.

"I have nothing to hide," Dabbs said.

Juniors and seniors get to see some pretty disgusting pictures but some do not care.

"I just feel comfortable talking about it in a scientific matter," Sanchez said. "It's just like Worth the Wait."

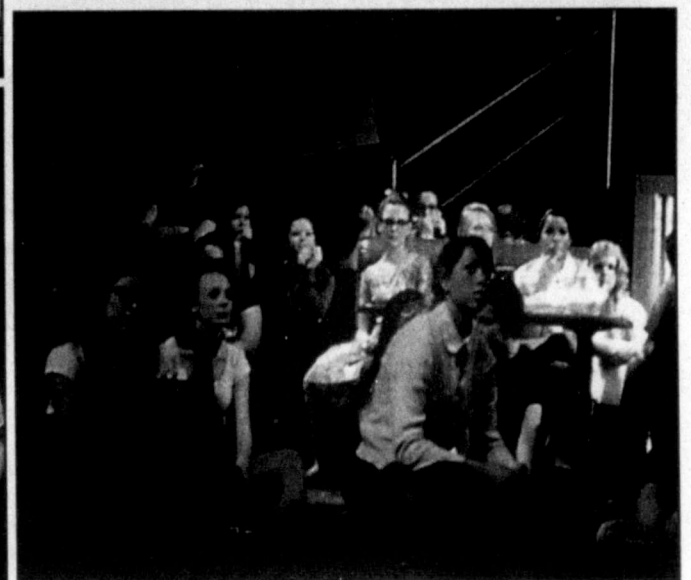
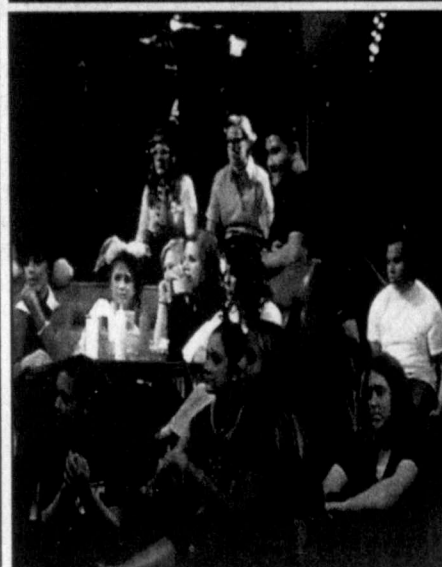
Some teachers feel uncomfortable with the subject and find it hard to teach.

"I think a lot of teachers are very uncomfortable presenting the subject matter," teacher Kathy Cavalier said.

We may think that Big Decisions is pointless or not embarrassing, but in reality sex is very personal and teachers have a hard time trying to show students how important it is.

"It's hard to teach sex education when you have to put your own opinions and values aside," Cavalier said, "I think most teachers regard the subject as very personal, and it's difficult to teach such a personal subject at an impersonal level."

Grease



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The Cast: Thursday before the opening night, everyone gets together to get ready.

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Romance vs academics

High School students are focused more on relationships than grades

Tianni Costley [staff reporter]



High school is hard with homework, drama, and extracurricular activities. To make it worse, we are high school students. That means that we get distracted a lot. The big distraction in high school, I think, is relationships. I mean, which would you rather pick: Geometry homework or hanging out with your boyfriend/girlfriend? We all know we'd pick anything over homework. Almost all of us have or are going to have a relationship. Students involved in a relationship experience more stress when facing deadlines with school. I'm not saying don't have a boyfriend or a girlfriend, but school is important, too. Don't get caught up in the high school craze of relationships. Relationships in high school, as most of us know, aren't going to last very long. We say, "We'll be together forever" or "We'll never leave each other," but the reality is: This is high school. Some people can handle a relationship and school but others get overwhelmed. Remember that high school "loves" and relationships won't last long, but what you learn in high school will be with you forever.

Potential life on Mars?

Reporter and student voice their thoughts on life on Mars

Kellie Cottou & Nathan Rowell [staff reporter & guest writer]



Mars has been earth's neighbor for about 4.6 billion years, during earth's first days. Yet, does Mars show a catalytic future for mother earth? Mars is a planet consisted mainly of Iron oxide (FeO) which is the chemical reaction of Iron beginning to Oxidize. This chemical product is formally known as "Rust". That means that Mars must have had a large amount of water once upon a time which had a large reaction to the intense iron core of the planet. One other similarity is that Mars use to have a strong atmosphere, which is now weak. Let's now look at earth. Our Atmosphere works moderately well, keeping moisture in and allowing sunlight to break through. Another similarity is that Earth's core is mostly made of iron (along with other rock mixtures). Earth is covered in 71% water, 69%-70% of which would be our salt water ocean. Now, looking at this evidence, we know that it is plausible for Earth to have massive amounts of Iron Oxide, yet I'm not finished there. The massive amount of water pressure from our ocean forces water into the pores of rocks and into our core. This means that our iron core is actually really damp and wet. Now we look at our main source in our solar system, our sun. Our sun generates the heat and reactions needed for life on Earth. Also, the sun is a ticking time bomb, possible of launching large solar flares that can strip the atmosphere from our Earth. Mars is located about 207 million Km or 1.38 AU. Earth averages about 150 million Km or 1 AU from the sun. If a massive solar flare was to reach Mars, strip away its atmosphere, cosmic radiation and extreme heat would super heat the planet. This intense heat would cause the massive amounts of water to evaporate, and without the atmosphere, the surface of Mars would be stripped. Now remaining would be the iron core of the Red planet along with the water stored inside. Now, if you recall setting a glass of tea down on a hot day that has ice, you know that the glass will sweat. Well, rocks will work the same way. The rocks possess a moist inside after the water pressure forced water into the rocks pours. Now due to the cosmic radiation and no protection from the sun's heat, the water will be forced out of the planet to evaporate. Leaving nothing but the once Iron core red with "rust". A similar situation could happen to our own earth. If a large Solar flare was to pass right into Earth, we would lose our atmosphere and gravitational pull. The next step would be the massive amounts of radiation and heat that would cause our iron core to sweat, creating the chemical reaction that causes rust. So in turn, Mars might have once been like Earth, and Mars might show us a clue on how Earth might end.

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What does your shirt say?

YOLO, Keep Calm and Attack the day

Cruz Ortega [staff reporter]



T-shirts that have pop culture sayings can have a cause and here are some examples: Keep Calm shirts, YOLO, which means you only live once, and Attack the Day.

Keep calm is so important because some family members might have cancer or breast cancer like their parents or their kids or grandparents.

People use the line keep calm because its purpose it to fight for it or don't worry about it because your family will support you and have your side to fight for the cause.

Some people talking about you only live once, well it is not a big deal. It is just a saying so quit laughing at it or

saying it out loud. On the other hand, to some people it is an inspiration to do things before their youth is gone. Some people think that YOLO are funny shirts and say it out loud well it's not very funny so don't laugh about it.

People say go attack the day it means to go have fun or win or do your best at the game.

The T-shirt of the attack the day means to me to go have fun or go support the Harvester's.

Watch out with the things you see and be happy when you see it.

Flash drives with style

Animal flash drives throw regular USB's out of commission

Lee Vargas [staff reporter]



The cute invasion of animal and name brand logo flash drives has thrown regular USBs out of commission.

Have you ever wanted to know the next coolest thing or a really cool accessory for your laptop? Well I know one thing. I have found that cutest thing- they are animal flash drives.

Over a couple of years, flash drives have evolved from simple to wacky animals and Star Wars.

Flash drives are more than just plain devices. They should be fashionable and express what we like, and I think they are cute just like my penguin USB. It is my

favorite animal and I love showing it off not to mention they are handy for computers.

The flash drives hold the same amount of Giga bites as any other flash drives; 4g and 8g.

These unique flash drives can be found at: CVS, Hastings, Walmart, the Internet, and the mall.

Overall they can be cool but they can be a bit expensive. They can cost \$14 to \$40 but they are totally worth the extra buck, so that we can have cute stylish pals dangling from our laptops.

A poem and a salute

A poem by Rebecca Lewis

Thank you, soldiers for everything;

Your sacrifices let freedom ring.

Gallantly defending, taking Liberty's stand;

From shore to shore, in air, on land.

Men and women, brave and strong,

Write the lyrics of freedom's song.

Thank you soldiers, for everything;

Our song of gratitude to thee we sing.



Bullying hurts

Why suicide is not the best choice

Karen Ochoa [staff reporter]



There has been a lot of talk about Amanda Todd and how she committed suicide due to bullying. Of course, it's very sad that she would do something like that, but what about all the other people that have done exactly the same thing as her because of bullying? I don't hear people talking about them. There are people in our own school who get bullied and no one pays attention to that. Sure if a teacher was to see the actual bullying happening then there would be a stop put to it then and there, or if a close friend of the person sees what's happening then they will tell

an adult or just stop it. But it really doesn't happen most of the time. No one deserves to be bullied. There is no point for bullying anyone. No matter the cause, it's not right. Bullying may leave a very serious emotional, physical and mental scar. Everyone at some point has been a bully, whether it be playing around, or actually wanting to mess with the other person. It's funny how bullying happens on a daily basis, but it's not made a big deal until it becomes publicly know, like Amanda Todd for example. Amanda committed suicide due to the bullying from classmates at her school, later she was all over Facebook and all of a sudden everyone wanted to stop bullying. Bullying has been happening long before Amanda committed suicide and it's been something that a lot of people have been fighting against for a long time now. So why is it a big surprise now? Just because it's all over Facebook or somewhere else everyone wants to put an end to bullying. What about all the other people that get bullied? Do they necessarily have to go and do something so outrageous like killing themselves to make people come to their senses? No they don't. No one should ever think about suicide or should have suicidal thoughts because of bullying. There is help out there. If you are being bullied and need to talk to someone about it, go for it! Someone should never feel like there is no one that they can talk to, there is always someone to go to for help, whether it be a parent, friend, or any other person that they trust. Help is out there, you just have to ask for it. Let us all just unite and quit bullying people.

Veteran's day

Honoring those in service

Danna Eppison [business manager]



When you hear the word honor, what is the first thing that comes to your mind? Does fame, faith, glory, tribute, or even trust come to mind? According to the Merriam Webster's School Dictionary copyright 1999, honor means to regard or treat with honor or respect. Every day, celebrities and high people such as presidents get honored. Veterans fought for our freedom in this country and are still fighting to keep it, but why don't they get as much honor as a celebrity? Why is it when you see the military on the news, it is mainly negative

except for around holidays such as Veterans Day? Don't they deserve to have honor and good news every day instead of just two out of the whole year? You can honor them in more ways than just sharing the good news. You can show them respect, say "thank you for what you have done for us," or even send a care package. There are many ways to honor a Veteran, but they deserve it for more than one or two days.



[staff ed]

If there is bullying going on due to a bad choice, suicide is not the way out. There are many ways to get help, especially when there is the feeling of suicide or depression; there are people who are here to help. For example, the whole situation with Amanda Todd. She knew what she was doing was wrong, but yet she made the mistake twice. She was bullied verbally and physically. She ended up moving twice and tried killing herself twice before she succeeded in committing suicide by hanging herself. There is a video on YouTube of her explaining her struggles. Some may think that all she wanted was attention, while others think that she should not have committed suicide. Instead of taking the "easy" way out, she should have confronted her problems, and told someone, especially the people who were bullying her.

Gone in the blink of an eye

Staff editor expresses how fast high school has gone by

Summer Sieber [editor.in.chief]



Being a senior in high school is stressful. I can almost guarantee any of my classmates will agree. There are so many things we have to worry about; SAT/ACT, graduating on time with enough credits, scholarships, keeping up this year when in reality we all just want to give up, but the most important one is college and what exactly we want to do with our lives. I, personally, began thinking about college when I was a freshman. I started to brainstorm and decide what exactly I wanted to do with my life after my four years here are over. At that time, however, it seemed so far away. I would put it off and just do a little here and there, but that time crept up faster than I ever thought. Ever since I started to think about college seriously I have wanted to do many different things along with many different choices for colleges. I will decide on a major and then months later will say, "eh I don't think I want to spend the rest of my life doing that."

So here I am, already months into my senior year and I am still trying to figure out what exactly I want to do. When trying to think of a career you normally just look at your skills. What exactly are you good at? I don't really know exactly what I am good at or what I would want to do. My biggest worry is that I pick a career that year's down the road I will be tired of. That's why it is important when choosing a career that you know exactly what you're getting yourself into. I'm hoping that at least one of you out there get something from this. I'm hoping that you underclassmen realize how important it is to start thinking about college when you still have the time to do so. If you keep putting it off you will get a smack in the face when it comes, trust me.

The majority of people go through many career choices growing up, no matter the age. When I was 13 I ran into one of the challenges I have faced in my short lifetime and decided I wanted to be a cardiologist, a heart doctor for those of you who don't know. I was set on that until my freshman year. That was when I had my insane, as I call it, career choice, which was a tattoo artist. That was what I wanted to be until I realized what exactly I had to do to get there and how likely it was that I would be able to support my life and family with it. I soon started to look in depth of everything; colleges, salaries, the requirements, etc. I then settled on writing. I wanted to become a journalist. I can't exactly remember what made me not want to do that anymore, but something happened that caused me to not want to spend the rest of my life doing it. That dream was short lived when I decided that I would maybe want to major in Psychology and become a counselor for troubled teens. I just recently changed that and settled for maybe wanting to go into nursing for labor and delivery. I've only made that decision about a month ago and I'm still not set on it. There are days where I absolutely 100% want to do it, but then there are days where I just question myself. Right now, I'm still questioning myself. I'm still searching to see if I can find that right career choice.

I guess what I'm trying to say is that it's never too early to start thinking about what you want to do. I can almost assure you that those ideas will change because as years go by you change, but for you to grasp the idea that you need to start thinking about this is a good step in the right direction. It's better to be early than too be late.

If you're looking for some advice, the best I can give you is to find out what you're passionate about. If you love writing, go out and become an author. If you love sports, strive to become a professional athlete. Anything is possible if you set your mind to it. If you're wondering things you would need to know regardless of the career path you will take is almost anything you learn here in high school in my opinion. You'll need your math in order to calculate things, whether it prices or how much medicine to give to your patient. You'll need good speaking skills and good vocabulary and maybe even grammatical skills. I don't know every single career in this world because there are a ton of them, but just remember a high school degree opens many doors for you.

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Not enough help?

Student reporter expresses her thoughts on reasons for dropping out

Sierrah Adams [staff reporter]



I feel that the reason people wish to drop out of school is because they feel like their questions and opinions are not heard. They may feel like they are not getting the help they need to make it through or they just do not want to go to school. Teachers should care more about their students, try to help those who need the extra help. Some teachers have given up on helping students because they may feel like they just could not do anything to help. If teachers try to help those who want to drop out by letting them know that there is someone who cares then teachers should try to listen to their students and try to make sure everyone is on the same page. Teachers could have their students write down what they think and what they need help on. For those who do not try to get help or just skip out of it, they will have to pay the price that will come from that. It is important for students to stay in school because it is hard to get a good job in this day and age without graduating high school. Even if students graduate high school and do not go to college, it will be hard still to find a good job. So students should go to college to get a good education to get a job that will take care of them.

No more Vitamin Water?

Are we done with Vitamin Water?

Landon Wright [staff reporter]



Walking through the basement there is a great chance you will run into a vending machine. This particular vending machine has a theme. The theme is Vitamin Water. Why is that a problem you ask? This is a problem because there is no Vitamin Water in it. And this, I do not understand. If I remember correctly, at the beginning of last year, the Vitamin Water called "revive" was available from this machine. It wasn't my favorite flavor but hey, it was still good. Vitamin Water is Vitamin Water and I enjoyed the convenience of having it at my school. Why they don't have it anymore is not apparent to me. It isn't unhealthy, as the name explains and many students enjoy it.

Danger at lunchtime

Lunch being a hazardous time

Austin Miranda [staff reporter]



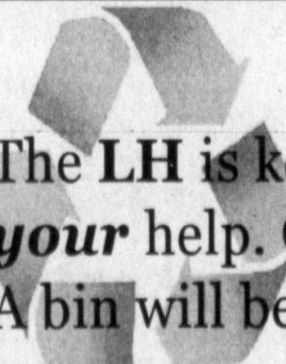
In my opinion lunch is the most highly anticipated part of the day. When students get out of school for lunch they go crazy especially driving students. The craziest traffic is probably on the corner of Harvester and Russell. Students stop after the stop signs, drive too fast, and hardly stay in their lanes. Some students drive fairly well but others do not. Another thing is students who walk to lunch. Those who walk in the middle of the street have a high chance of getting hit or run over. A freshman student has fallen victim to a hit and run. He never found out who did it and he broke his collar bone. Other people who are driving and are not students have to let the students who drive or walk go first or there might be an accident especially by distracted drivers. Distractions can vary from texting to changing the radio station or maybe someone dropped something and went to pick it up and could hit someone.

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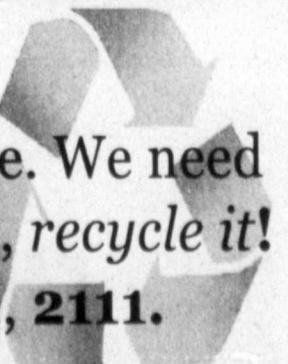
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Reactions to rumors

Cruz Ortega [staff reporter] Rumors about Texas seceding



"It was on the news. It had eighty-nine thousand signatures," counselor Starla Kindle said.



"They have been talking about it for years. It grows closer each year with the diversity of our country," Ben Ceyanes said.



"They need to have twenty-five thousand signatures and about sixteen states including Texas," Lisa Mitchell said.



"I really want it to happen," Cooper Hart said.



"It's stupid because we will be in major debt and be attacked," Samantha Clancy said.

New students

There are new faces in Pampa High School this semester

Tianni Costley [staff reporter]

There are some new faces in Pampa High School. It makes you wonder where they came from and why they came to Pampa.

"[I came from] White Deer because the school was not that good," sophomore Zarek Baton said.

The new students seem to like Pampa High School quite a bit.

"I love it at this school," sophomore Tiffanie Fultz said.

To new students, Pampa High School is totally different from their old school.

"It's a lot smaller and has a lot less people," freshmen Brenden Givens said.

The new students think that the teachers of Pampa High School are doing a good job helping them with everything they need.

"They are nice, helpful, and there when you need them," Fultz said.

Bronies

Is it a growing craze or a horrible plague?

Evan Free [staff reporter]

A Recent Fandom has been taking over the student body.

"A Brony is a male fan of the show My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic," Sophomore Dakota Roberson said. "I think the show contributes to its fans more. It has messages that the children that watch wouldn't get but the older fans would." Roberson said. "Bronies are a subculture. We are more united. Several Bronies have actually gotten together to make a movie, My Little Dashie." Roberson said. "I like the show, but I'm not obsessed. I'm more open to other subjects." Roberson said. "I'm a Brony and I support the New Lunar Republic." Roberson said. "The New Lunar Republic is one of two armies in a current Brony war. There is the New Lunar Republic and The Solar Empire." Roberson said.

Most of the Bronies have been hiding from the public, keeping in secret. Being known as "closet Bronies."

"I think a Brony is a guy who is weirdly obsessed with ponies," freshman David Shook said. "I don't support Bronies but I'm not against it," Shook said. "I think there is a small amount of Bronies in the school, but not too many," Shook said. "I don't really like the idea of teenage and adult men playing with little girl ponies," Shook said. "I personally would never be a Brony; it's just too weird for me."

Many of the people against bronies do anything they can to try to destroy and demoralize the Brony fandom.

"A Brony is a group of weird guys who like the little girl's show My Little Pony," freshman Tyler Whitson said. "I would say I'm for it, but I would never be one," Whitson said. "I respect them because they stand up for what they believe in," Whitson said. "I don't really care, though, about the amount of Bronies in the school."

Bronies do their best to avoid "parasprites" which is what the Bronies call people who mess with them.



The official flag of the new lunar republic

Red ribbon week

Red ribbon week returns to PHS

Laundon Wright [staff reporter]

It's that time of the year again. Yep! You guessed it, Red Ribbon Week. How do people really feel about this yearly tradition though? Is it helpful? Do we really need it?

"Red Ribbon week helps in some ways" senior Renee Baggerman said.

Students have many different opinions on the matter though.

"I know that it's important to the faculty and the school board that we do it, but if the days aren't really cool or they don't announce the days no one will really acknowledge it," Baggerman said.

Many students didn't even know that it was red ribbon week or that there were dress up days until the pep rally.

"It was announced the week before," Principal Tanya Larkin said. "We could not do announcements during the week due to TAKS testing."

Because of the break in announcements, the students were not as aware as they might have been.

"I didn't even know it was red ribbon week until like Wednesday," sophomore Tyler Curfman said.

Many students didn't dress up because either they weren't aware of the days or they just didn't like them.

"I think that more people would have dressed up and it would have been a lot better if the [dress up] days would have been announced every day during the announcements," Curfman said.

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So says the spirited cross-country poster in the second floor hallway

Summer Sieber [editor.in.chief]

Cross Country has had a great season this year.

"[The season is] fantastic," coach Mark Elms said.

The team worked well together along with having a good season.

"We had a really good season. Our team really worked well together and I, personally, had a great season," senior J'Cee Holmes said.

As a team, they have improved from last year.

"I was really happy about it [the season]. I think that at the beginning we came out strong. As a team, we've improved from last year," senior Terra Truitt said.

Their goal was to go to State, which they achieved.

"Our goal is to go to State," Elms said.

The seniors have been doing a good job in leading the team.

"My three seniors have been doing a tremendous job in leading," Elms said.

Truitt placed second in State.

"I was really surprised because I wasn't expecting it. I didn't think I would beat Sarah Smith from Dalhart," Truitt said.

Every year as an athlete you always have a favorite thing about the season and your team.

"[My favorite thing was] just the fact that all the girls got along together. It was always fun on the trips," Truitt said.

This year, the Cross Country team has bonded and become a family.

"[My favorite thing] is how our team bonded and became a family," Holmes said.

Holmes, however, wished she had done better at State.

"[State would've been better for me] if I wouldn't have let my nerves overcome me," Holmes said. "And if I would have had the experience, but I am very thankful for getting to go."



Cross Country: The cross country team right before leaving to Regionals. Back left to right: Coach Mark Elms, Alex Marrufo, Jose Hernandez. Front left to right: Yesenia Soria, Terra Truitt, Vanessa Ontiveros, J'Cee Holmes, Claire Hopkins and Reata Collins.

Keep calm and keep swimming

Just what swimming does to you

Kellie Cotton [staff.reporter]

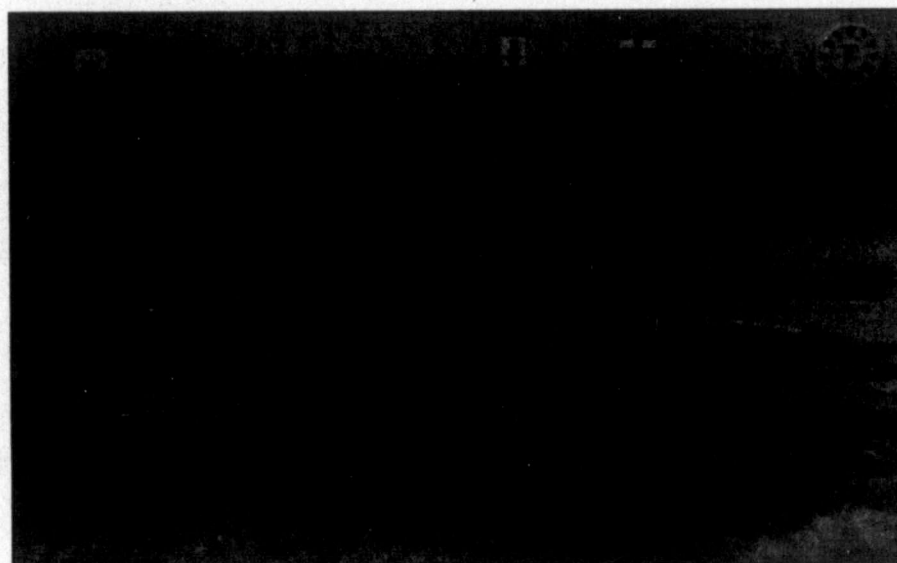
Swimming, pushing the limits every time you dive into the water. The emotional and physical stress your body and mind is put under gives you that burst of adrenaline and that feeling that makes you want to push forward. Pampa High School sophomore swimmer, Estaban Alonzo, spoke quickly assuring he was interested in telling his story.

"My first year I had to have help with swimming because, I didn't know how to swim at all. At first swimming was awesome because it was class in the water and now it's natural to me, kind of like walking," Alonzo said.

The water seems to speak for the swimmers themselves, showing how vibrant and powerful the student bodies really are. Pampa High School freshman swimmer Chance Butler was utmost excited to share his thoughts and his tale.

"My first year was nerve racking and I was worried I was going to struggle but, my second year got better. The swimming coaches teach us technique and the main swimming guidelines. One reason I wanted to be in swimming was because I wanted to be a Navy Seal. I would describe swimming as...Mental strength, dedication, power, courage, and faith," Butler said.

There are many swimmers that have the same dedication and faith, courage, and power. Pampa High School Swim Team is proud to have these amazing students. Team work is the key but the swim team decides to just break down the door showing the pride of themselves, the pride of each other, and the pride of Pampa High School.



Swim team: Warming up to start the work out for the day and get ready for future meets

Girls and boys golf team awaiting spring season

Golf team grows with new experiences

Austin Miranda [staff.reporter]

On September 17 of 2012 the golf crew set out to their first tournament.

"Even though it was an upset, the golfers gained some much needed experience," Coach Allen Segura said.

They are doing pretty good this year despite the fact that 70 percent of the team is new to golf.

"The new people we have do need experience," Segura said.

"Golf isn't an easy sport. It's really not. You have to have great focus and concentration, but they do have the potential to be great players. I think when the spring season comes around they will all be ready and terrific golf players."

Freshman Clay Baten doesn't think he did the best he could in a couple of his tournaments he played in.

"We have been to five tournaments," Baten said. "All of them have been upsets for the boys team, but I do

agree with Coach Segura. If we get a little more experience and more practice we will be good."

There is more to golf than just competition to some people.

"Golf is cool and all, sophomore Quila Martinez said, "but the best part about golf to me is that it relaxes me and it really relieves my stress."

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The Raven

Look into the poem

Summer Sieber [editor.in.chief]

John Cusack stars as Edgar Allan Poe in the recent film, *The Raven*. It hit theaters on April 27, but came out on DVD on October 9. As most people know, nobody knew exactly what the last days of Poe's life were like. This movie puts the last ten days of his life into a mystery thriller. A serial killer commits a string of murders all fitting a description of one of Poe's poems. Detective Fields (played by Luke Evans) figures out that each of these murders are tied to the poems and insists Poe help them figure out where this murderer is going. Poe becomes outraged when the murderer ends up taking his lover, Emily Hamilton (played by Alice Eve). Each of the murders has a note that leads Poe to Emily.

At the beginning of the movie, Edgar Allan Poe is living in Baltimore and is a poor writer who has a drinking problem. He's trying to write a piece that can be published, but is failing. That was until the first string of murders looked to link to his poems. From then on, Poe and Fields try to figure out just what the killer's next step was going to be; each without succeeding. That was until the killer had taken his beloved Emily. He then tries to figure out what the killer's next move is going to be by his poems. However, the killer seems to be one step further than they are. Detective Fields and his team and Poe all team up to find Emily, knowing their time is running out. However, Poe gets the surprise of his lifetime.



Illustration by Lee Vargas

Personally, I would recommend this movie to people who are familiar with Edgar Allan Poe's poems. However, you probably wouldn't be fond of it if you are very familiar with his work. Other reviews that I have looked at all state that the movie didn't really grasp the concept of Edgar Allan Poe, but did it better than any other movie based on Poe. [source: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1486192/>].

Andres Losoya

Ocean Waters

Wandered out deep into the blue ocean

Summer could not be any more perfect

Off shoreline lies the waters smooth motion

Perfect place and the price was all worth it

They call this paradise heaven on earth

The proof lies in the green luscious palm trees

And the white soft sand natures beauty's birth

Alone with no one around and at ease

Then Out of nowhere I felt a warm flood

A sharp pain arose above my stiff leg

I realized it after all of the blood

I had remembered what the guide had said

Don't ever go into the oceans deep

Or the beast will come to viciously eat

Sudoku

Answer will be put in next issue

Summer Sieber [editor.in.chief]

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Life of Pi
Directed by: Ang Lee



Pi is the son of a zoo owner. Their family decides to move the zoo and on the way the ship sinks. Pi is stuck on a boat with a tiger, zebra, hyena, and orangutan. *Life of Pi* is about trying to find your way home from being lost. Pi and the animals have to fight for their survival and work together. In the end, it seems to be a good movie to go and see.

Rating: PG

Smiley
Directed by: Michael Gallagher



Smiley is a movie "made by youtubers." The film begins with a girl telling the story of Smiley who is a killer from an internet urban legend. When people talk about the legend, he suddenly appears and kills everyone. All in all, if you like a good scary movie, this would be one to go see.

Rating: PG 13 and in select theaters, Rated R