

PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday
		
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Today: Sunny with a high of 70. No chance of rain. Winds west southwest at 13 mph. Sunrise at 7:34 a.m.

Tonight: Clear with a low of 38. No chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 8 mph. Sunset at 5:31 p.m.

Friday: Sunny with a high of 70. No chance of rain. Winds west southwest at 9 mph. Sunrise at 7:35 a.m.

Friday night: Mostly clear with a low of 40. No chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 9 mph. Sunset at 5:31 p.m.

Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high of 76. No chance of rain. Winds west at 16 mph. Sunrise at 7:36 a.m.

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GIFT CARD WINNER



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Remax of Pampa award a \$500 gift card from United Supermarket to Brad Bengel, left, of Lefors. Remax had a two-week period where people could sign up to win the card. This is the first time for the real estate agency to give out a card, and the staff decided it would be a good way to thank the community for their business. Pictured with Bengel, from left, are Scooter Hutchison, Linda Burt, Patti Hudson (broker/owner) and Dennis Edmondson.

For the record

Pampa man arrested for nonpayments

■ 19-year-old James Victor Hathaway, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office on four *capias pro fine* charges, or failing to pay

back court costs and fees. One CPF was for consumption of alcohol by a minor. One was for minor in possession of alcohol. One was for no driver's license, and the last one was for failing

to appear. ■ 21-year-old Tyler James Sowards, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Pampa Police Department on two CPF charges. One CPF was for failing

to yield and another for no valid driver's license. ■ 25-year-old Lance William Peterson, Miami, was arrested by GCSO on Tuesday and is to be charged in Wheeler County.

McLean man dies in helicopter crash

STAFF REPORT

Around 4 p.m. on Tuesday authorities responded to the scene of a helicopter crash 2.5 miles northeast of Childress.

The helicopter was hovering around 150 feet above the ground. A lineman was suspended in a chair 50 feet below the helicopter, hanging rollers on power poles. The helicopter lost power and crashed straight down.

The lineman, 23-year-old Jonathan David Suhr, McLean, was pronounced dead at 5:45 in Childress Regional Medical Center.

42-year-old Keith Hard, Butte County, Calif., was the pilot and he was treated for injuries at the hospital. The helicopter is from Brim Aviation.

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Yesterday's Answer: LEAGUE, CURFEW, WRAITH, GUFFAW

The PAMPA

Community Calendar

Meredith House presents live music
 Meredith House, 812 W. 25th Ave., has a band performing at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday night. Join them for Western music, gospel and the classics.

Commissioners Court meets on Friday

The Gray County Commissioners Court will hold a special session at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 30 on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell St.

The commission will consider a contract with Commed Healthcare Management for medical services for inmates at the Gray County Jail.

Loss-prevention workshop offered

Just in time for the holiday shopping season, the Pampa Chamber of Commerce is offering a "Stop Shoplifting and Other Retail Safety Tips Seminar" at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30. This seminar will be presented by Officer Stormy McCullar of the Pampa Police Department. RSVP to Lori at the chamber by Wednesday, Nov. 28 with your preference of time by calling 806-669-3241.

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 Christmas 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.

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.

Local artist displaying works

The Archer family will perform at 11 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 2, at the Church of the Nazarene, 500 N. West St. Father and leader Darrell Archer has written, arranged, or performed more than 1,100 pieces of music. A love offering will be received and recorded music available for purchase. For more information, call 806-662-6785.

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Editor's note: 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.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Cade Engle



Hayley Burnett

City

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lights soliciting money. The new ordinance will provide a means for legitimate organizations to raise money while restricting unauthorized groups who may be a nuisance to drivers.

Also passed on final reading is an ordinance that will prohibit electronic messaging, or texting, on mobile devices while driving on city streets.

Authorized emergency vehicles are exempt from the restriction and motorists will still be able to use their phones for verbal communications. Pampa already has an ordinance that prohibits using cell phones altogether in designated school areas.

The new ordinance will be enforced after a notice is published in the newspaper and signs are put up at the highway entrances to the city.

City Manager Roger Morris said getting the signs in place could take some time because the city will need cooperation from the highway department.

During a meeting earlier this month, both commissioners and Pampa Police Chief Kelly Rushing agreed the law will be difficult to enforce, but if it makes one driver think twice before texting, then it is a good law.

In another action, the commission approved amending an ordinance for a franchise agreement between the city and Atmos Energy, which provides natural gas to the city.

The agreement allows Atmos to use

public streets, alleys, grounds and right of ways to provide gas to its customers within the city.

Morris said Atmos was recently granted a rate increase by the Texas Railroad Commission. The amended ordinance is essentially the same as the one before the rate increase, but clarifies some of details, he said.

The commission also approved the Lovett Memorial Library's long range plan.

Assistant City Manager Shane Stokes said the state requires all libraries to have a new long range plan in place every five years. The new plan will be for 2013-18.

"This is a housekeeping thing the state requires," he said. "It allows libraries to maintain eligibility for state grants."

The three-page plan defines goals for public service, collection development, technology, facilities, public relations and administration.

Goals for facility improvements include replacing the carpet, getting a phone at each staff member's desk and replacing the outdoor security lights.

Goals for public relations include maintaining a web page, Facebook and Twitter accounts and other social media accounts to keep patrons informed of special events at the library.

Goals for technology include providing adequate funding for technology through city funds and grants, training employees to take full advantage of technology and working with the city's IT staff on a yearly basis to review current technology.

Auto

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"We are very blessed to have a good reputation and try to make everybody happy," he said.

The vehicle repair shop, which does everything "except body work and upholstery," recently doubled its size to 5,000 square feet, Hon said.

They fix and maintain everything from cars, to pickup trucks to fleets.

The name Thomas comes from the first owner, Bill Thomas, who opened the shop in 1974.

Hon worked for Thomas and bought the business from him in 1996.

Thomas Auto is located on Atchison Avenue across from the old train depot.

Along with Hon and wife, who takes care of the books, the shop employs Edetta Grange, office manager; Roger Green, service writer; Roger's son Marty, technician; Darren Moxon, technician; and George Hacker, helper.

Thomas Auto can be reached at 665-4851.

Wild coyotes by Wrigley Field

CHICAGO (AP) — Wild baseball fans might be a standard sight at Wrigley Field, but a pair of wild coyotes milling around Chicago's historic ballpark — surrounded on all sides by bars, restaurants and busy streets — wasn't what one photographer was expecting on a busy Friday night.

So he quickly grabbed his camera. "They were just kind of chilling," freelance photographer Will Byington said. "They were hanging out and not even doing much. They were kind of just checking out the scene on a Friday night in Wrigleyville. It was like they were on a date, taking a stroll."

Byington said he was shooting a concert at a bar across the street from the stadium in the Wrigleyville neighborhood, notoriously crowded and often rowdy on weekend nights, when he saw the two coyotes hanging out by the statue of former Chicago Cubs player Ernie Banks, near the ticketing area.

"It was kind of like they were looking for tickets," the 34-year-old Chicago resident laughed. "They went by the ticket window and unfortunately found it was closed, so they were ready to move onto the bar."

Wildlife ecologist Stanley Gehrt, who has extensively studied coyotes living in and around Chicago, said coyotes have been in the area for the past decade. He said the latest data shows there are at least 2,000 coyotes in Cook County, where Chicago is located.

Would Your Dog Survive a Hurricane Sandy?



MATTHEW "UNCLE MATTY" MARGOLIS
Creator's Syndicate

A vacant warehouse in Ocean Hill, Brooklyn, is serving as a makeshift boarding center for animals left homeless in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. Disaster specialists from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals are heading the operation, and they expect the 20,000-square-foot emergency facility to house hundreds of animals as displaced homeowners work to rebuild their homes and their lives.

For some, the idea of leaving their four-legged companion is just too much. Debbie Fierro of the Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals, an animal welfare charity that, despite its name, is not affiliated with the mayor or the city, said that one elderly man pleaded for his Pomeranian, Buddy, not to be sent to Ocean Hill. Fierro told The New York Times, "He said, 'I lost everything in this hurricane. The only thing I have is my dog.'"

For others, the idea of safe shelter for their furry buddies is manna from heaven. Jim Buonamano, his 6-year-old German shepherd, April, and his 2-year-old pit bull, Bella, spent several cold, dark nights in Buonamano's flooded home — no heat, no electricity, no clean water. When Buonamano heard about the shelter, he jumped at the chance for all of them to relocate to safe, sanitary quarters, telling the Times, "I'd rather (they) be someplace warm, even if I don't see (them) for a month." Buonamano is staying with his brother while working to make his home livable again.

Happy or not, these men and hundreds of others in similar situations are lucky. Their animals are not lost; they are not carrying the heavy burden of wondering how they are, where they are, whether they survived. This is in large part due to their diligence as pet owners and to the efforts of animal welfare groups such as the ASPCA.

Having a plan to protect your pets in a disaster is crucial to a happy outcome. Here are a few key items that should be at the top of every pet owner's disaster plan:

—Make sure your pet is identifiable at all times. Microchipping is the surest form of identification. A collar with an ID tag that includes your current cellphone number is the most immediate form of identification. Do both for best results.

—Prep your disaster kit. It should include emergency supplies — food, water, meds, garbage bags, batteries, manual can opener, newspaper, paper towels, leashes, carriers, flashlights, blankets, etc. — for every human and animal in your household.

—Know ahead of time which shelters and hotels in your area accept pets, and let them know you're coming as soon as possible.

—If you evacuate, take your pets. Pets left behind are extremely vulnerable, and their chances of survival are slim. It is never safe to leave an animal chained outside, but to do so during a disaster is a death sentence. According to the Humane Society of the United States, "If it isn't safe for you, it isn't safe for your pets."

—If you plan to evacuate, do it early. It is best not to wait for a mandatory evacuation, as often officials will instruct people to leave their pets behind.

For a more detailed plan, read the Humane Society's disaster plan for pets at www.humanesociety.org.

Woof!

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

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On acts of mercy, President Obama is a gridlock of one

President Obama likes to complain about gridlock in Washington and blame Republicans for keeping him from doing his job. As president, he has the unfettered executive power to



DEBRA SAUNDERS

pardon individuals convicted of federal crimes or commute their sentences. Yet, while his 2008 campaign called for a review of federal mandatory minimum sentences to reduce the number of needlessly warehoused nonviolent drug offenders, Obama has pardoned a mere 22 offenders who served their sentences and commuted only one sentence. When it comes to acts of mercy, Obama has produced his own gridlock of one.

Political science professor and Pardon Power blogger P.S. Ruckman believes that no president since John Adams has shown so little interest in exercising the power of the pardon.

Somehow the senator who opposed the waterboarding of self-proclaimed 9/11 mastermind Khalid Shaikh Mohammed has become the president who hasn't lifted a finger to correct the tortured punishment meted out to Clarence Aaron, when the 23-year-old was sentenced to life without parole for a first-time nonviolent drug offense in 1993 in Alabama. Ditto other victims of draconian federal mandatory minimum-sentencing laws.

Obama's piddling exercise of mercy baffles liberals. Eric Sterling, who founded the Criminal Justice Policy Foundation to combat the excesses of federal drug laws, helped draft as a congressional aide, noted that his co-believers aren't asking Obama to free convicted killers posing a threat to society. "There are lots

and lots of people who fit the strictest criteria to minimize the risk of re-offending," said Sterling. Obama could commute the sentences of only nonviolent offenders and mandate supervised release. Or the president could only commute the sentences of inmates with clean prison records and a good word from a prosecutor or judge.

With his re-election secure, Obama has run out of reasons not to commute the sentences of nonviolent offenders. Ruckman expects the president to issue some pardons in December, a holiday tradition, but, "I don't expect a lot, frankly. I have no reason to expect he's going to set any records."

Why has Obama been so stingy with his clemency power? It's a frequent topic of speculation among pardon watchers. Quoth Ruckman: "I personally think it all started with the choice of Eric Holder (as attorney general). He brought more baggage to the office with respect to pardons than anyone else in history."

Readers may recall that as a Justice Department official, Holder gave President Clinton cover to pardon big-donor Marc Rich — the gazillionaire who fled the country rather than face fraud and tax-evasion charges. Holder also had a role in Clinton's decision to commute the sentences of 16 Puerto Rican independence terrorists.

In other words, Holder rewarded a gazillionaire fugitive for avoiding prosecution and helped free unrepentant terrorists for political advantage. But when it comes to using the pardon power to curb the excesses of brutish sentences, Holder has other priorities.

Clarence Aaron can wait. Given his sentence of life without parole, where's he going to go?

Email Debra J. Saunders at dsaunders@sfchronicle.com.

Wise up or fatten up: 'tis the season to be merry

There are deep and wrenching potholes on the path to a healthier, happier lifestyle, and the days between Thanksgiving and New Year's fall into that category.



MARILYN PRESTON

Weight-gain alert! Pecan pies ahead! Eggnog lattes for breakfast! Experts warn that because of all the holiday stress and lethargy, the average somebody will gain 3 to 7 pounds between now and the beginning of 2013.

Is that true? Who knows? But you are not average. You are uniquely you. And if you are determined to get through the holidays without feeling as though your favorite jeans have turned into a giant blood-pressure cuff, consider the following:

KEEP A HOLIDAY FOOD JOURNAL. This is hard-core, but it works. And it's not just a girlie thing. Buy a notebook, give it a name, and begin to keep track of whatever you put in your mouth between now and the end of the year. Don't judge, don't lie, and don't pile on the guilt. All these are counterproductive when it comes to being your best self. Just write down what you eat and drink, how much, how often. Do this every day, and you will experience what behavior modification experts know is true: The act of keeping track keeps you on track. If you have a blowout day -- and you will -- jot it down, let it go, and begin again.

MAKE A BET. This is another

surefire way to stay focused on smart eating and less drinking. Find a friend who, like you, wants to get through the holidays without losing sight of your toes. Each of you makes a big fat bet towards a weigh-in on Jan. 1. Whoever gains the most, loses. Whoever loses the most, wins. If you both stay the same, buy each other dinner and celebrate that sweet feeling that comes when all the guests have gone home and you can still button your pants.

DON'T RELY ON SELF CONTROL. Brian Wansink of Cornell University has done exhaustive research into the reasons people eat too much, and here's one of his most brilliant conclusions: You can't rely on self-control.

"This whole idea that you can prevent mindless eating with the power of your mind is a tremendous fallacy," he says. Instead, he advises, set up your environment, both at home and at work, so that you will mindlessly eat less.

Say what? His research shows people, on average, eat 22 percent more off a 12-inch plate than a 10-inch plate. So eat off smaller plates. Switching to a smaller bowl, he says, can help you eat 50 percent less.

Wow. You're also likely to consume fewer calories if, after serving dinner, you clear away most of the platters, leaving only salad and veggies. And finally, make sure that the first thing you see -- front and center in your fridge, in your pantry -- is a healthy choice and not the leftover pumpkin pie.

These little tricks may sound insignificant, but when it comes to avoiding mindless munching, they

add up to magic.

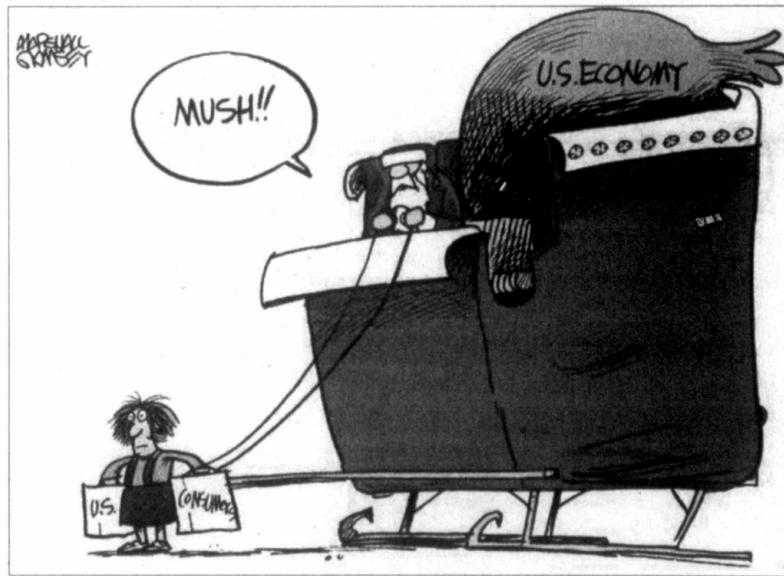
SPIT IT OUT. This strategy may sound a little gross, but it's still one of my all-time holiday favorites. It came in very handy this Thanksgiving, when I was alone in the kitchen, putting away all the yummy leftovers. Before I knew it, I was chewing a mouthful of still warm chestnut-and-cornbread stuffing. And then another. It was there; it was delicious; I am weak.

So what did I do? I chewed slowly, savoring every moist and fatty bit of it ... and then I opened the trash can and spit it out. It was a completely satisfying experience.

Who needs to swallow? I know this weight-control tactic will not go down well in mixed company, or any company, but in the privacy of your own home, where thousands of calories will be mindlessly consumed this holiday season, I highly recommend it.

KEEP MOVING. You knew this was coming, right? Life is a balancing act. More sweets equals more sweat. Schedule yourself for extra workouts, more yoga, additional time on the treadmill. Exercise burns calories, but it also lifts your spirits, calms your mind and gives you the strength to deal with however many shopping days are left.

Marilynn Preston — fitness expert, well being coach, and speaker on healthy lifestyle issues — is the creator of Energy Express, the longest-running syndicated fitness column in the country. She has a website, <http://marilynnpreston.com> and welcomes reader questions, which can be sent to MyEnergyExpress@aol.com.



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Embrace a thankful and giving heart

This holiday season, while we enjoy delicious food and visiting family and friends,



CHUCK NORRIS

let's take a moment to give thanks for our many blessings. It's easy to get lost in all the bad news today -- whether it be unfavorable election results, financial troubles, a struggling economy, an overreaching federal government, crisis in the Middle East or personal struggles. Our growing list of problems often seems overwhelming and endless.

It's easy to give thanks when everything is going our way. But what about the difficult times?

The Bible, in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, commands us, "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

I noticed a poll this week indicating a full 45 percent of Americans would rather skip Christmas because they say it's stressful and a strain on their finances.

But this season is not about braving crowded store aisles, crabby shoppers and maddening traffic jams so we can spend money on stuff our friends and family don't actually need.

Before you rush to empty your pocketbook and cram the hottest toys under the tree, let's examine our hearts this season and count our blessings.

Thankfulness brings joy and contentment; it changes your outlook and attitude.

There's real power in a thankful heart.

Even when we're tapped out financially and emotionally, we should consider the truly meaningful blessings in our lives. My wife, Gena, and I thank God for our families, friends and neighbors, and for the joy of this season that we celebrate in His name.

In all the world's darkness, we can be thankful for God's great love and that He sent His Son so that all of us may have eternal life. That wonderful gift is available to everyone -- regardless of our hardships and individual circumstances.

As President Ronald

Reagan declared in his 1981 Thanksgiving proclamation, "Let us commit ourselves to that devotion to God and family that has played such an important role in making this a great Nation, and which will be needed as a source of strength if we are to remain a great people."

We thank God we are fortunate enough to have been born in the greatest country on Earth, in a land of abundance, prosperity and hope. We are grateful for our nation's foundation on freedom, justice, democracy and the rule of law. We also pray that America's leaders will look to God for guidance.

We're thankful for the First Amendment, which guarantees our rights to express ourselves, petition our government and worship God freely. (I might add, we're also thankful for our Second Amendment rights.)

We are grateful for all the sacrifices of our nation's veterans and courageous men and women serving in the U.S. military, who continue to secure our liberty and keep our nation safe.

We thank God we live in a land of opportunity,

where each of us is free to develop our individual talents and embrace our entrepreneurial spirit.

We're grateful for our good health, our jobs, warm clothing, protective shelter and nourishing food. We're thankful that we're fortunate enough to have these things, so we're able to show compassion and care for those among us who don't.

We thank God for helping us practice humility, patience, kindness and forgiveness.

Most importantly -- especially in these troubling times -- we're thankful that God is always in control.

Let's not get caught up in the material trappings of the holidays and forget to give thanks just because Thanksgiving Day is behind us. This Christmas season, I challenge you to greet every day with a thankful and giving heart.

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Community Christian School

Happenings
 Fall Fun Day activities a hit.

Community Christian School
 Fajita Cookout fundraiser a big success.



Students enjoy a recent visit from The Pampa Fire Department

Fajita Cookout



Students, teachers and volunteers all help to prepare for our annual Fajita Cookout. Since community Christian School is a private school and receives no state funding, projects like this are important to its operation. At least 30 percent of the school's budget comes from fundraising and donations. Over 1,750 meals were served! We would like to give a big thanks to the community for their support.



Timi Osoba from Nigeria, special friend of our student Landon Maul and his family, shares African history and his love of God with the Kindergarten class of CCS.



Captive Treasure



The 4th and 5th grade class finished a book about the frontier. They are displaying prairie schooners made from Blue 100's and other 100's items.



The Pre-K and Kindergarten classes enjoy a variety of activities during the Fall Fun Day



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Wilson Elementary

Happenings

Tea and Reader's Theater November 20.

Wilson students' salute to veterans a success

Veterans Day program showed appreciation to local veterans

SALUTING OUR VETERANS

By JOSUE AND GUILLERMO

The entire Woodrow Wilson student body presented a Veterans Program on November 2, 2012, led by Mrs. Owens and assisted by Mr. Owens and Mr. Rumph, pianists.

There were many Veteran Day decorations all around the gym, on the hall walls and the gym door which were made by the students. The students wanted to show their gratitude to the service men for their service and protecting our freedom.

The veterans who participated in the Flag Presentation were:

- Drill Team Leader, Dennis Boyd
- Flag Detail Leader, Dannie Miller, Army—Vietnam
- Rick Dunn, Army—Vietnam
- George Collingsworth, Navy—Vietnam
- Billy Brown, Army—Vietnam
- Bob Shultz, Navy—Vietnam
- Doug Fulton, Marines—Iraq
- George Poolue, Navy—Vietnam
- Art Bowen, Air Force—Vietnam

Each fourth grade student gave a booklet they had made showing the Veterans how much they appreciated them and to say THANK YOU.

Good job Wilson students!

Te y Teatro

Tea and Reader's Theater

JOSUE AND GUILLERMO

The first grade Bilingual class, taught by Mrs. Roberson, will be having Tea and Reader's Theater for their parents at 3:40 on November 20, 2012. The student's families are going to bring balloons and make cookies for Thanksgiving. The students' relatives are going to enjoy an afternoon with fun and food. By the way, we found out the entire classroom likes Thanksgiving.

Pictured with Mrs. Roberson is Adam who is helping make decorations along with the rest of the class for the event.

All of Mrs. Roberson's class and their parents are encouraged to come and join the fun and goodies.

The Wilson Booster Club

By TYSON AND AVERY

The Wilson Booster Club has been around for seven and a half years. The following are officers of the Booster Club:

- Trudy Sprinkle—President,
- Arelia Guardado—Vice President,
- Leticia Lopez—Treasurer,
- Becky Dudley—Secretary
- Kimberly Brown—Parent Support Group.

Fundraisers they have during the year include: Wilson discount cards, box tops, Wilson t-shirts, and crazy days. Some of the items they have bought for the school from the money that the kids raise: are playground equipment, wall pads for the gym, basketball goals, and a "Woody" mascot costume and many more. Pictured is Avery, third grade, watching Mrs. Brown count the coupon books that she sold.

Guess Who?

By: AVERY AND TYSON

- What I enjoy most about my job is working with kids
- There are seventeen kids in my class
- My favorite thing to do is play music
- My preferred food is banana pudding
- My choice of color is blue
- Have black spiky hair
- Teach third grade at Wilson

**Answer in our next Wilson page

Hard Work!

Thank you to the Wilson P.A.A.S. students and guest for a great job on the Wilson page. The following students were the reporters and photographers: Avery, Tyson, Kevin, Josue, Jesus, Guillermo

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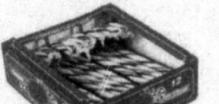
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Rice

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the assistant secretary of state for African Affairs in the Clinton administration, knew about requests for enhanced embassy security before the Nairobi truck bombing.



Susan Collins

Pressed on how she would vote if President Barack Obama named Rice to succeed Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Collins said, "I would need to have additional information before I could support her nomination."

At the White House, Obama called Rice "extraordinary" and said he couldn't be prouder of the job she has done as U.N. ambassador. Cabinet members joined Obama in applauding Rice, who attended the meeting. Obama has not named a replacement for Clinton, who has said she intends to step down soon.

The misgivings from Collins, the top Republican on the Homeland Security Committee, came one day after three other GOP sen-

ators said they would try to block Rice's nomination. Sens. John McCain of Arizona, Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire said they were more troubled than ever by Rice's answers on Libya even though the ambassador conceded that her much-maligned first explanation was wrong.

In an unusual move, Rice and acting CIA Director Michael Morell have held two days of private meetings with Republican senators in hopes of assuaging their concerns. Privately, Senate Republicans said they had hoped the conversations would quiet the criticism as they want to avoid the spectacle of a postelection challenge to a female African-American nominee.

Instead, the sessions have cast further doubt on her chances for the top State Department job and increased the likelihood of a protracted fight if Obama does choose her. Although Democrats will have 55 votes in the next Congress, the president would need the support of five Republicans to avoid a filibuster of the nomination.

Collins said she was troubled by Rice's "political role" in downplaying the Libya attack as a spontaneous demonstra-

tion over an anti-Muslim video rather than a terrorist attack by al-Qaida affiliates in a series of Sunday talk show appearances on Sept. 16 — five days after the attack and weeks before the election.

U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans were killed in the raid on the U.S. diplomatic mission.

Rice has said she was relying on talking points provided by U.S. intelligence.

Introducing another issue certain to be fodder for any confirmation battle, Collins said she pressed Rice about security at the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi in 1998 when a truck bomb was set off outside the facility, killing more than 200 Kenyans and 12 Americans.

"What troubles me so much is the Benghazi attack in many ways echoes the attacks on those embassies in 1998 when Susan Rice was head of

the African region for our State Department," Collins told reporters after the meeting. "In both cases, the ambassador begged for additional security."

Collins said Rice told her she was not involved directly in turning down the request for improved security. The Maine senator said that in light of Rice's position, she had to be aware of the general threats and U.S. Ambassador Prudence Bushnell's requests for security upgrades in Kenya.

Review boards headed by former Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman, Adm. William J. Crowe after the Aug. 7, 1998, bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania did not find reasonable cause that any U.S. employee breached his duty in connecting with the bombings. Rice was not blamed.

However, Crowe said the boards believed there was a "collective failure"

by several administrations and Congress over a decade to invest adequately to shore up vulnerable U.S. diplomatic missions around the world.

Rice has emerged as the front-runner for the top job at State though Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman John Kerry, D-Mass., passed over for the job in 2008, is considered a strong alternative.

In a clear message to the White House, Collins said Kerry would have no problem winning Senate confirmation.

"I think John Kerry be an excellent appointment and would be easily confirmed by his colleagues," Collins said.

Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee, who is in line to become the top Republican on the Foreign Relations Committee, was more circumspect about Rice's chances after his own meeting with the ambassador.

The GOP senator suggested that Obama "take a deep breath and nominate the person he really believes is the very best person for secretary of state, regardless of relationships."

Corker, who traveled to Libya in early October, was highly critical of the administration and the intelligence community, saying that "the whole issue of Benghazi has been a tawdry affair."

Democrats have rallied to defend Rice, casting the Republican criticism as political scapegoating.

"You know it's a shame to create a sideshow that seems, I think, very clearly to be very political out of something that really has no bearing on what happened in Benghazi," White House spokesman Jay Carney said Wednesday.

Associated Press writer Matthew Lee contributed to this report.

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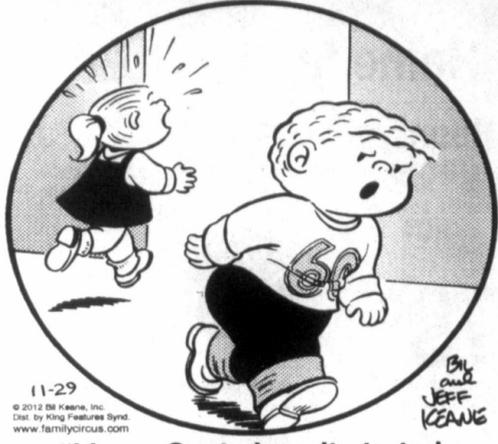
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Nov. 30, 2012:

This year success comes from relating on a one-on-one level, both professionally and personally. Others sense your compassion and become more responsive. Your creativity comes in waves and sometimes out of the blue. You will have greater insights than ever before. If you are single, you might feel like you're on a dating roller coaster. Let time determine the durability of a connection, if you decide to relate. This person will bring excitement into your life. If you are attached, the two of you rediscover the chemistry in your relationship. Try not to overreact to the intensity. **CANCER** understands you better than you do!

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)
★★★★ Tap into your imagination and seek out a novel approach to a uniquely different situation. You could be over-serious about a financial matter involving a partner. Try to initiate a conversation with this person. Tonight: Head home first.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You'll open up a conversation and gain a better sense of what is going on. The unexpected plays a role in plans, and you will gain a sudden insight as a result. Conversations are animated. A creative friend even might offer a new perspective. Tonight: Where your friends are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Be aware of the advantages of heading in a certain direction. Confirm that you and a boss are on the same page, as easily one of you could misread the other. You might find that your routine is becoming a bit tiring. Consider making it livelier. Tonight: TGIF!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Listen to forthcoming news with a touch of cynicism. The unexpected could add an element of confusion and force you to revise your plans. Think twice before making any changes. A loved one is more than ready for a serious talk. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★ Recognize that you can't handle everything in the timeframe you would like. Manage your responsibilities with the knowledge that you are only human. News from afar could jolt you. Do your best to make sure that you understand the

various forces at work. Tonight: Not to be found.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Do not lose your focus right now. It would not be advisable, especially with an associate or a loved one experiencing uproar in some form. Meetings add to a feeling of being in control. Think positively, and step back from any negativity. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★ Pressure builds at work or within your immediate circle. Stay focused in order to discuss what is going on at a deeper level. You seem oddly off-kilter. Try to worry less about the here-and-now, and you will gain the ability to see the big picture. Tonight: In the limelight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Read between the lines with an associate. In fact, just listen to this person as if you were a complete stranger, and you will understand a lot more about the differences and similarities between you. Think long and hard before giving a reaction. Tonight: Follow your imagination.

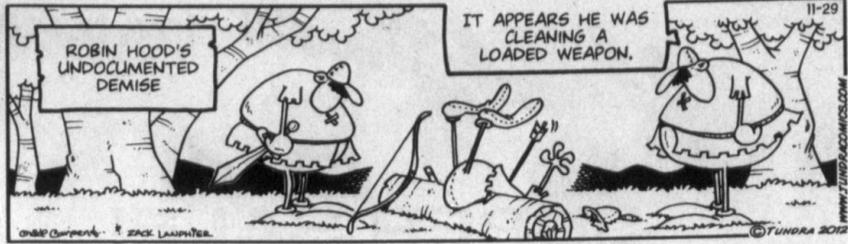
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Someone approaches you with a very interesting idea. You might question what is really happening. Why not simply choose to experience what this person has in mind? You might be making too much of this interaction. Tonight: Deal with a key person directly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might want to defer to someone and find out what is going on behind the scenes. How you visualize what you want and what a friend is offering might seem very different, but they actually are not. Be open to a suggestion. Tonight: You certainly are not alone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You could be taken back by all the last-minute errands that fall into your lap. Be willing to say "no" if you feel as if you have too much to handle. Your sense of humor emerges when dealing with a higher-up. Tonight: Go relax with a friend and have some munchies.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might not be able to restrain yourself as your more romantic side emerges. Be careful when handling your finances or anything else that demands your full attention. Your ability to dream and come up with unusual ideas emerges. Tonight: All smiles.

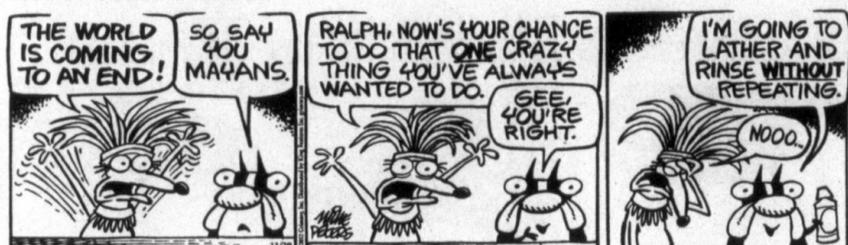
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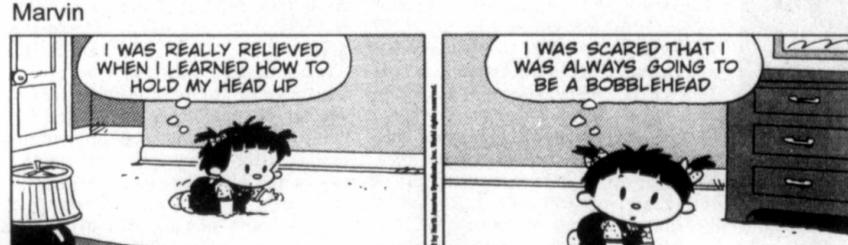
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PHS girls beat San Jacinto



Photo by Charla Shults

TAYLOR MORGAN goes up for a three pointer Tuesday night against San Jacinto. Morgan finished the game with 8 points.

By ZACHARY GREEN
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The Lady Harvesters of Pampa hosted the San Jacinto Lady Patriots on Tuesday night. The game would start off a little sluggish for Pampa quickly falling down 7-2 with 3:30 left in the first quarter. The game changed rapidly, however, once Hayley Burnett knocked down a three and then got a steal and assist to Taylor Eubank, on the ensuing San Jacinto possession. In less than 30 seconds Pampa tied it 7-7. At the end of the first quarter Pampa trailed 13-9.

The second quarter was back and forth between the teams, but Pampa did not gain their first lead until 1:21 left in the half at 22-21. Pampa would head to the locker room trailing 24-22.

The third quarter by Pampa really set the tone for the rest of the game. With 5:38 left in the third, Rachel Andrews made a layup and was fouled. She made the free throw to give Pampa the lead 29-27, a lead they would maintain the rest of the way.

Pampa would gain the largest lead of the game at 35-27 with 3:22 left in the third. At the end of the third quarter Pampa led 42-33. The Lady Harvesters were not giving up that lead Tuesday night as they increased it to 16 points after a three pointer by Taylor Morgan with 4:09 left in the game. The final score was Pampa 59 San Jacinto 44.

There was a tie for Pampa's leading scorer with both Rachel Andrews and Hayley Burnett scoring 14 points. Madison Brown and Taylor Eubank each scored 11 points. Taylor Morgan scored 8 points. Bailey Wichert scored 6 points and Casey Sark added 1 point.

The win gives Pampa a 2-5 record on the season. The Lady Harvesters next games will be in the Miami Tournament starting Today and running through Saturday.

JV Lady Harvesters pick up win

By ZACHARY GREEN
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Pampa's JV Lady Harvesters hosted the San Jacinto Lady Patriots on Tuesday night.

Pampa quickly rushed off to a 6-0 lead early in the game forcing a timeout by San Jacinto. San Jacinto did not score in the game until 3:20 left in the first quarter. At the end of the first quarter Pampa led 10-2, a lead that Pampa would never relinquish.

In the second quarter Pampa held their ground and went into the locker room with an 18-9 lead. At the end of the third quarter the score was 27-21 in Pampa's favor. Pampa would call a timeout with 6:12 left in the game with only a five point lead at 27-22.

In the fourth quarter the game was sealed by free throws for Pampa. Pampa shot 67 percent from the free throw line

in the fourth quarter. The final score was 37-28 for Pampa.

Pampa would shoot 64 percent from the line, with San Jacinto only shooting 50 percent from the free throw line. In a close game like this one, it was those free throws that made the difference, whether its the free throws San Jacinto missed or Pampa made.

The leading scorer for Pampa was Reata Collins with 11 points. Keshia Daniels scored 7 points. Raven Neal scored 6 points. Tyranda Johnson and Caragan Niccum each scored 4 points and both were perfect from the free throw line. Tracie Smith and McKinlee Thomas each scored 2 points. Tiah Brown scored 1 point.

Pampa's record moves to 2-1 on the season. They return to action this Thursday through Saturday in the Borger JV Tournament.

Eight Pampa Harvester football players named to All-District teams

By ZACHARY GREEN
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Eight Pampa football players made the all-offensive or all-defensive district teams.

Senior linebacker Chris Rivera won the Defensive Player of the Year Award. Junior defensive lineman and junior

linebacker, Larry Ragan made it on the defensive all-district second team.

Pampa's senior quarterback, Ryan Smith made the offensive all-district first team. Senior wide receiver, Tyler Powell, senior punter, Miguel Blanco, senior guard, Andrew Jimenez, and senior tackle, Kyler Allen all made the offensive all-district second team.

SPORTS Briefs

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- Pampa JV girls @ Borger Tournament. Tournament runs through Saturday.
- Pampa 9th girls @ Borger Tournament. Tournament runs through Saturday.
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Bonds, Clemens, Sosa on Hall ballot for first time

By **BEN WALKER**
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The most polarizing Hall of Fame debate since Pete Rose will now be decided by the baseball shrine's voters: Do Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens and Sammy Sosa belong in Cooperstown despite drug allegations that tainted their huge numbers?

In a monthlong election sure to become a referendum on the Steroids Era, the Hall ballot was released Wednesday, and Bonds, Clemens and Sosa are on it for the first time.

Bonds is the all-time home run champion with 762 and won a record seven MVP awards. Clemens took home a record seven Cy Young trophies and is ninth with 354 victories. Sosa ranks eighth on the homer chart with 609.

Yet for all their HRs, RBIs and Ws, the shadow of PEDs looms large. "You could see for years that this particular ballot was going to be controversial and divisive to an unprecedented extent," Larry Stone of The Seattle Times wrote in an email. "My hope is that some clarity begins to emerge over the Hall of Fame status of those linked to performance-enhancing drugs. But I doubt it."

More than 600 longtime members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America will vote on the 37-player ballot. Candidates require 75 percent for induction, and the results will be announced Jan. 9.

Craig Biggio, Mike Piazza and Curt Schilling also are among the 24 first-time eligibles. Jack Morris, Jeff Bagwell and

Tim Lincecum are the top holdover candidates.

If recent history is any indication, the odds are solidly stacked against Bonds, Clemens and Sosa. Mark McGwire and Rafael Palmeiro both posted Cooperstown-caliber stats, too, but drug clouds doomed them in Hall voting.

Some who favor Bonds and Clemens claim the bulk of their accomplishments came before baseball got wrapped up in drug scandals. They add that PED use was so prevalent in the 1980s, 1990s and early 2000s that it's unfair to exclude anyone because so many who-did-and-who-didn't questions remain.

Many fans on the other side say drug cheats — suspected or otherwise — should never be afforded the game's highest individual honor.

Either way, this election is baseball's newest hot button, generating the most fervent Hall arguments since Rose. The discussion about Rose was moot, however — the game's career hits leader agreed to a lifetime ban in 1989 after an investigation concluded he bet on games while managing the Cincinnati Reds, and that barred him from the BBWAA ballot.

The BBWAA election rules allow voters to pick up to 10 candidates. As for criteria, this is the only instruction: "Voting shall be based upon the player's record, playing ability, integrity, sportsmanship, character, and contributions to the team(s) on which the player played."

That leaves a lot of room for interpretation.

"Everyone has their own way of dealing with the is-

sue, and in the absence of hard and fast rules, there will continue to be a wide diversity of opinions," Stone said.

Clemens was acquitted this summer in federal court on six counts that he lied and obstructed Congress when he denied using performance-enhancing drugs.

Bonds was found guilty in 2011 by a federal court jury on one count of ob-

struction of justice, ruling he gave an evasive answer in 2003 to a grand jury looking into the distribution of illegal steroids. Bonds is appealing the verdict.

McGwire is 10th on the career home run list with 583, but has never received even 24 percent in his six Hall tries. Big Mac has admitted to using steroids and human growth hormone.

Palmeiro is among only four players with 500 homers and 3,000 hits, yet has gotten a high of just 12.6 percent in his two years on the ballot. He drew a 10-day suspension in 2005 after a positive test for PEDs, and said the result was due to a vitamin vial given to him by teammate Miguel Tejada.

Biggio topped the 3,000-hit mark — which always has been considered an

automatic credential for Cooperstown — and spent his entire career with the Houston Astros.

"Hopefully, the writers feel strongly that they liked what they saw, and we'll see what happens," Biggio said last week.

Schilling was 216-146 and won three World Series championships, including his "bloody sock" performance for the Boston Red Sox in 2004.

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