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# Become a foster parent

■ Information meeting on foster care set for Feb. 13.

> BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE thowsare@thepampanews.com

Foster in Texas, a nonprofit agency headquartered in Austin, is seeking adults in the Pampa area to become foster parents.

There is a statewide shortage of foster parents, and Pampa is no exception.

"We would like to get as many quality families as possible in the Pampa area," said Shawna Broaddus, Amarillo-area director for Foster in Texas. "We are really in need of homes to provide care for sibling groups and teenagers.'

Foster In Texas is a program of Lutheran Social Services of the South.

Broaddus said foster families do not have to be affiliated with any particular church or organization, they simply have to be homes that can provide quality care and a loving

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Photo by Timothy P. Howsare A information meeting on how to become a foster parent will be held from 3-6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the offices of CASA of the High Plains, 315 N. Ballard St.

## New tax laws seminar set for Feb. 11

By Sasha Heller

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The Pampa Chamber of Commerce, partnering with Underwood Law Firm, will present a 2013 Tax Seminar at 10 a.m., Monday,

Feb. 11 in the Chamber's Nona Payne Room. The program will be ap-

proximately an hour in length and will cover the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, which went into effect on Jan. 1.

'The Act resulted in the retention of a portion of the (George W.) Bush tax cuts and established caps on tax

deductions and credits for those at certain income levels," said attorney Ken Fields. "It dealt also with top marginal tax rates on long-term capital gains and dividends and reinstated tax deductions for certain income levels.'

The Act also dealt with the combined gift

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**Fields** 

## BROADWAY AT M.K.



Photos by Sasha Heller

Above, Kristen Ladd and Zane Robles sing "A Little Fall of Rain" from Les Miserables at Pampa High School's "An Evening on Broadway," in the Heritage Room at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. Below, Madison Fatheree and Nick Nelson perform "Friendship" from the musical, Anything Goes. For more photos see page 8A.

## Pampa High's choir performs Broadway revue

By Sasha Heller

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The halls of the M.K. Brown Heritage Room were filled with the spirited sounds of lively show tunes Wednesday night as the Pampa High School Choir performed a stunning revue of popular and classic Broadway musicals.

The show featured performances from Broadway staples such as Les Miserables, West Side Story and Phantom of the Opera as well as newer hit musicals like Wicked, Chicago and Tangled.

A highlight from the evening was Drew Facio's flawless rendition of "Bring Him Home" from Les Mis. Facio's sweet voice carried across the Heritage Room and into the hearts of everyone who attended.

Also stealing the show was Madison Fatheree and Nick Nelson's duet of "Friendship," from the musical, Anything Goes. Fatheree and Nelson combined their obvious singing talents with a bit of slapstick as the two riffed off

each other as part of the scene. Their humor shined through their chemistry on stage and brought waves of laughter as they acted out their parts while also singing a

perfect pitch. Another highlight from the show was Kristen Ladd and Zane Robles' duet of "A Little Fall of Rain," from Les Miserables. The pair, who also served as the evening's emcees, belted out an emotional performance that tugged on the audience's heartstrings.

Other notable performers from Wednesday's show were Natalie Bagley singing "I Can't Say No," from Oklahoma, and the Show Choir Women's performance of "Good Morning Baltimore" from Hairspray.

All of the proceeds from ticket sales and the silent auction that was held in the lobby will go toward funding the students' trips to Italy from June 5-14. The students will visit various popular destinations in Italy, including museums where they'll experience some of the world's finest artwork.



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Saturday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 34. No chance of rain. Wind south southwest at 7 mph. Sunset at 6:13 p.m.

Sunday: Partly cloudy with a high of 61. No chance of rain. Wind south southwest at 18 mph. Sunrise at 7:42 a.m.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IN ORDER TO HAVE A REAL RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR CREATIVITY, WE MUST TAKE THE TIME AND CARE TO CULTIVATE IT. — JULIA CAMERON

## Church Calendar

### Pancakes and bacon dinner

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church will hold its 57th annual Pancakes and Bacon dinner from 5-8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 12, 727 W. Browning Ave. Tickets are \$5 and preschool children are free.

There also will be a day school support group bake sale and scholastic book fair. For more information, call 665-6152.

## **Southside Church** of Christ

Southside Church of Christ is located at 11923 W. McCullough Ave, Pampa. The church extends an open invitation to you to come and worship where the gospel, "God's Word," is always taught and preached. The church offers an annual Songfest, set for Sept. 21-22 this year.

On Saturday, the Songfest will begin at 4 p.m. and end at around 9 p.m. Dinner will be served immediately following.

On Sunday, the church will follow its regular schedule and dinner will be served immediately following morning services.

The Songfest is not a competition — it is a gathering of the churches of Christ to come together

to praise the Lord through preaching, praying and singing praises unto our Lord and savior Jesus

Regular worship services are: Sunday morning Bible study, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; morning worship begins at 10:45 a.m. to noon; Wednesday night Bible study is from 5-6 p.m.

## Pampa Pride religion section

The Pampa News will publish multiple special sections in the paper on March 29. One of those sections is the religion sec-

To have your church featured, please contact the paper.

Send us a story and/or picture about your church or bring it by the paper. For more information, call 669-2525.

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 name of the church, the dates and times of worship services and community events, physical address, and a contact number and/or email address for

## For the record

## Pampa man arrested for assault causing bodily injury to family

42-year-old Earl Malone, Amarillo, was arrested Wednesday by the Pampa Police Department for assault causing bodily injury — family.

24-year-old Colby Lee Greenhouse, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the PPD for theft of service — over \$20 and under

## Pipe theft report leads Lincoln police to pot bust

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) – Authorities say they dis-LIKE US on facebook and covered a budding marijuacalled police to report the theft of marijuana pipes.

The Lincoln Journal Star reports that officers were called to the house Saturday morning. Residents had reported that two people, one of them armed with a handgun, forced their way inside the house and took two hookah pipes.

Officers questioning the residents noticed marijuana, paraphernalia and several bottles of fertilizer. They also saw light shining from under a door barred with a padlock and a power cord snaking into the room.

After getting a search warrant, police say they found three marijuana plants, grow lights and other equipment.

Police arrested a 19-yearold man on suspicion of manufacturing marijuana and ticketed his roommates for having marijuana paraphernalia.

## Teen wounded in Ga. school shooting

ATLANTA (AP) — Authorities say a 14-year-old has been wounded in a shooting at an Atlanta middle school and a suspect has been taken into custody.

Atlanta police spokesman Carlos Campos says the wounded student has been taken "alert, conscious and breathing" to Grady Hospi-

He says the suspect has been tentatively identified as a student and all other students at the school are safe. Campos says the teen was shot outside of the school building Thursday afternoon.

Atlanta Fire Cpt. Marian McDaniel says the teen was shot in the head. McDaniel says a teacher suffered minor cuts and bruises, but was treated on the scene about 2

miles south of downtown.

TV news helicopters show a swarm of Atlanta police officers at the school and parents standing outside.

## lowa brokerage head gets 50 years for theft

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP) — A judge sentenced Peregrine Financial Group Inc. founder Russ Wasendorf Sr. to 50 years in prison on Thursday for stealing \$215 million from investors over 20 years in what a prosecutor called the biggest fraud in Iowa history.

U.S. District Judge Linda Reade told Wasendorf, 64, that the stiff sentence was warranted because of the "staggering losses" his greed caused to more than 13,000 investors, employees and creditors over 20 years.

Instead of having the courage to admit his company was a failure since its inception in the early 1990s, she said Wasendorf lavishly spent clients' money to make himself look like "a big shot," Reade said.

Last summer's collapse of the company, nicknamed PFGBest, rippled across the financial industry, affecting regulatory agencies and the nation as a whole.

"By imposing a substantial sentence, the court sends a message that white collar criminals may serve long prison sentences for stealing money from other people," Reade said.

Wasendorf, who been kept in an isolation unit since last summer, seemed frail in his orange prison jumpsuit. His attorney said he'd lost a substantial amount of weight behind bars and was suffering from serious health problems, including a tumor on his pancreas that doctors are testing for can-

## Texas Senators slam often used curriculum system

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - Top education leaders in the state Senate on Thursday grilled the creators of a curriculum system used across Texas that critics claim promotes anti-American values and stifles classroom flexibility.

CSCOPE is an electronic curriculum management system that offers Web-based lesson plans and exams designed to help teachers adhere to the state educational requirements. It is now used in 875 school districts — more than 70 percent of districts statewide — and is supposed to be flexible enough for teachers to alter its content to meet their individual needs.

some But teachers have complained CSCOPE it too rigid, and conservative activists say it promotes biased, progressive ideology.

A string of witnesses before the Senate Education Committee raised those concerns, criticizing the program for its lack of transparency and for promoting liberal values that they said were anti-Christian at best and openly socialist at worst.

One witness compared the system to "mind control," while an algebra teacher wept as he described quitting because he felt he was "aiding and abetting a crime' by using CSCOPE in his classroom.

"Discontent is rampant across the state," said Peggy Venable, a frequent critic of public schools who is the Texas director of Americans for Prosperity.

Defending the system was Wade Lebay, director of state CSCOPE at the Region 13 Education Service Center in Austin. He said CSCOPE offers around 1,600 model lessons that districts can access for a fee of \$7 per student, though additional training for teachers on how to use the system can increase the per-pupil price.

"It's built by teachers, designed by teachers and that's what's powerful about CSCOPE," Lebay said. His is one of 20 service centers statewide that serve as liaisons between school districts and the Texas Education Agency, which oversees public schools.

Senators asked Lebay about complaints that some lesson plans promoted pro-Islam ideals, or described participants of the Boston Tea Party as terrorists.

Lebay was even asked to read part of a sixth grade lesson plan which showed different countries' flags and instructed students to "notice that socialist and communist countries use symbolism on their flags." It went on to ask students what symbols they would use if they were to create a flag for a new socialist country.

First-term Sen. Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood, asked, "Does that sound like we're sympathizing with those types of countries?" He later said he found the lesson plan "very egregious as a Texan and an American."

Linda Villarreal, director of the Region 2 Education Service Center in Corpus Christi, responded, "We have 1,600 lessons, so to take just this one is...." Taylor cut her off asking, "Who is reviewing these 1,600 plans?"

Another first-year senator, Donna Campbell, a

San Marcos Republican, complained about the uniformity CSCOPE imposes — though Lebay and Villareal argued it was necessary to ensure teachers best-adhere to complicated state curriculum requirements.

"Our teachers don't need to be scripted," Campbell said.

**Education Committee** Chairman Dan Patrick said he'd never met a teacher who wasn't critical of CSCOPE.

The Houston Republican also objected to what he called the program's lack of transparency, complaining that parents can't access lesson plans. CSCOPE's creators say such materials aren't available publicly because of intellectual property concerns, but elected officials should be allowed access. Patrick noted, though, that Barbara Cargill, chairwoman of the State Board of Education, had requested a password to see the lessons but was ignored for months.

"What you all are doing could be great. But it's obviously not. It's obviously a mess right now," Patrick said. "It's really, really troubling to me.

Returning to complaints about the Boston Tea Party lesson he added: "It's amazing that when you all called our founding fathers terrorists, in Texas, that you thought that wasn't going to cause problems."

## '15 percent' rule bill sent to full Senate

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) The Education Committee has referred to the full Texas Senate a measure allowing local school districts to decide how much they want STAAR exam results to count toward high school students' grades.

Texas law requires that scores on the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness exam count 15 percent of high school students' grades in core courses.

But the rule has been widely criticized by parents and district superintendents. It has been suspended each of the first two years the STAAR test has been administered.

Education Committee Chairman Dan Patrick proposes allowing local school districts to decide if, and how much, they want STAAR results to factor into final grades from zero to 15 percent.

The committee voted unanimously Thursday to send the bill to the Sen-

## Texas girl dies after choking on balloon

SAN BENITO, Texas (AP) — Authorities in South Texas say a 7-year-old girl who collapsed at her elementary school choked to death on a balloon.

San Benito police say preliminary autopsy results show Ruby Ramirez died of asphyx-

Detective Rogelio Banda told Harlingen's Valley Morning Star that San Benito police are trying to find out where she got the balloon.

The child's mother was at the school to pick her up Monday afternoon and saw her playing with other children. The Rev. Jay De La Cruz, who's a spokesman for the family, says Ruby's mother turned away for a moment to talk to a friend, but didn't see Ruby when she turned back around. Then she saw Ruby on the ground.

The first-grader died at a hospital Tuesday.

## 'DEATH CARE' IS IMPORTANT





Cot A Sports Story or Photo?



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare Doug Carmichael, president of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home in Pampa, was the guest speaker at Wednesday's Rotary Club meeting. The original funeral business was started by his grandfather, Paul, in the 1930s. "He was called 'The Digger,' so if my grandfather was the 'Big Digger' then I'm the 'Little Digger,'" Carmichael joked. The present business, Carmichael-Whatley, was formed in 1965. He said the practice of embalming began in the 1840s and was used a lot during the Civil War to preserve the bodies of dead soldiers so they could be shipped home. The practice faded away and then came back at the beginning of the 20th century as funeral homes became more and more common. He said in the past it was common for funeral homes to operate ambulances, but that was phased out as governments required specialized medical equipment in ambulances. Carmichael said when he started out in the business, nearly all families had their loved ones buried in the ground. Now cremations comprise 40 percent of the funeral business nationwide.

## Houston-area man interrupts fight, kills neighbor

HOUSTON (AP) — Investigators say a Houstonarea man who saw a neighborhood couple fighting outside their home has shot and killed the husband to protect the injured wife.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office says the 44-yearold husband was dead at the scene Tuesday night.

The woman told deputies that her spouse was attacking her when the neighbor noticed the violent scuffle and tried to help the woman. Deputies say the husband hit the neighbor with a brick. The neighbor then pulled a gun and shot the husband.

The neighbor was taken to hospital for treatment of a minor head injury. The woman suffered minor injuries and was treated at the

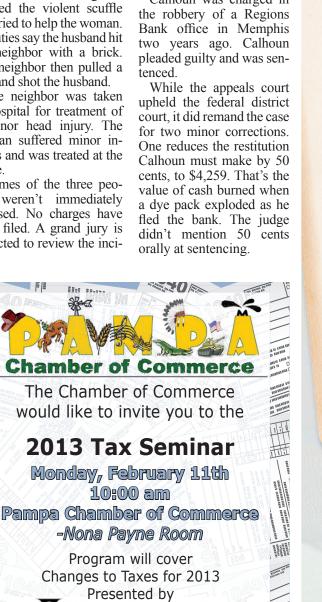
Names of the three people weren't immediately released. No charges have been filed. A grand jury is expected to review the inci-

## Man's restitution reduced 50 cents

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - A man convicted in a Memphis bank robbery has won a small-change victory from an appellate court.

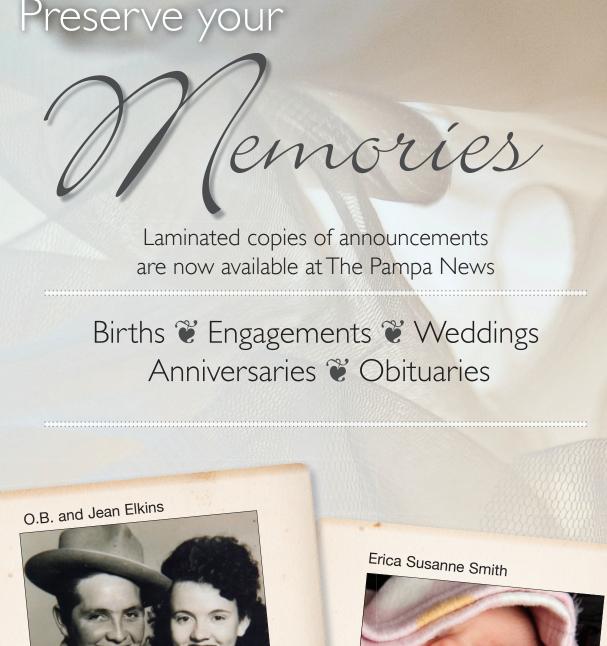
In a ruling announced Thursday, the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals left intact the conviction and the 52-month sentence of

Calvin Rene Calhoun Jr. Calhoun was charged in



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Underwood Law Firm David Goad, Tax Attorney This is a free seminar and will be about an hour long. RSVP by Friday, February 8th (preferred, but not required) 669-3241 or admin@pampachamber.com



Chad and Stephanie Smith are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Erica Susanne. Erica was born on January 10, 2013, in Pampa, Texas. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 20 1/2 inches long. Susanne was welcomed home by her big brother, Aaron, 3 years Erica is the granddaughter of Bill and Rachael Adams Pampa, Texas and Charles and Mary Smith of Dallas, sas. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Edward Mary Adams of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Robert and

ian Smith of Witchita Falls, Texas.

O.B. and Jean Elkins of Pampa, Texas are pleased to announce their 68th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Elkins were married November 18, 1944. Their family includes one daughter, Suzan Gail and husband Richard Anderson, and two sons, Monty B and wife Pat Elkins, and Marcus D. Elkins, all of Pampa. O.B. and Jean Elkins also have five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

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# Viewpoints

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# Under 'Facist' Bush, Democrats feared tyranny

Once upon a time, a group of people known as the "Democrats" expressed great fear of tyranny by government.

This was a time long, long ago,



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called Texas, representing a people known as the Republicans, occupied

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the White House. Leaders of the Democrats feared tyranny by the Republicans and called the man from Texas racist, oppressive and tyrannical.

To refresh your recollection, we offer a few examples from the distant past:

Billionaire Democratic contributor George Soros. He said the George W. Bush White House displayed the "supremacist ideology of Nazi Germany" and that Bush's administration used rhetoric that echoed his childhood in occupied Hungary.

"When I hear Bush

say, 'You're either with us or against us," Soros said, "it reminds me of the Germans." Soros later said: "The Bush administration and the Nazi and communist regimes all engaged in the politics of fear. ... Indeed, the Bush administration has been able to improve on the techniques used by the Nazi and communist propaganda machines."

dent Al Gore. He said: (George W. Bush's) executive branch has made it a practice to try and control and intimidate news organizations, from PBS to CBS to Newsweek. ... And every day, they unleash squadrons of digital brownshirts to harass and hector any journalist who is critical of the President."

Former Vice Presi-

Former two-time Democratic presidential candidate and civil rights leader the Rev. Jesse Jackson. After Congress passed new anti-terrorism laws following 9/11, he said: "We are in danger. The extreme right wing has

seized the government. Tonight, (John) Ashcroft and the CIA and the FBI and Homeland Security and the IRS can work together.

So look out, because without a definition of who is a terrorist, anyone can be. ... Martin Luther King could have been. ... The right-wing media,

the FBI — they are tar-

geting our leadership." Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash., senior member of the House Ways and Means Committee. He said: "What we are dealing with right now in this country is whether we are having a kind of bloodless, silent coup or not. ... (President Bush) is trying to bring to himself all the power to become an emperor — to create Empire America."

An Iraq War opponent, McDermott said, "The President of the United States will lie to the American people in order to get us into this war." Sen. Claire Mc-Caskill, D-Mo., who sits on four Senate committees, including Armed Services and Commerce.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, she said, "George Bush let people die on rooftops in New Orleans because they were poor and because they were black."

Entertainer and liberal activist Harry Belafonte. When asked whether the number and prominence of blacks in the Bush administration suggested a lack of racism on Bush's part, Belafonte said, "Hitler had a lot of Jews high up in the hierarchy of the Third Reich."

Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean, former presidential candidate.

He characterized the contest between Democrats and Republicans as "a struggle of good and evil. And we're the good."

Shortly after the 9/11 terror attacks, Dean actually mused about an "interesting theory" he'd heard — that G.W. Bush had prior knowledge of 9/11 yet took no action to stop it!

Larry Elder is a bestselling author and radio talk-show host.

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## Pampa on the move with new projects

When the Celanese Chemical Company closed shop in Pampa, many thought that would be the end of the city. The plant was one of Pampa's biggest employers with goodpaying jobs and an important cog in the local economy.

The former manufacturing site, located six miles southwest of Pampa on U.S. Highway 60, is now experiencing a rebirth as the Pampa Energy

The center is operated by the Pampa Economic Development Corp. and generally can be described as as an industrial park. But it's not just for energy businesses; it's for any business or industry that needs the infrastructure that's already in place at the former Celanese campus.

"We really needed an industrial park," said Clay Rice, executive director of PEDC. "It's for any company that needs that kind of a setting. For instance, we have a company

## **Our View**

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

out there that builds compressors."

Two weeks ago, Pampa Fuels broke ground on a methanol plant at the Pampa Energy Center.

The Pampa Fuels facility represents an example of reusing existing industrial infrastructure to lower capital cost for the production of high-value fuels and chemicals. Once full-scale production

begins in 2014, the methanol plant will provide 35 full-time jobs and 21 new jobs for the trucking and rail industries. The facility will produce ap-

proximately 65,000 metric tons of finished product annually to meet growing regional demand in North Texas and Oklahoma.

Though still in the planning stages, Enbridge Energy Marketing has applied for an air quality permit to authorize construction of a storage and loading facility for a site it leases at the Pampa Energy Center.

It is not known yet how many

new jobs that expansion could provide, but the permit application is an indication that more economic development is on its way at the energy center. Inside the city limits, a

ground breaking was held earlier this week for a new animal shelter.

Construction is expected to be completed by Nov. 1.

Though this new construction is unrelated to the energy center, it will create jobs during the construction phase.

When completed, the new state-of-the-art shelter will become a source of pride for the community.

More new projects and developments are expected in the next few months, so stay tuned.

Pampa is on the move.



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## Secretary of Defense Panetta's cowardly decision

In a newsworthy act of political cowardice, Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta ran through the Pentagon's exit door as he announced



**SCHLAFLY** 

he is striking down the 1994 Combat Exclusion Law. His timing means his successor, presumably Chuck Hagel, will

inherit the task of defending the order to assign women to front-line military combat.

Of course, Panetta doesn't want to be grilled about his order. It's lacking in common sense and it is toadying to the feminist officers who yearn to be 3- and 4-star generals based on the feminist dogma of gender interchangeability and on their desire to force men into situations to be com-

manded by feminists. Panetta's order may be illegal or even unconstitutional because the authority to make such a radical change was specifically granted to Congress, according to former Defense Department Inspector General Joseph E. Schmitz. A constitutional expert, Schmitz held the position of the Defense Department's top investigator from 2002 to 2005 after 27 years of service in the U.S. Navy, including 5

years of active duty. Schmitz said the order

will surely lead to a "degradation of good order and discipline." Here are some of the questions Panetta can now avoid being asked. Will the new policy of women in combat assignments be based on gender norming? That means giving women and men the same tests but scoring them differently; i.e., grading women "A' for the same performance that would give a man a "C," but clearing both as passing the test on the pretense that equal effort

equals equal results. Please explain how your new women-in-combat policy will be impacted by your policy of "diversity metrics," which is a fancy name for quotas. In order to create the illusion that your new feminist policy is a success, will men be required to pretend that women are qualified and entitled to career promotions? Do you really believe that the assignment of women to combat infantry will improve combat readiness? What is your plan for non-deployability rates of women due to pregnancy and complications of sexual misconduct ranging from assault to fraternization? In order to make the weight-lifting requirement for combat assignments gender neutral, how many pounds will be taken off the test? The gender differences in weight-lifting ability and upper-body strength are well documented.

Will men be expected to conceal female physi-

cal deficiencies in order to make the new policy "work"? Will men's careers be harmed if they report the truth about women's inability to do the "heavy lifting"? Military women are already complaining about

increased sexual assaults, and of course those problems will skyrocket. Only men will be deemed at fault because it is feminist ideology that men are innately batterers and women are victims. The military is already plagued with reports of large sex scandals in our

current coed army. At the Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, 32 instructors allegedly took advantage of their power over 59 recruits, and at least two instructors allegedly had sexual encounters with 10 different recruits. Do you recognize that

the demand for the change in combat exclusion comes only from female officers who want higher rank and pay but not from enlisted women who will bear the burden of the really tough and dangerous work? Where are your surveys of enlisted women's opinions?

Will assignment to combat jobs be voluntary for women but involuntary for men? Will the military ask women "do you want to go to combat?" but just assign men wherever bloody, fatal fighting is needed? Will promotions for field commanders depend on their attainment of "diversity metrics" that

can be achieved only by creating a "critical mass" of women in infantry battalions? Explain the test of Marines in last year's tryouts for the Infantry Officer Course where only two women volunteered, one washed out the first day and the other after one week? How do you answer the fact that women do not have an equal opportunity to survive in combat situations, and did you consider the fact that women in the military get injured at least twice the rate of men? Please explain why the National Football League does not seek diversity or gender equality with female players. Canada dealt with the problem of creating new standards for the gender integration of combat forces by renaming the process. Canada didn't create "lower" or even "equal" standards, they just adopted "appropriate" standards. Will the U.S. play word games like that? Retired Army Major

General Robert H. Scales explained in the Washington Post that we know from experience with war that the intimate, deliberate, brutal killing of our country's enemies is best done by small units or teams of men. Four solid buddy pairings of men led by a sergeant compose a nine-man battle-ready combat squad.

Phyllis Schlafly is a lawyer, conservative political analyst and author of 20 books.

## Foster

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environment.

While most children dream about getting a new bicycle, a new video game or visiting Disneyland, children entering foster care dream of entering a safe, secure and loving family.

CASA of the High Plains is a program that provides court-appointed advocates for abused and neglected children that works closely with foster families.

Janet Watts, executive director of CASA for Gray County and seven other counties in the Texas Panhandle, said there are only two licensed foster families in Pampa.

"There is a huge need for foster families in Pampa," she said. "Most kids in foster care here in Pampa are placed with relatives and the others are going to Amarillo.'

She said being a foster parent has a lot of challenges, but there also are rewards.

"First of all, you have a child who is removed from their home and then placed in a home they know nothing about," she said. "The effect a foster parent can have on a child is tremendous — to provide that child with safety and stability while he or she goes through the court system."

For those in the Pampa area who would like to learn more about foster parenting, Lutheran Social Services is hosting an informative meeting at CASA of the High Plains from 3-6 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 13. CASA's offices are located at 315 N. Ballard St.

Broaddus said the first requirement to become a foster parent is filing out an application that authorizes a criminal background check. All forms can be located at www.fosterintexas.org, or mailed upon

After the criminal background check and completion of other paperwork, there is pre-verification training and a home screening, she said.

Once a foster family is verified, they will have ongoing responsibilities that include annual training hours, fire and health inspection of the home, pet vaccinations if applicable, monthly status reports and medication logs, auto insurance verification and annual criminal background and driving record checks.

For the convenience of those living outside Amarillo, Lutheran Social Services offers online training.

Foster families are provided with reimbursement for mileage and expenses such as clothing for the child. There is also an incentive for referrals.

For more information, call Broaddus at 806-351-0168.

# North Texas Assistant D.A.

(AP) — An assistant district attorney was shot and killed Thursday morning near the North Texas county courthouse where he worked, and authorities said they were searching for two sus-

Mark Hasse, who was in his 50s, had exited his vehicle in the parking lot behind the Kaufman

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County Courthouse annex and was walking toward the building when he was shot multiple times just before 9 a.m., said Kaufman County spokeswoman Pat Laney. Laney says Hasse was taken away in an ambulance but did not know if he died at the hospital or en route.

Investigators were searching for two sus-

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shot, killed in Kaufman Co. fled in an older model Ford Taurus either brown or silver in color. Officials didn't immediately indicate any motive for the shooting in Kaufman, located about 33 miles

southeast of Dallas. Local law enforcement officials decried the shooting as an attack on the criminal justice sys-

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# Wash. state looks

(AP) — Wanted: A green thumb with extensive knowledge of the black, or at least gray, market.

As Washington state tries to figure out how to regulate its newly legal marijuana, officials are hiring an adviser on all things weed: how it's best grown, dried, tested, labeled, packaged and cooked into brownies.

Sporting a mix of flannel, ponytails and suits, dozens of those angling for the job turned out Wednesday for a forum in Tacoma, several of them from out of state.

The Liquor Control Board, the agency charged with developing rules for the marijuana industry, reserved a convention center hall for a state bidding expert to take questions about the position and the hiring process.

"Since it's not unlikely with this audience, would a felony conviction preclude you from this contract?" asked Rose Habib, an analytical chemist from a marijuana testing lab in Missoula, Mont.

The answer: It depends. A pot-related conviction is probably fine, but a "heinous felony," not so much, responded John Farley, a procurement coordinator with the Li-

quor Control Board. Washington and Colo-

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for pot consultant rado this fall became the first states to pass

laws legalizing the recreational use of marijuana and setting up systems of state-licensed growers, processors and retail stores where adults over 21 can walk in and buy up to an ounce of heavily taxed cannabis.

Both states are working to develop rules for the emerging pot industry.

Up in the air is everything from how many growers and stores there should be, to how the marijuana should be tested to ensure people don't

Sales are due to begin in Washington state in December.

Washington's Liquor Control Board has a long and "very good" history with licensing and regulation, spokesman Mikhail Carpenter said.

"But there are some technical aspects with marijuana we could use a consultant to help us with," Carpenter said.

The board has advertised for consulting services in four categories.

The first is "product and industry knowledge" and requires "at least three years of consulting experience relating to the knowledge of the cannabis industry, including but not limited to product growth, harvesting, packaging, product infusion and product safety."

## **Seminar**

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and estate tax exemption that was scheduled to be reduced to \$1 million on Jan. 1.

"The existence of this pending change in estate and gift taxes was confusing and caused many people concern that their existing estate plans were inadequate," Fields said. "While the estate tax was increased, the exemption equivalent from 2012 was retained."

He added that payroll taxes were also addressed, and the 2-year-old cut to payroll taxes was not extended.

"As a result of the Act, some taxpayers will experience their first income tax rate increase since 1993, as a result of the selective expiration of the Bush tax cuts," Fields said.

All of these topics will be addressed at the seminar and the presenters will answer questions on how the topics relate to those in attendance.



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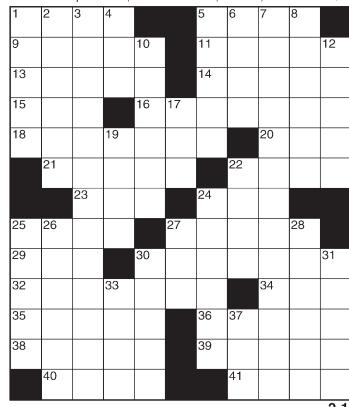
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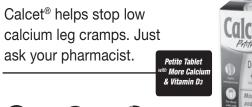
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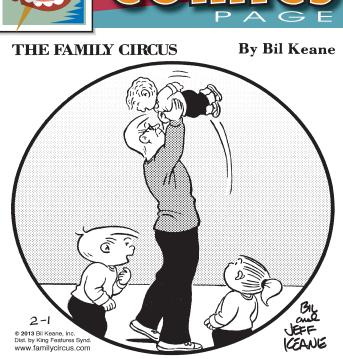
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## Nest Heads



## Feb. 2, 2013:

This year you alternate between being nates. Tonight: Share with a loved one. efficient and displaying a non-present, dreamlike attitude. Others won't know for sure which side of your personality they will encounter. If you could combine these two opposing characteristics, you could become a strong leader. You also might create more of what you desire. If you are single, you could find meeting someone with your same versatility to be challenging, though it is a possibility. If you are attached, your sweetie

will love your changeability. SCORPIO can be very pushy. 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) ★★★★ Act early on what you feel you want done quickly. A loved one might pull on your sleeve; he or she could request your company. Spending time with this person is refreshing, and it allows for moments of random thoughts and flights of fancy. Tonight: You've got the rhythm.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You have the ability to go with the flow while still holding on to your principles. People getting to know you could be surprised at how rigid you can become if pushed. Try not to be excessive in any context, and you will like the end results better. Tonight: Join tive solution. friends.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

lot to do. Whatever you are up to, others are depending on you getting the job done. You could be surprised at the possibilities that surround a venture. An older friend or relative wants you to join him or her. Do make time. Tonight: Easy works.

## CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You could be on top of a situation, but feel overwhelmed by a loved one's neediness. This person's emotional vocal notes can outdo any ones you can hit. You understand, and you'll allow this individual to work through his or her feelings. Tonight: Others cannot help but turn to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Being the master or mistress of your castle fits your mood well. You get to rule and add to the moment, yet relax ers. Remain sensitive to a loved one at a

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, some daydreaming and a nap as well. Your love of music and or movies domi-

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Speak your mind, and share more of your secrets. Your sense of humor emerges, which helps you keep the mood light. Visit with friends, and share good news with others. A loved one is not intentionally vague. Tonight: You do not have to go far to have a good time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ The time has come to go out and be physical. Use your imagination as you work through some built-up tension. How you handle a personal matter could change radically as a result. There is a lot to do in your immediate environment. Tonight: How about some dancing?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

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★★★ You move quickly and efficiently, and you make a difference where it counts. Your imagination seems to have opened up wide. Listen to suggestions, but still remember to put in your two cents. Others will appreciate your insights. Tonight: Love the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Take a backseat, try to avoid being a backseat driver. Others seem to overindulge in the good life and in their emotional demonstrations. You might enjoy imagining what is going through these individuals' minds. Tonight: Use your creativity to come up with an effec-

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

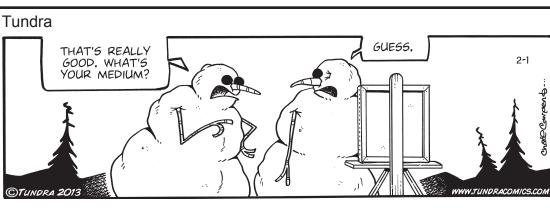
★★★★ Go for what you want, and do \*\*\* Pace yourself, as you have a not hesitate to ask others to support you in this venture. Your words come off a lot harsher than you might think. A little softening could go a long way. Listen to news that is forthcoming. Tonight: You create a party wherever you are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

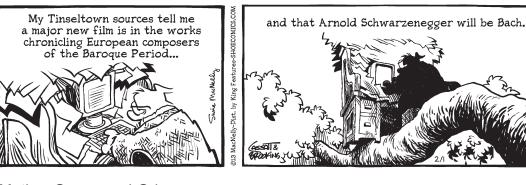
★★★ Pressure builds to a new level. You might not see a way out, and you could feel overwhelmed. You go to extremes by nature. You might decide to go off and do some shopping or indulge in some other favorite escape from the moment. Tonight: Treat yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Understand what is going with an important person in your life. Walk in others' shoes and see life through their eyes -- just for today. Your imagination knows no limits as you reach out to othat the same time. Perhaps you can fit in distance. Tonight: Let your mind roam.



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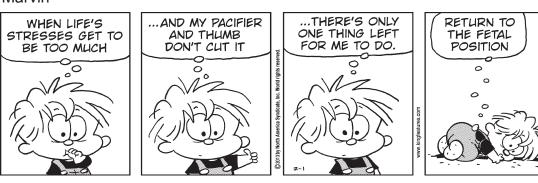
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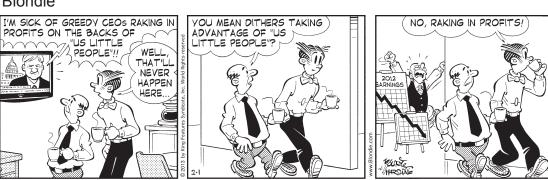
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## The PAMPA NEWS

# Community Calendar

## City Commission meetings

The Pampa City Commission meets at 4 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held on the third floor of City Hall.

## School board meetings

The Pampa Independent School District board meets at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Check The Pampa News for meeting locations.

## **County Commission** meetings

The Gray County Commission meets at 9 a.m. on the 1st and 15th of each month. If the date falls on a Saturday, the meeting will be held on Friday. If the date falls on a Sunday, the meeting with be held on Monday. The meetings are held on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse.

## Jam sessions every Friday night

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center has a jam sessions every Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to play or listen. The center is located at 320 S. Cuyler St. For more information, call 806-664-0824.

## **Meredith House** presents live music

Meredith House, assisted-living facility at 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. For more information, call 806-665-5668.

### Citizen, business of year nominations

The Pampa Chamber of Commerce is now seeking nominations for the Pampa Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year for 2012. Forms may be picked up at the chamber office, 200 N. Ballard St., or by sending an email to admin@pampachamber. com. Nominations must be in to the chamber office by 5 p.m. on Jan. 31.

The winners will be announced at the annual awards banquet at p.m., Tuesday Feb. 26, at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium Heritage Room. The cost is \$25 per person and tickets can be purchased at the chamber.

## Last week for PHS yearbook sales

Pampa High School is in its final week of selling its yearbook for 2012-13.

The deadline to purchase a yearbook is Feb. 1 and the cost is \$80 plus tax. The yearbooks can be purchased at PHS or by visiting www.pampaisd.net. For more information, call 669-4800, Ext. 1164.

## **Book fair at Austin**

Elementary Austin School is holding book fair during school hours Tuesday, Feb. 5, through Friday, Feb. 8. Adults must bring a driver's license for admittance to the school. Austin is located at 1900 Duncan St. For more information, call 669-4731.

## Blood drive on Feb. 6

A community blood drive will be held from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 6 at the Clarendon College Pampa Campus. All eligible donors will receive a free Tshirt. Individuals 16 and under may donate with a signed a parental consent form.

## Pampa Pride religion section

The Pampa News will

### publish multiple special sections in the paper on March 29. One of those sections is the religion section. To have your church featured, please contact the paper.

Send us a story and/or picture about your church or bring it by the paper. For more information, call 669-2525.

## Pampa Pride

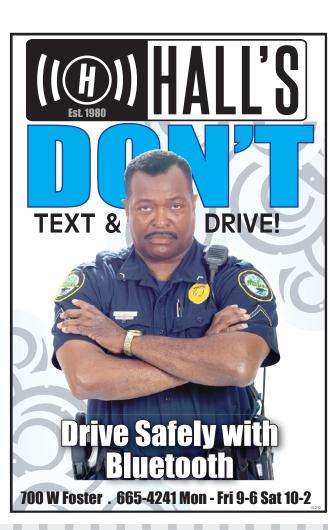
The Pampa News will publish multiple special sections in a paper on March 29. Send us a story and/or picture you want featured.

You may also bring the story to the paper. Submissions deadlines vary by section. Please get the stories in ASAP to increase the chances of the story being included. For more information, call 6692525.

## Social planned on Valentine's Day

The Meredith House is celebrating its community sweethearts at 2 p.m. on Valentine's Day. All visitors will have a chance to win a grand prize and join them as they crown the Meredith House King and Queen. RSVP by Feb. 11 by calling 665-5668.

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.



## Roaming cows create havoc at Mass. cemetery

SOUTHAMPTON, and removed the cows Mass. (Ar) dals that damaged a Massachusetts cemetery this week have pleaded "moo."

Police say a small herd of cows knocked over 40 American flags and veterans' bronze grave markers, then snacked on a few flower arrangements, at the Center Cemetery in Southampton on Monday.

called to Motorists report that the cows were loose. Police contacted the owner, Henry Wykowski, who caught from the cemetery

Chief David Silvernail says the cows are an "ongoing problem," and his department has responded to complaints about the roaming bovines three or four times since last spring.

Cemetery Commission member Robert Floyd tells The Daily Hampshire Gazette he plans on asking the farmer to pay for the damage once he comes up with an esti-

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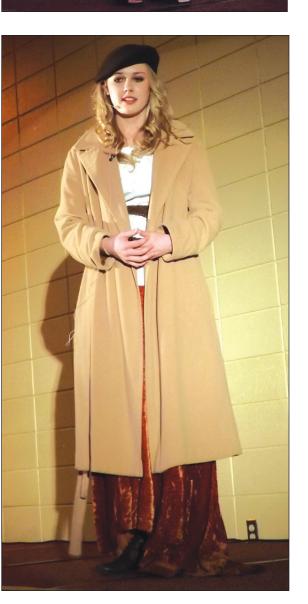
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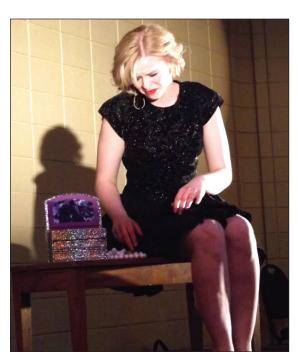






## 'AN EVENING ON BROADWAY'





Left, Drew Facio brings down the house with his rendition of "Bring Him Home," from Les Miserables" at the Pampa High School Choir's 'An Evening Broadway' Heritage the Room at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium; Bottom, Madison Fatheree performs "I Know Things Now," from the musical, Into the Woods."



Photos by Sasha Heller

Top left, Karli Harden sings "I'm Not That Girl" from Wicked at the Pampa High School Choir's 'An Evening on Broadway' Wednesday night at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium; Top center, Joshua Bagley and Jacee Smith perform "Edelweiss" from Sound of Music; Victoria Robles sings "I Know It's Today," from Shrek; Far left, Taylor Smith performs "On My Own" from Les Miserables; left, Holly Lane sings "Glitter and Be Gay," from Candide.



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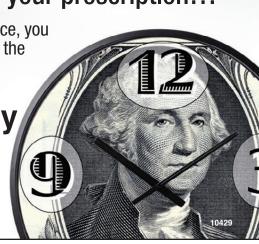
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# JV Lady Harvesters win



Photos by Sheila Niccum Above, Tyranda Johnson, Raven Neal and Caragan Niccum take off on a fastbreak. Below, Keshia Daniels looks for a player to pass to while Reata Collins tries to get open. Bottom, Neal sinks one of her five free throws.

By Zachary Green zgreen@thepampanews.com

Pampa's JV Lady Harvesters traveled to Borger Tuesday for a rivalry matchup. Pampa led 8-4 after the first quarter. At the half, Pampa led 17-10. After three quarters, Pampa led 24-15. And the final

score was Pampa 39, Borger 25. Caragan Niccum led the way for Pampa with 14 points. She also hit two threepointers. Raven Neal added nine points and sank all five of her free throw shots. Keshia Daniels added eight points. Tyranda Johnson and Tiah Brown finished with four points each.

As a team, Pampa shot 5-8, or 63 percent, from the free-throw line.

With the win, Pampa improves to 17-7 overall and 5-2 in district play. They will be back in action tonight when they host Dalhart in the season finale.





## Freshman teams solid in victories

BY ZACHARY GREEN

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The Pampa freshman girls team faced Borger on Tuesday night.

Pampa led 7-4 after the first quarter. At halftime, Pampa led 11-6. After three quarters, Pampa led 18-14. And the final score was Pampa 32, Borger 23.

Cameron Schaub led Pampa with 14 points, including three three-pointers. Megan Brock added seven points. Sarah Dennis and Kristen Duree had three points each. Mackenzie Dull and Kathlyn Cummins scored two points and Kassie Jerome added one point.

The girls improve to 13-9 on the season and 5-2 in district play with the win. They will be back in action tonight against Dal-





Submitted photos

Above, Bryson Burrell shoots a threepointer. Left, Alec McClendon plays tight defense on a Borger ballhandler as coach Doughty looks on.

## Freshman boys

The Pampa freshman boys team defeated Borger 43-31 on Tuesday night.

With the win, they improve to 8-6 on the season and 3-2 in district play.

They will be back in action tonight against Dalhart.



Photo by Charla Shults

Ashlyn Paronto is tossed up by her squadmates during the Borger game. The cheerleaders have done an outstanding job this year supporting all the teams.



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# Varsity basketball district 1-3A standings

By Zachary Green

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At the end of the season the top three teams in the district will head to the playoffs. This goes for both the boys and the girls varsity teams.

If and/or when Pampa makes the playoffs, The Pampa News will let readers know ASAP when and where Pampa will be playing.

The girls have already clinched their playoff spot. The winner of the Dalhart-Pampa game tonight will ultimately determine the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds. If Pampa wins and Perryton beats Dalhart on Tuesday,

Pampa will finish No. 2. If Pampa loses, they will finish No. 3. Borger and River Road have been eliminated from playoff contention.

On the guys side it is still anybody's race. Perryton, Dalhart and Pampa all have a chance for Nos. 1-3. Borger and River Road have all but been eliminated from playoff contention.

The No. 1 seed will get a bye, while the No. 2 seed will play the No. 3 seed from district 2-3A and vice versa. That district is comprised of Andrews, Levelland, Lubbock Cooper, Lubbock Estacado, Seminole and Shallowater.

## Boys

Team	Wins	Losses
Perryton	5	0
Dalhart	3	1
Pampa	3	2
Borger	1	5
River Road	0	5

Pampa has three games remaining: v. Dalhart tonight, v. Perryton on Feb. 8 and @ River Road on Feb 12.

Team	Wins	Losses
Perryton	6	0
Dalhart	4	2
Pampa	4	3
Borger	1	5

Pampa has one game remaing: v. Dalhart tonight.

River Road

## Feds: \$13.6M in phony sports goods confiscated

ORLEANS (AP) — Investigators have confiscated more than \$13.6 million worth of phony sports merchandise over the past five months and expect to seize more in New Orleans during Super Bowl week, a federal law-enforcement official said Thursday.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director John Morton said authorities also have shut down more than 300 websites selling counterfeit goods as part of an enforcement effort dubbed "Operation Red Zone.

The operation targeted international shipments of jerseys, hats and other souvenirs entering the U.S. for sale by stores, flea markets and street

More than 160,000 counterfeit items, mostly purporting to be official Super Bowl and other NFL merchandise, were seized during the operation. A total of 23 people have been arrested on related charges since September 2012.

'We attacked the counterfeiters at every point along the criminal supply chain," Morton said during a press briefing in New Orleans.

Morton said agents also were in the city this week to crack down on the sale of counterfeit merchandise before Sunday's Super Bowl between the San Francisco 49ers and Baltimore Ra-

"This just takes good old-fashioned work, people getting out on the streets," he said.

This is the fifth consecutive year that federal authorities have launched a similar operation to crack down on the sale of counterfeit sports goods. Roughly \$5.1 million in goods were seized during the previous one, Morton said.

"This is the largest number we've ever seized," Morton said of the \$13.6 million.

## Winter X Games snowmobiler dies after Colo. crash

DENVER (AP) — Caleb Moore. an innovative freestyle snowmobile rider who was hurt in a dramatic crash at the Winter X Games in Colorado, died Thursday morning. He was 25.

Moore had been staying at a hospital in Grand Junction since the crash in Aspen one week before.

Family spokeswoman Chelsea Lawson confirmed his death.

A former all-terrain vehicle racer, Moore switched over to snowmobiles as a teenager and didn't take long to rise to the top of his sport.

He won four Winter X Games medals, including a bronze last season when his younger brother, Colten, captured gold.

Caleb Moore was attempting a backflip Jan. 24 in the freestyle event when the skis on his 450-pound snowmobile caught the lip of the landing area, sending him flying over the handlebars. Moore landed face first into the snow with his snowmobile rolling over him.

Moore stayed down for quite some time, before walking off with help and going to a hospital to treat a concussion. Moore developed bleeding around his heart and was flown to a hospital in Grand Junction for surgery. The family later said that Moore, of Krum, Texas, also had a complication involving his brain.

Colten Moore was injured in a

separate crash that same night. He suffered a separated pelvis in the

The family said in a statement they were grateful for all the prayers and support they have received from people around the world.

X Games officials expressed their condolences and said Moore, a fourtime X Games medalist, would be remembered "for his natural passion for life and his deep love for his family and friends.'

B.C. Vaught, Caleb Moore's agent for almost a decade, said he first saw Moore when he was racing an ATV in Minnesota and signed him up to star in some action sports movies. Later, Moore wanted to make the

switch from ATVs to snowmobiles and asked Vaught to show him how to do a back-flip. In two weeks, Moore mastered the difficult ma-Moore's brother also got involved

in snowmobiling, the close-knit duo pushing each other to become better.

Moore honed his skills in Krum, a town about 5,000 people 50 miles northwest of Dallas that rarely sees snow. Instead, he worked on tricks by launching his sled into a foam

After a brief training run on snow ramps in Michigan, he was ready for his sport's biggest stage — the 2010 Winter X Games.

In that contest, Moore captured

a bronze in freestyle and finished sixth in best trick. Two years later, his biography on ESPN said, "Caleb Moore has gone from 'beginner's luck' to 'serious threat.'"

That was hardly a surprise to Vaught, who said, "Whatever he wanted to do, he did it." Vaught said Moore didn't believe

his sport was too extreme, but rather "it was a lifestyle." He was good at it — along with ATV racing — as he accumulated a garage full of tro-

Fellow snowmobile rider Levi La-Vallee recently described Moore as a "fierce competitor." "A very creative mind," LaVallee

said. "I've watched him try some crazy, crazy tricks and some of them were successful, some of them not so much. But he was first guy to get back on a sled and go try it again. It shows a lot of heart.'

X Games officials said in a statement that they would conduct a thorough review of snowmobiling events and adopt any appropriate

"For 18 years, we have worked closely on safety issues with athletes, course designers and other experts. Still, when the world's best compete at the highest level in any sport, risks remain," they said, noting that Moore was hurt performing a move he had done several times

Life as a football player

will end for Lewis on Sun-

day in the Super Bowl, and

if he has mixed emotions

one of the greatest linebackers ever, a man who

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about it, so must we. It's hard to root against

# Last ride a rocky one for linebacker Ray Lewis

— A lot of this Super Bowl was going to be about Ray Lewis anyway, even before strange tales of deerantler spray and magic hologram chips came to light.

He made sure of it by starting his retirement tour early, and bringing along the dances and inspirational speeches that TV cameras eat up.

If his oratorical skills are great, so, too, is the player. His teammates love him as much for what he does in the locker room as on the field, and fans in Baltimore may one day even erect a statue to his great-Seventeen years fronting

one of the most dominating defenses in the NFL should be enough to get him in the Hall of Fame. A Super Bowl win on Sunday would give him a second ring to cherish the rest of his life.

Like the player, though, the act has grown old. When Lewis talks — and he talks incessantly — it's hard to take anything he says seriously.

That was the case Wednesday when he had the stage to himself and everyone in a packed interview room wanted to know: Just what is deerantler spray and why would you want to take it?

Turns out he wouldn't. And, says Lewis, anyone who suggests otherwise

"That's the trick of the devil," he said. "The trick of the devil is to kill, steal and destroy. That's what he comes to do. He comes to distract you from everything you're trying to do." Enough. Please. The real

trick for Ray Lewis is obfuscation and if he does it well, it's because he's had plenty of practice.

The day before, a reporter had the temerity to ask him about a night 13 years ago in Atlanta that left two men dead after a Super Bowl party and put Lewis in jail on charges of double murder. Old news, maybe, but the circumstances surrounding the deaths have never been fully explained, especially by Lewis.

Instead of invoking the devil, Lewis went the other way.

"Nobody here is really qualified to ask those questions," he said. "I just truly feel that this is God's time, and whatever his time is, let it be his will. Don't try to please everybody with your words, try to make everybody's story sound right."

What?

Lewis pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice and got probation, along with a \$250,000 fine from the NFL for violating its conduct policy.

The murders remain unsolved after the case

NEW ORLEANS (AP) must be doing so with evil against his co-defendants more than a minor annoyfell apart.

He's been nothing but a model citizen since and as the years go by and memories fade he's become in inspirational figure to those who enjoy his proselytizing and his play on the football field. His teammates respect him as their leader, and his coach seems to regard him as larger than life.

"We have already used him as our team chaplain, so Ray could double up anytime he wants," Ravens coach John Harbaugh said. "He can coach. He can do whatever he wants. I think Ray's got big plans. Ray's that kind of guy and when he's done playing he's always a guy trying to affect people and change the way that people think and make an impact on the world."

He's certainly making an impact on this Super Bowl, though his last ride has turned out to be bumpier than he might have imagined. Lewis surely understood the murders would be mentioned, but after years of deflecting questions about his connection to them, he was probably also sure it would be no ance.

It's not so easy with deer-antler spray and pills. Sports Illustrated said Lewis hoped to repair a torn right triceps by seeking help from an Alabama company that says its products contain a banned substance connected to human growth hormone. Lewis denied taking anything illegal, but danced around any connection to the company that also sold its product to golfer Vijay Singh and others.

"To entertain foolishness like that from cowards who come from the outside and try to destroy what we've built, like I just said, it's sad to even entertain it on this type of stage, because this type of stage is what dreams are made of," Lewis said. "This is what kids dream their whole lives, to be up here on these days, stepping in the NFL and saying that I am on the biggest

stage ever." If it all sounds a bit believe in them.

wacky, it's because it is. What, after all, could be goofier than deer-antler spray and magic chips except maybe the men who

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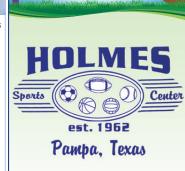
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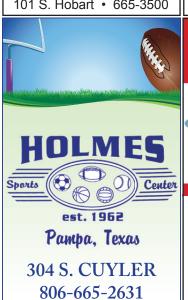
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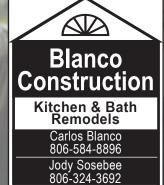
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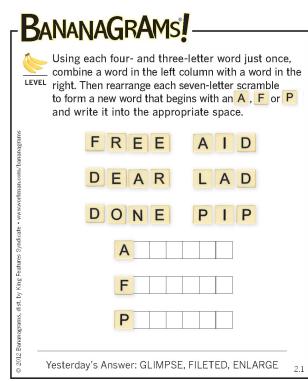
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A normally quiet dirt road was teeming with activity Thursday around the siege that began late Tuesday. More than a dozen police cars and trucks, a fire truck, a helicopter, officers from multiple agencies, media and at least one ambulance crowded the stretch where the dead-end residential road branches off a U.S. highway near Midland City, population 2,300. A staging area for law enforcement was lit by bright lights overnight.

The boy being held was watching TV and getting medication sent from home, according to state Rep. Steve Clouse, who met with authorities and visited the boy's family. Clouse said the bunker had food and electricity.

Authorities lowered medicine into the bunker for the boy after his captor agreed to it, Clouse said

The gunman, identified by neighbors as Jimmy Lee Dykes, 65, was known around the neighborhood as a menacing figure who once beat a dog to death with a lead pipe, threatened to shoot children for setting foot on his property and patrolled his yard at night with a flashlight and a shotgun.

Authorities say the gunman boarded a stopped school bus Tuesday afternoon and demanded two boys between 6 and 8 years old. When the driver tried to block his way, the gunman shot him several times and took a 5-year-old boy off the bus.

Dykes had been scheduled to appear in court Wednesday to face a charge of menacing some neighbors with a gun as they drove by his house weeks ago.

Homes on the road had been evacuated earlier after authorities found what they believed to be a bomb on the property. SWAT teams took up positions around the gunman's property and police negotiators tried to win the kindergartener's safe release.

The situation remained unchanged for hours as negotiators talked to the suspect, Alabama State Trooper Charles Dysart told a news conference late Wednesday. Earlier in the day, Sheriff Wally Olson said that authorities had "no reason to believe that the child has been harmed."

Local TV station WDHN obtained a police dispatch recording of the moment officers first arrived at the site. On it, the officers are heard saying that they were trying to communicate with Dykes through a PVC pipe leading into the shelter.

Authorities gave no details of the standoff, and it was unclear if Dykes made any demands from the bunker, which some officials described as being like the underground tornado shelters some homes have in their yards.

"As far as we know

there is no relation at all. He just wanted a child for a hostage situation," said Michael Senn, a pastor who helped comfort other traumatized children after the attack.

The bus driver, Charles Albert Poland Jr., 66, was hailed by locals as a hero who gave his life to protect the 21 students aboard the bus. Authorities say most of the students scrambled to the back of the bus when the gunman boarded.

Neighbors described a number of run-ins with Dykes in the time since he moved to this small town near the Georgia and Florida borders, in a region known for peanut farming. Dykes had been scheduled to appear in court to answer charges he shot at his neighbors in a dispute last month over a speed bump.

In that dispute, neighbor Claudia Davis said he yelled and fired shots at her, her son and her baby grandson over damage Dykes claimed their pickup truck did to a makeshift speed bump in the dirt road. No one was hurt.

Mike and Patricia Smith, who live across the street from Dykes and whose two children were on the bus, said their youngsters had a run-in with him about 10 months ago.

"My bulldogs got loose and went over there," Patricia Smith said. "The children went to get them. He threatened to shoot them if they came back."

"He's very paranoid," her husband said. "He goes around in his yard at night with a flashlight and shotgun." Another neighbor, Ronda Wilbur, said Dykes beat her 120-pound dog with a lead pipe for coming onto his side of the dirt road. The dog died a week later.

"He said his only regret was he didn't beat him to death all the way," Wilbur said. "If a man can kill a dog, and beat it with a lead pipe and brag about it, it's nothing until it's going to be people."

Court records showed Dykes was arrested in Florida in 1995 for improper exhibition of a weapon, but the misdemeanor was dismissed. The circumstances of the arrest were not detailed in his criminal record. He was also arrested for marijuana possession in 2000.

## Sperm whale secretion may turn fortune

LONDON (AP) — One very smelly sperm whale secretion may soon make one lucky British beach-comber a very happy man

Ken Wilman told British broadcasters that he had been walking along Morecambe beach in northern England when his dog, Madge, discovered a hard, soccer ball-sized piece of smelly rock.

"She wouldn't leave it alone. I picked it up and it smelt horrible so I knocked it with my walking stick and a small lump came off," he told Sky News television in comments broadcast Thursday. "I put both pieces back on the beach but something in the back of my mind told me it might be something unusual."

One Google search later and Wilman realized that

Madge had found ambergris, a waxy byproduct of sperm whale digestion that has traditionally been used in perfumes, spices, and medicines — and can fetch large sums of money. He said he immediately drove back to the beach to find the ambergris. He said he has been offered €50,000 (\$68,000) for the musky material.

Callum Roberts, a professor of marine conservation at the University of York, said the find appeared legitimate.

"It's a waxy, yellowgray piece of flotsam. I'm sure that 95 percent of people would walk past it without further thought," he said in a telephone interview. He praised Wilman's quick thinking, invoking the scientific dictum that "fortune favors the prepared mind."

Wilman, 50, had a slightly different take on his find, telling BBC television that people should trust their dogs.

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"If your dog pays an interest in something, YOU pay an interest in something," he said. "Because you never know. There's gold out there on that beach — floating gold."





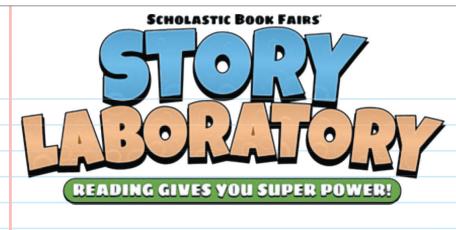
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