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A group of riders saddle up for a previous

Horse ride for Sheltered Workshop this Saturday **SUBMITTED**

One of the most anticipated events of the year is the annual autumn trail ride for the Intellectually Disabled (PAID), formerly Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens (GCARC), for the benefit of the Sheltered Workshop.

The trail ride will be held on Saturcontinue raising the needed \$50,000 to or call so that there can be an idea of

so GCARC really needs your help.

sponsored by Panhandle Association be the Chris Britten Ranch near Howardwick. Riders are required to have their own horses, which must have proof of a valid Coggins test. The ride will begin about 9 a.m., but registration will open at 8 a.m. It is helpful if riders day, Sept. 21. The goal for this year is to can fill out entry forms ahead of time

build an above-ground tornado shelter, how many to plan for. Entry fee for the ride is \$30.00 per person, and includes The site of this year's ride will again lunch and snacks. Because it is a fundraiser, each rider is asked, if possible, to collect donations or sponsorships for their ride. Prizes are given for the most funds raised over a minimum amount, and include gift certificates to Horse and Rider, Wayne's Western Wear, feed

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Be prepared in a disaster

CERT program aims to train everyday people to assist first responders in emergencies.

> BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE thowsare@thepampanews.com

Ten years ago, in an effort to raise public awareness about the need to be prepared for emergencies and disasters, FEMA began recognizing September as National

Preparedness Month.



Fred Courtney

The purpose of the monthlong campaign is to remind the public that there is an important role for them in ensuring their own safety and well-being during and after a disaster.

The City of Pampa of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, a voluntary association of cities, counties and special districts in the Panhan-

dle, have both passed resolutions in support of

Fred Courtney, emergency management coordinator for Pampa, is encouraging citizens to become involved by training as a CERT (Citizen's Emergency Response Team) volunteer.

With CERT training, anyone can learn how to assist first responders in the event of an disaster.

The program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations, according to the FEMA website. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. Courtney said anyone, regardless of their

physical abilities, can become a CERT volun-For instance, someone who can't lift much

weight can keep a look out as other CERT volunteers lift rubble off a disaster victim. Or a volunteer with limited physical ability could be a "scribe," maintaining a written log of activities during a disaster recovery. "CERT volunteers make it a lot easier to go

into a disaster because they can supplement the first responders," Courtney said.

An organization meeting for those interested in CERT training is being held at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 26 at the Lovett Memorial Li-Courtney said he expects many of his weather

spotters will attend the meeting, but welcomes anyone from the community who is interested. The emergency management coordinator also is working on a computerized registry of storm

shelters in the area. Many cities and counties have what is called a "reverse 911" system that automatically calls

residents and leaves a voice message in the

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Thomas: 'won' just being nominated



Photos courtesy of Steve Thomas

Zach Thomas amassed more than 1,000 tackles in his 13 seasons in the NFL.

Former Pampa great nominated to be selected to pro football's highest honor.

By JOHN LEE

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The odds of a high school senior football player making it to the NFL are .2 percent, according to www.nflplayers.com, the official website for the NFL Players Association. The odds of that same player making the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, are even less.

So for a player who won a state championship as a freshman in White Deer to come over and finish his high school career in Pampa, it can be imagined that being nominated to share a house with legends the likes of Don Shula, Dan Marino, Bob Griese, Johnny Unitas, Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith and Bill Parcells is nothing short of a dream.

For Pampa native Zach Thomas, former Pampa Harvester and White Deer Buck, that dream came true. After going to college as a Texas Tech Red Raider, he spent 12 seasons as a Miami Dolphin and one season as a Dallas

"It means a lot to have your name mentioned," Thomas said Monday in a phone interview. "I don't know if I have a real shot, but I have already won just having my name mentioned."

Thomas was a freshman at White Deer when he was on the championship team in 1988 and the team won the Class 1A state championship, going 16-0. Thomas said this was his favorite playing memory. He said that the

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Kiwanis honors two of Pampa's best

Each year around the fateful day of Sept. 11, the Pampa Kiwanis Club recognizes a local firefighter and police officer for their service to the community. We honor the firefighters and law enforcement officers

who lost their lives," said Kiwanis member John Warner. Warner announced Officer Edgar Castillo as Outstand-

ing Officer of the Year and Bryan Johnson as Outstanding Castillo joined the department in March 2011 after gradu-

ating from the Panhandle Regional Police Academy. He is a member of the Patrol Division and works the 11 p.m. to 7 "He tries to make our community safer each night by mak-



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare From left, Firefighter of the Year Bryan Johnson, John Warner, and Police Officer of the Year Edgar Castillo.

ing sure that people are secure in their homes," He knows Pampa, he likes Pampa and wants to serve. He is a fine example of a young police officer and a credit to the City of

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today Thursday

Low 63

Low 52

Friday

Today: Partly cloudy and windy with a high of 88. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds southwest at 23 mph. Sunrise at 7:29 a.m.

Tonight: Mostly clear with a low of 63. Winds south-southwest at 20 mph. Sunset at 7:46

Thursday: Isolated thunderstorms with a high of 85. Chance of rain: 30 percent. Winds southsouthwest at 16 mph. Sunrise at 7:30 a.m.

Thursday night: Scattered thunderstorms with a low of 57. Chance of rain: 60 percent. Winds notheast at 9 mph. Sunset at 7:45 p.m.

Friday: Partly cloudy with a high of 77. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds northeast at 14 mph. Sunrise at 7:31 a.m.

Friday night: Clear with a low of 52. Winds east-southeast at 7 mph. Sunset at 7:43 p.m.

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Obituaries

Rebecca "Becky" Sue Corley

Rebecca "Becky" Sue Corley, 61, died Sept. 16, 2013

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 20, 2013, in



Rebecca Corley

Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Rev. Ronnie Lambert, pastor of First Baptist Church of Knox City, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Corley was born Aug. 23, 1952 in Sayre, Okla. As a young girl, her family moved to Pampa where she attended schools. Later, she would return to Oklahoma, living in Clinton. She married Jimmy Corley on Aug. 21, 1970 in Pampa. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1981.

Becky worked at Ray & Bill's Grocery and for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Jordan Unit, where she retired after 12 years of service. She donated a lot of her

time to the Tralee Crisis Center. Most of all, she loved to be with her family, especially her grandchildren, who were her life. She was preceded in death by her parents, Garnett and Billie Walkup, a brother, Leslie Walkup, and three sisters, Patricia Perry, Nellie Walkup and Betty

Survivors include her husband, Jimmy Corley of the home, a daughter, Carla Robinson and husband Lewis of Pampa, two sons, Jimmy Corley, Jr., of Pampa, and Richard Taylor and wife Elaine of Tulsa, Okla., a brother, Johnny Walkup and wife Jackie of Chickasha, Okla., a sister, Jo Ann Gonzales and husband Manuel of Clinton, Okla., four granddaughters, Jordann Pairsh and husband J.D. and Torri Hughes, all of Richland, N.C., Chainee Corley of Pampa, and Serenity Corley of Borger, two grandsons, Tanner Hughes and Trae Corley, both of Pampa, a great-granddaughter, Danni Pairsh, of Richland, N.C., a sister-in-Law: Anna Young of Lefors, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorials may be made to Interim Hospice, 2217 Perryton Parkway, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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Pampa woman arrested for burglary

of a habitation.

• Kimberly Young, 22, 28, White Deer, was ar-Pampa, was arrested Mon- rested Monday by the

• Bruce Ellwanger, 28, day by GCSO for burglary Gray County Sheriff's Of- Pampa, was arrested Mon- pa, was arrested Tuesday fice for motion to revoke day by the Pampa Police by PPD for a Pampa Mu-• Christopher Woods, probation — theft of prop- Department for criminal nicipal Violation.

• Travis Selby, 38, Pam-

MORSE GUEST SPEAKER AT ROTARY



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

Brad Morse, CEO of Pampa Regional Medical Center, does the honors of carrying the closing bell at last Tuesday's Pampa Rotary Club meeting. Morse was the guest speaker on "Eight Minutes Notice" when the scheduled speaker was unable to attend. Morse said PRMC is now affiliated with Family Medicine Center of Pampa, which is now called Family Med Now Clinic. The practice includes an urgent-care clinic. Since PrimeCare of California bought the hospital in June 2012, the hospital staff has increased from about 200 to 300 and employee morale has improved, Morse said. New physicians have been added to the staff, including recently hired pediatrician Jeff Kuo, who had attended an earlier Rotary meeting. He said PRMC is now working on providing pulmonary care physicians.

Gunman in Navy Yard rampage was hearing voices

The former Navy reservist gators said. who killed 12 people at the



Alexis

been hearing voices and was being treated

Navy

stripped of his security clearance, officials said Tuesday.

Aaron Alexis, a 34-yearold information technology employee with a defense contractor, used a highly secured installation Monday morning and started firing inside a building, the FBI said. He was killed in a gun battle with police.

The motive for the mass shooting — the deadliest on a military installation in the U.S. since the attack at Fort Hood, Texas, in 2009

WASHINGTON (AP) — was a mystery, investi- contract employees and grant him an early — but

enforcement officials told The Associmanifesto or other writ- contractor. ings suggesting a political for mental or religious motive.

the weeks fering a host of serious into focus. b e t o r e mental problems, including rampage, but was not disorder, and had been hearing voices in his head, according to the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the criminal investigation was still going on.

valid pass to get into the since August by Veterans Affairs, the officials said.

The Navy had not declared him mentally unfit, which would have rescinded a security clearance Alexis had from his earlier time in the Navy Reserves.

raise more questions about the adequacy of the background checks done on tion prompted the Navy to

others who are issued se- honorable — discharge curity clearances — an in 2011 after nearly four issue that came up most years as a full-time reservated Press that there was recently with National Se- ist, authorities said. During no known connection to curity Agency leaker Ed- his service, he repaired airterrorism and that inves- ward Snowden, an IT em- craft electrical systems at tigators have found no ployee with a government Fort Worth.

Navy Yard attack, a profile attack, eight people were Alexis had been suf- of Alexis began coming hurt, including three who

A Buddhist convert who authorities. the shoot- ing paranoia and a sleep had also had flare-ups of were a police officer and City and whose last known all expected to survive. address was in Fort Worth, the Navy and being a victim of discrimination. He He had been treated also had run-ins with the law over shootings in 2004 and 2010 in Texas and Seattle, and was ticketed for disorderly conduct after being thrown out of a metro Atlanta nightclub in

> Alexis' bouts of insub-The assault is likely to ordination, disorderly conduct and being absent from work without authoriza-

In addition to those In the hours after the killed at the Navy Yard were shot and wounded. Those three rage, Alexis, a black man two female civilians, auwho grew up in New York thorities said. They were

The dead ranged in age Texas, complained about from 46 to 73, officials said. A number of the victims were civilian employees and contractors, rather than active-duty military personnel.

Those killed included: Michael Arnold, 59, a Navy veteran and avid pilot who was building a light airplane at his home; Sylvia Frasier, 53, who worked in computer security; Kathleen Gaarde, 63 a financial analyst; and Frank Kohler, 50, a former president of the Rotary Club in Lexington Park, Md., who proudly reigned as "King Oyster" at the region's annual seafood fes-

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Thomas

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White Deer football alumni recently had their championship team reunion and it was great to reminiscent over their playing days.

"That was a fun run in ninth grade for the state championship," Thomas said. "It made me hungry for another state champion-

His favorite moment in his NFL career wasn't even on the field or a particular

"When they were singing the National Anthem during my first NFL game," Thomas said. "I had won just being there. I was just standing there on the sideline, and I felt a tear roll down my cheek. I just wanted to grab that moment and never let it go. I was very blessed just to be

In a 14-year career, it would be easy to assume that Thomas learned the most from his playing in the NFL. But there was a coach in Pampa that taught him a tool he carried throughout his career. This tool helped him amass 1,076 tackles, 20.5 sacks, nine forced fumbles and 17 interceptions, according to NFL.com.

"I learned how to read offenses from Max Plunk (Thomas's linebacker coach and defensive coordinator) in high school," Thomas said. "I used that same read my entire career, and people say I was instinctive but it wasn't instincts. It was tweaked over the years but ultimately I used that same read."

Although Thomas had a state championship from White Deer, he credits moving to Pampa as one of the biggest moves of his career.

"Because I learned that read from Coach Plunk, I would have never made it (beyond high school),"

Horse

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The board sponsors special events through the year,

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Dolphins. "It's kind of a cruel

twist," Thomas said. "You learn so much and start playing your best football. Then your body turns on you and wears down." Thomas said some of the

most influential players he Johnson and late former of San Diego great Junior

advice for the players coming into the league, he had two words: Be grateful.

"The game doesn't owe you a dime," Thomas said.
"Be grateful you made it reer having appeared" this far. Don't disrespect the game. You're never grateful and unhappy at the same time. I see these guys in the league right now and they think they are going to play forever. You're not going to. One injury could end it. You are never guaranteed that next down, or that next game.

Thomas's favorite players are the players he feels like are great for football. They are simply great football players. Thomas likes guys like Steelers safety Troy Palomalu, Cowboys linebacker and tight end Sean Lee and Jason Witten, along with players Tom Brady, Peyton Manning and Wes Welker.

"It is hard to narrow it down to just one or even those guys," Thomas said. "There are just so many talented players out there."

Zach Thomas played on some great Miami Dolphins' teams, particularly in the Dan Marino era. There is no doubt that many of those Dolphins' teams will go down as teams missing rings. Five times in Thomas's tenure with Dolphins the team had 10 or more

On the present state of the Miami Dolphins, Thomas

ty where Santa distributes several gifts to each client. We accept donations at any time, and it is a fitting memorial to honor loved ones. Checks should be mailed to PAID, P.O. Box 885, Pampa, TX 79066.

There will be an auction the building where Pampa following the noon meal. Sheltered workshop is lo- Iwo barbecue grills and cated. In addition to pro- a number of other items viding a safe environment have been donated. Anyone where clients can work or wishing to come for lunch be trained for employment and attend the auction is and self-help, the board welcome. There is a \$10 charge for the meal, which will be served around noon. Reservations are requested.

from dental to clothing or Riders wishing to participate can get more informamembers are volunteers, tion, including a map to the and therefore all funds are allocated directly to care ranch, by calling any of the

following: Sherry Carlson, 806-669-7171, Gloria Swires, 806-665-2294 or John Hervey, 806-669-0573.

Thomas said he felt like likes current quarterback he was playing his greatest Ryan Tannehill and just football his last year in the wants the Dolphins to put talent around him, but acknowledges that it all starts at the quarterback. Thomas knows a thing or two about playing with great quarterbacks. He was Marino's teammate from 1996-99.

He is also excited about the Texas Tech Red Raidplayed with were guys like ers. Even though it is still legendary coach Jimmy early in their seasons, each the aforementioned teams are undefeated.

'Hiring a guy like (cur-When asked if he had any rent head coach) Cliff Kingsbury," Thomas said. "That is taking a chance but he is very committed to the

> Thomas finished his career having appeared in the NFL's Pro Bowl seven times, including consecutive years from 1999-2003. He was First-team All-Pro

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Thomas said. "You don't feels like they have a prom- five times, Second-team do anything by yourself." ising team this year. He All-Pro twice, NFL Alumising team this year. He All-Pro twice, NFL Alumni Linebacker of the Year twice and was included on the NFL 2000s All-Decade team.

Thomas is currently living in South Florida with his wife and two kids, a 3-year-old son and 2-yearold daughter. He keeps himself busy with his three workout facilities, Zach's Club 54, two in Lubbock and one in Amarillo, and selling real estate.

He has disconnected himself from the game of football, except for being a fan. He said he may get into coaching at some point, but that is too time consuming and he likes spending the time he has with his family.

"Life is great," Thomas said. "I got to spend 28 years on the playground."







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The Democratic Party is becoming tarnished

One could conclude the Democratic Party has swung too far to the



not look far to see citi-

quo. The Democratic

has become tarnished

to say the least. And it

zens across the land ris-

ing in revolt to the status

Party brand of broad and

far-reaching government

wouldn't be ridiculous to

speculate that Democrats

have cursed themselves

with such labeling, and

House and Congress for

It's been said recently

that the American dream

is now to be debt-free.

That's contrary to what

the Democratic Party's

brand is defined. One

could envision that the

vast majority of Ameri-

shenanigans of big gov-

ernment and the massive

debt being accumulated.

Liberty and freedom

is more fashionable than

ever and conservatism is

Yet, liberalism or so-

cialism is failing in many

parts of the country and

those who have favored

the Democratic Party for

The AFL-CIO has sup-

ported President Obama in

the past, but they're now

turning on his administra-

tion because of Obam-

Much to the dislike

the union has signed a

resolution against the new

healthcare law. They say it

would drive up healthcare

If Democrats lose sup-

lose a vast voting block,

port of the unions they will

and their hopes of winning

future elections would be

The Mayor of San Di-

ego, a Democrat, recently

resigned from office in

light of mounting sexual harassment charges he

was facing from female

It would appear it's no

type behavior while in of-

longer trendy or cool to

bolster Bill Clinton-ish

Anthony Weiner, a

former congressman and

Democrat, also resigned

his post in light of lewd

conduct while in office.

It was once a belief that

Democrats could rebound

costs for their members.

The union calls the law

"highly disruptive."

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years now question it.

on the rise, contrary to

what many may say.

cans are tired of the

they could easily lose

control of the White

the next 20 years.

One need

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from such escapades and regain the confidence of voters and be reelected. That belief doesn't seem to have much credence anymore for Weiner drew roughly 5% of the vote and finished last in the Democratic primary in the New York City Mayor race for which he was running.

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After he gave his concession speech a reporter tried to interview him, but through the glass of the vehicle he was sitting in Weiner gave the reporter an obscene gesture by flipping him the middle finger.

It's safe to say a growing number of Americans believe most politicians nowadays are flipping off their constituents, too.

Evidence of that could recently be seen in Colorado where two Democratic lawmakers, including the president of the state Senate, were recalled on September 10th in elections brought about by their support of gun control. Recalled were State Senator John Morse, the body's president, and State Senator Angela Giron. Republicans will replace both those recalled politicians.

Reported contributions to Morse and Giron totaled about \$3 million, but it didn't matter.

The votes marked the first time in Colorado history that a state lawmaker faced a recall effort.

In addition, dozens of elected Colorado county sheriffs have sued to block the gun laws.

One of the Morse recall organizers said supporters were upset that lawmakers limited debate on the gun legislation and seemed more inclined to take cues from the White House than their constituents.

"If the people had been listened to, those recalls wouldn't have happened," he said.

The Colorado Republican Party called the vote results "A loud and clear message to out-of-touch Democrats across the na-

The conservative, or Tea Party driven, side of the Republican Party is on the rise.

I'm not alone in saying there's a stirring going on throughout the land. Politicians who see the trend are wise and will retain what they have worked so hard for, but those who don't will be whisked away by what's coming.

Greg Allen's column, Thinkin' Out Loud, is published bimonthly. He's an author, nationally syndicated columnist and the founder of Builder of the Spirit in Jamestown. Indiana, a non-profit organization aiding the poor. He can be reached at 765-676-5014 or www.builderofthespirit.org

Museum Musings

Educating our youth about Pampa's history

Last Friday I had the honor of visiting with the wonderful Woodrow Wilson 3rd graders. We discussed Pampa

and covered a timeline of Pampa history until questions and learn During out talk, I

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the 1970s. They were such a great group of kids and eager to ask about their hometown.

told the kids that at one point in time, McLean was bigger than Pampa, in fact, it was

the biggest town in Gray County. You wouldn't believe the looks I received. But they heard me out, and I think even the most skeptical were con-

vinced over time. Of course, I explained that Pampa was not the size it was today, in fact there were more cows roaming the streets than people or cars.

During the 19th century, cattle were taken to market on trains. Shipping points on the Fort Worth and Denver railroads were Memphis, Clarendon and Childress, all of these at least 70 or 80 miles from the Rowe Ranch

Headquarters in Gray County near McLean.

In 1901, the Rowe Brothers donated an 80 acre tract of land to the Rock Island Railroad for construction of a spur, loading pens and cattle chute. From this loading switch, cattle were shipped from the Rose, Morse, Pyron and Gething ranches.

The Railroad stop was named McLean after William Pinckney McLean, secretary of the railroad commission.

By 1905 McLean had a train station, a hotel and a good place to eat. They had a livery and stables as well as a barber shop.

A school and a church were built, and a water well was drilled in the center of the land and equipped with a windmill to pump. The town had two banks, a lumberyard, a post office, several grocery stores and a newspa-By 1907, McLean became the first

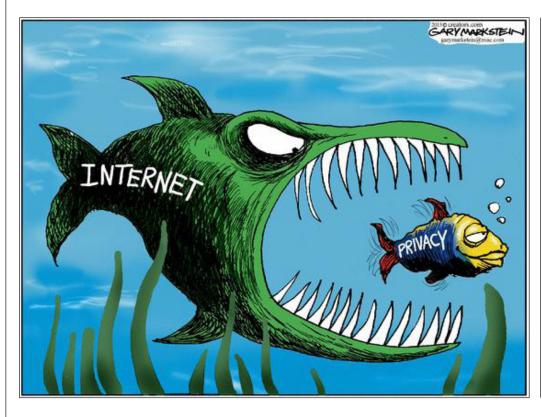
town in Gray County to be incorporated with the State of Texas.

By 1910, McLean had a population of 663 people and was the largest town in the county. However, by 1920 Pampa's population had climbed rapidly to 978 and McLean only grew to have 741 people.

Visit the White Deer Land Museum in downtown Pampa. Regular tours are offered Tuesday through Saturday from 1-4 p.m. If you would like to schedule a special or group tour, please call or email the museum at 806-669-8041 or courtney.oxley@ graycch.com.

Join the museum as we tell the stories of Pampa pioneers and historical figures at the cemetery on Sept. 28. For the first two tours, at 5:30 p.m. and 6:15 p.m., there will be transportation provided, the third tour, at 7:30 p.m will be a walking tour. Please RSVP if you are interested in attending one of the Fairview Cemetery Tours. Space is limited in the first two tours. The event will be free. To RSVP, please contact the White Deer Land Museum.

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Small-fry fishing tourney Saturday

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the annual Small-Fry Fishing Tournament, to be held this Saturday, at the Stilling Basin at Spring Canyon. Registration will start at 8 a.m., with the day's activities expected to conclude around 2 p.m. The Stilling fish and closed to the general public until after the tournament.

The Small-Fry Fishing Tournament is an annual event which promotes the sport of fishing while

encouraging good clean FRITCH — Lake Mer- family fun. This event is edith National Recreation a wonderful fun-filled op- dog lunch. Area will once again host portunity for families to share in one of the best recreational available in the Texas Panhandle. There is no entrance fee, and youth of all income levels are invited to participate. Age groups will be from 6-8 years, Basin will be stocked with 9-11 years, and 12-14 years, with prizes awarded in each age category. An adult must accompany the participants.

Schedule of events:

· 8-9 a.m., registration.

· 9-11 a.m., tournament. · 11a.m.-12:30 p.m., hot

12:30-2 p.m., awards and door prizes.

As in past years, support from local businesses and individuals has allowed Fishing the Small-Fry Tournament Association to put on the tournament with no cost to the children.

For more information on the tournament or directions to the Stilling Basin, please contact Lake Meredith National Recreation Area headquarters at 806-857-3151.

Kiwanis

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Pampa." Castillo is credited burglaries in Pampa and apprehending the suspects. In one case, he and est of citizens in Pampa,' a fellow officer caught she said. two burglars in the act

Comments used to describe Johnson include does it well.' "commitment," "makes

tent," "hard worker" and "knowledgeable."

Johnson was hired in 2008 and quickly became part of the team, said Fire Chief Kim Powell.

'He is gentle in nature with breaking up several and knowledgeable in relating fire prevention techniques to the young-Capt. Claud Scifres

and one gave up immedi- said, "He does not need ately while the other fled. to be told what to do. He knows what to do and

Deputy Chief Randy a difference," "go-to- Dunnam added, "He has free her fingers. guy," "gentle," "competouched the lives of hundreds of Pampa's kids. her injuries.

When kids come to the firehouse, he personally takes them on a tour."

His knowledge and service relates to more than fires

A few months ago, a call came from a business on North Hobart Street about a woman with three fingers stuck inside the mechanisms of a safe.

Johnson quickly assessed the situation, went under the counter and with the use of some small tools was able to

He then treated her for

Correction

The family involved in a house fire in Pampa on Aug. 30 was not in the house at the time the fire started, according to the Pampa Fire Department. Details on the fire were reported in the Sept. 4 issue.



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event of a disaster or an Amber Alert.

Courtney said those sys-

tems are expensive and the city has found an alternate system that is free. Called the Mass Emergen-

cy Notification System, residents can receive messages directly from Pampa Emergency Management when severe conditions threaten public safety.

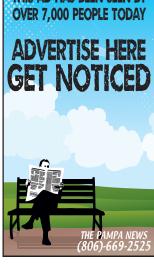
By registering, residents can receive these alerts by cell, text, email or on their home phone.

To register, visit the city's website at cityofpampa.org and then click on the "Resolve to Be Ready" logo to begin the registration pro-

For more information on the city's emergency management, call Courtney at 806-669-5820.

For more information on the CERT program, visit www.fema.gov/communityemergency-response-teams.

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God can even work through a toaster oven

On May the 6 of this year (2013). after Shari and I discussed what to get our daughter Christina for her birthday, I replayed the episode of "America's Test Kitchen" where they tested toaster ovens. I have found their test results to be

Convection Toaster

back in early April

I immediately went

to ebay.com and found

a 99.5% good feedback

rating so I felt good about the purchase.

instantly realized that I had not changed

the shipping address to Christina's home.

DAD GUMMIT! I spent the next 30-45

because it was too late to change the ad-

dress on their computers. Later that night

So on May 7 I ordered another HB

oven and this time remembered to set

the shipping address for Bolingbrook,

Illinois. We were very confident that it

birthday. Then it didn't. When it hadn't

arrived in a week I emailed the seller and

they said that they had already refunded

my payment. I tried to tell them that was

unsuccessfully to straighten the mess out.

So I contacted ebay.com and sent copies

of both payments via PayPal. I received a

That is when I changed sellers and on

May 21 (after her birthday) bought from

another ebay.com seller and found it for

\$25 less. They shipped it out on May 25;

Christina got it on Wednesday, May 29.

through this toaster oven. On Tuesday,

May 28 Christina was informed that at

the Christian School where she taught,

ers go due to budget cuts.

they were having to let one of the teach-

So on Wednesday she would be in a

teacher in a similar department; the board

kind of teacher teach-off with another

would watch both teaching demonstra-

tions. She was then told to just teach her

regular class like she normally would; a

20 minute instructional time. Christina

informed the adult board that she had

already told her students that all of the

work was done and the last day would be

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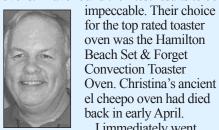
I clicked the "Pay Now" button and

minutes getting the order cancelled

they refunded my payment.

the correct HB oven at a

good price. The seller had



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students when they had to work the final day, NO PARTY. Then the other teacher entered with every special electronic piece of equipment and taught her students for 50 mins. Christina felt robbed and was struggling. I tried to talk to her about having faith in God's guidance, but wished that I could just hug her neck. About 4 hours later Shari and I got

a party. So you can guess the mood of the

a call from our daughter. This time her voice was excited and filled with laughter. When she drove into her drive way there on her porch was the HB toaster oven in a huge picture box. She had no idea what we had gotten her for her birthday and was elated. As she opened it she went on and on about everything it would do. We all laughed together just like we were there. When the conversation let up a little I saw my moment to shift the conversational gears.

"Now Christina, listen carefully to what I'm going to say next. I need you to see what God has been doing for the past 3 weeks. Your mom and I thought it would be best for you to get the oven around May 13-15 so that it would for sure be there for your birthday on the 19th. But we were only thinking birthday. God has something much more important in mind. He knew that you would need a heavenly shot of encouragement on Wednesday, May 22 and so He providentially intervened and used my mess up to help see to it that the first order never arrived. Then He intervened again on the 2nd order, seeing that it got all messed up too. Then on the 3rd order He intervened to make sure that it arrived on the day when you needed encouragement the most. He was orchestrating everything for His Princess. He did all this for you because He loves you and watches over you every minute.'

By then I was crying and so were Shari and Christina. We said "bye" and that we loved each other.

Then I sent her this text: "God's tender words to you are, 'Sweet daughter, I'm always watching over you. Don't worry, don't lean on your own understanding; LEAN ON MINE! I love you, Princess."

God can work through the Post Office, through our personal mess-ups, through other people's mess-ups and even through toaster ovens. God, You are sooooooo AWESOME!

God bless. Mike

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Shooting down the 'Big Bang' theory

I'm always amused - and a little irritated - when I hear scientists and biologists on TV talking about the "Big Bang Theory." It's the belief that the universe

> came to be after a sudden burst of energy from somewhere deep in the cosmos. I've never understood how some people can

buy into the "Big Bang Theory" or the theory of evolution, for that matter. They are both about as ridiculous as Al Gore's "global warming" buffoonery!

If you take the Bible literally, as I do, then you have to believe that God created the heaven and the earth (Genesis 1:1). The Scriptures contain convincing evidence that God is the author of all life.

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Psalm 33:6 says, "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.' Psalm 19:1 tells us "the heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament displays His handiwork."

By these and many other verses, we have proof that God spoke the world into

existence. We also see God's marvelous handiwork on display every day with our own eyes. Take a look at a gorgeous Texas Panhandle sunrise or sunset. Gaze at the stars on a cloudless night. Consider the changing of the seasons as we move from summer into fall. These things don't happen by chance or by a burst of energy. This is the hand of God at work among us, and it's amazing.

Genesis 2:7 says, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

Think about the intricate details of our bodies and how they work. Do you think that's the result of evolution? No, only a supreme God and Creator is able to do that. Proverbs 20:12 says, "The hearing ear and the seeing eye, the Lord has made both of them."

It doesn't take a genius to figure out that God is the Creator of the universe. The proof is all around us. Take some time to look at all of God's creation, and you'll be amazed at what His hands have done.

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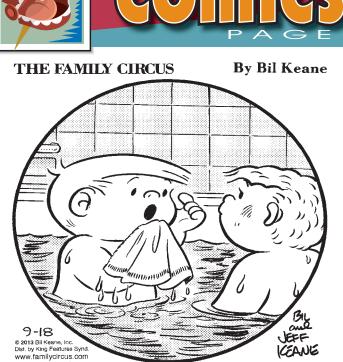
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Sept. 19, 2013:

This year you often feel pulled in different directions. You can identify with others' problems, so you'll tend to be nurturing and sympathetic. You might want to be a crusader and fix all the problems you see, but keep in mind that you are just one person. If you are single, you will open up to different types of people. Date as much as you want, but take your two of you will be more in sync, especially after your sweetie gets the swing of your moods! ARIES can be 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)

★★★★ Don't push so hard to get your way. Others might feel overworked, and it won't take much to trigger them. Stay focused on making an important phone call to a friend. An offer might feel too good to be true, so be careful. Tonight: You have a lot of information to process. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Today's Full Moon points to new possibilities, as long as you tap into your creativity. Romance also might factor into the day's events. Screen calls if you need to get stuff done. People seem to want you all at once. Tonight: Meet a friend or two at your favorite haunt.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Tension could be quite high in the morning; you might want to seek out a friend to commiserate with by lunchtime. You certainly will have your hands full. Schedule a meeting, and delegate any projects or errands that you can. Tonight: Swap tales of the day with friends. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Others might challenge what you thought was a well-thought-out project. Make a note of areas where you might need to make changes and/or tie up loose ends. Meanwhile, take the lead and get as much done as you possibly can. Tonight: Possibly at work till the wee hours.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** New information comes in and forces you to question your prior decisions. Let a trusted friend play devil's advocate, and you might gain strong answers as a result. Once you open up, you'll have so many choices, you could be overwhelmed. Tonight: Make an important call

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Pressure will build throughout the day, and then suddenly it will be gone. You might be left wondering what happened. Perhaps you were able to change your view about a judgment you had made, and it eased some of the tension. Relax. Tonight: Run some errands on the way home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Events will happen quickly, time committing. If you are attached, the and therefore, others' moods also will change quickly. You might feel much better than you have in a while. Someone could overwhelm you with his or her "great idea" or new approach regarding a project. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invita-

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Get up early, as you might have an important matter to handle. The earlier you can get started, the better; it will make a difference in the outcome. An event or a conversation keeps floating around in your head midafternoon. Tonight: Make it an early night, if pos-

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You could come up with a doozy of an idea that might involve changing directions or adding more spice to a project or to your life. Be sure that you can handle the potential ramifications of a situation like that. Tonight: Allow yourself to be naughty and nice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** You might find that your words tend to stir up a lot of strong feelings in others. You will wonder why, but realize that it simply could be the timing. You can't help what has happened, so relax; otherwise, you'll be really stressed out, with no solution. Tonight: Stay close

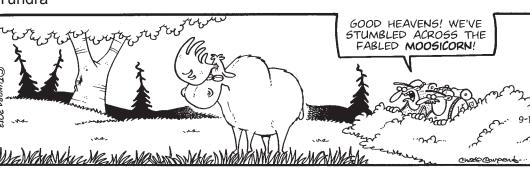
AQUARIUS (Jan.29-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Use caution in the morning when dealing with your finances. Later in the day, your communication will excel. You might be shocked by everything that you hear. You have choices, so weigh them carefully. Tonight: All smiles, no matter where you are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ There will be an unusual intensity to the morning. You might not be able to see a situation as clearly as you might like; besides, more information is forthcoming. Lighten up about a personal matter. Everything could change quickly. Tonight: Add more fun into the mix.

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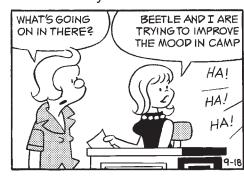
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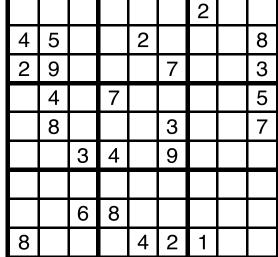
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"Get over your fear shirt, and just TALK to him." This isn't very to know how to get ment. over my fear! Abby, be appreciated.

NERVE IN OHIO **DEAR** CAN'T FIND THE NERVE: I'll gladly share some thoughts. The first way you do. Social respond but they can be

take practice.

DEAR ABBY: I'm the "fear" you are hints for polishing interests so you will

because I really like be brilliant or witty. school. But you CAN smile and ask if he'd Try leading off with be one of the nicest. The only advice I a friendly remark or have been given is, a compliment. ("Nice in others. Be honest making HIM feel less cellphone," etc.) I know very few people who don't helpful to me. I want appreciate a compli-**Overcoming** shyness takes pracyour thoughts would tice, so don't go after the boy you "really CAN'T FIND THE like" at first. Make a point of smiling and saying hello to everyone. It's friendly, it's welcoming.

Keep in mind that is I hope you realize the majority of peohow many girls and ple have the same guys your age feel insecurities you do. **EXACTLY** the same Many of them will positively don't come because they apprenaturally to everyone ciate being noticed. That's how you make learned. And like any friends of both genlearned skill, they ders. I have a booklet that offers even more The surest cure for suggestions. The title shyness — which is is "How to Be Popular," and it contains

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Mon: Rangers' slide at 7 games after loss to Rays

straight loss Monday night, the Texas Rangers' playoff position is getting more tenuous.

"It's pretty tough right now," said shortstop Elvis Andrus after a 6-2 loss to the Tampa Bay Rays. "Definitely things aren't

tired, actually (of talking about it), but we've got to only way we'll get out of

Texas remained a halfgame ahead of Cleveland for the second AL wildcard spot.

Rookie Wil Myers homered and had three RBIs, Alex Cobb pitched eight solid innings, and the Rays took the lead for the

Myers had a seconda two-run double during a four-run fifth inning. runs, six hits, one walk and had 10 strikeouts.

his third straight start for in September.

way," said Garza, who He just reacted wrong."

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. gave up five straight hits (AP) — With a seventh to his former team in a four-run fifth inning.

"It doesn't matter who I'm against. It's my team that I care about," he said. "My job is to help us get

to October and I'm still going to keep trying, keep pushing and get ready in five days. There's no going our way. We're quick fixes, no easy an-

The big fifth inning left keep playing. That's the the Rays with a 6-2 lead, and Texas got only two men on base after that.

> Texas had pulled even at 2 during the fifth when Mitch Moreland, mired in an 0 for 22 slide, doubled and scored on Ian Kinsler's double. Kinsler was caught attempting to steal third to end the inning.

Cobb retired the first first wild-card spot with a nine Rangers before Kinsler doubled to start the fourth. But after advancinning solo shot and hit ing to third on a sacrifice bunt by Andrus, Kinsler got tagged out during a Cobb (9-3) allowed two rundown on Alex Rios' grounder to third.

"He was just being Matt Garza (9-6) gave Ian," manager Ron Washup six runs and eight hits ington said of Kinsler's over 4 1-3 innings to lose base running misfortunes. "Cobb had sort of an odd the Rangers, who are 2-12 delivery to the plate; (Kinsler) was just trying "I was falling behind to maybe force a balk, but in counts, and when you once he went down the do that, obviously things line as far as he did, he aren't going to go your should have kept going.

Texans looking for offensive consistency

Gary

dre Johnson has a con- comeback skills, cussion and the team will rallying from a keep a watchful eye on late eight-point him as it prepared for the deficit to defending Super Bowl Tennessee

champion Ravens.

Head coach Gary Ku- Houston's biak confirmed Monday fense has plenty that Johnson suffered a to worry about concussion on a four- after a sluggish quarter grab that set up performance. the tying touchdown by

about Johnson's return for opening drive.

"He's doing great today, but he is in the protocol right now," Kubiak said. "It'll be an end-of-theweek decision because we have to go through the process. I think after the game, talking to missed two field goals. him and seeing where really well, and I'd expect the progress to go very quickly."

(AP) — Of all the ways

son, this one probably

HOUSTON (AP) — For the second week in today, the word's consis- was up and down in

24 in overtime.

Kubiak It got going ty Bernard Pollard and touchdown pass from Matt Schaub to tight end Kubiak is optimistic Garrett Graham on the

After that, the offense bogged down. The Texans went scoreless on 11 of their next 12 drives and amassed just 163 yards. Making matters worse was second-year placekicker Randy Bullock on third downs."

he's at today, he's doing Kubiak looking for consistency.

Manning, Broncos look unstoppable so far

Peyton Manning and all in the first half of either champion Ravens with an feat accomplished by this

the Denver offense have game, they would still be equally impressive victo- franchise only once, in

dominated over the first tied with Green Bay for ry over the champs from 1976, a year before they

two games of the sea- the league lead in points. the year before, the New made their first Super

The Broncos followed York Giants. They broke Bowl.

we're doing."

pointed to several

were 6 for 17 on third Kubiak said. "We've got downs. "We just didn't make knows that." any third downs," Ku-By the finabiak said. "Third downs, Texans total

anced. That second and third

The uneven start has also a point of interest go- by a breakout perforing forward.

"The word for this week slicing through the San from first-round draft as we left our meeting Diego defense, Schaub pick DeAndre Hopkins.

Had they not scored at tory over the Super Bowl second straight week — a

their opening-night vic- the 40-point mark for the

Texans star receiver An- a row Houston used its tency," he said Monday. Sunday's game. Schaub "That's part of the finished with a respect-NFL battle. We've able 298 yards and three got to get more touchdowns, but threw consistent at what two interceptions.

The second, in the Part of that con- fourth quarter by Altersistency revolves raun Verner, was returned around keeping for a 23-yard touchdown the offense on to give Tennessee a 24-16 the field. Kubiak lead with 4:59 to go.

"I think Matt's off to a drives that stalled good start. He's made a Arian Foster. Johnson quickly, moving 80 yards as the Texans failed to couple of poor decisions took a hard hit from safe- in five plays to a 1-yard convert regularly on third that he's made up for, downs. In all, the Texans that's the good thing,' to get rid of those and he

> By the final whistle the Texans totaled 452 yards they're the key to staying and finished with another on the field and being balwin on the last play of the game.

> They continued their quarter we were very poor perfect run of scoring inside the red zone Schaub's uneven play is and pulled it out led mance of 117 yards and After starting off by the winning touchdown

DT Jason Hatcher:

IRVING, Texas (AP) — for Romo's offense head-

New York Giants in the opener with a worrisome loss on the road — just like last year. Tony Romo had

a big turnover, the

defense didn't get a takeaway and couldn't make a critical stop in the final minutes just like last year. Defensive tackle Jason

Hatcher is certain this was the running game. It isn't just like 2012.

last year's woes or whatever: 1-1 and then you go downhill," Hatcher said after Sunday's 17-16 loss at Kansas City. "That will not happen. We're going to be a contender when this is all said and done."

Hatcher did his part to make sure this showing was better than last year's loss in Seattle, getting six tackles, a sack, another tackle for loss and a batted pass. But Hatcher was also in the middle of a defense that couldn't stop the Chiefs in time to give Romo one more realistic doesn't even match that. shot at a winning drive.

Jamaal Charles had 8 yards on eight carries when Kansas City took over with 3:50 remaining. He needed just two tries to surpass that — and get the first of three first had 47 yards on the final Dez Bryant. Kansas City possession.

A week after getting six takeaways against the Giants, the Cowboys didn't coming from the backhave any. They were plus-5 in turnover margin in the opener, and minus-2 this time.

"We've got to outplay their defense," Hatcher said. "They got two turnshow up.'

The Dallas Cowboys fol- ing into Sunday's home lowed a big win over the matchup with St. Louis.

Cowboys will be contender

Dallas struggled touchdowns from inside the 20 — another issue a year ago. Romo's accuracy, and even his velocity, appeared off at critical moments a week after the Giants roughed up his ribs.



He finished with 25 yards on 12 carries, with a long of just 6. Lance Dunbar had 12 yards on his only carry, then fumbled at the end of a pass play and didn't get another

The Cowboys had one of the worst rushing attacks in team history last year. This year's pace

'You've got to run the ball better, you've got to score when you're down there. You've got to stop people. Every team's doing the same thing after this week that lost, and we're going to be includdowns that left the Cowed in that," said Romo, boys just 16 seconds from who had 298 yards passtheir 4-yard line. Charles ing and a touchdown to

> Romo also had a critical fumble when he was slow on a release with pressure

Bryant bounced back from getting shut down by the Giants to have the first 100-yard first quarter for Dallas since Michael Irvin did it 20 years ago. overs, we've got to get But he had just 41 yards four. Up front we made the rest of the way, and some clutch plays, but a key drop that would when it counted we didn't have shifted field position when the Cowboys were were several consistently losing that developments battle in the second half.

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The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed in action."

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The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization."

Proposition Number 5 (SJR 18)

SJR 18 would amend the definition of "reverse mortgage" to authorize the making of reverse mortgage loans for the purchase of homestead propthe length of time that aircraft erty in addition to the current

legal uses of those loans, and would give lenders recourse against borrowers who fail to timely occupy the homestead properties purchased with such loans. SJR 18 would also add to the definition of "reverse mortgage" an extension of credit that is not closed before the 12th day after the lender provides to the prospective borrower a written notice summarizing risks and conditions of a reverse mortgage. The language of the required notice is prescribed in the resolution.

appear on the ballot as follows: The constitutional amendment to authorize the making of a reverse mortgage loan for the purchase of homestead property and to amend lender disclosures and other requirements in connection with a reverse mortgage loan."

Proposition Number 6 (SJR 1)

SJR 1 would create the State Water Implementation Fund as a special fund inside the state treasury and outside the General Revenue Fund. Money in the fund would be administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and would be used to implement the state water plan, as adopted by general law, by TWDB.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas to assist in the financing of priority projects in the state water plan to ensure the availability of adequate water resources."

Proposition Number 7 (HJR 87)

HJR 87 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow home-rule municipalities to adopt charter provisions authorizing the filling of vacancies in the governing body by appointment, but only when the remainder of the vacant term is less than 12 months. Under current law, municipal voters may adopt terms of office for municipal officers longer than two years, but upon approving longer terms of office, any resulting vacancies in office must be filled by special election. The proposed amendment would provide an option

for home-rule municipalities to fill short-term vacancies through appointment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: 'The constitutional amendment authorizing a home-rule municipality to provide in its charter the procedure to fill a vacancy on its governing body for which the unexpired term is 12 months or less."

Proposition Number 8 (HJR 147 and SJR 54)

HJR 147 would repeal the Tex-The proposed amendment will as Constitution's maximum tax rate for a Hidalgo County hospital district; the maximum rate is currently set at 10 cents per \$100 valuation. This rate is lower than the maximum tax rate allowable for hospital districts in all other counties in the State (75 cents per \$100 valuation). The repeal of the constitutional cap would authorize hospital district tax rates in Hidalgo County equal to the hospital district tax rate laws applicable to all other Texas counties.

> The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment repealing Section 7, Article IX, Texas Constitution, which relates to the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County.'

Proposition Number 9 (SJR 42) SJR 42 would expand the po-

tential sanctions that the State Commission on Judicial Conduct can issue following a formal proceeding. This constitutional amendment would allow the Commission to issue an order of public admonition, warning, reprimand, or a requirement to obtain additional training or education in addition to the Commission's current authority to issue a public censure or recommend removal or retirement of a judge.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: 'The constitutional amendment relating to expanding the types of sanctions that may be assessed against a judge or justice following a formal proceeding instituted by the State Commission on Judicial Con-

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RUNNING AT THE NEXT LEVEL



Former Pampa Harvester and current Texas A&M-Commerce freshman Terra Truitt (second from right) finished fifth in the Vanderbilt Commodore Classic in Nashville, Tenn. She posted a time of 19:21.49 in the 5,000-meter run, her first collegiate meet. Texas A&M-Commerce women's team placed third in Non-Division I category.

NCAA won't budge on paying college athletes

The structure of the NCAA sports." could look very different

big-money

Emmert

stitutions. What won't change, however, is the amateur status of the players who make college athletics a billiondollar business.

"One thing that sets the fundamental tone is there's very few members and, virtually no university president, that thinks it's a good idea to convert studentathletes into paid employ-

MILWAUKEE (AP) — is about students who play forever and ever. It has got-

by this time have had a turbulent year, gotten really, really large. next year with money the source for most of the discontent. Aftry ter Heisman Trophy winto resolve ner Johnny Manziel was time, and that's sports and the grow- investigated for allegedly ing dispar- receiving money for auto- he added. "So we're seeing ity between graphs — he was cleared an explosion in the value of — Time magazine put him schools and on the cover along with the that's injected a lot of revsmaller inafter a series of Sports Illustrated stories that alleged cash payments to players and academic misconduct.

> The NCAA is also facing an antitrust lawsuit from would be by allowing athformer players who believe letes to turn pro straight they're owed millions of out of high school, Emdollars in compensation.

ees. Literally into profes- sion right now that's grow- low. Other professions sionals," NCAA President ing between the collegiate don't impose an "artificial Mark Emmert said Monday model and the commer-juncture," he said, noting at Marquette University. cial model," said Emmert, that ballet dancers don't "Then you have something who spoke as part of Mar- have to take a detour to very different from colle- quette's "On the Issues" college before joining a giate athletics. One of the forum. "And, by the way, troupe. guiding principles (of the this is nothing new. This NCAA) has been that this tension has been going on ball's two-track model.

ten greater now because the Emmert and the NCAA magnitude of dollars has

"The most valuable (television) products are things you have to watch in real 'Dancing with the Stars,'" sports media properties and headline "It's Time to Pay enue into sports. ... That's College Athletes." Okla- led to a lot of the discushoma State is investigating sion. This whole notion of, whether rules were broken first and foremost, treating student-athletes in fair fashion while still maintaining the student-athlete, is at the core of all of this."

One way to address that mert said, something the "(There's) enormous ten- NBA and NFL don't al-

He also pointed to base-

Regional Sports



Lefors wins in shootout with Amherst

Lefors defeated Amherst in a 72-60 Texas-style shootout in which six different players getting at least one touchdown.

Junior running back Jason Solis ran for 132 yards, a rushing touchdown and a receiving touchdown.

Junior wide receiver Austin Tapp had 55 yards receiving with two touchdowns, including a 42yard bomb.

Freshman quarterback Kyndan Lott

Austin Tapp

had five touchdown passes, 205 yards passing, 35 yards rushing, a rushing touchdown and a 65yard kick return for a touch-

> Senior running back Tjayden Swires had another explosive game, amassing 217 yards rushing and three touchdowns.

> Senior Cooper Hudson had 58 receiving yards and a 17yard touchdown.

The Pirates travel to Miami on Friday night at 7:30 p.m.



Submitted photo Kyndan Lott returns a kick return 65 yards for a touchdown. The Lefors Pirates won the game 72-60. They return to the field in Miami on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Oklahoma St. names former NCAA official for review

gate alleged misconduct transparency," in the football program.

School president Burns Hargis and the Board of veteran NCAA enforce-Regents said Monday ment officer. that Charles E. Smrt will view of alleged viola- specializing in compli- moral and unethical contions first reported by ance audits. Before that duct or conduct that vio-Sports Illustrated.

not implicate any cur- most 18 years. rent coaches or players to

(AP) — Oklahoma State sibility to confront these selection to determine, has appointed a former disturbing reports head "based on credible sourc-NCAA official to investi- on and with complete es and confirmed facts,"

Hargis said Smrt is a articles.

lead an independent re- dent of a consulting firm not condone illegal, imhe was on the NCAA lates applicable rules," 'While the articles do enforcement staff for al- Link said.

have direct involvement of the OSU/A&M Board access as he conducts his in any alleged miscon- of Regents, said the review.

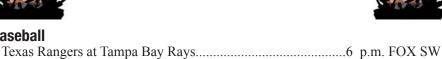
Okla. duct, we have a respon- board endorsed Smrt's Hargis whether there is any truth to the claims made in the

"But let there be no doubt, the OSU Board of He is currently presi- Regents does not and will

Smrt said Hargis has Tucker Link, chairman offered him unfettered



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