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Friday's storms bring 2 inches of rain

But still in severe drought condition.

> By TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE thowsare@thepampanews.com

Although Friday night's intense thunderstorm brought two inches of rain to Pampa, we are still about three inches behind what would be considered normal accumulation for this time of the year, according to the National Weather Service.

Though yearly averages are not kept for Pampa by the NWS, Amarillo has received 14 inches of rain since Jan. 1.

However, we are still better off when compared to last year when Amarillo only had 11 inches of rain by this date, which was six inches behind the normal yearly rainfall.

In 2011, Amarillo had the lowest yearly rainfall ever recorded in that city — 7 inches.

Despite the growth of weeds everywhere and the breeding of those pesky mosquitoes, we are still in the grips of a "D2," or a severe drought, said Tabitha Seymour, the observing program leader for the NWS in Amarillo.

"As of Sept. 24, nearly all of the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles are under a severe drought," she said. "Some parts of the northwest Panhandle, like around Dalhart, are in an extreme drought. That section hasn't received as much rain as other parts of the Panhandle."

The drought is now in its third year.

Friday's thunderstorm brought lots of lightning and wind dust. Flash floods were reported in Gray, Wheeler and Donley counties, Seymour said. "There were motorists stranded in road ways."

Commissioners meet today

STAFF REPORT

The Gray County Commissioners Court is holding a special session today at 9 a.m.

The commissioners will consider:

- Paying bills and salaries as approved by the County Auditor.
- The 2014 health benefits renewal 1627 • Pampa Independent School District's appli-

• Line item transfers and budget amendments.

- cation for Permanent School Fund.
- Request from Commissioner Precinct 2 to replace an employee.
- Perry Lefors Airport hangar transfer of Lot 14 from Bill Robben to Chris Johnson.
- Observance of auditor, assistant auditor and court reporters' salaries as set by district judges per local government code 152.031(a) and
- Advertising for requests for proposals (RFPs) for the following insurance: comprehensive general liability; property; public officials' and employees' liability; airports - general liability, lessor's interest; heavy equipment floater; business auto insurance; county law enforcement professional liability coverage and workers' compensation.
- A resolution for Gray County to become eligible to participate in tax abatement with Invenergy, formerly Pioneer Green Energy.
- Recognize a Certificate of Compliance by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards for the Gray County Jail, the Justice of the Peace of Precinct 2 continuing education and the Constable Precinct 2 quarterly report. The commissioners meet in the second floor

court room of the Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell St.

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nona Italian Bistro, with their daughter Ani Cauga,

who manages the restaurant. After nearly six years at

Kingsmill Avenue and North Hobart Street, the res-

taurant is moving to Las Pampas Square.

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Gray County Latchkey: A hands-on, after-school learning program



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

Above, Austin Elementary site director Connie Fulton, helps students Skye Lightfoot, Aiden Manous and Rhion Lackey during Friday's structured art project. Below are some of the art supplies used in Friday's structured project in which the children decorated the cardboard tubes with paint.



By LINDSEY TOMASCHIK LKTomaschik@thepampanews.com

While most elementary-aged children consider their school days over at 3:30 p.m., there are those who are enrolled in the Gray County Latchkey program, which is one of 17 Pampa United Way agencies. There is a Latchkey program at each of the four elementary schools that runs from 3:30-5:30 p.m. on school days.

Program Director Chrissie Silva said the program has been in Pampa for more than 20 years.

"I started out as a site director at Austin Elementary last year, and this year they asked me to be the program director," she said.

Now, Silva spends her time throughout the week at each

site, making sure they are run as similarly as possible. "Sometimes I miss seeing the same kids every day, but now I have more kids that I get to see, which is good,

too," she said. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Silva spreads enrichment by spending 40 minutes at each of the four elementary schools. "Deeper enrichment for the students is my goal."



Another goal of Silva's is to increase overall awareness of the program, and she has made a Facebook page in order to raise awareness. Although the program does not currently run through the summer, it is something she has considered starting as well.

When they get settled after school, the students have play and homework centers and a structured project. The project is either art, music or theater and lasts from 30-45 minutes. During this time, children can also get homework help and get some extra practice for the STAAR tests as well. The centers and project are then followed by a 4 p.m. nutritious snack with juice or water. After the snack, the children get to go play outside and then pick-

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Verona moving to Las Pampa Square

Italian bistro has been open for nearly six years.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE

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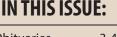
It was either find or new place in town or move somewhere out of Pampa.

The owners of Verona Italian Bistro, Linda and Luigi Vukatana, are happy to announce that circumstances have worked out for them to keep their restaurant in town.

In mid October, they will be reopening in the Las Pam-Photo by Timothy P. Howsare pas Square in the same building that houses Enbridge's From left, Linda and Luigi Vukatana, owners of Ver- offices.

For nearly six years, Verona has been located in a former fast-food restaurant at Kingsmill Avenue and North Hobart Street. That building is deteriorating and not large enough for their needs.

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Latchkey

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up is any time from 5-5:30

Latchkey's mission statement says, "We are ready to help your child grow academically, socially and emotionally. We are here to keep your child safe and learning even after school hours. The Latchkey staff has been and continues to be committed to the children of Pampa."

The program is based on five platforms: safety, care, socialization, health and enrichment. United Way funds the socialization, health and enrichment platforms by donating \$14,000 to the program each school year. Silva is grateful for the support from United Way, and said that she strives to focus on all five of Latchkey's platforms and believes that they are equally important and beneficial for the children in the program.

For instance, to practice safety, the students enrolled in the program have monthly fire and intruder preparedness drills as well as bimonthly tornado drills. The 10:1 student to teacher ratio ensures that children are safe. Many days, this ratio is even smaller. This ratio makes all aspects of the program run

smoothly and enables each ers and supervisors have nie Fulton and Cecilia Kenchild to be looked after the some type of background in nedy, and they are assisted by way he or she should, Silva the activities, whether it be said.

On occasion, Latchkey also has guest speakers and talent shows.

platform, each participating this year, and she hopes to teacher in the program must have 15 hours of training per year outside the program to remain active. Each site director for Latchkey is required to have 30 hours of outside training, and the program director must have 250 hours per year.

Silva said that the teachers for the program are very skills, another Latchkey platform. Supervisors encourage appropriate behavior and are able to monitor it in a cooperficial for the children to build these skills in the school the school day is over. Also, the school is where they will Enrollment acquired from the program.

The health platform of quirements as well. the program is enforced by spending at least 20 minutes has a site director (Austin has a day exercising, weather two), an assistant, and superpermitting, and healthy snacks are provided for the children as well.

Latchkey promotes enrichment because all teach- the site directors are Con-

art, music or theater. Silva said that those kids enrolled in the program performed two songs at the interactive When it comes to the care United Way Kickoff earlier have them perform again at the Autism Awareness fundraiser in April.

"The kids really enjoy performing, and they did a great job at the United Way Kickoff, so I want to try and get them to perform again," she

Enrollment for the Latchkey program has no deadactive with the kids, which lines, so students can join at builds their socialization any time in the school year. Latchkey currently has 70 children enrolled total at the four elementary schools, and Silva hopes to see this numative environment. Silva also ber continue to grow. The ensaid that she thinks it's bene-rollment fee for Latchkey is \$25, and daily tuition fees are \$8 a day for one child, \$14 building because they are a day for two children, \$18 still in the mode to learn after a day for three children and \$24 a day for four children. scholarships be practicing the social skills based on need are available for those who meet the re-

Each elementary school visors to help run the program. There are ten Latchkey employees total.

At Austin Elementary,

Aaron Rodriguez. At Wilson Elementary, Darlene Vickery is the site director and she is assisted by Wandra Coyla. Vicki Blackman is the site director at Travis Elementary, and Rosanna Lewis and Audine Biligri are her assistants. Lastly, at Lamar Elementary, the site director is Mary Denhem, assisted by Lorie Caswell.

There is an executive board for the program, headed by President Judge Kurt Curfman. The board meets the second Tuesday of each month and consists of four parents, four city or community officials and four teachers. Latchkey is still looking for two teachers and two parent volunteers for the board.

For more information on the Gray County Latchkey, to enroll your child or to volunteer as a board member, visit the Facebook page or contact Program Director Chrissie Silva at graycolatchkey@gmail.com or 806-440-

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Verona

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Linda thinks in the past the building was a Burger King and a Dairy Queen.

"We were at a point where we either had to move out of Pampa or find a new location in town," Linda said.

Pampa Economic Development Corp., who helped them find a new place in Las Pampas Square.

"We appreciate them. They did a good job," she said.

Her daughter, Ani Cauga, "If it wasn't for them we

wouldn't still be here," Cauga said.

Cauga manages the restaurant, which serves a variety



of Italian cuisine.

picked Verona for making the best pizza in town.

Besides pizza, the Italian bistro also serves favorites said they would like to thank like lasagna, chicken alfredo and chicken parmesan.

dishes, Cauga said, is chicken murphy.

She said they called the it, chicken murphy is grilled being worked out.

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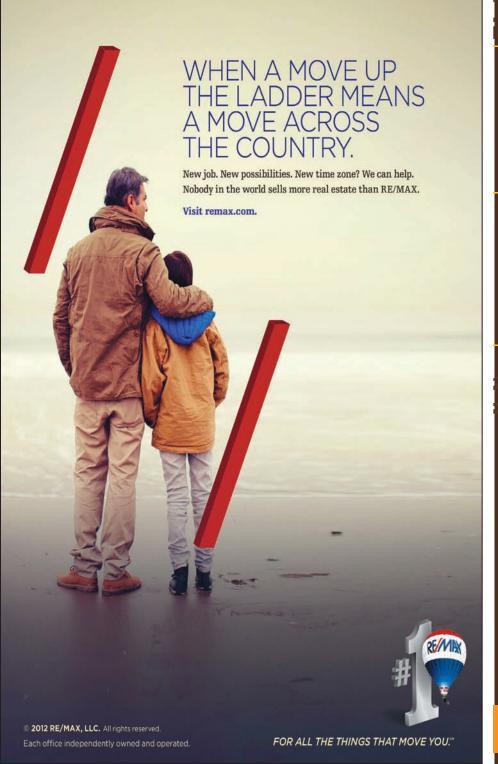
chicken, mushrooms, jalape-Pampa News readers ños, onions, red peppers in a wine cream sauce over angel hair pasta.

The mother and daughter all their regular customers who have helped keep them One of their most popular in business for five years.

A grand opening is planned for the new loca-In case you've never had tion, but the details are still









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Wednesday: Sunny with a high of 85. Winds south at 19 mph. Sunrise at 7:40 a.m.

Wednesday night: Clear with a low of 57. Winds south at 16 mph. Sunset at 7:26 p.m.

Thursday: Sunny and windy with a high of 88. Winds southwest at 23 mph. Sunrise at 7:41 a.m.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 56. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds west at 13 mph. Sunset at 7:25 p.m.

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Rex McKay, Jr., 78, died Saturday, September 28, 2013,



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Rex McKay, Jr.

with Glen Walton, minister of Bell Avenue Church of Christ in Amarillo, and Keith Feerer, minister of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery with Masonic graveside rites courtesy of Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF & AM. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Direc-

Services are at 2 p.m., today, at Mary

Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ

Mr. McKay was born Sept. 14, 1935 in Pampa to William Rex and Odessa McKay. He was a lifelong resident of Pampa and Gray

> County and was a 1954 graduate of Pampa High School. Rex received his BBA degree from Texas Tech in 1958. He married Koell Gillpatrick on June 6, 1957 in Pampa. Rex was a longtime Gray County farmer, rancher, and banker. He was on the board of directors of Citizens Bank and Trust for several years and served as bank president for three years. He was a member of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, Pampa Masonic Lodge #966, and Khiva Shrine Temple of Amarillo. Rex served on the board at Pampa Senior Citizens Center for several years.

Survivors include his wife, Koell McKay, of the home; two sons, Rex McK- ay, III and wife Robin of Pampa and Mark McKay and wife RayAnn of Dalhart; five grandchildren, Will McKay, Mary McKay Beadles and husband Taylor, and Kelsey McKay, all of Lubbock, Mason McKay of Pampa, and Chloe McKay of Dalhart; a brother-in-law, Max Gillpatrick of Pampa; and a sister-in-law, Gail Moore, of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Rex was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Ann Crossman

Ann Crossman, 77, died Friday, Sept. 27, 2013 in Pampa. Services are at 10 a.m. today, October 1, 2013, at First Baptist Church, with Rev. Byron Williamson, pastor, and Joe Mabry, officiating.

Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Ann Crossman

1936 in Brownfield and was a 1954 graduate of Pampa High School. She married David Crossman on Aug. 26, 1961 in Pampa. She was an accountant for Cabot Corporation for 33 years, retiring in 1999. Ann was a member of First Baptist Church. She loved to travel in her RV and enjoyed spending summers in South Fork, Gunnison, and Creede, Colorado. She was preceded in death by her parents, Bob and Eva Mae Miller, and two sisters, Marcia Hoover Cree and Jackie Lawson. Survivors include her husband of

Mrs. Crossman was born July 8,

52 years, David Crossman of the home, a daughter, Missy Watts and husband Dr. David Watts of Fort Worth, a son, Charles Crossman of Plano, a sister, Judy Curtis of Arling-

ton, two grandchildren, Nathanael Crossman of Plano and Kristen Watts of Fort Worth. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box

621, Pampa, Texas 79066-0621. Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

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Brenda Kay Lambright

Brenda Kay Lambright, 58, died Sunday, Sept. 29, 2013 in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct 2, 2013, at Memory Gardens Mausoleum, with Charles Lowry, pas-



Brenda Lambright

tor of CrossPointe Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Car-

michael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Lambright was born March 19, 1955 in Pampa, and was a 1973 graduate of Pampa High School. She graduated from Exposito School of Hair Design and later became an instructor at the school. She worked for L & R Beauty Salon and Michelle's Beauty Salon. Brenda married Larry Lambright on April 18, 1974 in Pampa. She was a member of CrossPointe

Church. In her spare time, she enjoyed helping with church functions. She will be remembered as a very generous lady who liked to help others and help her church. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Jeanie

Bryan and Jolene Howard. The family would like to express their appreciation to their friends, church family, Plum Creek Hospital and their doctors and nurses, and DaVita Dialysis for their care of

Survivors include her husband, Larry Lambright of the home, a daughter, Stacey Lambright of Pampa, a son, Jon Lambright and wife Chelsea of Bovina, special friends, Cassi Stubblefield and Korie Stubblefield, both of Pampa, three uncles, Tom Nash and wife Doris of Pampa, Bob Nash and wife Angie of Prescott, Arizona, and Pat Nash and wife Carolyn of Longview, and brother-in-law, Robert Lambright of Pampa.

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- Lyndon Cravon, 67, Mi- pias pro fine displaying tation intending to commit ami, was arrested Saturday expired registration. by the Department of Public Safety for driving while pa, was arrested Sunday intoxicated.
 - Celso Hernandez, 20, probation burglary of a Amarillo, was arrested habitation, capias pro fine Sunday by DPS for driving while intoxicated, driving insurance. while license is invalid.
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- expired inspection, ca-
- Tobias Rich, 33, Pam-
 - Jimmy Don Corley, Jr., pa, was arrested Sunday by 38, Pampa, was arrested GCSO for bond surrender Sunday by PPD for capias — possession of a con-

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- Cresencio Garcia, 58, by GCSO for violation of Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for public intoxication.
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- At 4:04 p.m., to a public service call in the 700 block of Dean Drive. One unit and four personnel.
- At 10:31 p.m., to a medical call in the 100 block of South Russell. One unit and four personnel.
- Sept. 27 • At 1:55 a.m., to a medi-

ment responded to these of West Kentucky. One

- At 11:45 p.m., to a medical call in the 500 block of Montague. One unit and four personnel.

Sept. 28

cal call in the 200 block of North Wells.

personnel responded to cal call in the 2300 block personnel. • At 12:33 p.m., to a med- alarm in the 4000 block of ical call in the 700 block of South Barnes.

• At 3:44 p.m. to a medi-

- At 8:06 a.m., to a medical assist iin the 300 block • At 5:25 a.m., to a medi- of Miami. One unit and five
 - At 11:57 p.m. to a false

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• At 2:05 a.m., to a medical call in the 1700 block of North Russell.



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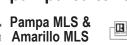
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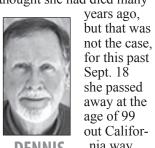
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There's nothing more valuable than a good teacher

Reading Mattie Wave's obituary stunned me. I thought she had died many



for this past Sept. 18 she passed away at the age of 99 out California way where she was living

close to her son and one of my best childhood through high school friends, Doug. At age 64 I can get away with calling her Mattie Wave, whom I have known since my earliest years here in Pampa. Growing up, respectfully she was Mrs. Morgan, and the same when she taught yours truly back in the late 1960s.

Mattie Wave. What a beautiful name. Mrs. W. A. (Mattie Wave) Morgan, one of the best teachers, I feel, that ever graced the classrooms of Pampa High.

Reading her obit in our newspaper the other day brought forth memories of those days spent in her Spanish classroom where. to say the least, I struggled. and Mattie Wave persevered being the natural teacher that she was.

I recalled the more than one time she would personally call my parents to explain to them I wasn't performing up to snuff in her class.

games, learning could take place and my grades would improve.

By setting aside fun and

I don't know if teachers do such today, but back

Social

then they did make those teacher to parent calls, and of course by doing so, created some rather tenuous times between parents and their progeny.

I also recall when over to the Morgan's house doing extra curricular things with her son Doug, not once did she put me on the spot about my Spanish speaking abilities.

That was Mattie Wave Morgan, one of the kindest of teachers and parent of a friend I ever knew, however, if Mattie Wave got wind of us acting up, she was always forthcoming with advice on how a teenager should, in light of one Sheriff Rufe Jordan, stay away from trouble.

When starting my professional career in San Antonio I did not realize how much Spanish I learned

from her teaching (I took Spanish 1 and 2 over a two-year time frame) till being surrounded in a city where the population is 70 percent Hispanic and working a pharmaceutical sales territory that extended down to McAllen and the Rio Grande Valley that included Laredo and Del Rio where to this very day, doctors and nurses converse in Spanish first and English second.

For yours truly, it was sink or swim when in Rome do as the Romans stuff. I was surprised how Mattie Wave's Spanish classes had hung around my brain's cells. Suffice to say, understanding and speaking enough Spanish to aid in my sales calls made for a successful sales business. Muchas gracias, Mattie Wave.

During her memorial service while sitting and reminiscing, those days in Mattie Wave's Spanish classes, a thought occurred to me about teachers and their service to students, the thought being, if there is any national month or day of recognition.

I mean, for any man or woman to become a teacher in this day and time takes some chutzpah, and it takes even more grit and determination to make teaching a lasting career choice.

Of the 250-plus nationally named celebrations played out over 12 months of awareness and over 360 national awareness days for some type nonsense in 2013, there was none honoring teachers or the profession.

Somehow, that little

bit of knowledge gained by performing a tad of research does not surprise me in the aspect of the America I know today.

It is because of teachers and human beings made in the mold of Mattie Wave Morgan that there should be a national teacher awareness month or day, for as far as my thinking goes, nothing is more worthwhile and worthy of recognition than choosing to be a teacher.

Que en paz descanse, Mattie Wave Morgan.

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'Welfare' for disabled rich kids and was elected Medicaid is our country's

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and others Spanish at PHS

Q: I have a neighbor who is in his early 50s. He is a pilot for a major airline and makes pretty good money. He and his wife have several children, one of whom has a rather severe case of Down syndrome. I have heard that this 21-year-old son is collecting about \$2,000 per month in welfare benefits from Social Security. Don't get me wrong. I would never want to trade places with these people. But I am just wondering how rich people qualify for welfare benefits? And I'm also wondering why this kid is getting Social Security when his parents aren't even close to

A: Let me set you straight on a number of points. First, your neighbor's son is not getting Social Security. He is probably getting a Supplemental Security Income disability payment. Second, he is not receiving anywhere near \$2,000 per month. It might be as much as \$800, but is probably closer to around \$500 in monthly SSI payments.

Social Security age?

Our country's primary safety net for low-income elderly and disabled people is the Supplemental Security Income program. SSI is managed by the Social Security Administration, but it is not paid for out of Social Security taxes. It is funded by general tax revenues. However, the fact that SSA runs the program, coupled with a confusing name that causes folks to believe it is a supplemental Social Security payment, leads most people to think of SSI as a Social Security benefit. I can't emphasize enough that SSI is NOT part

What SSI does is pay a small monthly stipend to folks over age 65 who are poor, and to disabled adults and children who are poor. While your neighbor's son was under age 18, he would not have been eligible for SSI disability benefits.

of Social Security

and you That's because the father's

Security

income would have been taken into consideration, and it would have prevented the child from qualifying for what is in effect a welfare payment. But once the child turns

18, he is considered a legal adult. And as such, the parent's income is no longer considered when deciding his eligibility for SSI payments. So, assuming this 21 year old young disabled man doesn't have any other income and doesn't have much in the way of assets in his name, he would get a monthly SSI disability check. The amount of the check can vary from one state to another, but it is never much more than about \$800 per month. And based on my knowledge of the intricacies of the SSI payment structure, my hunch is your neighbor's son is getting about \$500.

I am not going to weigh in too heavily on the argument over whether or not the adult children of rich or even middle class parents should qualify for SSI (i.e., welfare) benefits - although I am inclined to believe that parents caring for severely disabled children should get some help from the government. But I can tell you that many people over the years have objected to these provisions of the law. And I would like to share the true story of one of those (maybe not so "conscientious") objectors.

About 30 years ago, I was working in the Social Security office in the biggest city of a large western state. It was one of matic Medicaid eligibility. the so-called red states. A certain Congressman from that state was as right-wing as a red-state conservative could get. He was popular

was essentially an "I will get off your back"

Or

to put that another way, he was tea party long before there was a real tea

platform.

government programs, he spewed out the words handout and welfare as though he was spitting snake poison out of his mouth. Even told voters about the help though I didn't agree with his son was getting and his politics, I respected his explained how he now right to voice his opinions.

Tragically, his 19-yearold son was in a major traffic accident that left him a quadriplegic. And a few weeks later, one of the Congressman's aides was sitting at my desk in rhetoric about government the Social Security office inquiring about any government benefits that might have been available for the paralyzed young man. I explained that he prob- re-elected in a landslide! ably would be eligible for SSI disability benefits. I helped the aide fill out the forms, which he took to margenau@comcast.net. the father to sign. Several months later, the son of this wealthy and very conservative government-bashing Congressman was getting a monthly SSI, or welfare, check from the federal government.

Now, I normally would have been just fine with that. This man's family had suffered a crippling tragedy, and I'm sure their medical and other bills were piling up. And I would have guessed that the Congressman was very happy that not only was his son getting a small monthly cash stipend to help defray the costs of his care, but he was also getting Medicaid coverage. (SSI benefits come with auto-

HICKORY SMOKED

over and over health insurance program again on what for poor elderly and disabled people.)

But what happened next the government really surprised me. A couple months later, the Congressman was running for re-election. Almost everyone in the state knew that his son was paralyzed, party. When he mentioned but no one knew he was getting SSI/welfare. One might have hoped that the Congressman would have seen the light and perhaps understood that sometimes government programs were necessary and were there to help people out in tough situations. But that's not what happened. Instead, he was out there on the campaign trail spouting his usual waste and welfare fraud and promising that he would continue the fight to stop the growth of big government. And guess what? He was

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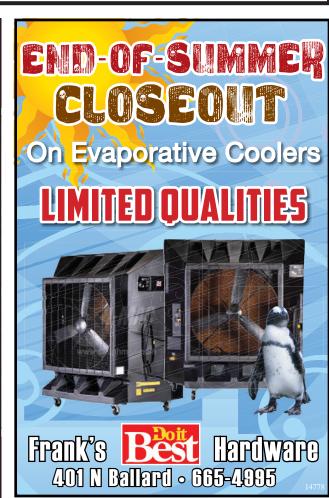
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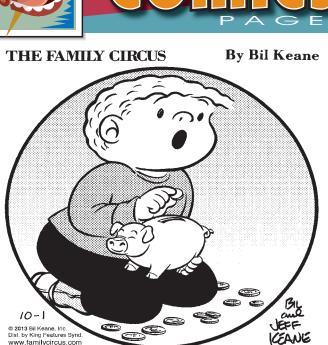


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Nest Heads



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answers to questions that many people would not even ponder. Your ability to see past the obvious marks your success. At times, you seem quiet and withdrawn, as you need time to reflect. If you are single, your potential suitors will need to understand that this behavior is part of you. If they can't accept you as you are, look elsewhere. If you are attached, the two of you need more time as a couple. VIRGO can be very fussy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You might not be comfortable with everything you need to do. You know that the only way to get it all done is to dive right in and get going. You will be delighted at how quickly your to-do list dissolves. A discussion with a boss might be necessary. Tonight: Join a friend for fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You'll observe as someone continues to encounter obstacles -- one right after the other. Trying to pitch in and/or make a suggestion might be helpful to this person. Use your creativity in order to make your day easier. Tonight: Remain responsive to a loved one at a distance

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** You'll want to see a situation with more insight and understanding; however, you might be stuck watching the same mental reruns over and over again. Open up to a new way of thinking; you will get a better grasp on what is motivating someone else. Tonight: Easy

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** You have a chance to open up to new people and new attitudes. Be willing to turn a situation around and see it differently. Your input could be most helpful to a close associate or loved one, as it could helping this person see what has been hidden. Tonight: Relax. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You might be wondering when you should say that enough is enough. Someone close to you keeps taking advantage of your generosity. Be prepared for this person to have a surprised reaction when you finally decide to say "no." Maintain a sense of humor. Tonight: Or-

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You will be in your element, and you might feel as if you are able to This year you often become very serimake a difference. Your creativity spins ous and self-disciplined. You seek out the a new solution for a child or friend. Resist trying to control a situation. A call or interaction with a neighbor or close associate could be touchy. Tonight: Just be yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Recognize what is happening behind the scenes with a friend or loved one. Sometimes the most supportive action is not acknowledging what is happening, but rather letting this person handle the issue on his or her own. Use care with your funds. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ If you feel the impulse to take the lead, and you know full well that you have the support of the majority, do. You need to carry this issue or situation to completion. Recognize what is possible. A discussion will draw in positive results. Tonight: Ask, and you shall receive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You have a way of helping others that allows them to see a controversial idea in a manner in which they can accept it. You could be in a position to make a big change, as long as you get the right support. If you're feeling insecure, pull back. Tonight: Could go to the wee

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

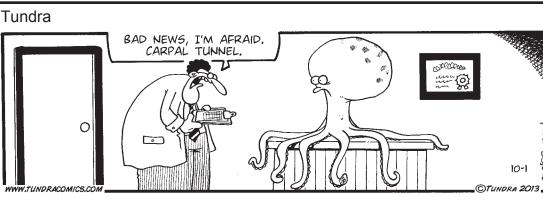
★★★★ Detach before deciding whether you can go along with a group decision. You'll want to zero in on the most efficient and functional way to proceed. You can decide to convince others that you might have a better path to the same end. Tonight: Opt for something

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Listen carefully to news that seems out of the norm. Perhaps the person who is delivering the message might not be emphasizing the right points. Reach out to the original source in order to find the truth. Ask questions, if need be. Tonight: Visit with a favorite person. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Defer to others, and make

a difference that counts. You might be stopped by someone who cares about the same cause, but he or she might not have the same vision as you. A meeting easily could transform into a fun get-together. Let it happen. Tonight: Go where the action is.



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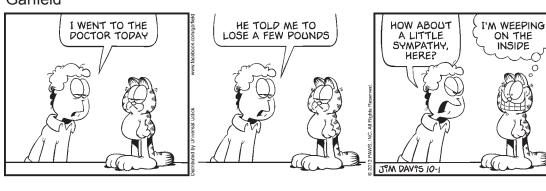
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FAIRVIEW CEMETARY TOURS



Photo by Della Moyer
Tours of the Fairview Cemetery
were conducted Saturday by
the White Deer Land Museum.
Tour attendees learned the stories of pioneers, war heroes
and other local historical figures, along with the connection between the museum and
Fairview, which was the first
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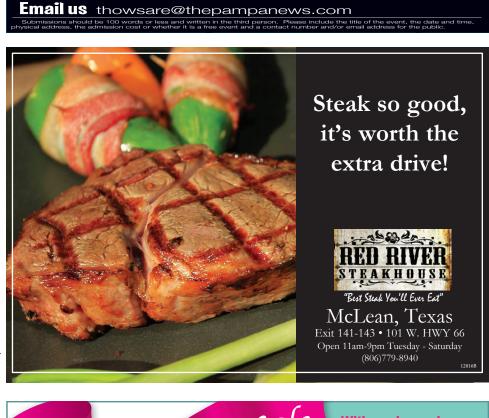
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Above left, Reata Collins comes into the finish line at the Rebel Run. She finished in the highest position for the Lady Harvesters at ninth place. Above right, the Harvesters cross-country team before their race. From left, Jimmy Townson, Nate Furgason, Juan Perez, Alex Marrufo and Tyler Whitson. Below eft, the finish line at the Rebel Run.



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	Young, Madison	50	15:04
	Regalado, Shiann	52	15:06
	Villarreal, Karoley	66	15:25
Varsity Boys	Marrufo, Alex	25	17:31
	Hernandez, Jose	80	19:06
	Furgason, Nathan	95	19:34
	Whitson, Tyler	126	20:34
	Perez, Juan	132	20:46:00
	Townson, Jimmy	161	22:55

Few snaps in 2nd half lead to Cowboys loss

have the ball enough.

Rivers threw Philip for 401 yards and three touchdowns, including a 56-yarder to Antonio Gates that helped the San Diego Chargers beat the Cowboys 30-21.

The Chargers (2-2) blew late leads in their two losses. On Sunday, they scored the final 20 points to beat Dallas (2-2).

"When you don't have a lot of possessions in the second half, it's not an excuse, but you have to capitalize on every opportunity we get, said running back DeMarco Murray, who was held to 70 yards after gaining 175 against St. Louis a week earlier.

"We knew they had a good offense. We knew they were a good team. We just have to get better.'

San Diego trailed 21-10 when Nick Novak started the comeback with a 42-yard field goal as the first-half clock expired.

The Chargers took the

SAN DIEGO (AP) — opening kickoff of the head to pull to 21-20.

The way Rivers ran the The Dallas Cowboys second half and Rivers offense, the Cowboys didn't score any points in moved them 80 yards, didn't have a chance to the second half Sunday capping the drive with a come back. They ran only because they simply didn't 13-yard pass to Wood- seven offensive plays in the third quarter.

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Manning leads Broncos' 52-20 rout of Eagles

DENVER (AP) — Forget Authority Field following to go out there and score a lot fast-break football. This was

steel-cold efficiency. Peyton Manning made

quick work of the Philadelphia Eagles in a warpspeed game between the NFL's top

two offenses, both of which like to snap the ball quickly. The Den-

Peyton Manning

ver Broncos scored more points than they ever had in their 54-year history on Sunday, blowing out the Eagles 52-20 behind Manning's four touchdown throws and two special teams scores.

"Might have to give old Thunder an IV after this one," Manning said of the white Arabian gelding who trots around the Sports

gripes from this weekend

• Texas Rangers - In

sports, the team that gets

hot late normally wins the

championship. It doesn't

matter whether it is foot-

ball, baseball, basketball,

etc. The Rangers have

won seven straight and a

win Monday night against

the Tampa Bay Rays, gets

Denver Broncos

League postseason.

in sports:

Likes:

touchdowns.

With two TD passes each to Demaryius Thomas and Wes Welker, Manning completed all but a half dozen of

He didn't even step on the field in the fourth quarter and 472 yards to 450. cooled his cleats on the sideline for a 12-minute stretch in the first half, no less.

his 34 throws for 327 yards.

Just another day in the life of Manning, whose 16 TD passes are the most in the first month of a season, besting the previous mark of 14 set by Don Meredith in 1966 and tied by Kurt Warner in

Manning also joined Milt Plum in 1960 as the only quarterbacks to throw that many touchdown passes without an interception.

"We have high expectations for ourselves and want

of points," Welker said. "We If there's any IV bags left, were able to do that today."

> Just as they have all season, piling up 49, 41, 37 and 52 points, thanks mostly to Manning, who's off to the best start of his storied career and helped Denver out-gain Michael Vick and the Eagles

Other scores:

Thursday's Game San Francisco 35, St. Louis 11 Sunday's Games

Kansas City 31, N.Y. Giants 7 Seattle 23, Houston 20, OT Buffalo 23. Baltimore 20 Arizona 13, Tampa Bay 10 Indianapolis 37, Jacksonville 3 Cleveland 17, Cincinnati 6 Detroit 40, Chicago 32 Minnesota 34, Pittsburgh 27 Tennessee 38, N.Y. Jets 13 Washington 24, Oakland 14 San Diego 30, Dallas 21 Denver 52, Philadelphia 20 New England 30, Atlanta 23 Bye: Carolina, Green Bay

Rangers force AL wild-card tiebreaker, beat Angels ARLINGTON (AP) — began September with the sitate a victory by the Rang-

After seven wins in a row,

to do it one to get into the offs.

Craig

play-Craig Gentry had a key tworun single,

Geovany Gentry Soto had a tiebreaking RBI double and a solo

homer, and the Rangers beat the Los Angeles Angels 6-2 Sunday to force a one-game way we have.' tiebreaker for the second AL wild-card spot.

gut — any other adjective you want to find," Rangers David Price (9-8). manager Ron Washington

The Texas Rangers had to AL West lead before a 5-15 keep winning to keep play- slide, added game No. 163 to the regular season. They will host Tampa

they have Bay on Monday night in the game in the sixth against baseball's first wild-card tiebreaker since 2007.

> leader Cleveland for a berth against Boston in the division series.

"You can't say enough. Just the fight, the character of this team," Gentry said.

"From being about as low as we could possibly be and almost everybody probably counting us out, and to come home and play the

Rookie left-hander Martin Perez (10-5, 3.55 ERA) "They showed heart, fight, starts for Texas on Monday against Tampa Bay and lefty

About the same time Tampa Bay wrapped up its The Rangers (91-71), who 7-6 win at Toronto to neces-

> Denver Broncos at "Jerry World" Sunday.

• EA Sports - Video making an NCAA Foot-

ers, Gentry hit a two-run single in the fifth for a 2-1 lead.

Los Angeles quickly tied major league strikeout leader Yu Darvish, but the Rang-The winner plays two ers went ahead to stay in the days later at wild-card bottom half on Soto's twoout double.

Other scores:

Tampa Bay 7, Toronto 6 Miami 1, Detroit 0 Baltimore 7, Boston 6 Cleveland 5, Minnesota 1 Kansas City 4, Chicago White Sox 1 N.Y. Yankees 5, Houston 1 Texas 6, L.A. Angels 2 Oakland 9, Seattle 0 Miami 1, Detroit 0 N.Y. Mets 3, Milwaukee 2 Pittsburgh 4, Cincinnati 2 Atlanta 12, Philadelphia 5 St. Louis 4, Chicago Cubs 0 San Francisco 7, San Diego 6 Colorado 2, L.A. Dodgers 1 Arizona 3, Washington 2 End of Regular Season

John Lee's Likes and **Gripes**

of related lawsuits. The NCAA vowed to keep fighting on the issue for as long as necessary.'

This is a heart-breaker for college football fans. I am more of a Madden NFL guy, but I have enjoyed this game from time to time.

Here are my likes and a game. Peyton Manning, aka The Sheriff, has Baltimore Ravens scored more than 23 points on the Broncos, but I am also dogs are here. wanting to cool the jets on Super Bowl and undefeated talk, as none of the teams are above .500.

them into the American • The NFL's little guys – The Cleveland Browns, New York Jets and the Goodness gracious, can Buffalo Bills are 2-2. The they be stopped? The Tennessee Titans, India-Broncos have scored an napolis Colts and Detroit average of 44.8 points Lions are 3-1. I love all

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the traditionally bad teams being decent and putting thrown 16 TDs and 0 Inter- up a fight. Want to know ceptions. They have three a common trend among receivers who have 20 or these teams? Solid demore receptions. Only the fense and running the ball. The Browns, Jets, Colts and Titans are all in the the Denver defense. I am top 10 in defense. There is obviously biased toward no need to fear, the under-

 Houston Texans and Dallas Cowboys - Seriously, guys? Houston had a 20-3 over Seattle. All the talk that they can't beat the hard-hitters in

the NFL would have been shut up. But the Seattle Seahawks came back and won in overtime. Then game sporting giant came the Cowboys could have out and announced last gone 3-1 with a two-game week that they will not be lead in their division. But a missed field goal and a ball game next year. Acfumble by rookie receiv- cording to USA Today, er Terrance Williams at there was a struggle "over the goal line would have the use of college athletes' made up the nine-point names and likenesses that deficit. But is it Tony prompted video game Romo's fault, Cowboy manufacturer Electronic fans? Romo was 27 of 37 Arts to announce it will for 244 yards, two touch- not publish a college footdowns and an early pick. ball game for at least one Now they have the red-hot year and settle a series

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Corp. for auto body and paint. He has 18

years of experience. When asked why he chose this profession he said," I just enjoy it."

Richard Stowers said, "He has 18 years of experience. That speaks for itself."

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Two join A&M AgriLife staff

Texas A&M AgriLife

AMARILLO — The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has hired Jourdan Bell as a new agronomy

Jourdan

specialist for the High Plains region and Tim Steffens as a new assistant professor rangeland resource management.



Steffens the Conservation Production Research

Laboratory near Bushland, first as a student technician with Texas A&M AgriLife Research under Bean, and then with the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service.

A native of Amarillo, Bell offers strong agricultural roots in the Texas Panhandle, as well as excellent training and practical experience in agricultural research, said Dr. Travis Miller, AgriLife Extension agronomist and Texas A&M University soil and crop sciences associate department head in College

"We are excited to have her join the AgriLife team, filling a vital position for the Texas High Plains,"

Jan. 1, after meeting the conduct applied research tant department head with qualifications for her doc- to share with constituents the Texas A&M University torate from Texas A&M in the Texas Panhandle, department of ecosystem University in December. Hawkins said. She will be an assistant AgriLife Research.

director at the Center.

"As a lifelong resident of the Texas Panhandle, my research interests have been driven by challenges faced by local producers; specifically, soil-plant-water relationships with regards to efficient use of irrigation, rainfall and stored soil water in both irrigated and dryland crops," Bell

Dr. Tim Steffens will begin Oct. 1 as the new assistant professor of rangeland resource management, with a dual appointment in the West Texas A&M University department of agricultural sciences and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Steffens, a native of Slaton, will be located on the West Texas A&M campus, according to Dr. Dean Hawkins, the university's agricultural sciences department head.

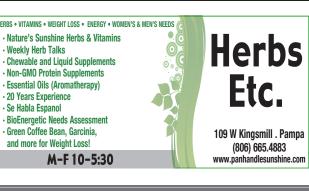
In this newly created position, Steffens will teach undergraduate and graduate courses at WTAMU,

as well as deliver AgriLife we serve." Bell will officially start Extension programs and

"We are excited to have professor and have a joint Dr. Steffens join our faculappointment with both ty," he said. "His expertise AgriLife Extension and in range science will expand our course offerings We believe Jourdan Bell and form a platform of deis exceptionally well pre- liverable products we can has been devoted to intepared to take on the role offer the grazing-livestock of research and Extension producer. This partnership project leader in agronomy will further strengthen the and soil and crop sciences working partnership beat the Texas A&M AgriL- tween WTAMU and Texas tershed function in differife Research and Extension A&M AgriLife Extension ent climates and rangeland Center in Amarillo," said in providing resources for types," Steffens said. Dr. John Sweeten, resident the students and industries

Dr. Robert Lyons, assisscience and management, said, "We are very excited about having Tim as part of our unit to provide an Extension range presence in the Panhandle.'

'My professional life grated approaches to improve rangeland resources for livestock production. wildlife habitat and wa-









JC Penney looking to raise \$810.6M

PLANO (AP) — J.C. Penney, the struggling retailer that is trying to reassure the market about its financial stability, expects to raise about \$810.6 million via a public stock offering.

J.C. Penney said Friday it plans to offer 84 million shares priced at \$9.65 per share. That is a 7.3 percent discount to Thursday's closing price of \$10.42 per share.

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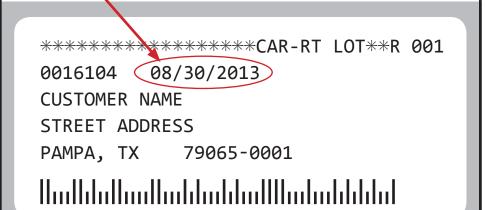
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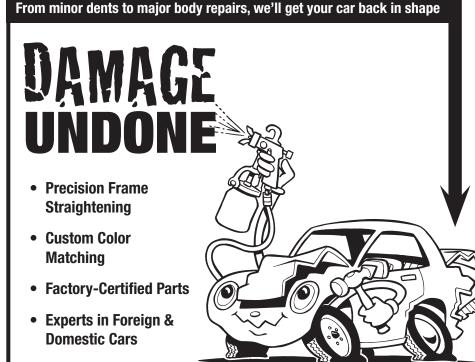
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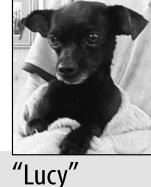




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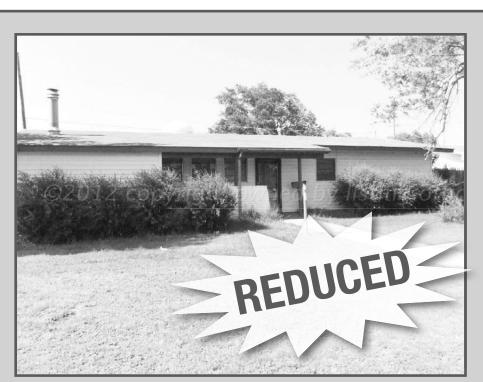
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

in response to "Anonymous in Wisconsin" (Aug. 11), the cancer survivor whose husband has lost interest in her after her double mastectomy. I am OUTRAGED by his insensitivity and lack of love. She says she doesn't want to leave him. My question to her is, why not? She deserves better.

I am a cancer survivor who was diagnosed with breast cancer seven months after I was married. Prior to my decision to have a radical mastectomy, I offered my husband the chance to leave. (After all, one doesn't expect "worse" to come so soon after the wedding.) The prospect of children, which we had discussed and was important to us, was uncertain because of my subsequent chemotherapy. My husband didn't hesitate. He said, "You would not leave me. We will adopt."

On our first wedding anniversary I was bald, and he treated me to a beautiful, romantic getaway.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing Although I did have reconstruction, it was a long process. He was supportive from day one.

Fifteen years later, I was diagnosed with breast cancer again. I had another radical mastectomy followed by chemo and reconstruction. Abby, my husband again made me feel beautiful even when I didn't. There are men out there who define a woman not by the size of her breasts, but by the beautv of her heart. — SURVIVOR IN NATICK, MASS.

DEAR SURVIVOR: I want to thank you and the many breast cancer survivors who wrote me — and their supportive spouses — for telling me your personal stories. Readers, I am printing this to remind you that October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Read

DEAR ABBY: I had to write to "Anonymous." I kept hoping my husband of 20 years would change his mind and accept my new body.

However, because he could not, I made a few new friends faint chose to divorce him and it liberated me.

At first, I felt that if the one person who was supposed to care couldn't look at me, then no other man would either. I was wrong. After five years of dating, I never once encountered a man who was as insensitive as my husband had been. I have now found the man of my dreams.

In some respects, my "medical adventures," as I refer to them, were the best thing that ever happened. They enabled me to see my ex for who he really was, and find a man who truly IS a man. - GOT A NEW SET AND A **NEW LIFE**

DEAR ABBY: Breast cancer doesn't ruin your life unless you

I am 66 years old. When I was in high school, my mom had a breast removed. My parents and I just took it in stride. It didn't define us. Dad adored her.

Mom would come in dressed up for whatever reason and ask, "Am I even?" because the "falsies" then were made of foam and were lightweight. She kept the vacation money pinned to it. She CANCER SURVIVOR

when she used it as a pin cushion. Dad died at 90, and Mom died the following year.

Mom could have helped "Anonymous." She would have cut her a slice of homemade pie, poured a cup of coffee, sat down at the table and just talked to her. Women need other women. "Anonymous" should find a friend who has gone through the same thing and talk and pray. She needs both. — EARLENE IN TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: My wife went through a lumpectomy, chemotherapy, then radiation. During that time she went to work every day, except when she had a treatment.

Of course, I have a visual reminder of what she went through when we share an intimate moment, but she has had to deal with it every day of her life since then. When I see her scar, I think about how strong she was going through that difficult period of time. Rather than drive us apart, it has brought us closer together than I ever thought possible. — HUSBAND OF A BREAST

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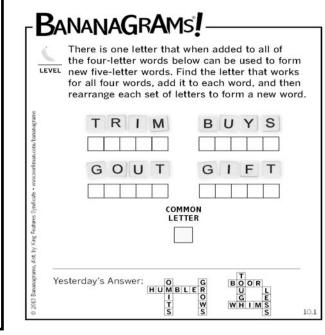
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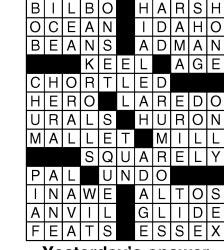
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ball renaissance.

When Kiffin's Trojans men's trudged home to that same ball coach Kevin airport early Sunday morn- O'Neill during the ing after another loss, ath- season last Januletic director Pat Haden ary. "No one could couldn't wait another have worked hardminute to end the divisive er. He did a lot

the seventh in 11 games for no doubt about it." a powerhouse program still struggling under the cumulative effect of NCAA sanctions, but unwilling to accept such a dramatic de-

"It's never the perfect time to do these things, but I thought it was the right time," Haden said.
Ed Orgeron will be

USC's interim head coach for the final eight games of the season before Haden chooses a permanent successor for one of college football's highest-profile jobs. Orgeron, Kiffin's asjobs. Orgeron, Kiffin's assistant head coach and top recruiter, is the former Mississippi head coach.

Haden broke the news to Kiffin in a 3 a.m. meeting at the Trojans' private airport terminal, but not before a 45-minute chat in which Kiffin tried to change Haden's mind. Haden didn't hire Kiffin, but had been firmly behind the coach in public until Saturday, when the Trojans matched the most points al-

Southern California's foot- here," said Haden, who basket-

jans to 3-2 overall and 0-2 der some very difficult squabbles with media.

Lane

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Kiffin ran a competent markably well," Haden program despite said.

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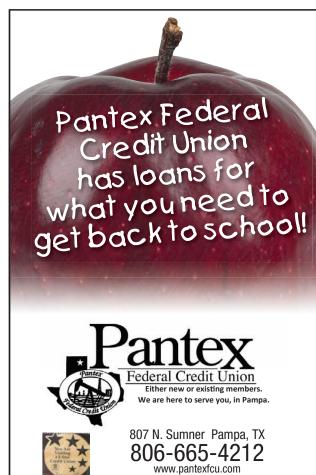
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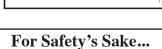
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the loss of 30 "I have supported Lane

scholarships over with my heart and soul three-season for 3½ years and gave stretch that ends him every opportunity. He in 2015. But wasn't given a fair hand even Kiffin ac- in a lot of ways. I said all knowledged he along, we graded on the wasn't winning curve, but we failed on the

at a school with week before returning USC's pedigree, Oct. 10 at the Coliseum coach's tumultuous tenure. of the things we asked and he also created off- against Arizona, giving the toughest matchups in the Pac-12. The loss was NCAA sanctions, there's "Lane did negotiate on USC's schedule still





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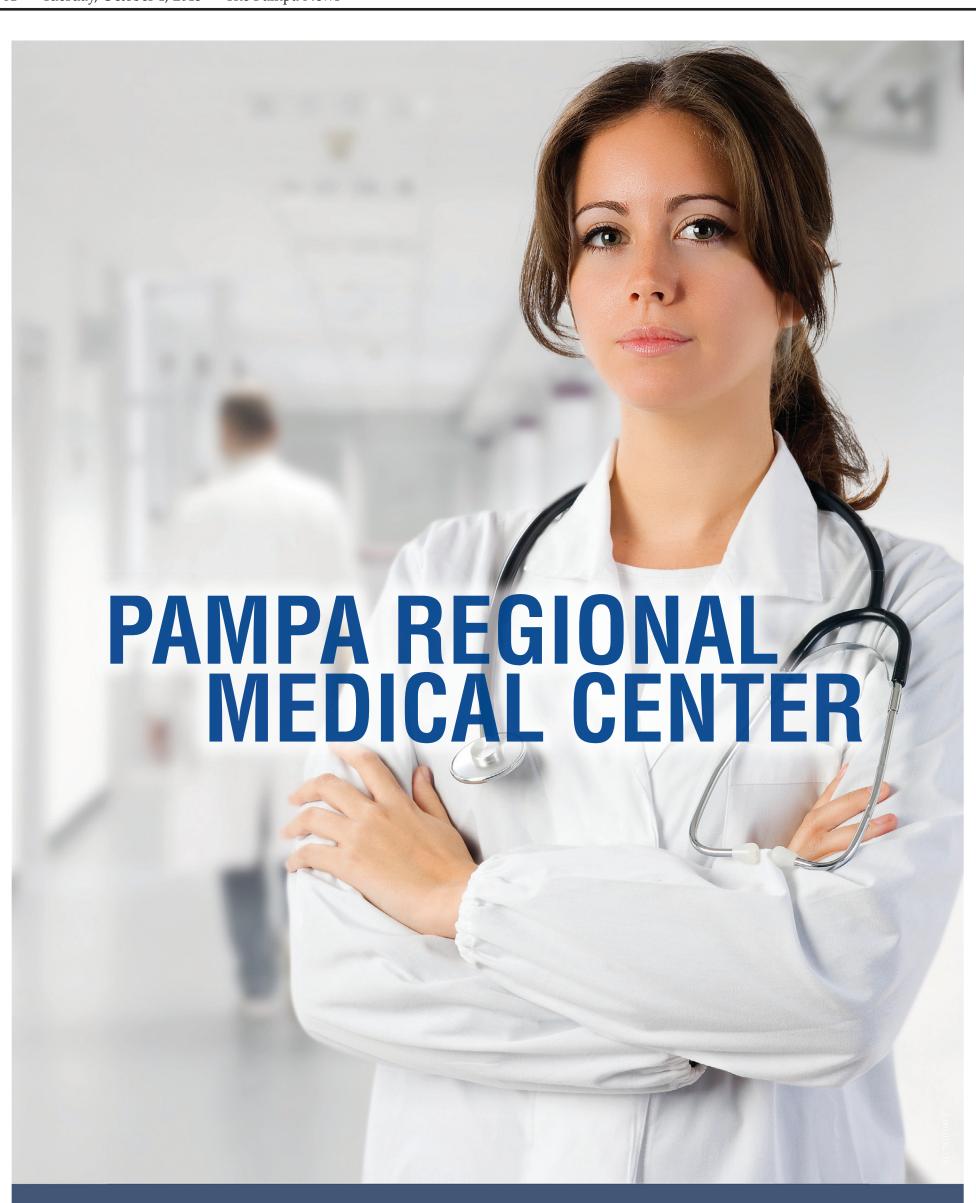


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