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City dedicates new animal shelter

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE thowsare@thepampanews.

"Whoever thought that drains and heating systems would be so exciting," Faustina Curry said at the podium.

Curry, president of the Pampa Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) was one of the speakers at Wednesday's dedication of the new Pampa Animal Shelter.

She was referring to two of many of the state-of-the-art features in the new shelter, which she and other animal lovers in town have eagerly anticipated to replace the decrepit, overcrowded shelter that is only a quarter of a mile from the new one on Municipal Drive.

"I can't wait for the animals to come," she said. "Some-

times I have to pinch myself." She thanked her fellow PAWS volunteers, who put the word in the street for a special election in May 2012 to approve \$3 million in bond money to build the shelter.

She said it was one of the largest voter turnouts in the city's history.

Though the building was dedicated Wednesday by Mayor Brad Pingel, Shane Stokes, assistant city manager, said there is still some work that needs to be done and it will take about two more weeks before the animals can be moved into the building.

The new shelter is about 13,000 square feet, making it more than six times larger than the cluster of small buildings that comprise the old one.

Though the new shelter dwarfs the old one, Stokes said new technologies will make it much faster and easier for the workers to clean.

He said the building also is

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PAWS president Faustina Curry explains how the gates on the new dog kennels work to residents touring the new animal shelter. Standing to Curry's right is her husband John.

Dead wood be gone



Photos by Timothy P. Howsare

Top, Rotary Club member Jeff Boyd makes easy work out of a dead tree with his chain saw. Below, a worker from B&G Electric trims branches from a tree at Alameda Park.

Community initiative beautifies city by cutting down dead trees for firewood.

By TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE thowsare@thepampanews.com

The sound of chain saws filled the air Saturday as several dead trees were cut down, cut up and hauled away as firewood.

Trees were cut down by volunteers in Alameda Park and Highland Park as part of a community project to help beautify the city.

"It was a great way for everybody to see how people in Pampa are interested in beautifying the town," said volunteer Brad Morse.

Morse is CEO of Pampa Regional Hospital and a member of the Pampa Rotary Club, which is one of the civic clubs that spearheaded the project.

The Lions and Kiwanis clubs also were involved, as well as individuals from the community.

B&G Electric was a big help to the project, volunteering two bucket trucks and three employees who were experienced with trimming branches around electrical lines. The City of Pampa also pitched in by cutting down

a few of the dead trees before volunteers arrived and



with some of the clean up after the volunteers left. The project started at 8 a.m. at Alameda Park. Around noon, the B&G trucks moved over to Highland Park, followed shortly by the ground troops who

sawed up the branches. The work day finished around 4 p.m., Morse said. Along with cutting down trees in the two parks, a

few dead trees were cut down at houses near Highland Park, Morse said.

He said another tree-cutting project will be held in the future, but a date has not been set.

Carousel Expressions teams up with PAWS for style show

By LINDSEY TOMASCHIK LKTomaschik@thepampanews.com

Carousel Expressions, a gift and clothing store on North Cuyler Street, is holding a style show at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23 at the AmericInn Event Center to benefit the Pampa Animal Wellfare Society (PAWS). Store owner Carol Martin is looking forward to the event. "It's going to be a fun, upbeat and festive fund raising

Entertainment will be provided by Neon Pink Media from Amarillo as well as by Pampa's Jo-

anna Wheeley "Joanna will be singing a song, of course, in her own fun style," Martin said.

Models at the holiday style show will be walking with various canines and felines from the animal shelter in support of the cause for the event. The animals, too, will be sporting a holi-

day look. There will also be heavy hors d'oeuvres catered by Barb's Catering and beer and wine. The cost for the food and refreshment is included in

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Tiffany Qualls models one of the coats that will be in the style show on Saturday night.







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These glass jars are just one example of the items that will be included in the auction at the show. Carousel Expressions has many holiday decorating solutions for this season.

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will take place toward the end of the show in which donated items from Carousel Expressions and Brandon's Flowers will be available for bidding. Door prizes will be given out as well. "Brandon Richards is doing seven fresh-cut arrangements as well as one silk holiday-themed

like to give my thanks to chocolate cake ever, so we Brandon's Flowers, for the are donating an additional time they put into the beau- \$100 to PAWS just for one tiful arrangements they of her cakes," Martin said. have provided for the aucthe ticket price. An auction tion, as well as The Gray are \$20 and are available County Veterinary Clinic, Easley's Animal Hospital, the Currys (John and Fine Gifts and at the Pampa Faustina), and The Pampa News for the work they do Additional tickets will be year round in support of PAWS," said Martin.

Another fun aspect of the show, according to Martin, call Carousel Expressions is that DeLynn Gordzelik, wife of Veterinarian Brian arrangement to be auc- Gordzelik, will be baking President Faustina Curry tioned. The show will be a a chocolate cake for the lot of fun for both men and event. "My husband Nick women," Martin said. "I'd thinks she makes the best shelter animals in the show.

Tickets for the style show at Carousel Expressions, Brandon's Flowers and Chamber of Commerce. sold at the door the night of the show. For further questions about the style show, at 806-665-0614.

Carol Martin and PAWS said they hope everyone will fall in love with the

Shelter

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highly energy efficient, with considerable natural lighting used to illuminate the spacious lobby area. Fresh air drawn into the

building will be sanitized with ultraviolet lighting, a system Stokes said is 50 percent more efficient that a traditional air circulation system. "This is a joyous day, a

happy day for animal lovers," he said.

Stokes made it clear to those attending that the new shelter is not a "no-kill" shelter. That will not change from the old shelter, he said.

want people to think that just year to build.

new shelter, they can drop off animals there assuming those animals won't ever be euthanized.

because Pampa has a big,

After following eral taller speakers, Pingel stepped up to the mic and commented about the necessity to lower the microphone's boom.

hundred or so people chuck-"That's not a joke," he said

smiling.

day for the city" and thanked the PAWS volunteers. "The City of Pampa is

dedicating this shelter to the citizens of Pampa and Gray County," he said.

The new Pampa Animal Stokes said he does not Shelter has taken about a

Thomas with GH2 Architects. The lead construction contractor is Plains Builders, with Dan Koetting as project manager and Terry Tolleson as superintendent. The city engineer is Jidar-

The lead architect is Brian

do Arias and the city IT manager is Kevin Webb. Stokes said before

Several in the audience of a Wednesday's dedication that the annual operating cost of the new animal shelter will be about \$50,000. "Keep in mind that this is

Pingel said it was "a great only an estimate at this time and it will take a few years to determine exactly what that number will be," he said. There are five full-time

employees in the Animal Services Department, including director Monty Montgomery, two animal control officers and two kennel staff. Additionally, there are two part-time employees.



A group shot of most of the PAWS volunteers.



Christmas parade participants sought

STAFF REPORT

The Pampa Chamber of Commerce is seeking par ticipants for the annua Christmas parade.

The theme for this year's parade "Christma is Through a Child's Eye."

The parade will begin forming at noon on Satur day, Dec. 7 along Atchison Street facing west and the parade will begin promptly at 2 p.m.

Parade participants are welcome to throw candy during this year's parade However, please do no have anyone on your floa dressed as Santa. The only Santa will be the "officia Santa" at the end of the pa rade. Please be considerate of this rule.

Entry forms must be returned to the Pampa Chamber of Commerce by Nov 27. A form can be down loaded as a PDF from The News www.thepampanews.com.

You must be pre-regis tered to enter into the judg

For more information call 806-669-3244.



PAMPA FORECAST

Today





Friday

High 65 Low 21

Low 24

Today: Partly cloudy with a high of 65. Chance of rain: 20 percent. Winds west at 22 mph. Sunrise at 7:26 a.m.

Tonight: Rain and freezing rain with wind and a low of 21. Chance of rain: 30 percent. Winds north at 24 mph. Sunset at 5:34 p.m.

Friday: Cloudy and windy with a high of 30. Chance of precipitation: 20 percent. Winds north at 22 mph. Sunrise at 7:27 a.m.

of precipitation: 20 percent. Winds north at 15 mph. Sunset at 5:34 p.m. Saturday: Cloudy with a high of 39. Chance

of precipitation: 20 percent. Winds north-north-

Friday night: Cloudy with a low of 24. Chance

east at 13 mph. Sunrise at 7:28 a.m. Saturday night: Cloudy with a low of 24. Chance of precipitation: 10 percent. Winds

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Obituaries

Constance "Connie" Crabb McDaniel

Constance "Connie" Crabb McDaniel, 94, of Raleigh, N.C. and formerly of Pampa, died Nov. 6, 2013,



Constance **McDaniel**

in Raleigh. Connie was born Sept. 3, 1919, in Plainview. She graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in Dallas, and attended Decatur Baptist College in Decatur (now called Dallas Baptist University). On April 12, 1941, in Dallas, she married MacField McDaniel, M.D. Following his return from World War II in 1946, they moved to Pampa, where Dr. McDaniel practiced medicine until his death on Nov. 7, 1993.

After Dr. McDaniel's death, Connie moved to Amarillo, and lived near her son, David McDaniel, and daughter-in-law, Jane Wells McDaniel. She resided in Amarillo until 2001, and then moved to Raleigh, N.C., living near her daughter, Ellen McDaniel, and son-in-law, Robert E. Young. She often visited and was very involved with her other children, Helen McDaniel and husband Thomas "Tommy" Brower of San Antonio, and James McDaniel and wife Edith of Palm Springs, Calif.

While in Pampa, Mrs. McDaniel was an active member of the district, state and national medical auxiliaries. She belonged to the Twentieth Century Forum Study Club and served many years on the Pampa Community Concert Board and Friends of the Library Board. She was active in PTA, and in 1966, was named Pampa's "Woman of the Year." She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Pampa, where she taught Sunday School for over 20 years in the Senior High School department.

Mrs. McDaniel was "mother" to American Field Service (AFS) exchange student, Pedro (Peter) Kaddoum, from Brazil, and Altrusa exchange student, Evelyn Arellano, from Guatemala. She was also close to AFS exchange students Riina Hultquist of Sweden and Kathy Zaphiriou of Greece. These wonderful people became her extended family, and she remained close to them and their families until her death.

Connie McDaniel is survived by her sons, James MacField McDaniel of Palm Springs, Calif., and David Alan McDaniel of Plano, and her twin daughters, Helen McDaniel of San Antonio, Texas, and Ellen McDaniel of Raleigh, N.C. She is also survived by her six grandsons: David's sons, David Curtis McDaniel and Gregory Brent McDaniel; Ellen's sons, Nathan Joel Young and MacField McDaniel Young; and Helen's sons, Brian George Brower and Sean Eric Brower. She also has one great grandson, Evan Davis McDaniel, son of Curtis and Larisa McDaniel.

She was preceded in death by parents Rupert McIver Crabb and Ellen Isbell Crabb (Shipp), sisters Geraldine Crabb McGraw and Helen Crabb Brockles, and brother Rupert McIver Crabb Jr.

In her more recent life, Connie was a member of the First Baptist Church in Amarillo and Raleigh. In Raleigh, she volunteered at Raleigh Little Theater, mainly making costumes, and SAFEchild child abuse prevention agency, where she did office and phone support. She believed fervently in the people and mission of SAFEchild. She also nurtured a lifelong love of theater.

Connie's last years were spent at Magnolia Glen retirement community in Raleigh, where she lived happily and had many friends, including her close companion of more than two years, Russell Groves. Her last days were made comfortable by the caring staff of Mayview Convalescent Center and Hospice of Wake

Memorial services for Connie will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, 2013, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with John Curry, officiating. Internment will be in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa next to her husband, Mac, and her mother, Ellen. Connie leaves behind what can only be called a fan club of people who were crazy about her. Her family and friends will miss her deeply.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, Connie asks that you make a contribution to SAFEchild NC, 864 W. Morgan Street, Raleigh, NC 27603, or at www.safechildnc.org. Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-

Bennie B. Owen

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Bennie

Owen

Bennie B. Owen, 72, died Sunday, Nov. 17, 2013 in Amarillo.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, 2013, at the VFW Hall in Pampa.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mr. Owen was born Nov. 25, 1940 in Knox City. He was reared in Pampa and attended Pampa

schools. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Army, and the National Guard. He worked in the oilfield, the Coca Cola Bottling Plant, worked as a roofer, and up until the time of his illness, he worked at the Coney Island. He was preceded in death by his parents, B. B. & Alice King Owen, his wife, Ella Owen, a brother,

Charlie Plumlee, and a sister Peggy Ennis. Survivors include three sons, Kevin Owen of Pampa,

Russell Owen of Ga., and Brian Owen of Ark., three daughters, Linda Owen and Deborah Soles, both of Okla., and Melody Mallat of Ark., and nine grandchil-

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All-star lineup lights up 'Catching Fire'

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tors offer a mix of indie to the film's mainstream and mainstream, adding cred with her powerful a rounded, energetic and vocals on the catchy "We emotional dimension to Remain." the film.

(fifteen on the deluxe edition) of album No. 2 in homage to the story. One can see a shift in tone from the first film's Patsavas.

original DNA remain with turing The Weeknd and such tracks as the folky Diplo, while Ellie Gould-"Lean" by The National, ing goes all angelic sci-fi
"Devil May Cry" by The
Weeknd and the dulcet
"Lean" by The National, ing goes all angelic sci-fi
electro in "Mirror."
There's no clear victor tones of "Gale Song" on this record, apart from by The Lumineers. The the fan.

Various artists, "The lead single "Atlas," from Hunger Games: Catching British rockers Coldplay, Fire" Soundtrack (Repub- brings a low simmer resignation to boil over into Choosing the tracks anger. It's a resoundfor "The Hunger Games: ing anthem to fighting Catching Fire" soundtrack against oppression and must have been a mini- feeling the weight of the Hunger Games in itself world on one's shoulders after the wild success of in dulcet piano tones. the first film. The vic- Christina Aguilera adds

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But the indie perform-The twelve tributes ers modulate their voices in a different direction instead of reassuring, battle it out to discover revolutionary tones they who puts out the edgi- all go eerie synth. Teen est, yet accessible, song sensation Lorde does an underwater-sounding cover of Tears for Fears "Everybody Wants to T Bone Burnett-produced Rule the World" that soundtrack from folky takes its original cheerful melancholy to a slicker, spirit and twists it into a more eccentric offering macabre warning. Austrasupervised by Alexandra lian Sia convincingly taps into the best of tribal pop A few traces from the on "Elastic Heart," fea-

There's no clear victor

Next-gen consoles? How bout pre-gen consoles?

Tales from the Final Frontier



This Friday, Nov. 22, Microsoft is releasing their super-entertainment machine, the Xbox One. Last Friday, Nov. 15, Sony, who seems to stick to their gaming roots, released their muchanticipated Playstation 4. Upon Sony's release, Microsoft posted on their Xbox Facebook page

Congratulations on your launch, Sony." Whether this was sarcasm or sincere praising between rivals, the dispute over which console is superior is not going away anytime soon. Personally I will probably make the jump back to Playstation after years of being an Xbox fan. Want a breakdown of the next-gen consoles? Check out IGN.com or GameInformer.com, but this column is not about the next-gen console

Just as the early Nintendo Entertainment System (NES) and Sony's first shot at console entertainment, Playstation, don't compare to the

latest generation of consoles, the PS4, Wii U and Xbox One don't compare to their 8-bit ancestors. There is a special sense of nostal-

gia from playing not just the earliest games, but the ones that followed in the 90s. Games in the late 80s and early 90s were very difficult, sometimes much more difficult than games today. The original Legend of Zelda is more difficult than any that followed it, in my opinion. Same can be said for the very first Final Fantasy. Why? Because you could go wherever you wanted. If you stumbled into a difficult dungeon or portion of the game, guess what? You probably shouldn't be there yet so go to the place you're supposed to be. World of Warcraft still maintains some of this formula today with their "agro" settings. "Agro" in gamer lingo is how aggressive the free roaming enemies in games are as you trek across their land.

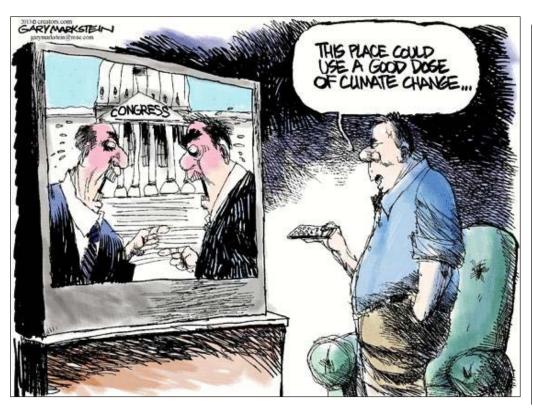
Ask Final Fantasy fans which one is their favorite and you will very rarely get one of the latest ones, Final Fantasy XI through Final Fantasy XIV. Personally mine is a

toss-up between Final Fantasy VIII or Final Fantasy IX. It's because each Final Fantasy game carries its own formula and story, but the ones from Final Fantasy II through Final Fantasy X stayed true to their roots, turn-based combat filled with strong character development, beautiful computer generated cut-scenes and aggravating puzzles. I honestly think if they just went back to turn-based combat they would sell like hotcakes again, but that's a different column.

As for the original NES, there are several games on there that I have to admit I can't beat. I was born in 1987, so that awkward period of the end of the NES and the beginning of the Super NES. I have never beat Super Mario 1 or 2, but I beat Super Mario 3 when I was 4 years old. But my true video game play came with the Super Nintendo, and even it seemed like it was a whole difficulty level easier than any of the games on NES. But the Super Nintendo, Playstation and even Sega Genesis (remember those?) had so many games on them that defined the 90s for gamers. Games like Super Mario World, Legend of Zelda: A Link to the Past, Donkey Kong Country, Metal Gear Solid and even Grand Theft Auto changed the landscape of gaming for these developers forever.

Super Nintendo and Playstation 2 remains my favorite consoles. Nin-

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An analysis of special interest groups

Editor's note: The essays submitted for this column were written by Pampa High School students enrolled in a dual-credit college course on American Federal Government at Clarendon College. Each week students are assigned a different topic related to American government. The two best essays are then selected, from different students each week, by their professor, Bruno Baltodano. This week students were asked to answer the following question: "Do Special-Interest Groups in the U.S. obstruct the majority of citizens' wishes on public policy or do they protect us against a misinformed majority rule?" Mickey Lanning and Savanna Mertz are both seniors at PHS.

Pro side

By Savanna Mertz

According to a Gallup poll, about 90 percent of Americans supported pass-

ing a law

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why then,

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this law fail to pass through Congress earlier this year?

The credit for such a surprising outcome goes to the National Rifle Association and their fervent effort to "support a wide range of firearm-related public interest activities," according to nrafoundation.org.

At first glance, this seems outrageous; a downright defilement of democracy.

However, what the NRA did, and what so many other special interest groups (SIGs) work towards, was not a blow towards this country, but rather preservation of true democracy.

Democracy, at its basic definition, is government by the people, for the people, typically obtained through elected officials.

A look into the current U.S. Congress though, reminds us that our voices are not as loud as we like to pretend they are. Of the 541 members of the 113th Congress, nearly half (262) were state legislature before going to capitol hill, with another 202 who have previously worked in some form of government such as a mayor or governor.

What then, do these men and women know about the average Americans for whom they represent? What do they know about issues such as minimum wage, education, or in the case of the NRA, gun ownership? How can they know, unless someone with expertise on the matter informs them?

This is where special interest groups become vital to democracy. They give citizens a chance to participate politically and prevent legislators from voting on topics that they may or may not be fully informed about.

An article released in May 2013 in Forbes magazine analyzed why it was that the NRA managed to have such a strong say in Congressional decisionsand it's not all about the

money. In summary of the five points presented, the NRA is composed of people who know what they believe and are willing to fight to see it happen. One NRA volunteered interviewed spent weeks going to likeminded organizations and people giving persuasive speeches on why the law shouldn't be passes.

He was only one of an army of well educated, well understood, and well dedicated volunteers who were willing to go out and get their hands dirty for what they believed in. The rewards for their labor, as seen in the failure to pass the legislation, were monumental.

This is how SIGs uphold democracy. They force people to participate in government.

Public opinion should be the ultimate expression in a true democratic system. but that can never be if the public is not educated on issue and is not willing to speak up about what they want to see happen. If America is to be a true democracy, then people must know what they want and be able to properly inform Congress.

SIGs are the perfect way for that to happen. If you don't like the outcome of a decision, then speak up. If it worked for the NRA, it can work for anyone.

Con Side

By MICKEY LANNING

A special-interest group (SIG) is exactly what

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government so that their members, and benefits, are protected.

The issues for which special-interest groups pressure the government include everything from the environment to abortion to gay rights. These issues also include the well-known debate over gun control.

While the National Bureau of Economic Research points out that SIGs are very valuable in American politics because of their expert knowledge on a specific topic and "can advise the voters about the wisdom of different candidates' positions and can advise the policymakers about what policy approaches

would be desirable," they also offer a warning. Because of their expertise and power, it is very possible that SIGs may manipulate the issue to further their own interests and to gain some power in the policymaking.

There is also the argument that groups like the NRA are obstructing the majority of American's wishes for public policy.

According to a CNN article, "if laws controlled guns the way the NRA controls politicians, America would be the safest country in the world." The gist of this article is that the NRA is using their widespread influence and compliance with public opinion to bully or intimidate politicians who are for gun control.

In an interview with Bill Moyers, Tom Diaz, author of "The Last Gun: How Changes in the Gun Industry Are Killing Americans and What It Will Take to Stop It" points out that, following the shooting death of Trayvon Martin, the event was used like a marketing

There was a dramatic increase in sales of the same small handgun he was carrying concealed that night. In this way they have been very successful in furthering their group's special interest and diluting the voice of the majority in our

democracy. However, when it comes to the national security and the safety of our citizens, I ask: Is it okay for our leaders to be coerced by SIGs in the way done by the NRA?

Personally, I do not believe that it is.

Mark Raymond Abad once said that "the act of defiance does not merely showcase bravery to stand for one's belief; it also proves that nobody is high or powerful enough not to be defied."

Although special-interest groups may be useful when it comes to providing expert information, the public deserves to be told all of the information. Whether this means the information is for or against a special-interest group's cause should most definitely not be the issue at hand.

The only issue that our elected leaders should be focused on is whether certain pieces of legislation are going to keep the citizens of America safe and well-represented.

Consoles

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tendo 64 comes in a close third place. I still love The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time and Goldeneve 007, the top two selling games on Nintendo 64, but there are just so many happy memories that come from playing those three aforementioned consoles again. They were so much more durable too. My Playstation 2 is still the big boxy one that I got in 2002, and it still works better than my Xbox 360 sometimes. But don't worry, Xbox 360, when I finally get one of the nextgen consoles I will write a column professing my nostalgic love for you too.

I am in the market for replacing my Super Nintendo. If you are interested, check out Recycled Entertainment 12052 at 45th and Washington in Amarillo. They also have a booth at T-Anchor Flea Market. They sell classic games as well as new games. Or you can check out Amazon.com for them.

So, if you plan on getting an Xbox One or PS4 in the near future, just as in any console launch, there will be an awkward down-time where there aren't many games for it. So get a vintage console.

If you get a vintage Nintendo system, you will probably have to blow into the cartridge to get it to work. Happy gaming!

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Grandma who ran family drug ring gets 15 years

ed generations of family ter. All have since pleaded members in a drug-dealing guilty to drug charges. operation she ran for more years in prison.

crack cocaine.

In U.S. District Court, to Judge Richard Arcara in which she described being 'consumed by addiction.'

"I have been using drugs since I was 14 years old," choices were a way for me to finance my own addic-

monopoly in the area.

She was arrested in February 2012 along with her she's "not a bad person." husband, common-law son, three adult daughters, she wrote in her letter.

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) two of the daughters' boy-- A woman who enlist- friends and a granddaugh-

U.S. Attorney William than a decade was sen- Hochul said, "This defentenced Tuesday to 15 1/2 dant not only destroyed her own family by leading Theresa Anderson, a them into a life of illegal grandmother in her 50s, narcotics trafficking, she pleaded guilty in June to also damaged the neighconspiracy to distribute borhood where the drug trafficking took place."

The government has she choked up as her attor- seized more than \$50,000 nev read a letter she wrote and nine houses used by the organization, Hochul's office said.

In sentencing papers, defense attorney Robert Ross Fogg said Anderson the letter said. "My poor was addicted to alcohol, heroin, cocaine, crack, methamphetamine prescription drugs while Prosecutors said An- running her business. He derson, of Buffalo, over- said drugs and drug consaw an around-the-clock tacts became more availoperation in which crack able each time she particicocaine was sold from pated in drug counseling, several houses she bought and he blamed her addicon two streets to ensure a tion for a criminal record dating to 1975.

Anderson told the judge

"I have a good heart,"

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: ONE OF THE MOST SINCERE FORMS OF RESPECT IS ACTUALLY LISTENING TO WHAT ANOTHER HAS TO SAY. — BRYANT H. MCGILL

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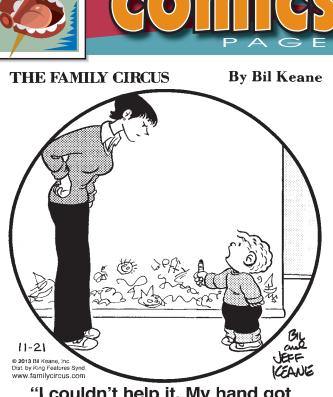
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You might not have much more tolerance for your routine and might need to get involved in a more rewarding activity. Bring friends and loved ones together. Your efforts will pay off in multiples. Let a late lunch be the start of your weekend. Tonight:

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Handle a personal matter differently, and be willing to talk through a situation without reacting. You will gain a new perspective on what could happen if you were to get past a certain point. Tonight: Head home first.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Make sure your checkbook is balanced before you launch into a fun few days. You could be taken aback by everything that is going on around you today and in the next few days. You will be freer if you do not need to worry about expenses. Tonight: Meet up with friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Use the morning hours for any matter for which you are vested in the outcome. You might need to take the lead with a project. A late meeting could dissolve into an interesting and revealing discussion. Read between the lines. Tonight: Out and about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

especially if you need to deal with anything important. You could be taken aback by what you hear from a loved one. Digest this information, but test it out before you share it with others. Express your creativity. Tonight: Let Let the party go on.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Mars in your sign causes forward with some special plans that you to be quite pushy and demanding. You might not even realize that you have been so assertive. A meeting in the morning gives you plenty of material to mull over and make a decision about. Tonight: Not to be found. Take off and

do your thing. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might need to answer to a boss, parent or someone who has influence over you. Try to attend to this matter in the morning, or at least before late afternoon. Your tolerance will lessen as the day grows older. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Listen to news from a distance. What you hear could change your plans and decisions. Do not hesitate to explain why you need to cancel a meeting or a dinner. All eyes will look to you. In a sense, you are a role model for many people. Tonight: A

must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ A situation could become so intense that you might want to run away from it. By late afternoon, you will have an escape plan in place. You might want to make plans to join friends for a TGIF celebration. Some of you will choose other distractions. Tonight: Be unstoppable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Others want your opinion. Information coming in, as well as knowledge you already have, suggests that you shouldn't make any sudden moves. Finding an expert with whom you can brainstorm makes sense. You might want to confirm or make plans. Tonight: With a loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Tie up all loose ends on a project, clear your desk and schedule a late lunch meeting. Make the meeting as late in the afternoon as possible so that you won't want to return to work. You need a break. Tonight: Surround yourself with friends, and notice a special admirer.

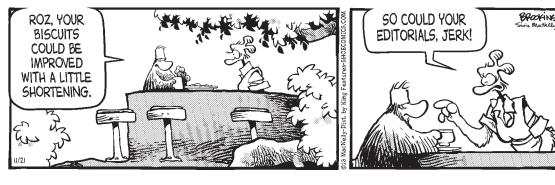
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ If you can take the day off, ★★★★ Lie low until midafternoon, do. You will discover how important it can be to take some downtime for yourself. Before you know it, you'll feel your energy revving up. A child or loved one will delight in spending an extra hour or two with you. Tonight:

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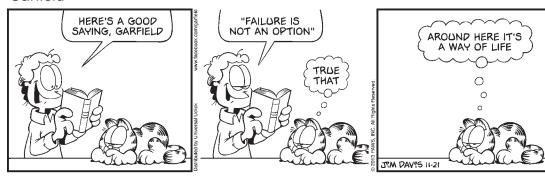
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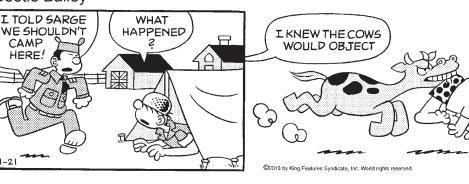
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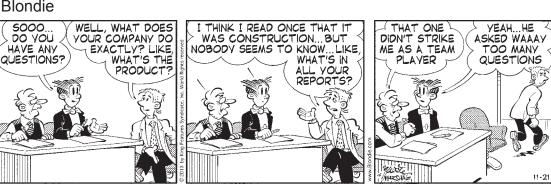
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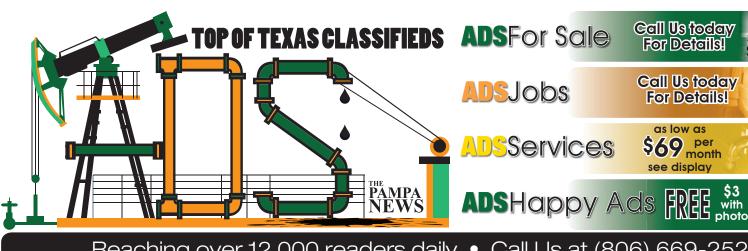


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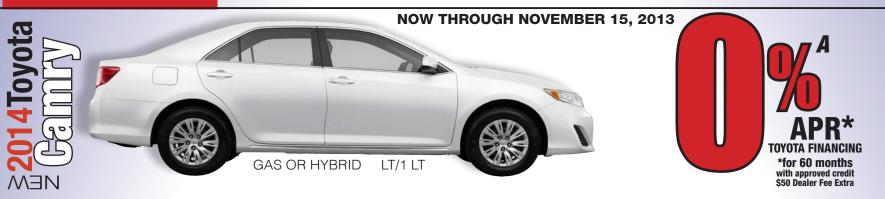
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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

husband very much. Until never been any problems in our 20-year marriage. I have depression and epilepsy, and I am on five different medications for them.

Sometimes when I have come out of a seizure, I have found that my clothes have been removed and my husband is "touching" me. Also, because the medication puts me into a deep sleep at night, I have half-awakened to him having sex with me. I am so groggy I can't respond. Is this right? I feel like I have been violated, but I haven't said anything to him. This causes me to cringe most of the time when he touches will treat MY kids.

I'd like to get back to resentment can't get over what he does differently? to me when I'm not fully I just "grow up"? I know what he has been doing without ruining my marriage? VIOLATED RIO RANCHO, N.M.

DEAR FEELING VIOLATED: You feel violated because your husband is doing is called spousal rape, and it's a criminal offense. Having sex with someone who is so doped up she (or he) can't give consent is a sexual assault. Tell your husband you know what he has been doing, how you feel about it and that you would prefer that the two of you make love while you are wide awake and able to fully enjoy it. This should be discussed with a marriage counselor and, if necessary, the police.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a married father of two very young children (2 and 6

on the brink of bankruptcy.

My mother is extremely do things to help each other out. I mow the grass in her large yard every week.

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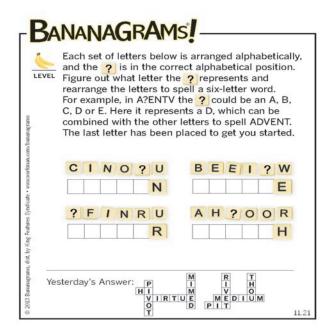
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 FEELING If you have discussed nice. Or send her a card. financial pressure and she ignore the landmark.

DEAR ABBY: I love my months). I have excessive has refused to help, then student loan debt that is I can see why you might the last few years there have making my life extremely feel some resentment. tough, and between that, day My question is, HAVE care and my mortgage, I'm you talked to her about it? That would be the "grown-up" thing to do. wealthy. She is very involved The worst she can say is with my family and we both no. If she does, what you will need to do is take a part-time job to help with the bills — even if it means She sees me struggling, yet you mow your mother's

DEAR ABBY: Next resentful about it. If she month will be our 25th Mv her lifestyle at all. My wife's and I are permanently family is the opposite. Her separated, but will not parents aren't wealthy, but divorce because she would they have done everything lose health coverage under within their power to help my employer's plan. How their children. I know how I do I acknowledge this "landmark" — or should I Am I wrong to feel just ignore it, since it isn't because really a celebratory event? a normal love life, but I my mother has decided — NOT QUITE AN EX IN should THE SOUTH

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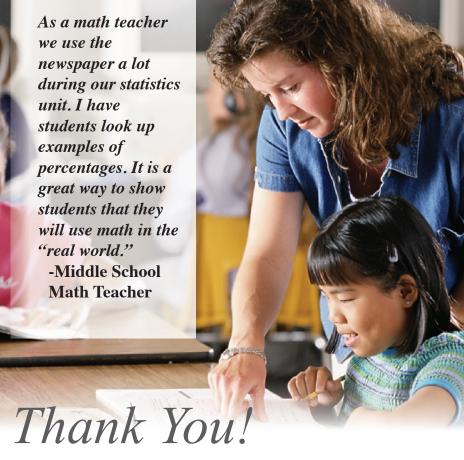
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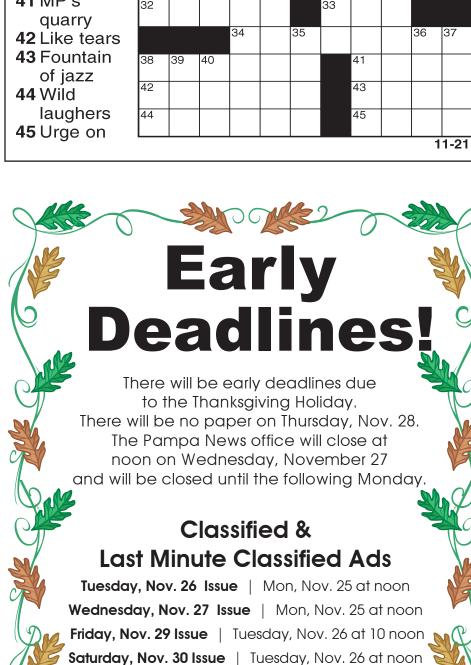
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Harvesters fall to Smyer in Bushland

STAFF REPORT

In an uncharacteristically low-scoring game, the Harvesters basketball team fell



Powell

to Smyer in Bushland Tuesday night 50-38. $R \ y \ a \ n$

Powell led team the in scoring with eight points. Cade Engle, Brandon Stokes and

Kambrin Scott all had six points. The team was 5/12 in free throw attempts. Harvesters play The

Highland Park Friday at McNeely Field House in Pampa. Tip-off is at 7:30 p.m.

Mexico qualifies for sixth straight World Cup

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — Mexico needed to travel an extra 14,000 miles to reach next year's World Cup.

Ninety seconds from elimination last month, El Tri earned the next-to-last berth in the 32-nation field by defeating New Zealand 4-2 on Wednesday night for a 9-3 aggregate win in their homeand-home playoff.

"We were expecting to be in the World Cup a long time ago, but it wasn't like that," Mexican goalkeeper Moises Munoz said. "So we had to play a couple of games more to be there. It was really tough, and we expected it to be tough here in New Zea-

Oribe Peralta had a first-half hat trick, giving him five goals in the playoff and 10 in qualifying, one behind co-leaders Robin van Persie of the Netherlands, Luis Suarez of Uruguay and Deon McCaulay of Belize.

Pampa Lady Harvesters' girls' basketball falls to Lady Horns in Amarillo

BY JOHN LEE

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters (2-5) fell to the Caprock Lady Horns in Amarillo Tuesday night 70-36.

The Lady Harvesters got off to a slow start as the Lady Horns outscored them 11-2 to start the game. The Lady Harvesters tried to pull closer, slowing the Lady Horns to a 6-5 pace, with a 2-pointer from junior Madison Brown and a 3-pointer from senior Hayley Burnett, making the score 17-7 at the end of the first quarter.

"We got off to a slow start. I don't know if it was after playing four games this weekend, a little bit draggy, a little bit tired," Lady Harvesters' head coach Gene Valentine said. "This place has always been hard for us to play. They still competed, still played hard, even the girls I brought off the bench did a good job. They came in and gave us some good minutes.

"That's what we talked about, we've got to continue to stay together and just continue to get better. It's the ers. Brown started to get

when district starts and stuff 2-pointer and a free throw like that. These games are attempt, to make the score here to help us learn and what 38-21. The Lady Horns were we need to work on right

The Lady Harvesters were more productive in the second quarter, as the teams exchanged points to start the period. Burnett connected on a free throw attempt, and then sunk a shot to get the Lady Harvesters going.

The Lady Horns went on another scoring run, however, sinking 10 unanswered points to extend their lead to 27-10. Sophomore Reata Collins hit a 2-pointer and completed both of her free throw attempts of the quarter to pull the Lady Harvesters closer at 31-14.

Lady Harvesters scoring five tioning from them," Valenof the last seven points of the quarter, with junior Tiah Brown and Burnett scoring the last three points making the score 33-17 at the half.

The Lady Horns didn't let up, scoring the first three points of the third quarter before Burnett would put in two for the Lady Harvestbig picture we're looking at into rhythm also, sinking a

too much for the Lady Harvesters, however, outscoring them 12-5, ending the quarter 48-26.

Lady Horns junior Bentley Searcy made life difficult for the Lady Harvesters in the fourth quarter, scoring eight of her 12 points in the final period. Burnett hit a 3-pointer and two of three free throws in the fourth quarter, while Brown had four points and one point in the fourth.

At one time where the Lady Harvesters were very good at takeaways.

"We try to do that (create turnovers), we have to get to The quarter ended with the a point where we are transitine said. "We aren't making people pay for turning the ball over. We're still trying to get the flow of that.'

> Burnett and Brown led the team in scoring and rebounding with 19 points and 10 points respectively. They each had six rebounds.

"Hayley plays real aggressively as it is. She has been our leading scorer each

Coach Valentine addresses his team during the quarter break. The team plays again Friday in Pampa.

time," Valentine said. "Madison was a little bit off tonight, tried to tell her she was putting the pressure on herself and she just needed to relax and play.

This weekend she really grew, she got to pressing a little bit and she is going to be our leading rebounder. She just has to go with the flow of the game."

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"We have Highland Park she was frustrated with her- Friday, we haven't played at self real early and we just home in a while," Valentine

"We have played seven games, and six of them have been on the road. Just being at home and the excitement of that is going to be good for us. Our defense is going to be our main game, Caprock played pretty well tonight.

"As long as our defense The Lady Harvesters return maintains intensity we will

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Elway: Facing another great turns up the pressure

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ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Due to the quirks of the NFL schedule, John Elway only faced Dan Marino twice over 16 seasons. On those rare occasions, or anytime the Broncos quarterback was facing a Joe Montana or Jim Kelly, he knew he had to bring

his game up a notch. 'I think the main reason to get amped is because of and Tom Brady are this the fact that you know you have to play well because side is a real good player," Elway said Tuesday.



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the quarterback on the other backs of their era square off for the 14th time Sunday when Denver travels It's the sort of perspective to New England. Brady ex-quarterback feels leads the series 9-4.

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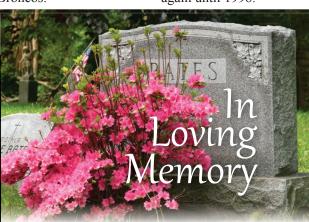
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Elway, of course, engi-Elway only faced Marino that neered the deal that put twice and lost both times. he's part of Manning in a Broncos Denver's uniform for the 13th in- in 1985, when both playmanage- stallment last year and this ers were in their third year. ment, not year's rematch. Almost ev- The Dolphins won 30-26 preparing ery one of the showdowns in Denver. It figured they'd for another has had something sig-

Their first meeting came

meet many times again game nificant riding on it — the over the years, but in an era Patriots have been to five when the NFL scheduling Peyton Super Bowls in the Brady formula didn't guarantee Manning era, while Manning went at least one game between every team every three or twice in Indianapolis and is trying to get back with the four years, it didn't happen again until 1998.



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