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A roofing contractor works on the news Bealls department store before it opened in June. A copper-colored awning was added to the facade as one of the ongoing improvements at Las Pampas

City Commission to vote on water tap fees

■ Also will consider \$670K loan for Las Pampas improvements.

> BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE thowsare@thepampanews.com

The Pampa City Commission will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday to vote on whether to increase the fees that are to be charged and collected for the tapping of the city's water mains.

The commission approved first reading of the proposed ordinance at its Nov. 12 meeting. If approved on final reading, the new rates would only affect new customers tapping into the city's

Public Works Director Donny Hooper said at the last meeting the fees have not been increased for several years and that the new fees are in

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Musical scores a hit



Photos by Timothy P. Howsare

Above, Dorothy Gale, played by Emilee Frost, and Glinda the Good Witch of the North, played by Macy Cochran, talk with some of the Munchkins, played by area children. Below, Dorothy with her friends from Oz, the Tin Man (Chase Cree), the Scarecrow (Greg Smith) and the Cowardly Lion (Logan Turley). Toto was played by Finnegan Bailey, who was adopted from the Pampa Animal Shelter by Natasha Bailey, the sister of assistant PHS choir director Brianna Montgomery. Bottom, the Wicked Witch of the West (Brooke Woelfle) gives orders to her evil entourage.

PHS production of 'The Wizard of Oz' exceeds expectations.

ELLEN TYRE

Special to The Pampa News

Kudos to everyone — and I mean everyone — involved in the production of "The Wizard of Oz" performed as Pampa High School's annual musical.

I had the pleasure of attending the show on Saturday and was astounded by the talent of the actors. Their sing-

ing, dancing and acting were far superior to what I expected from a high school troupe. In fact, when Dorothy began singing "Over the Rainbow," I thought she was lip-synching because it was that good. It took a moment for me to realize it was really Emilee Frost singing. The Scarecrow, Tin Man and Cow-

ardly Lion also were excellent, as was the entire cast. Aside from the acting, I was also impressed by the sets, the lighting and the direction. The special effects also were exceptional — from the flying witches and monkey

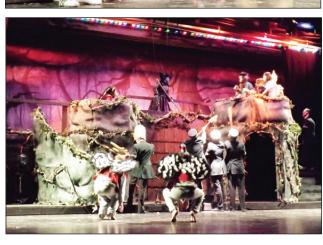
to the Wizard on the screen amidst the smoke. I can only imagine the work, time and patience involved in putting all this together. Thank you all for a very enjoyable afternoon.

Oh yes, Finnegan Bailey deserves an extra treat for his

performance as Toto. What a good dog!

Ellen Tyre is in charge of classifieds at The Pampa News.





5 killed, many more injured in weatherrelated crashes

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE

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Five people were killed and many others were injured in weather-related crashes throughout the Panhandle on Saturday.

None of the killed and injured was from Pampa or Gray County.

The first and most deadly crash occurred early Saturday on Interstate 40 in Oldham County near Vega at mile marker 31. Multiple tractor trailer trucks and two passenger vehicles were involved in what the Texas Department of Public Safety called three separate crash events.

Three people died, and 11 others were

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Photo courtesy of Amarillo NewsChannel 10 Several semi trucks were involved in crashes on Interstate 40 Saturday in which three people were killed and 11 others were injured.

PAMPA'S WINTER WONDERLAND



Photo by Dennis Palmitier Intrepid Pampa News columnist Dennis Palmitier shot this photo of the snowy Pampa skyline Sunday morning from his secret fifth-floor lair.







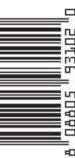
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City

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line with what other municipalities in the state are charging. He said the current fees barely recoup the city's cost of materials for connecting new customers.

The new fees are \$600 for a ³/₄-inch tap, \$700 for a 1-inch tap and \$1,500 for 1.5-inch tap.

The cost for a 2-inch tap or larger is not a set fee, because the installation cost can vary widely from one customer to another, Hoop-

The Commission also will hold final reading on a resolution to approve a

\$1.5 million grant from the industrial park, said Kathy that point the money would Pampa Economic Development Corp. to the Pampa Energy Center.

ter is a new industrial de- reading on a resolution to velopment on the grounds approve an unsecured loan of the former Celanese from the Pampa Econom-Plant and is now owned by the PEDC.

At the Nov. 12 meet- amount of \$670,000. ing, PEDC board president Gary Sutherland told the Commission a company interested in locating at energy center is requesting additional railroad tracks.

Sutherland said he could not disclose the name of the company at this time.

The grant would add ad- company. ditional railroad tracks to businesses located in the

Cota, PEDC associate director.

In another action, the The Pampa Energy Cen- Commission will hold first ic Development Corp. to Las Pampas Square in the

No collateral would be required for the loan, Cota said.

She said the loan would allow continued upgrades to Las Pampas Square and would be paid back when the shopping center is sold to a private individual or

"It's always been the goal accommodate larger trains to continue to upgrade (Las that could be used by all Pampas) to the point where we can sell it," she said. "At

go back to the Pampa EDC. At its Nov. 12 meeting,

Commission turned down PEDC's request for \$670,000 in the form of a Mayor Brad Pingel said

he supported everything PEDC is doing for the community, but expressed concern about how the money would be paid back if it was allocated as a grant instead of a loan. Texas state law allows

municipalities to create development economic corporations, which are nonprofits, to spur economic development. The EDCs are funded through optional local sales taxes.

City Attorney Lee Wa-

they could not change the be replaced by November PEDC's request for a grant to a loan during the meet-

He said the resolution the PEDC, rewritten as a request for a loan instead of a grant and then put back on the Commission's agenda.

be done, but the process of two boards holding meetings, one for the PEDC and a separate one for Las Pampa Square, would take time and could delay some of the work that immediately needed to be done at the center, like replacing roofs. In the lease agreement

PEDC signed with Bealls, told commissioners the shopping center, must St.

2014 with one that has the new name, Las Pampas Square.

In June, Bealls relocated would have to go back to within the center to a larger space next to The Plaza

Restaurant. The former Coronado Center steadily decayed Sutherland said that could and it was abandoned by most of its original businesses.

> However, the structure of the shopping center is still solid and money has been invested by the PEDC in recent years to repair roofs and replace worn out plumbing and electrical systems.

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Tonight: Mostly clear with a low of 20. Winds west-northwest at 6 mph. Sunset at 5:32 p.m.

Wednesday: Sunny with a high of 43. Winds south-southwest at 12 mph. Sunrise at 7:32

Wednesday night: Partly cloudy with a low of

26. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds southsouthwest at 12 mph. Sunset at 5:32 p.m. Thursday: Morning clouds with a high of 46.

Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south-

Thursday night: Clear with a low of 23. Winds south-southwest at 8 mph. Sunset at 5:32 p.m.

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Obituaries

Ruth Nelson

Ruth Nelson Just, 87, formerly of Pampa, died Friday, Nov. 22, 2013, in Pampa.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2013 at Robertson Funeral Directors Saints' Roost Chapel in Clarendon with Patrick Robertson officiating.

Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon and interment will be held at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

Ruth was born and delivered at her home by her grandmother, on Sept. 17, 1926 in Red River County, Texas, to Thomas Arthur and Pernecia Elizabeth Lovell Nelson. Ruth spent her early childhood in Honey Grove, Texas before moving to the Clarendon area when she was 10 years old. She attended grade school in Ashtola and went to high school in Clarendon. She married John F. Just on January 1, 1945 in Amarillo, Texas. Ruth devoted her entire life to being a Wife, military spouse for 22 years, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, soon to be great-great-grandmother and aunt to so many. Ruth worked as a nurses' aide for many years in the Clarendon nursing homes and spent much of her spare time tending to those folks' needs on her time off. After the death of her husband, Ruth moved to Pampa to live with her daughter Ella in 1989. Ruth was a member of the Martin Baptist Church.

The Family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to the doctors, nurses, and staff from Encompass, Coronado Nursing Center, and Pampa Regional Hospital for the love and care that they gave Ruth while under

their care. Although everyone cannot be individually named, they know who they are and each and every one have earned a well-deserved thanks and a special place in the hearts of Ruth's family.

She is preceded in death by her father, Thomas Arthur Nelson on Aug. 19, 1972; her mother, Pernecia Elizabeth Lovell Nelson on March 28, 1982; her husband, John F. Just on Oct. 11, 1988; three brothers, T.A., Grady Lee, and Roy Howell Nelson; and a granddaughter, Janella

Survivors include two sons, Frankie Karl Just and wife Debi of Fairplay, Colo., Johnny Arthur Just and wife Carol of Oklahoma City; a daughter, Ella Beth Just Dunn and husband Harvie of Pampa; five grandchildren, Alesha Dawn Just Hawkins of Colorado Springs, Colo., Amanda Leann Just of Fairplay, Colo., Jaimie Just Weihermueller and Chelsea Just Merideth of Oklahoma City, James Arthur Dunn of Irving, Texas; nine great grandchildren, Dylan Lee Garrard of Fairplay, Colo., Ashley Dawn Garrard of Borger. Zachary Aaron Garrard of Colorado Springs, Colo., Lincoln Mills, Luke Mills, and Frankie Just of Fairplay, Colo., Philipp James Weihermueller, Sophia Isabelle Weihermueller, and Marek Diane Merideth of Oklahoma City; a sister-in-law Esther Just of Milwaukee, Wis. and two close friends who are considered family, Pat McAnear and family, and Teresa Sanchez and Family.

The family suggests that memorials be to either breast cancer or Parkinson's research.

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• James Oualls, 22 was arrested Pampa, was arrested Sunday by the Pampa Monday by PPD for pos-





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Crashes

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transported to Northwest Texas Healthcare System in Amarillo with various levels of injuries, including critical.

At the time of the crash. witnesses stated the road was already iced over and so they had slowed down significantly. The crash events started when two vehicles collided with each other, which caused other vehicles to take evasive action.

The fatalities were one in each passenger vehicle and a pedestrian, who was a truck driver who had exited his truck after he crashed and was struck by one of the passenger cars. The names of the killed and injured are posted www.thepampanews.

Saturday night around 8:20, one woman was killed and three were injured in a two-vehicle crash in Potter County.

Crystal Gonzales, 42, of Texhoma, Okla. was pronounced dead at the scene.

Shannan Ann Hensley, also of Texhoma, was driving south on U.S. Highway 87 in a 1990 Toyota pickup truck and was driving too fast for conditions, according to

Hensley's Toyota began to swerve toward the way and traveling south- not wearing a seatbelt, acwest. The second vehicle, cording to DPS. a 2009 Ford van, was parked on the west side of the roadway facing north-

cupants of the Ford van, Tanja Kye Purdy and east. The Toyota struck Ethan Purdy, both of Amathe Ford with its front rillo, were all transported according to the Texas Dedriver side corner, caus- to Northwest Amarillo partment of Public Safety. ing damage to both vehi- Healthcare Systems for cles. The van was pushed their injuries.

and the truck flipped onto later in Moore County, multiple times. He was the driver's side as a re-Arnulfo Garcia Almanza, pronounced dead at the 53, of Amarillo was killed was when his mini truck rolled seatbelt.

west, leaving the road- Hensley's passenger, was over a half mile north of Dumas.

> Almanza was south-Hensley and the two oc- bound on U.S. Highway 287 in a 2002 Ford Ranger and driving too fast for the existing road conditions,

> Almanza lost control of the vehicle, drove over a About an hour and a half curb and rolled the vehicle scene. He was wearing a



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Prairie Plains Perspective

My writer's block now a full-blown funk

Professional athletes routinely experience the sports phenomena. In their



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specific endeavor, inability to produce home runs or completed passes for touchdowns is called being in a slump. No matter

their glossed over wordage about such to an inquiring press, managers and coaches must hate it whenever their star players experience a slump. Slumps, however worded, occur in a boatload of professions.

These past few days I've been in a slump, what the writing profession — and I am by no means a professional writer calls writer's block. An A.D.D.-inspired thought just occurred to me. When in the midst of operating on his patient, does a surgeon ever experience — surgeon's block? Food for thought. Ahem. Anyhow, for my next essay, there are a host of local-. state-, national- or worldrelated topics and current events I could wrangle on, opting for which is not the emphasis of my writers

My writer's block, or what I like to call for the Baby Boomer I am, a funk, has been heaped upon my plate by my globe-trotting youngest son, Jeremy. Jeremy's endeavor is that of a trauma specialist flight nurse. He is a first responder, a hero, and like his older brother before him over his handling of a critical situation, my hero. Yep, in spite of their parents, I've two remarkable hero sons, but back to my looming funk regarding Jeremy.

Jeremy is employed with a federal government contractor. His present duties have had him working in Iraq the past two years with a crew flying about in speedy helicopters while ferrying U.S. State Department personnel to points hither and yon between Baghdad and

Iraq's Kurdistan Province. ter list. For the sake of If you're up on your current events, you will know our Armed Forces have left Iraq, that al-Qaeda terrorists have increased, particularly in Baghdad, their nonsense. In doing so, they tweaked my funk.

You're probably wondering, "Wait a darned moment, I thought America left Iraq for good?" Not so kemosabes! Ninety-eight percent of our soldiers have done so, but our State Department, to the tune of between 10,000 to 20,000 personnel, including U.S. Government contractors, is indeed in Iraq attempting to, in a pipe dream of nonsensical proportion, nation build. Yeah, nation-build an American-type democracy in that God forsaken sand dune of a country. Per yours truly and his mother, why couldn't the little ingrate fly around in helicopters in America? The audacity!

The past three months, Jeremy has been on a routine turned into extended leave stateside due to an idiot (translated, parental Godsend) Iraqi bureaucrat mistakenly placing his name on the Blackwaspace, go to the Internet and Google Blackwater/ Iraq. Blackwater was a U.S. Government security contractor involved in a Baghdad shootout that supposedly killed some innocent Iraqis. Reading such, you'll understand the reason for Jeremy's extended leave, for no amount of verification by his company or our government stating Jeremy has never worked for or been associated with Blackwater will assuage the Iraqis. Three times to date (the Godsend thing working) they have denied his return visa.

Jeremy has been itching to get back with his crew. However, both parents are not scratching along, for he is safely in America, or so we thought. After the Thanksgiving holiday we learned, he has accepted assignment in Afghanistan and will be leaving for that hell hole Dec. 5.

Yep, that's how our government works. despite the fact those folks in Afghanistan, like those folks in Iraq, don't like us. However, they sure enjoy the American taxpayers' generous amount of money while always taking the opportunity in return, to kill our soldiers and personnel. When will America ever learn that fact? And now, like our soldier sons and daughters and relatives already there, and dying,

Hence, my writing block of a full-blown funk of day-consuming propor-

my youngest will be there. Big, big, worrisome funk.

Pampa resident Dennis Palmitier is a regular contributor to the opinion page on issues that affect Pampa and Gray County. He can be reached at denpalm1949@yahoo.com. Anyone wishing to respond to Palmitier's viewpoints in the form of a letter to the editor can email editor Timothy P. Howsare at thowsare@thepampanews.

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Today's column discusses two separate but related topics involving Social Security benefits due after someone dies. The first question deals with a circumstance I've covered many times, but bears repeating. The second question covers an issue I don't ever recall column.

Sept. 29, 2013. In other words, she was alive almost the entire month of September. And yet I wasn't allowed to keep her Social Security check that came just a week or so after she died. Can you justify this in any way?

A: I'm not sure I can "justify" it, but I can explain what the law and Social Security rules say. that Social Security checks are paid one month in arrears. In other words, the check that comes in November is the payment

for October. And in your wife's case, the check that came in October was the Social Security payment for September.

month (and that means every day, every hour, every minute and every second of the month) to be eligible for the check for that month. Because your wife died on Sept. 29, she was not alive the entire month. Therefore, I'm sorry, but she (and

Social Security and you

Social Security check.

In other words, Social Security checks are not pro-rated. But as I've pointed out before in this column, although that answering before in this may be bad news after you are gone, it's good news when you first sign Q: My wife died up for Social Security. For example, if you are 66 years old on Sept. 29 and want your benefits to begin effective with age 66, you will get a check for the entire month of September, even though bit sympathetic? you are only 66 for two days in the month. (Note: This rule does NOT apply if you take benefits at age 62. The law says you must be 62 for an entire You are probably aware month before you can get handled a Social Security benefit for that month.)

Q: My husband passed away Oct. 5, 2013. Our Social Security checks go into the bank the second Wednesday of each month, in this case Oct. 9. I called Social Security You may not be aware and was told quite clearly that the law says a person that I would receive his (they are the ones who them at 800-772-1213. must be alive the entire check in October but not in November.

I thought all was well until this week when I Department went to the bank to get some cash and was told they could not honor my request due to an overdrawn balance. I discovered that my husband's Social Security check alive the whole month now in turn you) are just had been deposited but of September), the law not due any of the pro- then had been sent back, says that if a government the answer. Contact nim at thomas.margenau@comcast. ceeds of her September leaving my account short check — Social Security net.

almost \$1,500. or any other kind

that no one told

contacts with the Social Security office, they to request the amount be add insult to injury, the bank is charging me overdraft fees! Am missing something? Why didn't anyone tell me this would happen? And why wasn't anyone the least

A: You certainly have returned. my sympathies. Although your husband's Social Security payment was properly returned, your case could have been with Administration and the

three players involved in your case: the Social Security Administration (obviously because it's a Social Security benefit), the Treasury Department issue the payment) and the bank.

The due the October check, which is the payment for September (and he was

I was told that issued after someone dies, is standard pract then the payment must be returned to the Treasury. My problem is Or to clarify that some more: The Treasury me this would Department doesn't know happen — not that someone (in this case, the Social Security you) is due the proceeds people and not the bank. of that Social Security After a couple more check. All they know is that a government check was sent to someone had me send in a form who died before its official date of issue. So the returned and that will take Treasury Department did at least 6 weeks. And to its job by asking the bank to return the funds.

And they should have Actually, there are helped you file for the one time Social Security death benefit. If you haven't done the latter, make sure you get back to the Social Security office right away to do so. Or you can call

As I said, the third player in this little drama is Treasury the bank. And in my opincorrectly ion, they should show you recalled the payment. a little kindness and not Although your hus- impose any overdraft fees. band was technically If they insist on doing so, I would switch banks tomorrow!

> If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at

But the Social Security I people didn't do a very good job explaining all of this to you. They should have told you that the payment sent in your husband's name has to be

Then they should have explained that you are due the proceeds of that check, but that it has to be reissued in your name. much They should have helped more compassionate by you fill out the form to both the Social Security do that the first time you contacted them.









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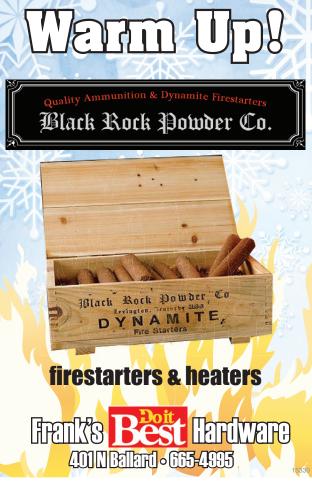


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Reward offered for lost border collie

By JOHN LEE

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Dogs are man's best friend. For a man who isn't married or has children, that sentiment is elevated to a level that only single dog owners understand.

A lost dog to its owner is the equivalent of a child lost in a mall to a mother or parent.

On Nov. 17 in the morning hours, Riff, a border collie belonging to Trevor Johnston, got loose and has been missing ever since. Riff and Trevor even share a birthday.

"It's his companion," Lori Johnston, Trevor's mother, said. "They are inseparable. He wanted a border collie for so long and he finally got

Riff got loose out of the back gate around East Browning Avenue with Rusty, the father's labrador, who the family unfortunately saw get run over.

The family was standing on the porch and heard a truck coming down the street. When they saw the labrador get hit, they told the driver they needed to take the dog to the veterinarian. After the driver drove off, the family realized it was Rusty, took him to the vet and, sadly, had to put him down.

Trevor does not know what Riff's fate has been and has asked the community for help just to find his lost companion. There has been a reward offered for the return of his best friend.

Riff is black with a white chest, "socks" on his paws from the white fur and a white tip of his tail. He didn't have his tags on at time of his escape, and is vaccinated. He is not aggressive and has been good

Anyone with information on Riff should call 928-231-0287



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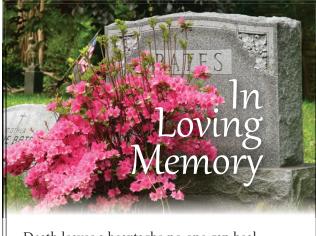
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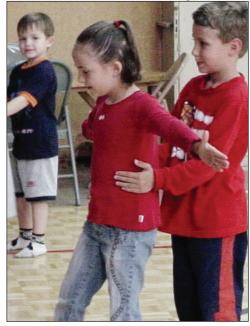
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CREATE a Beat! kid now an employee





Kelsey Henry was one of the first children to register for CREATE a Beat! in 2003. Back then, she was 6 years old and in first grade. Today, Kelsey is 16 and has worked for CREATE a Beat! since her birthday in November 2012.

BY KELSEY HENRY

Eleven years ago, my mom signed me up to go to CREATE a Beat! We didn't really know what it was going to be like but it sounded

Since that day, CREATE a Beat! has had a huge impact in my life. I had a pretty rough childhood, but I remember looking forward to going to CREATE a Beat! every day and seeing my friends. I loved the activities that we did and most of all I loved the teachers and

Miss Angi taught dance. Miss Tamra helped with homework.

high schoolers.

They would always make me laugh and play with me. When I was upset they would comfort me. I regrow up I want to be just like them.

Now I am a high school I'm not all grown up yet, much to me!

but now that I work here I hope that I can make an impact on some of the kids' lives who currently come here. There are kids here who come from family situations that are very similar to mine. Some of them are much worse than mine was.

They come to CREATE a Beat! and they get to escape their troubles for a little while. Now Miss Angi teaches crafts, Miss Janice helps with homework and I get to play with them and make them laugh, hold them when they cry and listen when they just want to

CREATE a Beat! has been an important part of my life since first grade. I love being able to continue to be part of this program now. It has always been member thinking when I a safe place for me to feel loved, accepted and encouraged.

I am excited that I get to junior and I have worked at give a little of myself back CREATE a Beat! for a year. to this place that gave so



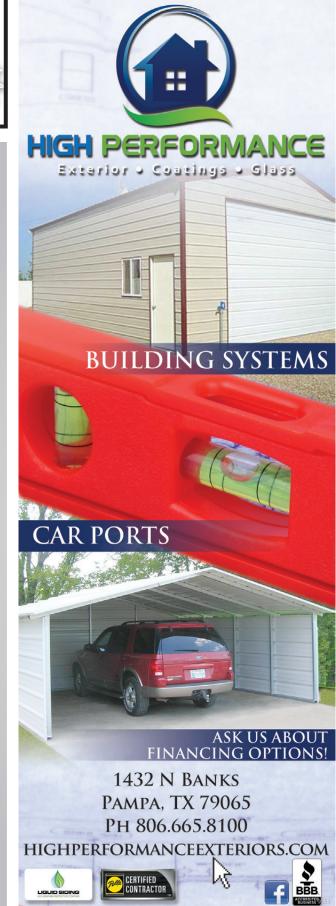
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Ponce double-doubles as Harvesters hold on to beat Highland Park

Despite slow start, Harvesters outscore Hornets 24-9 in fourth quarter in win.

By JOHN LEE jclee@thepampanews.com

The Pampa Harvesters defeated the Highland Park Hornets 71-52 Friday night at McNeely Field House. The Harvesters advanced to 3-1 with win.

The Harvesters have found themselves in a tight spot heading into the fourth quarter many times in this young season, but each time they were able to pull through.

"This is something that is very exciting about this team, when we get ourselves into tight situations, we are 3-0 fighting through it,' head coach Matt Embry said. "The home crowd helps, we love having them come out and cheer us on, but for us to be successful we need to be able to finish games. That includes making free throws and fighting inside

(the paint).' With the Harvesters down 5-0 early, they and the Hornets traded blows early, exchanging 2-pointer shots, until sophomore Cade Engle, seniors Cory Ponce and Ryan Powell scored consecutive shots, with Powell hitting a 3-pointer to pull the Harvesters within five and a 13-8 score. Highland Park didn't want to let the Harvesters stick around, how-

ever, as Justin McDonald Powell, Ponce having five ers scored four points off of and Ruben Ruiz connected 17-14.

on a run that gave them the lead. Senior Gabe Garcia started the scoring frenzy, hitting a 2-pointer, followed Kambrin Scott, a pair of 2-point baskets from Ponce, junior Jonathan Stevens' first points of the game and ended with a 2-pointer from senior Brandon Stokes.

ing two points from Timothy Thornton of the Hornets. The Harvesters went on a 10-2 run, which gave them

Harvesters keep momentum as they were the beneficiaries of a three-point shot from moment, the Harvesters and Hornets were back to trading points. The Harvesters outscored the Hornets 17-12 by the end the half and gained momentum.

The Harvesters opened the third quarter on an 8-2 run, with scores from Ponce and

of the eight points. Highland on their 2-pointers, keeping Park kept battling to stay their team ahead early in in it though, as they went the game, 17-10. The quar- on a 12-4 run of their own, ter ended, as the Harvest- having five different scorers scored four consecutive ers. Jonathan Stevens conpoints to pull within three, nected on the last score of the game, giving the teams Then the Harvesters went an even third quarter at 14 points scored each, and the Harvesters still leading by 2 at 45-43.

"I think he's a great playby a shot from sophomore er," Embry said. "He's got some mental growth ahead of him. But what you saw there was a kid who battled through his struggles, he was missing throws but in turn was rebounding his own All this, while just allow- free throws. Then he steps out and makes a mid-range jumper. To me that speaks a lot to his character."

Stealing the momentheir first lead of the game at tum from the Hornets, the Harvesters put up another The Hornets did not let the 24-point quarter. Powell started the scoring for the Harvesters, maintaining their 47-45 lead. Ruiz kept scor-Malik Jackson, and from that ing for the Hornets whether it was free throws or buckets, but Ponce, Stokes and Engle made it difficult for the Hornets to hang on as they outscored them 6-2 over four possessions.

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2-pointers from Engle and Stokes again.

The very physical quarter caused multiple free throws to happen throughout the period, and the Harvesters were only able to sink eight out of 17 free throw attempts. But it was enough to keep the Harvesters in the lead as an 8-2 run, with points from secured the 71-52 victory.

"That was an effort victory, because our heads were not in it tonight," Embry said. "We're still working on this transition thing if you can't tell. We are throwing that mid-range outlet pass to the other team because we are not making it. Our bigs need to make sure it's availthat mid-range is taken away then that deep ball should be open and we are not doing a very good job of recogniz-

The Harvesters play tonight in Amarillo against the San Jacinto Patriots. San Jacinto is a private school, which Embry says makes things a little more interest-

"They can openly enroll

Stevens, Stokes and Powell

able before they release. If ing that"

Following a Highland take in," Embry said. "They our success, if he doesn't



The Harvesters gather pre-game to prepare for their match-up against Highland Park.

We scrimmaged against trouble," Embry said. "I am them earlier in the season willing to bet he had at least and we beat them. But a 15 tonight.' scrimmage has nothing to do with a game, it's not indicative of what is going to happen. I know that if we come out and play our game like our first two home games, we'll be right there with them.

The Harvesters had four free throws," Embry said. double-digit scorers with Engle, Stevens, Stokes and Ryan (Powell) hit a couple Ponce. Ponce double-doubled and had 19 points and 13 rebounds.

"His (Kory Ponce) reanybody they're willing to bounding is paramount to Park free throw, the Harvest- have a pretty good squad. get 12-14 a game, we're in Amarillo.

While Embry is excited about how the team is doing, he still says the team has

"The transition passing game and free throws, I don't know the numbers but I know we missed a ton of

"Brandon (Stokes) and down the stretch to close that game out but the scoreboard doesn't show how Highland Park played tonight, that's a good team."

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EXTRA INNINGS

Rangers make first big splash in offseason with Fielder-Kinsler trade.

I know it's November, but it is never to early too start talking baseball in my opinion. Last week a blockbuster trade went down involving the De-

> troit Tigers and Texas Rangers. Texas had

flexibility at second and shortstop with Jurickson Profar, Ian Kinsler and Elvis Andrus, all capable of

playing at either position successfully. The Tigers needed a second baseman. The Rangers needed a first baseman, and more importantly another power bat in the lineup. Josh Hamilton's power was never replaced as good as

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So that is what happened when All-Star Ian Kinsler was traded for All-Star Prince Fielder and everyone got what they wanted from the deal. I think this trade will help both teams now and in the future.

it should have been.

The Rangers haven't had consistency at the first base position since Hank Blalock left after the 2009

They tried out Chris Davis and he wasn't working out so they traded him to Baltimore, where he led the American League in home runs this year and it wasn't even close as he finished with 53

Next up was Justin Smoak, who was traded to Seattle after the Rangers gave up on him.

The next prospect in line was Mike Olt, highly touted and everyone thought for sure he would be the long term guy at third or

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first base. But alas he was also traded to the Cubs.

Who exactly did the Rangers trade these guys for? Kohi Uehera, Cliff Lee and Matt Garza respectively. Yes, that is right, not one of those pitchers are on the Texas roster anymore. They were all half-a-season rental guys.

It is refreshing to see a change of pace in the Rangers not trading for a rental, or for a pitcher this time. They went for the big bat, the bat that has been missing since Josh Hamilton left and they got it.

Now there is still a lot of work to be done before we can get underway with spring training, but I like the move by the Rangers to get the big bat first.

Will they make another big splash by getting Carlos Beltran to help in the outfield? Who knows, but it will be fun to watch them in the coming months.

For those itching to get their baseball fix during these brutal Texas Panhandle winter months, baseball's winter meetings are a good thing to keep track of. They are December 9-12. During the meetings is when a lot of the free agency talk and trade talk goes down. I want to hear your

thoughts on how you think the Rangers, or your favorite team can and should improve this offseason. Drop me an email with your thoughts.

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Burnett, Brown lead Lady Harvesters past Lady Hornets

BY JOHN LEE jclee@thepampanews.com

Senior Hayley Burnett and junior Madison Brown both scored double-digit points Friday night as the Pampa Lady Harvesters (3-5) passed

the Lady Hornets 64-48. It was only the Lady Harvesters' second home game, and they played more inspired. "For about three and a half quarters I feel like they did (play with a lot more ener-

gy)," head coach Gene Val-

entine said. "We kind of had a lull in the second quarter going into the half. We kind of regrouped at halftime, we are at home, and we played like it to start the game. We started with a 17-1 run, played to that energy and

Junior Risa Rodriguez set the tone for the game, hitting a 3-point bucket to put the Lady Harvesters up 3-0. Then, Brown and Burnett started piling on the points, Brown hit a 2-pointer, then Burnett followed with a 2-pointer and a 3-pointer, and Brown capped off six consecutive points, putting the Lady Harvesters up 16-0.

Highland Park didn't score their first points until Ashleigh Sugar connected with a free throw. Once the Lady Hornets got on the board, regardless of the fashion, they found life. Kaylie Morris sunk a 3-pointer, followed by a score from Amanda Koop and a 3-pointer Morgan Kelley, who also had a 2-pointer to finish off their 12-2 run to draw in closer at 20-13 in the middle of the second quarter.

The Lady Harvesters and Lady Hornets fired points back and forth, with the Lady Hornets outscoring the Lady Harvesters in the second quarter 22-11, keeping it close at 29-28 at the end of the first half.

The scoring frenzy continued, but Burnett had the hot hand in the third quarter, scoring 11 of her 13 points in that quarter alone. The Lady Harvesters gave her plenty of opportunities to do so, forcing the Lady Hornets to turn the ball over rapidly and repeatedly. The teams went on a scor-

ing onslaught, the Lady Hornets getting their third quarter points first off of a free throw. Burnett scored four consecutive points, swishing the net twice from a 2-point range. Morris and Sugar dropped 2-pointers for the Lady Hornets, but the Lady Harvestpersistence continued as a free throw from junior

After a Sugar 2-pointer for the Lady Hornets, the Lady Harvesters went on a 6-0 run to end the third quarter, hitting a free throw, a 2-pointer and a 3-pointer in that order,

Caragan Niccum, followed

by a 2-pointer and a 3-pointer

from Burnett set the Lady

Harvesters at a 39-34 lead.

making the score 45-36. In the fourth quarter, the teams matched each other 5-5, and after scoring three unanswered points, the Lady Harvesters went on a 7-0 scoring run, with points from Burnett and Brown. A 2-pointer from Tiah Brown, after the Lady Hornets connected on a free throw finished off the game for the Lady Harvesters, with a 64-48 win.

Burnett and Brown led the team in scoring with 19 and 18 points respectively. Rodriguez had two 3-pointer shots and seven rebounds, and was one of the better ball-handlers for the Lady Harvesters tonight.

"She is the one who got hurt in the first home game," Valentine said.

"We kind of gradually brought her in and her key is she is going to play hard defense. She's going to play hard, do a lot of rebounding. Tonight when Havley (Burnett) got into some foul



Madison Brown makes a layup during the Lady Harvesters 64-48 win Friday night.

trouble, we needed another private school," Valentine ball-handler. Someone who said. "You don't know the could bring the ball down change in personnel. We had and she did that for us."

turn to action Tuesday night am hoping with tonight we against the San Jacinto Patriots in Amarillo. Tip-off is at it's just a matter of who came

Jacinto) because they're a about them right now.'

them here last year and it was The Lady Harvesters re- a good competitive game. I can do the same thing. But into that school and who 'It's hard to figure out (San hasn't, and we don't know





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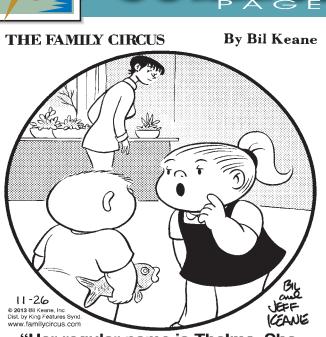
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This year you will express strong social needs, yet you still will maintain your responsibilities. Others will respond positively. You easily could be witness to a major wish or desire becoming a reality. If you are single, you will spread your wings, network and meet many different types of people. You will date until you meet someone you want to be with. Give yourself the gift of time. Do not rush into commitment. If you are attached, you could become far more so-

cial as a couple and love every moment. LIBRA knows how to make you smile. 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 are ready for turkey. You inadvertently make others smile, which helps them get into the Thanksgiving mood. You might not be up for spending time away from home. Curl up with a good book and make it early. Tonight: Visit with an old pal.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You efficiently will clear out a lot of work and/or errands. It appears as if you are assuming a strong role in the holiday celebrations. Someone might surprise you with a phone call later today. Make time to visit with this person. Tonight: Get into the holiday spirit.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Getting started this morning seems close to impossible. Indulge yourself by getting in an extra hour of sleep or by taking a nap later. By late afternoon, you will be joining friends and celebrating the holiday with people you enjoy a lot. Tonight: Get ready to greet a friend

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You'll smile a lot today, even if you're very busy. In your book, being together with family and friends is a perfect recipe for living well. Catch up on news, as an out of town friend appears on the scene. Remember, people count more than turkey. Tonight: Happy at home

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Last-minute errands and an important purchase could occupy part of the day. Later in the day, you'll let go of other responsibilities in order to start enjoying your Thanksgiving activities. Many of you will be getting together

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, with friends. Tonight: Catch up on others' news.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You'll wake up ready to go. Complete matters that have little to do with Thanksgiving but need to be done. You might surprise yourself at how quickly you free yourself up. An office party might be in order. Tonight: Honor the holiday by kicking up your heels.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might be dragging your feet today. When it dawns on you that tomorrow is Thanksgiving, and friends start calling, your mood will perk up. Visit with someone you rarely have an opportunity to see. Share some cheer together. Tonight: More friends swirl around you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Prioritize and move forward. You have a lot of ground to cover. You also will want some special time with a visiting friend or relative. You might choose not to share everything that is on your mind. Tonight: Let go and just do

what you want. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Requests continue to flood your desk, and you might feel as if you do not want to decline. You will surprise yourself and say "no" midday to late afternoon. You might see someone who you want to sit down with and visit. Tonight: You might have an impromptu party.

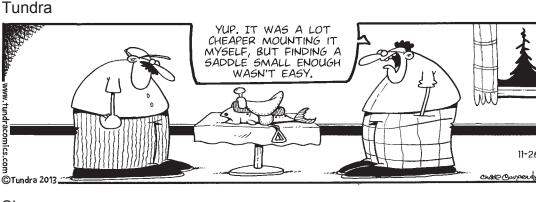
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Many of you might be taking off for Thanksgiving. If you are not, you could opt for a new adventure that allows more openness about the holiday and between you and others. Resist thinking about Christmas and spending more money. Tonight: Stay in the present.

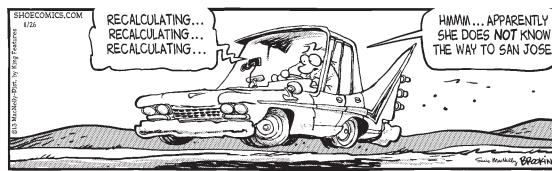
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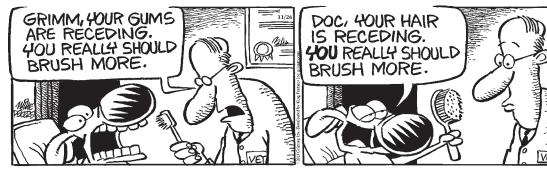
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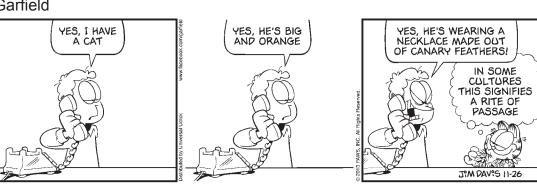
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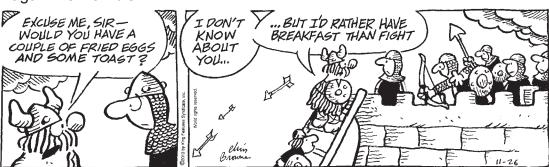
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Well, I met my boyfriend of two years through a "no strings attached" ad I posted on Craigslist. It turns out we had a strong attraction and chemistry, and he's one of my best friends. So what if we were adults who wanted a casual relationship to start with? Don't judge everyone that way.

The reason that woman is having problems is she's using the site to find sex partners when she really wants more. She needs to look in the "relationship" section or on a relationship site. Don't blame men for wanting to have sex when that's what she's advertising.

DEAR ABBY: May I actually more truthful than she find a true partner online IF is. — HAPPILY COUPLED

> DEAR COUPLED: I heard from many readers who described successful relationships that started online. I did not mean HUSBAND IN MIAMI to imply that there are no good men on Craigslist. My concern was the writer was looking for a meaningful, lasting relationship in a category where people look for casual sex. Others identified with "W.A.T.G.G.'s" problem and were quick to offer their views:

DEAR ABBY: I'm a female, 59, and like the woman in that letter, also not considered beautiful. But I do have two very good men friends in my life, and I met them both online.

There ARE men of quality out there. You just have to be careful and read between the They aren't all "bad." They are lines. Abby, online personals

are the new "bar scene." DONNA IN MISSOURI

DEAR ABBY: While I agree with you that she should talk to a psychologist about her low self-esteem, it IS possible to you are dedicated and serious. I subscribed to a dating service **HAPPILY** 3 1/2 years ago and met a wonderful woman on the site. We are married now and expecting our first baby. — HAPPY

> DEAR ABBY: "Where Are the Good Guys?" says she's "not beautiful by any means," and that means meeting good guys won't happen. That is SO not the case!

I was a homecoming queen and have always been attractive, but many of the men I dated married plainer women because they were looking for wife-and-mother types and not a high-maintenance beauty queen. You don't meet the right" men because of your looks; you meet them in the right PLACES where you have common interests — church, volunteer work and all the other places that Dear Abby

keeps telling folks about! — RUTH IN VIRGINIA

DEAR ABBY: When I was younger, I had problems with low self-esteem and also engaged in a series of meaningless relationships. From past experience, I strongly encourage this lady to have herself checked for STDs if she had unprotected sex with any of these men. Making sure you protect your health is a major step in learning to love and care for yourself. Also, when Mr. Right does come along, she won't have to worry about her health status hanging over her head. — HAVE REALLY BEEN THERE IN DENVER

DEAR ABBY: I'm a "good guy," and there are many other guys like me. If she would put in the time and effort to talk to one of us, get to know us, she will find what she's looking for. I am so sick of women saying they want a nice guy and then running in the opposite direction. Her words say one thing, but her actions say something else. — OUT HERE WAITING IN CLEVELAND

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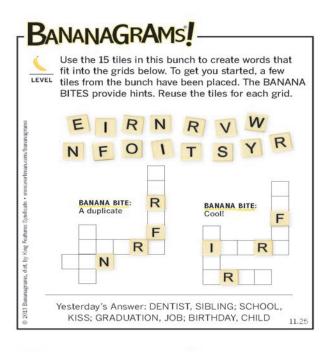
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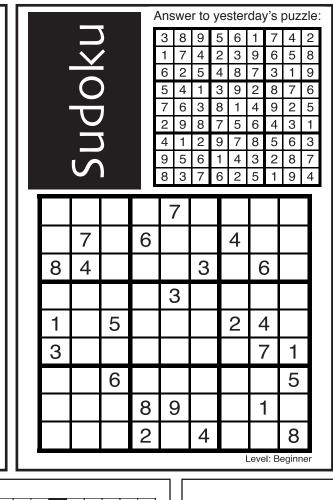
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to 23 Courting 27 Occupy the throne 20 Singer **29** Cowboy

contest 30 Big parties 32 Pigeon's cousin

33 Chocolate treats 35 Old horse 38 Sandwich

shop 39 Suspect's

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41 Quartz variety **45** "Robinson Crusoe"

writer 46 Low digit **47** Cast member

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48 Sword

DOWN 1 Atlantic catch

2 Mine rock 3 Tiny taste

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5 Poker payments

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— million years!"

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Boys hit "-Around"

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