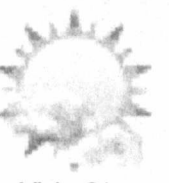
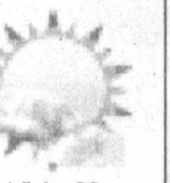


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Today	Sunday	Monday
		
High 63 Low 41	High 61 Low 42	High 68 Low 38

Today: Mostly sunny with a high of 63. No chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 20 mph. Sunrise at 7:22 a.m.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low of 41. Twenty percent chance of rain. Winds south at 17 mph. Sunset at 5:36 p.m.

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high of 61. Twenty percent chance of rain. Winds south at 20 mph. Sunrise at 7:23 a.m.

Sunday night: Mostly clear with a low of 42. No chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 12 mph. Sunset at 5:35 p.m.

Monday: Mostly sunny with a high of 68. Ten percent chance of rain. Winds west northwest at 11 mph. Sunrise at 7:24 a.m.

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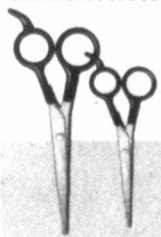
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Obituaries

Jessie L. Smartt

Jessie L. Smartt, 83, died Nov. 15, 2012 in Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m., Monday, Nov. 19, at Hobart Baptist Church, with Rev. Mike Watson, pastor, officiating.



Jessie Smartt

Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Smartt was born March 15, 1929 in Batesville, Ark. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1939, attending schools in Pampa. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army. He enlisted in 1946 and served in Germany until the war was over. He was then discharged in January of 1950. He married Leona Ruth Yearwood on May 28, 1950 in Clovis, N.M. She preceded him in death on Mach 22, 2002, after 50 years of marriage.

Jessie was employed at Transmix Concrete, Harvester Lanes and retired from McCarty-Hull after numerous years of service.

He was a member of the Pampa Optimist Youth Club where he coached Little League and Babe Ruth for a number of years. He was an avid bowler for many years, including traveling bowling. Jessie loved sports and fishing, especially the family trips to Canton Lake (where there are camp sites named after his in-law name, "Yearwood Point.")

Jessie was saved and baptized on Feb. 5, 1989, at Hobart Baptist Church. He had been a faithful member and served as head usher. He loved his church family and loved God.

Survivors include two sisters-in-law: Dorothy Yearwood of Pampa and Mona Yearwood of Amarillo; a brother-in-law: Marvin Yearwood and wife Jerry Lee of Riverside, California; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great nieces and great-great nephews (thought of as children and grandchildren by him.) He loved to attend all of their sports and school events.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Haskell and Nobie Smartt; a brother: Earnest Smartt; and a sister: Louise Brown.

Memorial may be made to Hobart Baptist Church, 1100 W. Crawford, Pampa, Texas 79065.

The family will be at 1141 Terrace Street in Pampa. Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Wanda Wright

Wanda Wright, 68, died Nov. 15, 2012 in Pampa. Services will be 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19, 2012, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Timmy Dale Roberts, her nephew, officiating.



Wanda Wright

Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Wright was born March 4, 1944 in Wheeler. She moved to Pampa in 1949 where she graduated from Pampa High School. She married Troy Brewer on July 10, 1959. He died on April 19, 2010. She later married J. P. Wright on April 11, 1972 in Pampa. He preceded her in death on October 23, 2008. She worked in the nursing and home health care fields for many years. She later became the co-owner of Action Bail Bonds.

Wanda and J. P. were foster parents to many children. She attended Briarwood Church. She spent most of her life caring for her family and friends, and she will be greatly missed.

Wanda also enjoyed spending time at the VFW Post #1657, and especially loved spending time with her grandchildren and loving pet "Bubba."

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter: Mitzi Blaylock; two grandchildren: Jimmy Blaylock and Tanner Woodruff; three sisters: Veta Crocker, Dalphine Roberts and Dora Mae Roberts, and a brother: Billy Roberts.

Survivors include six daughters: Rhonda Hagan and husband Van, Melinda Brewer, Alisha Stroud and husband Greg, and Becky Willis and husband Lynn, all of Pampa; a son: Troyce Brewer and wife Michelle of Pampa; additional daughters: Vicki Leshner and husband Tim and Staci Proctor and husband Tim, all of Pampa; 21 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-grandson on the way; a nephew: Timmy Dale Roberts and wife Ginger of Pampa; a niece: Sherry Garmon and husband David of Pampa; and her lifelong friend: Alice Hassler.

Memorials may be made to the VFW Post No. 1657, P.O. Box 2684, Pampa, Texas 79066-2684.

The family would like to express their gratitude to all of her caregivers who provided such loving care for their mother.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

For the record

Palmview man arrested for possession of controlled substance

■ 43-year-old Juan Miguel Villarreal Jr., Palmview, was arrested Thursday by PPD on possession of a controlled substance and driving with an invalid license with a previous conviction.

■ 50-year-old Allen Lee Baumgardner, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by the Pampa Police Department on a bond surrender for possession of a controlled substance. Bond surrender is when the bail bondsman surrenders the bond to the court after nonpayment.

■ 30-year-old Tara Dawn Slater, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.

■ 53-year-old Lecia Kaye Miller, Fritch, was arrested Thursday by GCSO on a motion to revoke probation for deadly conduct.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Advanced

Swimmer's ring gets caught on drain

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GREELEY, Colo. — Firefighters in Colorado say a woman's belly button ring became entangled with a drain cover in a pool but that she was freed without injury.

Authorities say the woman became stuck Wednesday as she floated on her stomach with her child in a shallow pool at the Greeley Family Funplex.

Firefighters tried to turn the ring to free her but then started to drain the pool while working to manipulate the ring. They said Thursday that she eventually was freed and she wasn't hurt in the process.

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Police urge citizens to be wary of scams

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The Pampa Police Department wants to caution you about ongoing scams here in Pampa. Criminals scam in any way there is communication such as, phone, mail, e-mail and texting. They claim to be with different legitimate company to try to gain your trust. There are a few scams that the police department keeps seeing here in Pampa.

One of the main scams we keep seeing is the check cashing scheme, where a scammer will claim to be with a legitimate company and will send a check to you; unknown to the victim, the check or money order is fraudulent. The scammer will then ask the victim to cash the check and keep part of the money but send the rest through Western Union or MoneyGram to them.

We discourage anyone sending money through Western Union or MoneyGram unless you know the person accepting the money personally.

We have been recently made aware of a scam where the caller says you won thousands of dollars and a vehicle but then asks you to obtain a Green Dot Money Pack from Walmart or other retailer.

They will then contact you back and ask you for the information on the pack.

If you give this information out you will lose your money. For more information on this Green Dot Money Pack you can go to www.moneypack.com.

We have also been getting calls of scammers calling and "phishing" for information. For an example, the scammers will call and say they are with a well know company or government agency such as Medicare or Publishers Clearing House. They will typically have your address, phone number and full name.

They will then ask you to confirm your bank account number or Social Security number. Citizens have also said that when they have refused the caller the information they requested the scammer will get very agitated and threaten the citizens. In most cases, however, the scammer would hang up on the citizen.

Again, we strongly encourage citizens not to give personal information over the phone.

Thankfully, the citizens we have spoken to have not fallen in the trap of these scammers. Remember, YOU ARE the No. 1 person who can stop the criminals from scamming you.

If you have any questions on whether something is a scam, contact the Pampa Police Department at 806-669-5700, Ext. 259.

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on the east entrance to the building. The second option put the main entrance and lobby on the west entrance to the building. And the last option put the main entrance and lobby on the center entrance to the building.

SHW Group hopes to have proposals sent to the board on Dec. 4 and that the board will take action on the Dec. 20 meeting. The tentative schedule presented by SHW Group hopes to begin construction the day after the May 2013 board meeting.

If all deadlines are met, then it is possible for administrators to move into the new administration building in mid to late Nov. 2013.

Estimated costs for construction of the new administration building are between \$4 million and \$6 million.

The school board voted unanimously to hire the SHW Group as the architectural firm for the new building. They also voted unanimously to use a construction manager at risk delivery method. This allows for more detailed cost estimating earlier in the design process which ultimately saves PISD money over and above the fee charged by the construction manager.

The school board also decided to approve a RFQ for construction management services. This means as early as Friday they started advertising for the construction manager.

They hope to have a finalist for the construction manager position by the Dec. 20 board meeting.

During the meeting members of the Pampa band and cross country team were recognized for their success this year. Also Derrick Norris was

recognized by the board for his leadership ability and academic achievement as he was selected to attend the Lonestar Leadership Academy.

There was a public hearing from the Financial Integrity System of Texas Report (FIRST). FIRST measures and reports on the funding of school districts and ensures they are meeting financial responsibilities. PISD received a superior achievement rating this year.

The total points you can get on scoring is 70 and Pampa received a 67.

All eight members of the board were present for this meeting. There were no public comments during the meeting and all consent agenda items were approved unanimously. The school board meets the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. The next board meeting will be Dec. 20.

Community Calendar

Newspaper hours for Thanksgiving week

The Pampa News will be closed Thursday, Nov. 22, for Thanksgiving. We will close at noon Wednesday, Nov. 21 and Friday, Nov. 23. We will be delivering free papers to all nonsubscribers in Pampa on Tuesday and Wednesday that will include lots of advertising specials for Black Friday.

Local artist displaying works

The White Deer Land Museum will have the Pampa Fine Arts Association Artist of the Year Exhibit open until Dec. 1. Artist Omajean Lewis will be displaying oils, water colors and photography.

The museum is located at 116 S. Cuyler St. and the phone number is 669-8041.

Craft and hobby show

Meredith House is hosting a craft and hobby Show on Wednesday, Nov. 28 from 3 to 5 p.m. If anyone would like to display their talents to the community, please arrive 45 minutes early to set up. Call 806-665-5668 or 806-661-9111 to reserve your booth.

Loss-prevention workshop offered

Just in time for the holiday shopping season, the Pampa Chamber of Commerce is offering a "Stop Shoplifting and Other Retail Safety Tips Seminar" at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30.

This seminar will be presented by Officer Stormy McCullar of the Pampa Police Department.

RSVP to Lori at the chamber by Wednesday, Nov. 28 with your preference of time by calling 806-669-3241.

Editor's note: The Pampa News is starting a daily Community Calendar to publish government meetings and functions, church, school and nonprofit events.

Please respect that the calendar is not meant to be a place for free advertising for businesses. Email submissions to thowsare@thepampanews.com. Submissions should be 100 words or less and written in the third person.

Please include the title of the event, the date and time, physical address, the admission cost or whether it is a free event and a contact number and/or email address for the public.

25 years

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who can't afford to buy one.

She said the staff is active in the community, and praised Dalton, who was one of the organizers of the Veterans Day events and is now busy with Christmas on Main.

Dalton said the Wilkinsons lead by example.

"Suzie and Ernie have taught us to be good citizens," she said.

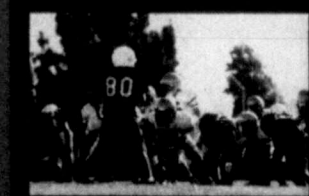
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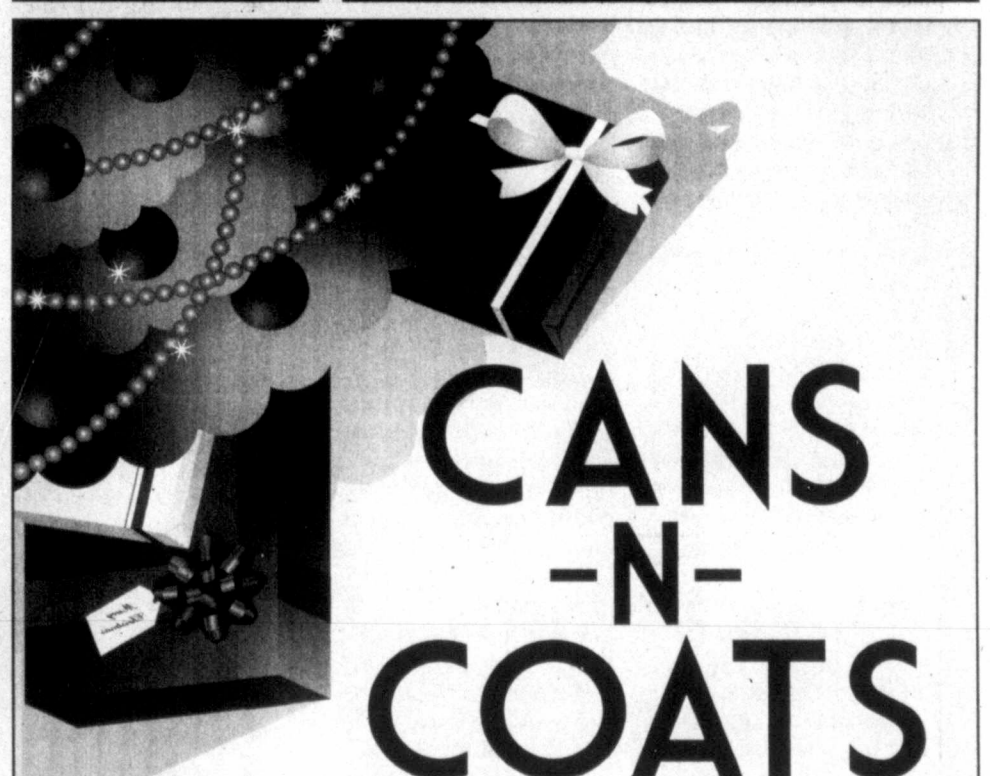
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The mandate to raise taxes on the 'rich'

Within days of winning the election, President Obama announced that his victory gave him a mandate to raise taxes on the "rich."

Come again? This was a two-and-a-half-point election. It reflected a painfully divided electorate. The only mandate



SUSAN ESTRICH

I saw was to unite a divided country.

I voted for Obama. I voted for him because I know how hard it is to buy

health insurance for a single person with even a minor pre-existing condition. In the case of my nanny/housekeeper/dear friend, it was gastritis. Thank God for Kaiser, which sold me the insurance that some years later saved her life when she was diagnosed with cancer. So call it what you will, but I did not want to see Obamacare repealed.

Years after I stopped worrying about unwanted pregnancies, I did not want to risk Roe v. Wade. I was appalled that contraception could even be an issue. I believe that whoever wants to marry should have a right to do so regardless of their sexual orientation. I voted for Obama because I worry about cutting back on environmental regulation. I voted for Obama because I believe local schools need help from the federal government, because I believe we are one country, and that if there is an earthquake in California, we will need as much help from our fellow states — which is to say the federal government — as New York and New Jersey do in dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. I voted for Obama because he ended the war in Iraq and is committed to ending the war in Afghanistan.

I did not vote for Obama because I think I am paying too little in taxes.

Like many people I know, I am "rich" by Obama's standards. I pay more taxes, percentage wise, than Mitt Romney and Warren Buffett, because I earn

virtually every penny of my income. I work. And yes, all those deductions that allow the truly rich to not work, or at least to not work all the jobs I do, make me angry.

I am all for closing loopholes. I am all for ending deductions for things I don't even understand. But I am not for putting a low cap on deductions that would make it all but impossible for the charities I support to raise funds. I am not for putting a limit on the mortgage deduction that would mean, as a practical matter, that "middle class" (not rich) people in California would be priced out of the housing market, and the charities I support would not be able to raise what they need to survive.

And frankly, I don't think I'm alone. As a matter of fact, on this one, I don't think 51 percent of all Americans are to my "left" — if that's how you define the higher tax constituency.

Obama needs to be very careful. Yes, he was re-elected. But so were all those folks who blocked the extension of the Bush tax cuts if they excluded individuals and small businesses who make enough money to qualify as rich — but not enough to send their kids to college, or help their aging parents, or buy a home in a decent neighborhood.

We need to avoid going over the fiscal cliff. But Obama must also avoid the political cliff.

One of the amazing things about this country is that the middle class doesn't hate the rich. We are not a society divided by economic castes. Yes, there are real issues as the gap between the top and the middle, between CEOs and those in good but not great jobs, grows. But beginning a new term with what will look to many like a class war is not the way to fulfill the real mandate of this election, which is to bring us together, not turn us against each other.

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Letter to the Editor

VFW post commander praises Veterans Day events

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657 has so many people to thank for the Veterans Day celebration. The schools were so good and made us so proud. At Wilson Elementary we had the honor of receiving a book made by each student and the honor of shaking all of the 4th graders hands as they came by and presented us with the book.

All the kids were great and their parents and grand parents should be very proud of them. We know that these kids are being taught about freedom and why we have it today. We enjoyed the program very much. We thank Mrs. Owen for the invitation.

The next program was at Lamar Elementary. The program was fantastic. The day started really good because of the program at Lamar. The kids were great and the school was very attentive to our needs. Mrs. Rumph is putting on a better program every year.

A couple of their songs reminded me of my childhood at school, when

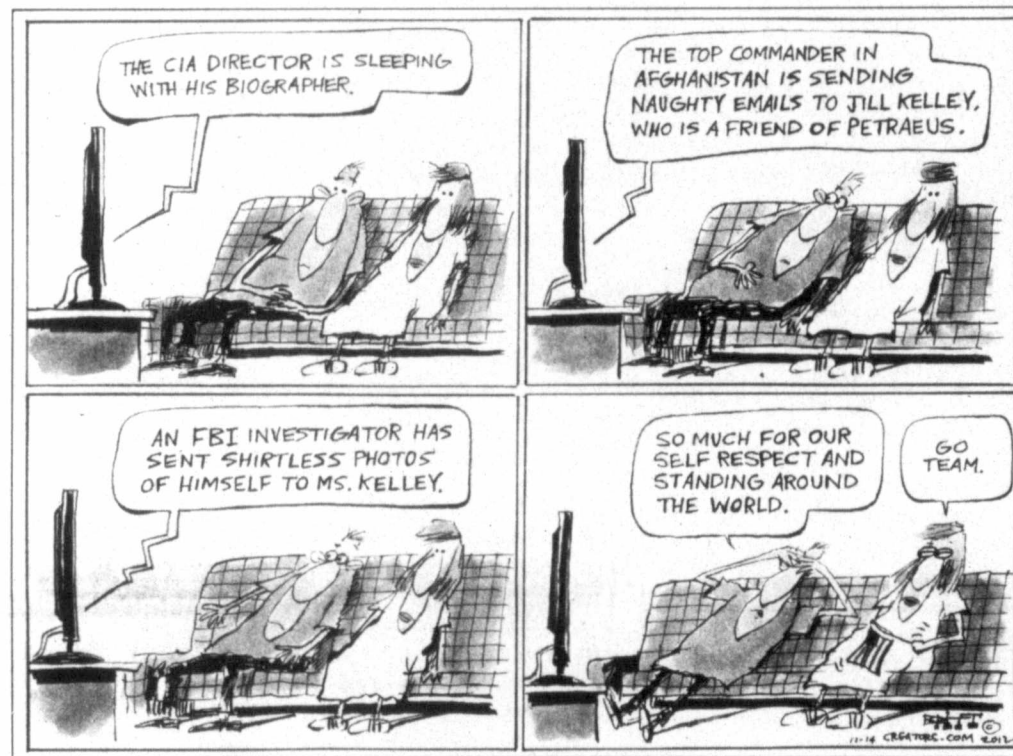
I was learning the presidents and the states. These kids had a whole lot more fun than I did, and I believe that is due to our school system here in Pampa. The next program was Travis Elementary. The program was at the M.K. Brown. There was a full house and everyone enjoyed themselves very much. We had a group of Wounded Warriors as guest here in Pampa this weekend, they all said that they have never seen anything like the program at Travis. Mrs. Pittman put on a great program that made our U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry proud of the students and proud to be a part of this program. We give all these schools a special thank you from the VFW.

We also attended and participated in programs at Lefors and Groom high schools, both of these were also very good and precious to us all. It is wonderful to be honored like we were at all these schools. The Wounded Warriors were here because of Loyd Waters and his wife Thelma. He helped get them

here because he thought it would be good for Pampa and also good for them. He worked on this project for months, and it came off like a dream. Thanks to all the host families and here they are, Danny and Nelda Martin, Larry and Lynn Ray, John and Susan Tripplehorn, Larry and Kay Stevens, Keith and Debbie Black, Clyde Trusty, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hall, Fred Brown and Loyd and Thelma Waters, Alvin and Bobbie Johnson. Thanks to all of the folks. A real big thanks goes out to Shepard's Crook Helping Hands and The Downtown Business Association for putting the whole weekend on for us. There were several donations made toward this weekend. I don't know them all but you know who you are and we thank you also. To name some of the ladies that made this possible: Pam Dalton, Debbie Heiser, Linda Lance, Terry Williams and Christy Robinson.

I hope I didn't misspell the names to bad, but these girls worked so

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Try bipartisanship about China

We heard a lot of loose talk during the presidential campaign about getting tough with Communist China. Since both Barack Obama and Mitt Romney criticized China's violations of free-trade



PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY

rules that the United States obeys, this would be the perfect issue to showcase the bipartisanship to which both

men said they are committed.

Free trade with China is a racket because we play by the rules, while China steals our patents and manufacturing secrets and violates the rules of the World Trade Organization to which they agreed when we helped them join in 2001. The statistics are mind-boggling: the U.S. has closed 57,000 factories, lost 2.8 million manufacturing jobs and piled up a trade deficit with China of \$3 trillion.

A new book by Peter Navarro and Greg Autry titled "Death by China" makes a powerful case against allowing China to continue its war against America while our leaders pretend it's just good capitalism. Our workers join the unemployment lines, our country's manufacturing base disappears, CEOs rake in their bonuses for cutting costs through outsourcing and a big communist country builds up a tremendous military in order to become the No. 1 superpower in the

21st century.

The Chinese engage in massive intellectual property theft in order to give them an unjustified leap forward in technology: aerospace, biotech, cyber, information and energy. The Chinese force U.S. corporations to give China their technology and manufacturing secrets as the price of locating a plant in China.

Our U.S. weapons system is endangered by Chinese cheating. The Senate Armed Services Committee reported that 1 million suspected "bogus parts" have been found in U.S. military aircraft, including the Air Force's largest cargo plane, special operations helicopters and a Navy surveillance plane. This report describes a "flood of counterfeit parts" from China, which threaten our national security and the safety of our troops.

Peter Singer, director of the 21st Century Defense Initiative, said that even the smallest counterfeit parts can cause a lot of trouble. The Senate Armed Services Committee reported that a faulty Chinese-made chip in a sensor on a Navy helicopter in the Pacific Fleet prevented the pilot from firing its missiles.

Some counterfeit chips are designed to contain a "kill switch" that can shut down the military equipment. Some chips appear to be working perfectly, but really are sending information to someone else.

Chips are not the only Chinese counterfeits.

Thousands of U.S. motorists found their cars were installed with dangerous Chinese counterfeit airbags and now have to be replaced at the owner's expense. A government test found that some Chinese airbags don't inflate, and some shoot flames and shards of metal shrapnel instead of inflating.

China manipulates its currency to the disadvantage of American exporters, excludes American products from government purchases, subsidizes Chinese companies to give them a commercial advantage, piggybacks on U.S. technology and invents regulations and standards designed to keep out foreign competition.

As more and more U.S. public schools are making vaccinations a requirement, Communist China is preparing to take over the vaccine market. China's food and drug administration brags that China has more than 30 vaccine-producing companies having an annual production capacity of nearly 1 billion doses.

Are U.S. parents willing to inject their kids with Chinese vaccines? At least 81 U.S. deaths in 2008 were caused by Chinese-made Heparin, a blood thinner widely used in surgery.

This year's scandal involved a big outbreak of meningitis and reportedly about 32 deaths. We don't yet know where the contamination came from, but about 80 percent of the active ingredients in U.S. prescriptions are imported from China or India.

An expert on Chinese health at the Council on Foreign Relations, Yanzhong Huang, pointed out the difference between Chinese and U.S. medicine safety. Unlike China, U.S. vaccines are kept safe by supporting institutions, such as "the market economy, democracy, media monitoring, civil society and a business ethics code," along with inspections and regulations, severe punishments for violators, and lawsuits by trial lawyers.

All during the '70s and '80s, and even the '90s, the globalists predicted that as China pursued a market economy, China would evolve into economic freedom, then political freedom and become a good fellow in the world community. Dream on. It didn't happen.

China is a dictatorship run by the Communist Party determined to use every protectionist gimmick to become the world's No. 1 military and economic superpower. When will Americans wake up to how U.S. adherence to "free trade" allows China to cheat us coming and going?

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Weekly Menus

Pampa Independent School District

MONDAY, November 19

Chicken fried steak or chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, sliced carrots, mixed fruit, fresh fruit, hot roll
Breakfast- French toast sticks, syrup

TUESDAY, November 20

Pizza dippers or macaroni & cheese, green beans, broccoli florets, fresh fruit, juice
Breakfast- Cereal, toast

WEDNESDAY, November 21

Closed for Thanksgiving holiday

THURSDAY, November 22

Closed for Thanksgiving holiday

FRIDAY, November 23

Closed for Thanksgiving holiday

Pampa Senior Citizens Center

MONDAY, November 19

Chicken fried steak or chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, beets, spinach, northern beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, devils food cake, vanilla pudding cup, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

TUESDAY, November 20

Baked turkey & dressing with giblet gravy, mashed potatoes, Italian green beans, yams, tossed salad, Jell-O, cranberry sauce, deviled eggs, stuffed celery, olive/cheese/pickle skewers, pumpkin pie, cheery cobbler, diet cherry cobbler, hot rolls.

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WEDNESDAY, November 21

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THURSDAY, November 22

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FRIDAY, November 23

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Pampa Meals on Wheels

MONDAY, November 19

Hamburgers, tater tots, pears

TUESDAY, November 20

Pot roast, carrots/potatoes, green beans, rolls, pineapple

WEDNESDAY, November 21

Hamburger helper, chuckwagon corn, broccoli, Jell-O

THURSDAY, November 22

Closed for Thanksgiving holiday

FRIDAY, November 23

Closed for Thanksgiving holiday

Letter

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hard on this. They wanted the Veterans of the area to have a real special weekend and we did. The parade was absolutely wonderful. From the Honor Guard to the last horse that was led by the Tri State Rodeo club, was great. The High School Band, the float by Pampa Junior High, and all the floats and cars, bicycles, four wheelers, fire trucks from Pampa, Lefors and Hoover. Thanks to Joe Millican for directing the parade and to our Mayor

Brad Pingel for being the announcer. The most precious to us is our Ladies Auxiliary for Post 1657. They made a Veterans Day dinner for all veterans and their families on Nov. 9. They fed more than 350 people that evening. We also had donations for that from Walmart, United Supermarket and Allsup's. To me when we see this kind of out pouring of support, then we know our town cares for the veterans and it makes us feel so good. I can't say it enough. But

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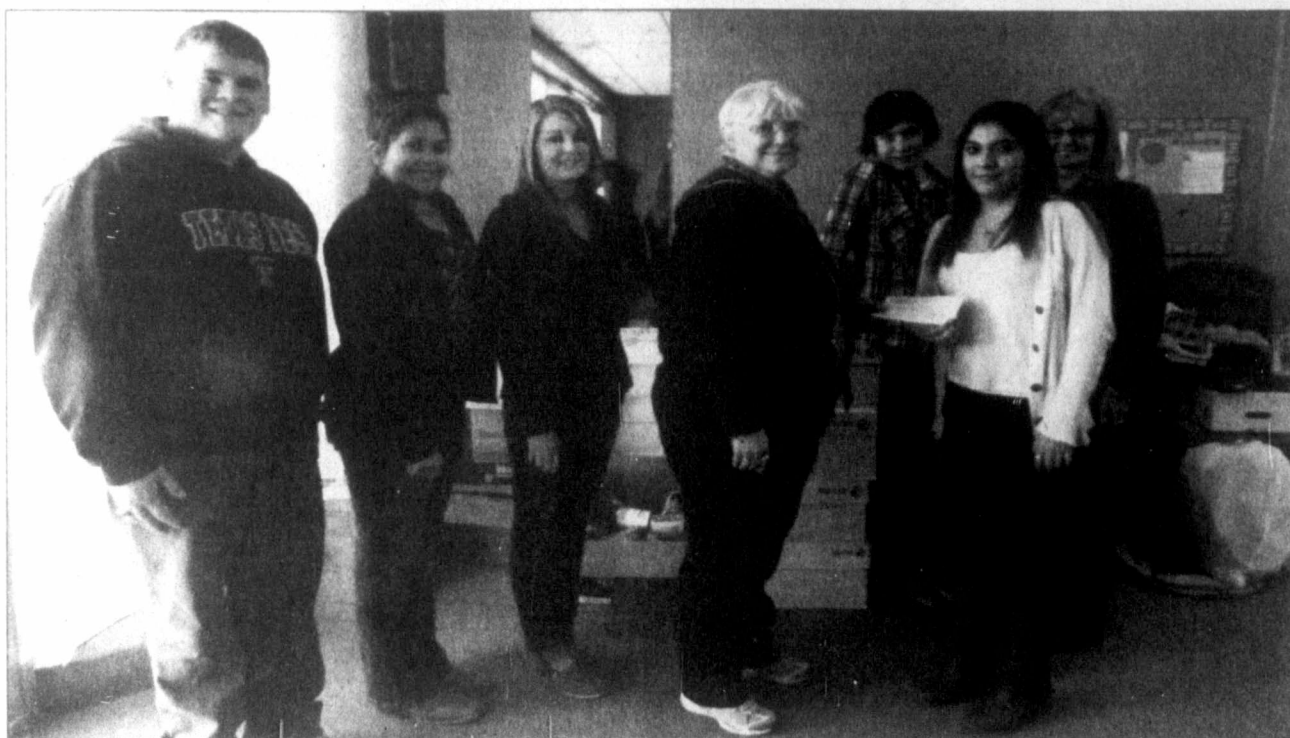
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DECA FUNDRAISER



PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL'S DECA class recently conducted a fundraiser for the Tralee Crisis Center. They collected 29 boxes of canned goods and \$350 in cash donations for Tralee clients who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other violent crimes. Pictured are the DECA students presenting the check and food to Tralee on Tuesday afternoon. From left are DECA students Ryan Bromlow, Katy Velasquez, Morgan Graef, Jesse Poston and Donna Crowe, DECA instructor. In the foreground, from left, is Tralee Volunteer Coordinator Connie Wildcat accepting the check from Marisa Fuentes, DECA president.

Submitted photo

Altrusa International Inc. holds meeting

SUBMITTED

Altrusa International Inc. of Pampa met Tuesday, Nov. 13, at First United Methodist Church with president Pat Johnson presiding. Members recited the Altrusa Grace and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Myrna Orr and Leona Willis served as greeters.

Club members signed a sympathy card for Terry Gamblin on the death of her brother, Buddy Newton.

The accent was given by Judy Warner on the importance of inviting new people as prospective members of Altrusa, and the benefits to be gained.

Brenda Tucker gave a report on the Altrusa Fall Leadership Conference last week-end in Fredericksburg. Members attending were Tucker, Carolyn Kessel, Kerrick Horton and Kadda Schale. They were joined by former member Dorla McAndrews, who now lives in Boerne.

Johnson reported that the Pampa club received a letter of congratulations and a flag patch for being

a "Distinguished Club" in 2011-12 under past-president Rochelle Lacy.

Committee reports:

"Soup with Mrs. Claus"—This is the club's major fundraiser to help with service projects.

Myrna Orr and co-chair, Brenda Guess had sign-up sheets for helpers. Rochelle Lacy reported that the books to be given to children attending had been ordered.

ASTRA. Allison Watson reported that the students will meet Sunday, Nov. 18, at Priest Park (weather permitting) for a clean-up day.

They will also help at "Soup With Mrs. Claus" on Dec. 1, and will also assist the Pampa Civic Ballet that evening by taking tickets and passing out programs for the "Nutcracker Ballet." The Christmas party will be

Dec. 2.

Lunch With Dignitaries. Kathryn Green reported that students toured the White Deer Land Museum.

Make A Difference Day Projects - Kerrick Horton reported that assemblies to recognize winners in the 5th-grade essay contest have been held at Wilson, Lamar and Austin schools. Travis students will be awarded this week, then the names will be published. Essays were judged by a group of Retired Teachers and Altrusans.

Also, Sheila Winton will present the awards to the 6th grade advanced art students who won the contest for bookmarks distributed at the Lovett "Haunted Library" at Halloween. Those were judged by Janice Sackett, retired PHS art teacher.

Travis Elementary School Veterans Day Project. Leona Willis re-

ported that several members helped assemble and stapled 1,500 programs. On the day of the program, about 12 members helped register veterans and their spouses and pinned on ribbons, VFW poppies and flags, and gave commemorative coins to the Veterans present.

Judy Warner announced that workers are needed to help with the Children's Shopping Tour on Saturday, Dec. 15.

The Brag Basket was passed, then the meeting closed with members reciting the Altrusa benediction.

The next meeting, a guest night for prospective members, will be held at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 23, at First United Methodist Church.

German police stop man with mobile office on car cruising at 80 mph

BERLIN (AP) — Forget texting while driving. German police say they nabbed a driver who had wired his Ford station wagon with an entire mobile office.

Saarland state police said Friday the 35-year-old man was pulled over for doing 130 kph (80 mph) in a 100 kph zone while passing a truck Monday.

Built on a wooden frame on his passenger seat they found a laptop on a docking station tilted for easy driver access, a printer, router, wireless internet stick, WLAN antenna, and an inverter to power it all.

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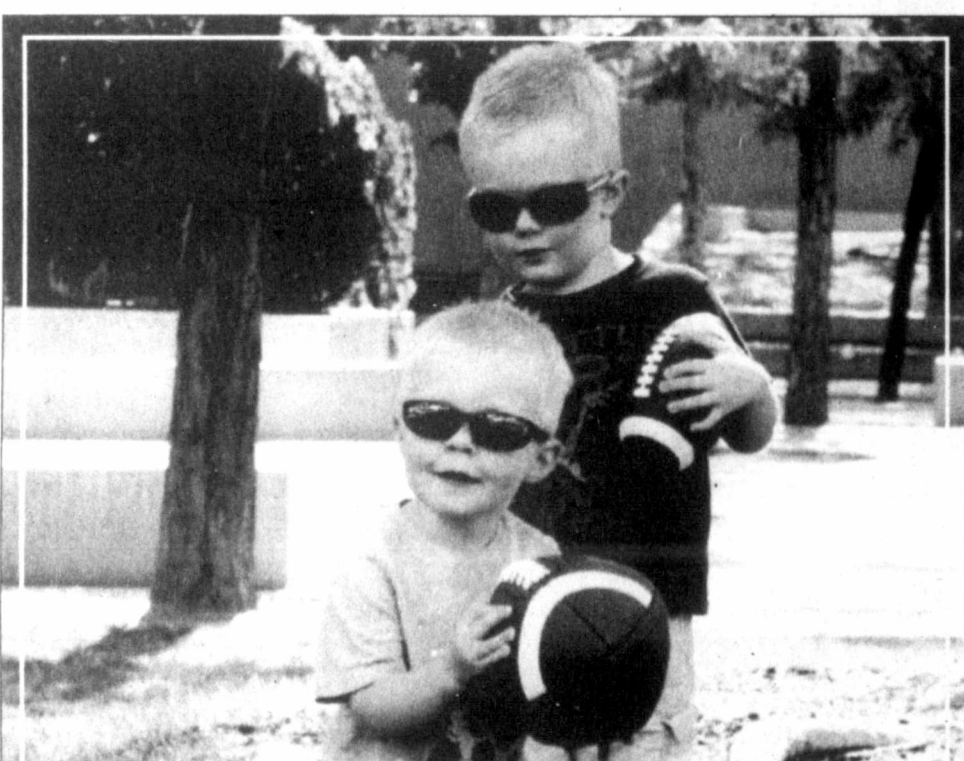


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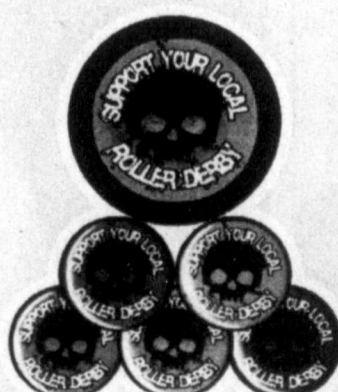
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Enjoy soup, photos with Mrs. Claus

SUBMITTED

Altrusa International Inc. of Pampa is gearing up for its major fundraiser of the year. Soup with Mrs. Claus, which is fast becoming a Pampa tradition, will be Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Knights of Columbus Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. before the annual Christmas parade downtown.

The menu includes homemade potato soup or chili with Fritos or crackers, brownies and the star of the event is "Mrs. Claus." Children may have their photo taken with her. Mary McDaniel, the longest serving member of the Pampa Altrusa Club, will again play the part of Mrs. Santa. Sheila Winton will take the photos, or parents may bring their own camera. Photos are free, but a donation may be given.

Last year, the donations went to a Pampa High School student undergoing cancer treatments.

A free book will be given to each pre-school and elementary school child attending. Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased in advance from Altrusa members or at the door. Co-chairs for the event are Myrna Orr and Brenda Guess.

Along with other service clubs, Altrusa also helps with the Children's Shopping Tour and the Harvest-er Hall of Fame Luncheon.

Start making plans now to attend this fun activity before the parade. For more information, call Rochelle Lacy 669-2009 or 662-5394.



Mrs. Claus, aka Mary McDaniel, with one of her elves.

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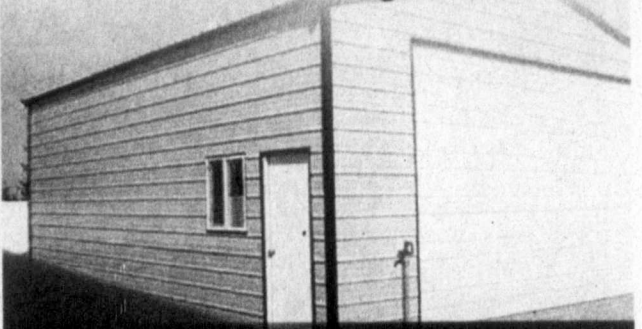
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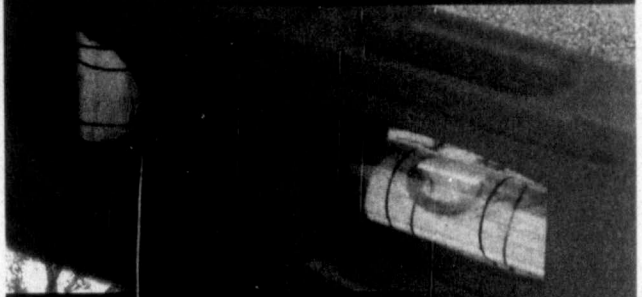
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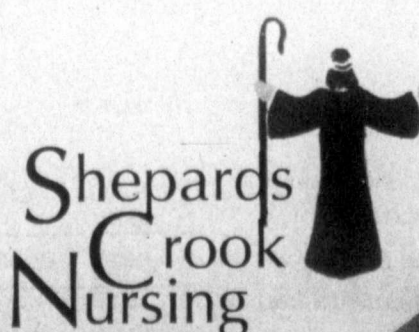
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WHITE DEER'S BOY SCOUT PACK 883



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White Deer's Boy Scout Pack 883 traveled to Camp Don Harrington for "Spookery" recently. They participated in many activities including Archery, BB guns, a baseball toss and more. They met with some of Amarillo's finest, a Randall County sheriff and her squad car. Also, they met Randall County's Fire Department, toured the fire truck and had the opportunity to see a firefighter in full gear. Pictured from left, are Nate Reid, a webelo in fourth grade, Ben Woodward a tiger cub in first grade, John Paul Lenz a tiger cub in first grade, Jessie Chavez a tiger cub in first grade, Samuel England, Pampa, a tiger cub in first grade, Maverick Sweeney, Pampa, a tiger cub in first grade and Landry Brainard, a webelo in fourth grade. They would like to thank everyone that purchased popcorn this year.

Fire out at Gulf oil rig; four hurt, two may be missing

ASSOCIATED PRESS
VENICE, La. — An oil rig explosion off the coast of Louisiana sent four people to hospital Friday and two others were believed to be missing, Coast Guard officials said.
Coast Guard spokesman Drake Foret said the fire was out in the meantime. Four people were taken to West Jefferson Medical Center near New Orleans and Coast Guard aircraft and boats were searching for two missing people.

The rig, a production platform owned by Black Elk Energy, is about 25 miles southeast of Grand Isle, La.
The platform is for oil production from an established well, unlike the Deepwater Horizon rig, which was drilling an exploratory well for oil giant BP in mile-deep water when it blew up and triggered a massive oil spill in 2010. That site is well to the east of Friday's explosion.

Local officials said the Coast Guard has told them there was no pollution at the site. Plaquemines Parish spokeswoman Caitlin Campbell said the Coast Guard reported that the platform was intact and suffered no structural damage.
Coast Guard Capt. Peter Gautier told WWL TV the platform was not producing oil at the time and no environmental threat was anticipated. Gautier said it was believed that maintenance

workers were cutting a pipe and some oil may have gotten loose, causing the fire.
A federal official in Washington said a team of environmental enforcement inspectors was flying to the scene.
A spokesman for Black Elk Energy could not immediately be reached for comment.
Black Elk is an independent oil and gas company headquartered in Houston.

Police: RI man's fake \$100 bills had wrong face on them

ASSOCIATED PRESS
ATTLEBORO, Mass. — A Rhode Island man police say used counterfeit \$100 bills to make purchases at a Target store made a critical mistake.
The bills had a picture of President Abraham Lincoln on them. Real \$100 bills bear a picture of Benjamin Franklin. Lincoln's portrait graces the \$5 bill.
Dana Leland of Central Falls, R.I., was held on \$1,000 cash bail after pleading not guilty Wednesday in Attleboro District Court to charges of uttering a counterfeit note and possession of a counterfeit note.
Police tell The Sun Chronicle (<http://bit.ly/XbZccR>) the 29-year-old Leland used the fake notes on three consecutive days at the North Attleborough store to buy items worth less than \$25.
Leland's lawyer said her client has struggled with drug and alcohol problems and untreated mental health issues, and had a relapse.

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DATA CONTROL CODES	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	60 Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:					
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 12,352,354	\$ 3,486,720	\$ 3,215	\$ 849,548	\$ 16,691,837
5800 State Program Revenues	13,634,182	412,938	-	721,068	14,768,188
5900 Federal Program Revenues	217,767	-	-	4,465,369	4,683,136
5020 Total Revenues	26,204,303	3,899,658	3,215	6,035,985	36,143,161
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	13,304,819	-	-	2,270,015	15,574,834
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	338,096	-	-	5,832	343,928
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	465,256	-	-	331,337	796,593
0021 Instructional Leadership	236,548	-	-	84,901	321,449
0023 School Leadership	1,455,130	-	-	54,684	1,509,814
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	881,704	-	-	22,178	903,882
0032 Social Work Services	36,572	-	-	21,234	57,806
0033 Health Services	239,654	-	-	78,115	317,769
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	647,041	-	-	-	647,041
0035 Food Services	-	-	-	1,457,201	1,457,201
0036 Extracurricular Activities	1,127,609	-	-	41,948	1,169,557
0041 General Administration	1,231,820	-	-	3,304	1,235,124
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	2,851,375	-	-	58,458	2,909,833
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	108,511	-	-	-	108,511
0053 Data Processing Services	530,503	-	-	57,016	587,519
0061 Community Services	98,924	-	-	118,230	217,154
Debt Service:					
0071 Principal on Long Term Debt	42,146	1,055,000	-	-	1,097,146
0072 Interest on Long Term Debt	305	2,310,841	-	-	2,311,146
0073 Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	800	-	-	800
Capital Outlay:					
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	840,246	-	928,629	245,553	2,014,428
Intergovernmental:					
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	-	-	-	752,602	752,602
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	280,791	-	-	-	280,791
6030 Total Expenditures	24,717,050	3,366,641	928,629	5,602,608	34,614,928
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,487,253	533,017	(925,414)	433,377	1,528,233
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	10,028	-	-	-	10,028
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	10,028	-	-	-	10,028
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	1,497,281	533,017	(925,414)	433,377	1,538,261
0100 Fund Balance - July 1 (Beginning)	8,158,256	2,574,886	4,613,234	956,318	16,302,694
3000 Fund Balance - June 30 (Ending)	\$ 9,655,537	\$ 3,107,903	\$ 3,687,820	\$ 1,389,695	\$ 17,840,955

Palestinian rocket aimed at Jerusalem for first time

By JOSEF FEDERMAN AND
KARIN LAUB
Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Hamas rocket squads aimed at Jerusalem for the first time Friday, along with commercial hub Tel Aviv, showing off their expanded reach with what they said were Gaza-made projectiles that have never been fired before. Israel called up 16,000 reservists, moving a step closer to a possible ground offensive in the Palestinian territory.

Air raid sirens sounded in the two cities which — unlike population centers in Israel's south — had not been exposed to rocket fire from Hamas-ruled Gaza before the current round of cross-border fighting. No injuries were reported, but Hamas' latest attempts to hit Israel's heartland could push Israel closer to sending ground troops into Gaza.

Over the past three days, Israel has relentlessly pounded suspected rocket launching sites and other Hamas targets in Gaza with scores of airstrikes, while Hamas has fired more than 450 rockets toward Israel.

Hamas was badly bruised during its last full-fledged confrontation with Israel four years ago, but appeared better prepared this time with a more powerful arsenal.

Just a few years ago, Palestinian rockets were limited to crude, homemade devices manufactured in Gaza. But in recent years, Hamas and other armed groups have smuggled in sophisticated, longer-range rockets from Iran and Libya, which has been flush with weapons since Moammar Gadhafi was ousted last year.

Most of the rockets do not have guided systems, limiting their accuracy, though Israeli officials believe the militants may have a small number of guided missiles that have not yet been deployed.

Hamas said the two rockets aimed at the two Israeli cities Friday were made in Gaza, a prototype the militants call M-75, and have a range of about 80 kilometers (50 miles).

The air raid sirens sounded in Jerusalem after the start of the Jewish Sabbath in the holy city, claimed by both Israel and the Palestinians as a capital and located about 75 kilometers (47 miles) from Gaza. Israeli police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said the rocket landed in an open area southeast of the city.

Earlier Friday, Gaza militants fired toward Tel Aviv and an explosion was heard in the city, but no injuries were reported. Hamas had first targeted Tel Aviv on Thursday, an unprecedented achievement for the group.

"We are sending a short and simple message: There is no security for any Zionist on any single inch of Palestine and we plan more surprises," Abu Obeida, spokesman for the Hamas militant wing, said of the rockets aimed at Israel's two main cities.

Lt. Col. Avital Leibovich, an Israeli military spokeswoman, said no decision has been made yet on a ground offensive but all options are on the table. Dozens of armored vehicles have been moved to Israel's border with Gaza since fighting intensified Wednesday, following Israel's assassination of the Hamas military chief.

She said 16,000 reserve soldiers were called up Friday, and the army could draft an additional 14,000 soldiers. She did not say where the reservists were being deployed.

The violence has widened the instability gripping the region, straining already frayed Israel-Egypt relations. The Islamist government in Cairo, like Hamas linked to the region-wide Muslim Brotherhood, recalled its ambassador in protest and dispatched Prime Minister

Hesham Kandil to show solidarity with Gaza.

Kandil called for an end to the offensive while touring Gaza City's Shifa Hospital with the territory's prime minister, Ismail Haniyeh of Hamas, who was making his first public appearance since the fighting began.

In one chaotic moment, a man rushed toward the two leaders, shouting as he held up the body of a 4-year-old boy. The two prime ministers cradled the lifeless boy who Hamas said was killed in an Israeli airstrike — a claim Israel denied.

Fighting to hold back tears, Kandil told reporters that the Israeli operation must end.

"What I saw today in the hospital, the wounded and the martyrs, the boy ... whose blood is still on my hands and clothes, is something that we cannot keep silent about," he said.

Israel said it halted its incessant air attacks on militant targets in Gaza during Kandil's visit, though Hamas security claimed three airstrikes hit the territory during that period.

Militants, meanwhile, fired off more than 60 rockets after Kandil arrived in Gaza. The pace of cross-border fighting quickly resumed after the Egyptian leader's departure.

In Egypt's two largest cities, Cairo and Alexandria, thousands protested the Israeli offensive Friday in marches organized by Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood. Protesters waved Palestinian flags and chanted slogans against Israel. In Cairo's Tahrir Square, a few hundred protesters burned an Israeli flag.

Prominent Brotherhood figures took part, many brandishing the checkered Palestinian scarf, or keffiyeh, during the marches.

Small anti-Israeli demonstrations occurred in east Jerusalem and the West Bank. Police dis-

persed the crowds with tear gas and stun grenades. And in Iran, a close Hamas ally, thousands of people took to the streets in the capital Tehran. The demonstrators carried banners denouncing Israel. They chanted "Death to the U.S." and "Death to Israel."

In Europe, reaction was mixed. Germany held Hamas responsible and urged Egypt to pressure the Islamists to halt the violence, while Britain cautioned Israel against launching a ground offensive.

"When Israel has entered into ground invasions in other conflicts that is when they have lost a good deal of international sympathy and support, and of course civilian casualties become much harder to avoid in that situation," Foreign Minister William Hague told reporters in London.

In the West Bank, the Palestinian president, Mahmoud Abbas, announced that U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon would arrive in the region in the coming days in a bid to reduce tensions. Abbas lost control of Gaza to Hamas five years ago but still claims to represent both Palestinian territories. Israeli officials also confirmed Ban was expected. It was not immediately clear whether Ban would visit Gaza.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu appeared determined to move forward. "The Israeli military continues to strike hard against Hamas and is prepared to expand its action into Gaza," he said.

At least 23 Palestinians, including 12 militants and six children, as well as three Israelis have been killed in the fighting — a relatively low toll compared to the beginning of Israel's previous major offensive against Hamas four years ago. Netanyahu has said the air force is trying to strike surgically and avoid harm to civilians.

The 4-year-old boy whose body had been handed to Kandil and Haniyeh was killed along with a young man earlier Friday when an Israeli missile struck close to their homes in the town of Jebaliya near Gaza City, relatives said.

The area near the boy's home showed signs that a projectile had exploded there, with shrapnel marks in the walls of surrounding homes and shattered kitchen windows. But neighbors said security officials quickly took what remained of the projectile, making it impossible to verify who fired it.

Kandil's visit came after a night of fierce exchanges.

Overnight, the military said it targeted about 150 rocket-launching sites as well as ammunition warehouses, bringing to 450 the number of sites struck in the three-day operation.

Militants unleashed dozens of rocket barrages overnight, setting off air-raid sirens throughout an area that is home to some 1 million Israelis.

Early Friday, 85 missiles exploded within 45 minutes in Gaza City, sending black pillars of smoke towering above

the coastal strip's largest city. The military said it was targeting underground rocket-launching sites.

One missile flattened sections of the Interior Ministry, which oversees Hamas security forces, leaving a huge pile of rubble. Another hit an uninhabited house belonging to a senior Hamas commander. Those strikes, together with an attack on a generator building near Haniyeh's home, suggested that Israel was expanding its offensive beyond military targets.

Ten-month-old Haneen Tafesh was killed Thursday when flying shrapnel from an air attack on a field next to her family's shack struck her in the head.

"What did she do? Did she fire any rockets?" her 23-year-old father, Khaled Tafesh, asked as he waited outside the Shifa hospital morgue, waiting for the funeral of his only child to begin.

Israel and Hamas had largely observed an informal truce since a devastating Israeli incursion into Gaza four years ago, but rocket fire and Israeli airstrikes on militant operations continued sporadically.

Blogger led attempt to halt Texas execution

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press

HOUSTON — A California-based blogger convinced that a Texas death row inmate was innocent used legal documents he found online from other cases as templates to lead an aggressive and unfunded effort that nearly spared the convicted killer from execution this week.

John Allen is known to his readers as "The Skeptical Juror." He worked with an activist capital punishment opponent in Houston to stall the scheduled Thursday

lethal injection of Preston Hughes III for the murders of a 15-year-old Houston girl and her 3-year-old cousin 24 years ago.

Their multiple appeals and lawsuits ultimately

failed and Hughes was put to death nearly two hours later he could have.

Allen says the extra time for Hughes is meaningless because the bottom line is Hughes was executed.



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Texas parade honoring war heroes ends in tragedy

JUAN CARLOS LLORCA AND TERRY WALLACE
Associated Press Writers

MIDLAND, Texas — A joyful celebration turned to chaos as a train, its horn blaring, barreled into a float laden with military veterans and their spouses on their way to a banquet to honor the returning war heroes.

At least four veterans were killed in the collision Thursday afternoon.

The float took the full force of the train at a railroad crossing in Midland. Some managed to jump clear as the train bore down on the float decorated with American flags. Horrified spectators could only watch as the carnage unfolded.

Pam Shoemaker from Monroe, La., said she and her husband, a special operations veteran, were on the float ahead of the one that was struck. Shoemaker described how the celebration so quickly turned sour.

She said her truck had just crossed the tracks and was moving slowly but never stopped. All around, the crowds lining the parade route cheered.

"It was beautiful," she said Friday. "There were lots of people with signs. Children yelling 'thank you!' waving flags."

Then they heard the train coming. There was no warning — she hadn't seen or heard it until it was upon them. The Shoemakers jumped from their truck and ran toward the other one, knowing it would be hit in a matter of seconds. The crossing barriers had just started to come

down, she said.

"We started to jump off of our trailer. We saw people jumping from the other trailer and then there was the impact," Shoemaker said.

Sudip Bose, who was a front-line physician in Iraq, said Friday that the immediate aftermath reminded him of a combat triage situation. Veterans were already tending to the wounded when he reached the crash site. Bystanders tried to help with the limited medical supplies available.

"Instincts kicked in. They were applying tourniquets, holding pressure to the wounds," said Bose, who served in Fallujah and Baghdad and was volunteering at the parade.

Sixteen other people were hurt in the crash.

"It was a scene of total chaos," said Bose, of nearby Odessa.

Shoemaker credited the training and courage of the veterans who jumped to help the injured. Her husband, Tommy, resuscitated one person and applied a tourniquet to a bleeding woman.

"They are trained for tragedy," Shoemaker said.

Spectators described their horror and helplessness as the train hurtled toward the flatbed tractor-trailer that was unable to move because of other floats in the parade.

"The train honked its horn, but the 18-wheeler could not go anywhere because of the other one being right in front of it," said Daniel Quinonez, who was

waiting in his vehicle as the parade went by. "It was a horrible accident to watch happen right in front of me. I just saw the people on the semi-truck's trailer panic, and many started to jump off the trailer. But it was too late for many of them."

Marine Corps Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gary Stouffer, 37, and 47-year-old Army Sgt. Maj. Lawrence Boivin were pronounced dead at the scene, Midland police spokesman Ryan Stout said. Army Sgt. Joshua Michael, 34, and 43-year-old Army Sgt. Maj. William Lubbers died later at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Of those hurt, four are in stable condition and one is critical, Stout said. Ten others were treated and released from the hospital in Midland, about 320 miles west of Dallas.

At a prayer vigil Friday morning, Mayor Wes Parry's voice cracked as he described how he had met Boivin and his wife a day earlier.

"It's hard to believe today that he's not here anymore," Parry said.

Deborah Hersman, NTSB chairwoman, said Friday on NBC's "Today" show that the train was equipped with a forward-facing camera whose footage could help in the investigation. NTSB officials were heading to Midland on Friday to investigate the crash.

"That will give us some video images if it survived the crash and we can download it, as well as recorders on the train," Hersman said. "We're going to be looking at the signals ... and making sure that the gates and lights were coming down."

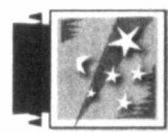
Late Thursday, Union Pacific spokesman Tom Lange said a preliminary investigation indicated the crossing gate and lights were working. He did not know if the train crew saw the float. The black box from the train will determine its speed at the time of impact.

Federal Railroad Administration records reviewed by The Associated Press show that there have been 10 previous collisions — five cars and five trucks — at the same railroad crossing since 1979. Six drivers were injured in those accidents, but there were no fatalities. The trains involved were moving slowly at the time of the previous accidents, between 15 and 25 miles per hour.

The parade had been scheduled to end at a "Hunt for Heroes" banquet honoring the veterans. The wounded service members were then going to be treated to a deer-hunting trip this weekend. The events were canceled.

The events were organized by Show Of Support, a local veterans group that says its mission is to "lift the spirits of our U.S. troops and disable veterans" through hunting and fishing. The group's president, Terry Johnson, has not responded to emails seeking comment and his phone number was unlisted; the phone rang unanswered at the group's offices.

Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta was saddened by the news of the accident, Pentagon spokesman George Little said in a statement, adding that Panetta's "thoughts and prayers" are with the victims and the community.



sunday horoscope

Note: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Scorpio and a Moon in Capricorn if born before 4:10 a.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Nov. 18, 2012:

This year you often make statements that you later stress out about. Try to break this habit in order to reduce your anxiety. You are unusually creative and sensitive, so be sure to express those facets of your personality in your day-to-day routine. You often are very hard on yourself. If you are single, refuse to take that attitude out the door with you. You will meet a different type of person than you might want to become involved with if you carry negativity around with you. If you are attached, let go of your insecurities, and you will see a difference in how you relate to your partner. **AQUARIUS** appeals to your offbeat side.

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)

★★★★ Take a stand, and honor your priorities. You have strong values and a keen sense of direction. Your intuition helps you understand more, and it also softens your message. A loved one or dear friend tends to have a strong reaction. Tonight: Dinner out.

This Week: Zero in on what you want from Monday to Thursday.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Keep striving to get more out of your life. Listen to ideas more openly, especially if they come from a trusted friend. You might feel as if you cannot get past an immediate problem with a partner. Pull back, and let this person go through his or her feelings. Tonight: Reach out to someone at a distance.

This Week: Take a stand early on.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Deal with a key person directly who might be a source of irritation. You need to address this issue only with this person. Touch base with an older friend or relative. You cannot imagine the difference it could make. Tonight: With a favorite person.

This Week: Take an overview.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Defer to others;

they need to feel dominant in order to feel valued. You'll want to boost their sense of well-being, as it will make it easier for you to relate to them. You are serious about a child or a creative enterprise. Tonight: Enjoy the twilight of the weekend.

This Week: Work through a problem with a partner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You could be pushing yourself beyond your capabilities. Listen to someone's idea or suggestion, but if you don't feel comfortable, do not sign up to follow this course. Your sixth sense is excellent. Trust it. Tonight: Togetherness works.

This Week: Allow the other person to make the first move.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Your creativity surges to new levels. You enjoy having an active libido, probably more than anyone else around you. How you use this energy is your call. You could have a profound impact on an ailment or touchy relationship. It might not even be your own! Tonight: Squeeze the last moments out of the weekend.

This Week: Work hard, play hard.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Your ability to read between the lines

helps you understand what is going on within your family and/or domestic life. You might be withholding more than you realize. Be aware of the liability here. Tonight: Keep it easy and relaxed.

This Week: Use your creativity well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might want to rethink a decision more carefully and be direct with others. Listen to news with care. Others see you as withdrawn, but you actually are deep in thought. If you can, explain this when it is appropriate. Tonight: Take a walk, visit with a neighbor ... just relax.

This Week: Tension builds on the homefront. Handle the situation quickly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Be aware that by agreeing to a proposition that makes family members happy, you could be

costing yourself a lot of money. Stop before committing, and ask yourself if this idea makes you happy. Tonight: Your treat.

This Week: Speak your mind; think about the outcome.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You could be more in touch with your feelings than you have been in a while. A friend might become more and more detached. Perhaps you want to do nothing and wait for this person to come forward on his or her own. Meanwhile, enjoy yourself with those who are clear-headed. Tonight: Live it up.

This Week: Make an effort to discuss a financial matter with a key loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might need to pull back and see what is going on. You'll want to say less for now. Some information that comes forward is unusually vague.

Know what it is that you want and expect from a friend. Tonight: Make it early.

This Week: You roll into Monday a powerhouse, and slowly feel a letdown each subsequent day.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Try to sort through ideas and reality. In some manner, you might have created a fog around yourself, as you cannot see some situations clearly. It likely wasn't unintentional. You cannot judge someone's motives at this point. Tonight: Where there is music.

This Week: Not until late Tuesday do you feel up to snuff.

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Defense lawyers say BP rig workers are scapegoats

By MICHAEL KUNZELMAN
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — While BP has resolved a sweeping criminal probe of its role in the massive 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, two company employees charged in the deaths of 11 rig workers claim the Justice Department is trying to make them scapegoats for the disaster.

Attorneys for the highest-ranking BP employees aboard the Deepwater Horizon during the deadly explosion in April 2010 vowed to fight manslaughter charges against their clients. According to the indictment unsealed Thursday, Robert Kaluza and Donald Vidrine are accused of disregarding abnormal high-pressure readings that should have been glaring indications of trouble just before the blow-out.

Vidrine's attorney, Bob Habans, said in a statement that prosecutors showed "exceedingly poor judgment" in charging his 65-year-old client.

"It is almost inconceivable that any fair-minded person would blame this hard-working and diligent man for one of the most catastrophic events in the history of the oil business," Habans said in a statement.

Kaluza's attorneys, Shaun Clarke and David Gerger, said their 62-year-old client was a dedicated rig worker who "mourns his fallen co-workers every day."

"After nearly three years and tens of millions of dollars in investigation, the government needs a scapegoat," they said in a statement. "No one should take any satisfaction in this indictment of an innocent man. This is not justice."

Another indictment unsealed Thursday charges former BP executive David Rainey with obstruction of Congress and making false statements. Prosecutors said Rainey, who was BP's vice president of exploration for the Gulf of Mexico at the time, withheld information that more oil was gushing from the well than BP had initially estimated.

Rainey's lawyers accused the Justice Department of trying to "turn a tragic accident and its tumultuous aftermath into criminal activity."

"We are even more disappointed that BP has succumbed to the pressure and agreed to this extortionate settlement," they said in a statement.

Meanwhile, London-based BP has agreed to pay a record \$4.5 billion and plead guilty to felony charges involving the 11 deaths and lying to Congress about how much oil was spewing from the blown-out well. The settlement includes nearly \$1.3 billion in fines — the biggest criminal penalty in the nation's history.

Attorney General Eric Holder said the criminal investigation continues, but he didn't indicate whether other BP employees could be charged in the case.

"I hope that this sends a clear message to those who would engage in this kind of reckless and wanton conduct that there will be a significant penalty to pay, and that individuals in companies who are engaged in these kinds of activities will themselves be held responsible," Holder said.

Sherri Revette, who lost her husband of 26 years, Dewey Revette, of State Line, Miss., in the rig explosion, said the indictments against the employees brought mixed emotions.

"I'm saddened, but I'm also happy at the same time that they will be prosecuted. I feel for them, of course. You never know what impact your actions will have on others," she said.

Before Thursday, the only person charged in the disaster was a former BP engineer who was arrested in April on obstruction of justice charges, accused of

deleting text messages about the company's handling of the spill.

The largest previous corporate criminal penalty assessed by the Justice Department was a \$1.2 billion fine against drug maker Pfizer in 2009.

The settlement surpasses the \$1 billion paid by Exxon for the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill off Alaska's coast. No Exxon executives were charged in that case, although ship captain Joseph Hazelwood was ultimately convicted of negligent discharge of oil and fined \$50,000. He was cleared of earlier charges of being drunk when the ship ran aground.

BP has previously paid \$63 million to settle federal charges of safety violations in the 2005 explosion at its Texas City oil refinery, which killed 15 workers. No individuals were charged in that case.

More recently, Alpha Natural Resources reached a \$210 million settlement that spared the company criminal charges over the 2010 West Virginia coal mine explosion that killed 29 workers. The worst U.S. coal mining disaster in 40 years led to criminal charges against a former superintendent and security chief at the Upper Big Branch Mine.

David Uhlmann, director of the University of Michigan's Environmental Law and Policy Program, said even though the BP penalties are records they are at the low end of what the Justice Department could have sought. Uhlmann, a former top Justice Department environmental crimes prosecutor, said BP could have faced upwards of \$40 billion in penalties.

"No one expected BP would pay anything close to that amount, given all of the other liabilities it has," he said. "But a \$4.5 billion penalty, even though it is a record amount, is modest under the circumstances."

The settlement and the indictments came 2½ years after the fiery drilling-rig explosion set off the biggest offshore oil spill in U.S. history.

The deal, which is subject to approval by a federal judge, includes payments of nearly \$2.4 billion to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, \$350 million to the National Academy of Sciences and about \$500 million to the Securities and Exchange Commission. The SEC accused BP of misleading investors by lowballing the amount of crude that was spilling.

"We believe this resolution is in the best interest of BP and its shareholders," said Carl-Henric Svanberg, BP chairman. "It removes two significant legal risks and allows us to vigorously defend the company against the remaining civil claims."

The settlement appears to be well within BP's means, considering the oil giant made a record \$25.8 billion in profits last year. And it will be given five years to pay. But the company still faces huge additional claims.

For one thing, the settlement does not cover the billions in civil penalties the U.S. government and the Gulf states are seeking from BP over the environmental damage.

Also, a federal judge in New Orleans is deciding whether to approve an estimated \$7.8 billion settlement between BP and more than 100,000 businesses and individuals who say they were harmed by the spill. They include fishermen, charter boat captains, restaurants, hotels and property owners.

Under the settlement with the U.S. government, BP will plead guilty to 11 felony counts of misconduct or neglect of a vessel's officers, one felony count of obstruction of Congress and one misdemeanor count each under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Clean Water Act. The workers' deaths were prosecuted under a federal law that protects seamen.

October jobless rate in Texas slips to 6.6 percent

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas unemployment rate slipped to 6.6 percent in October, marking the second straight month of decline.

The figures announced by the Texas Workforce Commission are slightly lower than September's 6.8 percent unemployment and keep the state well below the national rate of 7.9 percent.

"Private sector employers in Texas continue to drive our state's economic growth," said Texas Workforce Commission Chairman Andres Alcantar, noting that the state added 269,000 private sector jobs over the last year for an annual growth rate of 3 percent.

The Austin-based commission said employers across Texas added 36,600 total nonfarm jobs in October for a total of 277,400 jobs added over the year.

Over the last year, 10 of 11 major industries in Texas have shown positive growth, and six of those industries displayed monthly gains in October, the commission said.

Education and health services grew more than any other industry last month, adding 13,700 jobs for the largest monthly gain in the series' history. For the year, the industry has added more than 43,000 jobs and it's one of four industries in Texas showing an annual growth rate of 3 percent or higher.

Leisure and hospitality employment expanded by 8,700 positions in October. That industry has added 51,800 jobs over the past year, more than any other, according to the commission.

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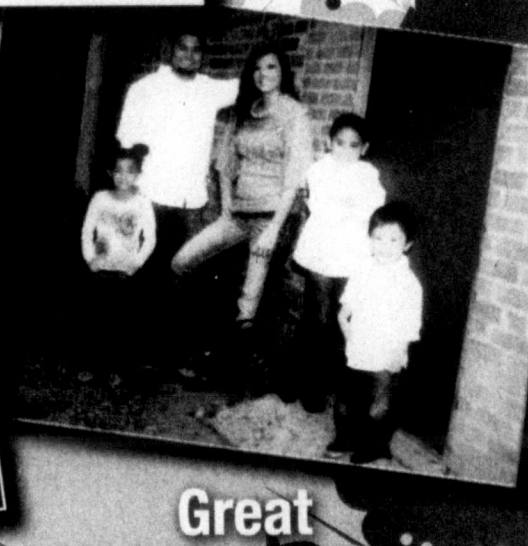
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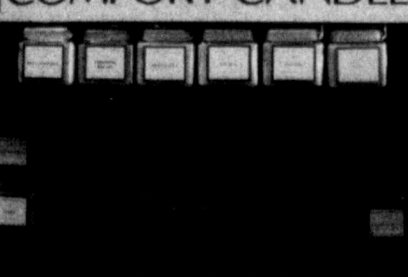
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Empty shopping containers to become condos in Detroit

DETROIT (AP) — Plans are moving forward to use empty shipping containers to build a \$3.4 million, 20-unit condominium complex in Detroit.

The Detroit Free Press reports (<http://on.freep.com/XhdbOq>) a model unit and sales center will break ground in mid-December near the Wayne State University campus. First proposed in 2008, the project known as Exceptional Green Living on Rosa Parks stalled amid the national real estate market tumble.

Leslie Horn is CEO of Three Squared, the Detroit-based business that's working on the project. She says the sales center will help potential buyers understand shipping container architecture.

The project would stack empty containers four high, cut in windows and doors, install plumbing, stairways and heating, and add amenities.

NEW ARRIVALS

Danica Nicole Chavez



Eric and Nicki Chavez of White Deer, Texas are pleased to announce the birth of a daughter, Danica Nicole Chavez. The baby was born at BSA in Amarillo, Texas on August 20th, 2012 weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces, 19 3/4 inches in length. Family members include siblings Jessie and Izaya Chavez, grandparents Amy and Kelly Watson of Borger, Texas, Keith Germany of White Deer, Texas and Sabas and Ruben Chavez of Pampa, Texas. Great-grandparents include Mary Lou Dominguez of Borger, Texas, Delfino DeLeon of Pampa, Texas, Mike and Linda Germany of White Deer, Texas and David and Ramona of El Paso, Texas.

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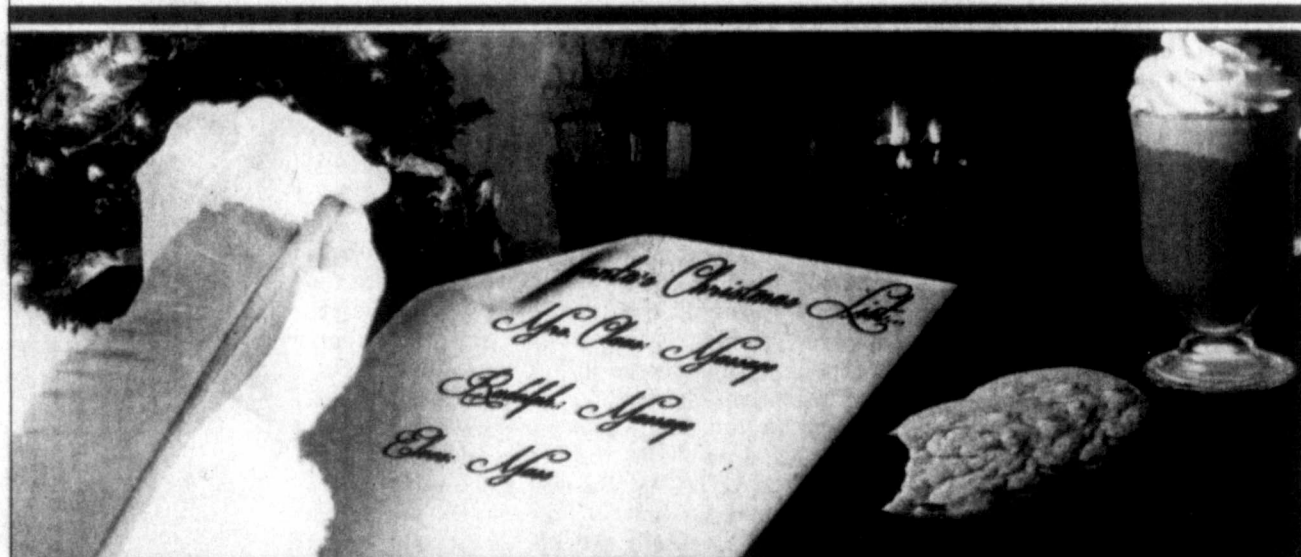
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MIZZOU TIGERS 3RD AND 4TH GRADE TEAM



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The Mizzou Tigers third and fourth grade flag football team finished first place in the league and second place in the tournament. Back from left, Seth Smith, Justice Perez, Coach John Studebaker, Hunter Heiskell, Bobo Juarez, Jack Studebaker and Jake Thomas. Front, Armando Miranda, Hunter Dyer, Octavious Williams, Rhett Ellif and Harold Horton.

Pampa's JV boys win first two games of Amarillo tournament

By ZACHARY GREEN
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The Pampa JV boys basketball team picked up two more wins Thursday during the Amarillo JV Tournament at Tascosa. The Harvesters defeated Dumas 41-32 in their first game of the tournament.

In the game the leading scorer for Pampa was Brandon Stokes with 16 points. Jonathan Stevens added 13 points. Joe Meurer scored 5 for the Harvesters, with Blayne Troxell adding five points for Pampa.

In game two of the tournament for Pampa, the Harvesters defeated Tascosa's freshman boys team 70-61.

In the game, Brandon Stokes scored 26 points to lead all Pampa scorers. Jonathan Stevens added 16 points for the Harvesters. Joe Meurer scored nine points. Alex Marufo and Blayne Troxell each added six points. Trey Miller scored four points and Brayden Trimble added three points for Pampa.

With the wins Pampa's JV boys team increased their record to 3-0 on the season. Pampa plays Palo Duro's JV team at 10:30 a.m. this morning. If they win that game they will play at 3 p.m. this afternoon, but if they lose they will play at 1:30 p.m. this afternoon.

Pampa Lady Harvesters 1-1 in Frenship tournament action

By ZACHARY GREEN
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The Pampa Lady Harvesters are in tournament action this week. On Thursday Pampa faced Dumas.

After the first quarter the game was close with Pampa trailing 19-17. At half the score was still close but with Pampa trailing by a little more at 29-25. In the second half Pampa would be outscored 35-15 and end up losing the game 64-40.

The leading scorers for Pampa were Taylor Eubank with 14 points, Hayley Burnett and Madison Brown each with nine points.

In Pampa's game on Friday of the tournament they would face El Paso Montwood.

Pampa led a close game after the first quarter 9-8. At halftime Pampa led 21-12. The third and fourth quarters were closely contested but thanks to Pampa's big second quarter the Lady Harvesters would go on to win 42-32.

The leading scorer for Pampa was Madison Brown with 18 points, she also shot a blistering 82 field from the field. Hayley Burnett scored 11 points for the Lady Harvesters and shot 40 percent from the field. Taylor Eubank added seven points for Pampa, shooting 50 percent from the field and sinking all three of her free throw attempts. Rachel Andrews scored four points and Hannah Baker scored two points for Pampa.

Pampa's record moves to 1-2 on the season. The Lady Harvesters wrap up the tournament with a game against Amarillo High at 8 a.m. this morning.

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Harvesters lose overtime thriller in Dumas



Photos by Barb Amrhein

Ty Hutto, above, prepares to run the Harvester offense at Dumas Friday night as Cade Engle (5) and Corey Ponce (40) work to move into scoring positions. Demon Benton Bilbrey, who scored the go-ahead basket in overtime defenses. Pampa lost 48-44 and falls to 0-2 on the season. Below, Pampa's Derek Pollard prepares to shoot the ball against Dumas. The senior led all scorers with 19 points in the Harvesters 48-44 overtime loss.

By BARB AMRHEIN

Special to The Pampa News

Two late turnovers in overtime spelled doom for the Harvester basketball team at Dumas Friday night in a 48-44 loss.

After trailing 36-25 entering the fourth quarter, the Pampa offense came to life. Freshman Cade Engle made two free throws and a running floater in the last two minutes of regulation to tie the game and send it into overtime.

Both teams went cold in the first three minutes of overtime, but Demon Benton Bilbrey scored with 20 seconds left to give Dumas a 46-44 lead. The Harvesters immediately turned the ball over on their next possession and the Demons capitalized with a layup for the final score.

"Late turnovers both in the fourth quarter and overtime really hurt us," Pampa coach Matt Embry said. "We couldn't do the things we wanted to do."

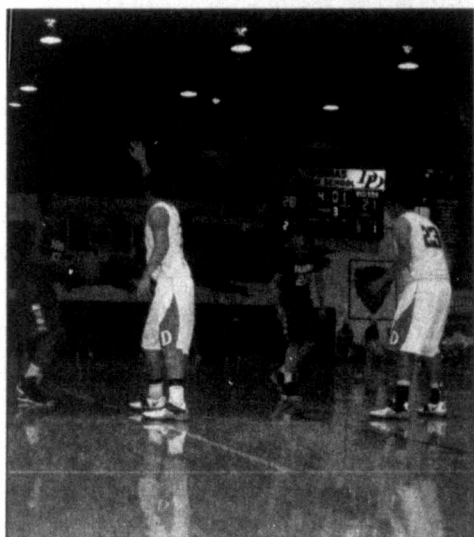
Senior Derek Pollard, who led all scorers with 19 points on the night, gave the Harvesters a 14-10 lead in the second quarter with eight consecutive points, but Dumas went on a 9-0 run to take 19-16 lead at halftime.

The Harvesters played a stifling zone defense and kept the Demons in check, most of the night and ended the first quarter in a 6-6 tie.

"We played great defense," Embry said. "We held them to 48 points and that should win, but our offense is stagnant. We needed to score 60."

Despite a second close loss to open the season, Embry was positive about his team's performance.

"The kids are battling," he said. "This is a new group and they're coming around."



Freshman point guard Cade Engle joined Pollard in double figures with 11 points.

With a freshman at the point and Pollard unable to score in the first quarter, but coming alive in the second quarter and being double-teamed by Dumas the Harvesters struggled to find an offense.

The Harvesters did show signs of team chemistry on offense in the fourth quarter with a 17 point outburst while holding Dumas to just six points, but in the end inexperience and a late turnover left the team 0-2 on the young season.

Reserve Jake Green also gave the Harvesters a spark off the bench, and he added six points on offense. Cory Ponce scored five points. Ty Hutto scored four points for Pampa and Gabe Garcia added two points.

The Demons leading scorers were Josh Diaz with 16 points and Ryan Gerber with 13 points.

Pampa had one three-pointer from Cade Engle and Dumas had four with the three-pointers coming from Diaz, who had two, Nathan Thomas and Gerber.

No. 23 Texas Tech tries to erase worst loss ever

BY JEFF LATZKE
AP College Football Writer

STILLWATER, Okla. — Tommy Tuberville's attempt to build Texas Tech back into a regular Big 12 contender and a player on the national stage reaches a checkpoint Saturday at Oklahoma State.

The Red Raiders (7-3, 4-3 Big 12) hit rock bottom during Tuberville's first season with a 66-6 blowout loss to the Cowboys, the most lopsided defeat in the program's history.

NFL-bound quarterback Brandon Weeden shredded the Tech defense and endured a biting wind far better than counterpart Seth Doege, who enters this weekend's game as the nation's fourth-leading passer.

"It was an embarrassment, I think, for the entire program," Doege said. "I mean, they were probably the better football team last year, but there was no reason that it should have been that lopsided. I probably played one of my worst games I've ever played, and the defense didn't play a very good game either. It was just all around. It was just a terrible football game by us."

This time around, both teams are neck-and-neck in the Big 12 standings, posturing for a better postseason destination after locking up bowl eligibility early. Oklahoma State (6-3, 4-2) has fallen out of contention for a second straight conference championship despite finding ways to win with three different starting quarterbacks this season.

While Weeden and fellow first-round NFL draft pick Justin Blackmon are gone, there are plenty of holdovers who remember everything about what receiver Charlie Moore called "the massacre."

"It was one of those things when everything went right for us and everything went wrong for them. The chance of that happening again is a million to one," Oklahoma State defensive coordinator Bill Young said.

"They're going to be up for us. If I were in that situation, I'd keep that picture on my desk every day."

For Tech, the memories are horrendous. The Red Raiders turned it over three times in the first half, including a fumble on a kickoff that Josh Stewart picked up for a touchdown and a 35-0 lead in the first quarter.

"I try to wash that out of my mind,"

Texas Tech safety D.J. Johnson said. "That was a tough one, man. I've never in my wildest dreams even imagined getting beat like that. We remember what happened last year, and we definitely want to make sure that that doesn't occur again. If possible, we want to reverse it, and make it occur the other way."

While giving the Red Raiders all kinds of credit for improving the Cowboys would like nothing more than a repeat performance.

"From the get-go, it just got out of hand. It was just one of those games. We blew them out, but at the same time we got ahead of them so quick we just took them out of the game. That's always the goal," Moore said. "Hopefully we can do that this week. That would be awesome."

"We'd love that," defensive end Ryan Robinson added, "especially to help our seniors go out with a bang."

It should be more difficult this time, with Texas Tech's defense giving up the fewest yards of any Big 12 team. Oklahoma State counters with the conference's highest-scoring offense.

"They were embarrassed last year and when you're embarrassed you'll work even harder so we know they'll come in and give us their best game," OSU defensive end Cooper Bassett said. "They're going to be a bunch of ticked off guys coming in here."

The Red Raiders will be trying to snap a three-game losing streak in the series and win in Stillwater for the first time since 2001. For seniors like Johnson and Doege, there's a desire to keep from getting swept throughout their career by the Cowboys.

"We're a totally different football team than we were last year," Doege said.

In a recurring theme for Oklahoma State, there's some mystery as to who will start at quarterback. Clint Chelf got the call last week against West Virginia, leading the Cowboys to victory with starter Wes Lunt and backup J.W. Walsh both hurt.

As the only one who's remained healthy all season, he could be the favorite to start again.

"He's kind of on fire right now but he's being real humble, he's working hard and watching extra film," Moore said. "Hopefully, he'll put up some big numbers again this week."

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- Pampa JV Boys @Amarillo Tournament 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 or 3:30 p.m.

MONDAY NOV. 19

- Pampa Basketball 7th/8th boys @Dalhart 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
- Pampa Basketball 7th/8th girls v. Dalhart
- Pampa Basketball freshman boys v. Panhandle 6 p.m.

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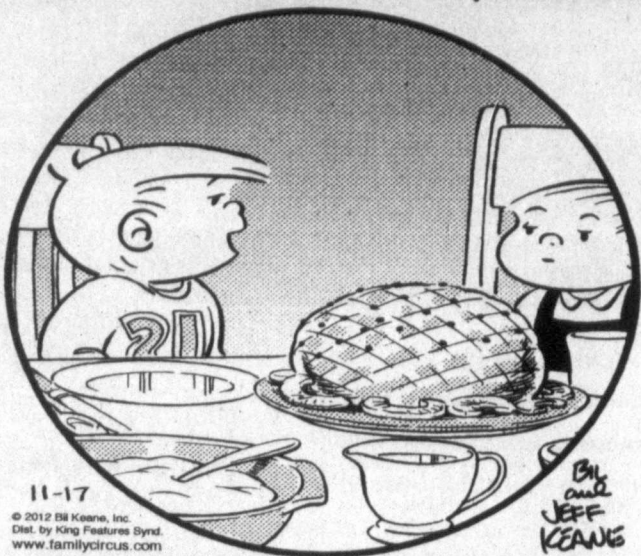
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Nov. 19, 2012:

This year a partner you regularly deal with keeps you optimistic. You often get too cynical and too focused on reality. Take lessons from this person, and you will see positive results. Try the power of positive thinking. If you are single, you always are attractive to the opposite sex, and this year is no different... except that you seem to want to spend more time at home. A friend or family member could introduce you to your next sweetie. If you are attached, you will become closer as a result of working through an issue together. GEMINI can be an interesting friend.

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)

★★★★ Dive into a meeting and open up conversation. You could be taken aback by everything you hear, and might need time to process the information. Many people might be confused by all the conflicting messages. You will help them sort fact from fiction. Tonight: Where the action is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Take a stand and listen to what is being said. Your ability to gain financially will be marked by many options. Use care when dealing with a boss, even if the information he or she touts is off; otherwise, you might not want to deal with this person's reaction. Tonight: In the limelight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Look beyond the obvious for answers. You could see a situation differently as a result. You also might decide to be more open. You have the ability to read between the lines. You get someone's mixed messages better than he or she does! Tonight: Look to new vistas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ A partner or close associate initiates a conversation. You could be uncomfortable at first, but it does not serve you to avoid the situation. Be open, and refuse to allow a misunderstanding to end the communication between you. Tonight: Talks over dinner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Listen to news more openly, and stay on top of a partner's actions. You need to understand where this person is coming from. A meeting could have a very positive outcome, as long as no one plays into a misunderstanding. Tonight:

Let a loved one make a suggestion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ An even pace is your signature, and it has brought you laurels in different areas of your life. You might want to impress someone. You only have to be yourself. This person already is impressed. Continue as always. Tonight: You might want to take a walk to reduce stress.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ No one doubts your creativity or abilities. As a result, a special opportunity heads your way. Make sure that both you and the other party know what could be demanded of each of you. Detach, and you'll gain an even broader perspective. Tonight: Share with a trusted friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might want to understand what it takes to make a family member content. Your efforts to ease some tension will open this person up. Honor what he or she says; otherwise, you could be creating an even bigger problem. Tonight: Relax. Enjoy a favorite pastime.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You tell it like it is. You are well-grounded, and you know what you feel; however, the way you express yourself could be very different from how someone else does. This person might have a different perspective, but don't shut down his or her ideas. Tonight: Hang out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Listen to news, and make a money decision according to what you are hearing. If you try to oversell the situation, you only will confuse yourself. You have a lot of energy, and you need to keep it focused. Clear out as many errands as you can. Tonight: Get some R and R.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ A child or loved one delights you with his or her antics and sets your good mood today. You might want to plan on spending more time with this person than you currently do. Confusion surrounds plans and a financial investment. Tonight: Beam in whatever you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Know what is going on behind the scenes, and get more information if possible. Postpone any decision-making as long as you can in order to figure out the proper path to take. A partner or family member only adds confusion to the moment. Tonight: Choose a stressbuster.

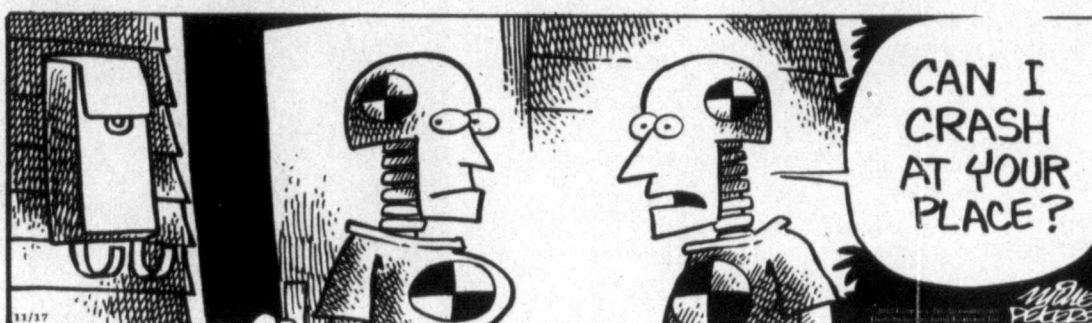
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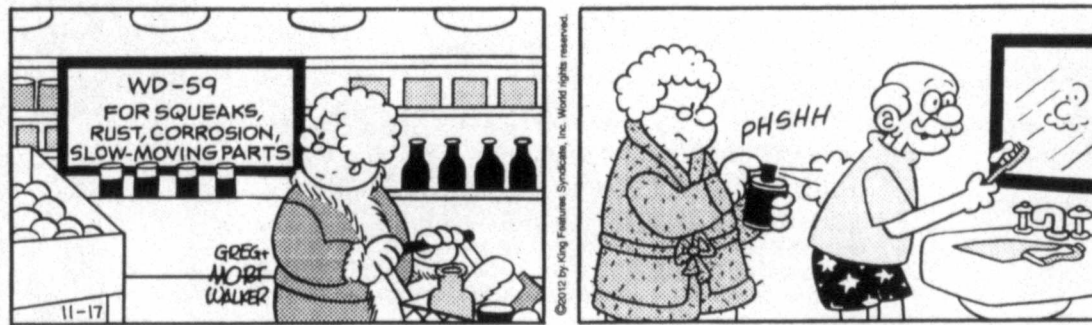
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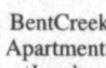
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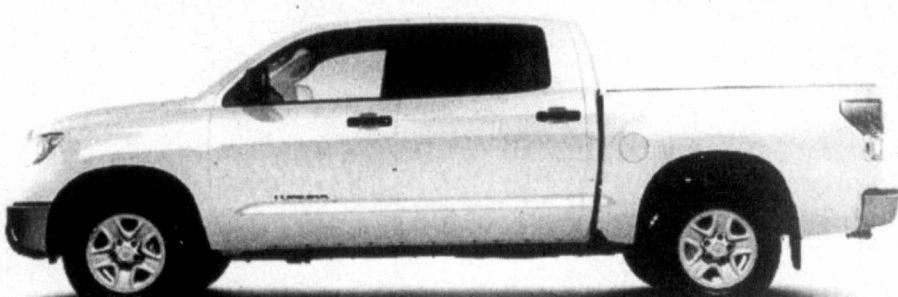
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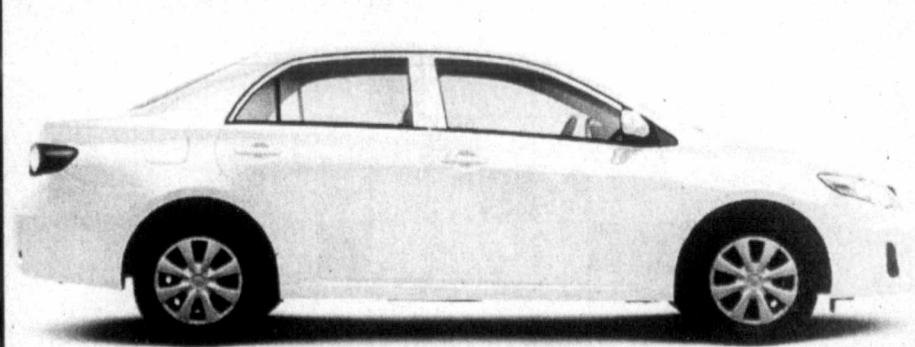
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My son, "James," is 25 and has been dating his girlfriend for three years. He has brought her over only five times.

This is his first girlfriend, and I think he is getting way too serious and thinking about marriage. While she seems nice, I do not think she's the right girl for my son to marry. James has not talked to me about marrying her just yet, but I think he knows I'm not a fan.

My question is, do I talk to my son about how I feel, or just bite my tongue and let him make his own decision, even though I think he'd be making a big mistake? Or should I say something and risk ruining our relationship?

James isn't the easiest person to talk to, especially when you don't agree with him. I'd hate to see him marry her and wind up divorced, knowing I might have been able to stop it. — MOTHER KNOWS BEST IN NEW YORK

DEAR M.K.B.: At 25 years old, your son is an adult. A three-year relationship is not a whirlwind courtship. James and his girlfriend may already have an inkling about how you feel about her — which is why you have seen them only five times in three

years.

If you want any relationship at all with your son in the future, do not interfere. Let him work this out for himself. He may be your son, but he's no longer a child, so don't treat him like one.

DEAR ABBY: My wife thinks it's improper for my parents to include their grandson — our 8-year-old son — in their Christmas card photo. He's their only grandchild.

I have seen people include pictures of their pets, cars, boats and all sorts of other things in their photo cards. So why not grandchildren? My parents have pointed out that this is the only opportunity for their friends to see their grandchild, but my wife thinks he should be included only in OUR Christmas card. What do you think?

—PULLED IN TWO DIRECTIONS

DEAR PULLED: I think your wife is selfish, judgmental, and should be ashamed of herself for wanting to deprive your parents in this way.

Now I have a question for you: What's her problem? It's obvious that she has one where your folks are concerned.

DEAR ABBY: I had a great friendship that I threw away. "Shane" and I got along really

well and, frankly, we ventured beyond friendship multiple times when we lived near each other. I think the "relationship" was good for both of us. Then I lost my temper during a trivial argument, and now he won't talk to me. We live in different states now, so the phone is the only way for us to contact each other.

Abby, I know the falling-out is my fault. He said something that shouldn't have set me off the way it did. How do I fix this? I miss talking to him, and he won't answer my calls anymore. — REGRETTING MY TEMPER

DEAR REGRETTING: It appears Shane has not only moved away but also has moved on. When you were neighbors, the friends-with-benefits arrangement might have influenced him to forgive you. However, because that "leverage" is gone, you should move on, too. If he is unwilling to talk things out, there really isn't a way to "fix" it.

And now, a life lesson: The next time you're about to say something you might be sorry for later, remember that you can't "unring a bell" and that it cost you a friendship.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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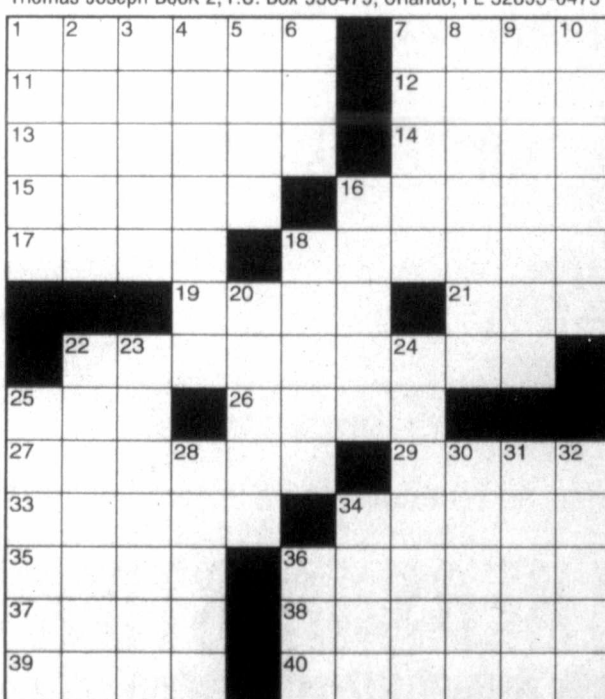
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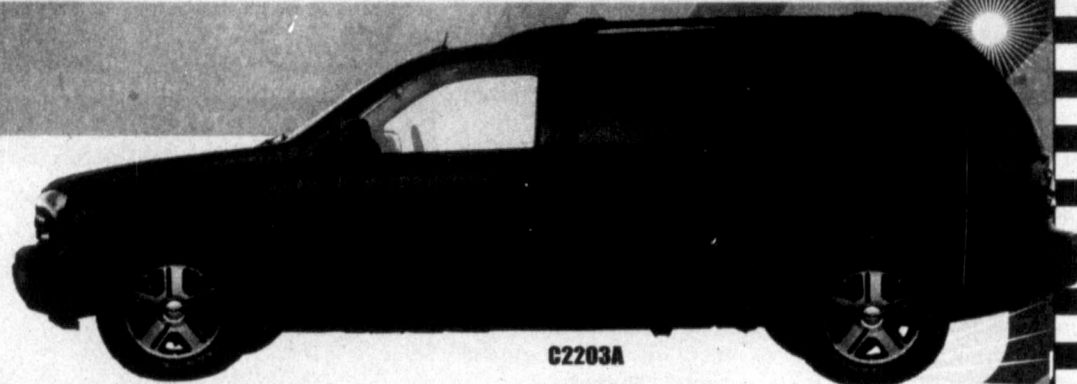
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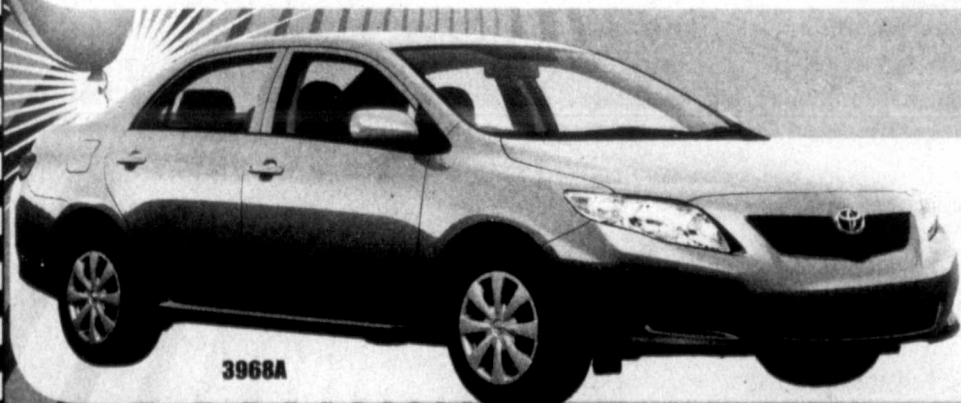
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In troubled Egypt, Copts turn to beloved saint

By **HAMZA HENDAWI**
Associated Press

MAR GIRGIS MONASTERY, Egypt (AP) — There was no mention of churches torched or Christians killed, but the prayer neatly written on a tiny piece of paper and placed atop an icon of St. George in the chapel of a desert monastery left no doubt about the growing fear and despair of Egypt's Coptic Christians.

"Oh Lord, for the sake of all the saints of the church, raise high the banner of the cross and vanquish our enemies, the enemies of the church," it read. "Make our enemies realize their weakness, foil their actions against us, bring joy to our hearts, increase our profit and make us victorious."

There were folded slips of paper all over the icon of the Christian knight rearing on his steed and skewering a dragon with his spear. Tucked into its frame, piled on a small table below it, spilling on the floor around it, all pleas to God for health, fertility, wealth, happiness — and protection. Copts stood motionless in prayer before the image. Others broke into hymns praising his valor. Wanting to linger in the saint's presence, families picnicked on the chapel floor, gossiping and eating sandwiches.

The past week, hundreds of thousands of Copts from across the country flocked to the monastery of Mar Girgis, as St. George is known in Arabic, in one of the biggest and most exuberant events of the year for Egypt's Christians. The annual pilgrimage at the walled monastery in the deserts of southern

Egypt overlooking the Nile is a festival of faith, a time to pay homage to the 3rd Century saint who is one of the most revered figures of Christianity's oldest Church.

It is also an opportunity for Christians to exult in their identity in an atmosphere away from the daily discrimination — large and small, subtle and blatant — that they say they increasingly face in this nation where the Muslim majority has been growing more conservative for decades.

At this year's pilgrimage, Christians' sense of siege is stronger than ever, after Muslim hardliners gained political dominance, vowing to rule Egypt by Islamic law. Many Christians are convinced they are enduring the worst sectarian persecution any of them can remember. Some even speak of an imminent second "age of martyrdom," recalling the era of persecution of Christians under Roman rule that remains burned into Copts' historic memory nearly 2,000 years later.

"Without a divine intervention that is both visible and strong, I think we are moving toward a confrontation that will have grave ramifications for Egypt," said Bishop Bieman, a charismatic church leader in the southern province of Qena. "I am not worried about us Christians on the long term, but I am seriously concerned about what happens to us on the short term. Efforts to impose a religious state are accelerating."

The Church itself is undergoing a major transition: A new pope, Tawad-

ros II, is to be enthroned in Cairo on Sunday, succeeding Shenouda III, the man who led the Church for 40 years and was revered by Copts as their protector until his death in March.

Egypt's Christian minority, about 10 percent of the population of more than 80 million, has long complained of discrimination. But Christians fear things are reaching a crisis point since the ouster of President Hosni Mubarak nearly two years ago and the subsequent rise to power of Islamists.

Over the past 20 months, dozens of Christians have been killed, churches torched or vandalized, and Christian-owned stores trashed and looted.

In several villages,

Christian families were driven out of their homes after personal disputes turned into anti-Christian riots. Ultraconservative Muslim clerics preach that Muslims cannot be friends with Christians or frown on overt shows of Christianity, an attitude that soaks down to villages and towns where Christians live.

In recent weeks, there have been several cases of Muslim women forcibly cutting the hair of Christian girls, who unlike almost all Egyptian Muslim women don't wear headscarves.

"We are like gold, we must be burned so we can become purer," said Romani Abdullah Fakhouri, a 47-year-old math teacher who has been volunteering to help at the pil-

grimage since he was 11.

He bitterly recalled an incident of anti-Christian sentiment that his first-born child, Peter, confronted several years ago.

A third grader at the time, Peter came home crying and kept asking his

parents what was wrong with being a Christian. His best friend at school, a Muslim boy called Moaz, refused to drink the water Peter brought him from home because his mother had told him not to.

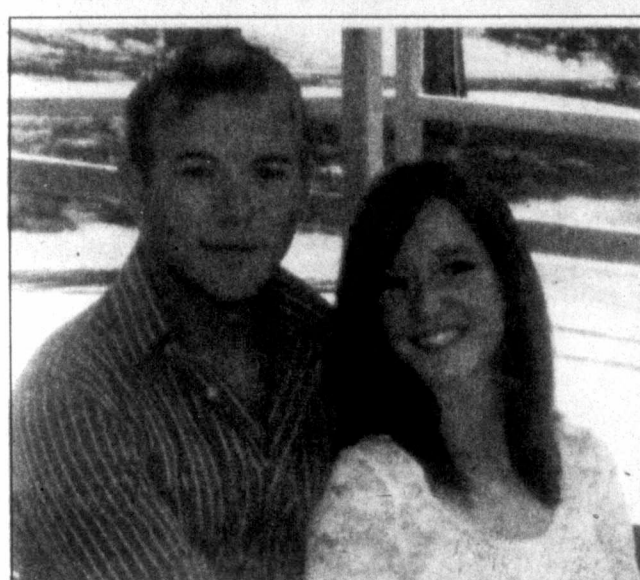
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Kenadie Sutherland and Jon Estabrook are pleased to announce their engagement. Kenadie has earned her CNA degree, and is currently employed with KNT Cafe. Jon Estabrook is employed with Roberts County. His parents are Cecilia Frazier and Steven Estabrook. The two are to be wed on December 1, 2012.

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

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