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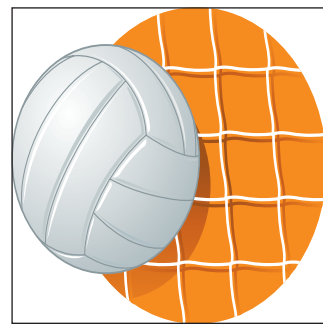
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Harvest House gives a helping hand

Local food bank expecting increased demand as food stamp benefits are cut.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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The 5 percent cut to SNAP benefits, the federal government's food stamp program that's distributed by each state individually, doesn't

take effect until Oct. 31.

However, some of the clients of the Harvest House Outreach Ministries, which distributes free groceries to needy individuals and families in Gray County, are reporting their monthly benefits have already been cut.

SNAP, which stands for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, provides financial assistance for purchasing food to low- and no-income people living in the U.S. and is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Recipients of the

program no longer receive "stamps." Instead, they are mailed a debit card that is recharged with credit on the first day of each month.

"Some of them have told us their benefits have been

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Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

Irvin Hall, left, co-director of the Harvest House, and volunteer Ronnie Anderson with bags of groceries that were handed out to clients last Thursday.

Clownin' around at the Country Fair



Photos by Timothy P. Howsare

Top, local attorney Thomas A. Kokoska and Melanie Warner, daughter of John Warner, worked the crowd as announcers. Above left, Auctioneer Dale West is assisted by Christy Robinson. Above right, this painting of a wind mill was just many of the dozens of auction items. For more photos, see page 8B.

BY JOHN LEE
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Occasionally you will hear residents of Pampa, just as in any city, say, "There is nothing to do in this town." The Pampa Chamber of Commerce wanted to give the community a night where there was "something to do."

"Our main goal was to have a good night out for the Pampa community," said Lori Byrne, executive director of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

The 29th Annual Country Fair was a fundraiser, held by the Chamber of Commerce, where residents in Pampa could come out and enjoy a silent

auction, a live auction, bingo, a live band and dance.

The silent auction, emceed by Melanie Warner and Tom Kokoska, featured items donated from various businesses ranging from The Table's Edge Comic Book Store to United Supermarkets. There were gift certificates, knick-knacks, books, candles and gift baskets.

The live auction, auctioneered by Dale West, had among other things a TV, a shotgun and jewelry.

After the dinner, catered by Desperado's, and the auctions, attendees were invited to the dance

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Pampa, Borger United Way team up in football face off

First 'Iron Skillet' field goal competition during Friday's Pampa-Borger football game.

BY JOHN LEE
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It is no secret in the communities of Pampa and Borger that their football rivalry is deeper than just sharing State Highway 152. At the Oct. 25 meeting of these District 1-3A opponents, the United Way for each respective community has teamed up in hopes to raise funds for their organizations.

During halftime of the game, the United Way of each community will have three-player teams that will try to kick field goals. Each player will attempt a field goal from the two-yard line, five-yard and 10-yard line, equaling nine total attempts. The Pampa United Way will have on its team Pampa ISD superintendent Dr. David Young, Toot N' Tootum manager Tomas Olivarez and a third participant they are still trying to select.

There will also be buckets at each gate where fans can donate money, too.

The team who combines for the most points scored and most funds raised will win a traveling iron skillet trophy.

"We want it to become an annual event," said

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DPS seizes 25 pounds of pot near Alanreed

STAFF REPORT

Approximately 25 pounds of marijuana with a street value of \$110,875 was seized by the Texas Department of Public Safety during a traffic stop around 6 p.m. Sunday on Interstate 40 in Gray County.

The bust occurred at Mile Marker 145 near Alanreed. Everick Wilkins, 36, of Antioch, Calif., and Mikhail Phidd Taylor, 22, of Lake Worth, Fla. were arrested.

The drugs were being transported from Southern California to Lake Worth, Fla., according to DPS.

During the traffic stop, DPS requested a K-9 unit to search the vehicle, a 2004 Nissan Quest. The marijuana was discovered in the back cargo area of the Nissan, stashed inside vacuum-sealed U.S. Mail packets in two black duffle bags.

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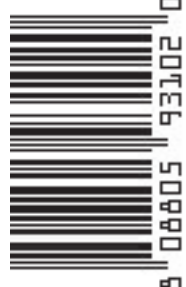




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Before groceries are distributed a non denomination service led by volunteered by Arlene and George Kirchoff is held in the Harvest House's chapel.

Harvest

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cut by \$10 a month,” said Irvin Hall, who with his wife Alice is co-director of the center.

The cut to the food stamp program means more people will be coming to food banks such as Harvest House to make up the difference, Hall said.

“We are anticipating an increase in need,” Hall said.

Harvest House, which is operated by Trinity Fellowship Church, receives its groceries from the High Plains Food Bank in Amarillo. The Amarillo food bank is sustained by a com-

bination of donated goods and food it buys from grocery stores at a discount.

The trend over recent months at the Harvest House shows an increase in demand.

In June, there were 117 visits with 2,591 pounds of food distributed. In July, Harvest House saw 106 visits with 2,350 pounds of food distributed. In August, the numbers spiked to 175 clients with 3,557 pounds of food handed out, and in September the numbers tapered off a bit with 161 clients provided with 3,785 pounds of food.

The hard part, Hall said, is knowing how many clients will show up on a given day.

Factors such as bad weather can keep people from going out, and the numbers are typically higher at the end of the month as people's Social Security and food stamp benefits run out.

Each client who comes into the Harvest House is given two bags of groceries a week.

Though the items vary from week to week, they usually include a combination of the basics — meat, pasta, canned foods, bread, milk and eggs and fresh fruit when available.

Clients must verify that they live in Gray County and meet guidelines set by the USDA. Adults claiming dependents must prove

those dependents really exist with either birth certificates or Social Security cards.

While both food stamps and unemployment benefits are criticized by some as government handouts to people too lazy to work, Hall said most of his clients are elderly and/or disabled and living on fixed incomes.

Others are single moms trying to get back on their feet after a divorce or job loss, while still others are individuals or families who just moved to the area and are needing to bridge the gap until they are employed, he said.

And while there are individuals who do take ad-

Halloween calendar of events

Oct. 25

The Meredith House's Fall Carnival is from 6:30-8 p.m. This is a free community event. Everyone is welcome to come out for some great fun. There will be candy for the kids, a cake walk and much more. For more information, call 806-665-5668. Meredith House is located at 812 W. 25th Ave.

Oct. 26

Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N Houston St., is hosting a Haunted Library night from 7:30-11 p.m. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Oct. 30

First Baptist Church, 203 N. West St., is holding a Harvest Fest at the M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium from 6-8 p.m. This is a free event and children must be accompanied by an adult. There will be games, snacks and candy. All are welcome to come out for a night of fun.

Oct. 31

Lovett Memorial Library is hosting a Fall Festival from 6- 8 p.m. for children, infants through fifth grade. Children are welcome to come in costume for games, stories and prizes.

Fellowship Baptist Church, 622 E. Francis Ave., is holding a fall festival from 6-8 p.m.

There will be hot dogs, nachos, chili and carnival type games. Everything is free. For more information, call 806-663-2455.

vantage of the system, Hall said if the rules are made too strict then it hurts those who really need help.

Since Harvest House is a ministry as well as a food bank, Hall said he tries to find help for those clients who may have a substance abuse problem or are struggling to find a job.

“Our motto is to give a hand up,” he said. “We try to find counseling for them. We try to help them find a job.”

Once or twice a month, a social worker visits to help Harvest House clients fill out applications for other assistance programs.

The Halls and their small army of volunteers arrive at the center every Thurs-

day morning between 9 and 9:30 a.m. Doors to the clients open at 10 a.m. Clients sign in, are given name tags and line up in the hallway.

Before the groceries are distributed, a short chapel service with hymn singing is led by volunteers George and Arlene Kirchoff. Hall said different pastors throughout the city volunteer to preach.

The Halls are members of Trinity, as is Ronnie Anderson, who has been a volunteer for 10 years.

“I love to do it for the Lord,” he said. “I enjoy helping people,” he said.

Harvest House is located at 736 S. Cuyler St. For more information, call 806-665-4042.

Halliburton 3Q profit rises, tops Street view

DALLAS (AP) — Halliburton Co. boosted third-quarter net income by 17 percent on strong revenue from its international operations, which offset sluggish growth in North America.

Halliburton helps energy producers drill for oil and gas, and it's still seeing too much capacity for pressure-pumping services in North

America as oilfield-service companies fight for a bigger share of the shale oil and gas boom. That's driving down prices for contractors like Halliburton.

“We anticipate pricing pressure will continue as contracts renew during the next quarter or so,” Chairman and CEO Dave Lesar said on a conference call with analysts. “According-

ly, we are already working on adjusting our cost structure,” which he said would include job reductions.

Company officials told analysts that as they learn to operate more efficiently, they found they had too many people for the available work. That doesn't foreshadow a longer slowdown in the business, they said, and they didn't give

job-cut figures. Halliburton took \$38 million to cover severance payments and write down asset values in the quarter.

Houston-based Halliburton also said operations in Colorado continued to be affected by last month's flooding.

The stock fell \$1.10, or 2.1 percent, to \$51.37 in midday trading. The shares

began the day up 51 percent in 2013.

For the three months ended Sept. 30, the Houston-based company earned \$706 million, or 79 cents per share. Its earnings were \$707 million excluding discontinued operations. A year earlier it earned \$602 million, or 65 cents per share.

Excluding restructur-

ing charges, the company earned 83 cents per share from continuing operations, a penny more than analysts expected, according to a survey by FactSet.

Revenue rose 5 percent to \$7.47 billion, led by improvement in international operations including Russia, the North Sea and Angola.

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Wednesday night: Clear with a low of 42. Winds south at 8 mph. Sunset at 6:58 p.m.

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Wanda Fay Caldera

Wanda Fay Caldera, 74, died Oct. 18, 2013 in Bentonville, Ark.

Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013 at Memory Gardens Cemetery, with Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Caldera was born Aug. 18, 1939 in Canadian to

Harold H. and Juanita G. Thrasher. She was a big Elvis fan. She was preceded in death by one son, Dale Glen Collins, a grandson, Christopher Morris, and her parents.

Survivors include one son: Billy Wayne Morris and wife Connie of Washburn, Mo. One brother: Harold L. Thrasher and wife Suzanne of Clovis, N.M. and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Memorials can be made to favorite charity.

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

For the record

Michigan trio arrested for drug possession

- Cindy Marie Andrews, 32, Grand Rapids, Mich., was arrested Saturday by the Department of Public Safety for possession of marijuana.
- Kenneth Mathews, 32, Grand Rapids, Mich., was arrested Saturday by the DPS for possession of marijuana.
- Ricky Earl Bulock, 45, Grand Rapids, Mich., was arrested Saturday by the DPS for possession of marijuana.
- Callan Michelle Rodriguez, 21, Amarillo, was arrested Saturday by Pampa Police Department for driving while intoxicated.
- Bruce Daniel Ellwanger, 28, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the PPD for public intoxication.
- Johnny Michael Dominguez, 27, Pampa, was arrested Friday by PPD for trespassing on railroad property.

- Jefferey Blain Jones, 29, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for unlawful carrying of a weapon.
- Lori Suzanne Gilpatrick, 41, Tulsa, Okla., was arrested Saturday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for violation of probation — credit card abuse.
- Braden Lee Caldwell, 26, Riverside, Calif. was arrested Sunday by PPD for capias pro fine — no driver's license, capias pro fine — failure to appear, capias pro

- fine — failure to maintain car insurance.
- Barry James Wilson, 32, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for driving while intoxicated.
- John Guest Koning, 44, Forney, was arrested Sunday by DPS for a blue warrant.
- Javier Garcia, 24, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for violation of probation — possession of a controlled substance, failure to appear or bail jumping, no driver's license.
- Ramon Garcia, 22, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for criminal mischief.
- Mikhail Taylor, 21, Lake Worth, Fla., was arrested Sunday by DPS for possession of marijuana.
- Eedrick Wilkins, 36, Antioch, Calif., was arrested Sunday by DPS for possession of marijuana.

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floor, with music provided by Will Banister and the Mulberry Band.

More than 350 people

Jana Gregory, Pampa United Way executive administrator. “It will be a big event that fans can come out and enjoy.”

attended the event, and the amount of funds raised is still being determined because not all the items have been picked up.

Byrne said that they have gotten great feedback about the festivities and the decorations.

For more information on the Pampa United Way, or to volunteer to be the third kicker, call 806-669-1001.

“We are very excited about the attendance,” Byrne said. “The band was great, people were having fun. They were dancing and overall had a good time.”

For more information, visit www.pampachamber.com.

Ex-leader of LA gang gets 25-year prison term

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The former leader of a notorious street gang in Los Angeles was sentenced to 25 years in prison Monday for racketeering involving the killings of a rival gang member and one of his own underlings.

Rudy Aguirre Jr., 32, once ran the Avenues gang, which claims a swath of northeast Los Angeles as its turf.

He was authorized by the Mexican Mafia prison to control the Avenues activities, authorities said.

Aguirre pleaded guilty in July to one count of racketeering conspiracy. As part of his plea agreement, he admitted that he killed a rival gang member in 1999 and authorized the 2008 killing of a fellow gang member who

he thought was skimming money.

“No matter what steps criminal gangs like the Mexican Mafia and the Avenues use in attempts to control neighborhoods through intimidation and violence, we will ensure that the residents do not need to live their lives and raise their families in fear,” U.S. Attorney Andre Birotte Jr. said.



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Prairie Plains Perspective

True confessions of a bacon, Oreo addict

Can anyone tell me what happened to 2013? I mean, it's October the 22nd, darned near January, 2014 it is! Now remember, you've only 61 days to lock down that health insurance coverage — or pay the fine.

While trying to find a current event that did not dwell on the subjects of government spending, shutdowns and slim downs, catastrophic debt ceilings and the associated brouhaha involving our elected, and I use the term loosely, representatives, there were two hidden headlines in last week's news that aroused my interest. I use "headlines" strictly for context, for actual headlines they weren't, but their content raised an eye brow or two that got me to thinking how this country over my lifetime, and especially so the last several years, has changed.

Men, did you know that eating bacon can decrease your sperm count? That's right. Harvard University researchers with nothing better to do with their grant monies did a little study discerning the affectation of ingested bacon upon man and his ability to, or in this

case study, inability to, not procreate. Ever since I was old enough to think on my own, I have known bacon to be a key contributing member of the five food groups that make up mankind's dietary plan. Eating bacon certainly didn't slow down my late father's and millions of other returning World War II vets' abilities in creation of us Baby Boomers.

When it came my turn to make a family, if my recall factor is still on its toes, I was eating bacon the time my then wife called and uttered those sexy words over the phone to me, "I'm ovulating..." and wham, bam, thank you ma'am, nine months after that fact, my first born arrived! OK, you're wondering how I could make such a far out declaration, aren't you? Answer. My wife and I were students of Houston's St. Luke's Hospital fertility program, and when I got that alluring aphroditic call, I was eating a breakfast comprised of eggs and bacon. Reading more of the inanity got me to thinking about the late great Senator from South Carolina, Strom "Sperm" Thurmond, who, at age 89 I believe, begat his 23rd offspring. Don't tell me Senator Thurmond, a natural-born southern boy, did not eat bacon!

Great galloping gastronomies! Oreos, those

wonderfully round chocolate and crème flavored sandwich cookies that have been in mankind's cookie jars almost as long as bacon has been in our refrigerators, get ready for this one, are as addictive as cocaine. Get out of town! Have you tried the chocolate crème centered Oreos? Sorry, not an A.D.D. moment, rather my taste buds suddenly became desirous for something sweet. Am I addicted to Oreos? Damned right I am! Why, once a bag of those little delights is within my grasp, it's wham, bam, thank you ma'am almost, almost as addictive, as eating bacon and enjoying procreation! Understanding what is presently going on, rest assured, there will be more research studies to come of our favorite foods.

With New York City Mayor Bloomberg's failed at-

tempt to limit one's ability to purchase his or her choice of size of beverage container, our First Lady on her kids' eating healthy campaign interference (while POTUS hubby goes down into the White House basement for a little smoke); these two studies only enforce in me what we in America are already facing and will face much more in the future. I firmly believe at a point in time the food police will become real.

There will be printed dire warnings of imminent death if ingested on a goodly portion of food labels you and I see while grocery shopping.

That little government-mandated health care insurance issue I pointed out above? Just wait, we'll see our doctors ordered to ask (why they're asking you as well if there are firearms in your home) if dietary planning is part of your food

regimen. Government in America today, as I see it, wants to be the most important part of our lives. Government, by association and acceptance with studies like the above nonsense, wants to take away all parental decision making and individual accountability. A takeover of our freedom of choice is already occurring, and the scary thing is, we're letting government do so. But I will not be foiled by a rogue

government, for I will always enjoy munching bacon in the mornings served any way I please. If you see me walking down the sidewalk, that white powder you see around my nose and in my beard isn't cocaine residue, it will be Oreo effects.

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Community Calendar

City Commission meetings

The Pampa City Commission meets at 4 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held on the third floor of City Hall.

School board meetings

The Pampa Independent School District board meets at 5:45 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month. Check The Pampa News for meeting locations.

Immunization clinic 3 times a month

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) hosts an immunization clinic in Pampa three times a month. The clinics are held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. on the first three Wednesdays of each month. The first 10 people in line for the morning and first 10 in the afternoon will always receive shots. However, if there are more than 10, they still may be able to accommodate the patients, or ask them to come back at another time. For more information, call 665-4752 or 806-874-3211. The clinic is located at 736 S. Cuyler St.

PAWS meets first Tuesdays

Pampa Animal Welfare Society meets the first Tuesday of each month in the north meeting room at the Lovett Memorial Library. The meetings are at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

There is a desperate need for more members, especially when the new shelter opens. PAWS members are needed to work at the shelter from 3 to 5:30 p.m. each day and to work adop-

tion days or take animals to the vets when needed, but mostly people are needed to love and work with the animals where they will be more adoptable.

For more information, call the shelter after 3 p.m. at 669-5775 and ask for the PAWS volunteer.

County Commission meetings

The Gray County Commission meets at 9 a.m. on the first and 15th of each month. If the date falls on a Saturday, the meeting will be held on Friday. If the date falls on a Sunday, the meeting will be held on Monday. The meetings are held on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse.

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Quick and dirty Social Security

TOM MARGENAU
Creator's Syndicate

As many of you might guess, there are some questions that I am asked over and over again. And every once in a while, I like to write a column in which I cover as many of these common questions as possible. Today, I will give quick and dirty answers to ten of them. In many respects, I don't like doing this because there are so many variables and exceptions associated with almost all Social Security rules. So when I give short and concise answers, I will inevitably have to leave out the ifs, ands or buts that are often needed to clarify the answer. But today, I'm going to sacrifice quality for quantity.

Q: Is my Social Security benefit based on my highest 10 years of earnings, or my last three?

A: A Social Security retirement benefit is based on your average inflation-adjusted monthly income using a 35-year base of earnings.

Q: If I start to work part time a few years shy of age 62, will my benefits be severely cut because I have reduced earnings just before retirement?

A: Because your benefit is based on a 35-year base of earnings, the impact of some years of reduced or even no earnings is greatly lessened. Your eventual Social Security benefit won't be as high as it would have been had you kept working full time right up to your retirement date. But you should not lose too much sleep over the relatively minor impact of early retirement on your Social Security checks.

Q: If I work after I start getting Social Security, I'm forced to pay Social Security taxes. Will those the extra taxes increase my Social Security check?

A: You would get an automatic increase in your monthly retirement benefit only if your current income exceeds the lowest (inflation-adjusted) year of earnings used in your original Social Security benefit computation.

Q: I heard that because I served in the military, I will get a bonus added to my Social Security check. Do I have to specifically request this bonus?

A: If you served in the military anytime from World War II through 2001, special wage credits are automatically added to your Social Security record. How much is added depends on the period of time you were in the military. You do not have to ask for these credits. But frankly, they are so minimal that they rarely have much, if any, impact on a veteran's Social Security benefit.

Q: As a wife, I should be getting half of my husband's Social Security, right?

A: You get half if you wait until age 66 to claim those benefits. But spousal benefits are reduced about one-half of one percent for each month they are taken prior to that age.

Q: Can I take benefits on my spouse's record at 62 and switch to full benefits on my own at 66?

A: No. If you take any kind of reduced, i.e., pre-age 66, Social Security benefit, that reduction carries over to any other benefits you might be due. (This rule does not apply to widows.) But if you wait until age 66, you can take benefits from your spouse and switch to your own at age 70, which would come with a 32 percent bonus.

Q: Is it true I must be



married for 10 years before I qualify for benefits on my husband's Social Security record?

A: The 10-year duration of marriage rule applies only to divorced women. If you are still married to your husband, that marriage needs to have lasted only one year in order for you to claim benefits on his record.

Q: I was married to my first wife for 20 years and my second wife for 25 years and counting. My first wife never remarried. If my ex gets benefits on my record, will that reduce what my current wife can get?

A: No. All Social Security monies from your account paid to a divorced spouse are "add on" benefits. They do not take a nickel away from what your current wife may be due on your record.

Q: I am about to retire and I have a 15-year-old daughter. She will only get benefits on my record if I die, right?

A: Wrong. Minor children of retirees are eligible for monthly dependent's benefits, generally until age 18.

Q: I am disabled and considering filing for Social Security. I was told I must hire a lawyer because all first-time disability claims are automatically rejected. True?

A: False. About 30 percent of all initial claims for disability benefits are

approved. You should consider getting a lawyer only if your claim is denied, you appeal and are scheduled for a hearing before a Social Security judge.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.

A Pampa resident shares his story

I found out that I had stage-three colon cancer late last year. My surgery was in January and chemo and radiation ended up on Sept. 30 this year. I have a scan or two yet to do before they can say I am in remission.

Medications and side effects from this mess were not fun, of course, but it was tolerable just knowing so many suffer so much worse.

My son Josh had a small bump on his neck when he was about 20 years old. We had it checked and it tested positive for cancer. We had it removed with surgery and it has thankfully not recurred since that incident 10 years ago.

My wife Cindy has given me tremendous support. My family, friends, church and other churched have been faithful to lift me and my family up in

prayers.

I didn't want cancer or any other kinds of health problems for me or any of my family. However, this experience has humbled me before the Lord. When I first heard about this cancer thing, I knew my God's power had already prevailed and the glory would be His!

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Pampa Junior High sports results

STAFF REPORT



Junior High School football

The seventh grade A team won vs. River Road 32-6. The stand-out players were Dakota Helfer, Cader Powell and Trenton Richey.

The eighth grade B team won vs. River Road 22-0. The stand-out players were Fernando Anguiano, Darell Fields and Zane McCoy.

The eighth grade A team won vs. River Road 30-8. The stand-out players were Brady Parker, Moses Avila and Justin Thomas.

Scores and students re-reported by Pampa Junior High School football coach Jay Johnson.



Junior High School cross-country

The Junior High Cross Country team competed at their District 1-3A meet Saturday in Borger. The girls' team placed third overall.

Name	Time	Place
Bethany Roden	13:01	3
Alexandra Galvan	15:19	16
Tya Hayes	15:27	17
Katia Madrid	15:39	18
Monique Rosalez	15:41	19
Brianna Pickett	15:51	20
Alyssa Hart	18:17	30
Brenna Barrow	19:07	32

The boys placed third as a team.

Moses Avila	12:13	7
Jordan Perez	12:32	8
Xander Karson	13:04	14
Nahum Nunez	13:30	16
Cade Lauderdale	13:38	17
David Soria	15:03	27

"A majority of our runners had their best times at this meet," cross country coach Jenna Cramer said.

"This came from all their hard work at early practice each day. Great job everyone!"



Pampa Country Club couples scramble

■ played on Oct. 19

Final Results

Championship Flight

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| 1. Doug & Sheila McFatridge | 64 |
| 2. Tim Stadler & Peggy McGuire | 66 |

First Flight

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| 1. Anthony Tiedt & Amanda Kilcrease | 66 |
| 2. Bryan & Tara Kauffman | 71 |

Second Flight

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| 1. Buster & Brenda Kelley | 71 |
| 2. Jeremy Baggett & Kortney Smith | 75 |

Third Flight

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| 1. Bob & Joyce Swope | 76 |
| 2. Larry Maxwell & Debra Kincade | 79 |

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Talladega fails to live up to chaotic reputation

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) — Chaos is a recurrent theme at Talladega Superspeedway.

Huge wrecks are part of the game. A major shake-up in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship seemed possible, even likely, after 500 miles on the big trioval.

Well, the big one didn't happen.

The standings don't look all that different, either.

Jimmie Johnson and Matt Kenseth swapped spots at the top — Johnson now leads Kenseth by a scant four points instead of the other way around — but those two are still firmly in control of the Chase with four races left.

Jamie McMurray won Sunday's race at Talladega. Johnson and Kenseth kept plenty of distance on the competition.

Johnson steered around a last-lap crash and finished 13th. Kenseth dropped to second with a 20th-place showing, but it's another 22 points — a daunting margin — to Kyle Busch and Kevin Harvick tied for third. Jeff Gordon, who had hoped Talladega's unpredictable nature might help him make a big push, made up only two points and is 34 behind the leader.

"Thirteenth isn't the best finish," Johnson said, "but with what we are trying to

do and win a championship, we beat the competition. That is good."

Gordon tried to put the best face on finishing 14th heading to next weekend's race at Martinsville.

"We didn't gain really anything but we didn't really lose anything, so it's sort of a wash," he said. "In that sense, we didn't tear up the race car, I'm standing here, and we just move on to the next one."

McMurray took the checkered flag for the first time in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series since 2010, snapping a 108-race winless streak, and didn't even have to worry about a planned last-lap charge from Dale Earnhardt Jr. The race finished under caution after rookie Austin Dillon spun on the last lap, leading to a huge collision with Casey Mears that amazingly didn't impact any other cars.

Not the typical Talladega crash by any means.

"Once you get toward the end, it usually gets more intense and everybody starts taking bigger risks," McMurray said. "I'm really surprised they couldn't put something together to make more of a run. I'm shocked by that, actually."

Mears slammed head-on into Dillon's car and sent it flying into the air before it came back down upright.

Baylor on rapid rise to 6th after another blowout

WACO (AP) — Bryce Petty is talking BCS championship game. The Baylor quarterback's goal is looking more realistic with each passing week.

The Bears jumped six spots to No. 6 in The Associated Press poll on Sunday, and was No. 8 in the first BCS rankings later in the day.

There are two reasons for the rapid rise: Baylor had its fourth game this year with at least 70 points and 700 yards in a 71-7 victory against Iowa State on Saturday night. It was the largest margin of victory in a conference game in school history.

And the Bears got a lot of help, with six teams above them losing in the AP poll. So forgive Petty for having a hard time containing himself after another offensive show was accompanied by a defense that just missed its first shutout in the Big 12.

"My goal, our goal is Pasadena," Petty said after throwing for 343 yards and two touchdowns and running for another score. "I think it was a far-out stretch dream for a lot of people, but not for us. We know we're that good."

Baylor was right on its



Bryce Petty

nation-leading averages in points and yards (714) against the Cyclones, and would seem a lock to do more of the same Saturday against lowly Kansas.

Except the Bears have to go back to the only state that's slowed them this year. They needed two fourth-quarter touchdowns to come back and beat Kansas State 35-25 in their only road game so far.

"Kansas isn't going to be an easy place to play either," Petty said.

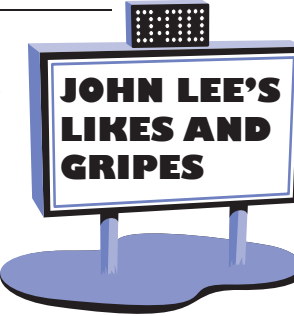
The Bears will face the Jayhawks with their highest ranking since 1980, which was also the last time they were 6-0. They'll be going for a school-record 11th straight win, which would break a mark set in 1936-37.

Prolific offensive numbers aren't new for Baylor, which leads the nation with 33 straight games of at least 400 yards. Lache Seastrunk had 112 yards rushing a week after an eight-game streak of 100-yard games ended, and Antwan Goodley is third nationally in yards receiving per game after getting 182 and two scores against Iowa State.

ficials will call it on the plays when a defender taps the receiver, but not call it when they are draped over them like a blanket. I am fine with penalties, except when they are inconsistent and decide games.

• **NFL Injuries** — Rams quarterback Sam Bradford out for the season with torn ACL, Bears quarterback Jay Cutler likely out for a while with a groin injury and Colts receiver Reggie Wayne hurt last night.

I know it is part of the game but you hate to see a season marred with the play-makers for teams hurt. Let's not forget about Packers tight end Jermichael Finley, who as of Monday morning, was in ICU at a hospital with a neck injury, that could be career-ending.



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The extent of the injury to Bradford's left knee was confirmed after an MRI exam, the team said Monday. Coach Jeff Fisher was to provide details later in the day at his

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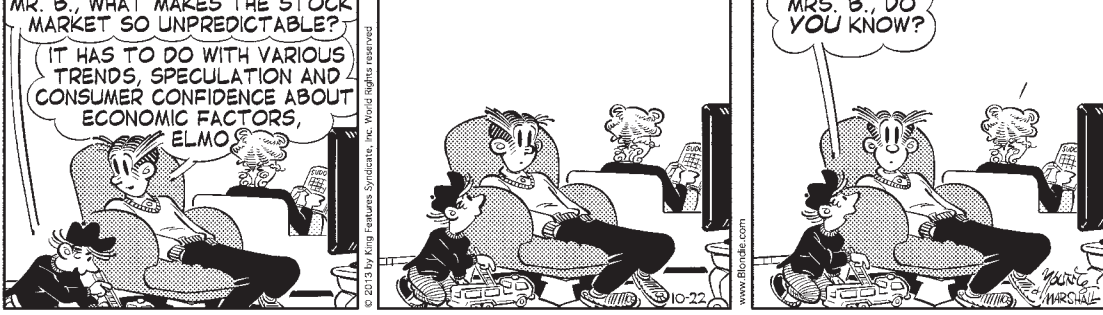
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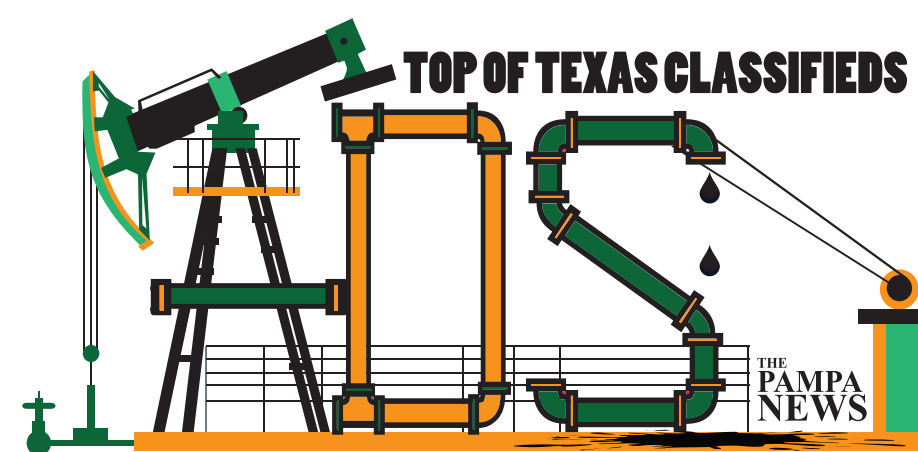
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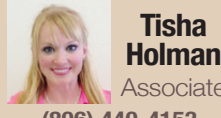
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm never happy with just one partner. It's not that I want to go out and have a different man every night of the week — just some options. I'm currently in a polyamorous relationship, so seeing other men is OK. But my boyfriend is now asking me why I feel the way I do because he is considering becoming monogamous again.

I crave something different from man to man and seek whatever the other one doesn't have. I have been with my fair share of guys, yet there doesn't seem to be one person who has all the qualities I need in my life. Should I just stay single and noncommittal forever? — FICKLE IN FORT WAYNE

DEAR FICKLE: Perhaps not forever, but for now, yes, until you meet someone who has more of the

qualifications you're looking for. When you do, you may finally realize that in successful relationships some degree of compromise is always involved.

DEAR ABBY: I recently married a wonderful woman I have been friends with for years. I was always secretly in love with her. We are very happy together.

The only problem is that her ex-husband, from whom she has been divorced for four years, was violent. If I try to brush her hair away from her face or make a sudden movement of any kind, she flinches or panics.

I have never been violent with anyone, and I know she has PTSD from her past marriage. How should I sensitively broach the subject of counseling to deal with this serious issue? — CONCERNED IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR CONCERNED: When it happens again, tell your wife calmly that you know it's a reflex and see if you can get her to tell you why it happens. At that point you could suggest she talk to a counselor because you love her and would never hurt her, and when she flinches, it hurts YOU that she's still carrying around this heavy baggage.

DEAR ABBY: I am 25. My husband is 50, and we have been married for three years. We are in a healthy relationship, raise his 12-year-old together and are trying for our own children. We have plans for the rest of our lives, are in good health, have regular checkups, and our life insurance and estate planning are in order.

But, Abby, sometimes I find myself worrying about his age. I cry when I contemplate spending a chunk of my life alone because I don't think I could ever love anyone else as strongly as I do him. My husband is my rock, my reason for living, and I'm grate-

ful for every moment I have with him.

I'm psychologically well otherwise. These sad feelings don't last longer than a few hours. Is this normal? Should I talk with someone about it? Should I just tell my husband my feelings and remind him how much he means to me?

— HAPPILY MARRIED IN HENDERSON, NEV.

DEAR HAPPILY MARRIED: Your feelings are normal for a woman who is fully invested emotionally in her husband. However, if your anxiety over the possibility of losing him increases, by all means talk to a licensed mental health professional about it.

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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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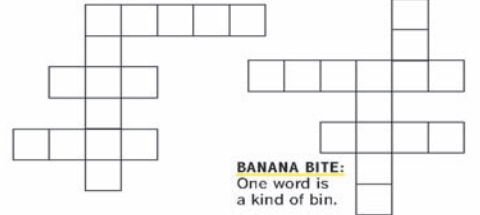
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Yesterday's Answer:



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1 Tortoise's rival

5 Soda fountain orders

10 Country singer Jackson

11 Kind of musical wonder

13 Crooner Crosby

14 Cash, in slang

15 Some piano keys

17 European peak

18 Defensible

19 Summit

20 Horse healer

21 Bride's wear

22 Bed cover

25 Captain Nemo's creator

26 Bad actors

27 Knight's title

28 Chest bone

29 Windfall

33 George Gershwin's brother

34 Some piano keys

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1 Custom

2 Full of energy

3 Talked at length

4 Carves into metal

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7 Writer Deighton

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ACROSS 41 Blood fluid

1 Foolhardy

5 Chocolate substitute

10 Church feature

12 Companionless

13 Admiral, for example

15 Pewter component

16 Even score

17 Bullfight cheer

18 District

20 Sing like Ella

21 Clairvoyants

22 Robbers' chasers

23 Houston player

25 Metric mass

28 Dutch earthenware

31 Speeds (up)

32 Nostalgic songs

34 High card

35 Ram's mate

36 Gangster's gun

37 Baseball competition

40 Painter Degas

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Yesterday's answer

14 Start of a gridiron

19 League members

20 Bawl out

24 Finds a new tenant for

25 Vineyard harvest

26 Fall back

27 Get satisfaction for

29 Barber of opera

30 Service item

33 Rose parts

35 Headphones site

38 Saigon setting

39 House member, for short

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