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Cattle truck rolls, driver injured

by Rachel Stennett
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Yesterday morning, a truck carrying 35 cattle was involved in a roll over accident, which left four cows dead and authorities were able to save the other 31 animals in the accident.

At about 9 a.m., Antonio Martinez-Cano, 25, from Dumas was

pulling a cattle truck for Pancholine Express out of Stratford, when he rolled over.

"He was distracted inside his vehicle and lost control," Pampa State Trooper Jessie Cerda explained.

Martinez-Cano was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center, where he was treated for minor

scrapes and then released.

Most of the cattle were safe after the accident, but Gray County Sheriff's Office had to euthanize four cattle on the scene.

"The rest of the cattle were collected and placed in a near by field owned by someone who was at the accident. The cattle will be collected at a later

date by the company," Cerda said.

The accident happened on Farm to Market road 1474, which is 4.4 miles North of Lefors, according to the Department of Public Safety.

The cattle truck was picked up by Bob Douthit Autos out of Pampa for repairs. Three reflective markers on the road were

also damaged during the accident, which belong to the Texas Department of Transportation and will cost an estimated \$100 to replace.

The speed Martinez-Cano was traveling is unsure, but Cerda said the speed limit on the Farm to Market road is 55 miles per hour.

Weekend arrests run gamut

by Rachel Stennett
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Arrests were made over the weekend for shoplifting, drug possession, and injury to a child.

Casey Chase Dominguez, 17, and Luis Alberto Cruz, 17, both of Pampa were arrested for theft at Wal-Mart Supercenter, 2801 Charles, on Saturday, Nov. 22 for reportedly stealing \$60 in video game materials. Cruz was also charged with carrying a prohibited weapon, which was a butterfly knife.

According to Sergeant Donny Brown of the Pampa Police Department, Cruz did not try to use the weapon against anyone. "He didn't try to assault anyone with the knife," Brown explained, "he just had it in possession." Both Cruz and Dominguez were released on Nov. 23. Dominguez had a bond set at \$750, and Cruz had a bond set at \$1,500.

John Fitzgerald Cook, 43, of Pampa was arrested during a traffic stop in the 2000 block of West Alcock by the PPD at 12:20 a.m. on Sunday morning.

"Items were found while they were doing a vehicle inventory including a hand gun and drugs," Brown said. Fitzgerald was charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and the unlawful carrying of a weapon.

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas around Pampa as Misti Plunk and her colleagues in the Pampa Public Service Department start deploying holiday scenes at Coronado Park off Hobart this week.

staff photo by David Bowser

Auto burglars target unattended cars

(Dallas, TX) This holiday season, auto burglars will shop the easy way – by stealing gifts, purses, wallets, packages, electronics, or other valuables left in plain sight inside vehicles. Every two minutes, a vehicle is burglarized in Texas and the contents stolen. These crimes escalate during the holiday season when people shop more often. And unfortunately, driver often don't take necessary precautions to avoid becoming burglary victims.

The Texas Automobile Burglary and Theft

Prevention Authority (ABTPA), a division of the Texas Department of Transportation, offers three basic safety tips to motorists to help prevent vehicle crimes during the holidays an throughout the year: hide belongings from view, lock vehicles, and take keys.

Last year, thieves committed over 262,000 acts of vehicle burglary and stole over 94,000 vehicles in Texas. In some jurisdictions, more than half of reported thefts occurred because vehicle doors were unlocked and keys were left inside. "We

want everyone to enjoy the holiday season and not experience the violation and frustration of having their vehicles burglarized or stolen. We encourage all vehicle owners and operators to help prevent such crimes from happening by practicing simple theft prevention measures," said Charles Caldwell, interim director of the Texas ABTPA.

When vehicles are stolen, thieves have easy access to everything left inside, including items such as garage door openers, house

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Wednesday



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Thursday



Partly cloudy

Friday



Mostly sunny

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. Wind chill values between 29 and 39 early. North-northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 35. East-northeast wind around 5 mph becoming south-southeast.

Thanksgiving Day: A 20 percent chance of showers after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 51.

Thursday Night: A 40 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32. North-northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: A slight chance of rain and snow before 9 a.m., then a slight chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 41. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east-southeast. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30.

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Amber alert

SAGINAW, Mich. (AP) — Police on Tuesday were searching for three young girls missing since their mother was found dead, and said they were concerned for the youngsters' safety.

Saginaw police were investigating Erica Olguin's death as a homicide and were searching for her estranged husband.

"Her husband took the three daughters and fled the state," said police Chief Gerald Cliff.

An Amber Alert was issued for Victoria Olguin, 3; Lilliana Olguin, 5; and Elena Olguin, 9.

Police had not issued a warrant for the girls' father, Jose Angel Olguin, 35, but said they very much wanted to find him.

"Our concern is for the children as well as ... to get a potentially dangerously violent person off the street," Cliff said. "Family and friends tell us there has been a history of domestic violence."

Officers discovered the body of Erica Olguin, 32, Monday evening when they went to her house to check on her because she failed to pick up her 11-year-old son at his school. Authorities said Tuesday they hadn't determined the cause of her death.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents between 7 a.m. Friday and 7 a.m. Monday.

Friday, Nov. 21

Twenty-five traffic stops were made. A stop in the 1300 block of North Hobart resulted in at least one arrest.

Motor vehicle accidents were reported from the police department lobby.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 800 block of South Municipal Drive, the 700 block of South Octavus, the 100 block of North Cuyler, the 1900 block of North Grape, the intersection of 20th and Holly streets, the 1900 block of North Lynn, the 1900 block of North Faulkner and the 700 block of South Barnes.

Abandoned vehicles were reported in the 600 block of North Lefors, the 100 block of South Hobart and the 200 block of West Ford.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 100 block of West 30th.

Theft was reported in the 400 block of East Frederic.

An assault was reported in the 2400 block of North Charles.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 800 block of North Duncan and the 600 block of North Wells.

A suspicious person call was received from the intersection of Sumner and Kentucky streets.

Phone harassment was reported in the 1000 block of South Farley.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2400 block of North Charles and the 1600 block of West Somerville.

A welfare check was made in the 1100 block of Terrace.

Two alarms were investigated.

A civil matter was reported in the 1000 block of South Wells.

Two buildings were checked.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of Bradley, where a front glass door and Ford pick-up were reported sprayed with shaving cream.

Saturday, Nov. 22

Sixteen traffic stops were made. A stop in the 1900 block of West Lincoln resulted in at least one arrest.

Traffic complaints were reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester, the 1800 block of North Hamilton, the 2500 block of North Dogwood and the 400 block of North Wynne.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 900 block of South Love, the 1600 block of North Turtle Creek, the 2700 block of North Aspen and the 1200 block of East Foster.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 1800 block of North Hobart, the intersection of Kingsmill and Somerville streets, the 100 block of South Starkweather, the 1100 block of West Coronado, the 300 block of North Hobart, the intersection of Russell and Harvester streets, and the 600 block of West Foster.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of South Gray and the 600 block of South Cuyler.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 2100 block of North Hobart.

Burglaries were reported in the 2400 block of North Fir, and the 1100 block of North Starkweather, where a 42-inch plasma TV, shotgun and military rifle, worth an estimated \$4,600, were reported taken.

Found property was reported in the 2100 block of North Wells and the 2200 block of North Williston.

A missing person was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported in the 2800 block of Charles.

A runaway was reported in the 1000 block of South Faulkner.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 400 block of West Foster and the 100 block of East Craven.

Sunday, Nov. 23

Seventeen traffic stops were made. Stops in the 2000 block of West Alcock, the 700 block of East Brown, the 1200 block of East

Frederic, the intersection of Huff and Wilks, and the 1100 block of Neel resulted in arrests.

Traffic complaints were received from the 500 block of North Hobart, the 1200 block of Market, Highway 60, and the intersection of Cuyler and Highway 60.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 2300 block of West Alcock, the intersection of 20th and Hobart streets, the 1000 block of South Barnes, and the 1000 block of North Hobart.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Foster and Starkweather streets, the 500 block of North Magnolia and the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 700 block of East Frederic and the police department lobby.

Burglaries were reported at Ron's Car Wash, 2321 N. Hobart, where someone reportedly forced entry into the office and stole \$1,000 from cash machines; and the 1100 block of South Wells, where jewelry was reportedly stolen valued at \$3,370.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 700 block of North Christy, the 300 block of Anne and the 700 block of East 15th.

A threat was reported in the 1100 block of South Prairie Drive.

A motor vehicle accident was reported in the police department lobby.

Harassment was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of Perry. One alarm was investigated.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 100 block of North Naida.

Monday, Nov. 24

Fourteen traffic stops were made.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Nov. 24

6:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

7:23 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:40 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2800 block of North Charles and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:17 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to County Road 1474 and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:53 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Wilks and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:29 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of East Francis and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Odyssey hospice in Amarillo.

1:53 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1400 block of East Francis.

3:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

10:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

At an undisclosed time, a mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Lefors and transported a patient to PRMC.

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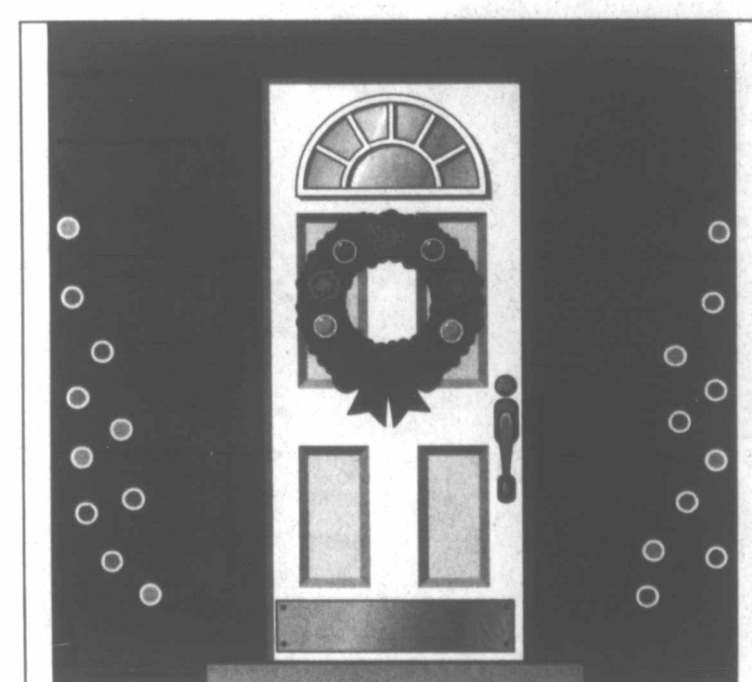
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Early morning fire hits junk-laden property

by Betsy Phillips
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Clarification: Due to a computer glitch, an unedited version of this story appeared on the front page of Monday's paper. We regret any inconvenience to our readers or to the Pampa Fire Department.

The Pampa Fire Department responded just after 6:30 a.m. this morning and spent the next three hours battling a blaze in a house that was not only unoccupied, it was obviously being used to store junk.

Seven units and 15 firefighters were called out to handle the blaze at 720 E. Murphy. "When we pulled up, there was heavy fire and smoke from the rear of the structure and bright flashes from extensive arcing from shorting electrical wires," said Pampa Fire Deputy Chief Randy Dunham.

"We weren't initially able to have a full attack on the rear area of the home because of that (electrical problem). We called for Excel Energy to shut off the power and they cut the line at the alley. Once they did that, we were able to get back there," Dunham said.

But any access to the structure was also blocked by floor-to-ceiling "items". "It was pretty obvious somebody had been collecting odds and ends. They rendered structure completely inaccessible," said Captain Jesse Hanes. "The only access we had was through the windows and even then we had to remove items through the window to be able to direct our water streams into the fire.

Once they saw how bad the conditions at the structure were, they went to a more defensive mode of operation. "There was no sense getting somebody hurt making a

real aggressive attack on the structure," Capt. Hanes said. "It was hazardous to even walk around the outside of the structure. We just contained it to the area it started."

The blaze was initially controlled with water and then followed up with a foam application to get to the deep seated areas of the structure.

Pampa Fire Marshall Michael Ryan said from his preliminary investigation that he believes the fire started in the rear of the structure. There is no evidence at this time of arson. The owner of the property has not yet been determined, but Ryan said he is currently working with city code-enforcement officials. "Unfortunately there are many vacant properties and that is a problem the city is working on. It really is dangerous, it changes the way you fight a fire."

Arrests

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Fitzgerald's bond was set at \$6,000 and he was released from Gray County Jail on Nov. 23.

Sharon Louise Jones, 33, of Pampa was arrested for assaulting a child. The child was a runaway who was injured by

Jones.

"The child was picked up by her mother and driven to the police department where they reported the incident," Brown said.

After the incident was reported to the PPD, Jones was arrested. She was released from Gray County Jail on Nov. 23 and had a bond set at \$5,000.

The Pampa News staff wishes you a safe and happy Thanksgiving

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Burglars

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keys, and personal information, which can all lead to additional and more serious crimes as well as further victimization of the vehicle owner.

"We know that auto burglars scout malls, shopping centers, and other retail parking lots this time of year looking for the perfect opportunity to break into vehicles. Within seconds, these criminals can get inside a

car, steal the contents, and be on their way from the scene. And experienced thieves can steal a vehicle without keys in less than a minute," said Michelle Lanham, program coordinator for ABTPA's Reduce Auto Theft in Texas (RATT) public awareness task force at the University of North Texas Caruth Police Institute in Dallas. "Texas drivers need to understand that carelessness with items left inside vehicles actually helps thieves carry out their crimes more effi-

ciently and potentially engage in further criminal activity."

The Texas Auto Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) was created by the Texas Legislature in 1991 to fund programs to reduce vehicle thefts.

The passing of House Bill 1887 in 2007 expanded the scope of the agency to include automobile burglary prevention and added the term "burglary" to the Authority's title.

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Viewpoints

An administration needs oversight

I'm as interested as the next person in all the excitement about how Washington will work with Barack Obama in the White House, but there's an important question that's been missing. It has to do not so much with the new president as with the new Congress, and it should be high on every attentive citizen's list of concerns: Will Congress live up to its responsibility to exercise robust oversight over the new administration?

This is especially important given the Democratic label that President Obama and the majorities in the House and Senate will share. Over the last two years, particularly in the House, Democrats began to delve into the activities and record of the current Republican administration. Once their own party controls the White House this will be harder to do, for obvious partisan reasons: There's a natural inclination to avoid inquiries that might seem to undermine the president or give ammunition to his political adversaries.

It is vital that congressional leaders set that concern aside, for the simple reason that vigorous congressional oversight of the administration — any administration — is necessary for our government to function properly.

This is, of course, what Congress under our system of government is supposed to do — to put the national interest first by holding the president and his administration accountable for their actions. It is Congress's responsibility, in other words, to ensure that the country is functioning properly and our laws are working as intended; that they are achieving the purpose Congress envisioned when it passed them; that resources are being used effectively and efficiently; and that executive authority is being exercised properly and in keeping with the laws and values that govern it.

Congress failed miserably at this task during most of the last eight years, and even with stepped-up scrutiny since the 2006 elections, it has fallen well short of the ideal, with

unfortunate results. Witness its failure to explore vigorously administration plans to deal with the threats to the American economy.

Robust oversight need not be adversarial. Indeed, if presidents understand Congress's constitutional role, they will see its activities as helpful. Constructive oversight brings fresh eyes and insightful questions to policy-making and its implementation. The plain fact is that the executive branch tends to wear blinkers. Its members are there in support of the president, and they are often reluctant to cast critical judgments on his decisions or on the implementation of policy.

This last point is particularly important, since Americans have in recent years lost confidence in the federal government not just because of the policies it pursued, but because of its failure to act effectively, whether in Iraq or in help-

ing Louisiana and Mississippi recover from Hurricane Katrina. A Congress that is functioning properly would turn administration officials into regular visitors to Capitol Hill, quiz them relentlessly, and make them explain their policy decisions and

executive branch to Congress. The point is to make oversight a part of the daily business of Capitol Hill and to make it as bipartisan as possible.

There will certainly be times when the Democratic and Republican leaders of particular committees disagree, but they should be able to sit down at the beginning of a new Congress and agree on the bulk of the committee's oversight agenda.

Even more important, for oversight really to work, members must receive a clear message from the congressional leadership of both parties that it is a priority and that it will be done in a bipartisan, systematic, coordinated way.

For in the end, oversight is not about politics, it's about the institutional responsibility that Congress bears to ensure that the federal government

is serving the American people's interests. This is even more important in this day and age, as newspapers shrink their Washington bureaus and, with them, their investigative abilities.

In 1787, John Adams wrote of what were to become the House, the Senate and the presidency, "Without three divisions of power, stationed to watch each other, and compare each other's conduct with the laws, it will be impossible that the laws should at all times preserve their authority and govern all men."

It is as true today as it was 221 years ago, and the start of a new administration and a new Congress is exactly the moment for our leaders to recommit to that ideal.

—Lee Hamilton is Director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

Lee Hamilton
Guest Columnist



how they are implementing federal programs.

So what would effective oversight look like? Congress has several tools for holding federal agencies accountable, including periodic reauthorization, personal visits by members or staff, review by the Government Accountability Office or inspectors general, subpoenas, hearings, investigations and reports from the

Today in History

By The Associated Press

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Today is Tuesday, Nov. 25, the 330th day of 2008. There are 36 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on Nov. 25, 1908, the first issue of The Christian Science Monitor was published.

On this date:

In 1758, during the French and Indian War, the British captured Fort Duquesne in present-day Pittsburgh.

In 1783, the British evacuated New York, their last military position in the United States during the Revolutionary War.

In 1881, Pope John XXIII was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli near Bergamo, Italy.

In 1947, movie studio executives meeting in New York agreed to blacklist the "Hollywood Ten" who'd been cited for contempt of Congress the day before.



Editorial Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion:
■ Nov. 17

Austin American-Statesman on a recent First Amendment clash:

The intersection where religion and government meet has always been a messy one, a truth reinforced in a case argued before the U.S. Supreme Court last week.

Whenever a religion imposes its rites and symbols into the public square, a fight is bound to ensue. What is sacred to one is profane to another; a cross or crescent is a spiritual icon to some and a symbol of oppression to others.

Governments have been wrestling with this conundrum since before the establishment clause was written into the U.S. Constitution. When freedom of speech and freedom of religion bump into each other, it usually ends up in court.

That's what happened when Pleasant Grove City, Utah, rejected a monument proposed for a public park by a new-age religious group calling itself the Church of Summum. Its adherents wanted a monument with their Seven Principles of Creation, also known as the Seven Aphorisms, near a Ten Commandments monument dedicated by a fraternal order.

In grappling with the free speech issue, the high court justices offered some wild comparisons of their own. Does the government have to put any president who wants to be there on Mount Rushmore? We have a Statue of Liberty, do we have to have a

Statue of Despotism, too? What about a monument to chocolate chip cookies?

Summum's attorney argued that the aphorism monument is protected free speech, like soap-box oratory or political leaflets handed out in the town square. The city, supported by the federal government, countered that the Ten Commandments monument is a form of government speech that doesn't demand equal time.

Common sense would dictate that any monument accepted by government for public space does not mandate an opposing monument. Because the government allowed a memorial to troops who died in the Vietnam War does not mean it also must accept a memorial to those who died opposing it.

But a different question arises when the government accepts a religious symbol because the First Amendment prohibits government from establishing a religion. If a monument to the founding tenet of Judaism and Christianity is acceptable in a public space, why are Wiccan pentagles or Summum aphorisms or Mormon angels unacceptable?

The issue also arises over Texas' mandate that the Bible be taught in public high schools. Why just the Bible? Why not the Koran, the Torah, the Upanishads? Texas is dangerously close to crossing the establishment clause prohibition by promoting Bible study in public schools, a decision certain to result in expensive lawsuits that taxpayers will pay to defend.

As for Summum, the less said

the better. It involves mummification, aliens, UFOs, pyramids and more. It is the outer fringe of fringe religions. But government will always be on shaky grounds when it allows one religion in the public square and denies others, even one as quirky as the Church of Summum.

Church of Summum: Seven Principles of Creation:

1. Summum is mind, thought; the universe is a mental creation.

2. As above, so below; as below, so above.

3. Nothing rests; everything moves; everything vibrates.

4. Everything is dual; everything has an opposing point; everything has its pair of opposites; like and unlike are the same;

opposites are identical in nature, but different in degree; extremes bond; all truths are but partial truths; all paradoxes may be reconciled.

5. Everything flows out and in; everything has its season; all things rise and fall; the pendulum swing expresses itself in everything; the measure of the swing to the right is the measure of the swing to the left; rhythm compensates.

6. Every cause has its effect; every effect has its cause; everything happens according to Law; Chance is just a name for Law not recognized; there are many fields of causation, but nothing escapes the Law of Destiny.

7. Gender is in everything; everything has its masculine and feminine principles; Gender manifests on all levels. URL: <http://www.statesman.com>

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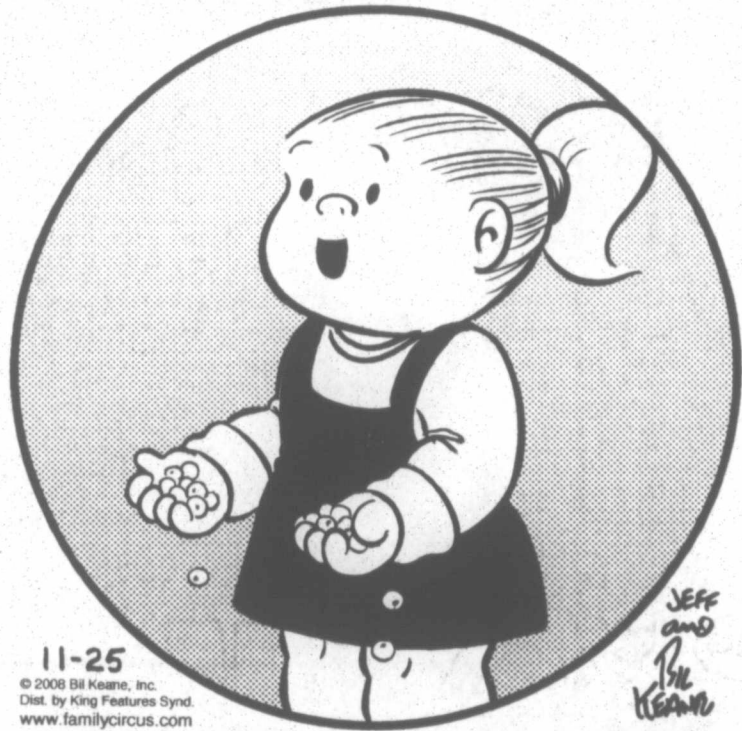
Marmaduke



"Maybe you should hide your dishes while the birds are flying south for the winter."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Mommy, guess how many little beads were on your pearl necklace?!"

Daily Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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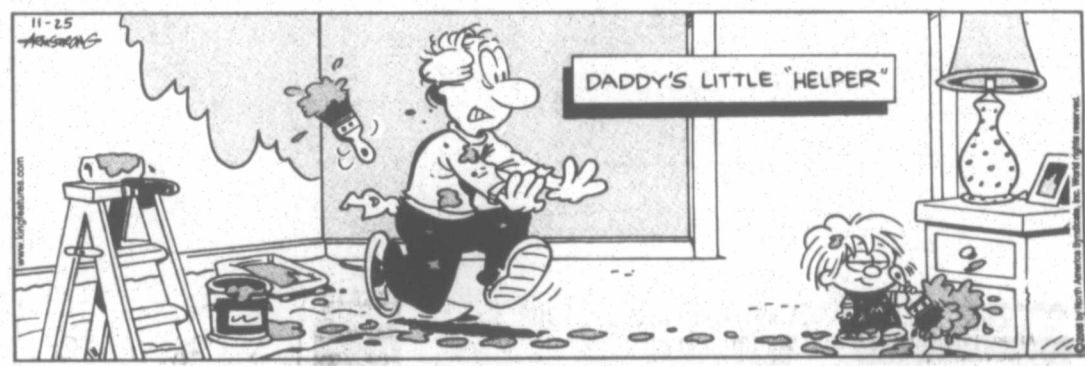
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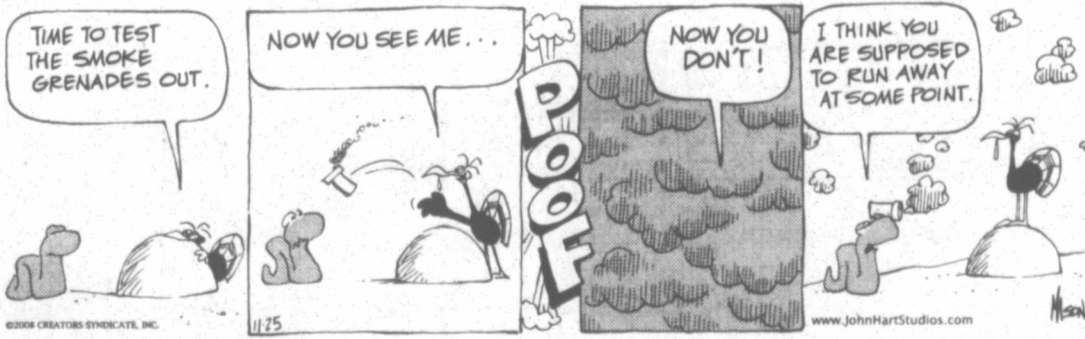
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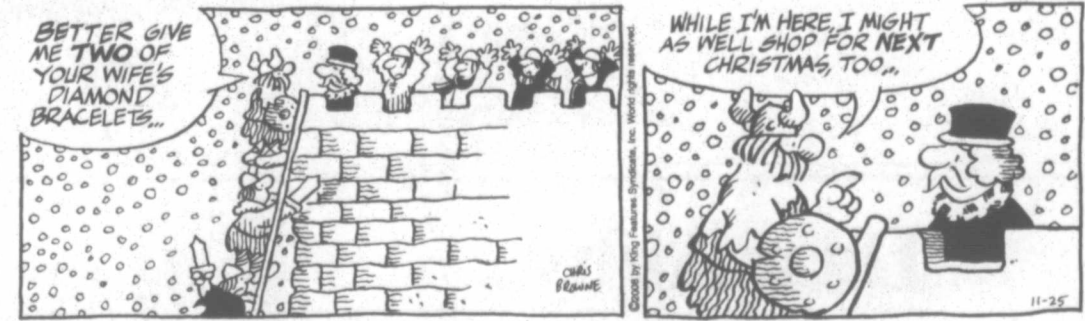
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Sports

Invitational tourney brings teams from Texas, OK and LA to Pampa Friday

by David Bowser
staff reporter

The Friday after Thanksgiving may be the biggest shopping day of the year, but for Brad Pingel, it's the tip off the annual Lion's Club and VFW Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Eight teams will vie for bragging rights and the most valuable player of the tournament will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of his choice.

In addition to Pampa, the teams include Amarillo

Tascosa; Dumas; Lubbock Estacado; Lawton, Okla.; Northwood High School of Shreveport, La.; El Paso Canutillo, and San Angelo Central.

"We have the VFW joining us this year," Pingel said.

The proceeds from the tournament go to support the Texas Lion's Camp in Kerrville. "We'll have campers here again this year to present the trophies," Pingel said.

Scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. Friday, the first day will feature four basketball games.

Saturday will feature eight. Saturday's games begin at 9 a.m., with a breakfast for the teams at 7 a.m.

Pampa Harvesters are slated to play their first game at 7:30 p.m. Friday. All games will be at McNeely Field House.

At five dollars for adults and three dollars for children (children six years of age and under are free), Pingel said the tournament provides a lot of excellent basketball for a small price.

"For five dollars," he said, "you can watch eight hours of

basketball on Saturday."

This weekend's tournament is the culmination of almost a year of planning, Pingel said.

"In January, I sat down and began selecting teams for the brackets and calling coaches," he said.

Its complexity is overshadowed only by the cost.

The teams have to pay travel expenses, but the Lion's Club picks up the motel costs in Pampa, something not easy when the motels are running at nearly 100 percent occupancy.

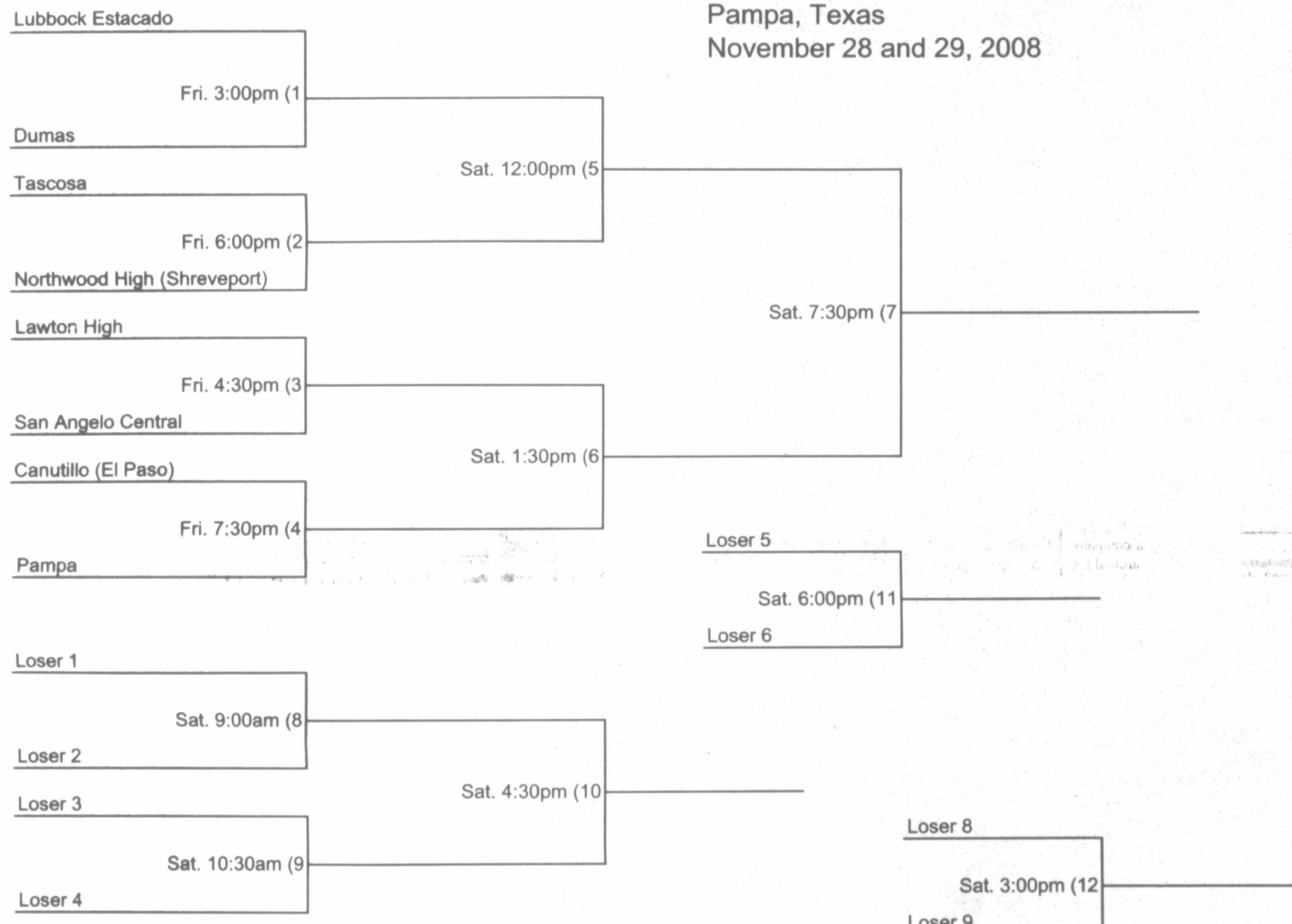
"I started booking rooms in the summer," Pingel said.

Pingel said the VFW will present the flag each day with members of the VFW also presenting the flags of the various military branches.

The Lion's Club gets the proceeds from admission, program advertising and concessions, but Pingel said they couldn't make the tournament happen without the VFW and the support they've gotten from the community.

Pampa Lions Club & VFW International Invitational Elimination Brackets

Pampa Lions & VFW Basketball Invitational
Pampa, Texas
November 28 and 29, 2008



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: The letter from "All in Love Is Fair" (Oct. 1), asking your opinion about asking her boyfriend to pay for half the cost of her birth control pills, made me chuckle. I have been married for 28 years, but when my husband and I were going together, I paid for my birth control. One day when I was at the pharmacy and my birth control method went from the conveyor belt to the bagger, she remarked how expensive it was. I just smiled and said, "Not as expensive as a baby!" The checker cracked up. I think you gave the writer the correct answer. -- **BEEN THERE IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR BEEN THERE: Thanks for your support, but we are definitely in the minority. I heard from one other reader who agreed with us. On the other hand, thousands of men and women wrote that my answer was sexist

and outdated. Please forgive my lapse, folks. I admit that while my batting average may be pretty fair, I am not "pitch" perfect. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I preach equal responsibility for birth control to both my daughters and my son! Shame on you for telling "All in Love" that paying for birth control is only the woman's responsibility. It is the responsibility of both partners. Only when men are as concerned about preventing unwanted pregnancies as women will there be fewer unwanted (and often abused) children and single welfare mothers. Please rethink this. -- **JEAN W., FORT COLLINS, COLO.**

DEAR ABBY: It's bad enough that women usually have to deal with the birth control issue, but having to pay 100 percent of the cost is absurd. Men should kick in toward

other forms of birth control, as they reap the benefits. Likewise, a woman should split the cost of condoms. Perhaps "All in Love Is Fair" should tell her boyfriend it's now his turn to take care of the birth control and offer to split the cost of the vasectomy. -- **REBECCA IN ATLANTA**

DEAR ABBY: I work in the area of unintended pregnancy prevention. One of the biggest hurdles this country faces in tackling the problem is getting males to shoulder their responsibility in preventing unintended pregnancy. You have set the field back with your response. Men who insist that birth control is solely the responsibility of the woman aren't mature enough to be having sex. If the boyfriend is unwilling to contribute toward preventing pregnancy, she should stop having sex with him. -- **S.S. IN**

RICHMOND, VA.

DEAR ABBY: I agree with you that a personal prescription drug should not be a shared expense if it's for an illness. But pregnancy is not an illness. Not having children is the responsibility of both parties involved, just as having children is the responsibility of both. Please tell her "Don't pop the pill if he won't share the bill!" -- **PAUL IN LA PORTE, TEXAS**

DEAR ABBY: When my boyfriend and I became sexually active in college, he went with me to Planned Parenthood and waited while I saw the doctor. He paid half the cost of the birth control device, saying, "This is for our pleasure together, and it protects us from becoming parents before we're ready. It's my responsibility, too." I knew right then that he really loved me, because he cared about my future. That sweet, honorable boy grew up into a loving and supportive husband. We've been happily married almost 20 years. -- **MARISSA IN PALO ALTO**

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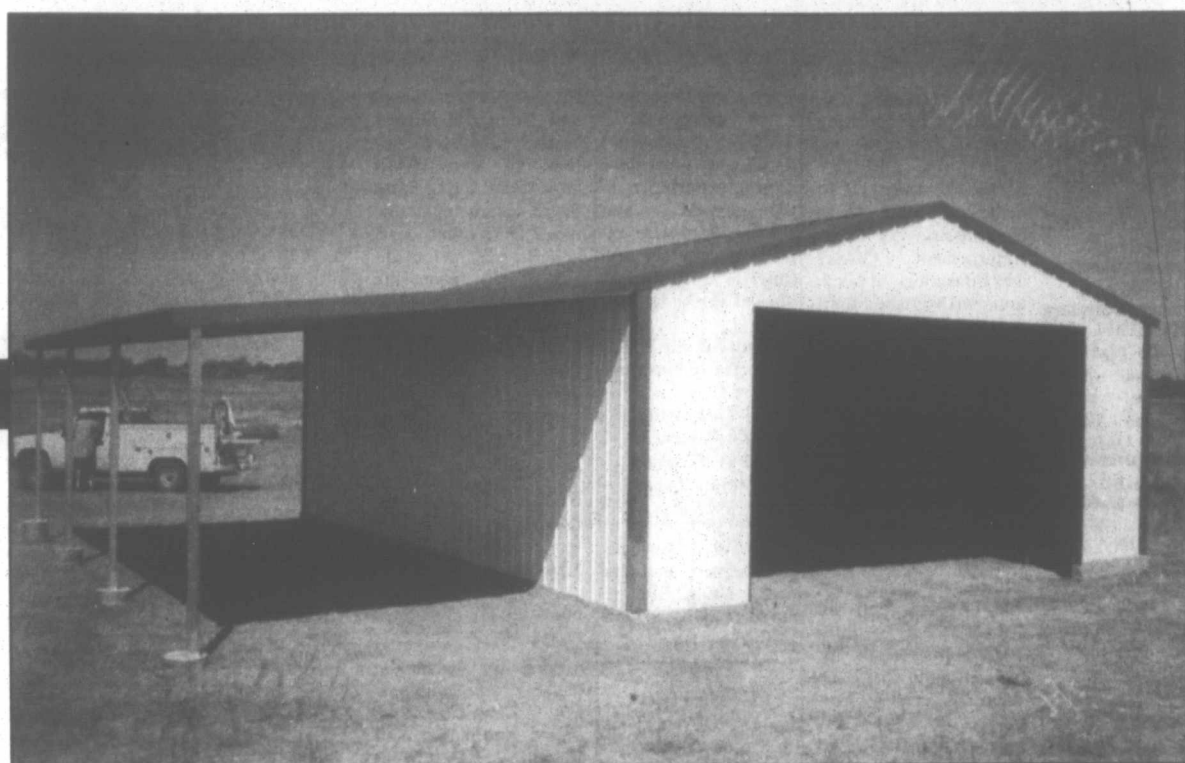
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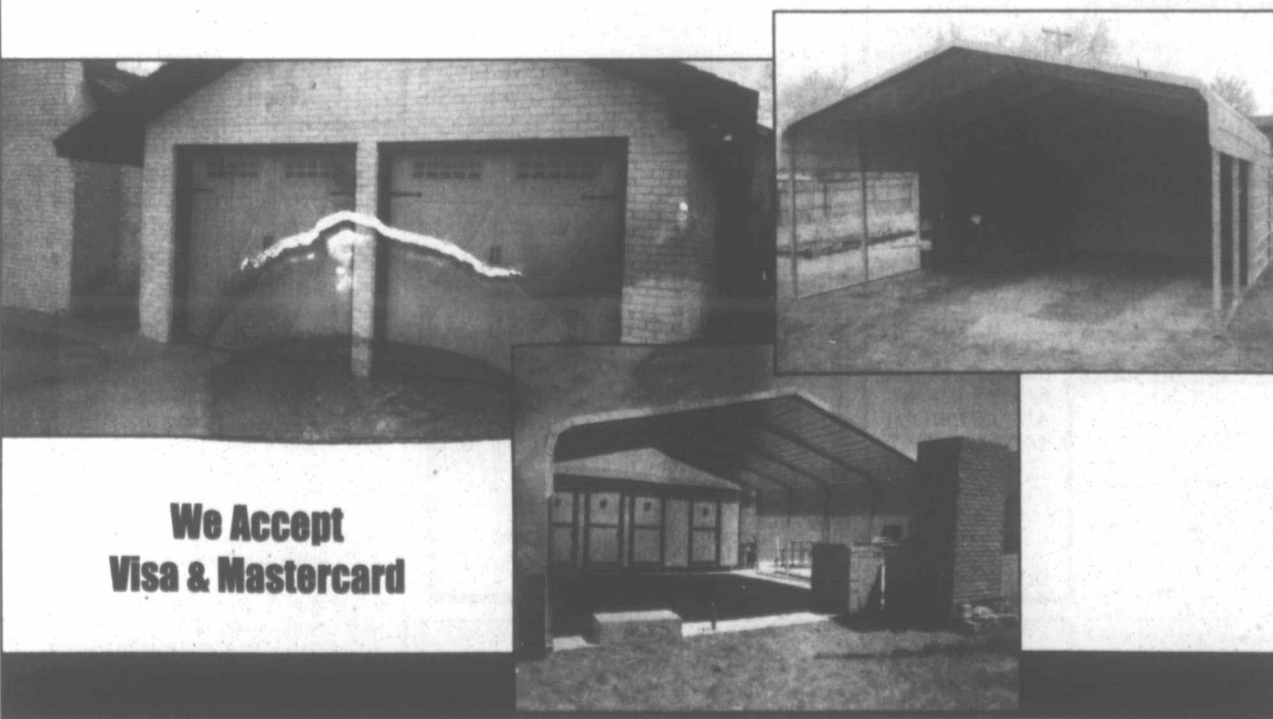
ings. Buildings may be used to provide protection from the elements for your car, boat, RV, outdoor furniture and equipment or even livestock. They can be installed on the ground, gravel, or a concrete pad. Custom sizes to meet your needs are easily built by adding height and length extensions.

Rasco Construction would like to welcome everyone to drop by the local business to check out the services the company provides. Prospective customers may visit with the staff and determine the "perfect" storage building for their needs. Free estimates are available.

Gerald and Joyce have both lived in Pampa all their lives and would appreciate the chance to be your hometown garage door supplier and service company.

"We also keep door and operator parts in stock," Rasco said.

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