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Halloween Fun!



staff photo by Rachel Stennett

Trinity Fellowship Church's Youth Pastor Libby Hudson helps paint Avalette Warner's face at the "Harvest Fest" held Wednesday evening at the church.



staff photo by Rachel Stennett

Shelly and Scot DeMar dressed as pirates and participated in the "Trunk or Treat" at First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday night. Local children were invited to stop by car trunks parked in the church lot for candy. Keely Dawn Williamson, 7, and Lorelei, 2, visited their trunk, which was decorated with cobwebs, witches and other creepy items.

More photos on Page 3.

Financial market situation impacts local projects

by David Bowser
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from anything that requires major financing."

The worldwide economic slowdown is beginning to affect Pampa.

He said Pampa's economy hasn't slowed down.

Pampa City Manager Trevlyn Pitner said this week that two projects are being delayed until national and global financial markets stabilize.

"There are still people coming in everyday, working on construction and different things that are happening," Pitner said.

The Mesa wind farm project and the Hampton Village housing development are slowing things down due the economic situation, Pitner told the Pampa City Commission earlier this week.

He said he thinks the slow down with regard to Mesa's wind farm is only temporary.

"We're hearing that from everybody," Pitner said, "not just Mesa. We're hearing that

Pitner said he had gotten a message from Ron Harris with Mesa Power saying that the current financial crisis is causing everyone to take pause and evaluate individual options.

"We are no different," Harris said in an email to Pitner and the city commis-

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Bids on county agenda

The Gray County Commissioners Court will open bids and requests for proposals when it goes into session Friday morning.

quarterly report for fiscal year 2008 regarding Community Supervision and Corrections Department, the 2009 Indigent Defense Grant Program and an oil and gas contract with David Logan concerning Gray County School Lands in Gaines County.

The commissioners will open requests for proposals on insurance for liability, property, heavy equipment, business auto and workers compensation. They will also open bids for the jail commissary, a Caterpillar 1 and a 1994 Chevrolet pickup in Precinct 2.

They will also consider a resolution proclaiming November Home Care and Hospice Month.

They'll consider a quarterly investment report, the financial position and last

The commissions court will meet beginning at 9 a.m. Friday in the non-jury room on the first floor of the Gray County Courthouse.

Lefors Action Group hosts clean-up

by Rachel Stennett
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The Lefors Action Group will be hosting its annual Community Clean-up on Saturday, Nov. 1 for the fifth year.

People from the community are encouraged to join the group in cleaning major streets, parks, and other areas, to help Lefors citizens "build pride in the community and keep it aestically nicer," according to Lefors Action Group Spokesperson Jane Wilkins.

The group will meet at Timmons Park at 10 a.m., and then will spread into multiple teams to hit different areas in the city. The teams will be cleaning up trash including paper, plastics, cans and other small items. The clean-up will last from 10 a.m. until noon, and then all participants will be served a free "wiener roast" lunch afterwards.

The Lefors Action Group was initiated approximately five years ago, Wilkins said, and members work year round to help the Lefors community with different projects. The clean-up is a semi-annual collaboration, once in the spring and once in the fall, which is normally timed with the State Patrol clean-up initiative.

In 2004, the Lefors Action Group was organized into five different committees to help with projects including grant writing, Citizens on Patrol, and the community clean-up, but with time the organization has turned it's focus on the clean-up and other small projects throughout the year. The Lefors Action Group is also responsible for a chili cookoff fundraiser, a Halloween egg hunt, and other community projects, in the past they furnished a wheel chair ramp for the community.

Wilkins, Susan Oldham, Karen Noble, and Linda Stanton all work together to keep the group organized and active.

Natural gas rates to increase

Atmos Energy wanted \$9.5 million. The steering committee said Atmos could justify \$5.37 million. They settled for \$3.9 million.

attorneys and consultants to review the utility's figures.

The bad news is natural gas utility rates will be going up. The good news is that they won't go up as much as the utility initially asked.

A committee of that coalition's members, along with the consultants and lawyers, reported that the size of the rate increase was unreasonable. They said Atmos could only justify a rate increase of \$5.37 million.

A new rate review mechanism approved by the Pampa City Commission earlier this year apparently saved homeowners and businesses a bunch of money.

After further negotiations, that number was reduced to \$3.9 million rate hike for the service area.

Atmos, a natural gas utility, filed a rate hike for its West Texas service area, including Pampa, in August, asking for \$9.5 million more dollars.

A spokesman for Atmos said the good thing about the new negotiating process is that it eliminates litigation and the costly fees associated with lawsuits.

A coalition of communities in the service area that were facing that rate hikes hired

The spokesman, John Wagner, said the company was dropping its base rates. Residential base rates, he said, were at \$10.08 per

month. That has been dropped to \$7.37. But the commodity factor for natural gas has increased from 11 cents to 15 cents per ccf (100 cubic feet) of natural gas.

Consequently, Wagner said the colder this winter is the more people will use their heaters.

"We feel very confident that we'll have enough sales throughout the winter months to still keep people at work in our company, make a decent profit and run a good business in the communities that we serve," Wagner said.

The Pampa City Commission approved the settlement earlier this week.

The new rates will become effective Nov. 15.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

WATKINS, Joanne Lawson — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Joanne Lawson Watkins, 63

PLANO, Texas — Joanne Lawson Watkins, 63, died Oct. 28, 2008, at Plano. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, 2008, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Dr. Jerry R. Lane, pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church of Borger, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Ms. Watkins was born May 17, 1945, in Pampa and was a 1963 graduate of Pampa High School. She received a Bachelor of

Science degree in Botany from the University of Oklahoma and received a degree in graphic design at the University of Kansas. She was the instructional software designer for Jack Henry & Associates in Dallas and was the featured instructor on the Hewlett-Packard online learning center. Ms. Watkins taught part-time as an associate faculty member of the Collin



Watkins

County Community College District and also taught at Brookhaven College which is part of the Dallas Community College system. Her classes included Introduction to Computer Graphics, Beginning and Advanced Web Design, PowerPoint, and Publisher. Ms. Watkins was a former member of the Biological Photographic Association, Inc., and was honored with

numerous awards for her photography. She was a member of the United Methodist Church. Survivors include one son, Mark Watkins and wife Deborah of Sachse; and a sister, Kay Carter and husband Richard of Overland Park, Kan. She was preceded in death by her parents, Josephine and Kermit Lawson. **MEMORIALS:** A favorite charity. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD
 Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. Tuesday, **Monday, Oct. 27**

Ten traffic stops were made. Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Farm to Market Road 1321 and 2857, the 300 block of West Francis, the 1100 block of Sierra and the lobby of the police department. Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 1300 block of East Francis, the 500 block of North Starkweather, the intersection of Gillispie and Kingsmill streets, the 700

block of North Frost, the 800 block of East Murphy, the 900 block of South Wilcox, the 800 block of Octavus, the intersection of Hobart and McCullough streets, the 1000 block of South Dwight, the 400 block of North Purviance, the 700 block of North Deane Drive, and the intersection of Kentucky and Mary Ellen streets. Three alarms were investigated. A welfare check was made in the 1400 block of West Somerville. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of South Cuyler, the 1100 block of Neel, the 300 block of East Browning and the 2600 block of Navajo. Assault was reported in the 900 block of East Francis.

Thefts were reported in the police department lobby and the 400 block of West Brown, where a CD player valued at \$150 was reported taken and a window broken out of a 1996 Grand Am. Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 1400 block of North Russell and the 1100 block of West Alcock. Suspicious person calls were received from the 800 block of East Kingsmill, and the intersection of Varnon and Huff streets. An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 100 block of Purviance. Found property was reported in the 500 block of North Faulkner. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of South Dwight.

A prowler was reported in the 100 block of South Purviance. **Tuesday, Oct. 28**
 Twenty-two traffic stops were made. A stop in the 1100 block of North Russell resulted in at least one arrest. Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Brown and Barnes streets, the 1100 block of South Banks, the 600 block of West Crawford, the 1100 block of Neel, the intersection of Plains and Llano streets, and the 500 block of West Crawford. A suspicious vehicle call was received from the intersection of Brown and Love streets. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of East 26th Avenue.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office recorded the following arrests this week. **Monday, Oct. 27**
 Kimberlee Dawn Mouser, 25, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO and charged with theft of property by check (over \$2,000 and under \$500), possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear. Lewis Ernest Yearick, 33, of Roswell, N.M., was arrested by GCSO and charged with no valid driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, no seat belt-driver and two counts of failure to appear. **Tuesday, Oct. 28**
 Elizabeth Ashley Joiner, 21, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of North Russell by Pampa Police Department and charged with defective tail lamp(s), displaying expired registration, expired motor vehicle inspection, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear-bail jumping and three counts of failure to appear.

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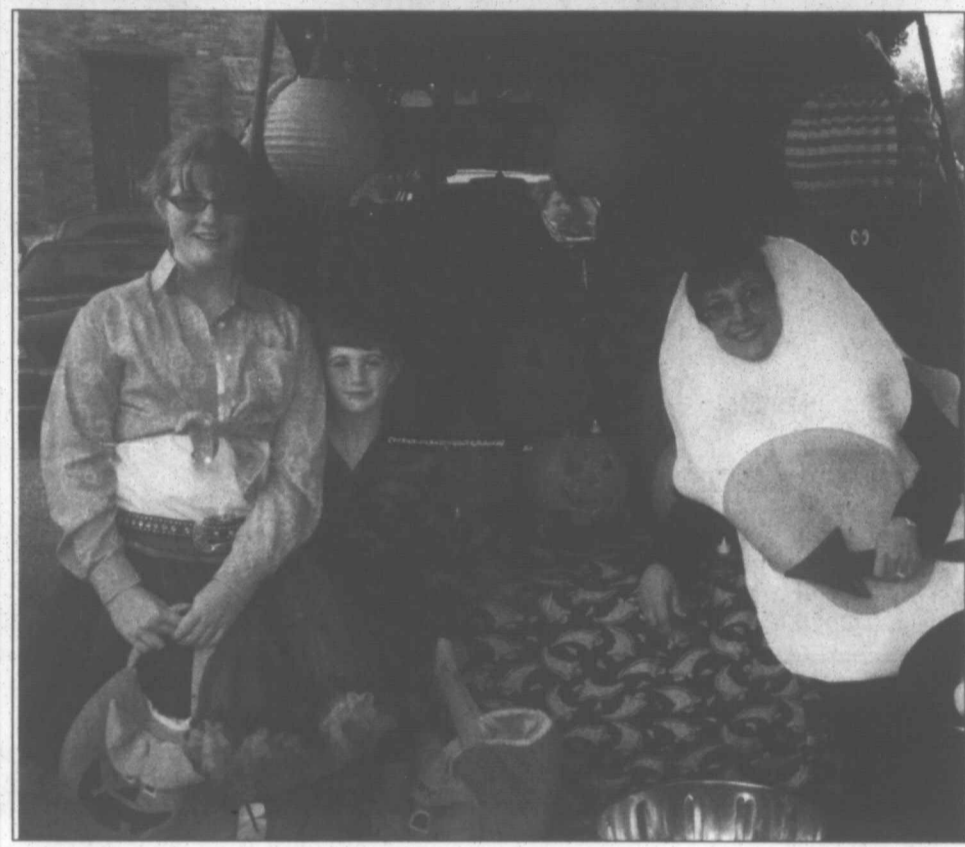
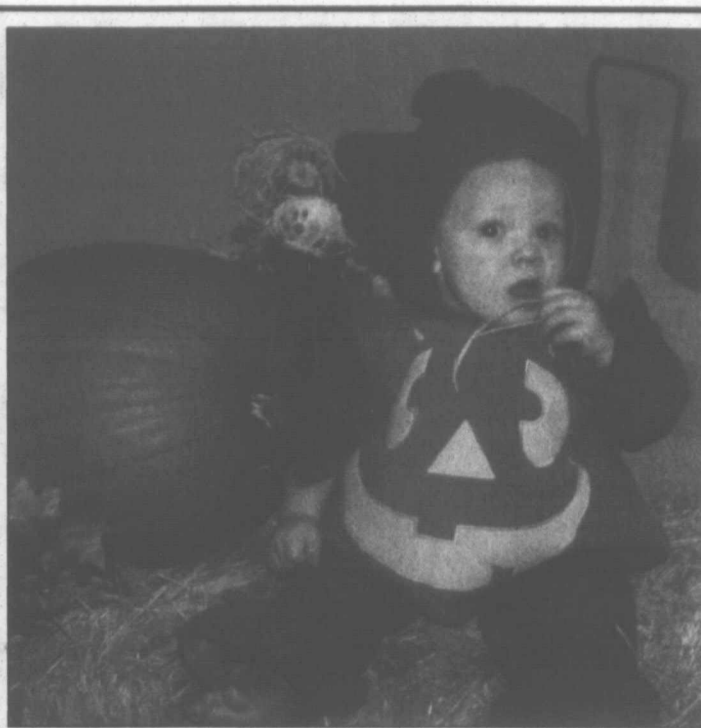
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More Halloween Fun!

staff photos by Rachel Stennett
Clockwise from top left: Bobbie Robicheaux, 8, dressed as Raggedy Ann, and Kalleigh McIntosh, 9, dressed as a Harvester cheerleader for Harvest Festival; dressed as a pumpkin, 9-month-old Lyric Hudson enjoyed the inflatable bouncers and face painting at Harvest Night; Hanna Brainard, dressed as a cowgirl, and her brother Landry, dressed as a soldier, stopped by Sharron Andrews' trunk at Pampa Presbyterian Church's "Trunk or Treat" held Wednesday evening at the church parking lot. Andrews was dressed as a deviled egg and had carved pumpkins and a cauldron in her trunk filled with treats for the kids.

Projects

Continued from Front Page
 sion, Gray County Judge Richard Peet, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Keith Pitner and Pampa Independent School District Superintendent Barry Haenisch. "This will inevitably cause some delays in our project, including our efforts to secure transmission right-of-way." Pitner said he's heard much the same from the Hampton Village project. They are building low and moderate-income housing off Alcock.

the people at Hampton Village a couple of weeks ago and were told the project was being put on hold until the housing and economic situation calms down.

They had started clearing the area for the development south of Alcock, but Pitner said once that part of the project is complete, activity will cease until the economic crisis is over.

He said he hopes that project will be back on track in the next three to six months.

"I'm just real excited that there are a lot of other wind projects and other things going on," Pitner said.

The city manager said he and Public Works Director Richard Morris talked with

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Exxon Mobil posts biggest US quarterly profit ever

HOUSTON (AP) — Exxon Mobil Corp., the world's largest publicly traded oil company, reported income Thursday that shattered its own record for the biggest profit from operations by a U.S. corporation, earning \$14.83 billion in the third quarter.

The Irving, Texas-based company has reported unprecedented back-to-back quarters, the end of the most recent coinciding with a rapid plunge in crude prices. Benchmark oil prices fell another \$2.21 to \$65.29 Thursday on the New York Mercantile Exchange, about 56 percent off record highs in July.

Exxon said net income

jumped nearly 58 percent to \$2.86 a share in the July-September period. That compares with \$9.41 billion, or \$1.70 a share, a year ago.

The previous record for U.S. corporate profit was set in the last quarter, when Exxon Mobil earned \$11.68 billion.

Revenue rose 35 percent to \$137.7 billion.

On average, analysts expected the company to earn \$2.39 per share in the latest quarter on revenue of \$131.4 billion.

Company shares fell 90 cents to \$73.75 at the open of trade.

Exxon Mobil's results got a boost of \$1.62 billion in the most-recent quarter from the sale of a natural gas transportation business in Germany. It also took a special, after-tax charge of \$170 million related to a punitive damages award related to the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Excluding those items, third-quarter earnings amounted to \$13.38 billion — nearly 15 percent above its previous profit record from the second quarter.

As expected, Exxon Mobil posted massive earnings at its exploration and production, or upstream, arm, where net income rose 48 percent to \$9.35 billion. Higher oil and natural gas prices propelled results, even though production was down from the third quarter a year ago.

Oil producers are coming off a quarter during which crude prices reached an all-time high of \$147.27 — and their profits have reflected it. Crude prices, however, have quickly fallen 50 percent from the summer's highs, and the global economic malaise has raised questions about energy demand at least into 2009.

Some companies, especially smaller producers, are scaling

back spending on new exploration and production projects because of the uncertainty, though analysts say that its less likely to happen at the well-heeled giants like Exxon Mobil.

Todd accepts deal

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A McCain campaign volunteer accused of making up a story about being robbed and assaulted in Pittsburgh by a man who disliked her McCain bumper sticker will enter a program for first-time offenders.

Under the deal announced in court Thursday, 20-year-old Ashley Todd will be released from jail and required to undergo mental health treatment. Her record eventually will be expunged as long as she goes to treatment, stays out of trouble and keeps authorities apprised of her whereabouts.

Todd, of College Station, Texas, has been jailed since Oct. 24, when police say she admitted making up a story about being robbed near a Pittsburgh bank and then assaulted a man who scraped a backward letter "B" into her cheek.

Todd, who was charged with making a false police report, did not have to enter a plea.

Police say Todd couldn't explain why she invented the story.

Grain prices

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of White Deer for the close of the last open market day.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Oct. 30, the 304th day of 2008. There are 62 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 30, 1938, the radio play "The War of the Worlds," starring Orson Welles, aired on CBS. (The live drama, which employed fake breaking news reports, panicked some listeners who thought the portrayal of a Martian invasion was real.)

On this date:

In 1735, the second president of the United States, John Adams, was born in Braintree, Mass.

In 1885, poet Ezra Pound was born in Hailey, Idaho.

In 1944, the Martha Graham ballet "Appalachian Spring," with music by Aaron Copland, premiered at the Library of Congress in Washington, with Graham in a leading role.

In 1945, the U.S. government announced the end of shoe rationing, effective at midnight.

In 1961, the Soviet Union tested a hydrogen bomb, the "Tsar Bomba," with a force estimated at about 50 megatons.

In 1961, the Soviet Party Congress unanimously approved a resolution ordering the removal of Josef Stalin's body from Lenin's tomb.

In 1975, the New York

Daily News ran the headline "Ford to City: Drop Dead" a day after President Ford said he would veto any proposed federal bailout of New York City.

In 1979, President Carter announced his choice of federal appeals judge Shirley Hufstедler to head the newly created Department of Education.

In 1984, police in Poland found the body of kidnapped pro-Solidarity priest Father Jerzy Popieluszko, whose death was blamed on security officers.

In 1995, by a razor-thin vote of 50.6 percent to 49.4 percent, Federalists prevailed over separatists in a Quebec secession referendum.

Ten years ago: In Nicaragua, a mudslide caused by Hurricane Mitch killed at least 2,000 people on the slopes of the Casitas volcano in Posoltega.

Five years ago: The House approved an \$87.5 billion package for Iraq and Afghanistan. Four construction workers were killed when an Atlantic City, N.J., casino parking garage collapsed.

One year ago: Democrats Barack Obama and John Edwards sharply challenged Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's candor, consistency and judgment in a televised debate in Philadelphia. Singer-actor Robert Goulet died at a Los Angeles hospital at age 73.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Dick Gautier is 71. Movie director Claude Lelouch is 71. Rock singer Grace Slick is 69. Songwriter Eddie Holland is 69. Actor Ed Lauter is 68. Rhythm-and-blues singer Otis Williams (The Temptations) is 67. Actor Henry Winkler is 63. Rock musician Chris Slade (Asia) is 62. Musician Timothy B. Schmit (The Eagles) is 61. Actor Leon Rippey is 59. Actor Harry Hamlin is 57.

'Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood.'

— Marie Curie
Polish Nobel Prize-winning chemist (1867-1934)



Gov't policy wonks amok

According to an Associated Press article posted last week, a powerful federal medical panel is singling out a group of Americans for a mandatory vaccine. The article, written by Mike Stobbe, AP medical writer, stated that in most cases the panel's suggestions are accepted and enforced by governmental bodies.

The name for this delightful bureaucratic beast is the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. The committee is recommending American smokers not only be subjected to the aforementioned vaccine but to no-opt-out "smoking cessation" counseling, as well.

The AP said the vaccine would affect some 31 million adult smokers in the United States.

Okay. My first question is: How is the federal government going to enforce such a mandate? My second question is: How much money will enforcing the mandate cost

taxpayers; and my third question is: Why should ANY American be ordered to take medical treatment for a condition that does not translate into a transmittable threat to the public?

And beyond these initial objections: What right does the state have to order law-abiding citizens into counseling for imbibing in a legal product?

Stobbe's article revealed that the so-called vaccine, known as Pneumovax, would cost \$30 per shot. Another similar vaccine, referred to as Wyeth's Prevnar, is more expensive at \$84 per shot.

The panel-recommended vaccine is said to last up to 10 years but drastically decreases in effectiveness after that lapse.

"Prevnar protects against seven strains of bacteria,"

Stobbe's article states, "that were the most common causes of pneumococcal diseases at the time the vaccine was developed. But lately, those strains have stopped being important causes of illness. Experts have become concerned about dozens of other strains, including some that have flourished and become resistant to antibiotics."

Stobbe reported that Pneumovax has been around since 1983 and "is designed to protect against 23 strains of pneumococcal bacteria. But it hasn't proved very effective in warding off other pneumococcal illnesses in people with weakened immune systems and people age 80 or older."

Such circumstances beg another question: How in the world is such a vaccine practice if pathogens are developing faster than science? Under these circumstances, how can government sustain safety and treatment? And, according to Stobbe's report, younger smokers are not considered at-risk. Consequently, the vaccine would be wholly ineffectual and unnecessary for at least a portion of smokers — those at the younger end and those at the older end of the spectrum.

To foist off a questionable (at best) and inadequate (at least) although albeit well-tested vaccine on a specified segment of Americans is the height of stupidity and would serve no useful purpose other than, of course, lining the coffers of some drug company while placing more power and authority in the hands of government bureaucrats.

This medical mandate appears as just another example of government policy wonks gone amok.

Skyla Bryant
Lifestyles Editor



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around the nation:

■ Oct. 15
Odessa American on a worse investment plan:

About the best thing that can be said about the latest government plan, to invest up to \$250 billion in various U.S. banks, giving the government an equity - or ownership - position in those banks, is that it is probably a less-harmful, less-risky use of some of the \$700 billion Congress gave the government to try to fix the financial system than the original plan. The original plan, you may remember — was for the Treasury Department to buy troubled ("toxic") mortgages and mortgage-backed securities from financial institutions and then try to see if any actual value could be coaxed out of them.

But Treasury still hasn't figured out just how to do that, and it's not hard to understand why. When there is no active market for such securities, how do you know what would be a "fair" price — presumably one that won't cause too much loss to taxpayers? People talked about a "reverse auction," but nobody in government has run one or would know how to put a good one together. And is it a good idea for government to assume direct responsibility for all kinds of foreclosed properties — which might

include upkeep to prevent further lost value — yet another chore at which government has shown zero competence?

The trouble is, instead of simply abandoning that ill-conceived plan, it is likely that government, once it has spent the first \$250 billion on a less-worse plan, will face pressure to spend the rest on the original proposal, or on something even less likely to yield success.

Now why is this plan less worse than it might have been? As Esmail Adibi, who heads the Anderson Center for Economic Research at Chapman University, explained, despite the government buying direct shares in various banks, it is not quite the step toward full socialization of the banking system that many fear (or favor). The government will be buying what are called preferred, or nonvoting, shares. These shares will dilute the ownership stake of previous shareholders but not give the government anything like controlling interest. The banks will have to pay the government special dividends of 5 percent for five years, which will rise to 9 percent after that. That, along with the restrictions involved, constitutes an incentive for the banks, once they are more stable, to buy back those shares. So government equity is supposed to be temporary.

However, as Lee Ohanian, who teaches international economics at

UCLA, said, if the banks haven't recovered by then, or if the economy is in recession, isn't it likely that the banks will ask for more help, or for an extension of the 5 percent dividend? Or as Gerald O'Driscoll, former chief economist for the Federal Reserve in Dallas, suggested, what if inflation is at 10 percent, and 9 percent looks pretty good? Could the government end up with effective control of the banks, as in a fascist economy?

The ostensible purpose of this massive capital injection is to encourage banks, which have been reluctant to make loans (even those that have money to lend), to begin making more loans, and especially to participate in interbank lending, thus relieving what is perceived as a credit crisis.

Whether it will work is anybody's guess. So far the previous posturing seems only to have increased uncertainty and the perception that the sky is falling, which markets generally hate. With government making up new rules on the fly and changing direction virtually every other day, that's not surprising. This equity-purchase may hold promise as a short-term fix. The best bet is to give it time to begin to work (or even appear to work), and tell Ben Bernanke, Henry Paulson and President Bush to stay off television for at least a month. URL: <http://www.oaoo.com>

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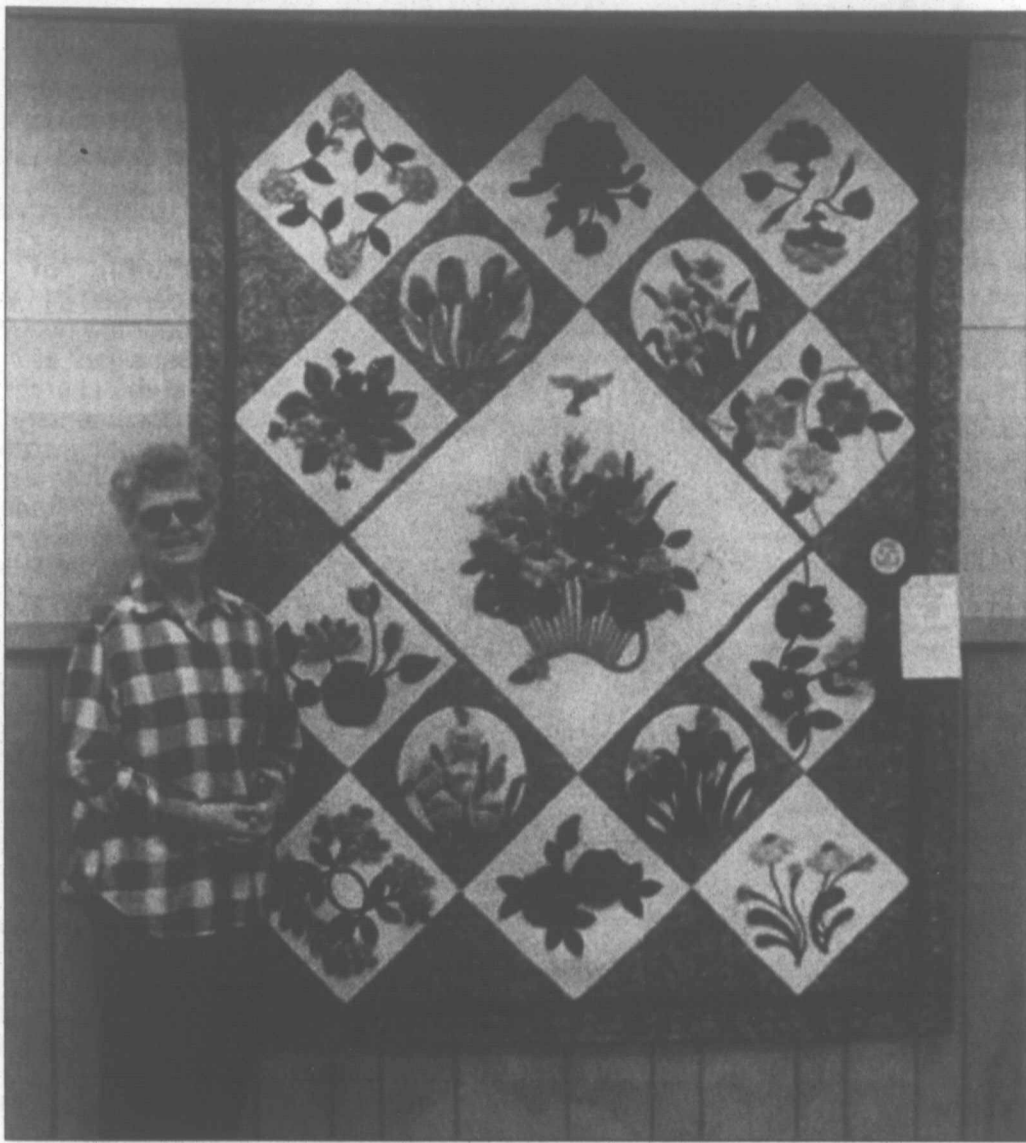
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Quilt guild



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TOP: Jean McCarley's "Dimensional Flowers," shown above, was first-place winner at the recent Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild Exhibit in Pampa. The winners were chosen by viewer's choice ballots completed by exhibit-goers. Second place was won by Susie Edwards for her "Double Wedding Ring" quilt and third place was won by Donna Reynolds for her "Cottage Garden" quilt. **BOTTOM:** Darlene Vespestad, left, made this wall quilt won by Lilith Brainard, right, of Pampa during the PPQG quilt exhibit at Lovett Memorial Library. The "Whimsical Snowmen" quilt was awarded to Brainard in a drawing held in conjunction with the quilt show. Vespestad is a guild member.

Netflix, TiVo team up after 4-year courtship

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Home entertainment trendsetters Netflix Inc. and TiVo Inc. are finally joining forces to deliver more movies and old TV episodes to their mutual subscribers, consummating a relationship that was supposed to come together four years ago.

Under the partnership announced Thursday, the latest generation of TiVo's digital video recorders will be able to beam selections from 12,000 movies and TV shows offered through Netflix's streaming service, which must be piped over high-speed Internet connections. TiVo's DVRs will start catering to Netflix subscribers in early December.

The collaboration fulfills a promise made in 2004 when DVR pioneer TiVo and online DVD rental trailblazer Netflix set out to develop a system for delivering video directly over the Internet. But they got sidetracked after Netflix couldn't work out licensing deals with movie and TV studios.

By the time Netflix cleared the licensing hurdle and launched its Internet streaming service 21 months ago, the two companies had decided to pursue other partners.

But a reconciliation was inevitable, according to the leaders of Netflix and TiVo, whose Silicon Valley head-

quarters are about 18 miles apart.

"It's just a natural pairing and we are thrilled to finally be working with them," said Reed Hastings, Netflix's chief executive officer.

"I don't think there is any question we have gotten more frequently than, 'What about TiVo and Netflix working together?'" said TiVo

CEO Tom Rogers.

Coming off the first back-to-back quarterly profits in its 11-year history, TiVo is betting its ties to Netflix and other content providers like Amazon.com Inc. and Google Inc.'s YouTube will help distinguish its \$299 DVRs from the generic recorders peddled by cable TV providers.

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AMARILLO — Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Tom Pauken and newly appointed Texas State Demographer Dr. Karl Eschbach will discuss current and future workforce, and demographic trends for Amarillo and Texas as featured speakers at the Panhandle Twenty/20 luncheon scheduled at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 31 at Amarillo College.

TWC oversees workforce development services to employers and job seekers throughout the state. Pauken is founder and president of TWP Inc. He formerly served in the White House Counsel Office under President Reagan and also was appointed by the president to serve as director of ACTION, an independent federal agency.

At ACTION, Pauken founded the Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program and helped lead the implementation of first lady Nancy Reagan's Just Say No drug

abuse awareness campaign. He is a board member of TOR Minerals International Inc., and FutureMatrix Interventional. Pauken also is a member of the State Bar of Texas, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Knights of Columbus. He received a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University and a law degree from Southern Methodist University.

The luncheon is sponsored by Panhandle Twenty/20, Amarillo College, Amarillo Chamber of Commerce and Celebrate Education. To attend the luncheon or for more information, call (806) 376-4521.

The Texas Workforce Commission is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers and communities prosper economically. For details on TWC and the services it offers in unison with its network of local workforce development boards, call (512) 463-8556 or visit www.texas-workforce.org.



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CREATE-a-Beat!

Kaitlyn Bruce recently played the Dance, Dance Revolution game during a party at CREATE-a-Beat! had set up for their Good Behavior Party.

Events calendar

• **Gwendolen Apartments**, 800 N. Nelson, will be handing out fun treats, candy and surprises to any child in costume from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 31 in the office of the apartment complex.

• **Church of the Nazarene**, 500 N. West, will present the documentary "Obsession" at 7 p.m. Nov. 1 at the church. The film is a documentary from HonestReporting.com on the "Islamic War on the West." It is for mature audiences only and is free and open to the public.

• **Briarwood Full Gospel Church** of Pampa will hold its Fall Festival from 6-9 p.m. Nov. 1 at the church. The event will include booths, a cake walk, hay rides, food, games and more. Open to the whole family. For more information, call 665-7201.

• **High Plains Epilepsy Association** will hold "Hittin' the Bricks" Epilepsy Walk starting with registration for the 5K at 7 a.m. Nov. 1 at Memorial Park in Amarillo. Registration for the fun walk/run will start at 9 a.m. November is Epilepsy Awareness Month. To learn more, log onto the association's Web site, www.hpea.org.

• **Golden Spread Woodcarvers** will hold its seventh annual woodcarving show from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 1 and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 2 in the Regency Room of Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo. The show will feature local woodcarving artists as well as carvers from Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Colorado. Many exhibitors will offer carvings and other items for sale. The event will include a competition, drawings and silent auction. Golden Spread Woodcarvers meets the first and third Saturdays of each month at Panhandle Arts Institute in Amarillo's Sunset Center.

• **Texas Lone Star Club** of the World Organization of China Painters will hold its monthly meeting Nov. 8 at Campana Art Co., 721 W. Wilks. Plans for the upcoming convention/paint-in with Brenda Morgan-Moore from Oxnard, Calif., will be finalized. Charlene Cox will act as hostess. For more information, call 665-3618 or 665-4651.

• **Pampa Book Club** is scheduled to meet at Lovett Memorial Library on the following date(s): Nov. 12 ("Mother of Pearl" by Melinda Haynes).

• **Texas World Organization of China Painters** will stage its biennial convention Nov. 12-14 at Campana Art Co., 721 W. Wilks. The guest artist will be Brenda Morgan-Moore of Oxnard, Calif. She will conduct a three-day painting seminar. Work by members will be on display. A public display may be viewed in the lobby windows of the Combs-Worley Building downtown. For more information, call 665-3618 or 665-4651.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Nov. 19, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa. For more information, call 665-4752.

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The parade will begin forming at 9:00 a.m. in the area bounded by Cuyler Street on the West, Houston Street on the East, Tyng Avenue on the North, and Brown Street on the South. When you arrive at the Queuing area, please report to the intersection of Tyng Avenue and Ballard Street to get your parade number and instructions on where to go. Put your number on the left-hand side of your unit. THE PARADE WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 10:00 A.M.

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Slayings add another chapter to South Side Chicago's violent past

CHICAGO (AP) — During the same weekend that county pathologists conducted autopsies on the bodies of actress-singer Jennifer Hudson's mother and brother, they also examined the bodies of six other people who'd been gunned down or beaten to death.

Five of them died in Chicago, as did the Oscar winner's mother, Darnell Donerson, her brother, Jason Hudson, and 7-year-old nephew, Julian King, whose body was found Monday. Like Hudson's relatives, three died on the city's South Side.

The deaths are yet another reminder of the bloodshed on Chicago's streets this year — when the city has seen more homicides than both New York and Los Angeles. And they go a long way toward explaining why residents of Hudson's childhood neighborhood say it's not surprising that people may have heard gunfire com-

ing from her family home but didn't bother to call police.

"You hear gunshots day and night, that's nothing new," said Ken Rasheeda, 38, who grew up in the neighborhood, Englewood, where he and his wife are now raising three children. "There's been times I heard gunshots and I didn't think twice about it, it's so common."

Englewood may not have the notoriety of old Chicago public housing complexes such as the Robert Taylor Homes or Cabrini Green, but the neighborhood — part of the police department's 7th District — is one of the most violent in the city, ranking at or near the top this year in numbers of homicides, sexual assaults and robberies. In fact, between January and August, 2,083 violent crimes occurred in the district — more than in any of the city's 24 other districts.

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Dear Abby...



By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DESERTED GAL PAL CAN'T DENY PAIN OF STRAINED FRIENDSHIP

DEAR ABBY: My friend, "Steven," and I have known each other 10 years. He and I have seen each other through many good times, and a few bad ones. Most recently, Steven was in a relationship with a woman who couldn't stand the thought of his having female friends. So, for the last 18 months, the only contact I have had with him was via e-mail -- and that was very seldom. Steven recently e-mailed me saying he had broken up with this insecure woman. He expressed how sorry he was for the limited contact, and said he would like for us to rebuild our friendship. I'm thrilled to finally have my friend back, but I also feel somewhat resentful toward him for his having discarded me. Abby, I missed Steven. But how can I be his pal again when I am still hurt by his blatant disregard for our friendship and my feelings over the past year and a half? -- **UNCERTAIN IN LONG BEACH**

DEAR UNCERTAIN: The surest way to put this unhappy chapter in your relationship behind you would be to tell your friend how hurt you were, how abandoned you felt, talk it through and listen to what he has to say. Frankly, no one can blame you for feeling as you do. You were cut off through no fault of your own. And only time will tell if Steven has learned his lesson, so it won't happen again.

DEAR ABBY: For the last seven months I have been planning a Florida vacation with two of my girlfriends. However, one of them, "Heather," has just announced that she will be having foot surgery before we leave. She will be in a cast and able to walk only with the use of crutches. I hoped that Heather would cancel, but she's still planning to come anyway. Abby, I don't want to take care of her on my only vacation. Am I

being selfish? Should we let her come and just sit in the condo while we go out to explore? I'm afraid our friendship will suffer. What should I do? -- **VACATION-BOUND IN THE NORTHWEST**

DEAR VACATION-BOUND: True friends can level with each other. Talk to Heather now and explain your concerns, including your fear that she will be stuck in the condo while you and your other friend will be out and about. Ask if she has thought this through. You might be surprised to find that she'll be perfectly happy sitting in the condo, by a swimming pool or on the beach. If she takes the trip as planned, do your exploring and enjoy yourself. Heather can enjoy your adventures vicariously, as well as the experience of being "away," even if it's not the vacation she originally envisioned.

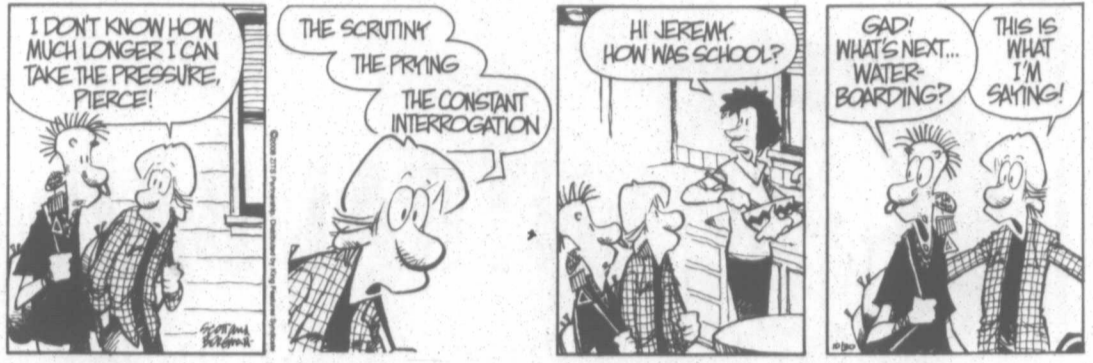
DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-year-old girl with my own set of problems. I had a horrible childhood, but I love to read. I read a series of novels that I grew very fond of, but in the last book the protagonist died. I cried. Can you tell me why I'm so attached? -- **TEEN READER**

DEAR READER: Books can be wonderfully entertaining and informative, and they can also be an escape from reality. It's possible that you spent so much time in the "world" the author created that the protagonist became like a good friend. You became so emotionally invested that you felt a sense of loss when the character was no more. It's no different than becoming emotional watching a sad movie. It means the author did a good job.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS
- 1 Some wordplay
- 5 Urban force
- 11 Med. subj.
- 12 Eventually
- 13 Tower town
- 14 Ritzy home
- 15 Olympians
- 17 By way of
- 18 Hair clusters
- 22 Poison
- 24 Jack of rhyme
- 25 Totality
- 26 As done by
- 27 Submerged
- 30 Awkwardly tall
- 32 Theater bit
- 33 Bother
- 34 Confrontations
- 38 Digestion aid
- 41 Night light
- 42 Cherished
- 43 Diva's song
- 44 Tough puzzles
- 45 Dance move
- DOWN
- 1 One of a bear trio
- 2 Foot or furlong
- 3 Capital on the Cumberland River
- 4 Russian tyrant
- 5 Frost, for one
- 6 Starts
- 7 Abates
- 8 Writer
- 9 Purr producer
- 10 Storm center
- 16 Erode
- 19 Capital on the Kentucky River
- 20 Radio format
- 21 Don't budge
- 22 Bar bills
- 23 Tina's TV
- 19 Capital co-star
- 28 Burning victim
- 29 Rug maker
- 30 Deceit
- 31 Kitchen come-ons
- 35 Heels
- 36 Pâté de —
- 37 Small gras
- 38 Easy victim
- 39 Bustle
- 40 — Alamos

Answers to Yesterdays Sudoku

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Yesterday's answer

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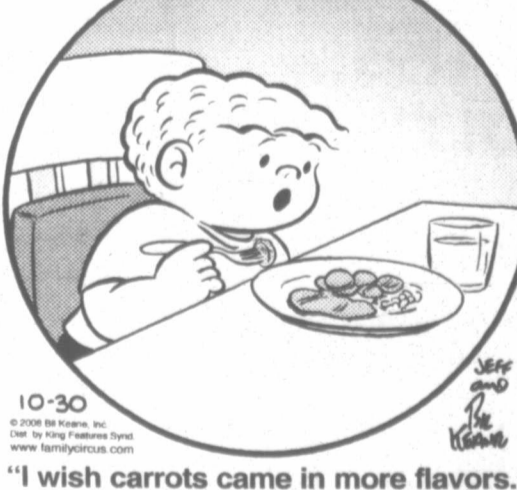
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The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



"I wish carrots came in more flavors."

Flo & Friends



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Sports



Ashley Abbe is this month's Special Olympics Athlete of the Month.

Abbe honored as Special Olympics Athlete of the Month

Pampa Special Olympics has chosen to feature Ashley Abbe as their "Athlete of the Month" for the month of October. She competes in all of PSO's sports including golf, bowling, basketball and track.

"She is very deserving because she is always an encourager and works very hard in her practices trying to improve her skills in all sports," Helen Robinson said.

Abbe said she got involved with PSO by volunteering with lead up in basketball and bowling.

"Janie Street was the first one to tell me about Special Olympics and suggested I just go to the bowling alley

and help out," Abbe said. "With the encouragement of Cindy Cooper and my mom I decided to see if I would like participating."

Last year, at the PSO sports banquet, Abbe was recognized for "Best All Around Female Athlete." For the past two years she has one first place in 18 hole golf with her unified partner, Leslie Jones.

"In the past few years she has gained confidence and such a competitive spirit in which she shares with other athletes," Robinson said.

Between competing, Abbe works three jobs. She works for the Pampa Police Department, Pampa Independent School District

and in the office of attorney Ken Fields, performing office duties.

"My main responsibility at my three jobs are shredding and other office duties," Abbe said. "I work part time at all three and they are all very flexible with me so I am able to be away from work whenever I have a tournament for Special Olympics."

In the future, Abbe said she plans to stay involved in PSO and continue her work at her three jobs.

"My favorite thing about Special Olympics is getting to participate in sports that I never got to do in school," Abbe said. "I get to meet new people and we have lots of fun."

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Swim team opens season at McMurry College

by Stuart Stoffle

The Pampa High School Swim Team opened their season October 18 in a 10 team meet at McMurry College Pool at Abilene. Twenty-eight swimming Harvesters made the early morning bus ride to compete against teams from Amarillo, Odessa, Big Spring, San Angelo, and Pecos.

The boys' team finished a third place and the girls swam to a tenth place finish among the strong slate of teams from both 4-A and 5-A districts.

The boys' 400-yard freestyle relay team won their event with a time of 3:35.81. Seniors Cole Guyer and Colby Dennis, along with Kelley Stoffle and Christian Hinkle manned the team.

Guyer also placed sixth in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:03:18. Dennis placed fourth in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of

1:07.98. Stoffle placed third in the 200-yard Individual Medley with a 2:12.84 and placed fourth in the 100-yard freestyle with a 54:25 time.

The girls' 400-yard freestyle relay team finished in eighth place with a time of 4:42.23. The team is made up of two seniors, Ana Saucedo and Abby West, as well as sophomore Jessica Guterrez and freshman Jessica Covil. West also finished third in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 6:24.47. Covil had an eighth place finish in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:21.37.

The swimming Harvesters are beginning their first season under new head coach Ed Garvin and head to their next meet at Pescos on November 14 through the 15. The meet is considered very competitive, with schools from all over West Texas and Eastern New Mexico competing.



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The Pampa High School junior varsity cheerleaders from left to right: Danielle Zuniga, Danielle Towles, Payton Alvey, Jenna Munsell, Cali Gibson and Cori Cook. The cheerleaders will perform at the community pep rally tonight at 7:30 in the McNeely gym. They will also perform in the halftime show at the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio on December 29.

7th grade volleyball B Team makes championship

The 7th grade B Team had a successful tournament and made it to the championship finals of the End of the Year B Team Tournament recently in Dumas by defeating Plainview 25-7 and 25-20, Hereford 25-17 and 25-12, and Westover 25-9 and 25-19. In the finals against Canyon, the B team had a

great match but came up short with scores of 18-25 and 15-25 and took second overall out of 11 teams.

Leading the team in serving was Pamela Whinery with 54 service points for the tournament, 18 of those were aces. Alexa O'Brien had 31 points and six hits, Samantha Woodruff had 12 points serv-

ing, three blocks, and 14 points hitting. Krysten Muller had 12 service points, eight hits, and one dig, Kelly Silva had 19 serves, one hit and led the team setting. Mattie Eldridge had 10 serves, seven hits, and one dig, Samara Cummins had one hit and one block. Ashlyn Paronto had one service point and helped

the team on defense, LeAnne Hinton had two hits and Macy Cochran had three serve receives.

7th grade A team results
The 7th Grade A Team had a close game against Frenship on Thursday, but came up short by 21-25, 28-26, and 19-25 in three matches. On Saturday, they came back strong and beat Perryton 25-20, and 25-15. They also beat Plainview 21-25, 25-21, and 29-27 to win the consolation side of the bracket out of 11 teams in the district. Tournament statistics are as follows:

Taylor Smith led the team in serves with 31, followed by Taylor Giles with 27, Madison Joyce with 26, Kylee Metts with 23, Bailey Wichert with 18, Savanna Mertz with 12, Bailey Dixon with 10, Lacey Dodson with 9, and Jessie Dixon with three serves.

Metts led the team with 14 serve receives, followed by Mertz with 13 serve receives, Joyce with 12 serve receives, Taylor Smith and Wichert with eight serve receives each, Bailey Dixon with seven serve receives, Giles with five receives, Jesse Dixon with three serve receives, and Ashlee Keith with two serve receives. Bailey Dixon and Smith led the team in digging. Team hitters were Metts, Giles, Joyce, Wichert, Mertz, Lacey Dodson, and B. Dixon.

Harvester Tennis Results

Pampa vs. Hereford
10/11/08

Boys Singles

1. Myles Foreman	Pampa	6-1, 6-3
2. David Moore	Hereford	6-1, 6-4
3. Garrett Coutts	Hereford	6-4, 6-4
4. Matt Kelley	Hereford	7-5, 6-1
5. Aaron Silva	Hereford	6-4, 7-5, 6-1
6. Logan Karbo	Hereford	6-0, 6-1
7. Collin McClendon	Hereford	6-0, 6-4
8. Landon Karbo	Hereford	6-0, 6-1

Boys Doubles

1. Foreman-Coutts	Pampa	7-5, 6-2
2. Kelley-Moore	Hereford	6-4, 6-0
3. Landon Karbo-McClendon	Hereford	5-3, 6-1

Girls Singles

1. Holly Gage	Hereford	6-1, 6-2
2. Sammi Finney	Hereford	6-4, 3-6, 2-6
3. Mikala Furgason	Pampa	6-3, 4-6, 6-0
4. Rachel Lee	Hereford	6-4, 6-1
5. Alyssa Hoelting	Hereford	7-6, 6-2
6. Lauren Coutts	Hereford	7-6, 4-6, 1-6
7. Hilary Acker	Pampa	6-1, 6-2

Girls Doubles

1. Coutts-Gage	Pampa	6-4, 5-7, 6-3
2. Finney-Hoelting	Hereford	6-0, 6-1
3. Acker-Furgason	Pampa	5-7, 6-4, 6-3

Mixed

1. Lee-Silva	Pampa	6-4, 7-6
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Total: Pampa 6 Hereford 13

1. Zach Maldmado
2. Nathan Chavez
3. Eric Sanchez
4. Alex Marquez
5. Ronnie Martinez
6. Zach Barnes
7. Jacob Landrum
8. Tate Minchew

1. Hannah Layman
2. Nikki Thompson
3. Nicole Culp
4. Delina Cervantez
5. Kelsey Ramirez
6. Sarah Brown
7. Shyla White

1. Layman-Thompson
2. Culp-Ramirez
3. Brown-Cervantez

1. Barnes-White

Wednesday's Sports Transactions

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

American League

SEATTLE MARINERS—Announced the resignation of vice president of player personnel Benny Loooper.

National League

CHICAGO CUBS—Assigned RHP Billy Petrick outright to Iowa (PCL).

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Claimed 3B Casey McGehee off waivers from the Chicago Cubs. Designated INF Joe Dillon for assignment.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Assigned RHP Ronald Belisario, RHP Yoslan Herrera, RHP Marino Salas and RHP John Van Benschoten outright to Indianapolis (IL).

WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Named Devon White special assistant-player development, and Pat Corrales special consultant to senior vice president and general manager.

American Association

GRAND PRAIRIE AIRHOGS—Exercised their 2009 option on INF Billy Munoz.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Signed coach Don Nelson to a contract extension.

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Exercised team options on the contracts of G Randy Foye and G/F Corey Brewer.

SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Exercised team options on the contract of G Ian Mahinmi.

Continental Basketball Association

ALBANY PATROONS—Signed G Albert Robinson.

EAST KENTUCKY MINERS—Signed G Emmanuel Little.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed OT Wayne Gandy. Released TE Jason Rader. Released DT Sean Conover from the practice squad. Signed DT J'Vonne Parker to the practice squad.

BALTIMORE RAVENS—Placed WR Demetrius Williams on injured reserve. Signed WR Terrance Copper.

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed K John Kasay to a four-year contract extension through the 2012 season.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed FB J.D. Runnels to the practice squad.

DETROIT LIONS—Signed FB Darian Barnes. Released DT Langston Moore.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Placed C Jean-Philippe Darche on injured reserve. Signed C Thomas Gafford.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Signed K Garrett Hartley and P Glenn Pakulak.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed QB Andre Woodson to the practice squad. Terminated the practice squad contract of OL Clifford Louis.

NEW YORK JETS—Signed RB Marcus Mason. Signed S James Ihedigbo from the practice squad. Signed LB Brandon Renkart to the practice squad.

Texas Sports

(AP) FOOTBALL:
NFL

FBN—TEXANS-OKOYE
HOUSTON — Houston's Amobi Okoye was praised for playing his best game this season against the Bengals. The 2007 first-round pick is not satisfied though, as he's still looking for his first sack of the season. By Kristie Rieken.

College

FBC—T25-TEXAS TECH-CONTEST KICKER
LUBBOCK — The last time Matt Williams was called on to kick at Jones AT&T Stadium, he ran onto the field from the student section in shorts and a T-shirt. Now in a uniform for No. 6 Texas Tech after his contest-winning field goal six weeks ago, he could be kicking to beat No. 1 Texas on Saturday night. By Betsy Blaney.

AP Photos

FBC—NORTH TEXAS' BIG EXPERIMENT
DENTON — Todd Dodge seemed like the perfect fit to return North Texas to prominence. The wildly successful high school coach would bring the offense that impressed Bill Parcells and lure recruits that would win games and attract fans. It hasn't worked out that way. The Mean Green is tied for the longest losing streak in the country, but administrators are willing to give Dodge more time. By Jaime Aron.

FBC—HOUSTON-EDWARDS INJURY

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Houston wide receiver Patrick Edwards said Wednesday he holds no animosity toward Marshall, a day after he ran into a service cart and broke his leg in a game against the Thundering Herd. The freshman's right shin hit the metal cart in the back of the end zone. By April Vitello. Moved.

BASKETBALL:

NBA

BKN—GRIZZLIES-ROCKETS
HOUSTON — Yao Ming had 21 points and 10 rebounds, Ron Artest added 16 in his Houston debut, and the Rockets overcame poor shooting to beat the Memphis Grizzlies 82-71 on Wednesday night. Luis Scola had 12 points and 13 rebounds for the Rockets, who were 28-for-76 (36.8 percent) from the field. They also went 5-for-16 from 3-point range and were outrebounded 49-44. By Sports Writer Chris Duncan.

AP Photos HTR104, HTR103, HTR102.

BKN—SUNS-SPURS

SAN ANTONIO — Amare Stoudemire scored 22 points and four other Phoenix players scored in double figures to help the Suns beat the San Antonio Spurs 103-98 in the regular-season opener for both teams Wednesday night, giving Terry Porter a victory in his coaching debut. Tim Duncan and Tony Parker each scored 32 points for the Spurs, who were playing without guard Manu Ginobili who is out until December after ankle surgery.

AP Photos TXEG106, TXEG105.

Also:

— **SPURS-OBERTO**, from SAN ANTONIO — Spurs forward Fabricio Oberto will miss the first two games of the season after undergoing treatment for an irregular heartbeat.

— **SPURS-MAHINMI**, from SAN ANTONIO — The Spurs exercised their third-year option on center Ian Mahinmi's rookie contract Wednesday. Moved.

TRACK AND FIELD:

PEOPLE-MARION JONES

CHICAGO — Disgraced track star Marion Jones says she often thinks she would have won gold medals at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, even if she hadn't taken a designer steroid known as "the clear." The 33-year-old Austin resident appeared on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" for her first post-prison interview. By Carla K. Johnson.

Eds: Moved on general news and sports services.

AP Photo CX109.

HOCKEY:

NHL

— **HKN—WILD-STARS**
DALLAS — Tobias Stephan made 19 saves to earn his first NHL win, Brenden Morrow scored 13 seconds into the game, and the Dallas Stars handed Minnesota its first loss in regulation, beating the Wild 4-2 Wednesday night. Stephan, filling in for slumping Marty Turco, made his first start of the season and second of his career. Turco has a 4.26 goals against average and gave up six goals in a loss to Washington on Saturday night. By David Jimenez.

AP Photos DNA104, DNA103.

AP MEMBER EXCHANGE:

TEXAS BOWHUNTER

SAN ANGELO — It's the feeling that keeps Ginger Morehead coming back. She can't breathe and her heart feels like it might jump right out of her chest. Her hands start to shake. There can't be a drug or another high on Earth that is its equal, she said. That's the feeling a hunter gets when everything comes together and the game is in sight. By Matt Phinney, San Angelo Standard-Times.



The Freshmen Pampa High School Football Team won its sixth game in a row, beating Dumas 36-7 on Oct. 23. Latigo Collins, #5, looks for some running room. The defensive unit of the team (not pictured) has not allowed an offensive touchdown against a district opponent, and they have outscored their district opponents 88-7. The team play its last home game of the year this Thursday evening.

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Ally Roberson, 10, took down the pictured whitetail buck this year on Oct. 25, during the special "youth only" season in Wheeler county.

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Bush congratulates Phillies on World Series win

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush has called the president of the Philadelphia Phillies to congratulate the National League team on winning this year's World Series. White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said that Bush also noted that Phillies manager Charlie Manuel had brought some of the players by the White House last year, and said he was "really impressed" by them. She said Bush asked Montgomery "to give Charlie and the entire organization his best." Bush once was a part-owner of the Texas Rangers of the American League.

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Sports Corrections

In yesterday's story "Lady Harvester Volleyball Team lives to see another day," the story erroneously stated that Jessica Miner ended the fourth match with a monster kill. In fact, junior Kara Stephens made the kill to end the game.

In Tuesday's featured photos "Lady Harvesters defeated by No. 1 in state Hereford," the top right player in the photo was incorrectly identified as Jessica Miner, but is actually Lady Harvester Kara Stephens.

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Safety Tips

Trick-or-Treaters

- Carry a flashlight
- Walk, don't run.
- Stay on Sidewalks
- Obey traffic signals
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods
- Don't cut across yards or driveways.
- Wear a watch you can read in the dark.
- Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground.
- Shoes should fit (even if they don't go with your costume)
- Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house.
- Carry only flexible knives, swords or other props.
- (If no sidewalk) walk on the left side of the road facing traffic
- Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape.
- Approach only houses that are lit.
- Stay away from and don't pet animals you don't know.

Parents

- Make your child eat dinner before setting out.
- Children should carry quarters so they can call home.
- Ideally, young children of any age should be accompanied by an adult.
- If your children go on their own, be sure they wear a watch, preferably one that can be read in the dark.
- If you buy a costume, look for one made of flame-retardant material.
- Older children should know where to reach you and when to be home.
- You should know where they're going.
- Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything.
- Look at the wrapping carefully and toss out anything that looks suspect.

Homeowners

- Make sure your yard is clear of such things as ladders, hoses, dog leashes and flower pots that can trip the young ones.
- Pets get frightened on Halloween. Put them up to protect them from cars or inadvertently biting a trick-or-treater.
- Battery powered jack o' lantern candles are preferable to a real flame.
- If you do use candles, place the pumpkin well away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing.
- Make sure paper or cloth yard decorations won't be blown into a flaming candle.
- Healthy food alternatives for trick-or-treaters include packages of low-fat crackers with cheese or peanut butter filling, single-serve boxes of cereal, packaged fruit rolls, mini boxes of raisins and single-serve packets of low-fat popcorn that can be microwaved later.
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