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U.S. Senate nominee speaks at 6:30 p.m. tonight

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PAMPA — Paul Sadler, the Democratic nominee for the United States Senate in the Nov. 6 election and a former resident of Pampa, will be in town tonight for a “meet and greet” with area residents at 6:30 p.m. at the AmericInn Event Center, 1101 North Hobart Street. The event is open to the public. The appearance is sponsored by Culberson-Stowers, Inc., said Richard



Sadler

Stowers, president. Those GOP faithful who might not be open to visiting with a Democrat should remember there are good Democrats and bad Republicans — and this candidate lived in Pampa, an area resident said. “He went through grade school and junior high here in Pampa and spent his formative years here,” Stowers said. In the election, Sadler, 57, will face Republican Ted Cruz, a former state solicitor general. Sadler, an attorney from Henderson, served from 1991 to 2003 in the Texas House of Representatives. Born in Freer east of Laredo in South Texas, he moved throughout Texas — including to and from Pampa at one point — due to the fact his father worked for Sun Oil Company. He was first elected in 1990 to represent Texas’ 9th House District.

After redistricting, he ran in the newly redrawn Texas’ 8th House District and won re-election in 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, and 2000. He was named to the Ten Best List of Texas state legislators by Texas Monthly in 1995, 1997, 1999, and 2001; was named one of three “Outstanding Legislators” in 1995 and one of “Six Stellar” legislators in 1997 by the Dallas Morning News. He also earned the John B. Connally “Award for Excellence in Education” by the Just For The Kids Foundation.

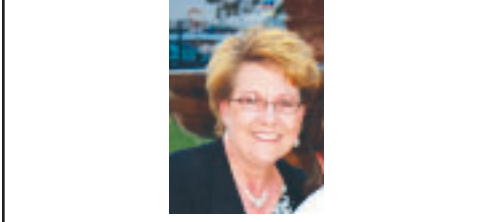
REMEMBERING STEPHANIE



Photo courtesy of **Charla Shults**

Contributors to the cause prepare to depart by motorcycle for the Poker run at the First Annual Stephanie Harrah Mooney Scholarship benefit Saturday.

‘People’s hearts really opened up.’



CHARLA SHULTS
 Contributing Columnist

The First Annual Stephanie Harrah Mooney Scholarship Benefit — held Saturday in White Deer — was a huge success. It is slated to become an annual benefit to continue raising funds for future scholarships. This event was established to raise funds for a scholarship as a memorial for Stephanie who passed away from complications of knee surgery a few

months ago. Stephanie was an educator at Frank Phillips College; she was all about supporting the education and success of her students, so it is important for her family and friends to continue her goals in life. The day started out with a poker run, over one hundred bikes departed from two locations. The first group departed from the White Deer Community Center and made stops in Panhandle, Borger, and Pampa before returning to White Deer. The second group departed Amarillo traveling to Panhandle, and Borger then joining many Friends and family in White Deer to enjoy a cook out, silent auction, a raffle, and an exciting live auction and the day concluded with a dance featuring Casey Berry and the Texas

Mosquito’s. Stephanie’s husband Daniel Mooney was overwhelmed with the outpouring of support. “People’s hearts really opened up for this event, it is an amazing turnout,” he said. Daniel and their two sons ages 3 and 10 were also enjoying the event Saturday along with all of Stephanie’s family and friends. Her Brother Terry Harrah said the fundraising effort will continue. “We raised enough today to get a really good start but our Goal is to give this for 15 years until my 3 year old nephew graduates,” Terry Harrah said. Donations can be made to Stephanie Harrah Mooney Scholarship Fund PO Box 493 White Deer, Texas 79097.

Pampa ISD tries to find new architect

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PAMPA — The Pampa ISD board school board voted unanimously Tuesday morning to initiate the “Request For Quote” process so board members can find and retain the best possible architect for the district’s new administration facility. “We hope to select an architect soon — and not too far from our original deadline of moving in late July,” PISD Superintendent Dr. David Young told members of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce at a Tuesday lunch meeting. In early September, the board convened for roughly 45 minutes, then terminated the contact with the Amarillo architectural firm Dekker, Perich and Sabatini to convert a former Albertson’s into the new ISD building. This took place after the firm had disclosed that the estimated \$3 million of funding for the project would be more in the neighborhood of \$5.8 or \$5.9 million. There were no suggestions on how to reduce the cost. The board had just approved the

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Students go to leadership camp in DFW

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Two Pampa Junior High School students, Matthew Wheeler and Derrick Norris were two of the recent participants in the 2012 Lone Star Leadership Academy Camps in the Fort Worth-Dallas area, it was announced this week. Teachers nominated the boys for the opportunity to participate in the camp, which took place the first week in June. This past school year, 30 exceptional youth facilitators and 956 outstanding fourth through eighth grade students were selected to participate

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday
		
High 90 Low 56	High 88 Low 60	High 86 Low 54

Today: Sunny, with a high near 90. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast in the afternoon.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 56. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north northeast after midnight.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 88. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming east southeast in the afternoon.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 60. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

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Obituaries

Lois Garner Ledbetter

PAMPA — Lois Garner Ledbetter, 80, died Tuesday, September 18, 2012 in Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, September 20, 2012, at Calvary Baptist Church, with Rev. Dallas Stringer, pastor, and Rick Pearson, officiating.

Burial will follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Ledbetter was born August 14, 1932 in Beaton, Arkansas. She married Herman L. Ledbetter on December 8, 1953 in Texarkana, Arkansas. He preceded her in death on December 13, 2010. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1954. She was a homemaker and a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include her daughter: Kathy Brecht of Amarillo; 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a grandson: Curry Brecht on March 14, 2002; two sons: Ronnie Ledbetter on November 9, 2009 and Donnie Ledbetter on April 29, 2010; and a great-granddaughter: Kinley Grace Riley on July 23, 2011.

Memorials may be made to Texas Children's Hospital, CDH Research, 6621 Fannin Street, Houston, Texas 77030.

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



Ledbetter

Lee was born February 7, 1927 to Charles Arnold and Ida Claudia (Barton) Money in Running Water, Texas. It was always an interesting family story the Popo took great pride in noting he was born in a town that doesn't exist anymore. His family lived primarily in the Texas Panhandle throughout his school years and he joined the Army in 1945. He received his Honorable Discharge and joined an oil field company that had him travelling all over. It was during his travels that he found himself at the café in Dalton, Nebraska where he was waited on by Mary Gilgren. He proceeded to marry his devoted waitress on November 19, 1951.

Three children were born to this union, during which time Mary and Lee lived in Nebraska and California. They settled in the Texas Panhandle and spent most of their lives there until Lee retired and they moved back to Dalton in 1993. Lee thoroughly enjoyed fishing and keeping his yard looking nice. His greatest interest was in football and he had been a fan of the sport since he saw his first football game on a TV in a store in Washington D.C. while he was in the military. He loved watching the Dallas Cowboys and as college football took to airtime popularity he extended that love to the Texas Longhorns. As much as he loved his football, nothing compared to the love he had for his family and spending time with them. Popo was happiest when his family was gathered around and just spending the day talking and being together.

Popo is survived by his son Rick and wife, Sue Money of Dalton; daughter, Colleen and husband, Chuck Albus of Pampa, Texas; 8 grandchildren, Randy and wife, Shannon Cloud of Parker, Colorado, Kim and husband, Freddy Money-Vega and Scott Money of Lincoln, California, Kelly Money of Dalton, Susan and husband, Kevin Chloupek and Tracy and husband, Mike Tjarks of Kearney, Nebraska, Kris Adams and Shari Albus of Sidney, Nebraska; 11 great grandchildren, Joel, Daxton, Jaa, Martin, Melina, Shyanne, Taylor, Logan, Dani, Ethan, and Karsyn. There are many others that Popo held dear to his heart and will survive him and continue to celebrate his life with the family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Claudia, his wife, Mary, and his son, Randy.

Friends and family attending the service are invited to wear attire supporting their favorite football team.

Holechek Funeral Home and Cremations in Sidney is serving the Money family.

Lee Money

Lee Money, 85, of Dalton, passed away Sunday evening, September 9, 2012, at his home with his family by his side. Lee was known by many people as "Popo" and loved to be referred to as such.

Graveside Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 15, 2012 at the Dalton Cemetery with Pastor Bud Gillespie officiating. Military Honors will be performed.

Memorials have been established to the Dalton Fire and Rescue. Friends may stop at the funeral home in Sidney on Friday to sign the book. You can view the online obituary and share condolences with the family at www.holechekfuneralhomes.com



Money

Sara Branch Wheeley

WHITE DEER — Sara Branch Wheeley, 91, died September 18, 2012 in Houston.

Services pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



The staff of Austin Elementary waits to be introduced at Austin's recent Open House.



Teachers, parents and students interact at the recent Pampa High School Open House.



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Car seat checkup in Pampa on Wed. Sept. 19

PAMPA — As both a mother and a paramedic, Peggie Coleman finds it very necessary to secure a child in a vehicle. Coleman is the also as the co-organizer of the car seat checkup authorities are conducting between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Wed. Sept. 19 at the Coronado Center.

This event takes place during Child Passenger Safety Week — a national seat check initiative between Sept. 16 and Sept. 22

“I’ve personally seen babies in the car that have survived accidents that the other people in the car didn’t because they were in their car seats properly,” Coleman explained to the Pampa News last year. “Mom and Dad were smart enough and loved their child enough to ensure that their child was properly in there, and it made a difference.”

Those in attendance at the checkup will learn how to choose the correct safety seat for their child or children, properly secure the safety seat in their vehicle, properly secure that child in the safety seat, understands the dangers of air bags and graduate their child to a booster seat, according to Coleman as well as Pampa Police Spokeswoman Stormy McCullar.

It is free of charge and will teach parents the proper ways to secure their children in their car seats, McCullar and Coleman have said.

An estimated four out of five car seats are used incorrectly and child safety seats are 71 percent effective in preventing fatalities. They are also 67 percent effective in preventing serious injuries.

In Pampa, there are five people certified to educate parents as to the best seat for the size of the child.

The event is sponsored by Safe Kids: Panhandle.

By holding the event at the Coronado Center, authorities hope to attract more attention from passersby and get them interested in learning more about child safety.

Heritage Art Club holds meeting

The Heritage Art Club recently met for a meeting at the Pampa Manor Apartments meeting room. 2700 N. Hobart, on Monday, August 27 at 11:30 a.m.

Plans included installation of new officers for the 2012-2013 year: Barbara Stubblefield — president, Barbara Pipkin — vice president, Nola Moore — secretary, Edie Hudson — treasurer, Catrina Howell — Parliamentarian.

The annual Heritage Art Club brunch was a blast from the past. The 50’s sock hop theme was retro black and pink with a performance from “Elvis”! 50’s trivia, blind-folded team coloring and root beer floats were part of the fun.

Hostesses: Barbara Stubblefield and Jennie Barker assisted by Catrina Howell and guest Sarah Doucette as Elvis.

Next meeting will be October. October’s meeting is Baubles, bangles and beads. Jewelry-making will be taught by Edie Hudson. When: Monday, Oct. 1, 2012 Hour: 9:30 am Where: Pampa Senior Citizens, 500 W. Frances

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in career and internship opportunities.

The Lone Star Leadership Academy provides a unique opportunity for outstanding students to learn about the Spirit of Texas. Participants discuss what they learn, complete problem solving and decision-making simulations, exercise creativity, and practice presentation skills in Leadership Groups. In addition, participants have fun meeting other outstanding students and making new friends while adding to their resume of academic achievements, developing leadership skills, and bringing home a wealth of information to supplement what they are learning in school.

Tralee Crisis Center invites public to recognize honorable men, end domestic violence

CONTRIBUTED RELEASE

PAMPA — Tralee Crisis Center, a non-profit victim support agency serving the northeast Texas Panhandle for 28 years, invites the public to submit a 100-word essay about an honorable man in their life as part of its National Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities.

On Oct. 6, Tralee and its community partners will conduct its Ninth annual Honorable Man March and remembrance of the Texans who were killed by intimate partners in 2011. The March begins on the north steps of Pampa City Hall, and will continue east

to Cuyler Street, ending at the Knights of Columbus Hall at Cuyler and Browning streets.

“We encourage everyone whose lives have been affected by domestic violence, who know someone who is a victim or who support the end of domestic violence to take part in this march,” said Dee Dee Laramore, Tralee Crisis Center executive director. “The march itself is a somber event with drums beating in a slow, dramatic rhythm to represent how often domestic violence occurs across the United States.”

“We also take this time to recognize the women who died at the hands of an intimate partner this past year. In 2011, that

included 142 women — just in Texas,” Laramore said. “That’s 31 more deaths in Texas than reported in 2010.”

A dinner, donated and catered by long-time Tralee volunteer Gilissa Murray and her husband Richard of Canadian, will follow the march at the Knights of Columbus Hall. At the dinner, participants will celebrate men nominated by family and friends who possess non-violent qualities and honorable character. Selected portions of essays from all those submitted will be read at the event. All persons who are the subject of an essay will be recognized and presented with a certificate naming them as a “2012 Honorable Man.”

Honorable Man essays can be submitted by mail at Tralee Crisis Center, P.O. Box 2880, Pampa, TX 79066-2880 or by email at deedee.tralee@sbcglobal.net. Submissions must include the name, address and telephone number of both the “honorable man” and the person submitting the essay. Deadline for receiving essays is Wednesday, Oct. 3.

Tralee’s 24-hour hotline, 806-669-1788 or 1-800-658-2796, is available to anyone seeking more information about Tralee Crisis Center and services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and violent crime.



Event workers at the First Annual Stephanie Harrah Mooney Scholarship benefit work hard to sell T-shirts for scholarship money. They are: Lori Bichsel, Shelly Tacket, Rae Bichsel, and Barbara Harrah. Participants below enjoy a delicious barbecue cookout.



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Editorial

Bipartisan failure on economy

“Are you better off than you were four years ago?” is a question being bandied about this political season.

A more-telling question is: Are you better off than you were 17 years ago?

Several new reports indicate that most Americans are not better off, and the blame can't be assigned to the incumbent president and his Democratic Party. Republicans and Democrats have mostly split power during the past two decades.

The presidency has been held by Democrats for 12 years and by Republicans for eight. The House of Representatives, where the Constitution says all tax bills must originate, has been controlled by Democrats for six years and by Republicans for 14. And the Senate has been under Democratic control for nine years and by Republicans for 11 (counting 2001 as a Republican year, before Sen. Jim Jeffords of Vermont defected to become an Independent).

The numbers tell the story. New U.S. Census data found that Americans' median incomes in 2011 had declined to their lowest level in 17 years, since 1995. That extended the “decline during President Barack Obama's tenure and highlighting the depth of the damage to the middle class inflicted by the recession and weak recovery,” the Financial Times said. “Although real median income had already started to slide beginning in 2008, before Obama entered the White House, the fact that he was not able to reverse that downward trend could expose him to criticism from Mitt Romney, his rival, that his policies have not aided the middle class.”

A different study found, “An astonishing one in every seven Americans ages 16-24 is neither working nor in school -- 5.8 million young people in all.” That study was “Measure of America,” by the Social Science Research Council, a think tank. Young people staying at home, playing “World of Warcraft,” isn't the best way to build a future economy.

With all that bad news, it's surprising that Romney, the Republican nominee, still trails in polls against President Barack Obama. Bad economies helped turn Jimmy Carter, in 1980, and George W. Bush, in 1992, into one-term presidents. Maybe this time voters fear that Republicans, having run up gigantic deficits when they controlled the White House and Congress from 2003-06, might not improve things.

In any case, it's obvious that current economic policies aren't working. The Obamacare tax increases hit Jan. 1, the same date the George W. Bush-era tax cuts will expire, lacking congressional action. The \$16 trillion national debt is a millstone around our necks.

And Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke announced Thursday a third round of “quantitative easing” -- money printing. That's inflationary, as seen by the immediate jump in gold, silver and oil prices.

And Bernanke said that interest rates, now near zero, won't be raised until at least 2015. But how can the middle class save and invest at effectively no interest -- as inflation eats away at savings like termites in a wooden house?

Let's reiterate what's needed: Stable money with interest rates higher than the inflation rate. Sizable budget cuts to quickly reduce the deficits. And no new taxes.

— Orange County Register

Chuck Norris: UN Gun Control Treaty = bad



CHUCK NORRIS
 Columnist

Last time I checked, Americans were responsible for making our own laws. We do not invite foreign nations to have a say in how we govern ourselves within our own borders. Yet if you follow what's been going on with the United Nations this year, you know that the USA came perilously close to having other countries dictate our gun laws. And the fight isn't over yet.

The United Nations has been debating an arms trade treaty for nearly a decade now. Though the treaty is ostensibly focused on military arms, it has long been clear that the majority of U.N. delegates consider our personal firearms to be crying out for international regulation, as well. The focus of the treaty would be a demand that governments regulate the sale and possession of firearms worldwide -- all of them, including yours and mine.

Though I believe that firearms should not be in the wrong hands, the proposed terms of this global gun control treaty would overreach wildly into regulating the sale of firearms to law-abiding citizens. In other words, the proposed treaty is a

mechanism for Iran and other tyrannical powers to have a say in your gun ownership.

The George W. Bush administration wisely opposed this concept, asserting that any agreement to regulate private gun ownership would represent a threat to our Second Amendment freedoms. This proclamation was the death knell for the first U.N. gun control treaty conference more than 10 years ago.

But bad ideas at the U.N. never go away; they just fade until the political climate changes. Treaty discussions went underground for several years -- until the Obama administration announced a willingness to consider a new treaty, as long as the parties operated under “consensus.”

The debate reached a fever pitch during a monthlong marathon negotiation session in July. The goal was to disgorge a treaty in time for the Obama administration to sign it before Election Day. The draft treaty was odious on its face. Among other things, it would have required the United States to “maintain records of all imports and shipments of arms,” register the identity of the “end user” of those firearms and then report the user's information to a U.N.-based gun registry. In several drafts, the treaty would have mandated that every round of ammunition be tracked globally.

What's really ironic here is that the United States already has the most comprehensive system in the world for regulating international arms transfers. Other nations could achieve the stated goals of the treaty process by simply emulating our protocols. But the reality is that the treaty was actually intended as a mechanism to submit our unique Second Amendment guarantees to international inspection -- and condemnation.

As I have mentioned, the treaty negotiations broke down this summer, and that is a good thing. But that doesn't mean the U.N. is giving up the fight. It's just reducing it into smaller pieces. In fact, in late August, an umbrella organization of 23 separate U.N. agencies, known as the Coordinating Action on Small Arms, adopted the first portion of International Small Arms Control Standards. The ISACS text is made up of 33 separate modules, some 800 pages in total. And they're just getting started.

What can we do? We can ensure that we have a president who will not support the treaty and a Senate that will not ratify it. That's not a one-time commitment. Remember that once a treaty is enacted, it can be picked up at any time by a president and Senate. There are smaller gun control treaties that have been floating around the Senate for

ratification since 1998.

What can you do? You can make sure that you and every freedom-loving American you know is registered to vote. I'm proud to serve as the honorary chairman of Trigger The Vote, the National Rifle Association's non-partisan campaign to register voters who support the Second Amendment. We've made it easy on our website; all the tools to register are there, at <http://www.TriggerTheVote.org>. If you're already registered, you probably know someone who isn't. Share the stakes with that person, and urge him or her to join the rolls of informed voters.

Throughout my life, I've been committed to preserving our freedom from threats, both foreign and domestic. This proposed U.N. global gun control treaty may not be an “invasion” in the classic sense of the word, but believe me; over time, it represents the potential for encroachment of the greatest kind. Protect your rights by registering to vote today.

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Pat Buchanan discusses The Conflict



PAT BUCHANAN
 Columnist

“Oh, East is East, and West is West, and never the twain shall meet, ‘Till Earth and Sky stand presently at God's great Judgment Seat.”

Thus did Kipling, the Poet of Empire, caution the British about the Eastern world the Victorians and Edwardians believed to be theirs.

And with that world so inflamed against us, perhaps we should inspect more closely our irreconcilable conflict -- what Harvard's Michael Ignatieff calls “the fatal dialectic between Islamic rage and Western free speech.” Consider first American values, as seen from an ACLU point of view.

Our establishment holds that not only is there to be a wall of separation between church and state, all symbols of religious belief are to be expunged from public institutions and the public square.

And what do devout Muslims believe?

That there is no God but Allah, that Muhammad is his Prophet, that sharia shows the way to a moral life in this world and paradise in the next.

Many Muslims put their Islamic faith ahead of their national identity and forbid preachers from other religions from coming into their countries to convert their young. Apostasy is treason to Allah. Heresy has no rights.

From America's schools, religion has been relentlessly purged. No prayers, no Bibles, no Christian symbols, no Ten Commandments. And into these godless madrasas of modernity has come compulsory sex education starting in the early grades, with condoms handed out to the sexually active.

Devout Muslims demand that children be immersed in their Islamic faith in their schools and believe that teachers who condone or encourage sexual activity among their young are and should be treated as perverts.

In Charlotte, the Democratic Party came out for “marriage equality” and subsidized abortions into the ninth month of pregnancy with the woman the sole decider as to whether the unborn child lives or dies.

In many Muslim countries, men caught in homosexual activity risk mutilation and women's rights do not exist. What do we think is going to happen to those girls' schools in Afghanistan when we come home and the Taliban returns?

When we proclaim that

our First Amendment protects Quran-burning and denigrating the Prophet in books, magazines, videos and films, devout Muslims reply unapologetically: Under Quranic law, we kill people like that.

In America, Christians have futilely protested insults to their faith like the “Piss Christ” and depiction of a Madonna adorned with elephant dung.

Muslim protests appear more effective, as Salman Rushdie, the Danish cartoonist who portrayed Muhammad with a bomb for a turban and Theo van Gogh, ritually slaughtered in Holland, could testify.

We preach pluralism. Some Muslim countries take the same attitude toward religious pluralism as Henry VIII and Torquemada.

In our own country in 1844, the founder of Mitt Romney's faith discovered that Protestant America was not all that tolerant, when a mob lynched him right there in the land of Lincoln.

Our elite believe in a new trinity of equality, democracy and diversity. Indeed, after the Cold War, we declared the spread of democracy worldwide to be our historic mission and national goal.

But, down deep, do we really believe what we say? When U.S. vital interests clash with democratist ideology, do

we not put those interests first?

The king of Bahrain has been in power for 10 years. Have we ever called for free elections there, which would likely produce a Shia government friendly to Iran and far less receptive to remaining as the Persian Gulf base for the Fifth Fleet?

Have we ever demanded that the king of Saudi Arabia hold free elections? When one-man, one-vote produced victories for Hamas in Gaza and Hezbollah in Lebanon, did not George W. Bush, the great Democracy Crusader himself, put it on the shelf for a while?

We proclaim that we cherish the First Amendment. Do we?

If so, whose version of that amendment? How many Americans would willingly die for the constitutional right to produce pornographic films? Or for some nutball's right to insult the Prophet? Or the right of “artists” to befoul and denigrate Christian images of our own Lord and Savior?

Our Founding Fathers who created this republic did not believe in democracy. When did we come to worship this idol? Wrote T.S. Eliot:

“The term ‘democracy,’ as I have said again and again, does not contain enough positive content.”

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Worship

What I learned at Santa Fe Railroad, the summer of my senior year

the good word



MIKE SUBLETT

It was the summer before my senior year at Pampa High School and I was blessed with a top paying job working for Santa Fe Railroad. The job only lasted a little over a month, but I learned a very valuable life lesson during those 30+ days.

Lesson #1— never take health/wellness/wholeness for granted; be thankful to God every day. My first job with SFRR was unloading railroad cars full of rails. Now the rails were 39” long and weighed 42 lbs per ft; each rail weighed 1,638 lbs. Now obviously we weren’t unloading those rails by hand. Three of us worked together as a team; a crane operator, a crewman in the rail car and a crewman on the rail stack.

dle of each rail so that when the crane picked it up, the rail would be level. Then the crane operator would boom the crane arm and cable over to the man in the railcar. He would then grab the handle of the “scissors clamp” so that the jaws would open and then he would line it up with the middle mark and then motion to the crane operator to let the clamp down. The clamp itself probably weighed 200 lbs. Just lifting the handle to open the jaws was work.

Then the man in the car would motion for the crane operator to lift the rail and as the rail began to rise he would step away from the load for safety purposes. The crane operator would lift the rail out of the car, boom over to the stack off to the side of the track and the crewman there would direct the operator so that he could carefully let the rail down until it rested in place on the stack. This took both the crane operator working the controls and the crewman pulling the cable and steadying the rail to get each rail into place. The crewman on the stack was very careful never to be under the rail.

After we had done this for several 12+ hour days, we got very proficient and unfortunately very fast at the job. One afternoon I was in the railcar and we were working on the bottom row, only had 4-5 rails left. The crane man boomed over, let the jaws down, I opened the jaws, lined them up with the middle mark and then gave the sign to lift the rail. Now like I said we had gotten pretty fast at our job. When I gave him the sign he hit the lift hard and the rail lunged upward. What I hadn’t noticed and neither had the crane man, was that he went past his mark when he boomed over to the car. Therefore when he lifted the rail the whole rail immediately swung backwards, straight to me.

It all happened in a flash, but it seemed like it was in slow motion. I stumbled backwards as the rail headed for my legs. If the rail had hit my legs I would surely have lost them both. But thanks to the Lord when I stumbled into the back wall of the railcar I was tall enough that the top of the wall hit me butt high and I flipped backwards, head over heels out of the railcar and directly on to my

butt on the ground. The rail came crashing into the wall of the car with a loud BOOM! I’m sure my heart was beating 160 beats per minute. I was scared, but not nearly as scared as my fellow crewman/friend, Danny Monzingo and even more so the crane operator.

In just a few moments the head supervisor from the office was there and insisting that I go to the hospital to be checked out. I refused because I really was fine, not a scratch on me. PTL! After we got back to work, we worked at a slower pace and I watched that crane boom closer than ever before. I kept imagining what COULD have happened. I probably thanked God a hundred times that afternoon for watching over me. It’s sad that all too often it takes some “close call” like this to prompt us to thank God for all that He does for us every day. What do you need to thank God for? How many times has His protecting hand rescued you? Take a moment to say “thank You”. Oh, it’s OK if your thank you is a little late or even a whole lot late. It will thrill God that you even remembered at all. God bless. Mike

Health and Human Service’s mandate an attack on Christian freedom

REV. MICHAEL ERICKSON
Zion Lutheran Church

Fellow Christians, I’ve got news for you. If you haven’t been aware of recent events, we are LOSING our Christian freedoms. That’s right. They are being choked off by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Mandate (hereafter HHS) requiring religious organizations to cover contraceptive services for their employees. Religious institutions have one year from August 1st to comply.

How I understand it, the HHS Mandate forces religious institutions and church agencies to pay for or provide access to things like contraception, sterilization, and abortion-inducing drugs, which are in direct opposition to the true and orthodox beliefs of the Christian Faith. We in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod differ from the Roman Catholic Church on the subject of contraception, but we stand together with them

in upholding the sanctity of life and the desire to protect and speak out for the unborn.

The HHS Mandate would force us to go against our conscience by these requirements, thus endangering our Christian freedom given to us in the First Amendment. If a religious institution fails to comply with the regulations of the HHS Mandate it would face stiff financial penalties. So much so that many institutions would be forced to close and thus all their services would be brought to an end. It seems an effective way to put a choke hold upon many of the helping agencies of the Church. We should be free to practice our faith in the public square and not be penalized.

From the very beginning the Church, professing the Christian faith, has believed and confessed that the taking of the life of the unborn is wrong. The Holy Scriptures teach us that all human life is a gift from God (Jer. 1:5, Ps. 139:16). Jesus, still in the

Mary’s womb, is acknowledged as Lord by John, the Baptizer and Elizabeth in the Gospel of Luke (1:41-44). The Didache, an early church catechism (c. 150 A.D.), declares this: “...you shall not procure abortion, nor commit infanticide.” Even the traditional physician’s oath of Hippocrates (460-357 B.C.) included a promise not to perform an abortion. We in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod do not want to be forced to provide these kinds of drugs to anyone in a health plan or in any other way any more than Roman Catholics should be forced to provide contraception in theirs.

People who value religious freedom must speak up on this issue. Christians are citizens of this country and our voice does matter. As citizens we can speak out in appropriate ways in the public spectrum. If we don’t, I fear we would be all too much like many of the German people who did not say anything when the “brownshirts” were

destroying Jewish shops and rounding up folks to send to camps. The weakest among us have very little voice and we must speak for them.

Church bodies and Church leaders can speak out all day on this subject, but unless lay people use

their strong voice I fear many will not take notice. My own denomination has put together study materials on this entitled, “Free to Faithful” coming out in later in September to help our own members be aware of this.

Christians, please pray

for our country and voice your opposition to this mandate to your appropriate representatives. Our religious freedoms are in jeopardy of being lost and this could be the beginning of many trials and troubles for us in the future. Lord, have mercy on us all.

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STEPHANIE FUNDRAISER PHOTOS: Below: The live auction, volunteers, event workers, and barbecue workers (photos below) all gathered to make the First Annual Stephanie Harrah Mooney Scholarship Saturday a fantastic, unforgettable, event.



Stoneware the work of a dynamic duo

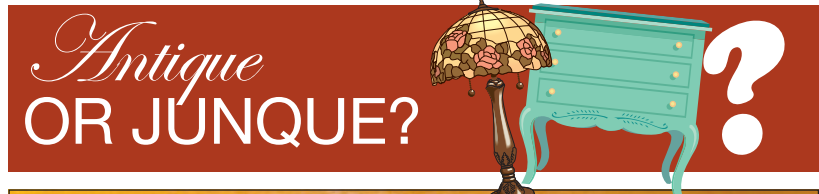
Q: This is a photo of a small, shallow pottery bowl that was given to me for a wedding gift in 1995. It has varying shades of taupe glaze and is decorated with abstract shapes and flowers. Marked on the back are the words "Wishon Harrell - Muncie — Ind. — 1992." It is in perfect condition and around 9 inches in diameter.

I have always wondered who Wishon Harrell is, and I would like to know more about the background on my bowl. What can you tell me?

A: Wishon Harrell is not the name of a single artist. Many collectors and dealers believe Wishon Harrell is the name of one potter. They are the last names of two artists who had studios in the 1990s in Muncie, Ind. and San Diego, Calif. Jim Wishon hand threw clay on the potter's wheel and Jerry Harrell decorated each piece. Although in the past there has been little information on the two artists, recently more has become available. Harrell passed away sometime in the 1990s, ending an era of excellent, hand thrown stoneware collaboration. More of their work has been showing up on eBay and prices can be found from less than \$100 to as high as \$1000. Similar stoneware bowls are selling in the range of \$50 to \$75.

Q: I have enclosed the mark on the bottom of a porcelain plate that my great-grandfather gave my great-grandmother around 1920. The plate is decorated with pastel flowers and green leaves against a white background. It is 12 inches in diameter, has handles and gold trim. It is in mint condition.

It was passed along to me from



Jim Wishon and Jerry Harrell worked in Muncie, Ind.



Nippon Porcelain was imported from Japan.

A: Morimura Bros., Inc., located in New York City, used the mark you provided. The company imported porcelain from Japan. The word "Nippon" is the Japanese word for Japan. This mark was used from 1891 to around 1920. In 1891, the McKinley Tariff required objects imported to the United States be marked with the country of origin. Your plate was designed to serve desserts or sandwiches. Your dessert plate would probably fetch \$75 to \$125.

my mother. I would never part with it, but I would like to know more about its history.

Address your questions to Anne McCollam, P. O. Box 247, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Items of a general interest will be answered in this column. Due to the volume of inquiries, she cannot answer individual letters.

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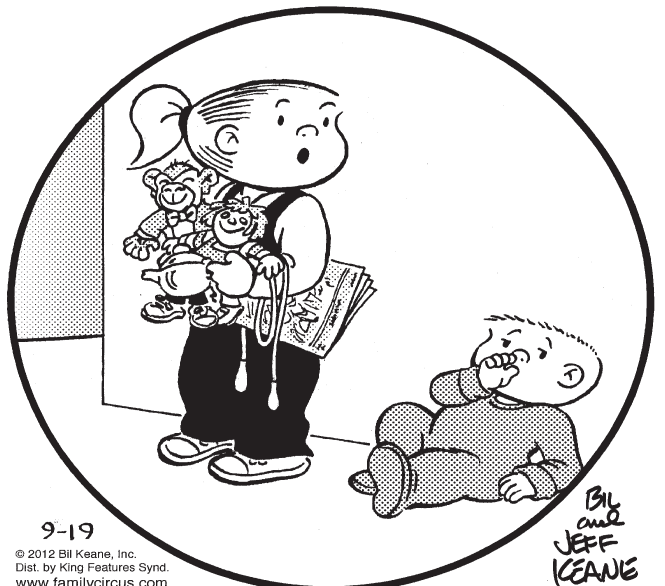
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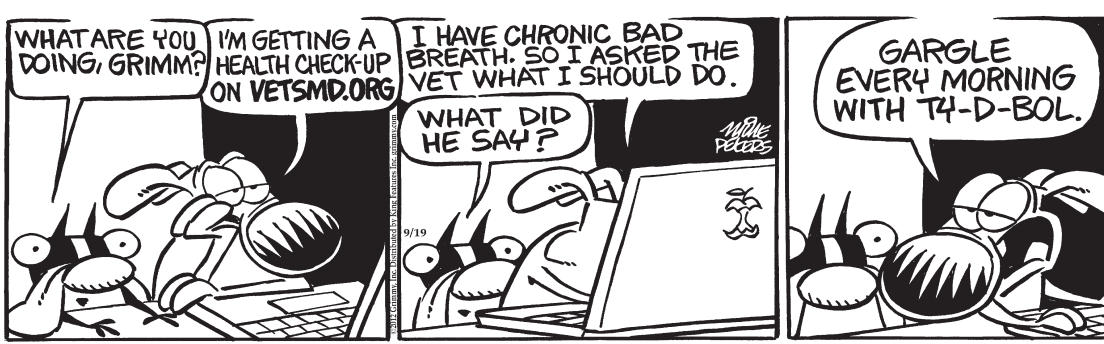
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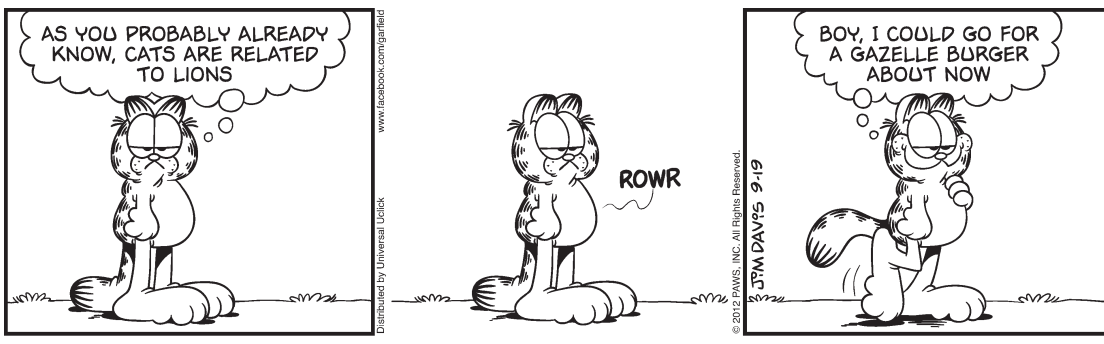
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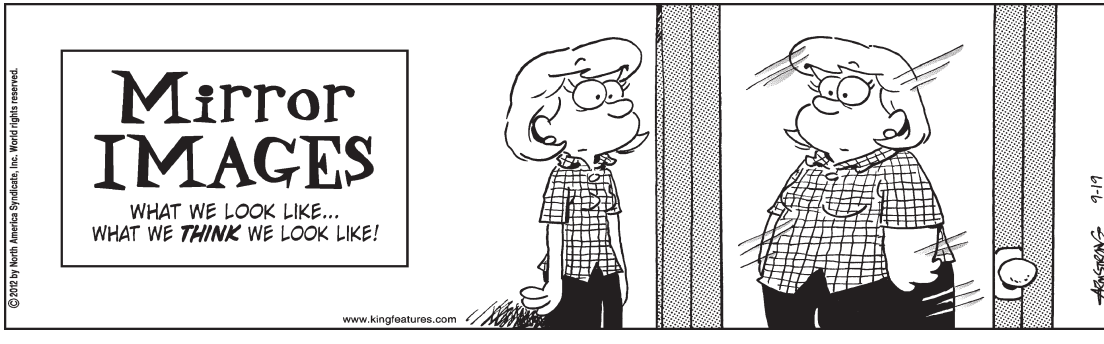
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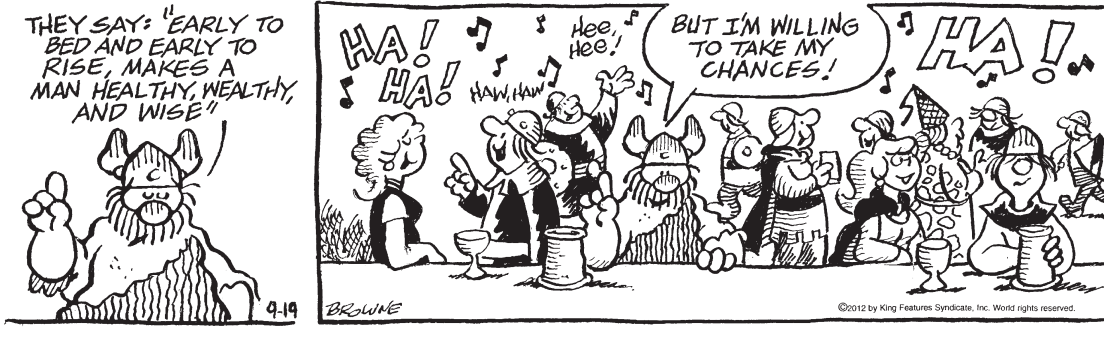
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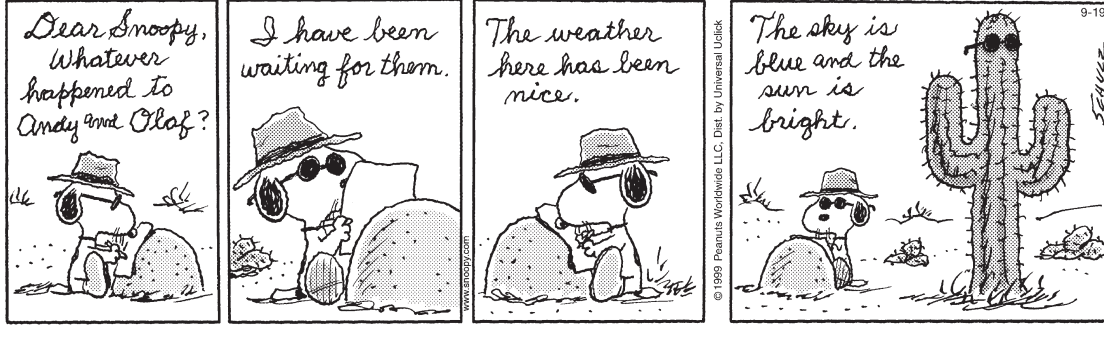
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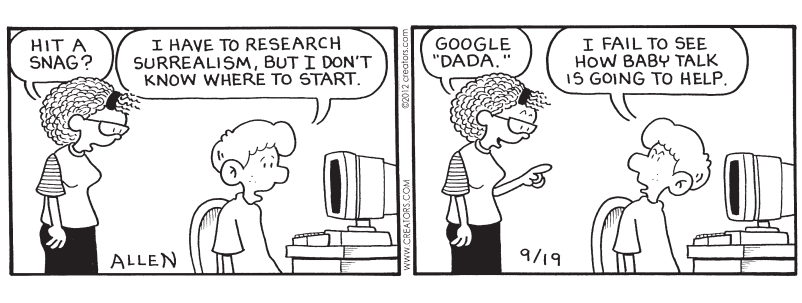


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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Sept. 20, 2012:

This year you will waver between different approaches. You could scrutinize a situation carefully, but the determining factor for whether or not you will take action depends on your willingness to take a risk. Confusion often hinders you. In a sense, you might be trying too hard. If you are single, you meet people with ease. Decide what type of relationship you want, and keep that in mind while dating. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy time together, even if it's just to chat. You will love your nights alone at home. **SAGITTARIUS** infuses energy into nearly any situation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★★ Do not sit on the same situation for too long. In fact, it would be smart to act before something else happens. Initiate interactions, and demonstrate a deep understanding of the forces at work. Confirm meeting times in order to avoid a misunderstanding. Tonight: Break patterns.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ Reach out for a key person in your life. You might not be ready for some changes involving someone at a distance or potential plans for travel and/or education. An unexpected insight requires you to ask for some clarification. Tonight: Someone presents offers.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ Know what to do. Make an effort to come to terms with a key person. What you want comes to you from out of left field. You might have to make an adjustment, but make it your pleasure to do so. Your positive attitude attracts more of what you want. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★ Pace yourself and listen to what others share. A boss or higher-up could cost you time and energy because of his or her uncanny unpredictability. Your imagination helps you gain a new perspective, and you become less triggered as a result. Tonight: Pace yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ Allow more fun to emerge, even if you are in the office. The unexpected occurs with communication. You might wonder which way you want to head with a routine matter. A meeting inspires you to change directions. Tonight: Consider starting your weekend early.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★ Though you might feel like you have been quite expressive as of late, to many people, it will seem as if you have become withdrawn. You have had a lot to digest. You are trying to integrate new information and might not be willing to share. Tonight: Happily at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ Sometimes the best course of action is to participate in communication and attempt to home in on someone's ideas. You might be surprised by what you hear. A loved one at a distance could be touched by your efforts. Tonight: Spend time with a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★ Eye your finances with care. You might need to have a conversation with a sibling or neighbor about a recent expenditure. Your innate creativity will help you find the right solutions. A partner or associate is instrumental in this process. Tonight: Spend time with a close friend or loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ You are more energized than usual and could experience an adrenaline surge at an unexpected event. Your perspective might be more helpful than you realize. A family member or roommate finally understands where you are coming from. Tonight: As you like.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★ You are very aware of undercurrents, and you sense quite a few of them when dealing with others. Listen to news and be open. A person in your day-to-day life whom you are not necessarily close to puts a smile on your face. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ Emphasize what is important, especially in a meeting. You will have greater influence in that situation. You might want to give a jolt to someone in order to have his or her defenses drop; however, by doing so, could you be creating stronger defenses? Tonight: Where your friends are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★ Tension builds. You might see stress build as a result of an unexpected financial glitch. You also might feel pulled between two different interests. Stay as neutral as possible and ride the moment, as a surfer would a wave. The end result will be better. Tonight: Put your feet up.

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The PAMPA NEWS Sports

Notice about home football games

Football games and other athletic events are a source of pride, and an exciting time of gathering with friends, family, and community all supporting the Harvesters while enjoying the finest food available at any High School or College game.

It is for this reason that we at Pampa ISD would like to communicate important information to help ensure that everyone attending the game has a wonderful experience.

General Information for 2012 Football Games

- Gates to Varsity FB at Harvester Stadium will open at 6:15p.m.
- Sections L-M-N are Reserved Seating only, for Varsity Games.
- In the interest of common courtesy and safety in our facilities for all involved, please do not sit or stand in the walk ways or under the bleachers.
- All Elementary students and young children should be seated in the stands with their parents: JH students may sit in the JH Zone or with their parents/family member. HS students are to sit in the RIOT area or with parents or other family members.
- Pampa ISD employees and officers from the Pampa Police Department will serve as security and will direct unattended children to their parents. If parents are not in attendance parents/guardians will be called to come pick up their child.

Thank you for supporting the Harvesters!



Fall 2012 City Recreation Sports Men, Women, Mixed Teams



Softball and Kickball Team Standings

Mens D1	Conf.	Overall	Mixed D2	Conf.	Overall
OCB	2-0	6-0	Long John Silvers	6-0	6-0
Brick Squad	2-0	5-1	Steve's Refrigeration	5-1	5-1
Team Big Mac	1-1	4-2	Outlaws	3-2	3-2
Elite	1-1	2-4	J&J Construction	2-4	2-4
Bad Element	0-2	1-5	ATM	2-4	2-4
Copperheads	0-2	0-6	Scout Energy	1-5	1-5
			Chief Plastics	1-4	1-4

Mixed D1	Conf.	Overall	Kickball	Conf.	Overall
Bush Leaguers	7-1	7-1	Total Khaos	2-1	5-1
Kilgo Woodworks	7-1	7-1	Curtis Well Service	2-1	4-2
DSA Consulting	5-3	5-3	Briarwood	1-2	2-4
Brock	4-4	4-4	Bench Warmers	1-2	1-5
Enbridge	3-5	3-5			
I'd Hit That	1-7	1-7			
NOV	1-7	1-7			

Harvester Tennis to host district rival Perryton on Saturday at the Pampa High School tennis facility



Courtesy photos by Ellen Gage

Harvester Tennis: (Above) Nick Gage and Nick Rodriguez prepare for a doubles match during the Harvester Tennis during their Fall season.

Pictured below left to right: Tyler Lambright readies herself for a return shot during the Harvesters last matches. Nick Rodriguez serves one of many "aces" during matches against Amarillo High this past weekend at the Pampa High School tennis facilities.



Bulletin Board

Events for the week
Harvester Football Week 3

Football Booster Meeting 7:00 PM Athletic building Ready Room on Randy Matson For Junior high AND High school football parents! Every Monday at 7 PM

Volleyball at Borger

9/20 **Football vs. Bushland at Pampa**
5:00 pm
Homecoming Parade—4:15pm

9/21 **Homecoming Game**

9/22 **Harvester Volleyball -- 2:00pm**
at Pampa

9/22 **PHS and PJHS Rebel Run**
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9/24 **EAT DINNER WITH YOUR FAMILY**
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Lady Harvesters have good showing in Lubbock, Saturday

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The Varsity did well this weekend in a double-header against Denver City and Lubbock High. The Lady Harvesters dominated Denver City 25-13, 25-13 and 25-22 and combined for 36 kills led by Calli Brewer with 10, Maddie Fatheree with 8, and Madison Joyce with 7.

The team also had solid serving behind Taylor Giles and Diamond Marrufo, who each led the team with an 8 and 7 point run and a 6 point run, respectively.

Giles, Joyce, and Brewer each had 3 service aces. Marrufo and Taylor Eubank each had one ace in the winning effort. Senior setter, Fatheree, controlled the court with fourteen setting assists and one block. Other players receiving blocks for

the Lady Harvesters were Eubank, 1, Joyce, 1, and Allison Noble, 1. Other Varsity players who aided in the win were Dakota Watson, Kirstin Hood, Madison Brown, Martecia Alexander, Caragan Niccum, and Cheyenne Williams.

The Lady Harvesters had a very solid effort against the Lubbock High Westerners in the second match on Saturday. The team had met 5A Lubbock

High in previous play and had a much better showing this time out. Scores for the match were 22-25, 14-25 and 22-25. When the Lady Harvesters were able to minimize unforced errors, they put pressure on the Westerners and kept the game close. Once again Pampa's seniors led the team with great hustle and intensity. Maddie Fatheree had 18 assists at setter, 8 kills and

2 blocks at outside hitter, and 1 service ace and 1 dig. Calli Brewer not only had a fantastic effort at hitter where she had 11 kills and 1 block, but she was also critical to Pampa's defense compiling 3 digs for the match.

Other solid players for Pampa were Allison Noble, 4 kills and 1 block, Madison Joyce, 2 kills, 2 blocks and 2 aces, Taylor Eubank, 1 kill, 2 blocks and 10 setting assists, Dakota Watson, 2 kills, Taylor Giles, 1 ace and 6 digs, Diamond Marrufo, 4 digs, and Caragan Niccum, 2 kills.

The Lady Harvesters meet Highland Park in their last non-district game and first home game this Tuesday in McNeely Field House. They are very excited to test their skills in the last game before district begins against Perryton at home on Saturday.



Courtesy photo by **Butch Noble**

Harvester Defense: Marticia Alexander digs a ball during the Lady Harvester game Saturday against Denver City, Pampa won 23-13, 25-13, 25-22.



Courtesy photos by **Butch Noble and Larry Petty**


Domination: (Above) Maddie Fatheree hits a ball against Lubbock High, while Taylor Eubank, Calli Brewer and Madison Joyce(left to right) cover her. Fatheree racked up 8 kills in the match. (Below) Maddison Brown spikes the ball during the lady harvester victory Saturday. The Lady Harvesters open district play Saturday at home against Perryton.



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