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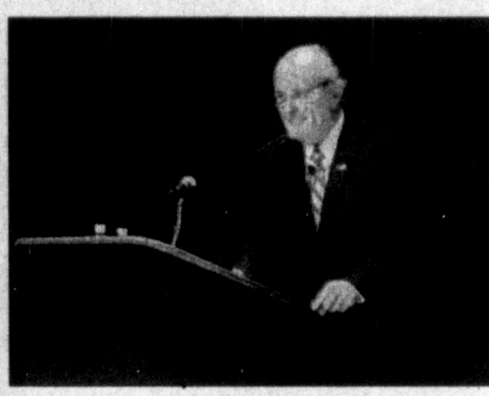
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Giuliani speaks on leadership to Amarillo crowd



Photos by Gayden Hays
 Former NYC mayor Rudy Giuliani shares his insights on leadership at the Amarillo Civic Center Tuesday.

Engagement marked end of Underwood law's celebration of 100 years in Panhandle

By GAYDEN HAYS
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Rudy Giuliani, former New York City mayor, rolled into the Panhandle helping the Underwood law firm celebrate their 100 years of service in Amarillo and Pampa.

He spoke to a crowd of approximately 2,500 people at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium Tuesday night.

His visit to Amarillo gave people in the area a rare opportunity to meet a national figure. As

mayor of New York, Giuliani is best known for his strong leadership during and after the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center.

Tickets to hear Giuliani speak were \$25 and all proceeds went to Amarillo College for scholarships and the City Center Project, which promotes growth and economic development in the downtown Amarillo area.

"We celebrated our 100th anniversary and wanted to give back to the community," said Attorney Bryan Guymon with Underwood Attorneys at Law in Pampa. "Amarillo National Bank and he rest of our sponsors really made this happen allowing us to raise money for our community."

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CONGRESSMAN IN TOWN

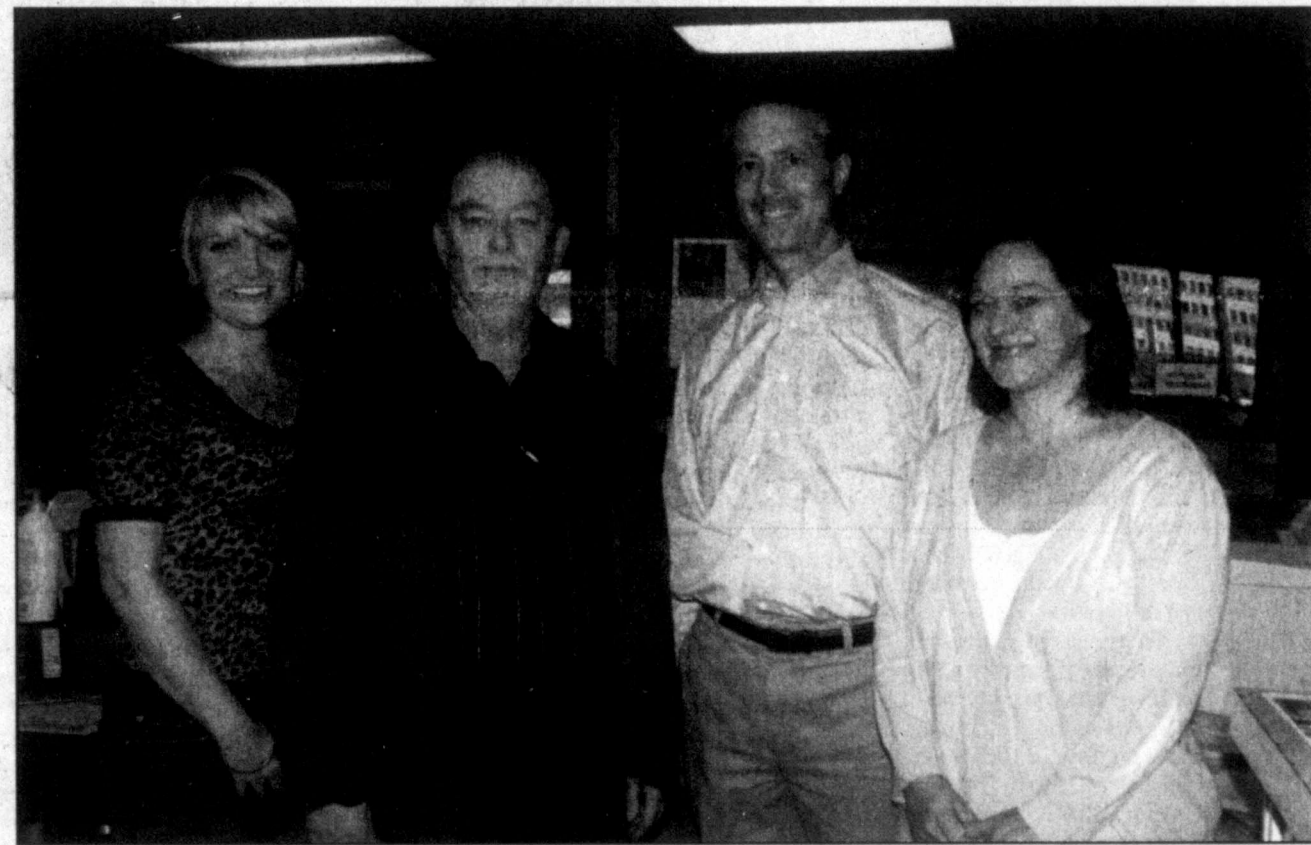


Photo by Timothy P. Howsare
 U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry, second from right, with Pampa News staff members Sondra Cochran, Bernie Frazier and Tabitha Sharp.

U.S. Rep. Thornberry visits Pampa News

By TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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Mac Thornberry, who represents Pampa in Texas' 13th Congressional District, made a brief visit to The Pampa News Wednesday afternoon.

Thornberry was scheduled as the guest speaker at the Pampa Rotary Club meeting, but missed the meeting because of a delay making his flight connection from Dallas to Amarillo.

He is rescheduled to speak at the club on Nov. 7, the day after the General Election.

Thornberry was first elected in 1994 and now serves as the vice chairman of the Armed Services Committee.

Since there are term limits to how long a member of Congress can serve as a committee chair, he expects in two years he will become the next chairman.

Thornberry said one of the things he likes about being a congressman is learning about all kinds of ser-

vice, whether it be in the military or community.

He had recently visited Fort Bragg, N.C., where he talked with servicemen and women about their service to our country.

"One of the best things about this job is going around and finding out what people are doing in their communities," he said.

Along with that, Thornberry said, "is having the ability to make a difference on matters that are important to the country."

The Farm Bill expired in September and that is a concern to many farmers and ranchers in the area.

To address some of those concerns, Thornberry said leaders in Washington, D.C. are working to replenish the drought fund.

Every five years or so a new Farm Bill is passed to replace the old one when it expires.

If a new one is passed by December, then most farmers should not notice a difference, he said.

If a new bill isn't passed by January, then that could make a difference for farmers, he said.

In the General Election, Thornberry faces Libertarian candidate M.J. Smith. No Democrat filed for the District 13 seat.

District 13 is 40,000 square miles and spans from Oklahoma to New Mexico.

He graduated from Clarendon High School before continuing his education at Texas Tech University. After obtaining a B.A. in history from Tech in 1980, he went on to the University of Texas Law School where he graduated in 1983.

For the next several years, he worked in Washington, including serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs in the State Department under President Reagan.

In 1989, he joined his brothers in the cattle business and practiced law in Amarillo.

His wife, Sally, is also a native Texan. They have two children.

Obama, Romney seek support from women after debate

By DAVID ESPO AND KEN THOMAS
 Associated Press

MOUNT VERNON, Iowa (AP) — One day after their contentious, finger-pointing debate, President Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney vied aggressively for the support of women voters Wednesday, as they and their running mates charged across nearly a half-dozen battleground states in the close race for the White House with 20 days to run.

Not even Republicans disputed that Obama's debate performance was much stronger than the listless showing two weeks earlier that helped spark a rise in the polls for Romney. The two rivals meet one more time, next Monday in Florida.

The first post-debate polls were divided, some saying Romney won, others finding Obama did.

At least some of the voters who asked the questions in the town-hall style encounter remained uncommitted. "If Gov. Romney could actually provide the jobs, that would be a good thing because we really need them," said Nina Gonzalez, a 2008 Obama voter, neatly summarizing the uncertainty confronting voters in a slow-growth, high-unemployment economy.

Obama wore a pink wristband to show support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month as he campaigned in Iowa and then Ohio, and reminded his audience that the first legislation he signed after becoming president made it easier for women to take pay grievances to court.

Romney took no position on that bill when it passed Congress, and his campaign says he would not seek its repeal. But Obama chided

Barack Obama

Mitt Romney

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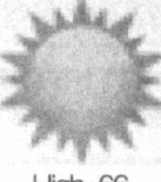
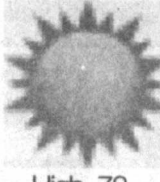
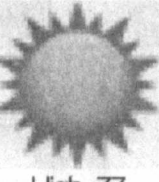
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday
		
High 66 Low 39	High 72 Low 46	High 77 Low 54

Today: Sunny with a high of 66. Zero chance of rain. Winds northwest at 9 mph. Sunrise at 7:53 a.m.

Thursday night: Clear with a low of 39. Zero chance of rain. Winds west northwest at 7 mph. Sunset at 7:04 p.m.

Friday: Sunny with a high of 72. Zero chance of rain. Winds west northwest at 10 mph. Sunrise at 7:54 a.m.

Friday night: Clear with a low of 46. Zero chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 9 mph. Sunset at 7:03 p.m.

Saturday: Sunny with a high of 77. Zero chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 10 mph. Sunrise at 7:55 a.m.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 54. Zero chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 9 mph. Sunset at 7:02 p.m.

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Obituaries

Ruby Florine Hilbun

Ruby Florine Hilbun, 93, of Lubbock passed away Oct. 12, 2012 in Lubbock. She was born July 9, 1919 in Amarillo, Texas to Dell M. and Millie Graham Scaief. Ruby married Joel Byron Hilbun in Pampa on Dec. 21, 1938. She was a devoted wife, mother and loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ruby is survived by her daughter, Carol and husband Joe Schoenig of Lubbock; son, Doug Hilbun of Arvada Colorado; grandson, Coby Schoenig of Lubbock; granddaughters, Amy and husband Tommy

Potts, Eichelle and husband Jon Bell of West Monroe, Louisiana and DeAnne and Ken McCashland; great-



Ruby Hilbun

granddaughters, Addison and Macy Jo; great-grandsons, Michael, Jason, Landon, Aidyn and Brennan. Grave-side services were held on Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park. Contributions may be made to Calvary Baptist Church Freedom Initiative, 5301 82nd, Lubbock, Texas 79424.

For the record

Pampa resident arrested for aggravated assault

By GAYDEN HAYS
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The following person were arrested and booked into the Gray County Jail between Tuesday and Wednesday morning:

■ Franklin Don Bliss, 58, Pampa, was arrested by the Pampa Police for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

World Food Prize activities attract Occupy protest

By DAVID PITT
 Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — It's difficult to argue with the goals of the World Food Prize Foundation — to recognize people who have helped improve the quality and availability of food to reduce world hunger.

But as the Des Moines-based foundation prepares for its 2012 award ceremony, which will be attended by dignitaries including Secretary-General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon, dozens of protesters hope to disrupt the activities.

Members of Occupy Des Moines plan civil disobedience efforts and expect to be arrested as they obstruct participants at the World Food Prize headquarters on Wednesday and at the Iowa Capitol on Thursday before the \$250,000 prize is awarded to this year's recipient.

Organizer Frank Cordaro said he expected about 30 people to turn out Wednesday, with 10 willing to be arrested.

The group opposes what it sees as a focus on corporate agriculture motivated more by profit than food safety or protection of natural resources.

"The prize is corporate agriculture's way of brand-

ing themselves in the minds of the American people as the good guys, the people who are feeding the hungry and the best last chance the human race has to meet our basic needs," said Cordaro, 61, a former Roman Catholic priest who's been jailed numerous times for acts of civil disobedience to social issues. "The truth is the prize is owned and scripted for corporate agriculture and large corporate entities who want to make a profit first and don't really care about the planet."

The protesters say the foundation also supports organizations that promote and sell crops that include genetically modified organisms, known as GMOs. While many scientists say genetic modification has been useful in developing crops resistant to pests, drought and disease, opponents worry it could result in harm to the environment or people.

World Food Prize Foundation President Kenneth Quinn, a retired career diplomat and Foreign Service officer for the U.S. Government, said he's dealt with a variety of protests in his career, but he's puzzled that people would object to an organization founded by a man who won a Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to fight hunger.

Five dead in Denver in apparent arson-homicide

By P. SOLOMON BANDA AND STEVEN K. PAULSON
 Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Police were investigating the deaths of five people whose bodies were found in a neighborhood bar after a fire broke out around closing time early Wednesday. Police think the blaze was set to cover up their slayings.

Firefighters found four women and one man dead inside Fero's Bar & Grill. The fire was reported around 2 a.m.

"There is just trauma, enough information to believe that we have a homicide that occurred here. They didn't perish in the fire," police Commander Ronald Saunier said.

The fire didn't appear to be very large. No damage to the bar was visible from the street or aerial news coverage. Red stains that appeared to be blood were visible on the sidewalk in front of the bar. Some of the stains were in trails on the sidewalk and others appeared to have been where blood had pooled.

The police officer who reported the fire said he heard screams, but investigators said they likely came from bystanders outside.

"Based on the severity of the injuries, we don't think they came from inside," fire department spokesman Lt. Phil Champagne said.

The bar is located in a strip mall about five miles south of downtown Denver just beyond the tony Cherry Creek North shopping district. The bar attracted both regulars and people staying in nearby hotels, but neighbors said it didn't seem busy most days. It's wedged in among a check-cashing store, a tennis shop, a nail salon and a car repair shop in the strip mall on one of the city's busiest streets, Colorado Boulevard.

Frequent patron Chris Brady said the customers ranged from "semi-homeless-looking people" to patrons in suits and ties.

He was at the bar for a regular poker game held Tuesdays and won \$25 cash before leaving about 11 p.m.

"There was nobody random or crazy in there," Brady said.

Brady said bar co-owner Young Fero, known for cooking up beef bowls at a moment's notice, usually would close the bar herself, and she bid him goodnight Tuesday as he paid his tab.

"She said, 'Thank you sweetie, have a good

night,'" Brady said. "I said, 'You too.'"

No one answered the door at Fero's home in Aurora. A sign on the door read, "Day sleeper, please don't ring the doorbell! Thank you." It was signed "The sleeper."

Neighbor Mike Spinale described Fero as "really nice."

"She didn't speak much, but I know she owned a bar and she worked all the time," Spinale said. "She told me she did everything herself."

Danny Fero, who said he was Young Fero's ex-husband, said he went to the scene Wednesday and talked with police, but he wasn't asked to identify any of the bodies. He said he did not know who might have been at the bar Wednesday morning.

"She always worked late and closed the bar," he said.

He doesn't know if she was one of the victims. Danny Fero said he talked with her about a month ago regarding a visit with their daughter, but his ex-wife made no mention of any threats. He said he was shocked by the events at the bar he once co-owned with her.

"I wanted to make myself available to police as soon as possible," Danny Fero said, adding police asked him not to discuss other details of the case.

Jerry Richardson, who maintained an ATM at the bar, described Young Fero as "feisty."

"When she wanted that machine fixed, she would tell you about it," Richardson said. Business seemed to go

on as usual in the surrounding area as police investigated the slayings. People walked their dogs and customers visited a nearby vitamin shop. Aziz Dashti, a University of Denver student from Kuwait, was worried.

"I've never felt this insecure about being in my place," said Dashti, who was awakened by a friend in Kuwait who heard the news and messaged him.

The five dead are believed to be the only ones in the bar when the fire started — other than any possible outside suspects — so police are asking anyone else who was at the place earlier to come forward, as investigators try to piece together what happened.

The victims haven't been identified. Autopsies were expected to be completed later in the day.

Frank Peluso, who works in an office building a half block away, said he used to eat lunch at the bar but hasn't been there in three years.

He said it seemed to be declining and the owners have tried various things to attract more business including offering karaoke.

"It's one of those places that you wonder how it stays in business," Peluso said.

Resident Matthew Near said you can't see into the bar because the front windows are frosted. He said he and his friend used to joke about what might be inside.

"I've never gone in there. It always looked kind of sketchy to me," Neam said.

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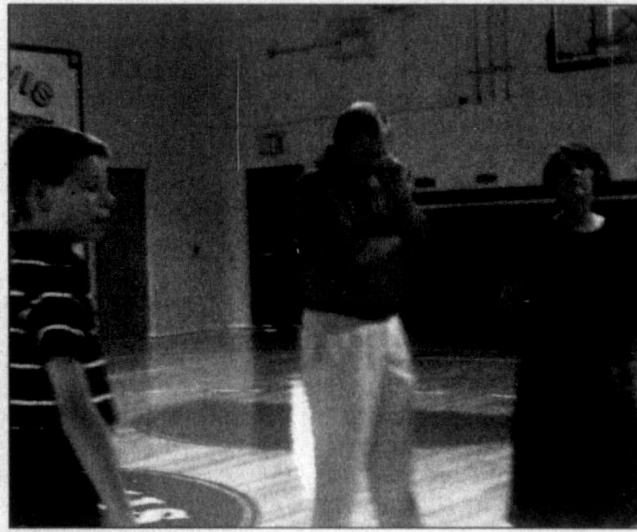
Travis plans salute to veterans

Travis undergoes remodel

Students show off changes to school board members



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Top left: Victoria Corbitt, 5th grade tour guide, shows school board members a newly remodeled bathroom. **Top right: Gage Gerhardt**, 5th grade tour guide, talks to school board members about the flood in the newly remodeled gym. **Left: Damiana Garza** helped to lead a tour of Travis for the school board members.



TAVARIUS CONLEY, QUINLAN HONEYCUTT AND XZAVION DONEHUE

There are many outstanding students at Travis Elementary. This six weeks, we are spotlighting two students in a fourth grade classroom. Who do you think are the most outstanding boy and girl in Mrs. Davis' fourth grade class? If you guessed Mary Jane Espina and Jorge Renteria... you're right! Mary is a hard worker. She is also respectful. Jorge is respectful to teachers and students, is a hard worker and does what he's told. Mrs. Davis (their math teacher) decided Mary and Jorge are the most outstanding students in her class since they are nice, hard working and respectful. She thinks they deserve to be honored with a character award. Mrs. Davis said, "I love Mary and Jorge. There are a lot of good kids! It was really hard to pick! All of my students are hard working, nice and respectful, but I have to go with Mary and Jorge because they are the most outstanding in my class!"



photo courtesy of Quinlan Honeycutt

Mary Jane Espina, Outstanding 4th Grader.



photo courtesy of Tavarious Conley

Jorge Renteria, Outstanding 4th Grader.

A flood and a big change at Travis

HALIE WEST, KENDAL ELLIOTT, GAGE GERHARDT AND ETHAN RUSHING

Do you know what happened to Travis Elementary this summer? The school board members approved

funds to remodel the school. We are very lucky that lots of people came and worked very hard to remodel the school. Four days after they started, "The Great Flood of Travis," as Mrs. Faubion calls it, occurred. Some of the teachers say it

was a good thing because they got new carpet. We got new black trim, paint, tile and carpet. They finished at 11 a.m. on August 24, 2012, right before Meet the Teachers at 2 p.m. The first board meeting of the school year was held

at Travis on September 25, 2012. They had a meal and four fifth graders—Gage Gerhardt, Victoria Corbitt, Ethan Rushing and Damiana Garza—took them on a tour around the school. Come by sometime and see our school!

Veterans Day comes marching in at Travis

Travis students to honor veterans

TAYLOR JEFFERIS, JOSHUA PRICE AND EMMA GILL

Do you respect our veterans? If so, come join Travis Elementary's kindergarten through fifth grade students as we honor our veterans at M.K. Brown on November 9, 2012. The celebration for our heroes will be at 1:30 p.m.

The theme for this year's event is "Hand in Hand with Our Heroes." This means that we are very grateful to our veterans and respectful of what they did for us. This year some of the new songs are "Put Your Hand on Your Heart" and "WE Celebrate America." This year's special guests will include: Lynn Hancock, Keith Roberson, Joe Kyle, Sholby Reeve, Shatner Reeve and Sheldon Reeve. We will have a video this year (as usual). "We will be expecting around 250 veterans this year," says Mrs. Pittman, the Travis music teacher. In the past years we have received tears and appreciation from the veterans. There are many people who make this program possible—the hard-working women of the Veterans Day committee and their sponsors: V.F.W. Post 1657, Enbridge, TLG Petro, the Edward Jones Investment Corporation, and many others. We hope you can join Travis for this great ceremony!

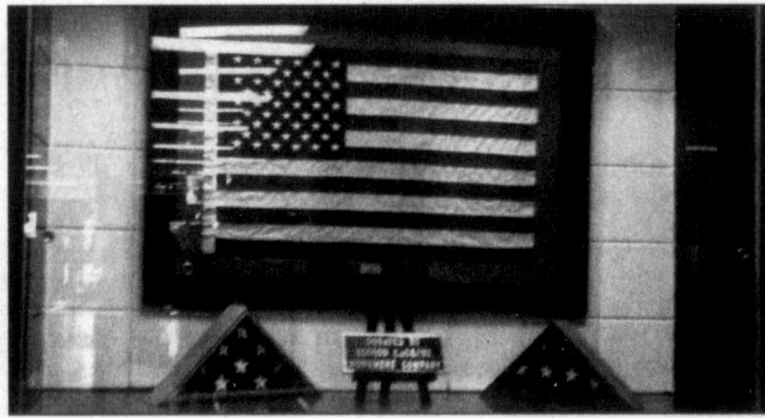


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Flag display at Travis Elementary.



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Emma Gill shows off one of the flags made by students as program decorations.

Box top battle to the death

OSCAR SILVA, LILLY MASSMAN AND JULIA ALLEN

Stop and look, the Box Top Battle has begun! A battle between the four biggest Texas college football teams—OU, UT, Aggies and Tech. All Travis students bring their box tops and put them in their favorite team's box. The winning team gets the all-over prize! Something like this will happen every six weeks.

Mrs. Faubion, the principal, likes Texas Tech and hopes it will win. The team that receives the most box tops will be painted on the inside doors of the school. Please help us by sending your box tops!



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Pete Mejia, Julia Allen, Lilly Massman and Ariana Perez with box top competition boxes.

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The 1 percent's cry for justice

It's out! This year's list of American success stories has just been published, and according to its compiler, it "instills confidence that the American dream is still very much alive."

Maybe you are one of these success stories. You might be a great



JIM HIGHTOWER

public school teacher, for example, who motivated students to achieve new heights or an inventor who came up with an energy-saving device and got it to market at a fair price, generating a profit for yourself, the environment and society generally.

No, no, no. Not that kind of success. We're talking money -- the flow of mammon beyond regular people's wildest dreams. That's how Forbes magazine measures not only "success," but also a person's value: You are what's in your Swiss bank account. And, just to rank last on this year's "Forbes 400" listing of America's wealthiest people, you need more than a billion dollars in financial wealth. To get into the top 10 requires at least \$25 billion.

And to be numero uno means you've got \$66 billion socked away. Who says America is broke?

As Ray Charles sang, "Them that's got is them that gets." And sure enough, these richest of the riches got a lot richer in 2011 -- the magazine gloated that these 400 swells jacked up their cumulative haul last year by \$200 billion over the previous year -- an average of half-a-billion each!

Now that's success, baby, especially when the typical American family's income dropped by 4 percent.

These ultra-wealthy, goes the Forbes narrative, are the "deserving rich," for they are our economy's makers and producers -- as opposed to being takers and moochers, like

those commoners who get Social Security, Medicare and other government help.

Before swallowing that, however, note that roughly 40 percent of these "achievers" on the list "achieved" their wealth by being well-born -- they inherited the money from Dad and Mom. And all of them have indeed been takers, not only enjoying government programs, but also subsidies and tax advantages available only to the rich. The Forbes list really says that you got special treatment -- not that you are special.

But if the rich need to feel special, they can always count on the editors of Fortune.

We should not be surprised that a magazine named Fortune would be empathetic to the feelings of the 1 percent, but -- good grief -- how embarrassingly sycophantish of the editors to hustle out a piece just before the presidential election titled, "Stop Beating up the Rich."

Written by Nina Easton, the timing of the article was less than fortunate, for it came out just as the infamous video surfaced showing Mitt Romney "beating up" the poor and the middle class, while his audience of fellow multimillionaires laughed, cheered and shouted encouragement.

Despite the timing, Mitt and company undoubtedly appreciated the writer's disdain for those who so insolently dare to criticize and even demonize those worthy ones at the top who, as she explained, "gained their wealth through their own efforts."

Also, you can almost hear the privileged ones applauding appreciatively as she scorns the divide between the 1 percent and the rest of us as a "flawed prism, marred by hyperbole, half-truths and unnecessary pessimism about what it means to succeed in America."

Passionately deploring "diatribes against the 1 percent," Easton assails critics of America's widening wealth inequality as being people who

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On the 'write' track

PHS student writers give good advice to peers

It's often said that kids won't listen to adults, but they will listen to other kids.

This can either be a good thing or a bad thing, depending on what's being said. All too often it's a bad thing, especially if a kid is encouraging his peers to drink, do drugs or get involved with a gang.



TIMOTHY HOWSARE

But if a young person is encouraging good behavior to his or her peers, then that's something that we as adults should commend and

encourage.

This morning I was reading through the Little Harvester, the newspaper that is produced by students at Pampa High School.

It is published about once every six weeks and is inserted into copies of The Pampa News.

I was presently surprised to see two pages of editorials and opinions written by students on the staff of the newspaper.

Altogether, there are about 13 or 14 young people on staff.

Instead of cynical editorials about everything they think is wrong with their school -- what cynical adults might expect from group of high school kids -- these students wrote on topics such as the importance of getting to class on time and the

necessity of freedom of speech.

Reporter Cruz Ortega writes that students are getting too many tardies and that is hurting their academics. He encourages fellow students not to waste time talking to friends between classes and go straight to the next class.

The headline to reporter Austin Miranda's editorial is "Trashy isn't classy."

Austin is concerned now that the freshmen classes are able to have off-campus lunches the privilege could be revoked if they don't clean up after themselves.

He says its not good behavior for students eating lunch off campus to litter neighborhoods or businesses, and that the school has been receiving complaints.

"Some of these properties belong to senior citizens who physically can't or don't have the time in the day to pick up after us," he writes.

It's plain to see that Austin is a very considerate young man.

Report Sierrah Adams tells her peers that they should watch what they say, because what you might think is an OK thing to say might be considered profanity to a listener.

"When you hear someone use words you dislike do not jump all over them but ask them nicely not to say those words," she advises.

Guest writer Alyssa Lowry says, "the things you do in high school will affect you for the rest of your

life."

She goes on to write that the things you do now in high school will come back later to affect in either a good way or a bad way, so don't let things boyfriends and girlfriends or popularity control your life.

Editor in chief Summer Sieber writes on how we may be losing our freedom of speech.

She comments about a television program she was watching in which the word "Jesus" was bleeped from the dialog.

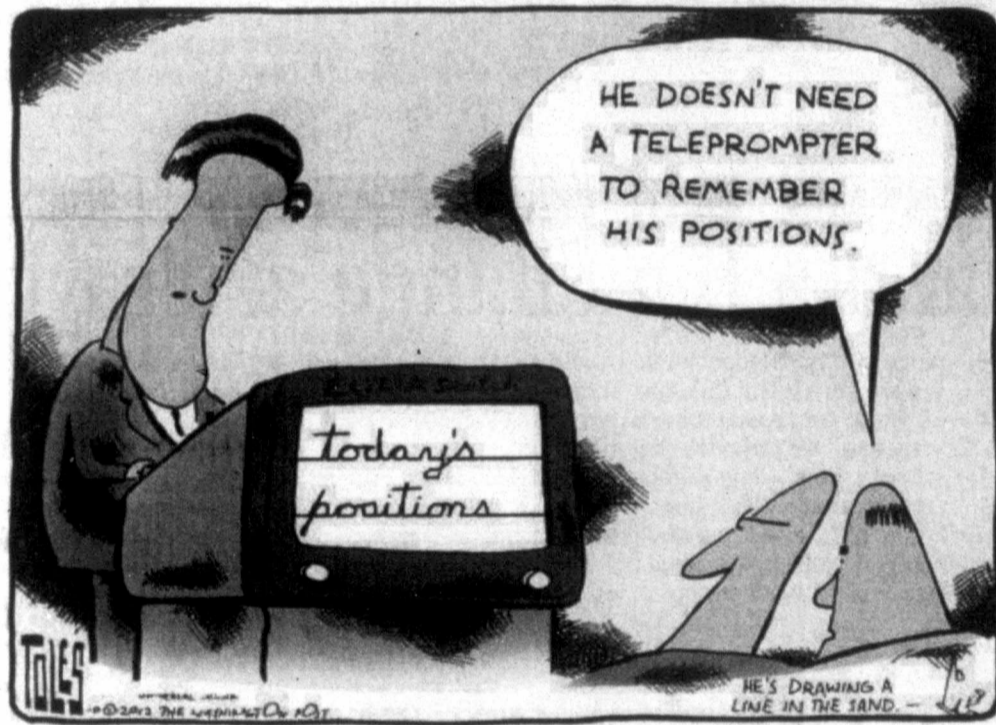
"I understand if it was being used in a degrading manner, but this show I was watching wasn't," she writes.

She goes on to write, "You guys may think I'm crazy or that I should just not worry about it, but what will you think in ten years when you can't even say what you want to say because you'll be afraid of getting in trouble."

If Summer is planning to make a career in journalism, she will certainly be an asset to the professional.

As a journalist, I'm impressed to see such a fine young group of writers contributing to the PHS student newspaper. And as a new citizen of Pampa, I'm even more impressed to see that we have so many outstanding young people among our ranks.

Let's hope their peers listen to their advice.



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Elite politics: Still a man's world in China

By ALEXA OLESEN
Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — A glance at history suggests it's easier for a Chinese woman to orbit Earth than to land a spot on the highest rung of Chinese politics.



ALEXA OLESEN

In June, a 33-year-old air force major marked a major feminist milestone by becoming the first Chinese woman to travel in space. With a once-a-decade leadership transition set to kick off Nov. 8, many now are waiting to see if another ambitious Chinese female, State Councilor Liu Yandong, can win one of the nine spots at the apex of Chinese power.

Liu is a smiley 67-year-old with a degree in chemical engineering and a penchant for pearls and red lipstick. Her portfolios include education, sports and cultural affairs. Experts say she is well-connected and state media paints her as a dili-

gent civil servant with a human touch. In May, she donned scrubs and stroked the forehead of a hospitalized teacher who lost her legs pushing two students away from an oncoming bus.

"You are so young, so beautiful," state media quoted Liu as telling the teacher, Zhang Lili. "From now on, you can call me big sister."

Leadership transitions only happen once a decade in China. This year, Liu is the only female with an outside chance of landing a position at the top, and if she does, she will have made history. But rocketing into space seems simple compared to busting into the boys' club of Chinese politics.

"It's relatively easy to have a Chinese female astronaut because that's only about winning glory for China and not about actually divvying up political power," said Feng Yuan, a Beijing-based women's rights advocate.

There are quotas meant to boost participation of women in the political process, but they are not strictly enforced.

Since the founding of Communist China in

1949, no woman has ever served on the Politburo Standing Committee, the topmost leadership clique where major policy is set. Only two women have served as provincial party secretaries, powerful positions seen as stepping stones to national leadership posts.

Former Vice Premier Wu Yi, known as the "Iron Lady" for her tough negotiating skills and ranked by Forbes as the second most powerful woman in the world in 2007, failed to advance past the Politburo, the group of about 25 from which Standing Committee members are recruited.

Willy Lam, a historian at Chinese University of Hong Kong, says the climb to power typically begins with a local leadership post that gets parlayed into jobs overseeing increasingly large constituencies until, ideally, one is running a province or a big city.

Those are the people who end up running China from the leafy, high-walled Zhongnanhai leadership compound in central Beijing.

But to get those positions can be hard for a

woman, for sometimes maddening reasons.

"To become a mayor of a big city or a governor of a province you have to be sort of one of the boys, you have to drink a lot and maybe womanize a bit and also be reasonably corrupt," Lam said. "There's no lack of corrupt women in China, but this to-be-one-of-the-boys phenomenon, I think, is holding some promising female cadres back."

Feng, the Beijing rights advocate, has run training workshops on women's rights around China. She says aspiring female politicians complain to her about the "drinking culture" in Chinese politics but many say sexual politics also holds them back.

It is common for powerful Chinese men to have mistresses, which can make it difficult for women to curry favor or even cooperate with their male superiors without inviting suspicion.

One female deputy director of an agency told Feng that if she went to the office of her male boss to discuss work, he typically would stand at the door to talk to her. If they had to be in his

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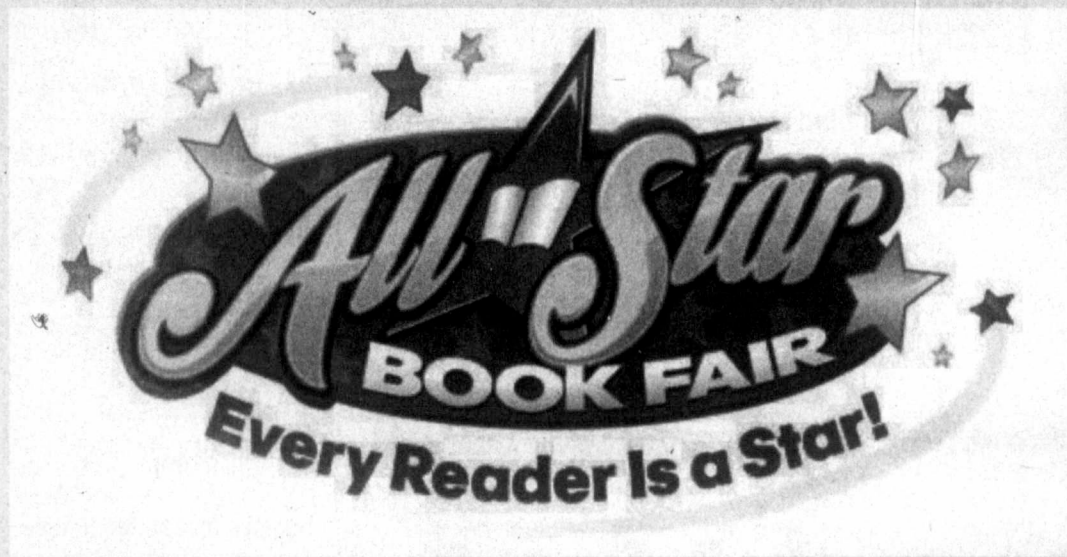
Happenings

Lamar gets ready for book fair

Lamar seeks to get rid of bullying

Warning signs that a student may be the victim of bullying

5th graders prepare for the Book Fair



5th grade girls practice for the program they will be presenting at the book fair later this month.

Want your child to be a little more current?

Check out TIME FOR KIDS. This web site covers current events, information on countries around the world, homework helpers, photo and video and much more.
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Together we can work to make our school bully free

■ **Signs may indicate if a student is the victim of a bully**

Sleep problems
 Being bullied can lead to nightmares or insomnia. And some kids who are bullied cry themselves to sleep.

Unexplained injuries
 That bruise or black eye: is it the result of a playground fall - or a punch or shove from a bully? If your child comes home with unexplained injuries - or

torn or missing clothing - be concerned. Ditto if your child seems to be doing something to hurt himself/herself.

Academic trouble
 It can be hard to hit the books when you're worried about being hit by a school bully. Consider it a red flag if a child's grades begin to fall or he/she seems to lose interest in school work.

Depression
 Some kids think it's their fault that they are being bullied. They may seem sad, moody, anxious, or even angry. Bullying can cause children to feel helpless - or even talk about suicide.

Unusual hunger
 You pack a lunch (or lunch money) for your child, and he/she still comes home ravenous? Consider the possibility that someone is taking his food, or that he/she is so upset at school that he has

no appetite. In fact, any change in eating habits might be evidence of bullying.

Friend trouble
 A child who is bullied may have trouble making or keeping friends. If your son or daughter suddenly seems to have fewer pals, consider that a red flag.

Feeling sick
 Does your child complain of feeling sick on school mornings? That might be an attempt to avoid being bullied by staying home. And frequent complains

about vague symptoms like headaches or stomachaches can also be red flags for bullying.

Aggressive behavior
 Some children react to being bullied by starting to bully other people, including other kids and even their siblings.

Losing things
 If a child keeps "misplacing" books, electronics, clothing, jewelry, or other items, consider the possibility that the items are not being lost but taken by a bully.

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Kid Scoop Together:

FUNNY FILLER

Ask a friend to give you each type of word to fill in the blanks. Then read your silly story aloud.

The Creature

Dr. Alexander de Cay has

performed a lot of _____ ADJECTIVE
experiments in his _____ NOUN

He once combined a pumpkin and a _____ ADJECTIVE NOUN

and brought it to life one very _____ ADJECTIVE evening.

As _____ PLURAL NOUN crashed, he

laughed and exclaimed, “I have done it! I have created the

world’s first _____ ADJECTIVE NOUN

But soon his creature escaped and began to _____ VERB

towards town. All of the town’s _____ PLURAL NOUN

were terrified of the _____ ADJECTIVE creature.

The creature began to make _____ PLURAL NOUN

_____ with people and before long, the creature

became quite happy. The creature now works at the

local school as a _____ ADJECTIVE

_____ NOUN. The kids are very glad about that and they

bring the creature a lot of _____ PLURAL NOUN as treats.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Use nouns, adjectives and verbs correctly.

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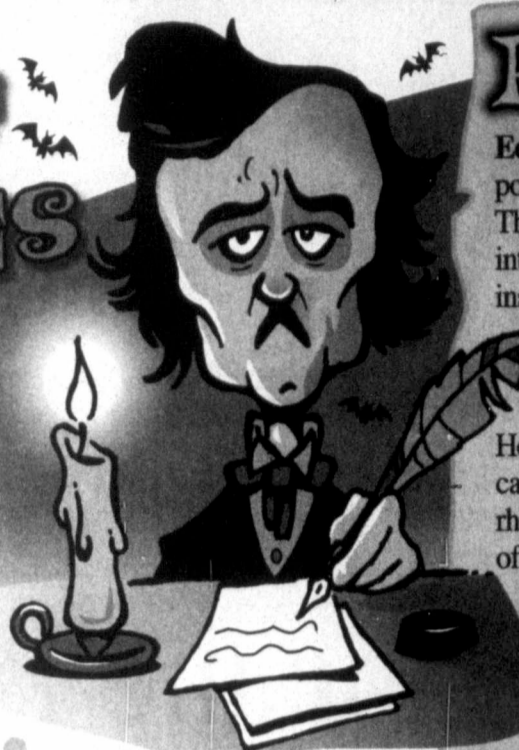
Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word BATS in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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Silly Scary Stories

With Halloween just around the corner and a chill in the air, it’s the perfect time to write a funny, spooky tale by letting your imagination run wild!

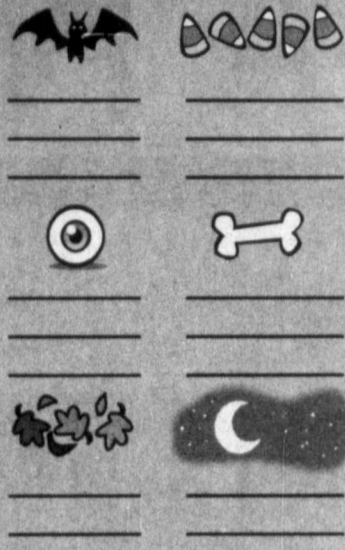
How many bats can you find on this page?



POE-ETRY IN MOTION

Edgar Allan Poe (1809 - 1849) wrote many creepy poems and stories that are still popular today. They’ve been made into movies and inspired countless other writers, too.

How many words can you think of to rhyme with each of the things shown here? Use them to write a great Halloween poem to read to your class.



Standards Link: Vocabulary: Identify words that rhyme.

ATTACK OF THE THESAURUS!

Even though it sounds like some kind of dinosaur, a thesaurus is filled with lots of great words to spice up your stories.

With a thesaurus, she lived in a big, scary house transforms into she dwelled in a gigantic, forboding mansion. Nice!

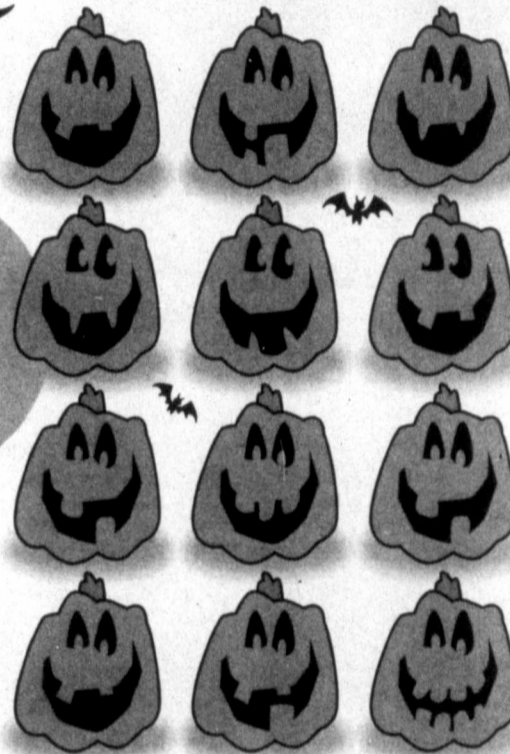
Read each sentence. Then draw a line to the word that has the same meaning as each of these circled words. If you get stuck, use a thesaurus for help!

- The creature knocked down the old castle wall.
- As the sun rose, the vampire looked angry.
- The full moon was covered by dark clouds.
- The werewolf had a loud howl.
- The mummy began to walk towards me.

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Use a thesaurus.

- lurch
- blaring
- livid
- ancient
- dusky

Find the two identical jack-o-lanterns.



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Having a hard time coming up with a silly, scary story idea? Use this awesome device to choose a character, location and plot. Mix and match to create lots of story ideas!

CHARACTER

- A dancing dinosaur
- A seasick werewolf
- A powerful penguin
- A sleepy vampire
- An unraveling mummy
- A very nervous spider
- A zombie duck

LOCATION

- on another planet
- in a spooky swamp
- in a fancy hotel
- in a crumbling castle
- in a frozen forest
- next door to you
- in a chilly cave

PLOT

- builds a cheese-powered rocket.
- digs a tunnel to a distant city.
- becomes principal of your school.
- discovers how to turn invisible.
- wins a motorcycle stunt competition.
- explores the ocean in a submarine.
- becomes a country music star.

Extra! Extra!

Story Starts in the Newspaper

- Look through the newspaper for:
- five nouns
 - five verbs
 - ten adjectives
 - a rhyme
 - a vehicle
 - a food

Use all of these words in a spooky story.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Ghostly Mildred is planning a Halloween party but she got a bit carried away with her shopping list. Cross out the items that don't really seem correct for Halloween fun.

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| COBWEBS | FAKE SPIDERS |
| CANDY CANES | CANDY CORN |
| EGGNOG | FLASHLIGHTS |
| HAMBURGER | SWIMSUITS |
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| CANDY EGGS | POLKA MUSIC |
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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use context clues to determine meaning.

Double Double Word Search

- CHARACTER
THESAURUS
SENTENCE
WRITERS
DEVICE
CREEPY
POEMS
SPICE
RHYME
EDGAR
DUSKY
WILD
PLOT
TALE
READ

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

E	C	I	P	S	C	V	S	S	S
C	L	I	L	E	R	R	L	L	U
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E	L	Y	I	E	P	M	A	U	A
D	I	R	D	N	Y	E	S	S	S
T	W	G	O	C	R	R	I	K	E
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R	E	T	C	A	R	A	H	C	T

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Guess My Costume

Look at the ads in the Classified Ad section of the newspaper. Write an ad about who or what you are going to be for Halloween. Give your ad to a pal and see if he or she can guess what your ad represents.

Standards Link: Writing: Describe and summarize concepts.

What happens to ghosts who get lost in the fog?

ANSWER: They are mist!

Write On!

STRANGE HOUSE

They claimed the house was haunted, but it looked okay to me. So ... Finish this story!

THE BIG CATCH



Submitted photo
Sue Love of Pampa holds the big fish she caught at Fun Valley in South Fork, Colo. on Sept 9. Her catch weighed 5 1/2 pounds and measured 23 1/2 inches long.

Rudy

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The attendees were first treated to a catered dinner and then retired to the main auditorium for "An Evening with Rudy Giuliani."

Giuliani was introduced by Underwood President Alan Rhodes, who read the former NYC mayor's long list of accomplishments - from knighthood by the Queen of England, Time Magazine's Man of the Year to winner of the Ronald Reagan Freedom Award.

Giuliani was born in 1944 in Brooklyn, N.Y. As the grandson of Italian immigrants, he was taught the value of a strong work ethic and a deep respect for America's ideal of equal opportunity. He attended Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School, Manhattan College and New York University Law School.

In 1993, Rudy Giuliani was first elected mayor of the City of New York. Campaigning on the slogan "One City, One

Standard," he focused on reducing crime, reforming welfare and improving the quality of life. In 1997, he was re-elected with 57 percent of the vote in a city in which Democrats outnumbered Republicans five to one.

Under Giuliani's leadership, overall crime was cut by 56 percent, murder was cut by 66 percent and New York City - once considered the crime capital of the country - became the safest large city in America, according to the FBI. Since then, NYC's law enforcement strategy has become a model for other cities around the world.

Giuliani recently ran for the Republican nomination for president of the United States. During his campaign, he galvanized the national debate on such critical issues as national security, education, energy independence, health care, and the economy.

Giuliani immediately grabbed the attention of the crowd, with his charm and his tales of being mayor and the humorous exchanges that he has had

in one-on-one situations with his constituents.

He also touched on the tragedy of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, and the difficulties he faced.

The main emphasis of the evening was his message on leadership. Giuliani outlined principals of leadership, and how effective leadership on any level leads to profitability.

These points can also be found in his best-selling book, "Leadership."

"A leader has to have a set of principals and goals, because a leader asks people to follow him," Giuliani said.

Giuliani pointed to Ronald Reagan as such a person, whom he worked for during Reagan's presidency as associate attorney general, the third-highest position in the U.S. Department of Justice.

"Not all people who are in leadership roles have set goals; however, Ronald Reagan had a goal. He didn't want to live with communism. His goal was to defeat it," Giuliani said.

Debate

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ing, "That shouldn't be a complicated question. Equal pay for equal work."

He also jabbed at Romney's remark during Tuesday night's debate that as Massachusetts governor, he received "whole binders full of women" after saying he wanted to appoint more of them to his administration. "We don't have to collect a bunch of binders to find qualified, talented women," he said.

Romney's campaign launched a new television commercial that seemed designed to take the edge ever so slightly off his opposition to abortion — another example of his October move toward the middle — while urging women voters to keep pocketbook issues uppermost in their minds when they cast their ballots.

"In fact he thinks abortion should be an option in cases of rape, incest or to save a mother's life," says a woman in the new ad. Pivoting quickly to economic matters, she adds, "But I'm more concerned about the debt our children will be left with. I voted for President Obama last time, but we just can't afford four more years."

That dovetailed with Romney's personal pitch to an audience in Chesapeake, Va.

"This president has failed American's women. They've suffered in terms of getting jobs," he declared, saying that 3.6 million more of them are in poverty now than when Obama took office.

With recent gains in the polls for Romney, he and the president are locked in an exceedingly close race as they shuttle from one critical state to another and dispatch surrogates ranging from former President Bill Clinton to ex-Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to locations they cannot make on their own.

A little less than three weeks before Election Day, Obama appears on course to win states and the District of Columbia that account for 237 of the 270 electoral votes needed for victory. The same is true for Romney in states with 191 electoral votes.

The remaining 110 electoral votes are divided among the hotly contested battleground states of Florida (29), North Carolina (15), Virginia (13), New Hampshire (4), Iowa (6), Colorado (9), Nevada (6), Ohio (18) and Wisconsin (10).

As the campaign days dwindled down, the number of television com-

mercials rose higher. According to media buyers who track ads, target voters in the area around Cleveland can expect to see an average of about 120 ads next week paid for by the two candidates and groups supporting them — more than 17 a day. There were similar, if somewhat less intense campaign-by-commercials under way across all the battleground states.

In many cases — Florida, Ohio, Wisconsin, Virginia, Nevada among them — competitive races for the Senate and even House contests added to the bombardment. So, too, campaign brochures, piling up in mailboxes earlier than past elections because of widespread pre-election day voting.

There was little mystery in the candidates' concentration on women voters. An AP-GfK survey taken in mid-September, when Obama was leading in the opinion polls, found that 8 percent of all likely votes were women who were either undecided or said they might change their minds.

Polls since the first debate two weeks ago show gains for Romney among women voters, a shift that Obama can ill afford given the traditional Republican advantage among men.

Democrats rebutted Romney's memory of the binders he received as the newly elected governor of Massachusetts in 2002.

On a conference call arranged by the Democratic National Committee, a former executive director of the Massachusetts Government Appointments Project said the group provided the resumes of women qualified for appointment unprompted. "To be perfectly clear, Mitt Romney did not request" them, said Jesse Mermell.

Romney quickly countered with a combination testimonial and fundraising appeal from Kerry

Healey, who was his lieutenant governor in Massachusetts. She said he had named numerous women to his administration, adding, "He sought out our counsel, and he listened to our advice. We didn't always agree, but we were always respected."

Vice President Joe Biden's first stop of the day was in Greeley, Colo., where he mocked Romney on the same topic but in terms more pungent than Obama's. "What I can't understand is how he's gotten into this sort of 1950s time warp in terms of women," Biden said. "The idea he had to go and ask where a qualified woman was. He

just should have come to my house. He didn't need a binder."

Republican Rep. Paul Ryan was in Berea, Ohio, where he said women were suffering under the economy as the end of Obama's term nears. "Twenty-six million women are trapped in poverty today. That's the highest rate in 17 years," he said. "We need to get people back to work."

In a lighter moment, he stopped by the football practice facility of the Cleveland Browns and lamented missing out on hunting season this fall. "I've got this election thing going on," he told Pro Bowl tackle Joe Thomas.

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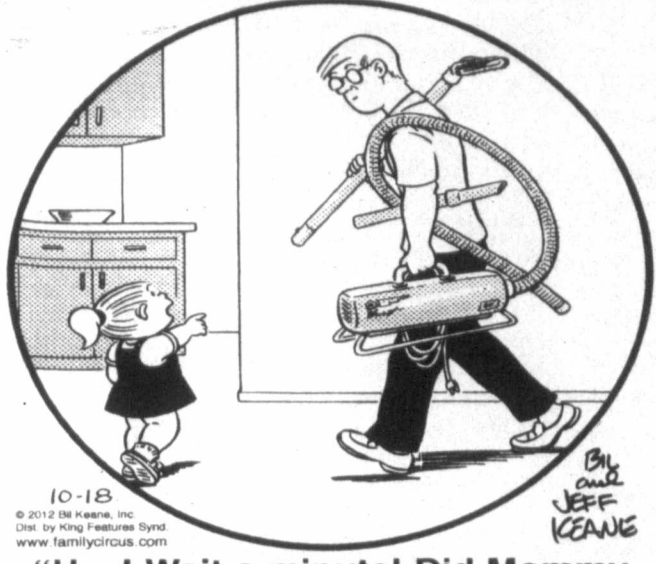
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"Hey! Wait a minute! Did Mommy say it's okay for you to play with her toys?"
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Nest Heads

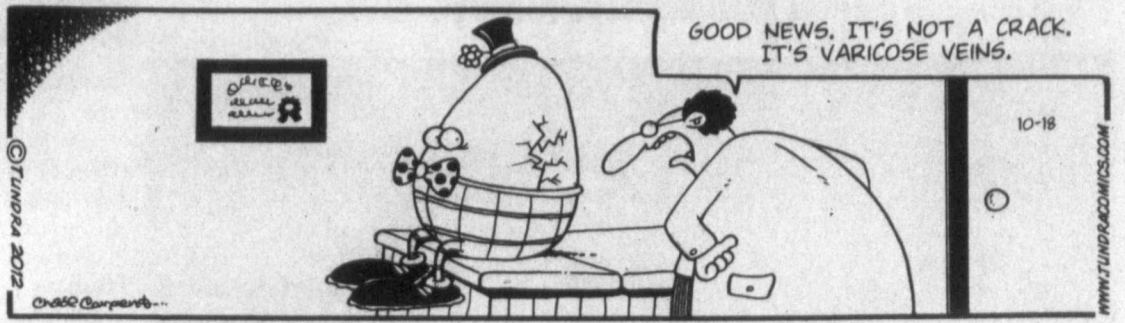


daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Oct. 19, 2012:
This year you really live life to the max. Be aware of a tendency to overindulge. Your creativity emerges the more relaxed you become. You say what you mean, and you mean what you say. As a result, you attract much of what you desire. If you are single, your desirability is clear -- even on the most basic level. If you are attached, you unintentionally could give off mixed signals. CAPRICORN is very traditional.
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You feel as if you have a tiger by its tail, but do not count on this feeling lasting forever. You have been putting more effort into your life, and it shows. At the last minute, a boss or higher-up could make a request that you might like to say "no" to. Tonight: A must appearance.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Keep reaching out for new information. If it is possible, try to arrange for a change of scenery this weekend. As you integrate new information, you will detach enough to where you might decide that a problem really isn't one anymore. Tonight: Break a pattern.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might be questioning someone's choices. You will not be able to change this person's mind or have much influence on what he or she chooses to do. Say little, yet be there for a discussion. This person will realize the problems he or she has created. Tonight: Sort through invitations, one by one.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could be very enthusiastic about an upcoming event, yet you realize you'll have to wade through a lot of work to get there. You currently seem unable to tap into your incredible ingenuity, which could slow you down. Don't worry -- the dry well of creativity is only momentary. Tonight: Where people are.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ If you sense a general feeling of indulgence from others, your hunches are right. Everyone might be ready to get into their weekend routines. You could get into the mood, but your sixth sense tells you that last-minute details might fall on you if you do. Tonight: Let the party begin.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Stay close to home. Don't get involved in any of your routine adventures

right now. Just do what you want, and avoid feeling so work-driven. This stance could be challenging, but ultimately very refreshing, once you get into the swing of it. Tonight: Ever so playful.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Make and return calls. You easily could veer off track in a conversation. You laugh, and others lighten up. Consider simply walking out the door and starting your weekend early. Your instincts will carry you with a work-related decision. Tonight: A last-minute decision could come at a price.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Be aware of the costs of handling a situation as you are. You might be setting a precedent. Make it clear that your response is just for now. Rather than leave this thought unstated and assumed, verbalize it. A child or new friend might remind you that he or she wants some of your time. Tonight: You do not have to go far.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You could be unusually extroverted, and someone might misunderstand your mood. Stay clear, and be sure to separate work from pleasure. You'll discover the true depth and meaning in a bond that you'd prefer to keep hush-hush. On some level, this person can be a downer. Tonight: Go with the flow.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Screen calls; you might not want to talk to all of the people reaching out to you. Emotions could run high, so keep certain information to yourself. Pay attention to your premonitions today. Your senses are working overtime. Tonight: Nap, then decide.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Wherever you are, friends surround you. Do not push too hard to have things go your way. Discussions will take you to the same point, if you relax. Your instincts are right-on about a money matter. Acknowledge them, but proceed with caution, especially if they involve risks. Tonight: On top of your game.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Understand what is happening with a boss, parent or someone you look up to. This person does not need to agree with you, so respect his or her ideas regardless. In time, you'll discover that the same respect will come back to you, which makes it easier to get along. Tonight: Get your weekend going as soon as possible.

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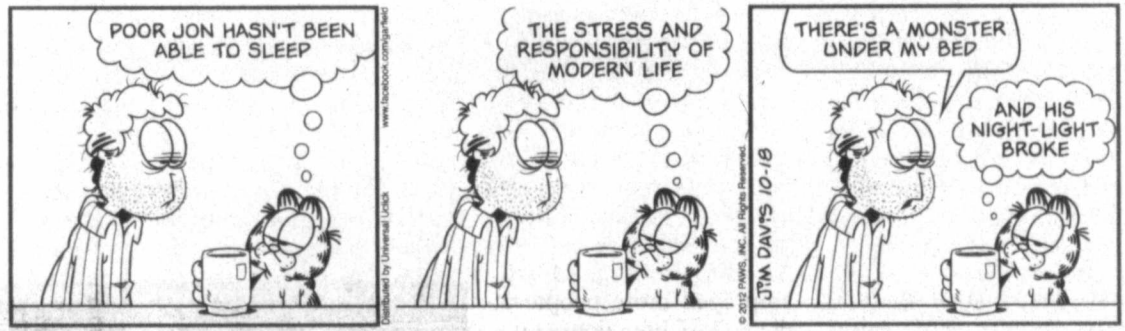
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'War on coal' label obscures battlefield realities

By VICKI SMITH
Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — Drive through the coalfields of Central Appalachia, and signs of the siege are everywhere.

Highway billboards announce entry to "Obama's No Job Zone," while decals on pickup truck windows show a spikey-haired boy peeing on the president's name.

"Stop the War on Coal," yard signs demand. "Fire Obama."

Only a few generations ago, coal miners were literally at war with their employers, spilling and shedding blood on West Virginia's Blair Mountain in a historic battle for union representation and fair treatment.

Today, their descendants are allies in a carefully choreographed rhetorical war playing out across eastern Kentucky, southwestern Virginia and all of West Virginia. It's fueled by a single, unrelenting message that they now face a common enemy — the federal government — that has decided that coal is no longer king, or even noble.

Blame the president, the script goes. Blame the Environmental Protection Agency. And now that it's election season, blame all incumbent politicians — even those who have spent their careers in a delicate dance, trying to make mines safer while allowing their operators to prosper.

The war on coal is a sound bite and a headline, perpetuated by pundits, power companies and public relations consultants who have crafted a neat label for a complex set of realities, one that compels people to choose sides.

It's easier to call the geologic, market and environmental forces reshaping coal — cheap natural gas, harder-to-mine coal seams, slowing economies — some kind of political or cultural "war" than to acknowledge the world is changing, and leaving some people behind.

War, after all, demands victims. And in this case, it seems, victims demand a war.

Coal helped build America. It powered steam engines on railroads that opened up the West. It fueled homes and factories. It made a lot of people rich and others comfortable. By the early 1900s, more than 700,000 men and boys worked in the nation's mines, many for coal barons offering

opportunity and brutality in equal measure.

The miners who resisted exploitation helped shape the principles of modern labor law: Pay by the hour. A week that lasts five days, not seven. Black men and white men paid the same.

Small towns sprang up along railroads and rivers that shipped the coal out. Miners were proud of their work, and still are. Today, though, fewer than 100,000 remain. Machines replaced many, while other jobs vanished as the fat, easily mined seams played out.

To hear industry tell it, those who remain are an endangered species in the crosshairs of overzealous environmental regulators directly responsible for wiping out thousands of jobs.

But in war, casualties are often inflated. The numbers are eye-catching, but details are lost. Too often, the narrative overlooks the fact that when layoffs occur, many workers transfer to other locations. One mine closes, another absorbs.

In reality, U.S. Department of Labor figures show the number of coal jobs nationwide has grown steadily since 2008, with consistent gains in West Virginia and Virginia, and ups and down in Kentucky.

There have been layoffs, to be sure.

Between January and June, coal companies in West Virginia, Virginia and Kentucky cut a combined 3,000 jobs. But mines in the Virginias still employed more people at the end of June than at the same points in 2008 and 2010, while Kentucky was only down by 1,000.

That coal faces challenges is a fact. It always has. During warm winters like the last one, for example, demand falls and stockpiles grow.

But what's happening now is more than a seasonal slump or even a response to new regulations.

It's a fundamental shift, and it's likely permanent, as even coal executives say. When St. Louis-based Patriot Coal filed for bankruptcy in July, it didn't mention a war. It said the industry is going through "a major correction," a convergence of "new realities in the market."

Environmental standards are growing tougher as Americans outside coal country demand clean air and water. Old, inefficient, coal-fired power plants are going offline or

converting to natural gas, cutting into a traditional customer base. And that gas poses fierce, sustainable competition, thanks to advanced drilling technologies that make vast reserves more accessible than ever.

Even if the reviled regulations fell away, many experts say, coal's peak has passed.

Thin Appalachian seams won't magically thicken and become easier or cheaper to mine, as the West Virginia Center on Budget & Policy notes. Production in the East has been already falling for more than a decade, first surpassed by Western states like Wyoming in 1998.

Now, even those states are struggling as domestic demand dwindles. U.S. coal production plummeted 9.4 percent between the first and second quarters of 2012.

By the end of the year, coal is expected to account for less than 40 percent of all U.S. electricity production, the lowest level since the government began collecting data in 1949. By the end of the decade, it may be closer to 30 percent.

Operators are adjusting to survive.

On a single day in September, Virginia-

based Alpha Natural Resources closed eight mines in four states, announcing that by early next year, some 1,200 jobs nationwide will be gone.

"That's 1,200 people not going to the grocery store," says Tracy Miller, a miner's wife in Kookee, Va.

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From left, Danielle Foote, Emily Foote, Maj. Michael Foote (U.S. Army) Connie Foote, Caroline Foote and Jerry Foote. Major Foote was the guest speaker at the Pampa Kiwanis Club on Friday. The Army major informed the club about the specialized functions of the special forces groups from each branch of the military, and the situations in which the special forces are used. Foote served four tours of duty in Iraq and one in Afghanistan, with the Middle East being his area of expertise. He is pictured with his wife, daughters and parents.

Brazilian architect Oscar Niemeyer hospitalized

IO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Renowned Brazilian architect Oscar Niemeyer was hospitalized in Rio de Janeiro's Hospital Samaritano, but his doctor said Wednesday that he was "fine" and in stable condition.

Niemeyer, 104, entered Rio's Hospital Samaritano on Saturday, according to spokeswoman Bruna Tenorio.

The architect's doctor, Fernando Gjurup, said by telephone that Niemeyer "is fine."

"He's a bit dehydrated. He entered the hospital complaining of nausea, but little else. He's on a saline drip, that's all," Gjurup said.

The physician gave no forecast on when Niemeyer might leave the hospital, where he spent nearly two weeks in May being treated for pneumonia and dehydration.

Last year, he was treated for a urinary infection there.

Niemeyer designed much of Brazil's futuristic capital, Brasilia, and Rio's Sambadrome, where the annual carnival parade is held.

He also helped design the United Nations building in New York City.

Texas man pleads guilty in plot to kill Saudi ambassador

By LARRY NEUMEISTER
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A Texas man pleaded guilty Wednesday to plotting to assassinate Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the United States, agreeing to hire what he thought was a drug dealer in Mexico last year for \$1.5 million to carry out the attack with explosives at a Washington restaurant.

Manssor Arbabsiar, 57, entered the plea to two conspiracy charges and a murder-for-hire count in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, where Judge John F. Keenan repeatedly asked Arbabsiar whether he intended to kill the ambassador. Arbabsiar, a U.S. citizen who holds an Iranian passport, said he did.

Sentencing was set for Jan. 23, when defense lawyers are likely to cite their claims that Arbabsiar is bipolar in asking for leniency. He faces up to 25 years in prison.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Edward Kim asked Arbabsiar if Iranian military officials based in Iran were involved in the plot. Arbabsiar said they were.

In a news release issued after the plea, Attorney General Eric Holder cited the efforts of law enforcement and intelligence agencies in disrupting "a deadly plot approved by members of the Iranian military to assassinate a sitting foreign ambassador on U.S. soil."

U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara noted that the harm likely would have extended beyond the ambassador, calling Arbabsiar "the extended murderous hand of his co-conspirators, officials of the Iranian military based in Iran, who plotted to kill the Saudi Ambassador in the United States and were willing to kill as many bystanders as necessary to do so."

He said Arbabsiar "was in telephone contact with his Iranian confederates while he brokered an audacious plot."

Arbabsiar admitted that he was directed by Iranian military officials to go to Mexico on multiple occasions from the spring to the fall last year to arrange the assassination.

Arbabsiar, who lived in Corpus Christi, Texas, for more than a decade, said he met a man in Mexico named Junior, "who turned out to be an FBI agent." He said that he and others had agreed to arrange the kidnapping of the ambassador, Adel Al-Jubeir, but Junior said it would be easier to kill the ambassador. The agent was actually a Drug Enforcement Administration confidential source posing as a representative of a drug cartel.

The government said in a news release that Arbabsiar had described to the DEA source how his cousin in Iran, a "big general" in the Iranian military, had requested that Arbabsiar find someone to carry out the ambassador's assassination. It said Arbabsiar rejected as "no

big deal" the DEA's worries about bystanders in a restaurant bombing, including the possibility that U.S. senators who dine there could be killed.

Arbabsiar has been held without bail since he was arrested Sept. 29, 2011 at John F. Kennedy International Airport. He was brought into court Wednesday in handcuffs. He spoke English and did not use a translator, despite saying he understood only about half of what he read in English. Bearded and bespectacled, he smiled several times during the proceeding, including in the direction of courtroom artists who were seated in the jury box when he entered court.

Kim said that if the government had proceeded to trial, it would have presented a jury with secretly recorded conversations between Arbabsiar and the confidential source, along with Arbabsiar's extensive post-arrest statement to authorities and emails and financial records.

Authorities have said they secretly recorded conversations between Arbabsiar and the DEA informant after Arbabsiar approached the informant in Mexico and asked his knowledge of explosives for a plot to blow up the Saudi embassy in Washington. They said Arbabsiar later offered \$1.5 million for the death of the ambassador.

Arbabsiar admitted Wednesday that he made a \$100,000 down payment wired from an overseas account through a Manhattan bank in two wire transfers on Aug. 1, 2011, and Aug. 9, 2011.

After his arrest, Arbabsiar confessed that he was recruited, funded and directed by men he believed were senior officials in Iran's Qods Force, a branch of the Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps that in 2007 was designated by the U.S. Treasury Department as a supporter of the Taliban and terrorist organizations, the government said.

China

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office, he insisted on leaving the door open. "This was to prevent rumors," Feng said. "If you have to be that careful in day to day work, imagine how hard it would be to actually promote a female. People would talk, they would wonder about just how close the relationship was."

Though China's communists have done much to improve women's lives by increasing their access to education, health care and jobs once reserved for men, they have failed to meaningfully increase women's political participation.

Since the 1970's the number of women serving in China's parliament has actually fallen, and less than a quarter of the Communist Party's members are women. Also, women typically get shunted into positions considered 'women's work,' such as family planning or public relations.

In 2009, female cadres accounted for just

11 percent of leadership positions at the ministerial or provincial level, 13.7 percent at the local and departmental level, and 16.6 percent in county-level offices. That was only slightly better than figures for 2000, which were 8 percent, 10.8 and 15.1 percent.

In the early days of Communist rule, the wives of Mao Zedong, Lin Biao and Zhou Enlai were all given positions on the Politburo but their tenures did little to pave the way for other women.

Mao's wife, Jiang Qing, led a series of purges that, after Mao's death in 1976, resulted in her being sentenced to death for counterrevolutionary crimes.

Though some see Jiang as a cautionary tale against the ruthlessness of power-hungry females, she claimed she was only following orders.

"I was Chairman Mao's dog. I bit whomever he asked me to bite," Jiang told the court.

Pre-communist history offers similarly scant inspiration for aspiring female politicians. Annals are rife with scheming concubines who helped unseat emperors by

distracting them with carnal pleasures, a perception that Hong Kong University history professor Zhou Xun says still lingers.

"Historically, women were quite often seen as trouble, as linked to the downfall of dynasties," Zhou said.

The last woman to rule China, the Empress Dowager Cixi who died in 1908, is remembered as a leader who resisted reform and left China vulnerable to Japanese and western powers.

Today, the Communist Party's intolerance for grassroots campaigning has left little room for the growth of a feminist movement that could bring women into the streets to demand equal pay for equal work or more female political participation.

One of the few independent web forums dedicated to women's issues, Feminst.cn, has been repeatedly shut down by authorities.

Liu is seen as a long shot for the Standing Committee but there are a few other women competing for posts on the Politburo, including corruption watchdog Ma

Wen and Fujian Party Secretary Sun Chunlan — only the second woman since 1949 to head a province as party secretary.

Cheng Li, an expert in Chinese politics at the Brookings Institute, says one or two of them are likely to make it — a bleak horizon for women's empowerment.

But he says he expects more women to push their way into government in the coming 10-15 years as younger women come of age with more education and social freedom than their mothers.

Feng says she has noticed more women trying to run as independent candidates at the local government level, suggesting an awakening of political consciousness.

"We ought to be even more bold in our questioning and not just ask why there are no women on the Standing Committee but we ought to ask why there are no women competing for the post of Communist Party secretary or for prime minister," Feng said.

Alexa Olesen is an Associated Press Beijing correspondent.

Justice

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want "to raid the gold pot." On behalf of the pampered rich, she issues her own emotional "grito," wailing that critics must "stop the name-calling."

Does Easton propose any specific remedies for narrowing the wealth gap? You betcha, and it just happens to be one that's a favorite of Mitt and the multimillionaire's club -- one that they prescribe for any and all of our nation's economic woes: "corporate tax reform," by which they mean lower-

ing the corporate tax rate. Yeah, three decades of that trickle-down idea has worked so well for the middle-class and the poor, let's give 'em another jolt of it.

It's unclear why Fortune felt the need to print this piece of fluff or why Easton got the assignment, but her credit line does mention that her husband "is senior strategist for the Romney campaign." Curious, huh?

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Lady Harvesters move to 4-3 in district by beating Borger

By GAYDEN HAYS
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The Lady Harvesters continue their push toward post season play with a district victory versus the Lady Bulldogs on Tuesday night.

Consistently the Pampa seniors rose to the occasion leading the team to victory in these close matches.

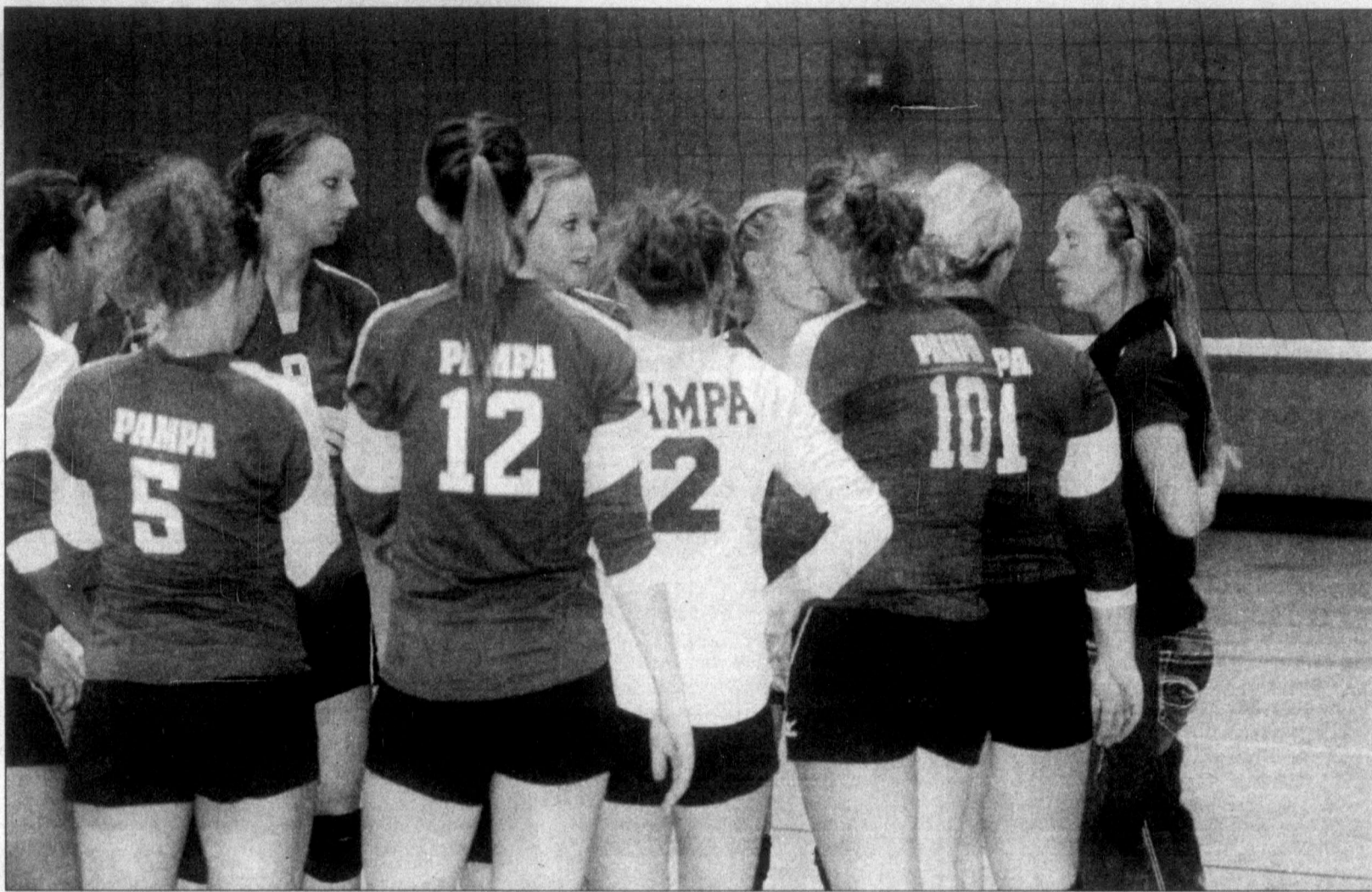
Pampa defeated Borger three matches to one. Scores for the matches were 25-17, 25-19, 18-25, and 25-23, in favor of the Harvesters.

Leading the way for the Lady Harvesters were on assists, Maddie Fatheree recording 21, and Taylor Eubank with 10.

Calli Brewer, Taylor Giles, Fatheree all had two aces, followed by Diamond Murrufo and Madison Joyce with one a peice.

Offensively, the Lady Harvesters dominated the Bulldogs, recording kills were Brewer with nine kills, Eubank with six, Fatheree, Joyce and Dakota Watson recording four kills.

Defensively, the Lady Harvesters block leaders were Joyce with 12, Watson eight, and Eubanks recording five,



TALKING STRATEGY. Lady Harvester Head Volleyball Coach Brooke Sanford talks over game strategy during a recent match. Pampa is 4-3 in district and will play host to the Dalhart Wolves on Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Field House at PHS. The game Saturday will be Senior Day and will be the last game in the regular season. The playoffs will begin Oct. 29 and 30 with the locations to be determined.

also digs for Pampa were Brewer with 17, Marrufo 13, and Giles also 13.

Saturday, the Lady Harvesters will host Dalhart at 3 p.m., at the

field house at Pampa High School. This will be the last district and game of

the Volleyball season, and will be "Senior Day". Everyone is asked to

come out to the game to pay respects for the senior girls.

Pampa city league sign up for 6 vs 6 volleyball ends Monday

By GAYDEN HAYS
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The City of Pampa recreation department is signing up teams for two volleyball leagues, competitive and recreational through next Monday.

"I have six teams signed up already, and many more have picked up rosters, but not turned them in yet," said Recreation Director Autumn Schaub.

The entree fee for teams is \$100, and player fees are \$15, with a minimum

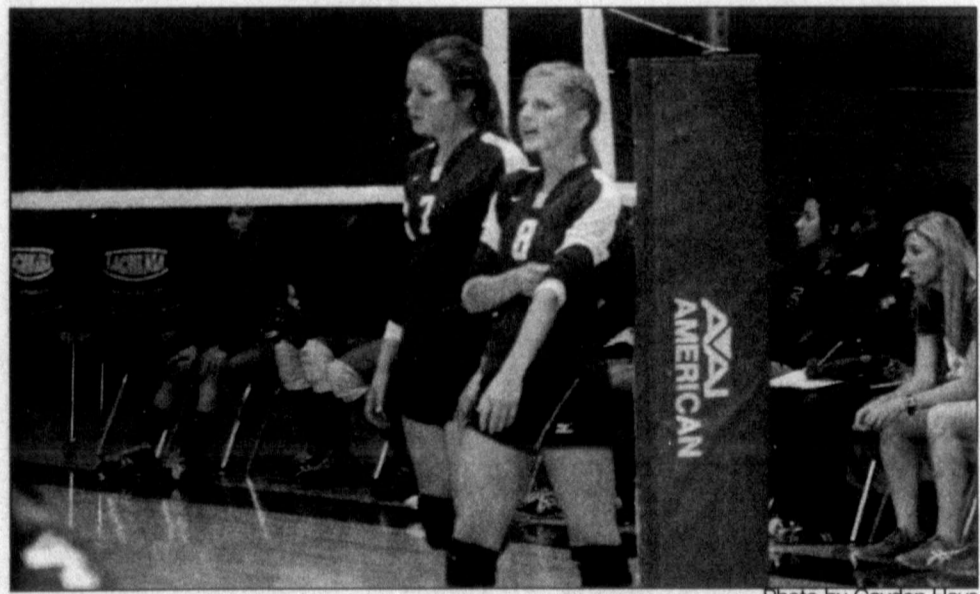
of eight players per team. The is an adult mixed league and players must be at least 14 years old to participate.

There will be 12 matches, and matches will be based on rally scoring system or best two out of three games, plus post season tournaments.

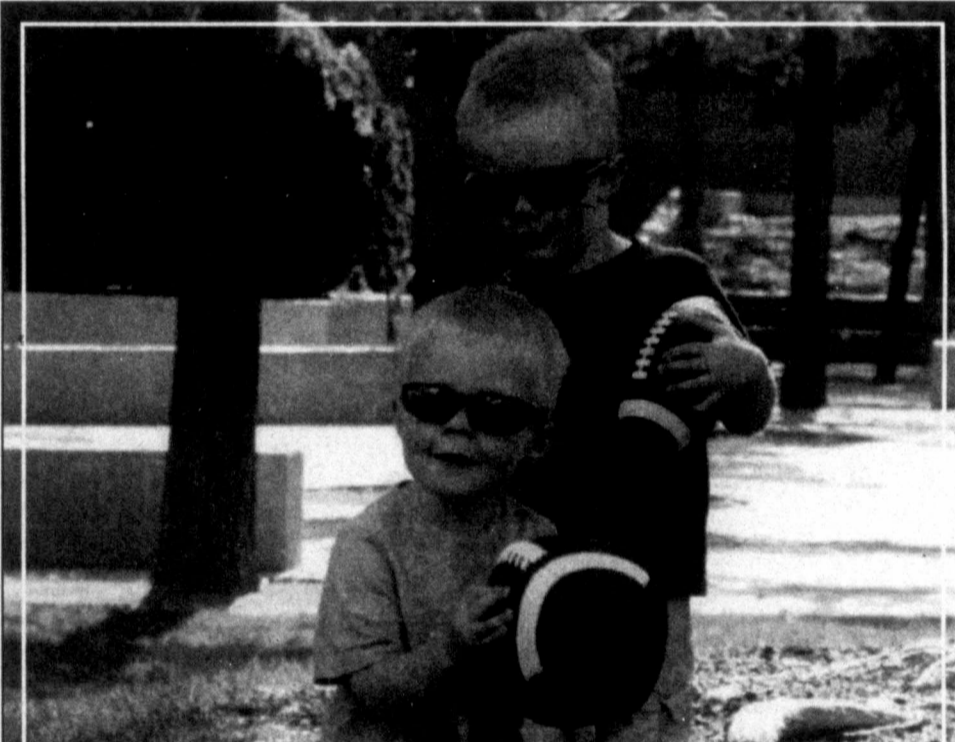
Awards for the winning teams will be 1st through 3rd place. Teams will receive sponsor plaques, and there will be individual awards for the players on the winning team, also.

Rosters must be turned in and fees paid by the deadline or teams will not be included in the fall schedule. Teams may pickup their schedule after 1 p.m. on Wednesday in the recreation office at the MK Brown Auditorium.

For additional information, call the Pampa Recreational Department at 806-669-5790, or go by their offices between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium.



CHECKING IN. Madison Joyce and Maddie Fatheree prepare to check into the game in a recent match for the Lady Harvesters. Saturday the Lady Harvesters will play host to the Dalhart Wolves in their final regular season game.



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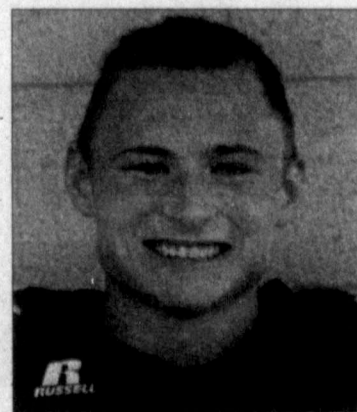
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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



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PJH wins three of four games Monday versus the Dalhart Wolves

By GAYDEN HAYS
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Pampa Junior High School volleyball teams came close to sweeping all four games Monday against the Dalhart Wolves.

The eighth-grade A team lost the first of three matches, but came back and won the second two games, 25-13, and 25-13. Top servers for the Lady Harvesters were Kami Ware, Bailey Joyce, Elise Kennedy and Kirsten Robinson. Harper Kelly led the team in kills, and also was voted by the middle school coaches as player of the game.

Following the A team game, the eighth grade B team won in same fashion dropping the first match, but came back and defeated Dalhart in the last two games, 25-14, 25-18. The leading servers for the B team were Nique Johnson and Cynthia Ramez. Named as the player of the week for the B team was Taylor Ramming.

The seventh-grade A team played a tough Wolves squad and fell in three games after winning game one. Scores for the match were 25-14, 10-25 and 24-26. Leading the way for the Lady Harvesters were Jodi Pingel, Gracee Gill, Madelane Cross, Brooklyn Ledbetter, Brooke Hancox, and Destiny Portillo. The coaches nominated two girls for the A team player of the week, with Jodi



Photo by Alejandra Jimenez

SETTING. Pampa Junior High girl Elise Kennedy sets the ball up for fellow teammates during games Monday at Pampa Junior High.

Pingel and Gracee Gill sharing the award.

Like the eighth-grade teams, the seventh grade B team lost their first match, but turned it around winning the last two games, 25-18 and 25-19.

Top servers for the sev-

enth-grade B team were Chelsea Dewey, Alexis Avilla, Janae Williams, Tya Hayes, Maggie Olveda, and Madison Roby. The seventh grade B team players of the week were Dewey and Williams.



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KILL SHOT. Harper Kelly spikes the ball against the Dalhart Wolves as Elise Kennedy looks on. The Lady Harvester eighth grade A team won their match in three matches at the junior high gym Monday.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Worried Mom in Gainesville, Fla." (July 13), whose son was not allowed to re-enlist in the Marine Corps.

I hate to say this, but that young man knew darned well when he got those tattoos he would not be able to re-enlist. The U.S. Navy (which the Marine Corps "technically" falls under) passed the New Enlistment Tattoo Policy in January 2003, with the Marine Corps adding its policy in April 2007. — **SPOUSE OF RETIRED NAVY CPO**

DEAR SPOUSE: You are correct. Many readers wrote to say the Navy had passed new tattoo policies in 2003 and the Marine Corps followed suit in 2007. If re-enlisting is so important to "Worried Mom's" son, all he needs to do is have his "tatts" removed. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The issue isn't time served or his honorable discharge. The Marine Times recently published an article on Marine policy regarding tattoos. The Corps seeks to discourage full-sleeve tattoos and tattoos above the neck. They are regarded as unprofessional in appearance and may incorporate gang-related symbols. "Worried Mom's" son likely knew the guidelines.

The mother said her son is bored and lacks focus in college. This suggests he may have PTSD. His desire to enlist in the French Foreign Legion may have short-term gains, but it may also compound mental health problems. — **MARC IN SOUTH ORANGE, N.J.**

DEAR ABBY: The non-sense about joining the French Foreign Legion shows that the young man lacks maturity. He chose to get the tattoos; he can either have laser removal

or live with his decision. He wants to be a Marine and is crying about a regulation he does not like? That is definitely not Marine quality! It appears he needs a serious dose of maturity. — **CHRIS IN INDEPENDENCE, MO.**

DEAR ABBY: The French Foreign Legion is a rational choice for this bored veteran of two tours in Iraq. After three five-year enlistments, he will be eligible to retire. Plus, the legion will prepare him for a civilian occupation.

He will be able to live in France after only one enlistment, which gives him the benefits of the French medical system. Many employers in Europe prefer to hire ex-legionnaires. The legion also has a history of teaching its recruits how to speak enough French to get along.

How do I know this? My brother joined the FFL at age 35. Wish I had, too. — **CHARLES IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS**

DEAR ABBY: Currently,

the Australian forces are expanding and are unable to fill their ranks with their own citizens, so they are recruiting members from other nations. The mission of the Australian military is similar to the U.S. military. As a member of the Australian forces, he would be defending the same ideals as the U.S. military. I retired from the U.S. Navy last year and seriously considered doing this, too. — **RETIRED NAVY, REDMOND, ORE.**

DEAR ABBY: This young man, like our son, is clearly experiencing the effects of PTSD. The impact of this disorder on our servicemen affects their ability to readjust to civilian life and move forward with positive life planning. The signs of PTSD can be subtle, but they are very real. The man in that letter needs professional help. His injuries, while not physically obvious, require attention. — **CONCERNED PARENTS**

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Squirrel population boom frustrates fruit growers

By **WILSON RING**
Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Don't let the bright eyes and bushy tails fool you. These squirrels are up to no good.

Last year's mild winter and a bumper crop of nuts have caused an apparent explosion in the squirrel population in patches of the country, bewildering fruit growers with their ravenous appetites, littering highway shoulders as roadkill, and keeping homeowners and pest control experts busy.

In southern Vermont, Clarence Boston said he hasn't seen such an infestation of pests in the 33 years he has been an orchardist on 60 farms in five states.

The squirrels wait until his apple crop is nearly ripe to swarm into the trees from nearby forests, sometimes eating half a tree's fruit in two or three hours. Sometimes, the squirrels will take only one bite,

but the teeth marks make the apples worthless for retail sale.

"It's leaving me reeling. I'm sort of used to getting kicked around; I'm a farmer," said Boston, who estimates squirrels destroyed about half of his most profitable variety of apples following a season already made tough by the weather. "I was not expecting the next plague to be red squirrels."

Biologists know squirrel populations have rare but periodic "eruptions," when conditions coincide to produce abundant foods that fuel the fast-reproducing animals.

This year's squirrel boom in parts of Vermont followed two seasons of bountiful acorn and beech-nut crops and last year's mild winter.

In addition to eating up cash crops, squirrels can also prevent future harvests by "girdling" trees — eating away a band of bark around the trunk, causing it to die.

At South Carolina's Clemson University, gray squirrels have been so abundant in the past several years that they have killed more than 100 mature trees, said Greg Yarrow, chairman of the school's division of natural resources.

The school has experimented with non-lethal squirrel-control methods, including capturing and then injecting them with birth control chemicals. Another, less labor-intensive method has involves leaving chemical-laced bait that inhibits reproduction.

"In this state we are getting increased calls of problems," Yarrow said. "I know it's similar in other states. ... It's all food-related."

The same conditions are contributing to increases in other rodents, such as red squirrels and certain species of mice, experts say.

Experts noting an increase in squir-

rel populations include Paul Curtis, an associate professor at Cornell University's Department of Natural Resources and a pest management expert. Such eruptions are rare but noted in historical literature, he said.

"This is the first one I've heard of," Curtis said. "I've been here in New York state for 20 years."

Trying to get a precise measurement of the scope of the infestation is difficult. The population booms appear to be happening in some places, but not others.

Curtis said he has heard

of problems in New York's Hudson Valley, north of New York City, but not in western New York. Similar booms have been reported in New Mexico, and squirrel hunters in Indiana and Ohio are expecting banner seasons. But hunters in Pennsylvania are being told it could be a tough season.

In Vermont, at least, the plague is expected to end this winter. After two good nut seasons, this year saw poor acorn and beech-nut crops. That could be contributing to high activity as many squirrels

look for food elsewhere, Hammond said.

For farmers, the beginning of the end is of little consolation in the here and now.

Before this year, John Barber never had a problem with squirrels at his 25-acre Apple Hill Orchard in Whitehall, N.Y. Now the animals are building nests in his trees and sampling different varieties of apples as the fruit matures, staying one step ahead of his pickers.

He estimates, conservatively, that he is going to lose 15 to 20 percent of his crop.

Personality is everything—get it right

Dog Talk with Uncle Matty



MATTHEW "UNCLE MATTY" MARGOLIS
Creator's Syndicate

When it comes to a modeling career, looks are everything. When it comes to a dog, personality is everything.

Getting a dog is like getting married. You don't date a dog — get together once or twice a week for a few months until you decide to take it to the next level. You don't break up with a dog, telling him it's not him, it's you. A dog is — hopefully — the only relationship where you invite your special friend back to your place on the first date, and he or she never leaves.

In light of the uniqueness of the relationship, it's a good idea to know what you're looking for and how to find it.

But we're talking about dogs, right? How do you know what a dog's personality is like before you even bring him home?

Believer it or not, it's possible.

There are five simple tests virtually anyone can administer to get a pretty good feel for a dog's personality. These tests measure a dog's reaction to the following:

- your presence
- your voice
- the movement of your hand near his head and face
- the sound of foreign objects (e.g., car keys tossed to the ground)
- your touch (via the application of varying degrees of pressure to different parts of the body, including and especially sensitive parts of the body such as the paws, tail, back and hips, to determine pain tolerance.)

These are simple tests, but they reveal a lot. A dog who reacts to your presence by jumping all over you is a very different dog from the one who saunters up to you in his own good time. A dog who shies away or ducks as your hand approaches his face requires a different approach from a dog who views the presence of your hand as a game. A dog with a low tolerance for pain warrants more careful and sensitive play and handling than a dog with very high pain tolerance.

None of these reactions is wrong or right, but they are telling. Your job is to know the reaction you're looking for and correctly interpret the reaction you get.

To learn more about the five personality tests and how to properly administer them, read "When Good Dogs Do Bad Things," and visit the "affection training" section of unclematty.com to learn about the connection between temperament testing and successful training.

And if you need help finding the right dog for you, know that there are professional dog trainers and behaviorists who provide this service — who ask you questions to get you thinking about your lifestyle, your energy, your wants and needs, who go with you to the shelter, who administer these tests, who interpret the results and who make a recommendation.

Ultimately, the decision is yours and the decision is big — so do everything you can to get it right.

Woof!

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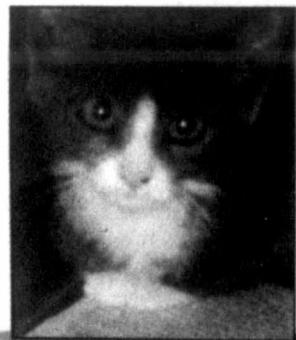
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