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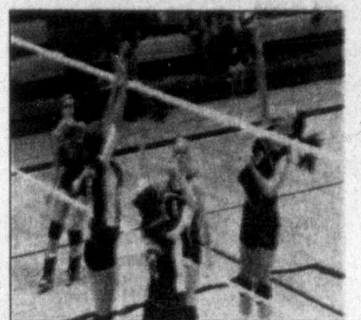
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## DA office to be audited

**Commissioners to consider health insurance options for county employees**

By **GAYDEN HAYS**  
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The Gray County Commissioners met Monday morning to consider an audit of the district attorney's office, a contract with Med-Tran, and adjustments to the county employee medical health plans. The first order of business

was to consider a continued membership in the National Association of Counties. The commissioners decided the \$500 cost was worthwhile because the association provides NACO cards at local pharmacies that give anyone without insurance \$20 off their prescriptions. A motion to fill the vacant custodial job at the county courthouse also was passed. Judge Richard Peet, who presides over the commission, said that cash on hand was \$2.6 million, and that average county bills per court session

was approximately \$500,000. One area of concern for the commissioners court was the forfeiture fund account. This account is used by the district attorney's office for everything from office supplies to paying for investigators in court cases. This account is only audited when a change of leadership occurs, and current District Attorney Lynn Sitzer has decided not to run again for office. Therefore, the office is being audited for the benefit of next DA. Since Sept. 2, 2011 the fund has seen expenses of **COUNTY** cont. on page 6

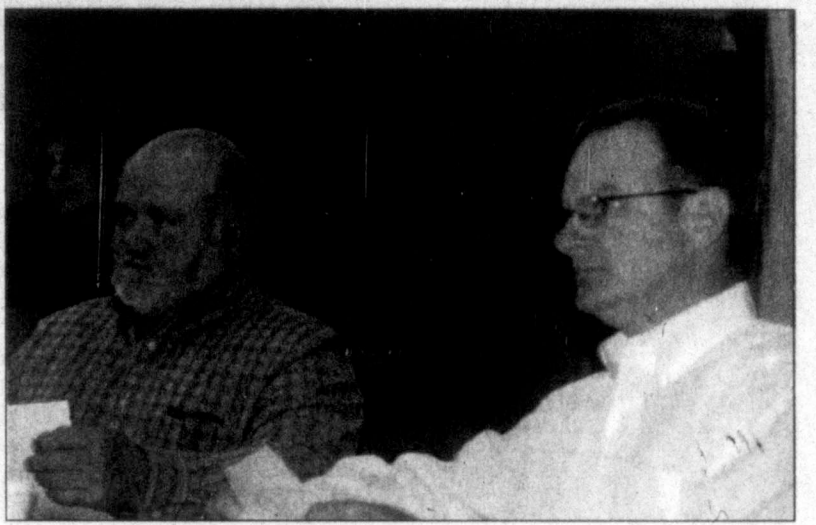


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**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** John Baggerman and Jeff Haley listen as Pat Sanders of Insurance Management Services explains trends in the insurance business and suggests options for them to consider for county employee insurance plans for next year.

## GETTING READY FOR THE FAIR



Photo by Gayden Hays  
**BOOMTOWN GALA.** Debroh Heiser, owner of Victoria Rose, and Brandon Richard, owner of Brandon's Flowers, comprise the decorating committee for the 28th annual Country Fair, and have been working hard preparing the decorations for Saturday night. This is Heiser's first time on the committee, while Richard has been offering his services for several years.

By **GAYDEN HAYS**  
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The Chamber of Commerce 28th annual Country Fair/Boomtown Gala looms close on the horizon. The event will be held Saturday night at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served from 6 to and 7 p.m. Dyer's Bar-B-Que will provide eight-ounce ribeye steak or chicken breast, twice-baked potatoes, green beans, salad, dinner rolls, assortment of desserts, and tea or coffee. Following dinner will be entertainment by the Buster Bledsoe Band. The band formed in 2007 and consists of

Buster Bledsoe on acoustic guitar; Bobby Bailey, drums; Kenny Rickwartz, bass; Chris Adame, lead guitar; and Shawn White, sound engineer. In 2010, they were voted the best local country band in Amarillo, and have performed with Little Texas and Gary P. Nunn. They recently have just released their newest CD, "Don't Stop." There will be an auction that will include high-tech items, jewelry, handmade items, and a 2006 Mini Cooper convertible that has been donated by Doug Boyd Motors. Tickets for the Boomtown Gala can be purchased at the chamber or from any board member for \$30 a person. For more information, call 806-669-3241.

## White House mulls plans after Libya attacks

**KIMBERLY DOZIER AND RUKMINI CALLIMACHI**  
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House has put special operations strike forces on standby and moved drones into the skies above Africa, ready to strike militant targets from Libya — if investigators can find the al-Qaida-linked group responsible for the death of the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans in Libya. But officials say the administration, with weeks until the presidential election, is weighing whether the short-term payoff of exacting retribution on al-Qaida is worth the risk that such strikes could elevate the group's profile in the region, alienate governments the U.S. needs to fight it in the future and do little to slow the growing terror threat in North Africa. **LIBYA** cont. on page 3

## Cruz raises 3.5M from July through September

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Tea Party-backed Republican Ted Cruz has raised \$3.5 million between July and September in his bid for Texas' open U.S. Senate seat. The former state solicitor general said he now has \$2 million cash-on-hand. He is vying with ex-Democratic state Rep. Paul Sadler to replace retiring U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison. Cruz is heavily favored in the Nov. 6 general election after he upset Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst to win the GOP senatorial primary. Of the \$3.5 million he raised in the third fundraising quarter between July 1 and Sept. 30, \$2 million came after his July 31 primary victory. Cruz says he's now raised about \$11.8 million overall and gotten donations from all but 10 of Texas' 254 counties. Sadler's campaign expects to release its quarterly fundraising totals soon.



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# Pampa Altrusa discusses fundraisers, National Make a Difference Day

Submitted

Altrusa International Inc. of Pampa met Oct. 2 at the First United Methodist Church with Pat Johnson, president, conducting the business meeting.

Following the Altrusa Grace and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, the Accent was given by Mary McDaniel. She discussed the requirements for Altrusa fundraisers to raise money for the club's service projects.

All members should participate in some way.

The financial reports for both the Club and the Foundation were approved.

The board recommendation, given by secretary Brenda Tucker, was to send an invitation for membership to Tamra Geise.

Correspondence received included a thank you letter and receipt from Tarlton State College for Harley Mayfield's scholarship.

Leona Willis reported a thank-you letter for the discount coupons for military families we send to a US Marine Corps base in Iwakuni, Japan. Because this has been so successful and they only need coupons every six months, we will now send part of the coupons to the U.S. Navy Air station in Atsugi, Japan.

### Committee reports:

Allison Watson, PHS-ASTRA sponsor, reported that their membership has grown to fifty member and they have numerous service projects scheduled for October.

Initiation of new members will be Sunday, Oct. 21 at the First Presbyterian Church parlor.

The Silo Project at PHS had four members and three "altrousers" (hus-

bands) helping carry and hang up clothing donations. At present, there is no room for more donations until they have additional clothing rods.

Carol Fields reported that six members helped with the monthly reading at Travis Elementary School. This month they read to first graders.

Kathryn Green said members participated in the first "Lunch Dignitaries", taking students to the airport. Next month students will go the White Deer Land Museum.

Altrusa will again participate in the national Make a Difference Day on Saturday, Oct. 27.

Since the emphasis of Altrusa International, Inc. is literacy, chairman Kerrick Horton presented two projects--an essay contest for local 5th graders and preparing book marks for Lovett Library's Fall Festival the same day.

Leona Willis said that we will again assist Travis Elementary with their Veteran's Day program on Friday, Nov. 9. We will help assemble programs on Nov. 6, then help with set-up and registration at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium the day of the program.

Myrna Orr announced that it is time to start planning for the winter fundraiser of Soup with Mrs. Claus to coincide with the annual Santa Day Parade.

Pat Johnson reminded members of the District Nine Fall Leadership Event in Fredericksburg on Nov. 11.

Following the Altrusa Benediction, the Brag Basket was passed. Greeters were Brenda Guess and Kathryn Green.

The program meeting will be Oct. 23 and the next Gal-Event is Oct. 30.

# Abbott

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which helps victims and their families cover the cost of health care, counseling and expenses associated with violent crime when they have no other means of paying these costs.

The OAG also partners with crime victim advocates and nonprofit organizations across Texas who walk victims through the recovery process.

With the CVC Fund facing a significant budgetary shortage, we are working closely with these organizations and with leaders in the Texas Legislature to ensure that critical funding for victim assistance and crime victim services grants is resolved during the next legislative session.

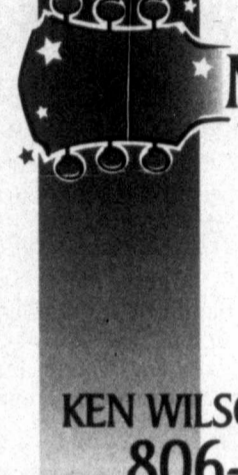
Together, we can help crime victims receive the counseling, emergency shelter, health care and financial assistance they need to recover and thrive in the future.

From partnering with nonprofit organizations like Texas CASA Inc., Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas and the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault to conducting joint operations with local law enforcement authorities, the OAG has demonstrated that collaboration and coordination are critical to maintaining an effective, efficient criminal justice system. National Crime Prevention Month helps remind all Texans that they, too, can join our fight. Together, we can help foster a safer, more productive Texas for generations to come.

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tees, Restore Our Future and American Crossroads. The pro-Obama Priorities USA Action is running an ad saying Romney would cut early childhood education if elected.

Among those who aren't watching is Paul Gentile, a 67-year-old Obama supporter from St. Petersburg.

He said he tuned out the ads months ago. "Everyone I know has already made up their mind. The ads are kind of

annoying," he said. "It's a shame to see so much money being spent."

On the other side is Julie Harris, also of St. Petersburg.

The 33-year-old stay-at-home mom said she always planned to support Romney and that his ads made her "more enthusiastic" about doing so. One particular Obama ad stuck out to her: the ad assailing Romney's pledge to end federal support of public television and the Sesame Street character Big Bird.

Even though she's a fan of public TV, she says that ad won't affect her vote.

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# Fort Elliot students bring 'The Aristocats,' Disney's classic kitty caper, to life

Submitted

Everybody wants to be a cat in Fort Elliott's All School production of Disney's 'The Aristocats.' Performances will be at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2012 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 21, at 3 p.m. The musical will be held at the high school auditorium in Briscoe. Admission is free and a reception will follow Saturday night's performance.

Fort Elliott is excited to bring Disney's classic kitty caper to life.

When Madame's jealous butler Edgar cat-

naps Duchess and her Aristokittens and abandons them in the Parisian countryside, what's a cat to do? Luckily, Thomas O'Malley and his rag-tag bunch of Alley Cats come to their rescue!

This feline adventure starring an all-kid cast is sure to get you tapping your feet to its hep, jazzy beat, which includes the Disney favorites "The Aristocats," "Scales and Arpeggios" and "Everybody Wants to Be a Cat."

Fort Elliott music teacher Ginger Meers is directing 'The Aristocats.'

Meers is a graduate of

Pampa High School and Evangel University in Missouri with a degree in Music Education. A few of Meers' credits include performing in the musical "Oklahoma," as well as stage performances in New York City and Branson, Mo.

She previously taught school in Missouri and continues to give private voice lessons.

She is the daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth (Kelly) Meers, formerly of Pampa and granddaughter of Alice Kelly of Briscoe and H.L. and Nadine Meers of Pampa. This program gives

students the opportunity to participate in theatre, experience the process of putting on a show as well as learning basic acting techniques and skills. These activities give young people a chance to have fun with theatre, thus nurturing a life-long love of the arts.

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## Grand Canyon works through list for river trips

By **FELICIA FONSECA**  
Associated Press

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — The Grand Canyon boasts some of the most spectacular views in the world, revealing a rich geological history that few ever see from the Colorado River that formed it millions of years ago.

Those eager to watch rare animals emerge from the cliff sides, camp under the stars and get an adrenaline rush as they soar over rapids must get a permit if they want to lead one of hundreds of the trips available through a lottery each year.

One in eight will get one — a dramatic shift from a system that once had applicants waiting up to 27 years for that chance. While it's a gamble that results in more losers

than winners, the National Park Service and rafters say there is renewed hope for those wanting to run private trips.

"Most people have some pretty good hope for this," said Steve Sullivan, river permits manager for Grand Canyon National Park. "In the old way, it squashed that."

Grand Canyon National Park has collected six years of data on the lottery system since it made the switch from the waiting list in 2006 and doubled the amount of private launch opportunities. Paying a rafting company for a commercial trip leads to a much faster launch for those wanting to snake down hundreds of miles of the river, and joining another private river trip could, too.

But people like Tony Petrocco see value in

picking his own crew and charting his own journey. He's a carry-over from waiting list and has been favored in a sense to win through the lottery, gaining extra points by transitioning. If he doesn't participate in a river trip by 2020, the Park Service will step in and boost his chances by either tripling his points or letting him pick a launch date within five years.

By that time, he'll be in his 60s, and will have waited 20 years for a permit. He's trying to cut that time short by applying for the lottery, looking for other trips to join and closely watching for cancellations. He just hasn't had any luck yet.

"You have to proactive versus digging your head in the sand," said Petrocco, of Marble, Colo. "It's a crapshoot,

but what are you going to do?"

The Park Service conducts the lottery every February for launch dates the following year.

The one in eight odds for the lottery don't factor in additional drawings held when trips are canceled or unclaimed and often have repeat applicants.

## County

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\$151,000 and only \$39,000 in income.

"We want to make sure that the incoming district attorney has money to prosecute cases and to run their office," said Commissioner Jeff Haley.

Next on the agenda was a contract with Med-Tran and the county EMS services. The county accepted the proposed contract, but asked for clarification on expenses that will be made to the existing structure,

and the amount the county will be charged for housing the EMS in its location.

The last order of business was for the court to consider changes to the county medical insurance plan.

Gray County is currently a "self-insured" entity, meaning they pay the medical bills for the employee's beyond their deductibles.

Pat Sanders of the Insurance Management Services has managed the account for Gray County for 10 years and suggested to the court moving

the current deductibles up closer to industry standards for health insurance.

Currently, county employees have a \$1,000 for an individual and \$2,000 per family.

Peet pointed out that according to the numbers presented, the county would save approximately \$22,000.

"Deductibles are based on a calendar year and not on a per case basis," said Sanders.

The commissioners asked for new numbers and ideas to be drawn up and resubmitted to the court at the next session.

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Patients who suffer from seasonal allergies can be tested at Total Care Health for the 48 most geographically specific mold and airborne allergens in the area. The medications, called allergy immunotherapy, are then custom-formulated based on the allergy test results and help desensitize patients to many of the pollens, molds and other triggers that cause symptoms. This desensitiza-

tion therapy can allow patients to be around those allergens without having an allergic reaction such as sneezing, coughing, runny nose, itchy and watery eyes, congestion, sleepiness, headache and nausea.

Allergen immunotherapy is a form of treatment aimed at decreasing an individual's sensitivity to substances called allergens. It involves introducing increasing amounts of allergens to a patient over several months. Immunotherapy is administered in the comfort of the patients' home, instead of some common allergy therapies that require an appointment at the physician's office, saving patients' time and money.

Unlike allergy medicines, which act only to "cover up" allergic symptoms or prevent them temporarily, allergy immunotherapy can fix the underlying problem of allergies. This occurs because the body treats the injection much like a vaccine, resulting in the production of infection-fighting antibodies against pollen, dust, mold or pet dander. The body then stops producing allergic

antibodies against triggers, and therefore won't have an allergic response when exposed to the allergens. These changes can last for many years even after stopping allergy immunotherapy. Recent studies show that allergy immunotherapy can also prevent people from developing new allergies, and reduce the risk of developing asthma in children with nasal allergies.

"The testing is not painful. A tiny comb-gently scratches or abrades the skin surface. After the test is performed, it takes about 15 minutes to develop. A positive test will appear as a raised, red bump on the skin, similar to a mosquito bite," says Gill.

"Skin testing is the oldest and most reliable form of allergy testing. Used for more than 100 years, skin testing continues to be the "gold standard" for diagnosing allergic disease," Nurse Practitioner Matt Gill says.

Adults and children over the age of two can be tested for allergies. This is especially helpful for patients who suffer with asthma, allergic pneumonia,

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# Ex-Detroit police chief regrets he set bad example

DETROIT (AP) — Ex-Detroit police Chief Ralph Godbee is apologizing for setting a bad example through his sexual relationship with a subordinate that forced his resignation.

WDIV-TV broadcast an interview with Godbee on Monday, marking his first public comments since he resigned early last week.

"I'm very contrite. A lot of people put a lot of hope in me," he said.

Godbee, who is married, was appointed chief two years ago to replace Warren Evans — who was fired over an affair with a female officer who also reportedly was involved with Godbee.

Mayor Dave Bing announced on Oct. 2 that he had suspended Godbee for 30 days while the city investigated allegations about the chief's affair with internal affairs officer Angelica Robinson. Robinson, who also is married, drew attention to the affair when she posted a photo on Twitter of herself with a police gun in her mouth.

Godbee, 44, resigned Oct. 8.

"I'm not proud of things that have transpired," Godbee said, calling the matter "very personal."

"I take full responsibility for what I did. I am accountable to God for those things," he said.

Godbee is the city's fourth police chief in as many years, and the latest in a string of chiefs to resign amid scandal.

In 2009, Bing fired James Barren after less than a year on the job. Bing said Barren didn't do anything wrong but that he felt the department needed a leadership change. Evans came in to replace him.

Barren had replaced Ella Bully-Cummings, who retired in 2008 during a text-messaging sex scandal that toppled Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick from office. Bully-Cummings, a staunch Kilpatrick supporter during the scandal, said she quit for personal reasons. Kilpatrick went

to prison and now is on trial in a federal corruption case.

Bully-Cummings followed Jerry Oliver, who resigned in 2003 after federal inspectors found a loaded .25-caliber handgun in his checked baggage at Detroit Metropolitan Airport. Oliver pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor charge of possession of an unlicensed handgun.

And long-time Chief William Hart left in 1991 after a federal grand jury indicted him in 1991 for embezzling \$2.6 million from the department's drug enforcement fund. He served seven years in prison.

## Paul becomes major hurricane in Pacific off Mexico

By IGNACIO MARTINEZ  
Associated Press

LOS CABOS, Mexico (AP) — Hurricane Paul rapidly strengthened into a major Category 3 storm in the Pacific Ocean off Mexico on Monday, prompting a hurricane warning for a swath of Baja California's western coast.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said Paul's maximum sustained winds had ratcheted up to 120 mph (195 kph) as of 8 p.m. EDT Monday. Paul was centered about 360 miles (580 kilometers) southwest of the tip of the Baja peninsula and moving north-northeast at 14 mph (22 kph).

Forecasters said Paul was expected to approach the western coast of the southern Baja peninsula by late Tuesday and be near or over the cen-

tral Baja peninsula on Wednesday. The hurricane was expected to begin weakening Tuesday, the hurricane center said.

Paul is on track to bypass the heavily populated tourist areas of Los Cabos at the tip of the peninsula, and the capital, La Paz, on the eastern Gulf of California. But school was suspended Monday and Tuesday as a precaution in Los Cabos, and heavy rain and high waves closed the ports of Cabo San Lucas and San Jose del Cabo, said Wenceslao Pettit, head of civil protection.

The storm is forecast to brush Baja's Pacific coast farther north near Puerto San Carlos, an area of sparsely populated area of fishing villages, before turning northward along the coastline. The outer cone was forecast to pass over the entire peninsula farther north in the towns of Meluge, Comondu and Loreto.

State civil protection authorities say they are monitoring the storm for possible evacuations and have sent advance teams from the federal electricity and water commissions to help maintain services during the storm.

A hurricane warning is in effect for the western coast from Santa Fe north to Puerto San Andresito, and a tropical storm warning on Baja's western flank from north of Puerto San Andresito to Punta Abrejos and also from Agua Blanca to south of San Fe. A tropical storm watch is in effect for north of Punta Abrejos to El Pocito.

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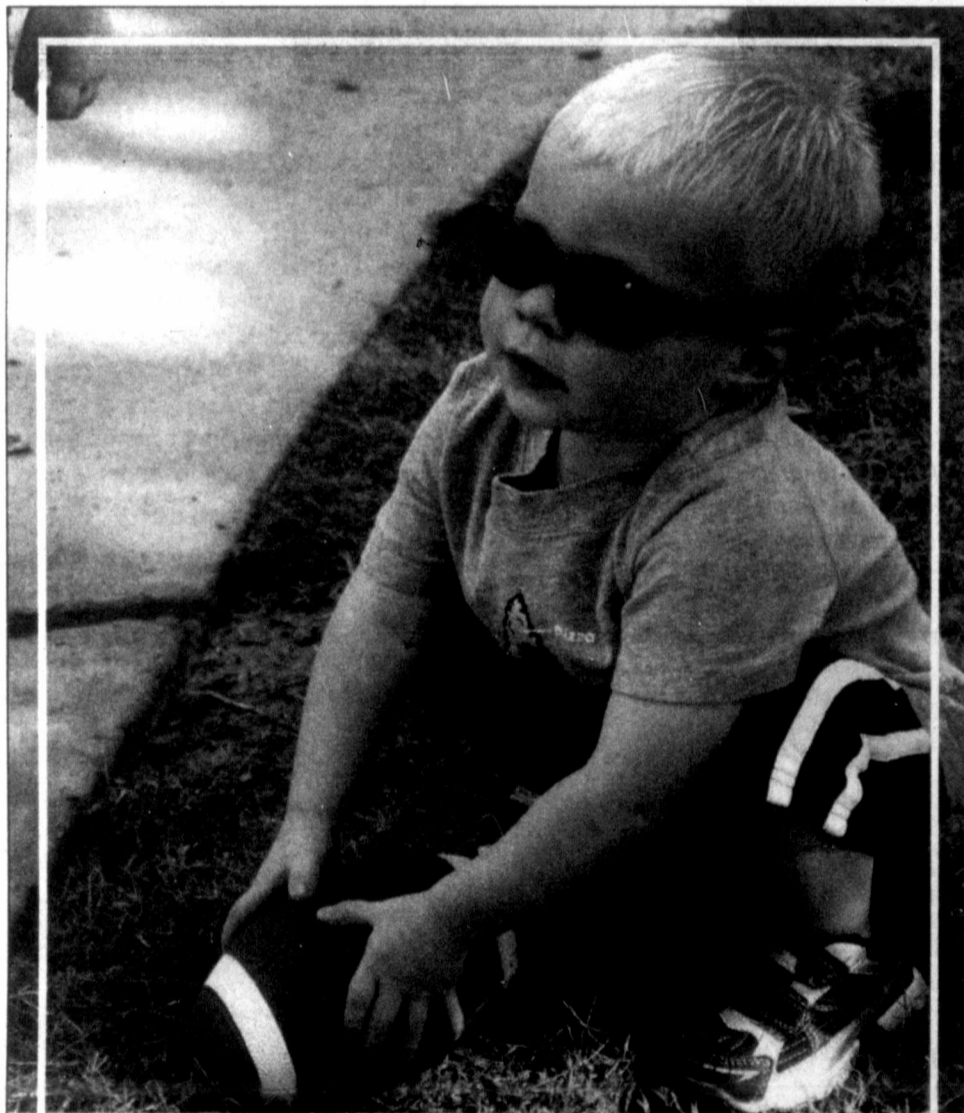
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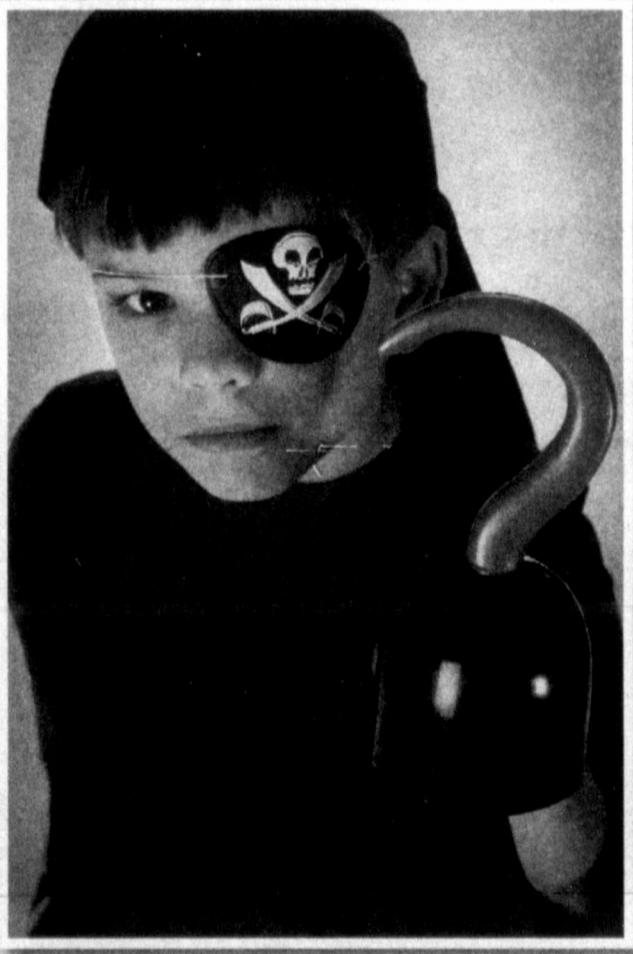
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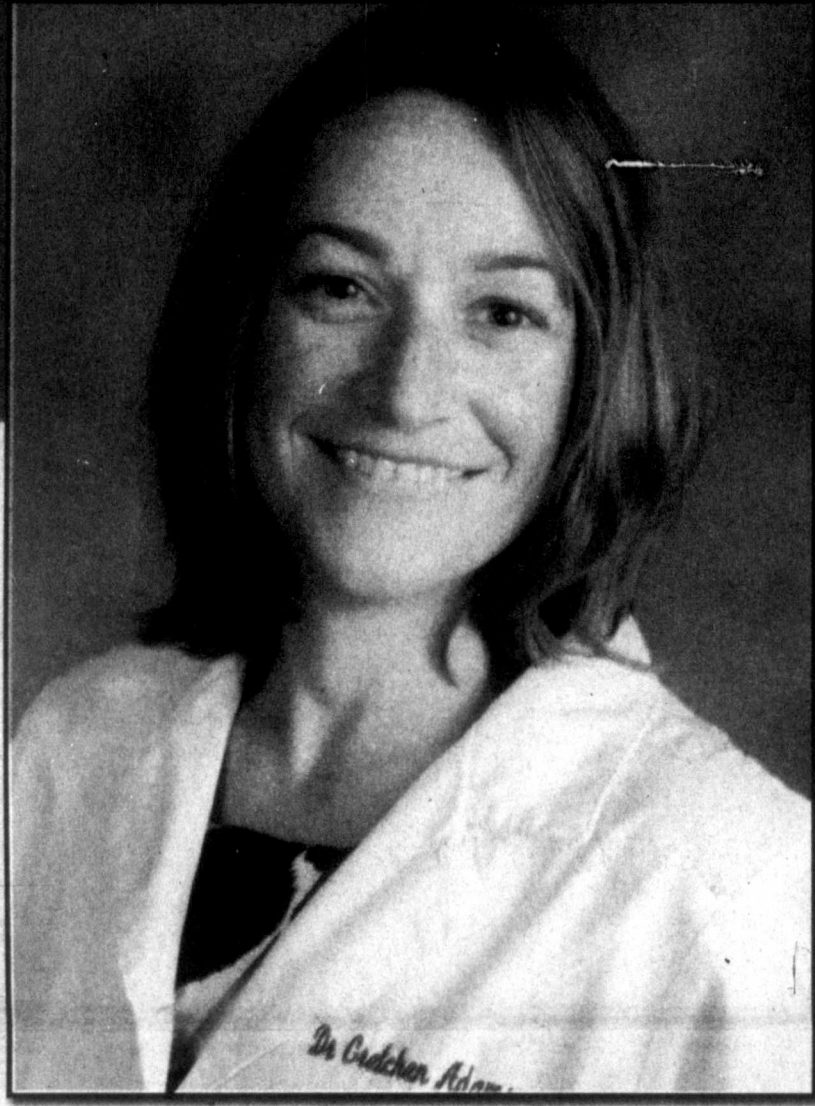
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# PampaSports

## Lady Harvesters fall to Wildcats in three

By GAYDEN HAYS  
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The Lady Harvesters have started their second round of district play, and after a Loss to Amarillo's River Road Wildcat, stands the same at .500 percent.

The ladies hosted the last of the high schools "Pink Out!" events when they played host to the Wildcats this past weekend.

River Road won in three games, but the Lady Harvesters kept it close against the district leaders, scoring for the matches were 25-23, 27-25, and 25-20.

Calli Brewer lead Pampa with 18 digs, followed closely by Taylor Giles, and Mattie Fatheree with 16 a piece.

Fatheree also had nine assists, and Taylor Eubanks recorded six overall during the matches.

Offensively Madison Joyce served three aces, and Eubank added one of

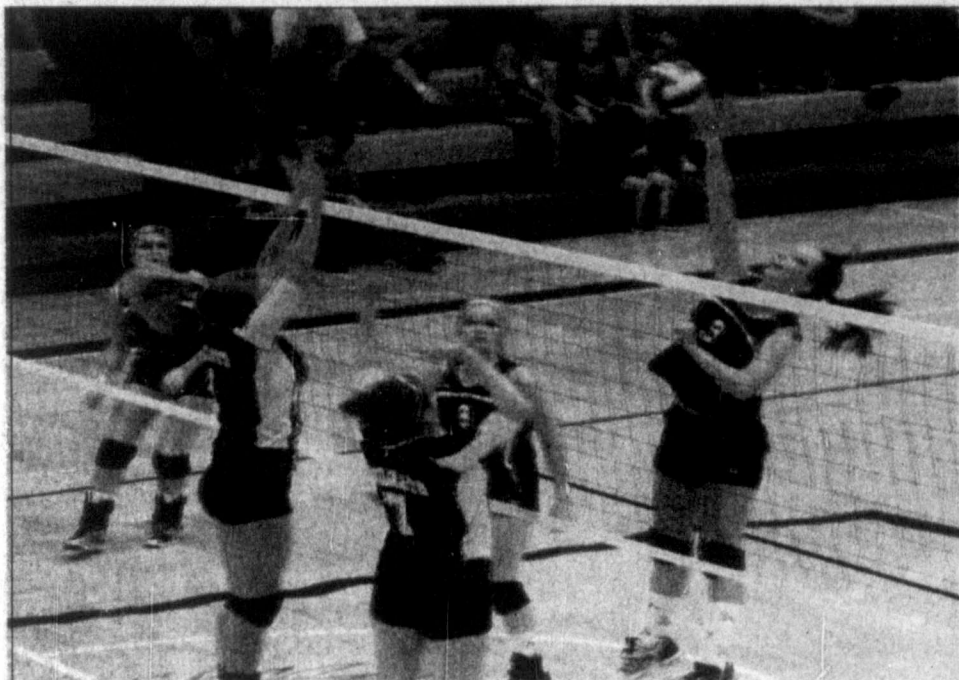


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**SPIKE.** Dakota Watson spikes the ball during a game against Amarillo River Road as Maddie Fatheree looks on. The Lady Harvesters lost in three sets but will look for revenge when they travel to Borger today at 5 p.m. Senior day will be held at Pampa High School Saturday at 3 p.m.

her own.

Brewer led the Lady Harvesters with six kills, followed by Eubank with five and Caragan Niccum, Joyce, fatheree and Dakota Watson had two of their

own during the matches.

The Pampa Junior Varsity, played previous to the Varsity and despite winning their first game eventually fell to the Wildcats two games to

one.

The Lady Harvesters are 3-3 on the year and will play today at Borger and back at home for "Senior Day" Saturday versus Dalhart.

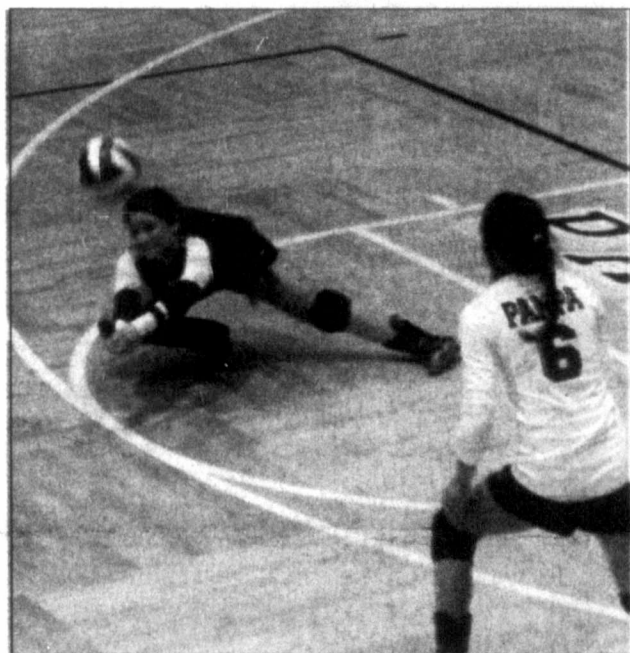


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**DIG.** Genevieve Zavala digs a ball off the court during the Junior varsities matches this past Saturday at Pampa High School.

## Harvester golfers finish 11th at Dumas Invitational

By BARB AMRHEIN  
For The Pampa News

The Pampa golf team continued to struggle against class 3-4A competition at the Dumas Invitational Friday and Saturday at Pheasant Trails Country Club in Dumas.

The Harvesters, with no seniors on the team, shot a two-day total of 847 to capture 11th place in the 13-team field.

Amarillo High's four scoring golfers combined for 614 shots to win the tournament.

Borger had the highest finish of any class 3-A team in the tournament with a score of 663 strokes, good for fifth place in the team competition.

Gabe Garcia was the only Pampa player to break 100 both days in the windy and rainy conditions. Garcia shot 97 on Friday and 99 on Saturday to tie for 41st in the 65 player field with a final score of 196.

"We're just not playing very good right now," Pampa golf coach Alan Segura said. "Hopefully we'll get better (for the spring and district)."

Nathan Sprinkle was the other Pampa player to break 100 in at least one round. The junior shot 103 on Friday on the par 70 course, but improved to 95 on Saturday for a two-day total of 198.

The Fall season continues Saturday at Borger.

Dumas Invitational Boys Golf Tournament Results

Teams: 1. Amarillo High 614; 2. Plainview 633; 3. Randall 640; 4. Canyon 648; 5. Borger 663; 6. Dumas A 672; 7. Hereford 719; 8. Tascosa 725; 9. Dumas B 755; 10. Palo Duro 811; 11. Pampa 847; 12. Dumas C 953.

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## Lady Harvesters cross country takes 2nd in Lathrop Memorial

**BARB AMRHEIN**  
For The Pampa News

Terra Truitt, J'Cee Holmes and Alex Maruffo led the contingent of Pampa cross country runners at the Lathrop Memorial Buffalo Stampede in Canyon Saturday.

Truitt finished second in 12 minutes 12 seconds behind defending Region I Class 3A champion Sara Smith of Dalhart (11:48) and Holmes finished fourth in 12:29 on the 3,200-meter course.

Maruffo, was the other local harrier to enjoy a top level performance. The junior clocked in at 17:17 the approximately 3-mile course.

The Lady Harvesters continue to struggle against nemesis Dalhart in team competition.

The Lady Wolves, third in Region I last season, just three points ahead of Pampa, won the Lathrop Memorial title with 44 points.

The Lady Harvesters finished second with 51 points.

Yesenia Soria (13:29) finished 16th, Reata Collins (13:32) captured 17th place and Vanessa Ontiveros 21st place to complete the Pampa scoring.

"We learned a few things about how we stack up to Dalhart and Borger (81 points) as we get ready for district," Pampa cross



Photo by Barb Amrhein

**ALEX MARUFFO** lead a Pampa boys during the cross country race in Borger this Saturday. Maruffo ran a 17:17 over the approximate 3-mile course, finishing in fourth place two seconds behind his rival from Borger.

country coach Mark Elms said. "Now we know what we need to work on in the next week to try to beat them (Dalhart)."

In the boys race, Marruffo finished only two seconds behind district foe Lane Newcomb of Borger and will enter the district meet knowing he should be one of four runners with a chance to win the individual title.

Jose Hernandez and Nate Furgeson also ran in the varsity division and finished 27th and 30th respectively.

Lathrop Memorial Buffalo Stampede at Nance Ranch, Canyon Girls 3200 Meters: Teams: 1. Dalhart 44; 2. Pampa 51; 3. Bushland Black 59; 4. Borger 84; 5. White Deer 146; 6. Bushland Gold 176; 7. Bovina 185; 8. Groom

213. Individuals: 1. Sara Smith, Dalhart, 11:48; 2. Terra Truitt, Pampa, 12:12; 3. Abby Blansett, Borger, 12:19; 4. J'Cee Holmes, Pampa, 12:29; 5. Kayla Banks, Dalhart, 12:37; 6. Kenzie Schaffer, Bushland, 12:38; 7. Aundera Schroder, Bushland, 12:45; 8. Cortnie Grauel, Bushland, 12:46; 9. Ashley Parsley, White Deer, 12:50; 10

Shania Reeves, Borger 13:11.

Other Pampa scorers: 16. Yesenia Soria, 13:29; 17. Reata Collins, 13:32; 21. Vanessa Ontiveros, time not reported.

Boys Division I (class 1-3A): Teams: 1. Borger 42; 2. Hartley 61; 3. Dalhart 68; 4. Bushland Black 72; 5. Bushland Gold 124; 6. Bovina 127.

Individuals (approximately 3 miles; 44 finishers): 1. Derek Wieck,

Hartley 16:39; 2. Mitchell Johnson, Hartley, 16:57; 3. Lane Newcomb, Borger 17:17; 4. Alex Marruffo, Pampa, 17:19; 5. John Singler, Bushland, 17:39; 6. Pierre Valencia,

Dalhart, 17:56; 7. Reese Montgomery, Dalhart 17:57; 8. Julio Jaramillo, Hartley, 18:04; 9. Juliar Juarez, Borger 18:05; 10. Vincent Hearon, Borger, 18:12. 27. Jose Hernandez, Pampa, 19:23; 30. Nate Furgeson, Pampa 20:06.

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**FORE.** Nathan Sprinkle warms up on the driving range before the Dumas Invitational Golf Tournament. The junior finished tied for 45th out of 65 high school golfers participating.

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# Texas coach Mack Brown says no plans to retire

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Two days after another whipping at the hands of rival Oklahoma, Texas coach Mack Brown dismissed any suggestions he may be ready to retire, saying he's still got energy and the backing of the school and its big boosters.

Brown said Monday that several prominent boosters told him keep his head up and keep fighting after the 63-21 blowout, the third time in Brown's tenure the Sooners have hung more than 60 points on the Longhorns.

Texas' second consecutive loss dropped the Longhorns (4-2, 0-2 Big 12) to 17-14 overall under Brown since 2010, and raised new speculation that the 61-year-old who led Texas to the 2005 national championship may consider retiring.

Brown is under contract under 2020. At more than \$5 million per year, he is one of the highest-paid coaches in the country.

"I have my energy. I'm moving forward," Brown said. "I know I've got time to fix it and I know I can."

Brown would not say which boosters reached out to him, but added that he heard the same positive message from many former Texas players.

"I'm way too competitive and (have) way too much pride to leave something bad," Brown said, adding he still thinks Texas can win 10 games

this season.

Brown has heard rumblings about his job before but nothing truly serious.

From 2000-2004, his teams lost five in a row to Oklahoma, but those teams still won at least nine games every year. Texas ended the losing streak the season the Longhorns won the national title and the dissension melted away.

The strongest speculation about his possible retirement came in 2009-2010.

Texas had a coach-in-waiting in defensive coordinator Will Muschamp in 2009, the season Texas lost in the BCS title game. Some thought had Texas won that game, Brown would retire with his second championship.

Texas fell hard to 5-7 the following season and Muschamp bolted for the head coaching job at Florida. Brown said he met with school President Bill Powers and athletic director DeLoss Dodds after that season.

"When I decided to come back, I told them it was going to take some time," Brown said. "We sat down and had hard discussions."

They were 100 percent in their support. They said, 'We want you to stay and we'll give you the time and money to do it.' That's not an issue."

"I've got great bosses. This job isn't like the others," Brown said. "I'm the luckiest guy in the world."

Texas gave Brown his

initial \$5 million-per year deal in December 2009 after a 12-0 regular season but before the BCS game loss.

The contract was extended it four years in January 2012 after Texas rebounded from the losing season to go 8-5 in 2011.

After Saturday's loss to Oklahoma, when the television cameras often

caught Brown looking frustrated on the sideline, the coach clearly expected his team to hear speculation about his future. He told his players he wasn't going anywhere.

"He told us he wasn't going to quit and didn't want to see any quit in us, either," offensive lineman Mason Walters said.

Brown also had a mes-

sage on Monday for his top assistant coaches, offensive coordinator Bryan Harsin and defensive coordinator Manny Diaz, whose unit is on pace to be statistically the worst in school history.

The Longhorns surrendered nearly 700 yards against Oklahoma and have given up at least 31 points in four consecutive

games.

"At this school you will be really criticized for not doing well in a ball game.

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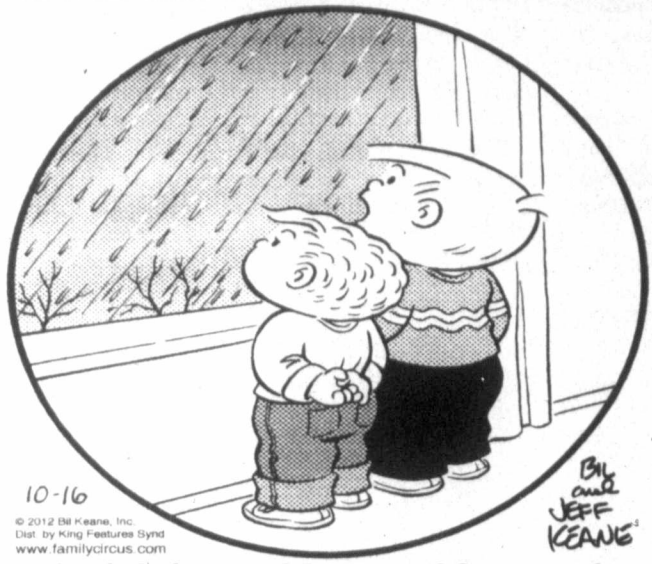
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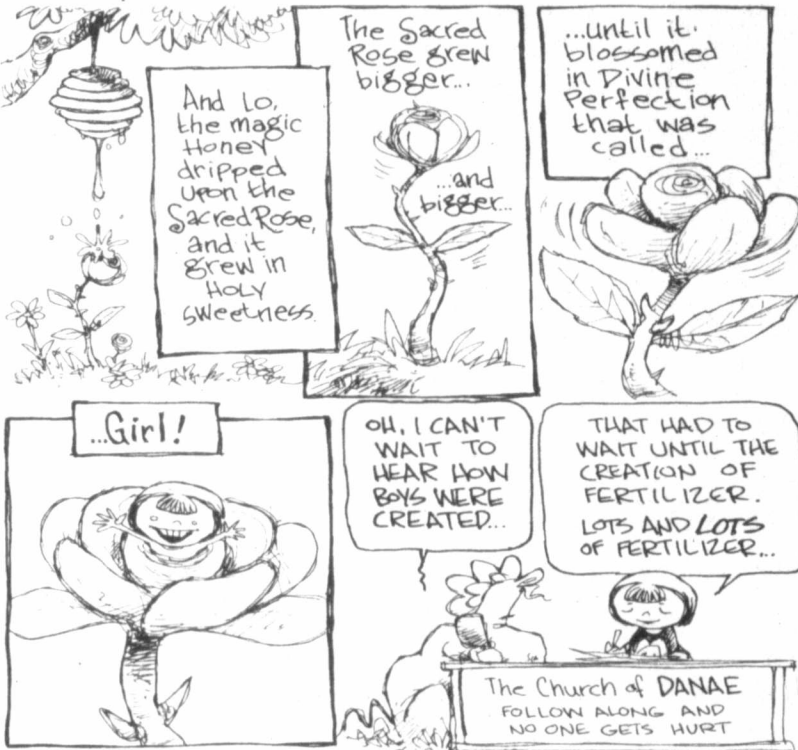
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This year you'll be able to make a long-term dream a reality. You might consider writing down your dreams, as that also could lead you to what you want. Be aware of a heightened sensitivity involving your intuition, and note any premonitions you get as a result. If you are single, you could meet someone in your day-to-day travels. Know that you don't need to play "cat and mouse" with this person. If you are attached, the two of you like to spend time indulging in a favorite pastime or two. **SCORPIO** has an intensity that draws you in.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Reach out to others. Those who are wise seek feedback in order to test out an idea. During this process, an even better idea might pop up. Do not allow your ego to get involved if someone has sounder concepts than you; instead, welcome them. Brainstorm away! Tonight: Your instincts could mislead you.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Relate to others directly, and know what it is that you desire. Friends and/or loved ones might think they know what they want, but in reality, their ideas come across garbled. If they allow it, you will need to help these individuals organize their thoughts in a way that makes more sense. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Defer to others, and make it a point to let them know that you trust them to make good choices. Then step back and observe. You might be clearing up a disagreement or power play now that they can see what it is like to run the show. Tonight: Say "yes" to someone.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ All work and no play is not a healthy lifestyle. More than other signs, you have a tendency to swing from one emotional extreme to the other. You need to maintain a healthy amount of physical activity, as that is the key to keeping your stress level down. You might feel uneasy about an upcoming trip or a call coming in. Tonight: Work on getting physical.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You often exude confidence, yet right now, you are working on a faulty premise for which you do not have all the facts. It is likely that you could be hearing only what you want to hear without realizing it. Center

yourself, and go back over an important decision in your mind. Tonight: Happy at home.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Listen to news from someone who has easy access to you. You'll want to rethink a decision involving a partner. You might not be seeing the whole picture or the people involved clearly. You can only come from your own perspective. Let a friend play devil's advocate. Tonight: Hang out with your pals.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ News heads your way that involves your finances or an offer pertaining to money. Though the other person might have good intentions, there could be a last-minute hassle or problem that arises. Do not spend funds before you get them. Tonight: Do your thing.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You enjoy the dreamlike mood you are in, yet you might not be as realistic as you would like to be. Consider the possibility that a risk could backfire and leave you feeling unhappy. Use your dreams as a starting point to build from, but use logic to guide you. Tonight: Treat yourself on the way home.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Use your energy in the most effective way you can. The Moon highlights you, which makes nearly anything possible. You would be well advised to try to deal with everything except a domestic or property-related matter. You could have a last-minute problem. Tonight: Do absolutely what you want.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Allow yourself to loosen up more. If you have an idea or a wish that has been floating around in your mind, bring it forth now. Come up with a plan for how you can make it a reality. Talk to a trusted friend who might be unusually resourceful. Tonight: You might want some downtime.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Emphasize what you want. A meeting could be particularly important in completing a project. You might have more supportive friends than you realize. Look around and ask for some feedback. Use caution with your money, and refuse to make any agreements today. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Be discreet, especially if you are confused right now. How you handle a difficult situation could change given some time. Nevertheless, you have to take the lead on a project, like it or not. Do not make any over-the-top comments involving commitment. Tonight: Into the wee hours.

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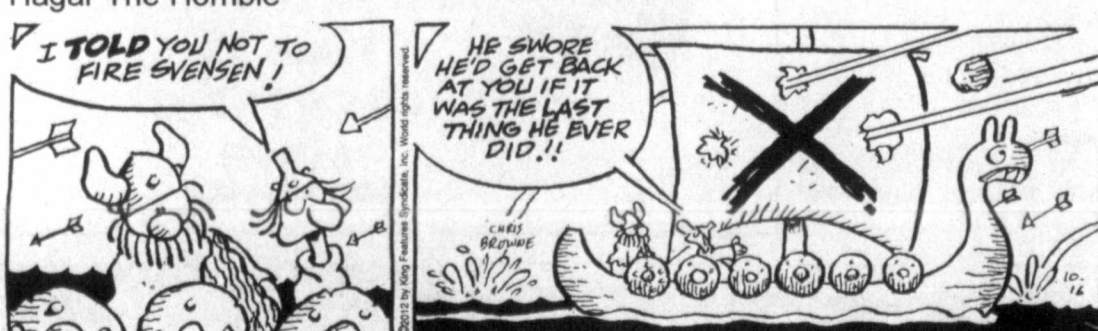
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# Endeavor finally reaches permanent home in LA museum

**ALICIA CHANG AND CHRISTOPHER WEBER**  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It was supposed to be a slow but smooth journey to retirement, a parade through city streets for a shuttle that logged millions of miles in space.

But Endeavour's final mission turned out to be a logistical headache that delayed its arrival to its museum resting place by about 17 hours.

After a 12-mile weave past trees and utility poles that included thousands of adoring onlookers, flashing cameras and even the filming of a TV commercial, Endeavour arrived at the California Science Center Sunday to a greeting party of city leaders and other dignitaries that had expected it many hours earlier.

Endeavour was still inching toward a hangar on the grounds of the museum mid-Sunday afternoon.

It's like Christmas!" said Mark Behn, 55, a member of the museum ground support team who watched the shuttle's snail-like approach from inside the hangar. "We've waited so long and been told so many things about when it would get here. But here it is, and it's a dream come true."

Movers had planned a slow trip, saying the shuttle that once orbited at more than 17,000 mph would move at just 2 mph in its final voyage through Inglewood and southern Los Angeles.

But that estimate turned out to be generous, with Endeavour often creeping along at a barely detectable pace when it wasn't at a dead stop due to difficult-to-manuever obstacles like tree branches and light posts.

Another delay came in the early morning hours Sunday when the shuttle's remote-controlled, 160-wheel carrier began leaking oil.

Despite the holdups, the team charged with transporting the shuttle felt a "great sense of accomplishment" when it made it onto the museum grounds, said Jim Hennessy, a spokesman for Sarens, the contract mover.

"It's historic and will be a great memory," he said. "Not too many people will be able to match that — to say, 'We moved the space shuttle through the streets of Inglewood and Los Angeles.'"

Transporting Endeavour cross-town was a costly feat with an estimated price tag of \$10 million, to be paid for by the science center and private donations.

Late Friday, crews spent hours transferring the shuttle to a special, lighter towing dolly for its trip over Interstate 405. The dolly was pulled across the Manchester Boulevard bridge by a Toyota Tundra pickup, and the car company filmed the event for a commercial after paying for a permit, turning the entire scene into a movie set complete with special lighting, sound and staging.

Saturday started off promising, with Endeavour 90 minutes ahead of schedule. But accumulated hurdles and hiccups caused it to run hours behind at day's end.

Some 400 trees had been removed along the route, but officials said most of the trees that gave them trouble could not be cut down because they were old or treasured for other reasons, including some planted in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

The crowd had its prob-

lems too. Despite temperatures in the mid-70s, several dozen people were treated for heat-related injuries after a long day in the sun, according to fire officials.

But it was a happy, peaceful crowd, with firefighters having only to respond to a sheared hydrant and a small rubbish fire, and no reports of any arrests.

And despite the late problems the mood for most of the day was festive.

At every turn of Endeavour's slow-speed commute through urban streets, spectators jammed intersections as the shuttle shuffled past stores, schools, churches and front yards through the working-class streets of southern Los Angeles. Sidewalks were off-limits due to Endeavour's enormous wingspan.

Endeavour's arrival in Los Angeles was a homecoming.

It may have zipped around the Earth nearly 4,700 times, but its roots are solidly grounded in California. Its main engines were fashioned in the San Fernando Valley. The heat tiles were invented in Silicon Valley. Its "fly-by-wire" technology was developed in the Los Angeles suburb of Downey. In 1991, it rolled off the assembly line in the Mojave Desert to replace Challenger, which blew up during liftoff in 1986.

As Endeavour shuffled by crowds, its age was evident after 123 million miles in space and two dozen re-entries.

Stephanie Gibbs, a long-time Inglewood resident, passed the Forum, where the Los Angeles Lakers used to play and where Endeavour made a pit stop

Saturday, many times in her life. But she wasn't prepared for what she saw.

"There was a space shuttle blocking the street and I said, 'Whoa,'" she said.

Gibbs, who lives off Crenshaw Drive, the narrowest section of the move, would like to see

a sign designating it as a shuttle crossing.

"We've been on the map" because of the Lakers, she said. "This kind of highlights it more."

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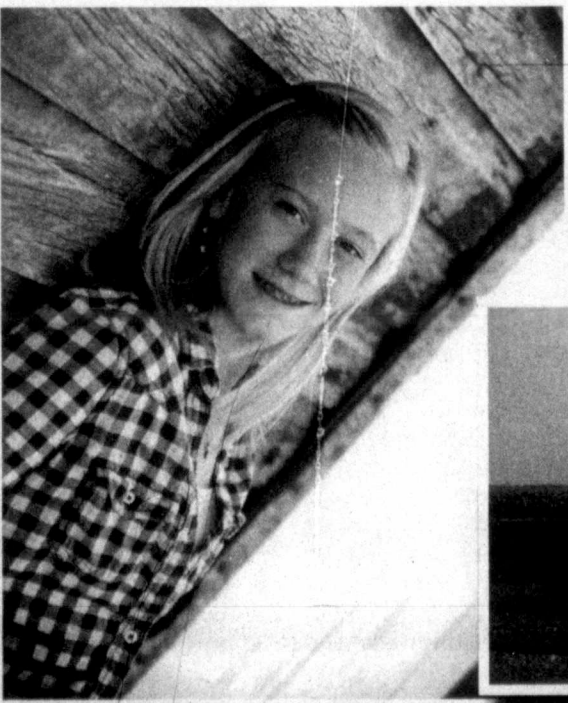
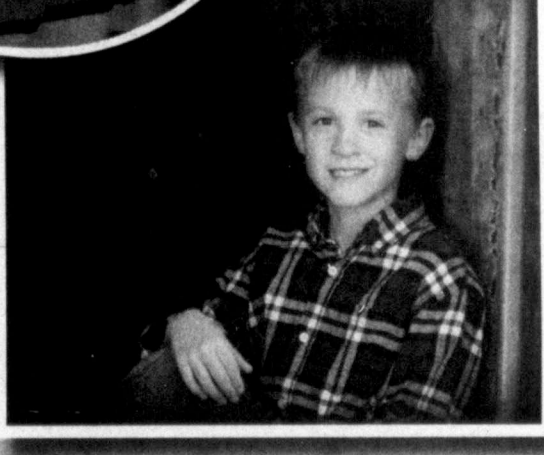

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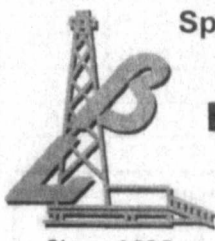


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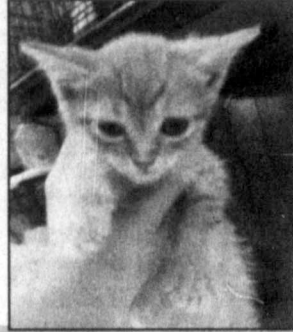
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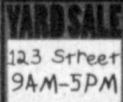
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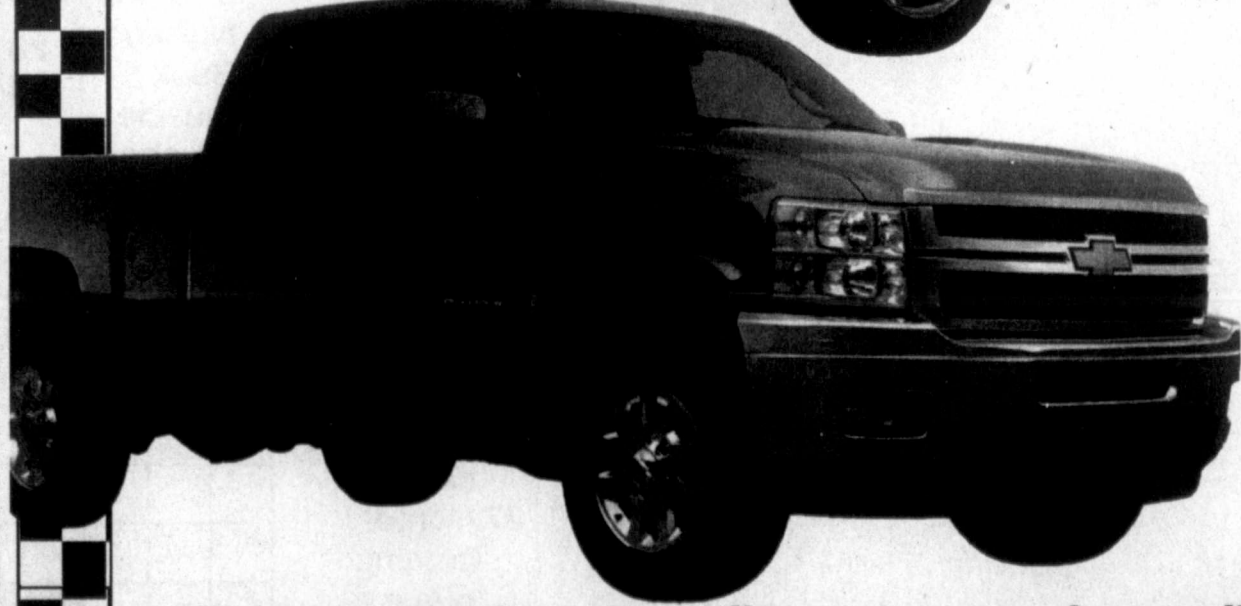
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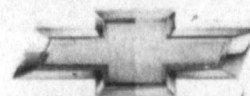
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# Sept. 11 trial rules under scrutiny at Guantanamo

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Associated Press

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — A U.S. military judge is considering broad security rules for the war crimes tribunal of five Guantanamo prisoners charged in the Sept. 11 attacks, including measures to prevent the accused from publicly revealing what happened to them in the CIA's secret network of overseas prisons.

Prosecutors have asked the judge at a pretrial hearing starting Monday to approve what is known as a protective order that is intended to prevent the release of classified information during the eventual trial of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, who has portrayed himself as the mastermind of the terror attacks, and four co-defendants.

Lawyers for the defendants say the rules, as proposed, will hobble their defense. The American Civil Liberties Union, which has filed a challenge to the protective order, says the restrictions will prevent the public from learning what happened to Mohammed and his co-defendants during several years of CIA confinement and interrogation.

The protective order requires the court to use a 40-second delay during court proceedings so that spectators, who watch behind sound-proof glass, can be prevented from hearing — from officials, lawyers or the defendants themselves — the still-classified details of the CIA's rendition and detention program.

"What we are challenging is the censorship of the defendant's testimony

based on their personal knowledge of the government's torture and detention of them," said Hina Shamsi, an ACLU attorney who will be arguing against the protective order during the pretrial hearing at the U.S. base in Cuba.

The protective order, which is also being challenged by a coalition of media organizations that includes The Associated Press, is overly broad because it would "classify the defendants own knowledge, thoughts and experience," Shamsi said in an interview.

"It's a truly extraordinary and chilling proposal that the government is asking the court to accept," she said.

Protective orders are standard method in civilian and military trials to set rules for handling evidence for the prosecution and defense. Military prosecutors argue in court papers that the Sept. 11 trial requires additional security because the accused have personal knowledge of classified information such as interrogation techniques and knowledge about which other countries provided assistance in their capture.

"Each of the accused is in the unique position of having had access to classified intelligence sources and methods," the prosecution says in court papers. "The government, like the defense, must protect that classified information from disclosure."

The U.S. government has acknowledged that before the defendants were taken to Guantanamo in September 2006 they were subjected to "enhanced interrogation techniques" such as the simulated drowning

method known as waterboarding. Defense attorneys say the treatment will be used to form the basis of their defense but the proposed protective order limits their ability to make that case in court and in public advocacy on behalf of their clients.

"It's a way in which the government can hide what it did to these men during the period of detention by the CIA," said Army Capt. Jason Wright, a Pentagon-appointed attorney for Mohammed. "I think we need to bring the truth to the light of day on these issues."

The judge's approval of the protective order, which may not happen this week, must occur before the Sept. 11 case can move forward. Defense lawyers cannot begin to review classified evidence against their clients until it is in place.

The protective order is the most contentious of about two dozen preliminary motions scheduled to be heard during a pre-trial hearing expected to run through Friday. Other matters include whether the defendants can be required to attend court sessions, what clothing they are allowed to wear and defense requests for additional resources for what is considered one of the most significant terrorism prosecutions in U.S. history.

The families of people killed in the Sept. 11 attacks have been invited to military installations in the U.S. states of New Jersey, Massachusetts, Maryland and New York City to watch the pretrial hearings, which are closed to the general public. An earlier round of hearings in May was also transmitted to viewing locations

for relatives of the victims, survivors of the attacks, and emergency personnel who responded to the disaster.

Mohammed and his four co-defendants are being prosecuted in a special military tribunal for war-time offenses known as a military commission. They were arraigned May 5 on charges that include terrorism, conspiracy and 2,976 counts of murder in violation of the law of war, one count for each known victim of the Sept. 11 attacks at the time the charges were filed. They could get the death penalty

if convicted. Mohammed, a Pakistani citizen who grew up in Kuwait and attended college in North Carolina, has told military officials that he planned the Sept. 11 attacks "from A to Z" and was involved in about 30 other terrorist plots.

He has said, among other things, that he personally beheaded Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl. The other defendants are Ramzi Binalshibh; Walid bin Attash; Mustafa Ahmad al-Hawsawi; and Ali Abd al-Aziz Ali.

Their arraignment was an unruly, 13-hour proceeding in which the defendants stalled proceedings by refusing to use the court translation system and ignoring the judge.

Subsequent hearings to handle pretrial motions were postponed because of scheduling conflicts, the Muslim holy period of Ramadan and Tropical Storm Isaac.

Several more pretrial hearings must be held to litigate hundreds of motions before the start of the trial, which is likely at least a year away.

## Arlen Specter, architect of 1-bullet theory in JFK death, dies

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — For most of his 30 years as Pennsylvania's longest-serving U.S. senator and prominent moderate in Congress, Arlen Specter was a Republican, though often at odds with the GOP leadership.

He helped end the Supreme Court hopes of former federal appeals Judge Robert H. Bork, who was nominated by President Ronald Reagan. Decades later, he was one of only three Republicans in Congress to vote for President Barack Obama's economic stimulus.

His breaks with his party were hardly a surprise: He had begun his political career as a Democrat and ended it as one, too.

In between, he was at the heart of several major

American political events. He rose to prominence in the 1960s as an assistant counsel to the Warren Commission, developing the single-bullet theory in President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

He came to the Senate in the Reagan landslide of 1980 and was a key voice in the Supreme Court confirmation hearings of both Bork and Clarence Thomas.

Specter died Sunday at his home in Philadelphia from complications of non-Hodgkin lymphoma, said his son Shanin.

He was 82. Over the years, Specter had fought two previous bouts with Hodgkin lymphoma, overcome a brain tumor and survived cardiac arrest following bypass surgery.

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