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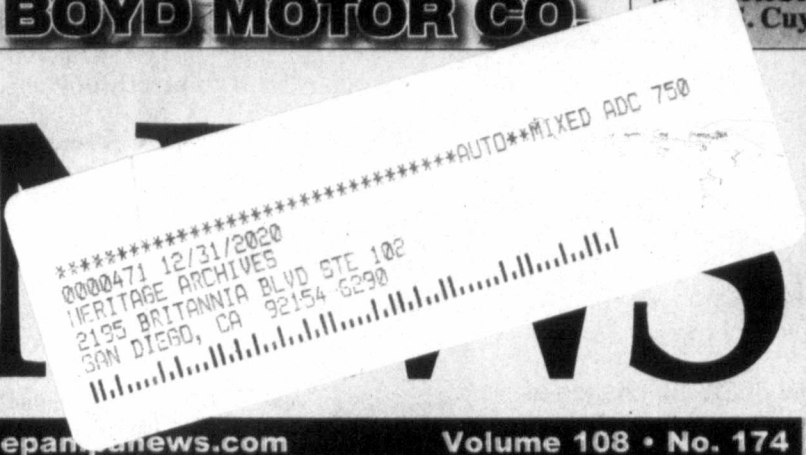
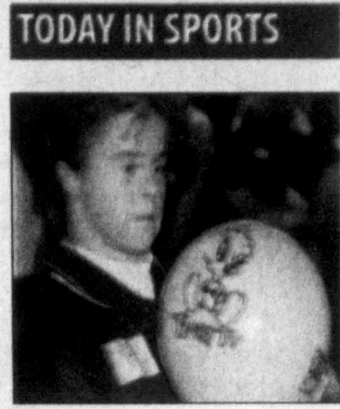
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A GRAND PROCESSION



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

About 100 Pampa residents waived flags as they greeted a procession that included a group of Wounded Warriors who will be spending the weekend in the city. They arrived at VFW Post 1657 shortly after 5 p.m. Thursday.

Wounded Warriors arrive in Pampa

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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It was almost like a parade. About 100 Pampa residents waving flags greeted a procession that included nine Wounded Warriors as they were escorted into the city Thursday for a reception in their honor at VFW Post 1657 on Cuyler Street.

The Warriors are from the Houston and San Antonio areas and will stay with host families to attend the Travis Elementary School Veterans Day program at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium at 1:30 p.m. on Friday.

On Saturday, the Warriors will go on a deer hunt sponsored by several local residents on ranches and other private properties near Shamrock and McLean.

"It's a big thrill for these guys," said Loyd Waters, one of the orga-

nizers of the event. "It will let them enjoy those things they like to do. We are looking forward to it."

Some of the men will hunt on Dr. Keith Black's property, which is between McLean and Lefors.

Black, who retired from the U.S. Navy after 32 years and is a member of the VFW, said, "The members of the VFW all try to do what we can."

Black said he volunteered to let the hunters use his property after heard there would be two more Warriors coming on the trip, and more land would be needed.

Post Commander Danny Martin was one of several motorcyclists who rode in yesterday's procession.

"It was a great ride," he said.

Along with motorcyclists from Pampa, riders from Canyon and Amarillo VFW posts also rode, along with an antique car club, the Hoover Fire Department and several

law enforcement agencies.

At 11 a.m. today, a lunch with the Wounded Warriors is scheduled at the Briarwood Church Family Life Center, 1800 W. Harvester Ave. The cost is \$5 and all proceeds will be donated to the Wounded Warriors Foundation.

Founded in 2003, the purpose of the Wounded Warriors Project is to raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of injured service members, and to help injured service members aid and assist each other.

On Saturday at 9 a.m., there will be Prayer at the Pole at Pampa Regional Medical Center, followed by the downtown Veterans Parade at 11 a.m., the Retiring of the Flag Ceremony at Rodeo Grounds at 2 p.m. and dinner and dance at the Bank of America at 6:30 p.m.

Guatemala quake toll at 52, thousands homeless

By MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN
 AND SONIA PEREZ
 Associated Press

SAN CRISTOBAL CUCHO, Guatemala (AP) — The 10 members of the Vasquez family were found together under the rubble of the rock quarry that had been their livelihood, some in a desperate final embrace, others clinging to the faintest of dying pulses.

As Guatemala tried to recover Thursday from a 7.4-magnitude quake, the country mourned a disaster that killed at least 52 people; left thousands of others without homes, electricity or water; and emotionally devastated one small town by wiping out almost an entire family seeing the first signs of success in a tireless effort to claw itself out of poverty.

Neighbors filed past 10 wooden caskets lined up in two rows in the Vasquez living room, remembering a family reduced to a single survivor, the eldest son about to graduate with an accounting degree.

Justo Vasquez, a man known for his ferocious work ethic and dedication to his seven children, was with nearly all his closest relations Wednesday at a local quarry hacking out a white rock that is pulverized to make cinder blocks for construction.

When the quake struck, thousands of pounds of earth calved off from the wall above the pit, burying the 44-year-old and almost everyone he loved: his wife, Ofelia Gomez, 43; their daughters Daisy, 14, Gisely, 8, and Merly, 6; and their sons Aldiner, 12, Delbis, 5, and Dibel, 3. Their nephews Ulises and Aldo Vasquez, both 12, also died.

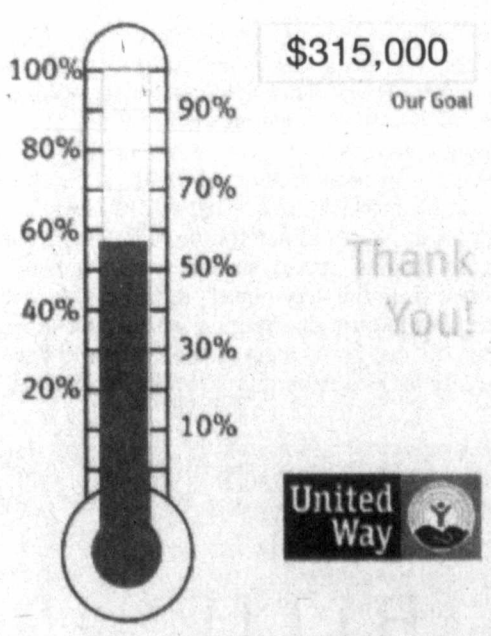
Only the oldest son, Ivan, 19, survived. He had stayed in the house when the rest of his family went to the quarry, taking care of some last-minute details to receive his accounting degree — the first in his family to have a professional career. His father had been saving for a party to celebrate his Nov. 23 graduation.

"He died working," said Antonia Lopez, a sister-in-law of the father, Justo Vasquez. "He was fighting for his kids."

Dozens of villagers in the humble town of San Cristobal Cucho ran to dig the family after Guatemala's biggest quake in 36 years. When they uncovered some of the children, one body still

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New executive leadership at Pampa United Way



As of Nov. 8, the Pampa United Way has collected \$180,000.

STAFF REPORT
 Jana Gregory is the new executive administrator of the Pampa United Way. Her first day was Oct. 22. She replaces Katrina Bigham, who held the position for many years and has retired.

Gregory brings to her new job 11 years of experience working with the Red Cross.

"I volunteered with the Red Cross teaching classes like swim lessons, CPR and lifeguard classes," she said. "I am still certified and will remain active with the Red Cross as a volunteer. I have always been involved with volunteer organizations and look forward to serving the agencies that Pampa United Way helps support."

Gregory said many people will



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THE PAMPA PAIR. Jana Gregory, left, new executive administrator of the Pampa United Way, with outgoing administrator Katrina Bigham.

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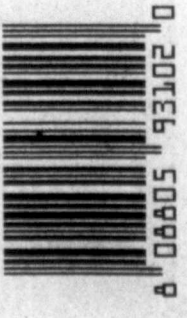
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday
		
High 80 Low 52	High 74 Low 44	High 58 Low 27

Today: Sunny with a high of 80. No chance of rain. Winds southwest at 20 mph. Sunrise at 7:14 a.m.

Tonight: Clear with a low of 52. No chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 18 mph. Sunset at 5:41 p.m.

Saturday: Mostly Sunny with a high of 74. No chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 20 mph. Sunrise at 7:15 a.m.

Saturday night: Clear skies with a low of 44. No chance of rain. Winds southwest at 16 mph. Sunset at 5:41 p.m.

Sunday: Mostly Sunny with a high of 58. Ten percent chance of rain. Winds west northwest at 15 mph. Sunrise at 7:16 a.m.

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Obituaries

Levi Preston Cox

Levi Preston Cox, 92, formerly of Pampa, died Nov. 7, 2012 in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2:00 PM Saturday, November 10, 2012, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel in Pampa, with Pastor John Love of Trinity Fellowship Church in Amarillo, officiating.



Levi Cox



Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa with military honors courtesy of Altus Air Force Base Blue Knights Honor Guard, Altus, Oklahoma. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Cox was born February 24, 1920 in Mobeetie to Flossie and Shirley Cox. He met Ora Lee Scott at church in Hope, Oklahoma, and he married the love of his life on August 10, 1942. During World War II, he served as a flight engineer on B-24's in the Army Air Force while he was stationed in Italy. After his plane was shot down, he was MIA for 94 days. Preston was a resident of Pampa from 1955 until 2007 when he moved to Amarillo. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the W. W. Harrah Sunday school class for over 50 years. Preston retired after a lengthy career in the life insurance business. He was proud to be part of the "Greatest Generation." Preston's greatest pleasures were when family was together on vacations, holidays, and playing golf. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers and sisters: Mary Harrell, Bonnie Goldston, Shirley Jarrett, June Thorpe, Dan Cox, John Cox, Kenneth Cox; and an infant child: Gwendolyn Kay Cox.

Preston is survived by his wife of 70 years: Ora Lee Cox of the home; his son: Sherwin Cox and wife Jenny of Amarillo; his daughter: Linda Kubiak and husband Lawrence of Houston; 3 grandchildren: Ty Cox of Fort Worth, Teela Miesner and husband Marty of Midland, and Kasi Kubiak of Houston; and a great-grandson:

Tucker Miesner of Midland.

The family suggests memorials to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

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

Leon Brown

Leon Brown, 88, died Nov. 8, 2012 in Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012, at Central Baptist Church, with Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor, Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor, and Rev. Mike Watson, pastor of Hobart Baptist Church, officiating.



Leon Brown

Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Brown was born July 11, 1924 in Cleveland County, Arkansas. He attended school in Arkansas, and moved to Perryton in 1944. He married Augusta Matthews on June 16, 1945 in Mobeetie. She preceded him in death in 2010. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1948.

In 1950, Leon went to work for Cities Service Gas Company, retiring in 1982. He was a member of Central Baptist Church. He enjoyed traveling, fishing and gardening.

Survivors include two daughters: Ruth Fletcher and husband John and their daughter, Susan Fletcher of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Glenna Brown and husband Bob Johnston of Rockwall; a brother: Lonnie Brown and wife Betty of Warren, Arkansas; a sister: Mattie Clark and husband Shelton of Lake Village, Arkansas; two sisters-in-law: Ruth Brown and Ruby Brown, both of Monticello, Arkansas.

Leon was preceded in death by two brothers: T. H. Brown and Larkin Brown.

Memorials may be offered to Central Baptist Church Building Fund, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, Texas 79065.

The family will receive friends from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, 2012, at Carmichael-Whately Funeral Home.

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

For the record Pampa woman arrested on intent to manufacture drugs

STAFF REPORT

31-year-old Tawnie Nichole Crain, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office on a warrant out of Randall County on possession of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

28-year-old Jorge Enrique Sanchez, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by GCSO on a volition of probation for failing to identify a fugitive.

49-year-old Eleazar Soto Jr., Brownsville, was arrested by GCSO on

Wednesday on two bond surrenders, a warrant for failing to pay back bond fees. One was for possession of a controlled substance and one for DWI, third offense.

28-year-old Natalie Rae Speights, Amarillo, was arrested by GCSO on Wednesday for four capias pro fine charges, a warrant issued after the defendant defaults on an agreement with the court. One CPF was for no valid driver's license, one for failing to meet financial responsibilities and two for non-payment of court costs and fees.

Calif. mayoral candidate arrested on Election Day

PASO ROBLES, Calif. (AP) — A Central Coast candidate for mayor lost big this week.

Paso Robles, Calif., write-in candidate Jeff Rougeot was arrested on Election Day for investigation of crimes that include felonies for making criminal threats and brandishing a firearm.

The 45-year-old car audio business owner remained in the San

Luis Obispo County jail Thursday with bail at \$1.1 million.

Besides the felonies, the San Luis Obispo County Tribune (<http://bit.ly/WFUWlx>) says Rougeot was booked for investigation of four misdemeanors for driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol and four violations of a court order involving domestic violence.

Rougeot doesn't have an attorney of record and a telephone call Thursday to his car stereo business rang unanswered.

Mayor Duane Picanco got 86 percent of the vote to easily defeat Rougeot and another candidate.

Pollution perhaps linked to gas drilling vanishing

KEVIN BEGOS
 Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Researchers at Carnegie Mellon University say a water quality problem in the Monongahela River that may have been linked to Marcellus Shale natural gas drilling is going away.

Jeanne VanBriesen said Thursday that preliminary data from tests this year showed that levels of salty bromides in the river have declined significantly when compared to 2010 and 2011. In many cases the bromides were at undetectable levels this year, and in general they returned to normal levels.

"These are very nice, low bromide levels, where we would like them to be," VanBriesen said of the 2012 test results, which were presented at a water quality conference in Pittsburgh.

VanBriesen said the decline appears to coincide with a voluntary ban on disposing gas drilling wastewater that took effect in the spring of 2011. The wastewater contains large amounts of naturally occurring, ultra-salty bromides, and drillers had been taking millions of barrels of it to conventional wastewater treatment plants that discharge into the Monongahela River.

But in early 2011, the state Department of Environmental Protection called on drillers to voluntarily stop using riverside plants to get rid of the wastewater, and major companies and industry groups agreed to the request.

The state's request was made after VanBriesen and other researchers presented evidence that the discharges were altering river chemistry in a way that had the potential to affect drinking water, and operators of municipal water supplies grew concerned. Although not considered a pollutant by themselves, the bromides combine with the chlorine used in water treatment to produce compounds that can threaten public health, and levels had soared in 2009 and 2010. Bromide levels in the river declined somewhat in 2011, but not enough for researchers to say that the river had returned to normal levels.

Another researcher at the conference said other Monongahela River water quality trends have been positive, too.

Rose Reilly, a biologist at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, has been doing conductivity tests on the Monongahela River. That helps scientists estimate the amount of dissolved material in the water, and lower readings are better.

"There is a general downward trend" in conductivity levels for 2012, Reilly said. "That's good news."

Steve Forde, a spokesman for the Marcellus Shale Coalition, an industry group, said its members had "been committed from the very outset" to complying with the state request to stop discharging wastewater at regular treatment plants. Now, most of the brine is either recycled or sent to deep underground wells for disposal.

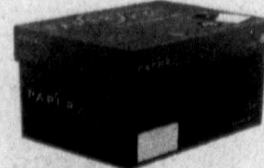
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Quake

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warm, two with pulses, they were in the arms of their father, who had tried to shield them.

"We have never seen a tragedy like this. The whole town is sad," said brother Romulo Vasquez, whose 12-year old son, Ulises, also died at the quarry.

The death toll was expected to rise as 22 people remained missing, President Otto Perez Molina said at a news conference. Forty people were killed in San Marcos state, where San Cristobal Cucho is, 11 died in the neighboring state of Quetzaltenango and one was killed in Solola state, also in the western part of the country.

Perez said powerful 7.4-magnitude quake, felt as far as Mexico City 600 miles away, affected as many as 1.2 million Guatemalans. A little more than 700 people were in shelters, with most opting to stay with family or friends, he added.

There were 70 aftershocks in the first 24 hours after the quake, some as strong as magnitude 5.1, Perez said. Damaged homes are among the biggest problems the country will face in the coming days.

Life was returning to normal in the quake-stricken area Thursday afternoon — electricity and mobile phone service had returned to many neighborhoods, cafes and banks reopened and several main thoroughfares filled with their weekly street markets.

But life remained stopped in the Vasquezes' home in San Cristobal Cucho, a town of some 15,000 people so high in the mountains that clouds swirl through the streets.

The streets were packed around the Vasquezes' small yellow-and-red, cinderblock-and-adobe

house. Inside, neighbors gathered around the 10 wooden caskets with open lids, pressing against each other to see the faces of the dead and pay their last respects. Wood smoke bathed the memorial as more than a dozen women in the back of the house cooked rice, beans, corn and eggs to feed the crowd.

The Vasquezes were the only ones to die in San Cristobal Cucho. Like the rest of several thousand people in town, the Vasquez family was humble, the parents without much education. Most of the people in the town are subsistence farmers or sell things on the streets and in the markets.

The oldest son, Ivan, was too distraught to speak or even stay at the house among the mourners.

"He was a very good father, he was a very good neighbor," said Antonia Lopez, who was among the many paying respects.

Guatemalans fearing aftershocks huddled in the streets of the nearby city San Marcos, the most affected area. Others crowded inside its hospital, the only building in town left with electricity.

More than 90 rescue workers continued to dig with backhoes at a half-ton mound of sand at a second quarry that buried seven people.

"We started rescue work very early," said Julio Cesar Fuentes of the municipal fire department. "The objective is our hope to find people who were buried."

But they uncovered only more dead. One man was called to the quarry to identify his dead father. When he climbed into the sand pit and recognized the clothing, the son collapsed onto the shoulders of firefighters, crying: "Papa, Papa, Papa."

He and his father were not identified to the news media because other relatives had not been notified of the death.

Gregory

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already know her because she was raised in Pampa and graduated from Pampa High School.

"My family moved here in 1968 and opened Gattis Shoe Store downtown I have lived here most of my life," she said. "My ties to Pampa are deep. I have four daughters who are all grown and have families of their own I have six grandchildren and my family is very important to me."

Gregory worked through high school at the fam-

ily business and with the downtown Pampa community.

"I was raised with a strong work ethic, I work well with people and care about people," she said.

Gregory said she looks forward to serving Pampa as United Way executive administrator.

"I feel like I am coming home to what I love and feel strongly toward this community," she said. "I would like to take this opportunity to say that I am very honored and blessed to have been chosen for the position of executive administrator of the Pampa United Way."

"I have missed the

opportunity to help people since leaving the American Red Cross a year ago. The executive administrator position with United Way is an esteemed position Katrina has held for many years."

Gregory said what the United Way does for organizations in Gray County is a very daunting job.

"But with the help of Katrina, the board and the community of Pampa as support, I feel very strongly we will fulfill the goals we set and keep the organization strong. I look forward to working with the community, the agencies and the people of the Pampa United Way."

Community Calendar

Habitat workday Saturday

Habitat for Humanity is holding a workday starting at 9 a.m. Saturday at 1032 Charles. The Habitat organizers are trying to get the family into the house by Dec. 1. For more information call Patti Hudson at 662-4896

City Commission to meet

The Pampa City Commission will meet 4 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 13, at City Hall, 200 W. Foster Ave.

The commission meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meeting agendas are posted for at least 72 hours before the scheduled time of the meeting.

For more information, call 669-5750.

Dust Bowl event at historical museum

The White Deer Land Museum will present "A Historical Perspective of the Dust Bowl and the Drought of the 1950s" beginning 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 17.

There will be a book signing by Virginia Frantz, lunch at 1 p.m. and music will be provided by the Corn

Cob Coalition.

The museum is located at 116 S. Cuyler St. and the phone number is 669-8041.

Local artist displaying works

The White Deer Land Museum will have the Pampa Fine Arts Association Artist of the Year Exhibit open until Dec. 1. Local artist Omajean Lewis will be displaying oils water colors and photography.

The museum is located at 116 S. Cuyler St. and the phone number is 669-8041.

Editor's note: The Pampa News is starting a daily Community Calendar to publish government meetings and functions, church, school and nonprofit events. Email submissions to thowsare@thepampanews.com.

Submissions should be 100 words or less and written in the third person. Please include the title of the event, the date and time, physical address, the

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The economy Obama faces: Slow but gaining steadily

By Christopher S. Rugaber and Paul Wiseman

AP Economics Writers

WASHINGTON — Here's the assignment President Barack Obama has won with his re-election: Improve an economy burdened by high unemployment, stagnant pay, a European financial crisis, slowing global growth and U.S. companies still too anxious to expand much.

And, oh yes, an economy that risks sinking into another recession if Congress can't reach a budget deal to avert tax increases and deep spending cuts starting in January.

Yet the outlook isn't all grim. Signs suggest that the next four years will coincide with a vastly healthier economy than the previous four, which overlapped the Great Recession.

Obama has said he would help create jobs by preserving low income tax rates for all except high-income Americans, spending more on public works and giving targeted tax breaks to businesses.

He used his victory speech in Chicago to stress that the economy is recovering and promised action in the coming months to reduce the government's budget deficit, overhaul the tax system and reform immigration laws.

"We can build on the progress we've made and continue to fight for new jobs and new opportunity for the middle class," Obama said.

The jobs picture has already been improving gradually. Employers added a solid 171,000 jobs in October. Hiring was also stronger in August and September than first thought.

Cheaper gas and rising home prices have given Americans the confidence to spend slightly more. Retailers, auto dealers and manufacturers have been benefiting.

That said, most economists predict the improvement will remain steady but slow. The unemployment rate is 7.9 percent. Obama was re-elected Tuesday night with the highest unemployment rate for any incumbent president since Franklin

Roosevelt.

Few think the rate will return to a normal level of 6 percent within the next two years. The Federal Reserve expects unemployment to be 7.6 percent or higher throughout 2013.

Economists surveyed last month by The Associated Press said they expected the economy to grow a lackluster 2.3 percent next year, too slight to generate strong job growth. From July through September, the economy grew at a meager 2 percent annual rate.

Part of the reason is that much of Europe has sunk into recession. Leaders there are struggling to defuse a debt crisis and save the euro currency. Europe buys 22 percent of America's exports, and U.S. companies have invested heavily there. Any slowdown in Europe dents U.S. exports and corporate profits.

And China's powerhouse economy is decelerating, slowing growth across Asia and beyond.

Most urgently, the U.S. economy will fall over a "fiscal cliff" without a budget deal by year's end. Spending cuts and tax increases that would total about \$800 billion in 2013 will start to kick in. The combination of those measures would likely trigger a recession and drive unemployment up to 9 percent next year, according to estimates by the Congressional Budget Office.

Many U.S. employers are wary of expanding or hiring until that potential crisis is averted. That's why analysts have said resolving, or at least delaying, the fiscal cliff should be the most urgent economic priority for the White House.

In the longer run, analysts are more optimistic. Americans are feeling generally better about the economy. Measures of consumer confidence are at or near five-year highs.

And the main reason unemployment rose from 7.8 percent in September to 7.9 percent in October was that more people felt it was a good time to look for work. Most found jobs. Those who didn't were counted as unemployed. (The government counts people without jobs as unemployed only if they're looking for one.)

Hospice can help

Free workshop on grief just in time for the holidays

November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month.

Americans living with life-limiting illness and their families receive care from the nation's hospice programs with more than 468,000 trained volunteers contributing 22 million hours of service to hospice programs annually.

In Pampa, there are two facilities that provide hospice care, Interim Home Care and Hospice and Hospice Care of the Southwest.

The trend locally and nationally is for hospice patients to be cared for in their homes, said Jacque Burklow, general manager of Interim Home Care and Hospice. Also, there is a

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trend, both locally and nationally, for patients to spend shorter times in hospice care.

About 35 percent stay less than seven days, Burklow said.

Burklow defines hospice as an "elite form of home health care to take care of advancing or end-stage illnesses."

Patients are typically terminally ill with no cure, or they exhausted treatment option or they don't want anymore treatment, she said.

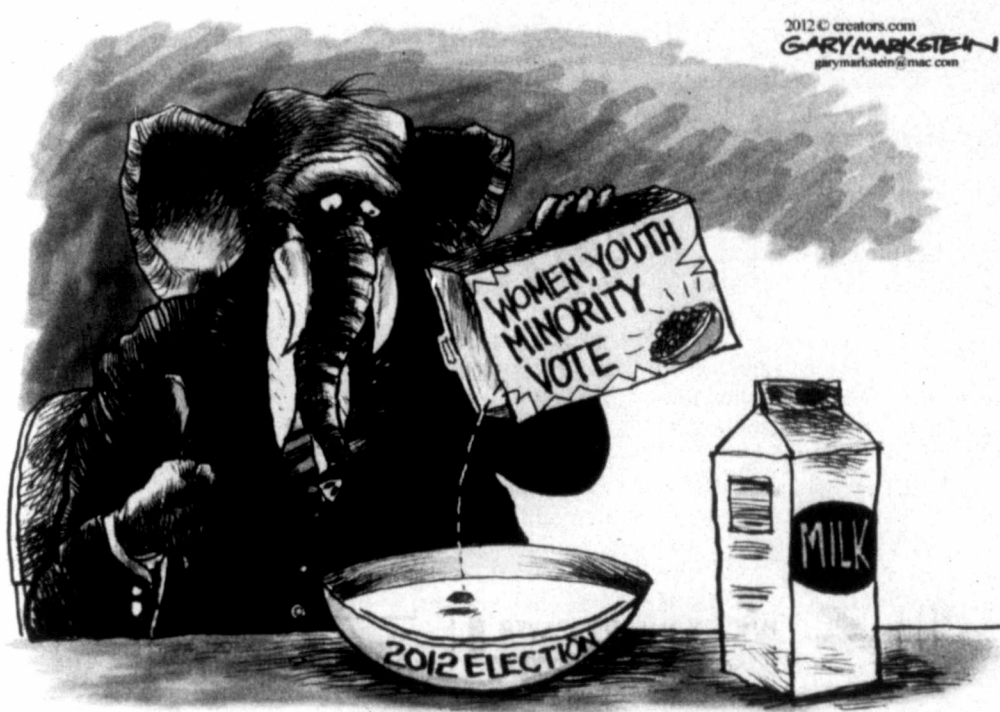
Furthermore, hospice and palliative care providers encourage all people to learn more

about options of care and to share their wishes with family, loved ones and their health care professionals.

On Nov. 19, Pampa residents will have an opportunity to that when Hospice Care of the Southwest offers Grief and the Holidays, a free one-hour presentation that will be held at 6 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Pampa.

The holidays are a time of celebration. But for many, they can be a time of loneliness. Anyone who has experienced a recent loss of a loved one should consider attending this free presentation.

For more information about the presentation, call 806-356-0026.



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Obama wins the way his campaign predicted

By Julie Pace
Associated Press

CHICAGO — In the end, President Barack Obama won re-election exactly the way his campaign had predicted: running up big margins with women and minorities, mobilizing a sophisticated registration and get-out-the-vote operation, and focusing narrowly on the battleground states that would determine the election.

It wasn't always exciting, and it was hardly transformational. But it worked.

"The Obama campaign laid out its plan, told everyone what they were doing and executed," said Anita Dunn, a former Obama White House official who advised the campaign through the fall. "No one should be surprised."

Still, there were detours along the way, most notably Obama's dismal performance in the first debate, which breathed new life into Republican challenger Mitt Romney's campaign. The deadly attack on a U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, thrust foreign policy into the spotlight and exposed Obama to a flurry of GOP criticism of his leadership. And Superstorm Sandy upended the campaign in its closing days, though the political impact appears to have been positive for Obama, who got a high-profile opportunity to show voters his presidential leadership.

Even as national polls suggested an exceedingly close race, Obama's advisers insisted they had the edge in the nine competitive states. By Wednesday, Obama had won seven of them, with Florida still too close to call. Exit polls also backed up the Democratic team's assertions that the coalition of young people and minorities who supported Obama in 2008 would still vote in big numbers this time around.

Black voters made up 13 percent of the electorate, just as they did in 2008, and Hispanics increased from 9 percent to 10 percent. Obama won more than 70 percent of Hispanics and more than 90 percent of blacks, according to exit polls. He also maintained his advantage with women, defeating Romney by 11 points among female voters.

While the demographics looked the same, Obama aides knew from that start that this would have to be a different kind of campaign than his insurgent, optimistic race four years ago. The public's frustration with the sluggish economy and high unemployment made Obama vulnerable. And the deeply partisan bickering that consumed much of his presidency made it impossible to run again on a promise to change Washington — or to claim that those efforts had succeeded in his first term.

The Chicago-based campaign quickly coalesced around a strategy to transform the race from a referendum on Obama's economic record into a choice between the president and Romney, the man aides always expected to win the Republican nomination.

Even before Romney officially became the nominee, Obama's team was savaging him on the airwaves. The campaign spent millions of dollars on television advertisements that sought to cut down Romney's business record, the central tenet of his campaign, and his character, casting the multimillionaire as a secretive protector of the rich.

Interviews with voters leaving polling places on Tuesday showed the president with a 10-point lead over Romney on the question of which candidate is more in touch with people like them. Of those holding that view, 91 percent voted for Obama.

The president, whose cool exterior belies a deeply competitive core, backed his team's decision to go negative early.

As the race pressed on, the economy's trajectory also started to help Obama.

Unemployment, which peaked at 10.1 percent during his term, had dropped to 7.9 percent by Election Day. By October, consumer confidence had reached its highest level since February 2008.

While Obama and Romney squabbled through the summer and into the fall, the Democratic team was mobilizing a field operation in competitive states that proved to be just as robust as its highly praised operation from 2008.

Obama's campaign never fully left places like Ohio and Iowa after the 2008 election. And while Romney battled through the GOP primary, the Democratic campaign was opening dozens, and in some cases hundreds, of field offices across the states.

The staffers and volunteers in those offices helped register 1.8 million new voters in the key battlegrounds, nearly double the number the campaign said it registered in 2008. Officials said volunteers made more than 125 million personal phone calls or door knocks with voters.

Obama's team also focused heavily on running up a lead in early voting and using the extended polling time to get supporters without a consistent voting record to the ballot box. Before Election Day, campaign officials said their early voting advantages meant Romney would have needed to exceed 50 percent or more of the remaining votes in Iowa, Colorado, Nevada and Ohio to pull off victories there. He lost all four states.

Throughout the campaign, Obama advisers prided themselves on not getting diverted by polls or the latest Twitter trend. After damaging video surfaced of Romney decrying 47 percent of Americans who believe they are victims, Obama advisers warned the race could still tighten. And when it did after Obama's woe-filled debate performance, they calmly insisted they had always planned for a close contest.

Obama was helped in the final stretch by two factors that Romney simply couldn't blunt.

One was Bill Clinton, the popular former Democratic president who became an exceptional surrogate, holding dozens of campaign appearances for Obama and vouching for his economic record.

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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012:

This year you have a tendency to keep a lot to yourself. Others find it difficult to get you to open up. You are like a clam, unless you choose to share what's on your mind. If you are single, you might have difficulty meeting Mr. or Ms. Right. In fact, you could meet someone who is emotionally unavailable. Use care when deciding whom to date. If you are attached, try to share more with your sweetie, or else you could create considerable distance between you. **LIBRA** makes a great healer for you.

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)

★★★★ Dive into a few social days and make plans with others. You might become a background player, but only for a short period of time. That role is not for you, and you'll break out of it with only a little agitation. Resist getting involved in a heavy situation. Tonight: Say "yes."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Remain sensitive to your responsibilities. You have certain details and projects to complete before you can relax. The sooner you accomplish them, the happier you will be. Your insights and feelings merge, which exposes you to new revelations. Tonight: Put your feet up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You know when you no longer can work in the same way. Let go and enjoy yourself. A loved one absolutely would adore spending some more time with you. Be present in the moment, and release what has been an issue for you in the past. Tonight: In the whirlwind of living.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Catch up on a family member's news. A loved one might be exhibiting distress through his or her unusually sour mood. Know your limits and realize what is possible. You cannot open someone up who has decided to be a clam, no matter what. An older friend surprises you. Tonight: Choose a favorite pastime.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Make spontaneous plans. You will enjoy hearing someone else's good news. A surprise visit or an impromptu phone call heads in your direction. An invitation also could appear out of the blue. You will try to squeeze everything in. Tonight: Invite others to join you

for dinner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ It seems as though you have the upcoming holiday season in mind, as you toy with your budget and consider different options for holiday gifts. You could be taken back by an unexpected development, but know that you can handle it. Tonight: Join a loved one for dinner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ You are on top of your game. How you see a situation and your ability to move in a new direction are marked by someone's unpredictability. Sometimes you enjoy this person's erratic behavior, but right now you might not. Tonight: Walk away from a cold shoulder.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Much is happening around you, but others think you are not picking up on it. Truth be told, you are, and you know exactly what is going on. Until you are sure about how you want to handle this issue, do nothing. Indulge in a leisurely walk for now. Tonight: Observe and say little.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Make a point of doing something you really want to do. Your upbeat attitude goes far when dealing with a child or loved one who usually can be quite touchy. A disagreement about a money matter is OK; everyone can do what he or she wants. Tonight: Happy wherever you are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Consider doing something different, but know that others might invite you to join them in what has become a ritual among you. The unexpected plays into your plans, no matter which way you turn. Avoid being controlling or difficult. Tonight: A must appearance.

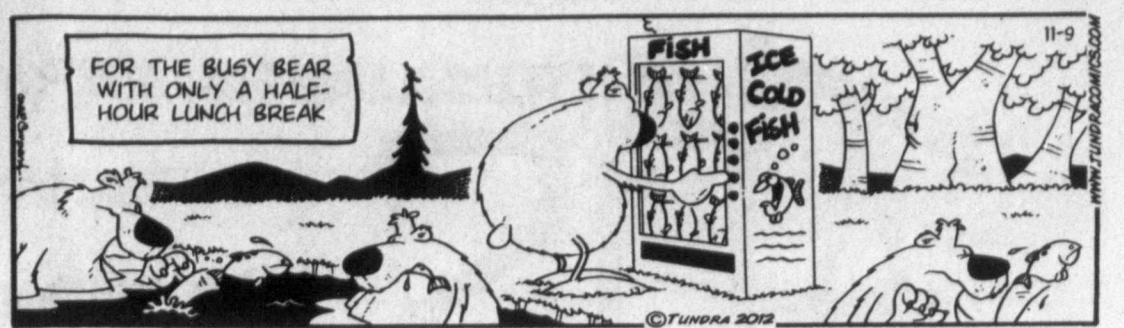
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Make an important call to someone at a distance. Unexpected developments could interfere with your plans as you head in a new direction. Go with the flow rather than try to control someone else. Unexpected developments point to a new idea. Tonight: Where there is music.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Relate to a friend or loved one directly. You might want to rethink plans, especially if they involve one key person. Know which side your bread is buttered on. You pull the wild card financially. Be careful when taking any risks. Tonight: Visit with a loved one.

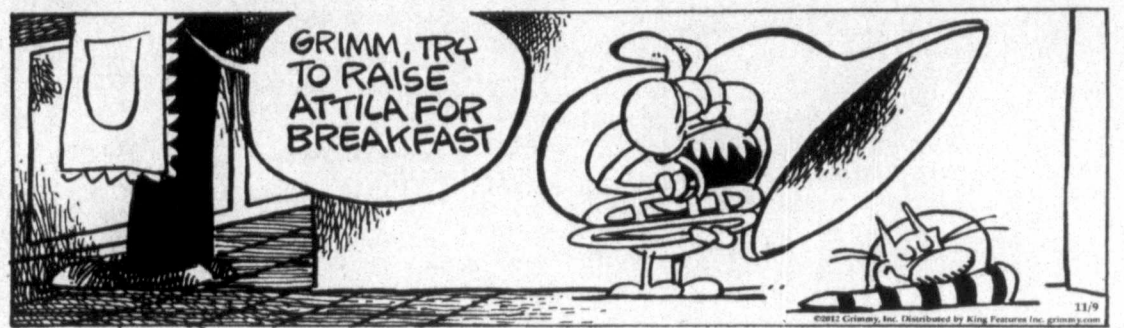
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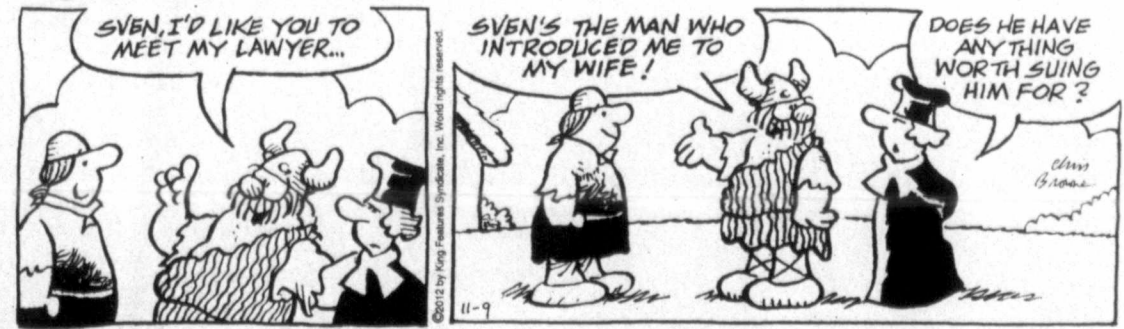
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My brother lost his wife, the love of his life, three years ago. He has three children. His oldest, a 25-year-old daughter, "Jenny," told him that "when you marry, it is for life." She has threatened that if he dates someone or sees anyone, she will be out of his life and he won't be able to see his future grandchildren. (Jenny is getting married next summer.)

My brother is very upset. He wants to settle this argument before she is married. He hasn't dated anyone, but feels she shouldn't be trying to control his life. Please help, Abby. I'll show Jenny your answer and hope it helps them. — **SISTER KATY IN MAINE**

DEAR SISTER KATY: I'm very sorry Jenny lost her mother, but her attitude is off base. At 25, it's time for her to grow up and stop making selfish, childish threats she will regret.

While I agree that marriage should be "for life," her parents' marriage DID last for life — the life of her mother. That she would begrudge her father continuing to live his life is cruel and wrong. If she cuts him out of her life, she will deprive her future children of a relationship with a loving grandparent, and that would be a shame.

DEAR ABBY: I have a man-

ners dilemma. I was raised in a home where "Yes, ma'am" and "No, sir" were expected, and I have used that respectful form of address throughout my life. Yes, I grew up in the South.

Six months ago, my husband and I moved north with our two children for job relocation. My co-workers are giving me a hard time about my constant use of "ma'am" and "sir." They feel offended!

I have tried to respect their request not to say it to them. Some are my age, younger or older, but I'm used to saying it to EVERYONE, all the time. It simply rolls off my tongue.

I sense that upper management and my supervisor like being addressed that way. But what do you suggest I do with the rest of my co-workers? — **OL'-FASHIONED IN OHIO**

DEAR OL'-FASHIONED: I suggest you explain to your co-workers, as you have to me, that using this respectful form of address is a custom you were raised with. And because old habits are hard to break, that they please cut you some slack because you are trying to offend no one.

P.S. They appear to be clueless.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 15. A few nights ago a guy

friend of mine asked me to "sext." I was furious, but played along with him and said "yes." Then I sent him a picture of an elderly woman in a bikini.

After that, I went off on him. I told him how wrong it was for him to ask me for that. No girl deserves to be treated that way. I haven't spoken to him since.

He texted a close friend of mine, telling her what happened and saying how much he regretted it and loved me. He said he cares for me, but that now there's no chance because I hate him.

He has sent me texts apologizing for what he did, but I have ignored them. Should I accept his apology? Or save my heart from being broken again? — **DISAPPOINTED TEEN IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR DISAPPOINTED TEEN: Your guy friend made a mistake and has apologized. If you still have feelings for him, accept the apology and give him another chance.

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PampaSports

Senior girl runners head to state

By **BARB AMRHEIN**
Special for The Pampa News

Two, rather than one, doubles the fun. After qualifying one runner for the UIL state championships in 2011, Pampa will send two runners to the 2012 championships.

Senior Lady Harvester cross country runners Terra Truitt and J'Cee Holmes finished second and fifth, respectively, at the Region I-3A cross country championships and left Thursday with Pampa's Cross Country Coach Mark Elms to compete in the state meet.

Truitt, who finished 24th at state last year, is sure that her final high school cross country run is bound to be more enjoyable with long-suffering teammate J'Cee Holmes also earning her first berth in the girls UIL Class 3A state championships at Old Settlers' Park in Round Rock Saturday.

"It's going to be great to have someone else to run with," Truitt said. "We plan to stay together and it will help us."

Holmes has been a strong runner for the Lady Harvesters for four years, but could never seem to run her best race at the regional meet and earn a trip to Round Rock.

"I've tried for four years to get to state, so I'm really excited," Holmes said. "I was 25th last year. I ran terrible at regionals last year."

Holmes believes Having Truitt, who came to Pampa during her junior year, has helped her finally earn a trip

to the state meet. "We work well together and feed off each other," Holmes said. "I kept my eye on Terra (at regional) and just went with her."

Elms is excited about the success of his two seniors and their chances to earn a coveted state cross medal with a top 10 finish.

"I can't remember when we've taken two," Holmes said. "We think we've got a chance at top 20 or (even) top 10."

Truitt enters as a top 15 returner from last year and appears to have a strong chance to finish among the leaders with district champion Sara Smith of Dalhart entering as the No. 1 ranked runner in the state.

Truitt has been as close as 15 seconds to Smith and Holmes is usually close behind Truitt.

"I'm really not running for a top 10 as much as a time," Truitt said. "I want to break 12 minutes."

Holmes is thankful to be at the state meet.

"I can't tell you how many miles I ran to get this, but I know it's a lot, in the hundreds," she said. "It's going to be fun."

The state race begins at noon Saturday, and Elms expects both of his qualifiers to be ready to represent their school and enjoy the experience they have earned with years of hard work.

"We've got some sightseeing things planned Friday and we'll run on the course, then on Saturday we'll go out there and see what happens," he said. "Hopefully we'll bring home some medals."

Special Olympics bowling tournament results

SUBMITTED REPORT

Twenty nine Pampa Special Olympics athletes traveled to Borger for a Special Olympics bowling tournaments on Saturday, Nov. 3.

The tournament was held at Wildcatter Bowling with area teams participating from Amarillo, Canyon, Hereford and Pampa.

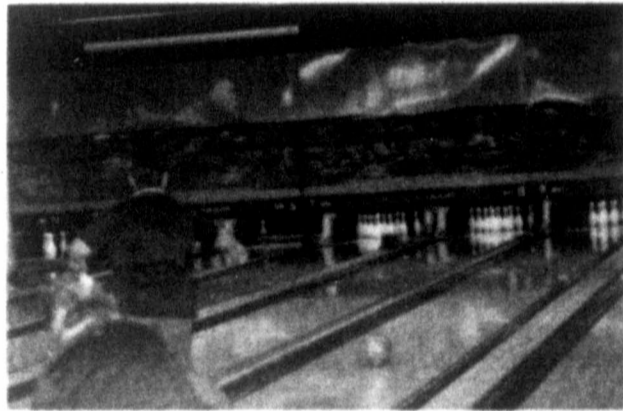
Here is how Pampa placed:
1st place: Liberty Bloxom, Amy Hammer, Mindy Hervey, Tina Hinson, Rachel Holland, Eric Knott and Mandy Rossiter.

2nd Place: Michelle Blogett, Chris Bradley, Cody Dyer, Debbie Ellis, Tollie Jinks, Taisey Phillips, Wauneta Reece, Jennifer Roden, Cordell Schneider and Virginia Winegeart.

3rd Place: Mark McMinn, Jeret Moore, Joann Morehart, Justin Strickland, Joshua Stringfield, Randy Swires, Aries Villarreal and David Winegeart.

4th Place: Ashley Abbe, Cole Nall, Elijah Palma and Ameer Street.

The next tournament will be held in Amarillo at Western Bowl on Nov. 17.



Submitted photos

BOWLING WINNERS. Above, Ameer Street throwing her ball. Street's team finished fourth in the tournament. Below, Jennifer Roden getting ready to bowl. Roden's team finished second in the tournament.



SPORTS Briefs

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■ Pampa Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Idalou 2:30 p.m.

NOV. 12
■ Pampa Freshman Boys Basketball @Tascosa 4:30 p.m.
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