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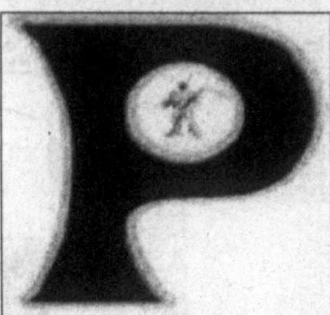
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Survivor: It takes more than medicine to battle cancer

Lamar kindergarten teacher keeps the faith while fighting liver, pancreatic cancer.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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Pampa resident Raquel Navarette said there is no room in her mind for anything negative.

"Everything is positive

to me," said Navarette, who teaches bilingual kindergarten at Lamar Elementary. "I have been able to pray for other people, especially people I know who are battling cancer."

Navarette is battling



Raquel Navarette

hardest cancers to fight.

both pancreatic and liver cancer.

Though survival rates for pancreatic cancer are improving, it is one of the

According to the

American Cancer Society, for all stages of pancreatic cancer combined, the one-year relative survival rate is 20 percent, and the five-year rate is 4 percent.

Navarette is going through chemotherapy, which often causes patients to feel tired or sick.

Teaching a kindergarten class with 19 rambunctious youngsters could tire

anyone out, but Navarette said she gets her energy from her kids.

"Teaching is very rewarding," she said. "I like to see them learning, to see them accomplish things."

When she does feel tired, the school has provided her with a recliner to take a break on. "I have been blessed because the Lord

has given me energy every single day," she said.

Navarette survived breast cancer 10 years ago.

Then, about a year and a half ago, she started having problems with her stomach. After two surgeries the doctors discovered she had pancreatic cancer.

In the summer she went in for an appointment and the doctors found more

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Trial begins in correction officer's death

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press

BRYAN, Texas (AP) — Attorneys for a convicted killer on trial for the killing of a corrections officer during an escape attempt in Huntsville five years ago contended Monday that another inmate — not their client — was responsible for the death.

Susan Canfield, 59, a seven-year Texas Department of Criminal Justice officer, was killed as John Falk Jr. and fellow prisoner Jerry Martin broke away from the inmate work crew outside the Wynne Unit prison. Martin jumped into a truck at a nearby city service center and rammed it into Canfield, who was on horseback. The horse threw her and her head struck the edge of the truck roof and windshield, killing her.

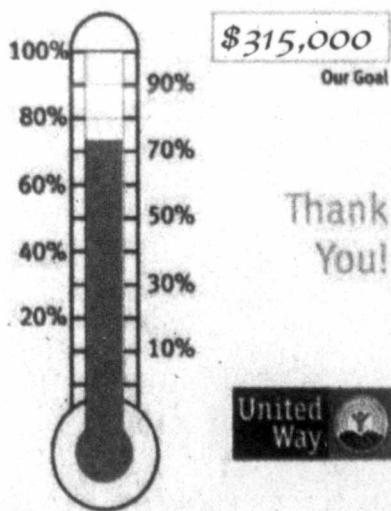
Canfield's fatal hinge fracture "opened up her skull," Walker County District Attorney David Weeks told jurors in his opening remarks Monday as Falk's capital murder trial got under way. Weeks is seeking the death penalty for Falk.

Martin and Falk sped away before they were caught a few hours later.

Michele Esparza, Falk's lead lawyer, said jurors would have to decide between "different versions of what took place," saying many facts they might think of as small would be disputed by the defense.

"Beyond a reasonable doubt, John Falk was not in that truck," Esparza

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The Pampa United Way has collected \$230,018 or 73 percent of its goal.

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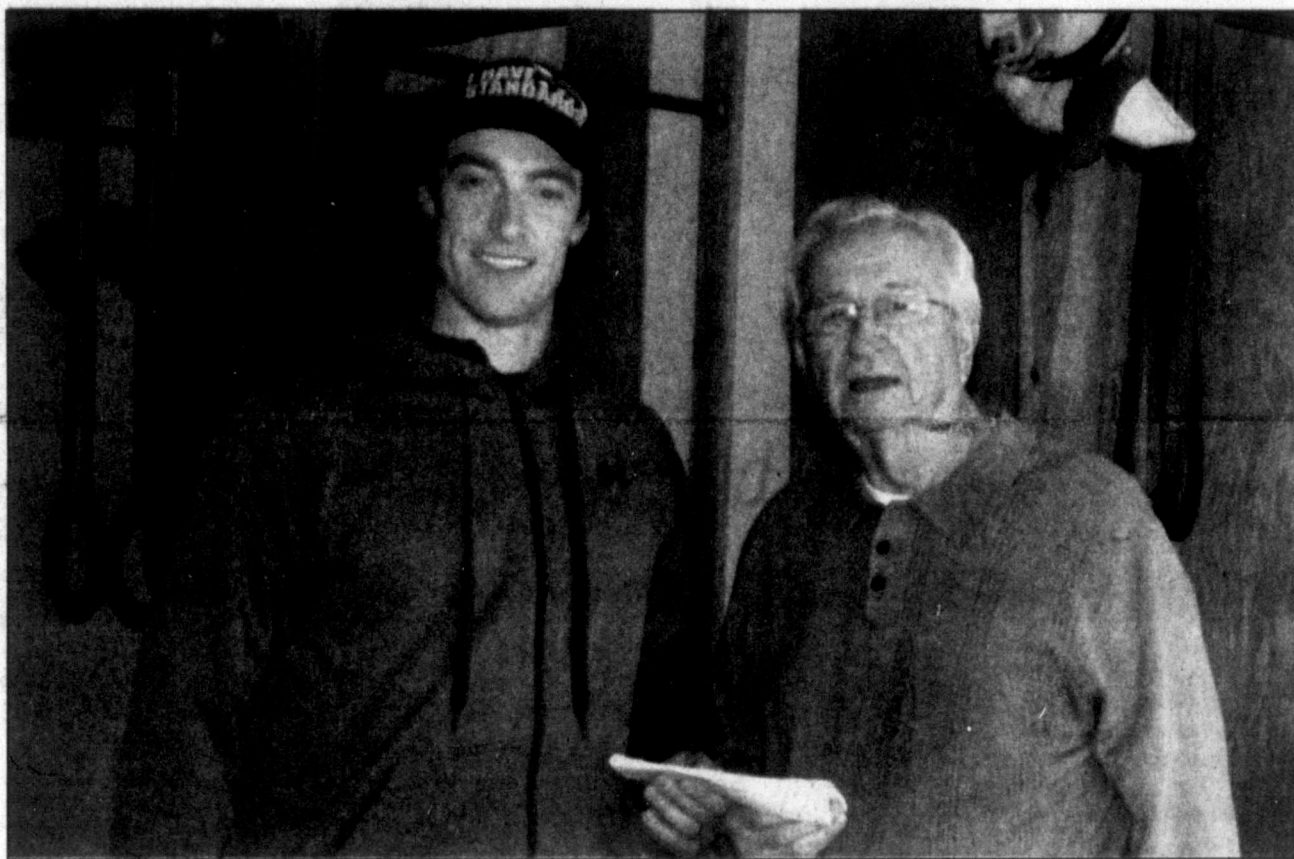


Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

Sam Steen, left, owner of CrossFit Pampa, presents a check to Loyd Waters on behalf of the Patriot Warrior Foundation.

CrossFit Pampa donates to Wounded Warriors program

By TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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CrossFit athletes can be just as competitive outside the gym as they are inside.

Earlier this month, Sam Steen, owner of CrossFit Pampa, told his members that he read in the newspaper that a group of Wounded Warriors were coming to town, it only took them three days to raise \$4,000 to donate to the Patriot Warrior Foundation, the organization that sponsors hunting and fishing trips for the Warriors, like the deer hunt that was held for the Warriors who came to Pampa.

"I read about it in the Saturday paper and told them about it on Sunday and Monday," he said. "We had about 50 athletes go out and raise sponsorships. They made it like a competition."

A lunch was held in honor of the Wounded Warriors on Nov. 9, and they went hunting with several Pampa residents as their guides on Nov. 10.

Loyd Waters, one of the organizers of the hunting trip, said he got a call from Steen a few days before the lunch, which was held at

Briarwood Church's family center. Steen wanted to know if he could make a presentation at the lunch.

Steen told Waters about the money his crew had raised.

"I was floored by how much they raised," he said. "That was quite an accomplishment."

For those unfamiliar with CrossFit, it is a fitness program that has been

used by law enforcement for years and is now becoming more popular in the mainstream.

The program combines cardio and strength training into the same workout, using fundamental movements, such as squats, at high intensity.

CrossFit Pampa is an affiliate of the CrossFit program, and there are CrossFit gyms all over the country.



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Veterans from Pampa and surrounding towns greeted the Wounded Warriors as they arrived in a procession on Nov. 8.

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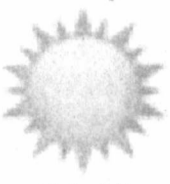
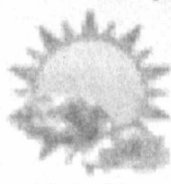

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday
		
High 57 Low 34	High 68 Low 40	High 69 Low 35

Today: Sunny with a high of 57. No chance of rain. Winds southwest at 16 mph. Sunrise 7:32 a.m.

Tonight: Clear with a low of 34. No chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 12 mph. Sunset 5:32 p.m.

Wednesday: Mostly Sunny with a high of 68. No chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 14 mph. Sunrise 7:33 a.m.

Wednesday night: Partly Cloudy with a low of 40. No chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 14 mph. Sunset 5:32 p.m.

Thursday: Sunny with a high of 69. No chance of rain. Winds west at 14 mph. Sunrise 7:34 a.m.

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Obituaries

Shirley Hargrove

Shirley Hargrove, 73, died Friday, Nov. 23, 2012, in Pampa.



Shirley Hargrove

Services will be at 2:00 PM Today, Nov. 27, 2012, at Central Baptist Church with Rev. Norman Rushing,

pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Shirley was born May 17, 1939 in Vernon and came to Pampa in 1950 where she graduated from Pampa High School. She married Vester "Cotton" Hargrove on Nov. 21, 1964. Shirley was employed by Citizens Bank and Trust and First-Bank Southwest for 35 years. She was a Baptist. She enjoyed spending time in the mountains and was an avid pet lover. Shirley was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother and enjoyed spending time with her family.

Survivors include her husband, Vester "Cotton" Hargrove of the home; four daughters, Terri Garvin of Pampa, Kathy Lewis of Perryton, Judy Parker of Tyler, and Nancy Mackie and husband Jerry Don of Canyon; a son, Denny Hargrove of Amarillo; 10 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jimmy and Faye Chilton, a son, Bob Hargrove, two brothers, a sister, and a son-in-law, Luke Garvin.

Memorials may be made to PAWS, P.O. Box 2095, Pampa, TX 79066-2095.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Juanita Lou Vincent

Juanita Lou Vincent, 82, died Sunday, Nov. 25, 2012, in Claude.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2012, at Fairview Cemetery with Rev. Mike Watson, pastor of Hobart

Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Vincent was born Nov. 30, 1929 in Perryton to Lyman and Charlotte Upham. She graduated from Lefors High School in 1947 and married Ed Vincent on Oct. 25, 1947. They were the first couple married in the newly constructed First Methodist Church in Lefors. Ed preceded her in death on Oct. 21, 2005. Juanita and Ed raised registered quarter horses and tended Herford cattle. Their horses were well-known throughout the Panhandle as some of the best cattle horses to own and ride. Juanita was a former member of Lefors United Methodist Church and later became a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Pampa.

Survivors include four daughters, Shirley Fields and husband Keith of Groom, Ann Hines and husband Nick of Canadian, Carol Vincent and Leatrice Ferguson and husband Bruce, all of Claude; brother-in-law, Robert Carr Vincent of Amarillo 7 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity. Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Wanda Glyn Dunn

Wanda Glyn Dunn, 85, lovingly called "Nanny" by her family, passed away Friday, November 23, 2012 at a local care facility.

Visitation was on Sunday at Resthaven Funeral Home. Graveside service was on Monday, Resthaven Memorial Park.

Wanda was born Feb. 7, 1927 in Lubbock County to Alfred and Meva Lou (Council) Duncan. She married J.C. (Jake) Dunn on Feb. 8, 1946 in Woodrow, Texas.

Nanny loved to read and was referred to as a "book of knowledge" by her family. She enjoyed writing poetry for family and friends. She was employed for 25 years with Highland

Hospital in the dietary department. She was an excellent cook. She was involved in the farming and agriculture community in the Woodrow area. She was a loving wife, mom, grandmother and great grandmother who loved and enjoyed her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J.C. (Jake) Dunn, son, Jimmy Dunn, brothers, Vestal Duncan and Donald Duncan and sister, Mildred (Tookie) Norman.

Nanny is survived by her children, Judy Hunley and husband, Sam, Kathy Cloud and husband, Johnny both of Lubbock, Randy Dunn and wife, Brenda of Pampa and Terri Bonner and husband, Wayne of Lubbock; daughter in law, Barbara Dunn of Lubbock and sister, Maureen Bourland of Brownwood along with 13 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Condolences may be offered at <http://www.resthavenfuneralhome.com/>.

FA Records

FA Records, Lt. Col., USAF retired, died Nov. 16, 2012 in Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. James Stevens, pastor of the First Christian Church of Borger, officiating.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012, at Ochiltree Cemetery south of Perryton with military honors courtesy of Altus Air Force Base Blue Knights Honor Guard. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

FA was born Sept. 5, 1925, in Perryton to Paul A. and Susie Mae McLelland Records. His childhood was spent in Canadian and Perryton. He graduated from Perryton High School in 1944 while already serving in the World War II Army Air Corps. He attended West Texas State College on the "GI Bill" and there met his future wife, Margie L. Thompson of Borger.

FA and Margie were married on June 8, 1948 in Borger and they continued their education at Texas Tech College. He worked 8 years for Phillips Petroleum in Borger as an engineer. Their children, Paula, Franklin and Lora were born in Borger. In 1960, he returned to active duty as a Captain, USAF. In 1977, he retired as a Lt. Col., having served as an engineering manager in the acquisition of new weapons systems. In 1979, he joined West Texas Utilities Company in Abilene as a mechanical engineer, WTU power plants. In 1990, at the age of 65, he retired for a final time. In 2002, he and Margie moved to Pampa.

He was a former member of both First United Methodist Church of Abilene and First United Methodist Church of Pampa. FA believed in the Lord as his Savior.

He was past president of the Borger Jaycees, Abilene Elmwood West Lions Club and Abilene WTU Golden Years. He was also a former member of the Abilene Evening Lions Club and was a current member of the Pampa Lions Club. He developed the first low fat and cholesterol China-burgers, but old age and his wife's illness precluded successful marketing. FA enjoyed traveling and camping, and had a great love of the local sports, especially basketball. He was an amazing storyteller and keeper of history. The adventures will be missed.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife: Margie on Jan. 21, 2009; a son: Franklin A. Records in 1988; two daughters: Lora L. Records in 2004 and Paula S. Hagerty in 2012; his parents; and three sisters: Christeen Dendy, Diddy Correll and Studie A. Reeder.

He is remembered by his granddaughter: Sara A. Phinney and her children, Lucas and Owen; a grandson: Robert M. Hagerty and his son Brady; a grandson: David Anderson; his sister: Colleen A. Wheeler of Higgins; two brothers: Paul A. "Jim" Records of Fischer, and George L. Records of Ottawa, Kansas; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Texas Lions Camp, P.O. Box 290247, Kerville, Texas 78029. Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Committee considers tighter open records law

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Witnesses told a Senate Committee Monday that Texas' open records law should be tightened and clarified to reduce lawsuits.

Freedom of information advocates said the Legislature could improve on one of the best public information acts in the country, but should make sure to provide more information, not less.

One source of recent litigation is whether a public official must share e-mails sent from a pri-

vate account talking about government business. The attorney general's office said they must, but the city of Lubbock and a Bexar County commissioner are fighting that decision in court.

Contractors are also fighting to keep information about their government work private, representing more than a third of the lawsuits over the public information act in Texas.

Senators said they would consider new laws next year.

Perry taps chief of staff for Texas Supreme Court

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry has appointed his chief of staff to the Texas Supreme Court.

Jeffrey Boyd will join the state's highest civil court Dec. 3 and finish a term that expires at the end of 2014.

He replaces Dale Wainwright, who resigned Sept. 30 to join Bracewell & Giuliani LLP in Austin.

Boyd became Perry's chief of staff last year and was previously the governor's general counsel.



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■ 55-year-old Randy Harris, Pampa, was arrested Friday by Gray County Sheriff's Office on a violation of probation charge for unlawful carrying of a weapon. Harris also displayed expired registration, did not have a valid driver's license and failed to meet financial responsibilities.

■ 19-year-old Keith Bryan Rodriguez, Pampa, was arrested Friday by GCSO on an assault that caused bodily injury.

■ 18-year-old Alferdo Benitez, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD on an assault causing bodily injury of a family member. Benitez was also arrested for criminal mischief of more than \$50 but less

than \$500 and a public intoxication charge.

■ 47-year-old, Melody Davis, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a DWI charge.

■ 45-year-old Billy Ray Swanson, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD on a capias pro fine charge for no valid driver's license.

■ 18-year-old Kristie Rachelle Davis, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD on charges of DWI, no driver's license and no insurance.

■ 48-year-old Clayton Durand Johnson, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD on charges of driving with license invalid.

■ 37-year-old Kendra Sothala Anderson, Fresno, Calif., was arrested Satur-

day by DPS on possession of marijuana.

■ 36-year-old Johnny Phaysamone, Fresno, Calif., was arrested Saturday by DPS on possession of marijuana.

■ 20-year-old Logan Shane McKinney, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD on a capias pro fine charge from a minor in possession of alcohol.

■ 18-year-old Lyndell Quaid Chennault, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD on a public intoxication charge and a charge for minor in possession of alcohol.

■ 18-year-old Nicholas Dwyane Glover, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD on a public intoxication charge and a charge for minor in possession of

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About 3:30 a.m. Sunday, a 2001 Ford Expedition crashed 12 miles east of Shamrock on Interstate 40, mile marker 175.

The vehicle was traveling westbound on I-40 when the driver drove into the center median and went back into the westbound lane. The driver overcorrected causing the

vehicle to skid. The vehicle then re-entered the center median and overturned, landing upright but ejecting the driver.

56-year-old Cleophus Nash, Amarillo, was the driver of the Expedition and died on the scene. Nash was not wearing a seatbelt.

53-year-old Van Lee Johnson, Amarillo, was a passenger that was sent to Shamrock General Hospital, treated and released. Johnson was wearing a seatbelt.

Texas Aggie ring lost in Wyoming returned to grad

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AUSTIN, Texas — A Texas A&M-Galveston class ring lost at a snowy park in Wyoming has been returned to the 2012 graduate.

Toni Chandler of Austin was devastated last December when the ring slipped off at Grand Teton National Park.

The marine biology graduate says she made a snow angel, got up, removed her gloves to shake off and the ring flew from her hand.

KXAN-TV (<http://bit.ly/UWb6Ad>) reported Sunday that a couple from Cape Cod, Mass., visited the campsite last spring and found the ring.

Barb Walsh spotted something shiny in the gravel. Chandler's name was engraved inside the ring but Walsh had little luck finding her.

Walsh and her husband had friends over for dinner last week, including a retired law enforcement officer. His knowledge of investigating helped Walsh locate Chandler.

Bear paw baffles Ill. authorities

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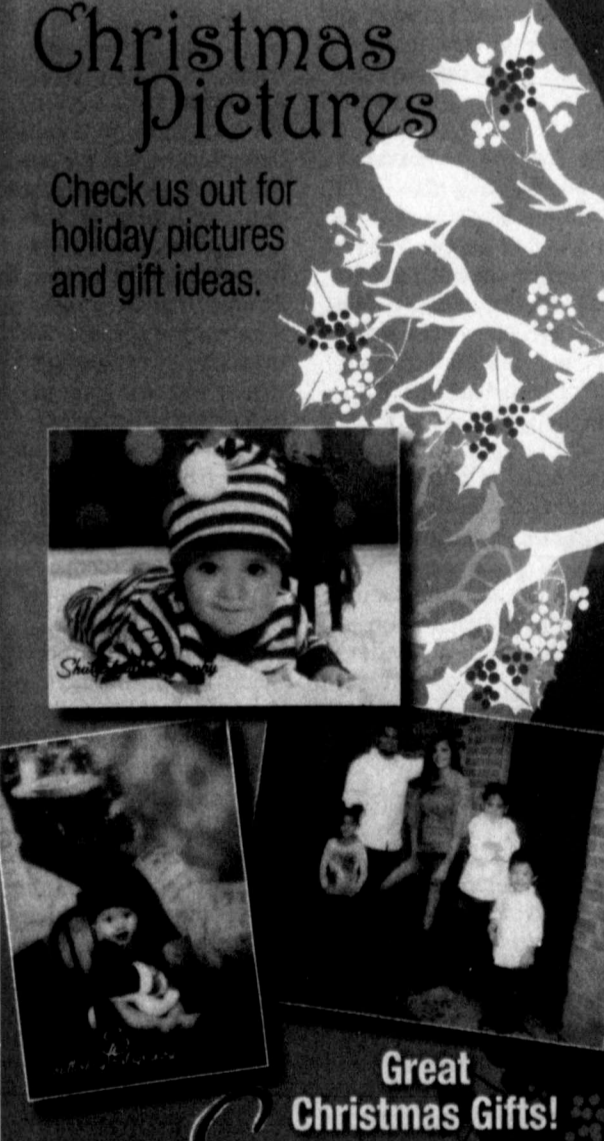
DECATUR, Ill. (AP) — Authorities say a bloody severed body part found along a central Illinois bike trail belonged to a bear.

A walker found the mangled paw on Thanksgiving morning along the bike trail in Decatur. Deputies closed part of the path Friday when it was determined the body part did not belong to a human.

The Decatur Herald & Review reports authorities have turned the paw over to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources in hopes of discovering how it ended up along the bike path. There was no sign of the rest of the bear.

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About that 'fiscal cliff'

Yikes, we're headed toward a fiscal cliff! It will crush the economy! Or so the media and politicians tell us.

The "cliff" is a series of tax increases and budget cuts that automatically go into effect Jan. 1 unless Congress acts.

Will Congress act? It will! I see the future: The politicians will meet and fret and hold press conferences and predict disaster. Then they'll reach a deal.

It will just postpone the reckoning, but they'll congratulate themselves, and the media will move on.

America, however, continues to go broke.

"They're not going to admit that we're bankrupt, and they won't admit that we're on the verge of a major, major change in our society," says Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas. "So they'll keep putting it aside, but then we'll eventually probably destroy the dollar."

The across-the-board cut, or "sequestration," was designed to be so distasteful that Congress would be moved to cut more deliberately. If it doesn't act, \$110 billion in projected spending will be automatically cut — half from domestic spending, half from the Pentagon.

"They assume that they made it so bad that they wouldn't accept it, but I don't think they did," said Paul. "They're not even ... talking about real cuts. They're talking about cuts in baseline budgeting."

Right, the old baseline budgeting trick.

"If they propose, let's say, a \$10 billion increase for next year and cut it down to \$9 billion, they say they're cutting 10 percent. But they're not cutting anything, they're only increasing it \$9 billion instead of \$10 billion. It's done on purpose so that people get confused."

Republican House

Speaker John Boehner calls the fiscal cliff a "nightmare."

But why? Trillion-dollar deficits are more terrible.

Cuts of \$110 billion would even be good for us because it would keep money in private hands, away from the bloated and freedom-killing bureaucracy.

"When government spending is about \$3.8 trillion, you're going to cut \$100 billion? That's a deck chair on the Titanic," said Russ Roberts of the Hoover Institution. "If they're actual cuts, I think that would be great. I'd cut 10, 20 percent across the board if I had my druthers. But across the board scares people because they think, 'Let's save the things that are really important and cut the things that are not so important.' (But) that never works."

It doesn't work because every cent in the budget is absolutely crucial to someone.

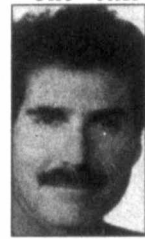
Lately the media are focused on the \$400 billion in tax increases that make up four-fifths of the fiscal cliff. We're told that if the Bush-era tax rate cuts expire and the spending reductions kick in, catastrophe will follow.

"The tax increases sound scarier. But we have a trillion-dollar deficit!" Roberts pointed out. "So to me, the idea of raising taxes is probably a good idea. It says this spending that we've been doing is not a free lunch."

I'm not convinced that giving politicians more money is ever a good idea.

And won't the wealthy high-earners find a way around the higher rates? When rich people do that, much of their money goes to lawyers instead of consumer satisfaction.

The other thing that scares Washington are the automatic cuts to Pentagon spending. "These draconian cuts represent a threat to our national security," say Republican Sens. John McCain of Arizona and **STOSSEL** cont. on page 5



JOHN STOSSEL

Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus Tattoos and ex-girlfriends

Dear John: I have been in a committed relationship with "Daniel" for the last 30 months. In 2009, he got a matching tattoo with his then-girlfriend. It's located on the upper part of his behind. Hers, I'm told, is in the same place. I've been dealing with this for a long time. Daniel says he's willing to cover it up, but he hasn't made it a priority. He also claims that the tattoo is their "numerological number," which I find hard to believe, because they were born on different days of the same month. To me it looks like her initials, and I have pointed this out to Daniel. — **Tattoo Weary** in Las Vegas, Nev.

Dear Tattoo Weary: I could suggest you turn the other cheek, but you might have already heard that. Whether this tattoo is a symbol, her initials or a map for buried treasure, your pushing him to remove it is only leading to his further resistance, so what's the point? His tattoo buddy is the past, and you are his future. Continuing to make an issue out of it makes you seem insecure. There's more to your guy than just what is on his rear. If not, it's time to rethink the whole relationship.

PS: This is a cautionary tale for having love notes carved onto intimate areas. Tattoo in haste, regret in leisure!



JOHN GRAY

like having sex at all. — **Worried**, in Greenville, S.C.

Dear John: My husband seems to be obsessed with having sex. If we don't have sex at least three times a week, he gets grumpy. I just had our first baby five months ago, and I guess I don't feel attractive, or I am just tired because I don't feel

Dear Worried: It's hard for many new moms to feel motivated and sexy, what with all the new responsibilities they must juggle. Still, intimacy is important to maintain, now more than ever. My guess is that there's nothing wrong with you that a real vacation would not cure. If that's not in the cards, now is the time to come up with Plan B. Arrange at least one night away for the two of you. Perhaps you can call on a trusted

relative, or friends who are also parents and would consider a quid pro quo swap a month apart. Go some place romantic, run a bath, bring something sexy (or nothing at all) and have what I would call "gourmet sex." That's not "Oh my gosh, her nap's almost over, let's hurry and get this done in ten minutes" sex. No, it is take-your-time-and-have-a-good-time sex.

What will this accomplish? You'll feel attractive again, he'll be a lot less grumpy, and a lot of stress will melt away. When you get home, keep up a healthy sex agenda. Even quick sex is better than no sex, for both your physical and emotional wellbeing. "Parents are passionate, too" isn't a bumper sticker yet, but it should be!

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So what if taxing rich hurts the economy?

Consider this headline from a Reuters article in The Huffington Post: "Raising Taxes on Rich Won't Hurt Economic Growth, CBO Says."

But the first paragraph refutes the headline:

"Allowing income tax rates to rise for wealthy Americans would not hurt U.S. economic growth much (emphasis added) in 2013 ..."

The CBO did not say, as the headline suggests, that raising taxes on the rich has no negative economic effect. In fact, the CBO actually said that extending the Bush-era rates for all would increase economic growth by 1.5 percent. If, however, the Bush era rates expired for the rich — but were retained for everybody else — economic growth would still increase, but by 1.25 percent.

In other words, raising taxes would result in less economic activity, not more. Herein lies the key to understanding why the left wants higher taxes for "the rich." To the rich-should-pay-more crowd, the question of whether raising taxes hurts economic growth is less important than the issue of "fairness."

Then-presidential candidate Barack Obama,

in 2008, was asked why he insisted on pushing a capital gains tax increase given that, historically, higher capital gains rates meant less revenue:

ABC News' Charlie Gibson: "You have, however, said you would favor an increase in the capital gains tax. As a matter of fact, you said on CNBC, and I quote, 'I certainly would not go above what existed under Bill Clinton, which was 28 percent.' It's now 15 percent. That's almost a doubling if you went to 28 percent. But actually Bill Clinton in 1997 signed legislation that dropped the capital gains tax to 20 percent."

Then-Sen. Obama: "Right."

Gibson: "And George Bush has taken it down to 15 percent."

Obama agreed, "Right." "And in each instance," Gibson continued, "when the rate dropped, revenues from the tax increased. The government took in more money. And in the 1980s, when the tax was increased to 28 percent, the revenues went down. So why raise it at all, especially given the fact that 100 million people in this country own stock and would be affected?"

Obama explained: "Well, Charlie, what I've said is that I would look at raising the capital gains tax for purposes of fairness (emphasis added). We saw an article today which showed that the top 50 hedge fund manag-

ers made \$29 billion last year — \$29 billion for 50 individuals. And part of what has happened is that those who are able to work the stock market and amass huge fortunes on capital gains are paying a lower tax rate than their secretaries. That's not fair. And what I want is not oppressive taxation. I want businesses to thrive, and I want people to be rewarded for their success. But what I also want to make sure is that our tax system is fair."

Years earlier, in 1998, the then-state senator told a Loyola University audience: "The trick is figuring out how do we structure government systems that pool resources and hence facilitate some (wealth) redistribution — because I actually believe in redistribution, at least at a certain level to make sure that everybody's got a shot."

The then-Democratic nominee Obama told Fox's Bill O'Reilly that wealth redistribution was the neighborly thing to do. "If I can afford it," said Obama, "what's the big deal for me to say, 'I'm going to pay a little bit more'? That is neighborliness." And a month before the 2008 election, Obama explained to "Joe the Plumber" that "when you spread the wealth around, it's good for everybody."

In a 2001 Chicago radio interview, then-state Sen. Obama said: "The Supreme Court never

ventured into the issues of redistribution of wealth (emphasis added), and sort of more basic issues of political and economic justice in this society. ..."

One of the, I think, the tragedies of the civil rights movement, was because the civil rights movement became so court-focused, I think that there was a tendency to lose track of the political and community-organizing activities on the ground, that are able to put together the actual coalitions of power through which you bring about redistributive change — and in some ways we still suffer from that."

Investor's Business Daily says raising taxes on the top 2 percent figures to bring in annually about \$34 billion. Others put the number at twice that. Either way, it is a tiny fraction of the \$1.1 trillion annual deficit. And an Ernst & Young study says this would cost 700,000 jobs. So raising taxes on the rich a) brings in a small amount of money and b) reduces, not increases, economic activity.

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New Congress: Fewer moderates make deals harder

By ALAN FRAM
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WASHINGTON (AP) — When the next Congress cranks up in January, there will be more women, many new faces and 11 fewer tea party-backed House Republicans from the class of 2010 who sought a second term.

Overriding those changes, though, is a thinning of pragmatic, centrist veterans in both parties. Among those leaving are some of the Senate's most pragmatic lawmakers, nearly half the House's centrist Blue Dog Democrats and several moderate House Republicans.

That could leave the parties more polarized even as President Barack Obama and congressional leaders talk up the cooperation needed to tackle complex, vexing problems such as curbing deficits, revamping tax laws and culling savings from Medicare and other costly, popular programs.

"This movement away from the center, at a time when issues have to be resolved from the middle, makes it much more difficult to find solutions to major problems," said William Hoagland, senior vice president of the Bipartisan Policy Center, a private group advocating compromise.

In the Senate, moderate Scott Brown, R-Mass., lost to Democrat Elizabeth Warren, who will be one of the most liberal members. Another GOP moderate, Richard Lugar of Indiana, fell in the primary election. Two others, Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas and Olympia Snowe of Maine, are retiring.

Moderate Democratic senators such as Kent Conrad of North Dakota, Herb Kohl of Wisconsin, Ben Nelson of Nebraska, Jim Webb of Virginia are leaving, as is Democratic-

leaning independent Joe Lieberman.

While about half the incoming 12 Senate freshmen of both parties are moderates, new arrivals include tea party Republican Ted Cruz of Texas, conservative Deb Fischer of Nebraska, and liberals such as Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin and Hawaii's Mazie Hirono.

There's a similar pattern in the House, where 10 of the 24 Democratic Blue Dogs lost, are retiring or, in the case of Rep. Joe Donnelly, D-Ind., are moving to the Senate. That will further slash a centrist group that just a few years ago had more than 50 members, though some new freshmen might join.

Among Republicans, moderates like Reps. Judy Biggert of Illinois and New Hampshire's Charles Bass were defeated while others such as Reps. Jerry Lewis of California and Steven LaTourette of Ohio decided to retire.

"Congress seems to be going in the opposite direction of the country, just as the country is screaming for solutions to gridlock," said Democratic strategist Phil Singer.

Whether the changes are good is often in the eye of the beholder.

Seventy-one of the 83 House GOP freshmen of 2010 were re-elected Nov. 6, but 11 lost, including one of the group's highest profile members, conservative Rep. Allen West, R-Fla. Another faces a runoff in December.

"Some of the people who are the anti-government ideologues, some of them are gone," said House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. "And that message has been rejected by the American people."

Sal Russo, strategist for the Tea Party Express, said such departures would be balanced by newly

elected conservatives, including the Senate's Cruz and GOP Reps.-elect Ted Yoho of Florida and Mark Meadows of North Carolina.

"Pretty much everybody that ran in 2012 was talking about the economic woes we face, stopping excessive spending, con-

trolling unsustainable debt," he said.

Overall, the new House is on track for a 234-201 Republican majority, a narrowing of their 242-193 advantage today, which includes five vacancies. Democrats will control the Senate 55-45, up from 53-47.

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Lindsey Graham of South Carolina.

"The Pentagon is hysterical about it," notes Ben Friedman of the Cato Institute. "But it's about 10 percent, which would bring us roughly back to where we were in defense spending in 2006 ... adjusted for inflation, not exactly a crisis year in the Pentagon. They've gotten very spoiled at the Pentagon. They had years of luxury."

Automatic cuts might even be good, said Friedman.

"We need probably bigger cuts in the defense budget because we do too much. This will force us to make some choices. We try to be everything in the world ... pretending that every unstable country is a threat to us."

I won't lose sleep over automatic spending cuts. The "fiscal cliff" frightens me less than the bankruptcy cliff.

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School's tracking devices cause controversy

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio school district's website was hacked over the weekend to protest its policy requiring students to wear microchip-embedded cards tracking their every move on campus.

A teenager purportedly working with the hacker group Anonymous said in an online statement that he took the site down because the Northside school district "is stripping away the privacy of students in your school."

The teen, who identified himself in an email as being 16 years old, said he hacked into the website

Saturday, and it was not working Sunday. District spokesman Pascual Gonzalez said he has not yet been able to confirm that it was hacked.

Starting this fall, all students at John Jay High School and Anson Jones Middle School are required to carry identification cards embedded with a microchip. They are tracked by the dozens of electronic readers installed in the schools' ceiling panels.

Northside has been testing a "radio frequency identification" tracking system for the two schools to increase at-

tendance in order to secure more state funding, officials have said. The program, which kicked off at the beginning of this school year, eventually could be used at all of Northside's 112 campuses, officials have said. The district is the fourth largest in Texas with more than 97,000 students.

The hacked website isn't the first controversy over the program.

One John Jay student refused to wear the device, citing religious reasons, and then filed a lawsuit after Principal Robert Harris threatened

to remove her from the school and stopped her from petitioning against the ID badge. Last week a judge said the principal's actions violated the student's speech and religious rights, and granted a restraining order barring Harris from removing her from the school, San Antonio television station KENS reported.

Anonymous is a collection of Internet enthusiasts, pranksters and activists whose targets have included financial institutions such as Visa and MasterCard, the Church of Scientology and law enforcement agencies.

No advantage to waiting beyond age 70

TOM MARGENAU
Creator's Syndicate

Q: I am close friends with an older woman whom I believe is making a big mistake regarding Social Security. She turned 70 about six months ago. She's still working and says she plans to keep working as long as possible. But she has yet to sign up for her Social Security benefits. She says she will keep getting more money the longer she delays applying for her benefits. Also, she believes that there is some limit to the amount of money she can draw off of her account. She thinks that once she gets out all the money she has put into the system, her checks will stop. I'm only in my 40s and don't know all that much about Social Security. Is any of this true?

A: None of it is true. You should encourage your friend to apply for Social Security benefits immediately. Each month she waits, she is essentially throwing away a full Social Security check.

While it is true that someone who puts off signing up for Social Security until age 70 gets a substantial delayed retirement bonus, there is absolutely no advantage to waiting beyond age 70. In other words, there are no more bonuses added to Social Security payments after that age.

Well, let me clarify. There is a chance that her extra earnings (and corresponding Social Security tax payments) beyond age 70 will increase the amount of her monthly Social Security check. Whether she is due the increase depends on how much money she is making and how it compares to her past earnings that were used to figure the amount of her Social Security check. But, the point is, she gets that annual adjustment to her Social Security checks while she is getting benefits. This is a completely separate procedure from the delayed retirement bonus described above.

Finally, your friend is dead wrong about only getting benefits until she

draws out all the money she put into the system. Social Security doesn't work that way. She will get a monthly Social Security check for the rest of her life.

Q: I started my Social Security at age 68. So I have two years worth of delayed retirement bonuses added to my Social Security payments. I just turned 69 and I am still working -- and plan to do so as long as I can. I read in one of your past columns that my Social Security checks should be adjusted upwards each year because of my additional earnings. But a Social Security representative told me that because I got those delayed retirement credits, I cannot get any increases because of my additional earnings. Is this true?

A: It's absolutely false. As I alluded to in the answer to the previous question, anyone who works after they start getting Social Security checks is potentially due an increase in their monthly benefit rate. Without getting into too much detail, I can tell you that you would be due an increase IF your current annual income is higher than the lowest (inflation adjusted) year of earnings used in your original Social Security computation. If that is the case, the Social Security Administration will drop out that low year, add in the new higher year, and refigure your Social Security benefit.

This process is automatic and usually happens by about September of the year following the year in question. In other words, around September 2013, you should see an increase for your 2012 earnings. And that increase would be retroactive to January 2013.

The amount of the increase depends entirely on your past earnings history and your current earnings. But most people will see about a \$20 bump in their monthly Social Security

Social Security and you

checks.

If you don't get an increase but think you should have been due one, you should take your W-2 form or tax return to your local Social Security office and ask them to check into this.

Q: I want you to know that something you wrote several months ago encouraging people not to gamble with their Social Security has turned out to be sadly true in our case. My husband waited until age 70 to start his Social Security checks. Because both his parents lived until their mid-90s, he was convinced he would live at least as long. But he had a massive heart attack about three months ago and died at age 71. I don't really have a question. I just want you and other readers to know that sometimes the best laid plans don't work out.

A: I am so sorry for

your loss. And thank you so much for sharing your story with us. As I've said many times before, over my 40-year career of working on Social Security issues, I've heard from thousands of widows just like you. I know it's now water under the bridge, but your husband would have been much better off taking his benefits at age 66. I hope other readers will consider this before deciding to gamble with their Social Security.

Having said that, there is one bit of good news for you. As I'm sure you've already learned, your widow's benefits are based on your husband's age 70 retirement benefit, including the delayed retirement bonus he got for waiting so long to start his Social Security checks.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.

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Battle

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cancer in her liver.

But, because of her strong faith and the faith of others, Navarette believes she will survive cancer once again.

"This is my 10th year to be a survivor of breast cancer. I consider myself a survivor of pancreatic cancer, and hopefully, a survivor of liver cancer," she says while smiling and stretching her arms out.

"I am a Christian and Jesus Christ is my healer," she said.

Navaratte said she had only minor side effects from the chemo, and hasn't had nausea except a few times.

"What you are seeing is a miracle because I have done so well through things."

She is a member of First Mexican Baptist Church on Hamilton Street. Not only does her church family pray for her, but there is a whole "army" of people praying for her, she said.

She also gets moral support from her doctors and nurses at Amarillo Oncology along with the staff at Lamar.

Her daughter, Lizette Burks, who is a teacher in Kansas, said Navaratte has been an inspiration to her.

"My mom has inspired me in many ways," she said. "Through the years

I've been able to see what a community she has in the staff at every school she's been a part of. This influenced my desire to become a teacher."

Burks said her mom's friend Kim West at Lamar, has been an immense amount of help in gathering teachers to help Navarette at school.

"My family and neighbor take her to her chemo treatments in Amarillo," she said. "The cafeteria lady from Lamar even came to visit her in the hospital after surgery and left her a gift. My mom received a CD of inspirational songs to listen to when she was recovering, that she still listens to, from a teacher friend.

"We've been so blessed. Living in Kansas has been hard and knowing God is caring for her by sending people that are willing all around her is a great comfort for me and my sister.

"I have four siblings and my brother and sister live in Lubbock, I live in Kansas, and my young-

est brother lives here in Pampa. We are always humbled by the amount of people that love my mom like we do."

Asked what advice she would give someone diagnosed with cancer, "Trust in God the almighty. To me this came unexpectedly. I wasn't expecting to become sick.

"The Lord knows what he is doing and is going to get me through it."

She said cancer patients should never lose faith: "You either believe or you don't believe. If you believe, put your mind to it."

Also, it's important to stay active, she said. "There may be times when you feel you can't do this, and yes you can through God's help."

And to the families and friends of cancer patients, Navarette advised: "Give them a word of encouragement, a little goes a long way."

She takes inspiration from John 14:6, which states: "I am the way, the

Trial

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said. "And he was not helping collide with the horse."

She also insisted that despite reports of a gun battle involving Falk, Martin and other officers, "he has a loaded rifle he doesn't use. ... They didn't shoot at all these people."

Weeks, whose opening statement focused solely on a description of the escape and subsequent manhunt, said Falk had run up to Canfield and engaged her "in a fight for her life."

Weeks and a corrections officer witness, Larry Grissom, described

Canfield that day as a "high rider" — on horseback — as "the last line of defense" among a team of nearly a dozen officers supervising 77 inmates working in an onion field and pepper patch outside the prison.

According to Weeks, Martin used the ruse of holding a broken watch to get close to an officer, then got the officer's weapon in a struggle and tossed it to Falk. Shots were fired, including in a gunfight with Canfield, Weeks said.

Falk is accused under a Texas law that makes an accomplice equally liable as the actual killer. Weeks must convince jurors Falk knew, or should have known, the consequences of Martin's actions.



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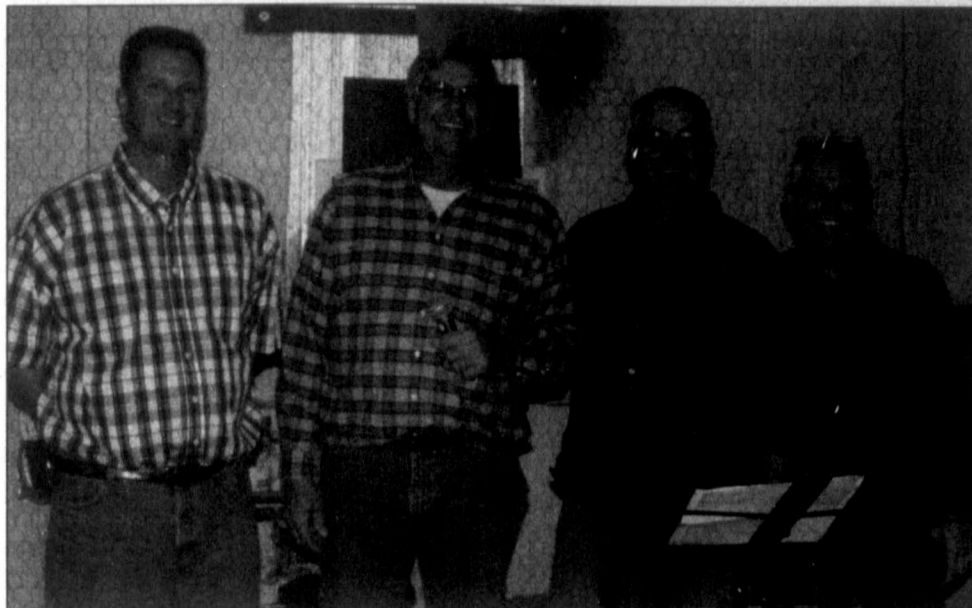


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Meredith House has a band performing at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday night. Join them for Western music, gospel and the classics.

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Just in time for the holiday shopping season, the Pampa Chamber of Com-

merce is offering a "Stop Shoplifting and Other Retail Safety Tips Seminar" at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30. This seminar will be presented by Officer Stormy McCullar of the Pampa Police Department. RSVP to Lori at the chamber by Wednesday, Nov. 28 with you preference of time by calling 806-669-3241.

Soup with Mrs. Claus

Altrusa International Inc. of Pampa is gearing up for its major fundraiser of the year. Soup with Mrs. Claus, which is fast becoming a Pampa tradition, will be Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Knights of Columbus Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. before the annual Christmas parade downtown.

The menu includes homemade potato soup or chili with Fritos or crackers and brownies. The star of the event is "Mrs. Claus," aka Mary McDaniel, the longest serving member of Pampa Altrusa Club. Sheila Winton will take the photos, or parents may bring their own camera. Photos are free, but a donation may be given.

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.

Artist Omajeane 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: 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 admission cost or whether it is a free event and a contact number and/or email address for the public.

Christmas tree shipment dumped in Austrian garden

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VIENNA — An early seasonal delivery went badly wrong in Austria when a truck was involved in a crash and dumped 14 tons of Christmas trees in a resident's garden.

Police in Vorarlberg state, at Austria's western tip, say the accident happened Friday night as a truck with a trailer loaded with trees drove through the town of Hohenems.

The trailer hit a wall, tipped over and landed in the garden of a house. A police statement Saturday said that the fire service dispatched 30 people to recover the hundreds of fir trees.

A passenger in the truck was injured and taken to a local hospital.

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Immigrants struggle to cope in Sandy's aftermath

By **CLAUDIA TORRENS**
 Associated Press

NEW YORK — Superstorm Sandy plunged some immigrants living illegally in the U.S. into darkness and even deeper into the shadows.

Some of those who need help to get temporary housing and food are afraid to come forward because they risk deportation. And many have returned to damaged, powerless, moldy homes because they have no other place to stay.

"My son has asthma and now he is worse. The house has this smell of humidity and sea water," Mexican immigrant Miguel Alarcon Morales said while holding his 2-year-old son, Josias. "It is not safe to live there. I am starting to feel sick, too."

Advocates are stepping up their efforts to get help to immigrants in hard-hit areas, in some cases going to door to door.

"If you are here illegally and you are at your home and see the National Guard and people in military uniform, going up and down, sure, you are going to be afraid," said Gonzalo Mercado, executive director of El Centro del Inmigrante, a nonprofit that helps day laborers and their families in Staten Island.

"To not be informed means to be afraid. That is why we are here, to inform immigrants of resources available to them," Mercado added.

The New York City area is home to more than 2.3 million Hispanics, according to census numbers, and some places hardest hit by the storm are known as landing spots for Mexican immigrants. Nonprofits that work in the area calculate at least 20,000 Mexicans in hard-hit Staten Island.

Officials from the Mexican government have visited shelters in New York and New Jersey looking for immigrants to help, informing them on how to obtain food stamps, financial assistance from FEMA or the Mexican government.

More than 735 people have signed up to receive economic help from the government of President Felipe Calderon, but there is only \$180,000 so far to distribute, said the Mexican consul in New York, Carlos Sada. As of this week, 66 checks had been written to victims of the hurricane, totaling \$110,000.

More than three weeks after Superstorm Sandy, the five members of the Morales family still live at their rental home in Staten Island, where floodwaters reached the second floor. Although the home has power now, there is no heat. The family uses only an electric heater.

Because Morales' children were born in the United States, he can apply for Federal Emergency Man-

agement Agency help, but he has been hesitant to do so.

"When one has no legal documents, that person will always think that there can be repercussions," said Morales, who lost his job at an ice cream store in New Jersey that closed after the storm. He now works part-time at a bakery.

Asked whether Immigration and Customs Enforcement had conducted immigration enforcement in the area in the aftermath of the storm, Luis Martinez, ICE's spokesman in New York, said the agency has been conducting "limited street enforcement operations." ICE director John Morton and deputy director Daniel Ragsdale visited New York and New Jersey at the beginning of the month "to survey efforts."

The agency will be "re-summing normal enforcement activity, with continued emphasis on at-large criminal aliens, in the near future," an ICE statement to The Associated Press said.

Emilio Hector Gloria Fuentes, a 49-year-old immigrant from Morelos, said he is staying with some relatives in the home of a priest because they can't return to the basement where they lived in Staten Island.

Fuentes, who works in a pizzeria, is not eligible for FEMA help because of his immigration status.

"I had my savings, in cash, in that basement. I lost them all," he said. "A disaster like this is much worse for an undocumented person than for a United States citizen or someone with some money."

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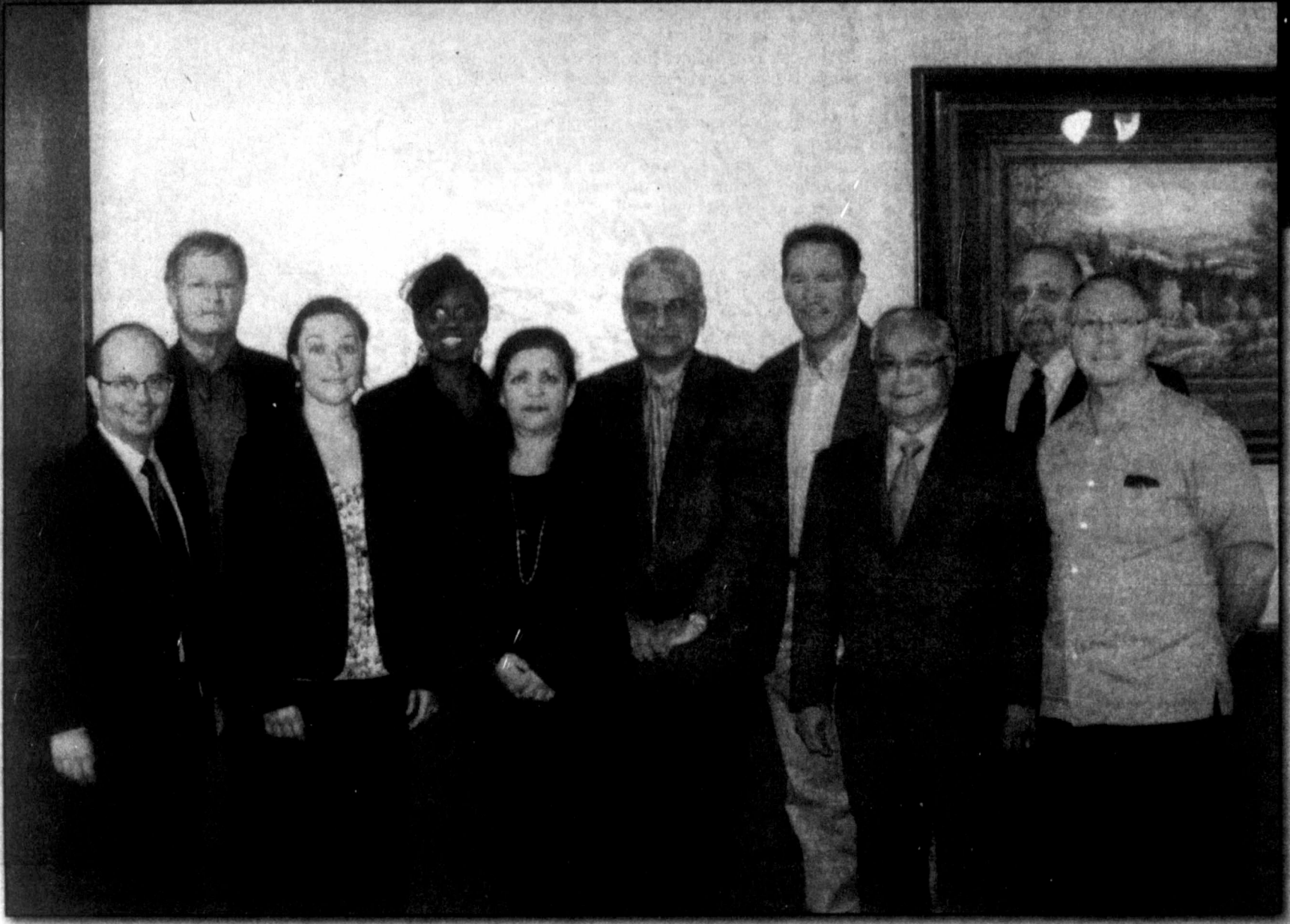
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Pampa Harvesters struggle in Fantasy of Lights tournament

BY ZACHARY GREEN
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Pampa's Varsity Harvesters traveled to Wichita Falls this past weekend to participate in the Fantasy of Lights tournament.

In game one Pampa lost to Burkburnett 71-50. Ty Hutto scored 23 points and Cade Engle added 10 points for Pampa.

In game two Pampa lost to Oklahoma Sky in a close one 73-71. Hutto scored 15, Derek Pollard added 14 and Engle scored 13.

In the final game Pampa lost to Wichita Falls Rider 62-39. Pollard scored 15 and Engle added 8 points.

"We played some very talented teams over the weekend. I know that the out-

come wasn't in our favor, however, the experience from playing these teams will benefit us greatly come district play," said Pampa Coach Matt Embry. "We have to keep plugging away. Sometimes it's hard for kids to see the big picture when you lose three games in a row. We came out of the tournament with a wealth of knowledge about our guys, and as a staff, we were pleased with that," added Embry.

With the losses Pampa falls to 1-5 on the season.

The Harvesters will be back in action this Thursday through Saturday as they travel to River Road for another tournament.

The next home game for Pampa will be Dec. 4 versus Tascosa.

Hidden Hills seniors 4-man scramble results

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Hidden Hills seniors 4-man scramble results from Nov. 20.

First place with a score of 63, R.D. Stephens, C. Ritthaler, L. Moreno and M. Allison

Second place with a score of 63, L. Etchison, C. Johnson, M. Wesbrooks and J.

Stavenhagen.

Third place with a score of 64, R. Porter, J. McCall, B. Young and J. McGuire.

Fourth place with a score of 64, D.D. Lof-tin, O.K. Lee, H. Knutson and B. Brown.

The closest to the pin winner on hole number six was M. Wesbrooks.

The closest to the pin winner on hole number 15 was L. Etchison.

The PAMPA NEWS Sports Briefs

TODAY NOV. 27

- Pampa Varsity girls v. San Jacinto 6:30 p.m.
- Pampa JV girls v. San Jacinto 5 p.m.
- Lefors Varsity girls v. Groom 6 p.m.
- Lefors Varsity boys v. Groom 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY NOV. 29

- Pampa Varsity girls @ Miami Tournament. Tournament runs through Saturday.
- Pampa JV girls @ Borger Tournament. Tournament runs through Saturday.
- Pampa 9th girls @ Borger Tournament. Tournament runs through Saturday.
- Pampa Varsity boys @ River Road Tournament. Tournament runs through Saturday.
- Pampa JV boys @ Miami JV Tournament. Tournament runs through Saturday.
- Lefors Varsity boys @ Miami Tournament. Tournament runs through Saturday.
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Through athletics, ailing youngster and those supporting him share love of sports

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Sports has played a big role in Rex Fleming's life. It's not surprising, since his father, Lance, has been Abilene Christian University's sports information director for 15 years, after working as a sports writer at the Reporter-News for 11 years.

Lance's father, Danny, also is a big sports fan. So between the two homes, "there were constant baseball, football or basketball games," Lance said. "He didn't really have a choice about liking sports."

Rex has played basketball and baseball, and he loves the football teams at ACU and Abilene High.

Since his battle with brain cancer began two years ago, he has met some of his favorite professional sports stars, including Texas Rangers manager Ron Washington and Rangers' players Ian Kinsler and Josh Hamilton. He also got to meet members from his favorite Christian music groups, Casting Crowns and MercyMe.

But sports has provided a big outlet for the Flemings during their ordeal. Rex has spent a lot of time with the Abilene High football team, which has pretty much taken him as one of its own.

"Rex has always been a huge Eagle fan," AHS coach Steve Warren said. "He started coming out to practice a little bit, and we just made him a part of our team. We wanted to encourage him and just give him the opportunity to be part of what was going on early on. I'll be danged if our whole team hasn't drawn a lot of strength from the way he's handled himself through this whole situation. He's the bravest young man I know. I've just never seen anything like the way he's approached this. It's pretty amazing to me."

Lance said the Eagles wear big, thick wristbands that are given only to varsity players, but one was given to Rex before the team's first home game this season.

"He goes to practice over there maybe once a week, and he goes through pregame warm-up with them," Lance said. "Those guys at Abilene High have been phenomenal to him."

AHS quarterback Evin Abbe is one of Rex's favorite athletes, and the senior has taken a shine to a fellow redhead.

"I try to hang out with him as much as I can," Abbe said. "Football makes that tough, but we get to hang out every now and then and spend a little quality time together."

Abbe said it's been difficult watching the 10-year-old fight for his life.

"It's really tough, seeing somebody go through that, especially somebody like Rex who's a good kid and doesn't deserve that," Abbe said. "But it also builds your character. When you think you're having a bad day, you think about what he's going through. There's nothing that can bring you down. He's up and cheerful every day, even after all he's been through."

Rex's attitude amazes Warren.

"Unless you knew he was sick, you wouldn't know it," Warren said. "He comes out to practice. He'll get in the huddle and call the play. He gets over there and hangs out with the quarterbacks. He's a little coach. He'll let them know if they don't do it right. When we're warming up, if they don't go all the way through the line, he'll tell them or tell me to tell them. It's been fun, and we really enjoy having him around our program."

"I hope we can continue to have him around a long time."

The Flemings have quite a few connections to AHS. Lance Fleming graduated from the school in 1987, and his father is a 1964 AHS graduate. Danny usually takes Rex to the Eagles' practices, while Lance is working. Danny's wife, Deona, graduated from AHS in 1965 and worked in the school's registrar's office from 1985 to 2008, while Lance's sister, Laurie, graduated from AHS in 1990.

Danny and Rex had lunch with Warren on Nov. 7, the Wednesday before the Eagles' final district football game against Midland High. Later that day, while hanging out with the coaching staff at the AHS field house, Rex got a chance to call the Eagles' first offensive play that week.

"We were like, 'Rex, what do you want to do on that first play Friday night?' He said he wanted to go deep," Warren said. "So we did. We went deep. Evin Abbe hit Grant Alexander for about a 47-yard pass, and he almost scored. If he could have broken one more tackle, he would have gone about 80 for a touchdown."

Rex also donned the Cooper red and blue for one night as a guest of the Cougars and coach Todd Moebes, who attends the same church as the Flemings. Rex took part in pregame activities and stood on the Cougars' sideline when they played Odessa Permian on Oct. 26 at Shottwell Stadium.

However, Lance said Rex was worried about being a Cougars fan for one night.

"He thought all those guys at Abilene High were going to be mad at him," Lance said. "I said, 'They're not going to be mad at you.'"

But Rex's mother, Jill, said Rex still was worried. "Steve Warren says I'm

on the team," he told them. "I can't be at Cooper."

Warren got a laugh out of the situation.

"He was a little concerned about what I thought about him hanging out with the Cougars," Warren said. "Once I assured him it was OK, he felt better about it. I don't think he ever got comfortable with it, but he went ahead and did it anyway."

Again, Rex's attitude moved Warren.

"Here's a kid fighting for his life every single day, and he doesn't want to put on that Cooper jersey because he thinks we'll be mad at him," he said. "The little rascal has got bigger things to think about than that. That might be why he's the bravest kid I've ever known."

Moebes said Rex's situation puts things in perspective for him and his team.

"We have to realize how blessed we are," he said. "We're fighting to win a football game, and other people's fights are for their lives. It was nice to go out and honor somebody who was fighting for their life."

Moebes' family also has been touched by cancer. His wife's grandmother died of breast cancer, while his grandmother won her battle with breast cancer.

"Cancer affects us all," Moebes said. "Being able to have Rex down there with us put things in perspective for our staff and our football team."

Rex also was an honorary team captain for the ACU football team when the Wildcats played West Alabama in their final home game Nov. 3. Rex got a whistle and ran the pregame warm-up that day. He also handled the coin toss, even call it, and give the pregame speech to the Wildcats.

Rex also called ACU's first offensive play.

"He had a plan for the

whole thing," ACU coach Ken Collums said. "He's a sharp kid. He told us what he wanted on the first play, and I'm like, 'OK, we'll do it.' I was hoping we didn't have it on (our own) 1. But if it was, we'd do it."

ACU got the ball first, thanks to Rex's call on the coin flip, but unfortunately, the Wildcats were called for a penalty. Collums was worried about the Tigers' lining up in a different defense, expecting a passing play, so he decided to go with a safer play on first-and-15 from ACU's own 20-yard line and run Rex's play later.

"The next first down we got, we ran it," Collums said. "I said, 'Rex, I'm sorry. We jumped offside. The next chance, we'll do it.' Then we overthrew it. We had a guy open, and we overthrew it."

Collums, who has known the Flemings since he started his second stint at ACU in 2005, said he wanted the day to be special for not just the Flemings, but Rex in particular.

"Just to simply make the kid's day," he said. "That's all we wanted to do. We wanted to make that one day as special as we could. That was our goal. I love the family, but this was about Rex and loving on him and showing him a special day."

Collums, who has two children — 11-year-old daughter Anna and 8-year-old son Layne — has watched Rex grow up around the football field and the ACU campus. He said it's been hard dealing with Rex's situation.

"It's extremely tough," Collums said. "I couldn't even do our team meeting before our last game (Nov. 10, the day after Rex was admitted to Hendrick Medical Center fol-

lowing a seizure). It was just too emotional. I had to let the seniors do our team meeting. It's one of those things where nobody likes it and nobody agrees with it. It's hard to understand. The fact that it's actually happening pretty much makes everyone angry. It bothers me really bad. I don't understand. I guess we're not supposed to understand everything."

However, it helped the Wildcats put their season in perspective. ACU had qualified for the playoffs six consecutive years before missing out this season.

"It gave me a chance to talk very openly and honestly with our players," Collums said. "This season hasn't been quite perfect, but that's life. You get over it. You make the best

of it and move on. Then to go through that with Rex. This is life. You live and you die, and how you honor God from birth to death is what we're meant to do. What's happening to Rex is tough, but I got a chance to talk to our players about something we usually never talk about."

Collums has been through loss before, and he said everyone must be prepared for the inevitable losses in their life.

"My dad died of a sudden heart attack in '03," he said. "If you've never lost anyone close to you, then you really don't know the pain that comes along with death, the finality of that. There are times when you feel so much pain, you're not sure you can take your


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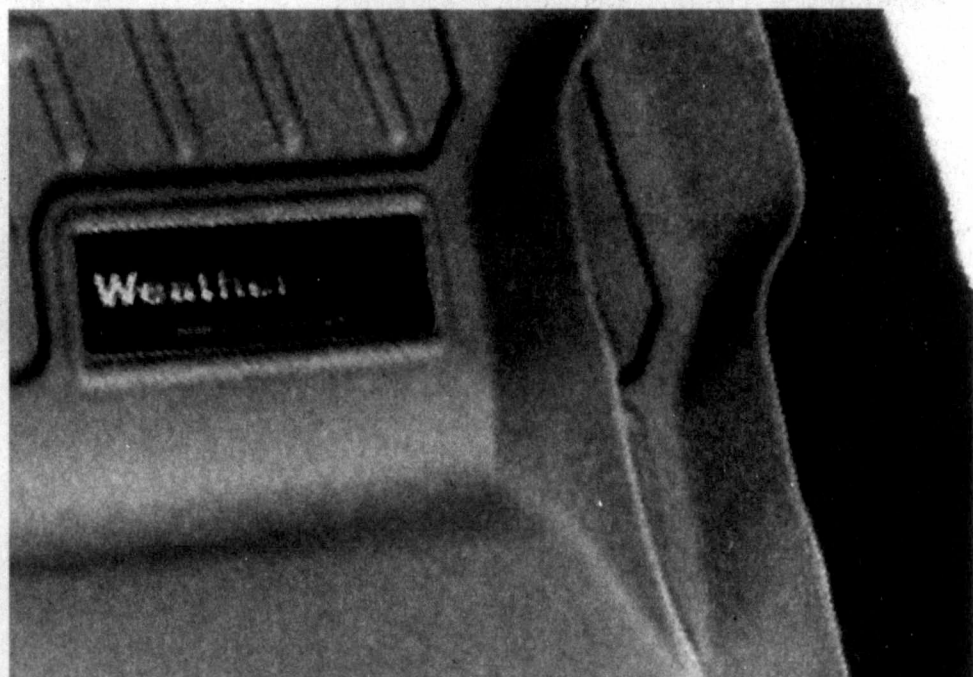
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next breath. You have to make yourself breathe. That's what the Flemings are going through. That's why I brought Rex into this, because at some point you have to go through something like this."

Collums and the Wildcats honored Rex in their final game against Incarnate Word on Nov. 10 in San Antonio. The players wore red armbands around their ankles in support of his battle.

"I wanted it to be on our ankles as low as it could go," Collums said. "During a game, I don't want them thinking about Rex. I want them thinking about the game and the game plan. That's why we didn't wear them on our arms. But when you get to a point where you bend over and you're having to take a deep breath because you're tired or hurt, we all do it in the course of a game, I wanted them to see that. I wanted them to know, 'Partner, you're really not going through much. Tough it out. Your boy (Rex) is going through a lot more than you are right now.'"

ACU quarterback Mitchell Gale, another of Rex's favorite athletes, has drawn inspiration from Rex and the Fleming family.

"For him to handle it the way he has, it's inspiring, it's uplifting," he said. "It's also tragic at the same time. As a young man living 22 years of my life so far, to see that at a young age and see his family pull together and

just day by day pick themselves off the ground and move forward, it's just inspiring."

Gale, who finished his senior year this season, has known Rex since he arrived at ACU five years ago. The Alva, Okla., native has always enjoyed Rex's wit and sense of humor.

"He comes by it honestly from his daddy," Gale said. "He's definitely quick-witted, and he'll tell you his opinion about sports teams. He's a joy to be around."

Gale, like Warren and so many others, have been amazed at the fact Rex never lets on that he's battling for his life. Gale said he just likes to play — and live to the fullest.

"Rex and I have never talked about his situation," Gale said. "We're too busy having fun. We're too busy goofing around and making fun of each other, challenging each other to contests. We're too busy living life."

But Rex's dilemma has changed Gale's outlook on life. "You see a little kid, who despite his circumstances, is excited about a football game on a Saturday afternoon," Gale said. "One thing I've done is count my blessings. It's made me do a self analysis about the things in my life. It's put things in perspective for me."

Many other teams and organizations have done things in Rex's honor the past two years. Anyone attending a sporting event in Abilene has probably heard his name or seen him at a game. Lance said the outpouring has been overwhelming and also eased the burden somewhat for Rex and the family.

"People have reached out in so many different ways," Lance said, "and I don't want to say it's made it easy, because it hasn't been easy. But it's made it bearable for all of us to walk through this seeing the fun he's had."

Rivals come together to pray for hurt player

BY JAMES RAGLAND
Associated Press

DALLAS — Don't underestimate the power of prayer.

On a recent Thursday night, during a junior varsity game in Waxahachie, it brought together fans of one of the most heated football rivalries in the state and, many feel, helped lift a fallen player.

In a grudge match that dates to 1908, there's little love lost between the Waxahachie Indians and the Ennis Lions.

The two schools proudly boast of the "Battle of 287," a reference to the highway that runs through the Ellis County towns.

But when a Waxahachie player was knocked cold in a violent fourth-quarter collision, something special happened at Lumpkin Stadium.

People began praying. They prayed in the stands and on the field. They prayed as paramedics and trainers dutifully attended to the player, who lay motionless.

And they were still praying, an hour later, when 17-year-old Triston Seth Simpler was placed on a gurney and loaded into an ambulance.

Then came what some called the most touching act of sportsmanship they had ever witnessed:

The whole green-and-white-clad Waxahachie team and staff went to mid-field to pray. The entire maroon-and-white Ennis team and staff joined them. Fans from both sides fell on their knees, too.

"I had chills run up and down my spine knowing that God was working in this place," said Mike Moore, whose daughter is a Waxahachie cheerleader. "As a Christian, I have to tell you, it was awe-inspiring."

Triston's surrogate mom, Gina Lawrence, said she was "humbled" by the experience.

"I was kind of unaware of what was going on around us," she said.

Later, at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, where Triston was taken, friends showed Lawrence

pictures of the two teams uniting in prayer.

"We were just amazed," she said. "People we didn't even know were coming together praying for Triston."

With less than a quarter remaining, and his team trailing 35-21, Triston was zeroing in on an Ennis running back. The back eluded him, and Triston collided with a teammate.

As Triston lay injured, the game was officially called with a few minutes remaining.

Lawrence, who rode in the ambulance with Triston, said "he began responding to simple questions but he had no memory. The last thing he remembered was me taking him to get food before the game."

The 6-foot, 220-pound defensive lineman was not aware that his archrivals kept praying for him long after the stadium emptied and the lights dimmed.

The next day, those prayers were answered: Doctors determined that Triston had suffered a concussion. Under the circumstances, that was good news.

"It was a long night," said Lawrence. "But we just felt

so fortunate. It looked so much worse."

Triston was released from the hospital the next afternoon.

"I really feel like God's hand was in on this," Lawrence said. So does Triston.

"When I first woke up," he said, "I could move my hands and I thought I was moving my legs, but I couldn't move my legs."

Then he learned of the two teams gathering in one big huddle.

"It made me feel good that two hated teams can put away the rivalry for a bit to pray for someone who's really hurt," he said.

"That night that it happened, the (varsity's) starting running back and quarterback from Ennis contacted me and told me they had me in their prayers. That's not something you see between Waxahachie and Ennis."

Just hours after he was released, Triston was on hand to see Waxahachie's varsity defeat Ennis 16-0 at Lion Memorial Stadium.

He was still in pain, but "there was no way he was missing it," Lawrence

Postcard mailed during WWII arrives at NY home

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ELMIRA, N.Y. (AP) — A postcard mailed nearly 70 years ago has finally arrived at the former upstate New York home of the couple who sent it.

The postcard was sent July 4, 1943, from Rockford, Ill., to sisters Pauline and Theresa Leisenring in Elmira. Their brother, George Leisenring, was stationed at Rockford's Medical Center Barracks at Camp Grant, an Army post during World War II. Their parents were visiting him when they mailed the postcard home.

The postcard reads in part, "Dear Pauline and Theresa, We arrived safe, had a good trip, but we were good and tired."

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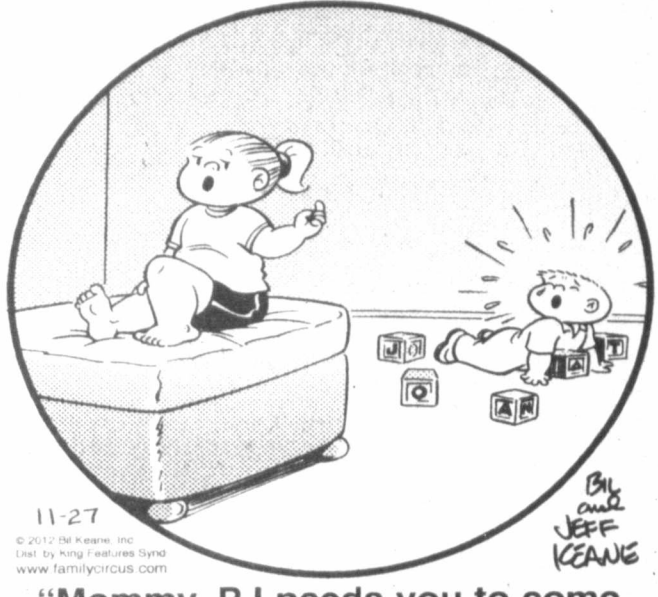
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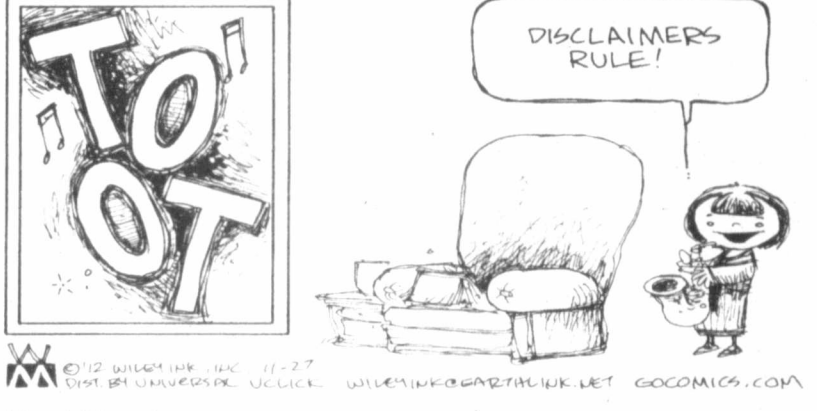


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"Mommy, PJ needs you to come here and feel sorry for him!"

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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012:

This year you often will switch from one outlook to the next. You even might feel like a human seesaw of sorts. For some of you, a person in your inner circle could try to reflect the opposite opinion of what you choose. Instead of using black-and-white thinking, try to see that both viewpoints could work, and strive to find some middle ground. If you are single, you could meet someone significant to your life history, but you could have difficulty with the differences between you. If you are attached, resist the urge to fight with the one you love. GEMINI can challenge 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)
 ★★☆☆ The unexpected occurs, like it or not. You might feel as if you can't make a situation conform to your expectations -- or anyone else's, for that matter. Stop attempting to handle this issue, and just let it flow naturally. Tonight: Make calls before deciding.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★☆☆ If ever there was a time not to make a money commitment, it is today. Use care, even when counting your change. If you feel as though you are fiscally careless in some area, decide to change that pattern -- if not immediately, then in the very near future. Tonight: A lucky turn of events.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★☆☆ You could be overwhelmed by everything that is happening right now; however, know that you might be the linchpin in this case. Though at first you might not be able to get a grasp on the situation, you will, and faster than you think. Tonight: Enjoy the roller-coaster ride.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★☆☆ Full Moons greatly affect you, as your planetary ruler is the Moon. This particular Full Moon is an eclipse, which promises changes in the next few months with a child or a relationship. The outcome could be very good. Go with the flow, and take it easy. Tonight: Listen well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★☆☆ Something that you want might fall into your lap in a most secretive manner... perhaps not today, but in the near future. A friend could complicate your life. It is up to you whether you will make a fuss about it or just let it go. Remain focused on a different matter in the meantime. Tonight: Celebrate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★☆☆ Decide to loosen up rather than fight city hall. A boss could be demanding, which might cause a conflict for you with someone who has other plans. At the moment, you are seeing the situation as black and white. Try to find a way in which both demands can be met. Tonight: A must-appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★☆☆ The unexpected marks a situation. You might be trying to hold on to something that really isn't doable at the moment. Let it go. News from a distance might impress you, or at least make you smile. Know that you are heading in the right direction. Tonight: Act on an idea.

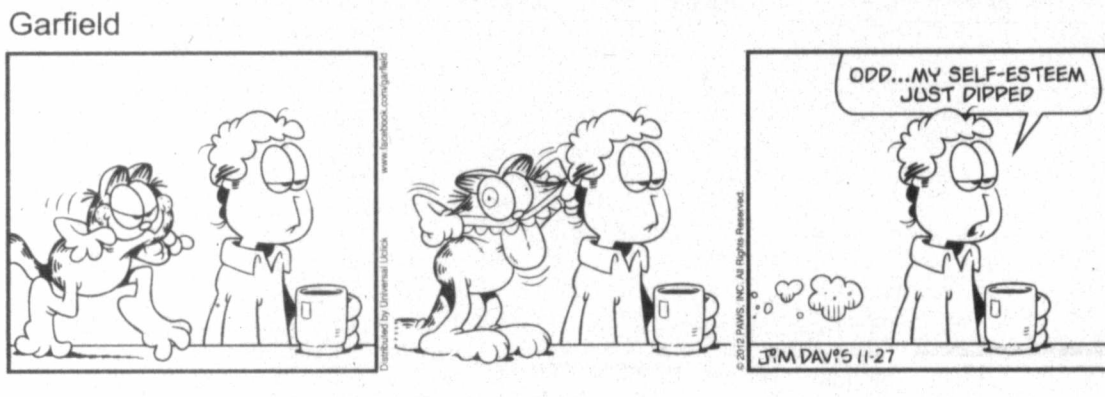
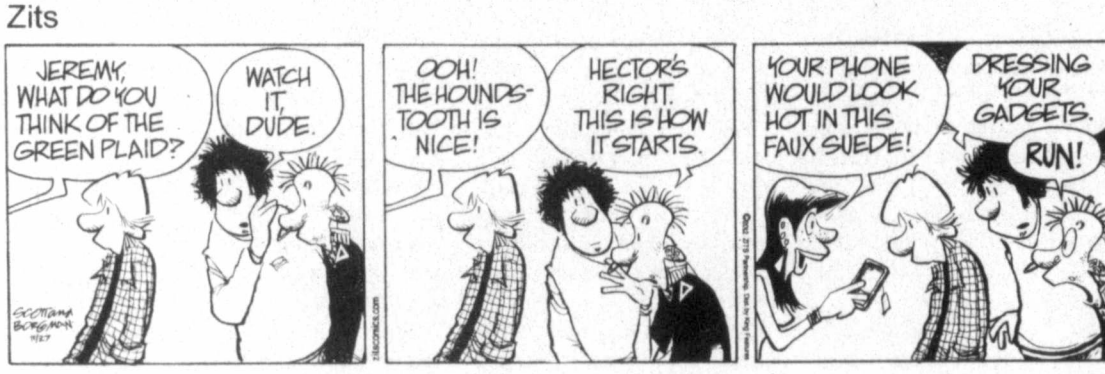
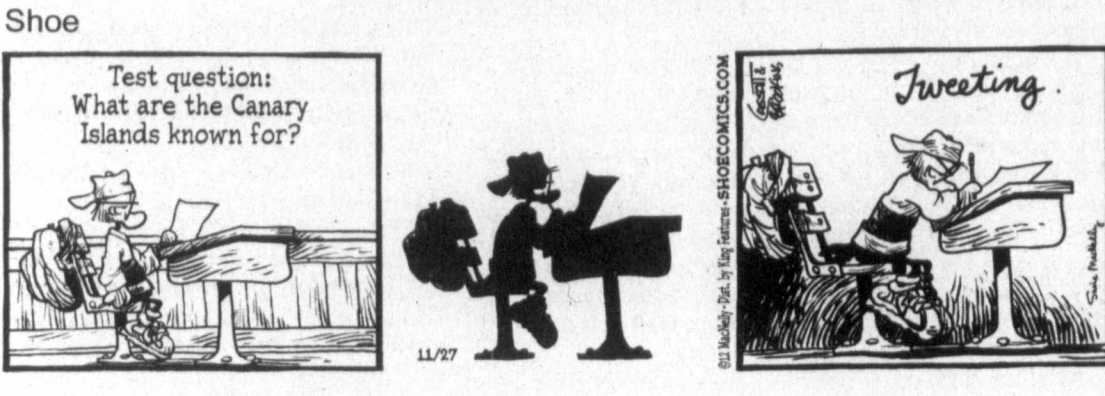
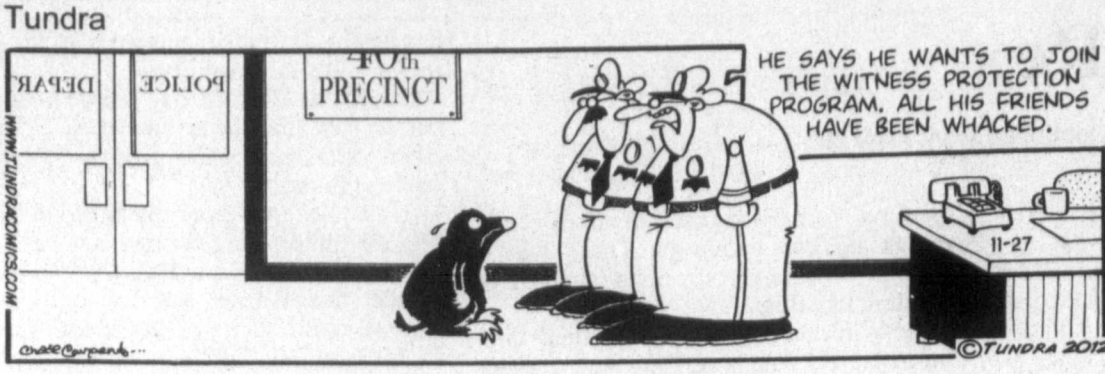
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★☆☆ You could be seeing a lot of back-and-forth in several of your more substantial friendships. Know that there is very little you can do to change this. Remain true to yourself, yet be willing to discuss a financial matter with a key person. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

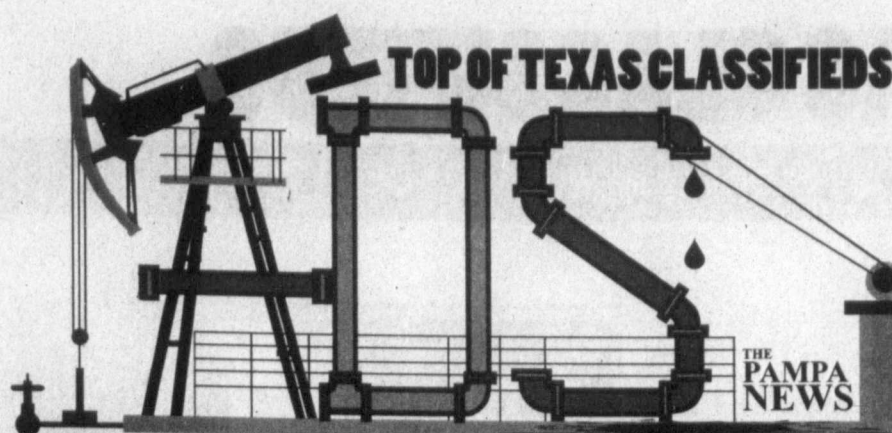
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★☆☆ Having to juggle mixed energy, incoming requests and some irrational behavior could throw anyone off. Remain focused on what's most important, and you will weather the storm. Stay on top of these hassles and allow greater give-and-take. Tonight: Go with someone's suggestion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★☆☆ Pace yourself, and you'll accomplish a lot more than you thought possible. Understand that you might need to cut someone off or ignore a situation altogether in order to do this. Avoid getting involved in others' issues; use this day for you. Tonight: Get some exercise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★☆☆ You see a situation differently from others. You often come up with some far-fetched ideas, and this is yet another example. Your drive and energy help you turn an important idea into reality. Friendship will prevail, even if a quarrel begins. Tonight: Spend time with a favorite person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★☆☆ Stay anchored, know what is happening and make choices accordingly. You could be a little off-kilter because of what someone does. Understand that you do not need to put yourself in the line of fire; instead, you can withdraw and refuse to take part in this person's scenario. Tonight: Happiest at home.





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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to you in response to "Not on My Watch" (Sept. 19), about the little boy who repeatedly exposes himself to other children. While correcting this behavior to protect the other children is something the parents and other concerned adults in this child's life should be doing, there may be more going on here that needs to be addressed. Children who have been victims of sexual abuse can exhibit overtly sexualized behavior that goes beyond typical curiosity or age-appropriate sexual development.

There are several issues happening with this boy that bother me. The repeated exposure of his private parts to others is the first. While this behavior is not unusual in young children and can be a normal part of sexual curiosity, the compulsive continuation and frequency of his behavior raises red flags. He also mentioned keeping a "secret." This is a common tool used by people who abuse children. The manner in which he interacted with "Not on My Watch's" daughter sounds a lot like an interaction between an adult abuser

and a child — something he may have been mimicking. Young children who are sexually abused may not have the developmental or verbal capabilities to disclose what is happening. Often it is through behavioral or emotional signs that we discover the abuse.

While it is important to protect the children this boy interacts with, the more appropriate response to this situation would be to calmly explain to him why his behavior is inappropriate, along with a discussion to find out if he has witnessed this behavior in others or if he has "secrets" with anyone. If he discloses something during the discussion, it should be immediately reported to the local child protective services and/or police. And if his behavior continues, it would be best to seek professional intervention. — **JUDY AT CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER**

DEAR JUDY: Your letter echoes the sentiments of the majority of respondents I received about 5-year-old "Billy." Thank you for articulating it so clearly. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: My wife witnessed a similar scenario last year during a play date. A 4-year-old girl was observed putting her hands down the pants of boys her age. Initially we thought it was normal curiosity; then we suspected she might be a victim. The authorities investigated, and it turned out that her male teenage cousin had been abusing her. — **CONCERNED DAD**

DEAR ABBY: I am a psychiatric nurse who works with children who have suffered various types of abuse. This kind of repeated behavior is a big indication that Billy is being sexually abused himself.

The fact that he wants to keep it "secret" indicates that it is a learned behavior. That his parents are "burying their heads in the sand" may indicate that they know about the abuse or are the abusers themselves. That boy should be taken to see a doctor for a full evaluation, and a call to social services is in order. The call can be anonymous. It is better to be safe than sorry in this case. — **NURSE WHO CARES IN OHIO**

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Egypt's political foes dig in their heels as clashes spill onto streets

By **HAMZA HENDAWI**
Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Supporters and opponents of Egypt's president on Sunday grew more entrenched in their potentially destabilizing battle over the Islamist leader's move to assume near absolute powers, with neither side appearing willing to back down as the stock market plunged amid the fresh turmoil.

The standoff poses one of the hardest tests for the nation's liberal and secular opposition since Hosni Mubarak's ouster nearly two years ago. Failure to sustain protests and eventually force Mohammed Morsi to loosen control could consign it to long-term irrelevance.

Clashes between the two sides spilled onto the streets for a third day since the president issued edicts that make him immune to oversight of any kind, including that of the courts.

A teenager was killed and at least 40 people were wounded when a group of anti-Morsi protesters tried to storm the local offices of the political arm of the president's Muslim Brotherhood in the Nile Delta city of Damanhour, according to security officials.

It was the first reported

death from the street battles that erupted across much of the nation on Friday, the day after Morsi's decrees were announced. The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media, identified the boy as 15-year-old Islam Hamdi Abdel-Maqsood.

The tensions also dealt a fresh blow to the economy, which has suffered due to the problems plaguing the Arab world's most populous nation since Mubarak's ouster.

Egypt's benchmark EGX30 stock index dropped 9.59 percentage points Sunday in the first trading session since Morsi issued his decrees. The losses were among the biggest since the turbulent days and weeks immediately after Mubarak's ouster in a popular uprising last year. The loss in the value of shares was estimated at close to \$5 billion.

The judiciary, the main target of the edicts, has pushed back, calling the decrees a power grab and an "assault" on the branch's independence. Judges and prosecutors stayed away from many courts in Cairo and other cities on Sunday.

But the nation's highest judicial body, the Supreme Judiciary Council, watered

down its opposition to the decrees on Sunday. It told judges and prosecutors to return to work and announced that its members would meet with Morsi on Monday to try to persuade him to restrict immunity to major state decisions like declaring war or martial law or breaking diplomatic relations with foreign nations.

Morsi supporters insist that the measures were necessary to prevent the courts, which already dissolved the elected lower house of parliament, from further holding up moves to stability by disbanding the assembly writing the new constitution, as judges were considering

doing. Both the parliament and the constitutional assembly are dominated by Islamists. Morsi accuses Mubarak loyalists in the judiciary of seeking to thwart the revolution's goals and barred the judiciary from disbanding the constitutional assembly or parliament's upper house.

Opposition activists, however, have been adamant since the crisis first erupted that they would not enter a dialogue with Morsi's regime before the decrees are rescinded.

Protesters also clashed with police at Cairo's Tahrir Square, the birthplace of the mass protests that toppled Mubarak, and in the side streets and av-

enues leading off the plaza. The Interior Ministry, which is in charge of the police, said 267 protesters have been arrested and 164 policemen injured since the unrest began a week ago, initially to mark the anniversary of street protests a year ago against the nation's then-military rulers. Forty-two protesters were killed in those demonstrations.

The ministry did not say how many protesters were injured in the latest clashes in Tahrir, but security officials put the figure at 260.

Hundreds of protesters staging a sit-in in Tahrir have vowed not to leave before Morsi rescinds his

decrees. The two sides also have called for massive rival protests Tuesday in Cairo, signaling a protracted struggle.

Morsi's office issued an English-language statement late Sunday defending his decrees and repeating the argument he used when addressing supporters Friday outside his Cairo palace — that they were designed to bolster the country's transition to democratic rule and dismantle Mubarak's old regime.

"The presidency reiterates the temporary nature of the said measures, which are not meant to concentrate powers," it said.

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