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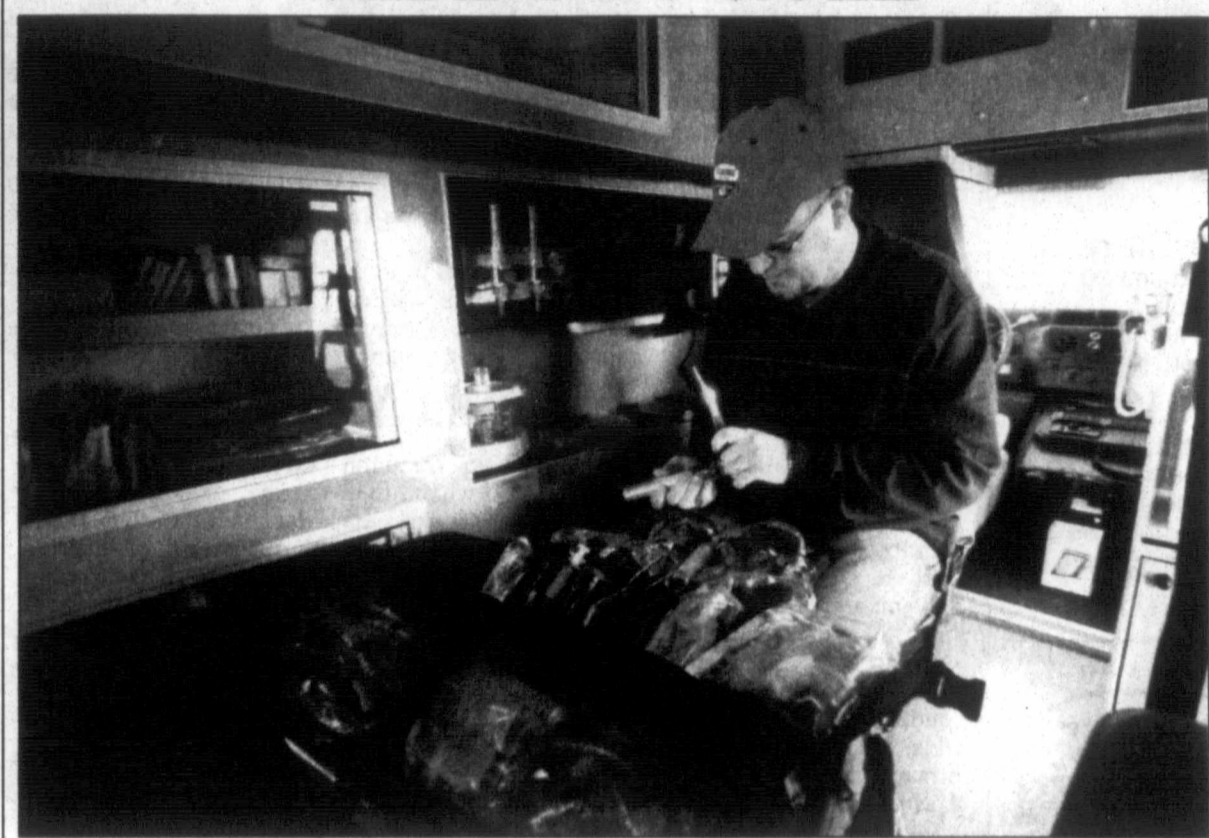
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Joe Anstey, chief administrator of the EMS Foundation of Texas, the new company providing ambulance service for Pampa, makes a last minute check of the ET Pouch aboard one of the three new ambulances going into service effective at midnight tonight. The foundation is a local not-for-profit corporation that has been awarded a five-year contract to provide ambulance service to Pampa and Gray County.

Suspect arrested in connection to water damage to Pampa HS

BY DAVID BOWSER
dbowser@thepampanews.com

A 15-year old Pampa High School student was in the Post juvenile detention facility today after being arrested in connect with setting off a fire alarm at the high school.

Pampa police said today that the alarm was set off in the basement of the high school about 11:30 a.m. Tuesday. Officers said it appeared that someone had apparently set it off beneath the Best of the West doors at the west end of the building when there was no fire.

Officers said their investigation into the false alarm Tuesday afternoon led them to a 15-year-old student. He was arrested and taken to the Garza County Juvenile Detention Center at Post.

He was charged with false alarm and reporting an emergency and criminal mischief over \$1,500 but under \$20,000, both state jail felonies.

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staff photo by **David Bowser**
Kent Jones with the Pampa Independent School system was busy Friday trying to clean out the water dropped by the fire extinguisher system at the high school. Pampa High School classes were dismissed missed early for lunch Friday when a fire alarm went off in the basement. The automated sprinkler system left about an inch of water in the school's basement. The fire extinguisher system had to be shut down until the broken sprinkler head link could be replaced.

Found: Owners of \$147 mil in lost money

(AUSTIN) — Many Texans had more money in their pockets after Texas Comptroller Susan Combs returned a record \$147 million in unclaimed property to its owners in fiscal 2009, a 19 percent increase compared to fiscal 2008.

Combs has expanded her agency's efforts to locate unclaimed property owners, producing an 18 percent increase in the number of claims filed in fiscal 2009, compared to the previous year. Nearly 49,000 owners reclaimed \$100 - \$500; about 15,000 owners reclaimed \$500 - \$1,000; and 17,385 claimed more than \$1,000.

During the Texas State Fair, open through Oct. 18 in Dallas, hundreds more unclaimed property owners will discover forgotten funds by

searching the unclaimed property list at the Comptroller's annual exhibit in the Grand Place Building, near the giant figure of Big Tex.

"The current balance in the state's unclaimed property fund is \$2 billion, and that is far too much unclaimed money," Combs said. "That money belongs to Texans, and I know reclaiming it would make a difference to many people in these tough times."

Those efforts include searching the unclaimed property list at conventions, festivals, sporting events and other venues that attract large crowds — in addition to the long-standing exhibit at the State Fair. The Comptroller has added temporary staff to process simple claims from original owners of unclaimed

property. An average of 2,000 simple claims are processed each week.

Not all unclaimed property belongs to individuals and businesses. City and county governments owned \$1.6 million of the money reclaimed in fiscal 2009.

"Local governments are facing financial challenges," Combs said. "When we receive money that clearly belongs to a city or county, we contact them immediately and encourage them to claim it."

In fiscal 2009, the Comptroller returned money to about 357 cities and 211 counties.

It is easy to search the unclaimed property database and reclaim forgotten funds at www.claimitexas.org

High court to look at gun control

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed today to decide whether strict local and state gun control laws violate the Second Amendment, ensuring another high-profile battle over the rights of gun owners.

The court said it will review a lower court ruling that upheld a handgun ban in Chicago. Gun rights supporters challenged gun laws in Chicago and some suburbs immediately following the high court's decision in June 2008 that struck down a handgun ban in the District of Columbia, a federal enclave.

The new case tests whether last year's ruling applies as well to local and state laws.

The 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld ordinances barring the ownership of handguns in most cases in Chicago and suburban Oak Park, Ill.

Judge Frank Easterbrook, an appointee of President Ronald Reagan, said that "the Constitution establishes a federal republic where local differences are to be cherished as elements of liberty rather than extirpated in order to produce a single, nationally applicable rule."

"Federalism is an older and more deeply rooted tradition than is a right to carry any particular kind of weapon," Easterbrook wrote.

Evaluating arguments over the extension of the Second Amendment is a job "for the justices rather than a court of appeals," he said.

The high court took his suggestion Wednesday.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor, then an appeals court judge, was part of a three-judge panel

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Texas girl a swine flu victim

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Officials say a 12-year-old south Texas girl has died after the swine flu caused her brain to swell.

Corpus Christi-Nueces County Public Health District officials announced Tuesday that the sixth-grader had died Tuesday after being declared brain dead on Monday. District officials say the girl, whose identity is withheld, had no underlying medical issues.

Officials say she was hospitalized Saturday after staying home from school Friday. An initial brain scan Saturday was normal, but within hours her brain swelled and she placed on a ventilator, the Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported.

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For the record

PAMPA FORECAST

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		
High 73 Low 42	High 68 Low 42	High 69 Low 43

Tonight: Isolated showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 73. Windy, with a west northwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 42. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. North northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 42. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 69. North northwest wind around 10 mph.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 43. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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2 men found asleep on bundles of pot face charges

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Two men found asleep on top of bundles of marijuana face federal drug charges in the Southern District of Texas.

The men have detention hearings scheduled for Thursday afternoon. They are charged with conspiracy and possession with intent to distribute the marijuana.

According to the complaint, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection agent

was following footprints left by six people early Saturday morning when he came upon the group sleeping atop bundles of marijuana. Four of the men fled, but two were detained.

The men told authorities they had entered the U.S. illegally and had taken turns carrying the bundles until they stopped to rest. Authorities seized more than 350 pounds of marijuana.

Parker County sheriff's deputy shot

WEATHERFORD, Texas (AP) — A Parker County sheriff's deputy and a suspect were wounded in an exchange of gunfire as officers tried to serve an arson warrant.

Sheriff Larry Fowler says the deputy was shot in the leg early Wednesday when the barricaded suspect fired through a door. Deputies returned fire, wounding the suspect who had tried to hide in a shed, in a rural area near Weatherford.

Both men were transported to hospitals. Fowler says the deputy was conscious and is expected to recover. Details on the wounded suspect were not immediately released.

Weatherford is about 30 miles west of Fort Worth.

Obituaries

Lavern Robertson Cates, 86

Lavern Robertson Cates passed away on September 29, 2009 in Dripping Springs, Texas where she lived since 2005 with her son Phil Cates and daughter-in-law Nancy. Lavern was born on March 14, 1923 in Erick, Oklahoma to Clarence and Eunice (Dollar) Robertson. In 1946, she married Herman Cates and moved to Lefors, Texas where Herman was employed in the oil fields.

Lavern was a dedicated and loving mother and grandmother to her son and grandsons. She participated in the Lefors school support organizations, First Baptist Church where she was WMU President and Senior Citizens. She worked as a nurse at

Highland General Hospital in Pampa, Texas for a few years. In Dripping Springs, she was active in Sunset Canyon Baptist Church and Senior Citizens.

Lavern is survived by her son Phil, daughter-in-law Nancy and grandsons Andrew and John Cates and John's wife, Ruth of Austin, Texas. She is also survived by sister-in-law Patsy Robertson of Wylie, Texas; brother-in-law OL Presley of Lefors, Texas; Martha Holt and Barbara Holt, Nancy's mother and sister of Pampa, Texas; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Special thanks from the family to Senior Citizens of Lefors and Dripping Springs; First Baptist

Church of Lefors; St. David's South Hospital of Austin; and Dr. Faith Holmes, Sunset Canyon Baptist Church, and Hill Country Care of Dripping Springs for the friendship, love and care Lavern received for the past 11 years since her husband passed away. Donations in lieu of flowers to any of these organizations are very much appreciated.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, October 1, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at Sunset Canyon Baptist Church, 4000 Highway 290 East, Dripping Springs, TX 78620 - phone 512-894-0480, www.sunsetcanyon-church.org.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday,



Cates

October 3, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at Memorial Heights Cemetery, Lefors, TX 79054.

Harrell Funeral Home, 4435 Frontier Trail, Austin, and Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home, 600 N. Ward Street, Pampa, are officiating.

Eula Mae Bailey

Eula Mae Bailey was born March 26, 1921 in McClure, Okla., to Anna Schultz and Franklin Earl Burgess. She passed away September 28, 2009, in Amarillo at the age of 88.

Eula Mae graduated from school in Pie Flat, southeast of Hammon, Okla. She married Preston Erman Bailey in Hammon April 9, 1939. They lived

and farmed in Hammon until 1953, when they moved to Pampa and Eula began working for Hiland Pharmacy, retiring October 30, 1984. They moved to Amarillo in 2002.

She was a member of the Central Church of Christ in Pampa.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, three brothers and

two sisters.

She is survived by daughters, Carlyn Baker, husband Jerry of Amarillo, and Viva Kay Coulter, husband Gary of Sayre, Okla; one granddaughter, Vanessa Norman, husband Jeff; two great granddaughters, Brooke and Kathryn Norman of Allen; a sister, Ruth Ann Collins of Butler, Okla. a brother-

in-law Frank Bailey and wife Janice of Altus, Okla; sister-in-law Billie Bailey of Lubbock and a host of other relatives and friends.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, October 2, 2009, in Rose Hill Chapel in Sayre, Okla. Burial will be in Fairlawn Cemetery. Condolences may be made Online, www.whineryfs.com.

Bobby Dean Clemmons Sr. 76

Bobby Dean Clemmons, Sr., 76, of Bella Vista, Arkansas died Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at his home in Bella Vista. He was born on August 18, 1933 in Lefors, Texas to George and Mary Clemmons.

He was employed by Northern Natural Gas, Northern Petrochemical, and UPG for 33 years. He retired to Bella Vista, Arkansas at the age of

52. Bob loved family & friends and was known for all the unselfish support he provided them, along with the joy he brought to all who knew him. He enjoyed golfing, woodworking, Chicago Cubs, and John Wayne movies. Bob will be sorely missed by his family and friends.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Espanieta; brother, Bill Clemmons and his wife,

Betty.

Bob is survived by his wife of 57 years, Wanda Clemmons of Bella Vista, Arkansas who shared all his passions; sons, Charles Clemmons and wife Pat, of Morris, Illinois, Bobby Dean Clemmons, Jr. and wife Terri of Morris, Illinois; daughter, Melissa Clemmons of Centerton, Arkansas; two brothers, Eddie Clemmons and wife, Anita of Texas, Noel

Clemmons and wife Linda of Texas; grandchildren, Mike, Mark, Olivia, Alex, Nick, Drew, and Luke; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services were held Saturday, September 5, 2009 at the Bella Vista Baptist Church in Bella Vista, Arkansas with Reverend Michael McCauley officiating. Clemmons was buried in the Bella Vista Cemetery.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following reports during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

There were 13 traffic stops and complaints. There were two accidents reported.

There were seven animal-related calls.
There were four medical calls.

Tuesday, Sept. 29.
There was a 911 hangup call in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill.

An alarm was reported in the 300 block of West Kingsmill.

An alarm was reported in the 2500 block of North Christine.

A cordless drill was reported stolen in the 500 block of West Brown.

Officers assisted another agency in the arrest of a

man on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

A fire alarm went off in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 100 block of South Wells.

The side of a building was spray painted in the 800 block of South Cuyler.

An abandoned vehicle was reported at Duncan and Harvester.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 100 block of East Harvester.

A garage door was reported damaged in the 700 block of East Denver.

A theft was reported in the 600 block of East Frederic.

A 1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee was reported stolen in the 200 block of East Atchison.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100

block of South Faulkner.

An alarm was reported in the 2300 block of North Navajo.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of North Zimmers.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2500 block of Aspen.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 300 block of South Anne.

An assault was reported in the 800 block of North Wells.

A suspicious person was reported in the 300 block of North Tignor.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 700 block of North Russell.

A suspicious person report in the 2200 block of West Alcock resulted in the arrest of one person for public intoxication.

Wednesday, Sept. 30.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1500 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported at Browning and Frost.

Fire investigators went to the 600 block of North Frost.

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrested during the past 24-hours.

Tuesday, Sept. 29.

Jose Palacios, 32, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Mario Soliz, 27, was arrested by Pampa police officers on outstanding traffic warrants.

Atzirri Ariz Murgado, 18, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of aggravated sexual assault of a child and harboring a runaway.

Guadalupe Aboytz, 23, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of failure to identify, not having a driver's license and not having insurance as well as a warrant charging theft under five dollars.

Kimberlee Sue Smith, 48, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of public intoxication.

Houston cop killer to get new punishment trial

HOUSTON (AP) — A convicted killer on death row for gunning down a Houston police officer nearly 20 years ago is getting a new punishment trial after the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ruled Wednesday his trial jury received an improper instruction when it decided he should be put to death.

Carl Wayne Buntion, 65, has been on death row since 1991 for the shooting death of James Irby, 37, a Houston motorcycle officer who pulled over a car in which Buntion was a passenger.

The appeals court said instructions given to jurors deliberating whether he should get the death penalty did not have a proper

way to "to give meaningful consideration" to evidence Buntion had a troubled childhood, was mistreated by an alcoholic father and had run away from home to work on a dairy farm because his family was poor. Evidence also showed Buntion suffered from a paranoid personality disorder, depression and a mild brain dysfunction.

Buntion had been on parole only six weeks at the time of the June 1990 shooting, serving only 13 months of a 15-year sentence for sexual assault of a child. It was the latest of about a dozen convictions over nearly 30 years for Buntion, who first went to prison when he was 17.

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Conservationists sue EPA over prairie dog poison

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Two conservation groups have sued the Environmental Protection Agency for its decision to register pesticides that curtail prairie dogs, the main source of food for the endangered black-footed ferret.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Washington, D.C., by Defenders of Wildlife and Audubon of Kansas, says the chemicals threaten other species, and that in issuing registrations for their use, the EPA is violating the federal Endangered Species Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and other federal laws. The lawsuit claims the EPA failed to heed warnings from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that registrations of the chemicals chlorophacinone and diphacinone "be disapproved or rescinded because of known and potential impacts to wildlife."

It seeks an injunction against the registration in 10 states of Rozol, which contains chlorophacinone, and the local use of Kaput-D, which contains diphacinone. The chemicals cause internal bleeding.

EPA spokesman Dale Kemery said the agency planned to release a federal register notice next week related to the lawsuit.

"We are treating this request as a petition to suspend this use of Rozol," he said in an e-mail Tuesday. "The docket will include the risk assessments as well as letters from other parties expressing similar concerns."

Kemery said the EPA issued a similar notice about Kaput-D earlier this month.

"Once we receive and evaluate public comment on these notices, we will determine the future course of action," he said.

The lawsuit, filed Sept. 23, takes issue with EPA's decision in May to approve the use of Rozol to target black-tailed prairie dogs in Kansas, Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming.

"According to FWS, use of these rodenticides in these states could damage ferret recovery efforts and impact other federally-protected species," the lawsuit said.

According to the lawsuit, the Fish and Wildlife

Service requested that the EPA consult with it over use of both Rozol and Kaput-D "because the range of the black-tailed prairie dog overlaps with the black-footed ferret, one of the most critically endangered mammals in the United States."

In a letter dated Sept. 8, Bryan Arroyo, the assistant director for the Fish and Wildlife Service's Division of Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, told the EPA that his agency recommended the EPA withdraw its registration for Rozol and withhold registration for Kaput "until EPA completes a formal consultation with the Service on the use of these rodenticides to control black-tailed prairie dogs."

Valerie Fellows, a Fish and Wildlife spokeswoman, said Tuesday that consultation has not occurred.

Arroyo said the agency earlier determined that prairie dog poisoning was a "major factor in the decline of the ferrets, through both decline of the prairie dogs and inadvertent poisoning of ferrets."

He also said the agency was "especially concerned about potential mortality

of migratory raptors due to the use of Rozol and Kaput."

The black-footed ferret relies on prairie dogs for survival, said Ron Klataske, executive director of Audubon of Kansas.

"You have to have some places with prairie dogs to have ferrets," he said.

Klataske said his group prefers the use of zinc phosphide to control prairie dog populations, which can compete with livestock for forage, because it "doesn't result in a chain-reaction secondary poisoning."

Black-footed ferrets were thought to be extinct until 1981, when a colony was found in Wyoming. The species has since been reintroduced in several western and midwestern states.

Pete Gober, who coordinates black-footed ferret recovery efforts for the Fish and Wildlife Service, said there are about 500 breeding black-footed ferret adults in about 18 sites in North America. The goal is to have about 3,000 of them scattered across 30 sites, he said.

Guns

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in New York that reached a similar conclusion in January.

Judges on both courts — Republican nominees in Chicago and Democratic nominees in New York — said only the Supreme Court could decide whether to extend last year's ruling throughout the country. Many, but not all, of the constitutional protections in the Bill of Rights have been applied to cities and states.

The New York ruling also has been challenged, but the court did not act on it Wednesday. Sotomayor would have to sit out any

case involving decisions she was part of on the appeals court. Although the issue is the same in the Chicago case, there is no ethical bar to her participation in its consideration by the Supreme Court.

Several Republican senators cited the Sotomayor gun ruling, as well as her reticence on the topic at her confirmation hearing, in explaining their decision to oppose her confirmation to the high court.

The case will be argued next year.

The case is McDonald v. Chicago, 08-1521.

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The students in the building at the time were evacuated to safe areas, said Sgt. Casey Ingersoll, spokesman for the police department.

Fire officials said the basement was flooded with water standing about an inch deep.

Officials said there was about \$30,000 in damage to the renovated area because of the water from the fire sprinkler system, although no official estimate has been released.

Pampa Fire Chief Kim

Powell said Tuesday that it appeared that someone hit a fire extinguishing sprinkler head and set off the fire alarm system shortly before noon.

Powell said the system worked well, just like it was supposed to. The automated sprinkler system left about an inch of water in the school's basement.

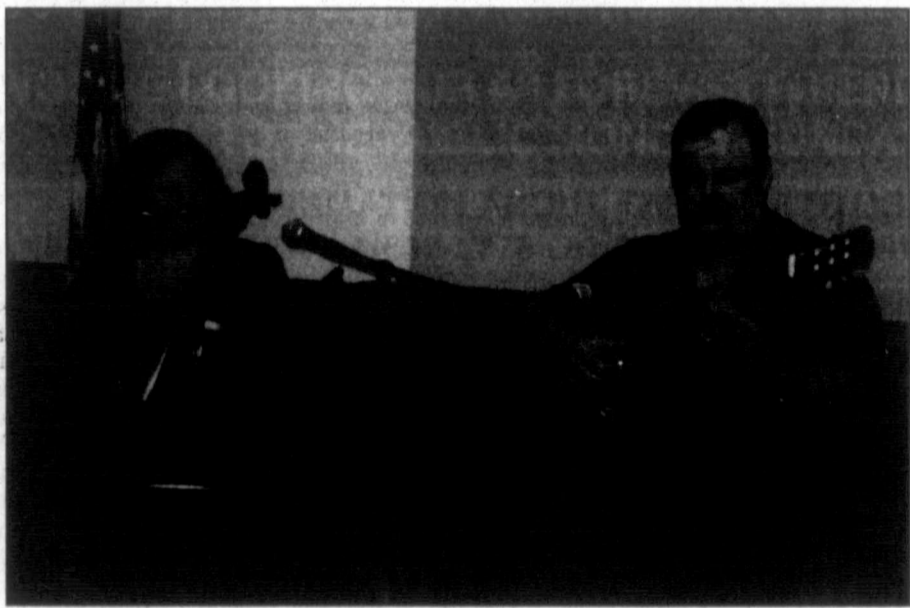
The fire extinguisher system had to be shut down until the broken sprinkler head link could be replaced. It is back in operation today.

Audience delighted with Smith

JOE WEAVER
SPECIAL TO THE PAMPA NEWS

Music lovers who came to be entertained by a guitarist at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce last Friday were not disappointed as they watched the fast finger work of National Fingerstyle Guitar Champion Richard Smith play selections from classical to country. A surprising—and delightful—bonus to the program was the addition of Smith's wife, Julie Adams, who not only accompanied the guitarist on her cello, but joined him in vocalizing for many numbers.

Given short notice that Smith was available for a performance, the Chamber hustled to promote the event, which featured the duo in performance for the first hour, and a chance to "jam" with Smith after the intermission—which several local musicians did, after they recovered from the shock that such



National Fingerstyle Guitar Champion Richard Smith and his wife Julie Adams performed last Friday at the community building.

an opportunity provided. Smith was born in England and started playing guitar at age 5, digesting everything he heard and learning even the most complicated tunes. The noted guitarist Chet Atkins invited eleven-year-old Richard to play with him before the

queen, and subsequently called Smith his "hero". Adams is one of the most diverse cellists on the music scene today. When not touring with her husband, she is a session player in Nashville, where they make their home.

While not a major

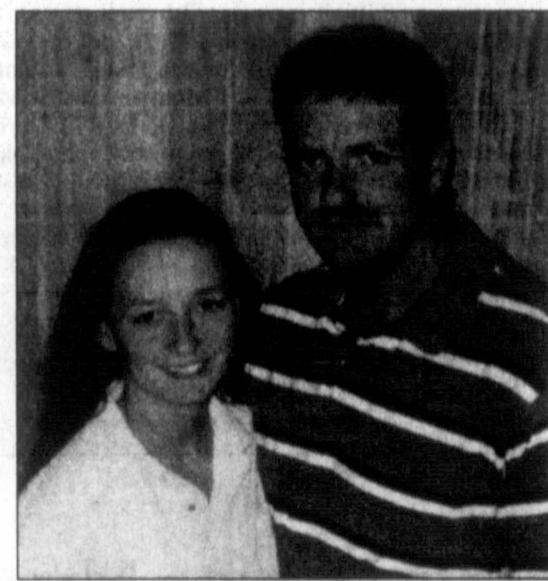
fundraiser for the Chamber (donations were accepted), the event was deemed a success by all concerned, providing attendees with the chance to hear world-class musicians in person, and will be repeated as the opportunity arises.



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LEWIS AND NOLTE TO WED

Billie Lewis and Shane Nolte both of Pampa, will be wed, October 2, 2009 at the groom's parents home. Billie is the daughter of Jannis and Jim Schoonover of Pampa. She is employed with Allsup's, in Pampa. Shane is the son of Belinda and Steve Nolte of Pampa. He is employed with H B Zachary at Phillips in Borger.



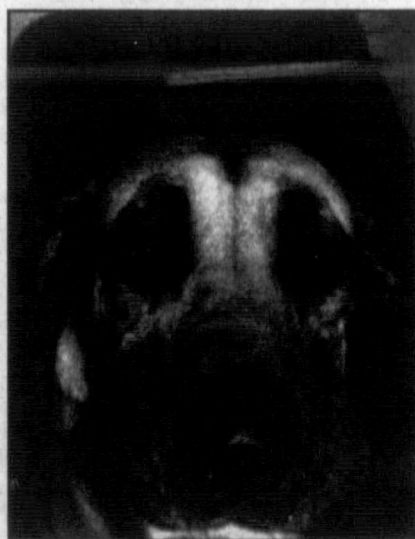
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Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 30, the 273rd day of 2009. There are 92 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 30, 1809, the Treaty of Fort Wayne (also known as the Ten O'Clock Line Treaty) was signed by Indiana Territory Gov. William Henry Harrison and representatives of four Indian tribes. (Under terms of the treaty, the Indians sold some 3 million acres of land to be used for U.S. settlements.)

On this date:

In 1777, the Continental Congress — forced to flee in the face of advancing British forces — moved to York, Pa.

In 1791, Mozart's opera "The Magic Flute" premiered in Vienna, Austria.

In 1846, Boston dentist William Morton used ether as an anesthetic for the first time as he extracted an ulcerated tooth from merchant Eben Frost.

'You must learn from the mistakes of others. You can't possibly lie long enough to make them all yourself.'

— Sam Levenson, American humorist

In 1938, after co-signing the Munich Agreement allowing Nazi annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain praised the accord on his return home, saying, "I believe it is peace for our time."

In 1939, the first college football game to be televised was shown on experimental station

W2XBS in New York as Fordham University defeated Waynesburg College, 34-7.

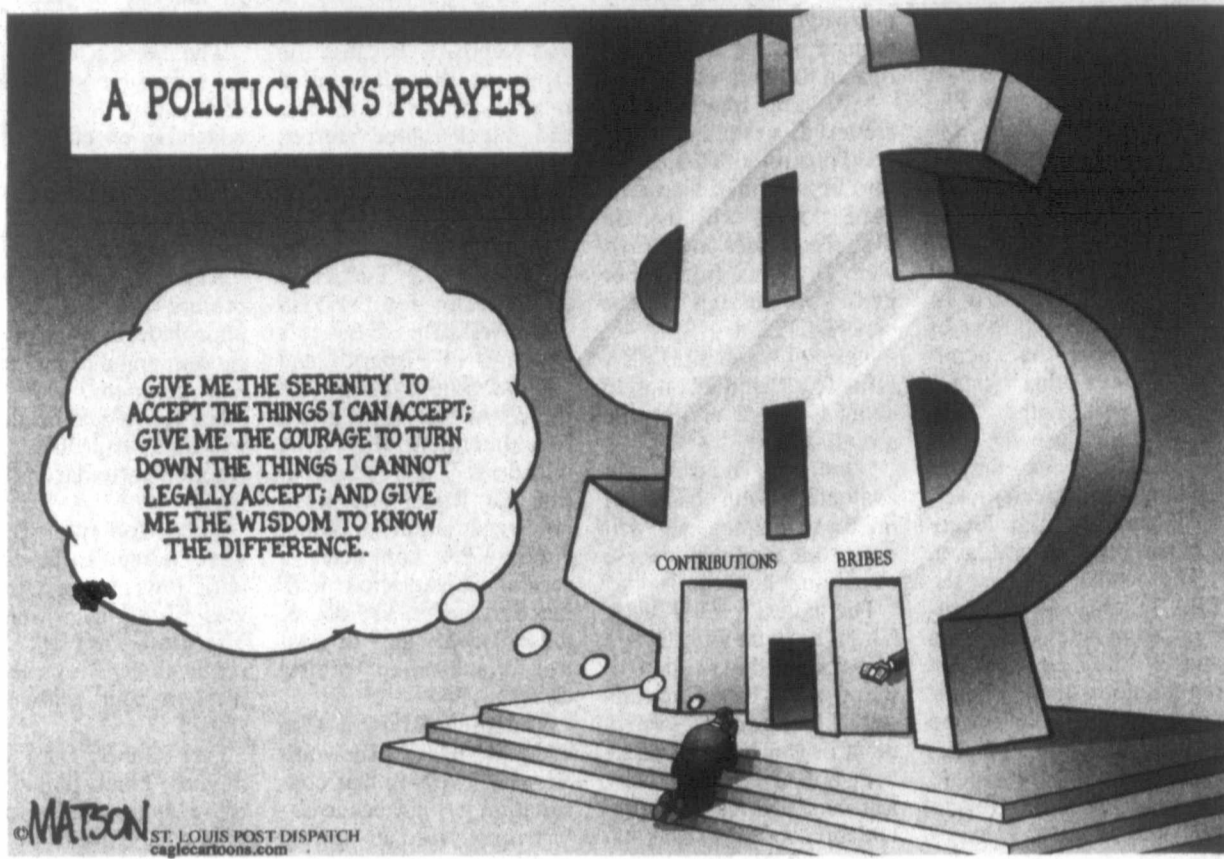
In 1949, the Berlin Airlift came to an end.

In 1954, the first nuclear-powered submarine, the USS Nautilus, was commissioned by the Navy.

In 1955, actor James Dean, 24, was killed in a two-car collision near Cholame, Calif.

In 1962, black student James Meredith was escorted by federal marshals to the campus of the University of Mississippi, where he enrolled for classes the next day.

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall of Famer Robin Roberts is 83. Author Elie Wiesel is 81. Actress Angie Dickinson is 78. Singer Cissy Houston is 76. Singer Johnny Mathis is 74. Actor Len Cariou is 70. Singer Marilyn McCoo is 66. Former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert is 64. Pop singer Sylvia Peterson (The Chiffons) is 63. Actress Victoria Tennant is 59. Actor John Finn (TV: "Cold Case") is 57. Rock musician John Lombardo is 57. Singer Deborah Allen is 56. Actress Fran Drescher is 52. Country singer Marty Stuart is 51. Actress Debrah Farentino is 50. Rock musician Bill Rieflin (R.E.M.) is 49. Actress Crystal Bernard is 48. Actor Eric Stoltz is 48. Rapper-producer Marley Marl is 47. Country singer Eddie Montgomery (Montgomery-Gentry) is 46. Rock singer Trey Anastasio is 45. Actress Monica Bellucci is 45. Rock musician Robby Takac (Goo Goo Dolls) is 45. Actress Lisa Thornhill is 43. Actress Andrea Roth is 42. Actor Tony Hale is 39. Actress Jenna Elfman is 38. Actor Ashley Hamilton is 35. Actress Marion Cotillard is 34. Actor Mike Damus is 30. Tennis player Martina Hingis is 29. Olympic gold medal gymnast Dominique Moceanu is 28. Actress Lacey Chabert is 27. Actor Kieran Culkin is 27. Singer-rapper T-Pain is 25.



You, Too, should care about what's happening to journalism

BY LEE H. HAMILTON

A central aspect of the art of politics in Washington is getting information to the American people. Determining what the White House, Congress and the people will focus on — and, just as important, what the content of debate will be — preoccupies politicians at both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue, and legions of lobbyists, pundits, strategists and consultants.

One major institution looms large in all these people's calculations: the national media. Not only has it historically played a vital role in informing the people and focusing their attention on issues that need addressing, but also it has a considerable impact on how we talk about them. What we read in the newspapers, hear on the radio, and see on television or online helps to shape how public policy gets discussed.

The crosscurrents of reasoned discourse and angry outbursts that have characterized much of the debate on health care reform are a perfect illustration of how coverage by the mainstream media, the exhortations of talk radio hosts, and extreme theories spread through the blogosphere all combine to influence the dialogue of democracy.

You can find the crucial role that an independent media plays in a democracy in any basic journalism text. Unlike partisan commentators and bloggers, its first obligation is to the truth: to provide the basic information that a self-governing people relies on to make discerning judg-

ments. This means that journalists have a heavy responsibility to check the facts and be accurate, since their fundamental role is to foster understanding of issues, players and government, not to stoke contempt or praise for them.

The press helps make representative democracy work. If it does its job, it maintains a healthy skepticism of those in power — and of those who seek to defeat them at the ballot box. It should perform vital oversight not only of government, but also of the special interests that seek to influence it. It should provide a forum for public dialogue. It should report comprehensively on issues in a manner that does not reduce them to simple sound bites. And it should strive to help readers, listeners and viewers understand what is significant and what is not.

Without a robust, independent and professionally competent media helping Americans understand our government and politics, and giving them the tools to make good judgments about them, our democracy will fail.

This historic role of the press is under siege today. In part, of course, it's being undermined by the sorry financial state that many newspapers and mainstream news programs find themselves in. But it is also being compromised by the blurring that has taken place in recent years between news and opinion, and, more destructively, between news and entertainment.

The media today is more anxious to comment on the news than it is to cover

and report it. Hard news and reasoned analysis are foundering as the numbers of reporters shrink. Washington bureaus are slashed or abandoned altogether, and the space devoted to the basic informative aspects of journalism gives way to reporting about politics, polls, personalities and conflicts, rather than the substance of issues.

And what has come to dominate the public's attention instead? Feisty advocates for a particular point of view, belligerent personalities, and word-smiths promoted for their cleverness and temerity. Television is a particular culprit here. Many interviewees on television now deem it a virtue to offer an avalanche of opinions and a trickle of facts, to prod for angry shouting matches, to exacerbate differences, and to book guests based on their partisanship, not their knowledge.

It has reached the point where people attempting to be fair, reasoned and discriminating on many television shows either give up or find themselves in the awkward position of being marginalized. The political center may be alive and well among Americans on the ground, but it is very hard to find on the air — when, for instance, was the last time you saw a program on abortion that wasn't all about the clash of pro-life and pro-choice advocates, rather than the more subtle views held by many Americans?

Moreover, I am amazed at how much airtime is spent interviewing pundits about their opinions, both informed and ill-informed,

and how little time is spent investigating the facts or breaking stories not already covered in the print media.

All of this, of course, concerns both responsible journalists and those they cover. The relationship between decision-makers and the journalists who report on them is symbiotic. Journalists need news-makers, but they also rely on politicians with a deep understanding of a given issue to help them explain it to the broader public. Likewise, politicians and policy-makers rely on journalists to help build public understanding by reporting in depth on the substance of issues, not just the politics and the personalities.

A world filled with partisan blogs and hyper-bloviating commentators can work to a politician's advantage, giving him or her the ability to stoke public support by appealing only to the faithful. But the travails besetting journalism today are alarming to those of us who believe that democracy is not simply a matter of mobilizing the masses; it is instead about searching for common ground among competing interests on difficult issues and then painstakingly building support for compromise and reasoned solutions.

All who believe in representative democracy must understand that what's happening in journalism today has huge consequences for the quality and vitality of our republic.

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BRAVE NEWS WORLD

Optimist Tiger League Football kicked off

Optimist Tiger League Football kicked off opening day last Saturday with several good games.

The third and fourth grade division got things rolling in the early game at 10 a.m. with the Texans defeating the Cowboys.

The third and fourth grade continued play at 11:30 a.m. with the Packers defeating the Falcons.

The fifth and sixth grade Packers got their season off to a good start with a 34-6 victory over the Chargers.

Rickie Johnson led the way for the Packer's on

offense with five carries for 158 yards and three touchdowns.

Cade Engle added four carries for 68 yards, one touchdown and a two-point conversion, Engle also contributed two receptions for 48 yards and a two-point conversion.

Brandon Sieck added six carries for 47 yards while Adam Zuniga did an outstanding job of managing the Packer offense completing two out of three passes for 48 yards and a two-point conversion, Zuniga also rushed for six-

yards on two carries.

Also totting the rock for the Packers were Kyndan Lott and Andreas Losoya who combined for 14 yards on five carries.

The Packer offense was able to roll behind a strong effort from its offensive line of Chanceton Roberts, Landon Taylor, Chase Brown, Ricky Rivera, Austin Hernandez, Chance Butler and Kyndan Lott.

The Packers had a good day on defense only giving up one touchdown and one long run by Joseph Radke. Zuniga, Roberts and Sieck tied for the team lead with four tackles each. Johnson, Engle and Losoya each added three tackles while Losoya notched a big time quarterback sack in the second quarter. Zuniga and Engle each had an interception, Zuniga took his 58 yards for a touchdown and Engle picked a two-point conversion attempt by the Chargers and added 15 yards on the return.

Aaron Aerola added two tackles and some big hits. Rounding out the day on defense for the packers were Brown, Corban Hair, Lott and Chance Butler with one tackle each.

The Packer defensive line of Roberts, Taylor, Brown and Lott did an outstanding job all day of applying pressure to the Chargers.

In the 2:30 game the fifth and sixth grade Cowboys defeated the Dolphins in a very close game.

Action will continue next week with four more games on the schedule beginning at 10 a.m. on the High School Football Field.

Pampa Regional honors National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

In honor of October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Pampa Regional Medical Center is offering deeply discounted screening mammograms to women in the Texas Panhandle. By calling in the month of October to schedule a mammogram anytime before the end of December, patients will receive the screening for only \$50. For those who wish to file insurance, co-pays and deductibles will be waived.

"Mammography has been proven to be critical in saving lives by providing for early detection and treatment of cancer," said Richard Sandoval, Director of Imaging at Pampa Regional Medical Center. "If all women age 40 and older took advantage of early detection methods - mammography plus clinical breast exam - breast cancer rates would drop much further, up to 30 percent."

"We partnered with our radiologists to make this service more accessible through reduced prices and extended hours, so that everyone who wants to schedule a mammogram this year can do so easily," said Todd Lorenz, Chief Executive Officer at Pampa Regional.

The American Cancer Society recommends yearly mammograms and clinical breast exams for women 40 and older. On average, mammography will detect about 80 to 90 percent of breast cancers in women without symptoms. Death rates from breast cancer in the U.S. have been declining since 1990, due in large part to early detection by mammography screening and improvements in treatment.

Patients can schedule their mammograms by calling Pampa Regional Medical Center at 806-663-5509.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: On July 23, "Wondering" asked why President Obama is considered to be African-American and you responded that the term "African-American" is used in this country as a label that describes skin color. However, in the U.S. the term is generally applied to black Americans of slave ancestry.

Before the Civil War we were African-American slaves, not considered fully human by the U.S. Constitution. After the Civil War and the outlawing of slavery, former slaves gained citizenship through amendments to the Constitution but were not able to exercise the full rights of citizenship. Most former slaves wanted to just be "Americans" with all the rights and privileges associated with it -- but because of the color of their skin were discriminated against and given second-class citizenship.

The term "African-American" is the result of a search for identity by these new Americans, former slaves and their descen-

dants. We were called by many names -- most of them negative, such as "Negro," "Colored," "African," the infamous "N-word," "Afro-American" and finally, "black." All of these at one time we considered negative because they didn't represent self-identification.

The black power movement occurred when Black Americans changed the negative term "black" to the positive term "Black." The musician James Brown coined the phrase, "Say It Loud, I'm Black and I'm Proud." Later other black folk began to adopt the term "African-American," which brings us to the present.

We are a nation that has roots in all nations of the world. Truly, "we ARE the world." We're all American, either by birth or naturalization. The labels tend to divide us into groups which separate us rather than bring us together. The saying "United We Stand, Divided We Fall" is true. Let us all come together and all be blessed. -- REV. ALTON E. PARIS, AMERICAN

Flooding prompts daycare evacuation

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — Six motorists trapped in flood waters were rescued Tuesday and a daycare was evacuated after a slow moving thunderstorm dumped several inches of rain on the Laredo area.

The San Antonio Express-News reported that police officers and public works officials waded through chest-deep water to carry about 90 preschool aged children from a daycare. The children were not injured and the preschool was not flooded.

Laredo Fire Department spokesman Eloy Vega told The Associated Press that the thunderstorm prompted flooding at 12 intersections resulting in the motorists' rescues by Laredo fire crews. He had no reports of any casualties or damage.

The town of Encinal, located 40 miles north of Laredo, in northern Webb County, received the heaviest rain at seven inches.

Vega said city crews in Laredo, which is 150 miles south of San Antonio, had to close some intersections because of the flooding.

He said one intersection remained closed Tuesday night. Parts of northwest Webb County had four

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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PHS renovation nearing final stage
By David Bowman
The Pampa Independent School District board Tuesday night approved the final stage of the Pampa Junior High School renovation project. The board also approved a contract with the construction company to complete the project. The renovation project is the largest in the district's history and is expected to be completed by the end of the year. The project includes the construction of a new gymnasium, a new cafeteria, and the renovation of the existing building. The estimated cost of the project is \$10 million.

City, PEDC to team up against trash
By Bruce Phillips
The city and the Pampa Economic Development Corporation (PEDC) are teaming up to launch a new program to reduce the amount of trash in the city. The program will involve the city and PEDC working together to provide incentives for businesses and residents to recycle and reduce their waste. The program is expected to be implemented in the next few months.

Debate on name of PJHS mascot favors unity
By David Bowman
The Pampa Junior High School board Tuesday night held a debate on the name of the school's mascot. The board members were divided on the issue, with some favoring the name "The Pampers" and others favoring "The Panthers." The board eventually agreed to hold a vote on the issue at a future meeting.

Perry says he will call special session
By David Bowman
Gov. Rick Perry Tuesday said he will call a special legislative session to address the state's budget deficit. Perry said he will call the session in the next few weeks. The session is expected to be one of the most important in the state's history, as it will determine how the state will deal with the economic challenges it is facing.

Open meetings violation suit filed against PISD
By David Bowman
A lawsuit has been filed against the Pampa Independent School District (PISD) for allegedly violating the Texas Open Meetings Act. The lawsuit was filed by a group of citizens who claim that the school board has been conducting its business in secret, without providing the public with the opportunity to attend and participate in its meetings. The lawsuit seeks to force the school board to comply with the law and to provide the public with the information it is entitled to.

Gov breaks collarbone in biking accident
By David Bowman
Gov. Rick Perry Tuesday said he has broken his collarbone in a biking accident. Perry was riding his bicycle on a path near his home when he fell and broke his collarbone. Perry is expected to be out of work for several weeks. Perry said he is recovering well from the injury and is looking forward to returning to work.

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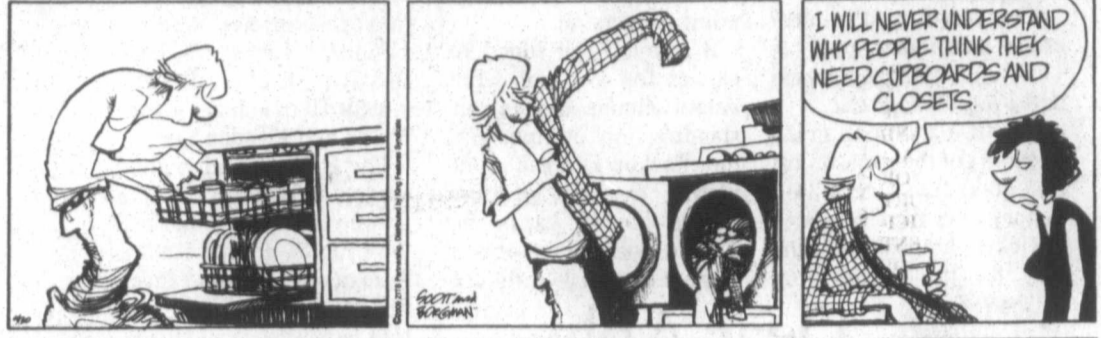


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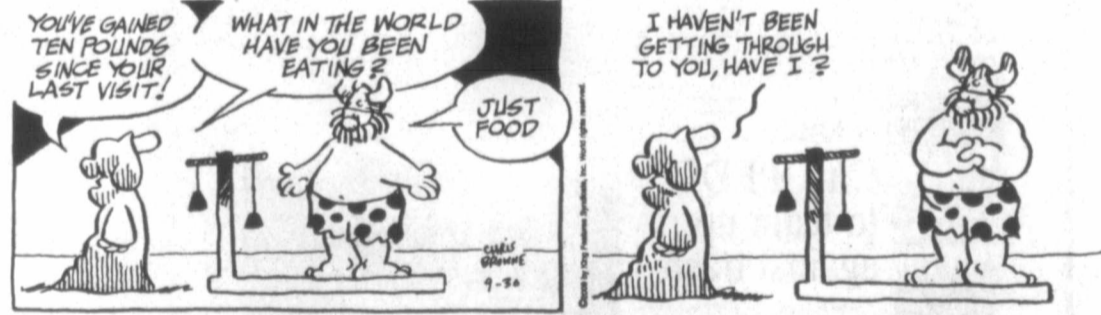
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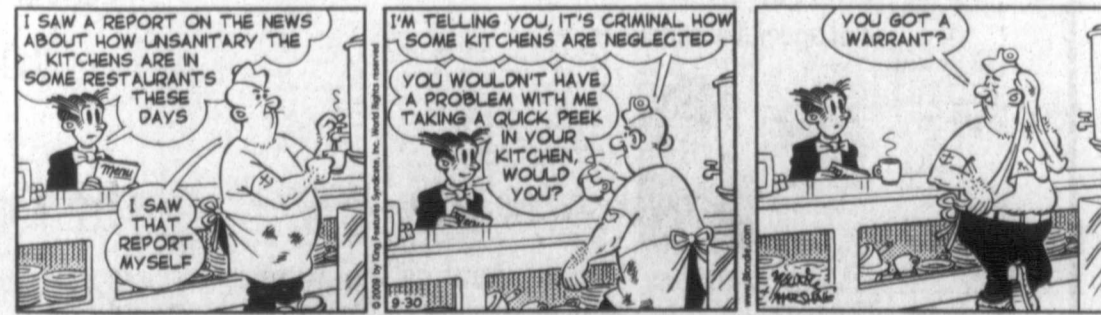
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Mommy, am I finished with my bath?"

Daily Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS DOWN

- 1 "Gee whiz!"
- 5 Small chicken
- 11 Diva's song
- 12 One-celled organism
- 13 Lord's wife
- 14 Track athlete
- 15 Pub brew
- 16 Cuban coin
- 17 Make fun of
- 19 Old boat
- 22 Barn section
- 24 Church topper
- 26 Research sites
- 27 Border
- 28 Car parts
- 30 Welcome
- 31 Chart shape
- 32 Concerning
- 34 Iditarod item
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- 44 Messed up
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Yesterday's answer

- 22 Sign of freshness
- 23 Curbside call
- 25 Where El Misti rises
- 29 Seasoned sausage
- 30 Zeus or Odin
- 33 "John Brown's Body" poet
- 34 Display item
- 36 Shop
- 37 Con-vene
- 38 Collar
- 39 Pac.'s counter-part
- 40 Common title
- 41 Not working

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ORDINANCE NO. 1514
 AN ORDINANCE SETTING A TAX RATE OF \$0.62693 ON EACH \$100.00 VALUATION OF PROPERTY AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF PAMPA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2009-2010; PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING OF EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SUCH TAXES SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID AND FOR PENALTY AND INTEREST; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THE CAPTION HEREOF.
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ORDINANCE NO. 1515
 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PAMPA, TEXAS PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF PAMPA, TEXAS, BE AMENDED BY REVISING SECTIONS 6.05.010(a), 6.05.010(b), AND 6.05.010(d), PROVIDING FOR RATES FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FOR RESIDENTIAL AND OTHER CUSTOMERS WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE COOPERATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF PAMPA.
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1 Public Notice
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 Linda Lewis
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1 Public Notice
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS LEFORS ISD'S State Financial Accountability Rating
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 D-76 Sept. 30, 2009

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009:
 This year, you are open to changes and more positive conversations. You always put your best foot forward, especially in your daily life. You might want to rethink agreements you make with bosses or higher-ups that push your limits. Your instincts come through one more time. If you are single, many people find you appealing. You have more choices than you are aware of. However, use care in the person you choose; he or she might not be emotionally available, although this person might give the impression otherwise. Just be aware. If you are attached, time spent together on favorite projects or away alone together rebuilds the bond between you. PISCES works well with you. Partner with them more often at work or with projects.

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)
 *** Stop emotional thoughts for a few minutes. Take a deep breath or go for a walk. Then look around. The story can change considerably with some perspective. Overindulgence is the natural theme of the moment. Honor who you are, and follow through on a key project. Tonight: Do your thing.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** You are aiming for more of what you want. Investigate possibilities with an open mind. You might see the logic in two different approaches to the same situation. Wavering won't work. Try one way or the other. Tonight: Where the action is.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** You might want to do something very different and cannot achieve that goal as fast as you might like. Take the lead on a project. If you have a clear vision of what is acceptable, or want a job done the way you want it done, you need to be the one to do it. Tonight: Could be a late night.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** Reach out for more information. Seeking out new facts could be important. Note that there is also an issue of perspective in choosing which facts are relevant. Take a look for yourself rather than depend on someone else. Tonight: Let your imagination wander.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** You are clear and direct with others, especially a partner or associate. Relate to others on a one-on-one level, and you'll draw only positive results. Investigate alternatives in discussions.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** You could see issues far differently from others. Black-and-white thinking isn't the answer. Can you make both views workable? Why is one more "right" than another? In there lies the solution. Someone could see you as very desirable. Tonight: Sort through your options.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** Easy works and brings you to a new level. Listen to news with an eye to change at work. What is acceptable in this situation? If necessary, be willing to admit, learn and incorporate new types of thinking. Tonight: Join a pal at a favorite spot.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** Your imagination combined with an innate talent takes you into new realms of thought. Be willing to break

past a boundary and see what lies on the other side. Feelings abound as creativity surges. Tonight: Kicking up your heels.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** Sometimes you might want to keep your opinions to yourself or share them with a chosen few. Though such a low-key approach is generally not you, it is workable and smart. If you can, take the day off in order to avoid a conflict. Tonight: Where the action is.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** You open up a door by being willing to have an overdue conversation. Feelings flow, especially if you detach from an immediate situation and look at the person involved. Give up being reactive. Tonight: Share over a meal.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** Know what you are worth beyond the almighty buck. You offer many assets that others don't. Ask questions if you're confused by someone's perspective. A partner verbalizes with ease. Dig in and get a job completed. Tonight: Take a hard look at your budget.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** You are in your element and resound with good sense. You might want to present your ideas in a way that others can hear. Others are disposed in your favor, and your suggestions seem to draw results. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

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 Baseball player Rod Carew (1945), baseball player Mark McGwire (1963), actor Richard Harris (1930)

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Sports

Dumas Demons possess Harvester tennis

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In some games, the score does not tell the whole story about what happened. According to Head Tennis Coach Sarah Corse, this was one of those nights as the Pampa Harvesters' tennis team lost 18-1 to Dumas, Tuesday at the Harvesters tennis courts.

Corse said Dumas was the better team last night but was pleased with how her team fought through the match.

"They played with heart tonight," Corse said. "They fought for every point. They fought for the game. They didn't give up. I know the score was 18-1. The score does not reflect how the kids played tonight."

Alyssa Hoelting got Pampa's only match victory defeating Dumas' Belen Flores 6-1 and 6-1. Hoelting was excited that she won.

"It feels really good," Hoelting said.

Corse said Hoelting played a strong singles match.

"I looked down there and she was on and then I looked and she was off," Corse said. "I looked over and saw she was up and was thinking I'll go to talk

to her when the set is over. I saw she was up so good I thought I wasn't going to jinx that."

Even though they had only one victory, Pampa had several close matches. David Moore and Aaron Silva lost their doubles match to Jason Wait and Garrett Losha 1-6, 6-2, and 5-7. Logan Karbo and Nick Nelson lost to Michael Crunelle and Sam Brandt 7-5, 5-7, 6-7. Karbo said he thought him and Nelson played well in their doubles match.

"We had some tough points and I think we played really good," Karbo said.

In singles Silva lost to Andrew Fry 1-6, 6-2 and 5-7. Nelson lost to Sam Brandt in the last match of the night 4-6, 7-6, 4-6. Corse was pleased with how Silva and Nelson played well in two long matches.

"Nick gave everything tonight that he could," Corse said. "He's young and he's going to learn a lot from that. He's going to be a heck of a player. We had Aaron and David they had their doubles, our three-set masters I think. They fought hard. Aaron turned around and lost in three sets in his singles."

On the girls side, Sammi Finney lost a close first set 7-5 in her singles. She lost the second set 6-1. Robin Fernuik lost her first set 6-4 and lost the second set 6-1. In doubles Holly Gage and Finney lost their first set 7-5 and lost their second set 6-2.

Hoelting said the team still has half of district left and can regroup to win matches.

"The season starts over and we play everyone again," Hoelting said. "I think this time we will know what to expect and we'll be more prepared and hopefully we will stick it out and win a few more matches."

Corse agreed and said it is a new start for her team.

"I told them we know where we stood with these matches, against Caprock, Hereford was even close, PD and Randall were close matches for us. I told them if we can fight and play like we did tonight things can go our way. That's our drive to win."

The Harvesters (3-10, 1-5) travel to Caprock on Saturday and re-match with the Longhorns. Caprock beat Pampa 13-6 in the district opener.



Sammi Finney returns a ball in her doubles match with Holly Gage as coach Sarah Corse looks on. Gage and Finney lost their match in three sets Tuesday.

staff photo by Andrew Glover

Correction

Jimmie Thompson's name was misspelled in the Pampa's News report of the Lady Scramble September 19-20. Also Thompson won the End of the Year Championship not a Lady Scramble.

Coming up

In tomorrow's edition:
A recap of Tuesday night's volleyball game in Hereford.

Previews of Pampa's football game against Plainview and Lefors game against Happy.

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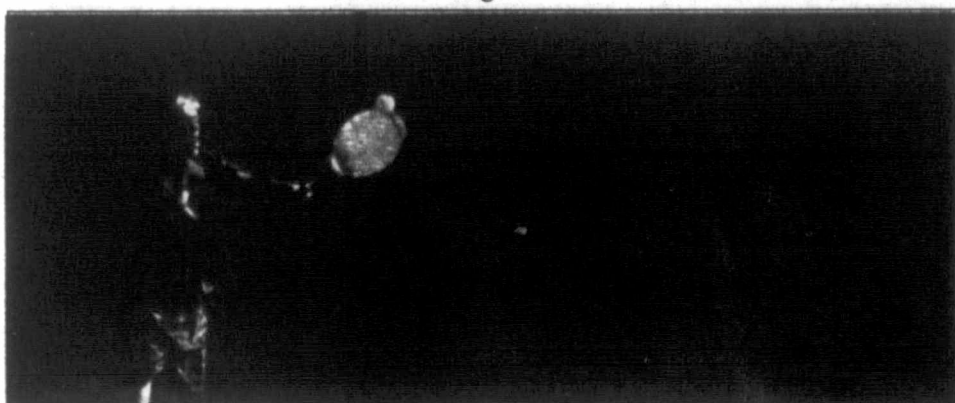
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Collin McClendon returns a ball in mixed doubles match with Kayla Ware.

Football Booster News

PHS Football Boosters...

The positive energy and encouragement of the fans that have come out to support the various teams have been invaluable for our coaches and boys. As always we encourage fans to stay till the end of the game, win or lose... and when the boys come to the sidelines... sing the Harvester Fight Song with them.

Can't make the game? You can now purchase an individual copy (DVD) of each of the games, even out-of-town games! Call the athletic office at 669-4830 to order the game of your choice.

Last week was open week at the high school level.

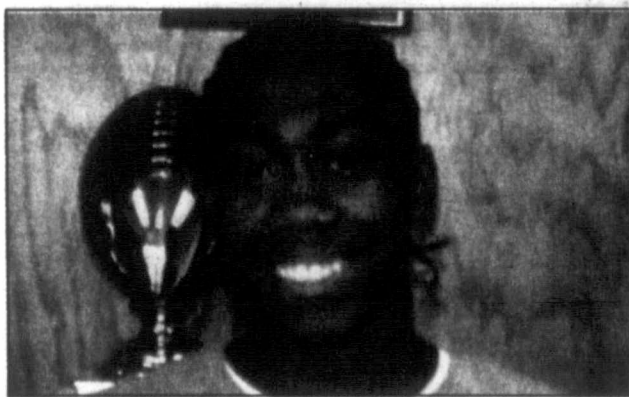
7th and 8th Graders played on Tuesday, September 22, against Hereford.

Tyler Curfman was named 7th grade Player of the Week and Freddy Jackson was the 8th Grade Player of the Week. Congratulations Boys!

This Week... the Junior High plays against Borger on Tuesday, September 29, 2009 JV will be on home field Thursday, October 1st at 7 p.m. as the Freshman travel to Plainview Varsity travels to Bulldog Stadium in Plainview Friday, October 2nd at 7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 5 at 7 p.m. in the Ready Room inside the Athletic Building (Val Halla) on Randy Matson Avenue. Parents of 7th-12th grade players are encouraged to attend and be a part.

PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR HARVESTERS!



8th grade Player of the Week Freddy Jackson



7th Grade Player of the Week Tyler Curfman

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All My Love,
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