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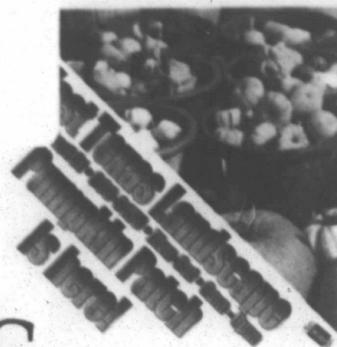
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## No confirmed H1N1 cases in Pampa

BY BETSY PHILLIPS AND  
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Despite reports over the weekend, there have been no confirmed cases of H1N1 in Pampa.

PISD Superintendent Barry Haenisch said Monday after some investigation, that Chris Kirkpatrick, nursing coordinator for PISD did tell a news agency there was one

case at Pampa Junior High School.

However, according to all agencies responsible for reporting, there has not been a confirmed case in Gray County.

Kirkpatrick did not immediately return calls regarding the source of the information she reported.

Haenisch said the district will be monitoring any influenza outbreaks

closely, and that the custodial staff has received extra training and are "going way beyond normal cleaning practices."

"Our absences are running exactly where they have for the past two or three years, for this part of the school year," Haenisch said. Each school has a letter prepared to send to parents.

Pampa Regional Medical

Center had three confirmed cases of influenza A, as of last week, according to Jennifer Black RN, director of infectious disease control.

None of those cases has been confirmed by state health officials as H1N1, but officials say despite the publicity, there is no reason to panic.

Black said the hospital has received an increased

amounts of patients at the hospital with flu like symptoms but the hospital doesn't test for swine flu unless the patient tests positive for influenza A and is hospitalized.

"If they are hospitalized we will send the results to the health department in Lubbock and they will test for swine flu," Black said.

Kevin McClaren, Deputy  
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## Folk music center dedication



Above, Mary Jo Guthrie Edgmon, Woody Guthrie's sister, being introduced at the dedication of the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center in the old Harris Drug Store, 320 South Cuyler Saturday. At right, Sam Doores, right, plays a Guthrie song after being introduced by Charles Henry, head of the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center in Pampa.



## High court won't review royalties case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court has left in place a court ruling that the Obama administration says will cost taxpayers at least \$19 billion in royalties on energy leases in the Gulf of Mexico.

The justices declined Monday to hear the government's appeal of a ruling in favor of the Anadarko Petroleum Corp. involving eight deepwater leases the company holds in the gulf. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans ruled that the Interior Department could not collect royalties from the leases, even as oil prices rose and companies began posting huge profits.

The leases were obtained between 1996 and 2000 by Kerr-McGee Corp., which Anadarko later acquired.

The case revolves around a 1995 law that gave oil and natural gas producers a break from paying royalties at a

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## Complaints mount at Texas prepaid electric firms

DALLAS (AP) — Texas' utility commissioners say they don't know how many prepaid electric companies are in the state and refuse to disclose how many customers are served by the firms, which face rampant consumer complaints, according to a newspaper report Sunday.

The state Public Utility Commission said it doesn't know how many operate in Texas because it doesn't classify companies by business model. Unofficial estimates indicate the companies serve as many as 100,000 customers, The Dallas Morning News reported.

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## One killed, one injured in crash

PAMPA — At approximately 3:42 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 4., Pampa Police, Gray County Sheriff's Deputies, DPS Troopers, and Pampa EMS responded to a motorcycle accident in the 1400 block of E. Francis.

Brian Davis Huddleston 25, of Pampa, was identified as the operator of a 2003 Kawasaki Ninja motorcycle. A 26-year-old female was identified as a passenger on the motorcycle.

According to the Pampa Police  
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## Camper destroyed

Pampa firefighters responded to 934 Love Street Sunday just before 5:30 p.m. to a fire in a camping trailer. They were able to extinguish the blaze before any other structure were affected, but the trailer is a total loss. The cause of the fire appears to be electrical, according to fire officials.

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**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 67. North northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 47. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.  
**Wednesday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 70. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Thursday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 73. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Thursday Night:** A slight chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. West southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

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## EMERGENCY SERVICES

### PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Friday, October 2 to 7 a.m. Monday, October 5.

Animal Control Officers responded to 28 calls or stops.

Pampa Police Officers made 32 traffic stops, had seven ongoing investigations, and responded to six requests for information.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 2100 block of N. Williston Street.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 900 block of E. Frederic Avenue.

A warrant was served in the 800 block of N. Deane Drive.

Assault was reported in the 2400 block of N. Charles Street.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 800 block of N. Nelson Street.

Assault was reported in the 100 block of W. 30th Avenue. There was an eye injury but no charges filed.

Theft was reported in the 1200 block of S. Barnes Street. A license plate was stolen, an estimated value of \$5.

An alarm was reported in the 1900 block of N. Wells Street.

An accident was reported in the 100 block of W. 30th Avenue.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 700 block of N. Somerville Street.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of E. Browning Avenue. There were minor injuries to someone's hand, medical attention was refused. It's still under investigation.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of N. Somerville Street. An assault by threat occurred.

An accident was reported in the 1300 block of N. Hobart Street.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of N. Nelson Street.

On a special assignment in the 100 block of E. Harvester Avenue two juveniles got into a fight.

Burglary was reported in the 500 block of Roberta Street.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of N. Starkweather Street. Medical attention was needed and the injuries were unknown, the case is still under investigation.

A traffic complaint was taken in the 1400 block of N. Hobart Street.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of N. Hobart Street.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of N. Duncan Street. A window of a house was broken costing an estimated \$300 in damage.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of N. Duncan Street.

Phone harassment was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill Avenue.

A traffic complaint was taken in the Hobart and Harvester intersection.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 2200 block of N. Nelson Street.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of N. Lowry Street.

A prowler was reported in the 600 block of N. Frost Street.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 600 block of S. Russell Street.

A prowler was reported in the 2100 block of N. Wells Street.

Assault was reported in the One Medical Plaza. The injuries are unknown but medical attention was needed. It's still under investigation.

A prowler was reported in the 1000 block of S. Dwight Street.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of E. Darby Avenue.

## Obituaries

### R. A. Williams, Jr., 80

White Deer— R. A. Williams, Jr., 80, Friday, Oct. 2, 2009 in White Deer.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5, 2009, at the First Baptist Church in White Deer with Rev. Alan Wilson, pastor, officiating.

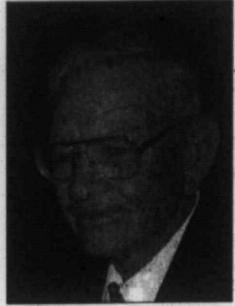
Burial will be in White Deer Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Williams was born Nov. 4, 1928 in Loco, Texas in Childress County to R. A. and Bertha Roller Williams and had been a resident of White Deer since 1953. He married Katherine McSpadden

on Feb. 15, 1948 in Wellington. R. A. was a control technician for Northern Natural Gas Co. in Skellytown for 32 years. He was a member of First Baptist Church of White Deer. He was a pilot and loved airplanes, boating, fishing, and skiing. Mr. Williams enjoyed computers and taught computer classes every winter in RV parks in Aransas Pass, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents, and by a grandson, Billy Everett.

Survivors include his wife, Katherine Williams of the home; one daughter, Tana Everett and hus-

band Clifton of Corinth; two sons, Walt Williams and wife Karen of Pampa and Robert Williams and wife Gail of Longview; 2 sisters: Mary Lou Snyder of Albuquerque, NM and Shirley Woodriddle of Lake Kiowa; 3 grandchildren: Kari Schaffer and husband Taylor of Hereford, Randy Williams of Longview, and Lori McGraw and husband Brett of Garden City, KS; and by 8 great grandchildren: Macie, Mackenzie, and Macaylie Schaffer, Raquel Williams, Dakota Cole Everett, and Ashton, Brooklyn, and Cazlyn McGraw; and many nieces



and nephews.  
**MEMORIALS:** First Baptist Church, 411 S. Omohundro, White Deer, TX 79097, or Odyssey Healthcare, 6900 I-40 W., Ste. 150, Amarillo, TX 79106.

### Brian Davis Huddleston, 25

Pampa— Brian Davis Huddleston, 25, died October 4, 2009 in Pampa, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Huddleston was born April 17, 1984 in Pampa. He was a lifelong resident

of Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School in 2003. He was an Eagle Scout. He was very fun loving and was the joker of the family. Brian always willing to help anyone and was a loving uncle.

Survivors include one daughter, Taylor Leanne

Huddleston of Pampa; parents, Donald and Linda Huddleston of Pampa; one brother, Kevin Huddleston of Logan, Oklahoma; one sister, Stacy Hext and husband David of Pampa; paternal grandparents, Irving and Patricia Huddleston of

Logan, Oklahoma; maternal grandparents, Jack and Peggy Hyer of Guymon, Oklahoma.

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## EMERGENCY SERVICES

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of Terry Road.

A suspicious person was reported in the 600 block of E. Frederic Avenue.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of S. Starkweather Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the 300 block of N. Hobart Street.

A gas drive off was reported in the 200 block of W. Brown Street. An estimated \$18.51 was stolen.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of S. Christy Street. A 2000 four door Gray Cadillac was stolen estimated value unknown. It was later recovered in the 1600 block of Garland. Tharron Rodgers was arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, criminal mischief, and warrants out municipal court. Windows were broken out, hood and left front quarter were damaged on the second vehicle owned by the victim. Estimated value of damage \$2000.

An alarm was reported in the 900 block of N. Hobart Street.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of S. Ballard Street. Outside wall of business spray painted. Estimated cost of damage is \$250.

An alarm was reported in the 2400 block of Duncan Street.

An alarm was reported in the 1400 block of N. Banks Street.

A traffic complaint was taken in the intersection of Dwight and 23rd.

Theft was reported in the 2600 block of N. Hobart Street.

A traffic complaint was taken in the Cuyler/Craven intersection.

A traffic complaint was taken in the 2800 block of N. Perryton Parkway.

A suspicious person Jason Ellis was arrested for public intoxication in the 700 block of N. Banks Street.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of N. Nelson Street. A door frame and the door of a vehicle was damaged. Estimated cost of damage was \$700.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill Avenue.

A suspicious person was reported in the 600 block of N. Somerville Street.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of S. Banks Street.

An alarm was reported in the 1200 block of N. Hobart Street.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block

of N. Perry Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the Gwendolyn and Faulkner intersection.

A house was shot with BB guns unknown damage. Three juveniles suspects were identified.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the Sumner and Somerville intersection. A pack of gum was stolen worth an estimated \$1.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 1600 block of N. Somerville Street.

A traffic complaint was taken in the 800 block of E. Frederic Avenue.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1200 block of N. Hobart Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the 900 block of W. Oklahoma Street.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 900 block of S. Prairie Drive.

A suspicious person was reported in the Francis and Cuyler intersection.

A suspicious person Mark Patterson was arrested for DWI, Robert Herring was also arrested in the 1000 block of E. Kingsmill Avenue.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of Fisher Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1200 block of N. Hobart Street.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of N. Gray Street.

An accident was reported in the 1500 block of E. Francis Avenue.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of N. Gray Street.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of S. Hobart Street.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1000 block of Huff Road.

Found property was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill Avenue.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of N. Nelson Street. A window of a vehicle was broken costing an estimated \$250 in damage.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of E. Malone Avenue.

A threat was reported in the 900 block of Terry Road.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 900 block of S. Faulkner Street.

An accident was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill Avenue.

A traffic complaint was taken in the 700 block of E. Murphy Avenue.

A structure fire was reported in the 900 block of Love Street.

Phone Harassment was reported in the 1600 block of N. Nelson Street.

An alarm was reported in the 100 block of S. Cuyler Street.

An alarm was reported in the 100 block of S. Cuyler Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of N. Hobart Street.

A prowler was reported in the 1200 block of N. Christine Street.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1400 block of N. Hobart Street.

Assault was reported in the 100 block of W. 30th Avenue.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of S. Nelson Street.

Violation of a City ordinance was reported in the 1200 block of S. Faulkner Street.

An alarm was reported in the 800 block of E. Browning Avenue.

### SHERIFF

According to Gray County Sheriff Officials, the following people were booked into Gray County Jail during the period between 7 a.m. Friday, October 2 and 7 a.m. Monday, October 5.

Robby Dale Burton, 48, of Pampa, TX, was booked Friday on a charge of simple assault and assault by threat.

Curtis Ray Smith, 21, of Pampa, TX, was booked Friday on a charge of burglary of a building.

Robert Dale Knoop, 53, of Canadian, TX was booked Friday on a charge of public intoxication.

Eric Newton Connell, 28, of Lefors, TX was booked Friday on a charge of DWI.

Kyle Lee Boaz, 19, of Pampa, TX was booked Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

Jeremy Joe Hernandez,

31, of Pampa, TX was booked Saturday on a charge of violation of probation, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Tharron Christopher Rodgers, 38, of Pampa, TX was booked Saturday on a charge of capias pro fine, times three.

Jason Dione Ellis, 26, of Pampa TX was booked Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

Christopher Lee Allred, 35, of Pampa, TX was booked Saturday on charges of no valid driver's license and expired registration.

Eddie Scott Graham II, 21, of Pampa, TX was booked Sunday on a charge of capias pro fine public intoxication.

Robert Gerald Herring II, 36, of Pampa, TX was booked Sunday on a charge of DWI.

Mark Anthony Patterson, 35, of Pampa, TX was booked Sunday on a charge of DWI.

Natalie Gay Madrigal, 45, of Pampa, TX, was booked Monday on a charge of DWI a second offense.

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## Hutchison gets farm bureau endorsement

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Citing concerns about private property rights, the Texas Farm Bureau endorsed U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison for governor Monday, abandoning incumbent Gov. Rick Perry.

The farm bureau endorsed Perry in his previous two runs for governor, but has been at odds with the Republican incumbent over what the bureau says is his lack of action in curbing abuses of eminent domain and protecting private property rights. Farmers have vocally opposed Perry's Trans-Texas Corridor toll road network that threatens to take farm and ranch land.

"Sen. Hutchison has been a leader in the U.S. Senate on agriculture and property rights issues," said Kenneth Dierschke, president of the Texas Farm Bureau. "It's time for a new approach to the issues."

Perry's spokesman, Mark Miner, dismissed the farm bureau endorsement as "political payback" for Hutchison because the bureau operates an insurance business and Hutchison voted for the bailout a year ago of

the financial and insurance industry.

"I think it's a major reason" for the endorsement, Miner said. "It's very clear the governor has been a strong advocate for property rights."

Responding to Miner's comment about the insurance industry, farm bureau spokesman Gene Hall said, "I won't even dignify it with a response."

The Perry campaign did not provide any specifics to support its contention. Hutchison campaign spokeswoman Jennifer Baker wouldn't comment on Miner's bailout remark, other than to say Perry is "out of touch and arrogant" and he advocates "abusive" eminent domain policies.

Hutchison and Perry are squaring off in a rough and expensive Republican primary in March. Both candidates have been trying to make the property rights issue their own.

With the Texas Farm Bureau endorsement, Hutchison gets the backing of a group that has 421,000 members and offices and activists in more than 200 counties.

Perry has been rolling out a long list of endorse-

ments of his own, including the Texas Association of Realtors and the Texas Chemical Council, two major trade industry groups. He's also backed by social conservative groups, such as Texas Right to Life.

Hutchison has long criticized the Trans-Texas Corridor and says she opposes toll roads unless local officials and voters agree to them. In her official campaign launch in August, she called Perry's corridor proposal the biggest land grab in Texas history.

"Politicians should not be able to seize the land of hard working farmers and ranchers, or anyone's land for that matter. When I'm governor, the Trans-Texas Corridor will be dead and buried forever," Hutchison said Monday.

Perry proposed the \$175 billion network of toll roads and high-speed rail in 2002. It ran into opposition, particularly in rural areas, for the private land it would take and because of secrecy surrounding a contract the state agreed to with a Spanish company. Perry's transportation officials have since scaled

back the plan considerably and ditched the name Trans-Texas Corridor. But two large segments of the proposal are still in the planning stages.

The farm bureau said its endorsement of Hutchison came down to its trust in her. Hall noted Perry vetoed a 2007 bill backed by the farm bureau that addressed eminent domain and said he didn't provide the leadership the bureau was looking for in this year's session and special session.

"We've been very disappointed with his property rights performance," Hall said.

Perry, meanwhile, supports a proposed constitutional amendment on the November election ballot that he says will protect landowners from eminent domain abuses. He even went to the Alamo to ceremonially sign the proposal, which would prohibit government officials from taking property and giving it to a private developer to boost the tax base.

"The governor is going to be vigorously campaigning for passage of the constitutional amendment," Miner said.

## Flu

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Epidemiologist 1, coordinator for influenza for this region for the Texas Department of State Health Services said Monday morning no cases have been confirmed in Pampa or in Gray County by the health department. "However," he said "this seems to be the same type of flu that was circulating last spring, that was H1N1."

PISD administrators say they do not yet know who, if anyone, told a reporter from a regional newspaper that a seventh grade student has H1N1, but are looking into the matter this morning.

McClaren said that physicians are running what is commonly called a "rapid test." This tells the physician if the patient has Type A influenza.

Despite the amount of coverage received, health officials say it's still just the flu. The age group most affected is people from ages five to 24.

"It's the flu, and so far it's been mild," McClaren said. "This is hitting a part of the population that isn't normally hit," he said.

He said anti-virals work, but that health departments and the CDC are recommending they only be used in more severe cases, because health officials are concerned the virus could mutate into one that is anti-viral resistant.

Black said PRMC is prepared if an outbreak happens in Pampa.

"We've gone over emergency preparedness," Black said. "We can handle an influx of patients."

According to the TexasFlu web site, influenza like illness in the state of Texas, has been increasing since the week of August 3. From the week ending September 12 to the week ending September 19, the influenza like illness nearly doubled going from 874 to 1,524.

The web site also mentioned the age group most affected is people from ages five to 24.

Mary Duvall who works at the Pampa Family Medicine center said they have received an increase of patients as well.

The general public just wants to make sure they don't have the flu," Duvall said. "The CDC (Center

of Disease Control) has everyone on edge."

According to the CDC web site, Texas is one of 26 states that is reporting widespread influenza. Duvall said the symptoms of swine flu are very similar to a cold and just having the regular flu. People are more concerned about the virus.

"There has been more news activity and people are more health conscientious," Duvall said.

According to the CDC web site, symptoms include: headaches, cough, sore throat, fever, body aches, runny or stuffy nose, chills and fatigue. Both Black and Duvall recommended people practice good hygiene, get their vaccinations and stay home if their sick.

If you have type A flu, the symptoms are different than a 24 hour type of "bug". type A flu makes you feel very ill and usually, especially in children, is accompanied by a high fever.

"People need to practice proper hand-washing hygiene," Black said. "If you are sick don't be out and about."

"We just encourage patients to get the flu vaccine and keep children home if their sick," Duvall said.

People should cover their nose or mouth when they sneeze and throw the tissue in the trash after you use it, wash hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub.

The TexasFlu web site gave people a guide on returning back to work and school if they are sick. The guide recommends that if you are ill to stay away from work or school until their fever is gone for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.

The web site mentioned during the week of September 13, 2,817 specimens have been tested for swine flu, and 907 were positive in the state of Texas.

Out of the 907 positive specimens 294 were Novel H1N1, 612 were Influenza A and one was Influenza B.

## One man's junk is another's treasure via Web site

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — Odessan Guy Harned has a home full of televisions, aquariums, swimming pools and bookshelves — all items he got for free on the Internet.

Harned belongs to an online group called Freecycle. The Odessa-Midland branch of the organization is just one of many from around the country and gives him a chance to get new objects for his home. Roughly 3,000 other members in Odessa-Midland share the same goal: finding new homes for unwanted items.

"It keeps things out of landfills," he said. "I started off small but am addicted now."

To get an item on Freecycle, a poster must respond to an ad and make arrangements to pick up an offered item. The first item he received was an aquarium. He now has five aquariums he picked up from the site, including a massive 75-gallon one that would normally cost hundreds of dollars. He also got both large and small

swimming pools and grills for the backyard.

"I can cook different things at the same time," Harned said.

In response, he has started giving away some of his stuff, including a dining table and television. He has picked up items for his neighbors and has so many things from the site he is storing them in his living room and in a Suburban.

Fellow Odessa Freecycler Larisa Lopez said she started using the website about six months ago. She said she's glad she found the site because of how many things she received herself.

"My place was empty before I got all this stuff. I've been really blessed. I'm a single mother of three and received a bed for myself and beds for my children," she said.

Among her numerous items from Freecycle are a toaster, coffee maker, televisions, furniture and clothes. Lopez said she uses the site to give away clothes her kids have outgrown, something that gives her satisfaction.

"I know how hard it is to buy stuff, and it's a blessing to them," she said.

Lopez said she thinks it's easier to offer things on the site instead of getting organized and taking the time to run a garage sale. Odessan Maniel Torres agrees that offering items seems easier than trying to sell them.

"Shoot, I've given away at least 30 things. It's just easier to have someone pick it up," he said.

A lot of the items Torres offers tend to include office equipment. He said he just got rid of a desk and chairs as well as an old printer and scanner.

Tammy Gardner is in charge of monitoring all the offers and requests for items on the local Freecycle. Gardner, who lives just south of Odessa, took over as the local moderator in 2007. At that time, only about 500 were members, a number that has ballooned to 3,200 today. She has a co-moderator, but she said she still spends about an hour a day approving or denying posts to the site. Of all the items offered on the site, a donkey sticks out as one of the strangest.

"Who would ever think someone would use Freecycle to give away a donkey! But they did, and the donkey found a nice home with an older gentleman in far south Odessa," Gardner said.

She said the site is not intended to be a charity,

but sometimes it functions like that with requests for items like clothing for infants. In fact, some of the most popular requests on the site are for baby items.

In terms of offers, the group often has appliances, furniture and numerous small items like clothing, electronics or pets. However, Gardner said people have actually given away cars, laptops or pianos before.

Odessa Freecycler Sarah Hendrix said the website can help both the giver and getter in a Freecycle transaction.

"You don't have to throw extra things away, take them to the dump or keep them 'just in case' anymore. You can give things to people who need them and get things that you yourself need," Hendrix said.

Midlander Thomas Wolfe joined Freecycle after Hurricane Katrina. He found out a friend's relative lost everything in the storm surge. He found a person giving away clothing and other items the family needed and jumped at the chance to help out. The givers ultimately gave them all those items and even more.

"This to me is what Freecycle is all about, other people helping out others who need certain things," Wolfe said.

## Electric

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Consumer protection rules do not address the unconventional business model that prepaid electric companies use, but Texas utility commissioners — intent on spurring competition — still licensed them.

Complaints about the companies are rampant, including concerns that poor, sick and disabled customers have found themselves without air conditioning. Some people said they were forced out of their homes or ended up skipping necessary medicine because of the bill.

The newspaper reported that some prepaid providers had inexperienced operators, convicted criminals and undercapitalized entrepreneurs. Some failed, leaving people in a lurch to find power.

The companies, which charge customers in advance based on estimated usage, are a type of sub-prime provider that popped up after Texas deregulated its electricity market in 1999 and allowed customers to start choosing their providers in 2002.

Some firms charge as much as 50 percent more than traditional companies to people who lack credit or money for deposits. And quick cutoffs are a constant threat.

Prepaid operators say they offer power to people who might not be able to obtain it otherwise. Higher rates reflect the risk to the company that customers

will use more electricity than they paid for, they say.

PUC Chairman Barry Smitherman said he was not aware of widespread problems with prepaid providers.

"The prepay space, in general, is a very, very small slice of the total market," he said.

The PUC director of consumer protection, however, said that he had often raised concerns that prepaid customers were being exploited but that his warnings were largely ignored.

"The trouble is these people are desperate," Mike Renfro said. "You and I would walk away from that deal, but they can't. They have no other place to go."

The PUC has not involuntarily revoked a single operating company's license even though consumer complaints against all types of electricity providers are on the rise. Staff recommendations for stiff penalties have been withdrawn. Instead, the PUC has backed negotiated settlements.

Randy Chapman, executive director of the Texas Legal Services Center in Austin, said a prepaid customer can be snared in a cycle of rising charges with few options.

"For a life-essential product," he said, "I don't think there should be traps."

Though prepaid companies now target Texas' poorest residents, similar products could be offered

## Fatal

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Department, Huddleston was traveling at a high rate of speed, eastbound on Francis. Huddleston lost control of the motorcycle and crashed into a wooded area.

Huddleston was pronounced dead at the scene. The female passenger was transported to Northwest

Texas Hospital by Pampa EMS. She remains hospitalized, in stable condition.

Neither Huddleston nor his female passenger was wearing a helmet at the time of the accident. At this time it is unknown if alcohol was a contributing factor.

## Royalties

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time when energy prices were extremely low. The law waived all royalty payments until a specific amount of oil and gas was produced.

Solicitor General Elena Kagan told the court that the Interior Department has the authority to lift the royalty relief once prices reach a certain level.

The ruling could affect other leases and prohibit the government from collecting royalties from other producers.

"Whatever the precise amount of future foregone royalties ultimately proves

to be, the total cost will be huge," Kagan said.

Opposing the government, the company said the 1995 law spurred energy exploration in the gulf and brought in billions of dollars. The law applies only to a small and rapidly diminishing number of leases, the company said in urging the court to turn down the case.

The case is Department of the Interior v. Kerr-McGee Oil and Gas Corp., 09-54.

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## Today in History

Today is Monday, Oct. 5, the 278th day of 2009. There are 87 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 5, 1921, the World Series was carried on radio for the first time as Newark, N.J., station WJZ (later WABC) relayed a telephoned play-by-play account of the first game from the Polo Grounds, where the New York Giants were facing the New York Yankees, to a studio announcer who repeated the information on the air. (Although the Yankees won the opener, 3-0, the Giants won the series, 5-3.)

On this date:

In 1829, the 21st president of the United States, Chester Alan Arthur, was born in Fairfield, Vt. (Some sources list 1830.)

In 1892, the Dalton Gang, notorious for its train robberies, was practically wiped out while attempting to rob a pair of banks in Coffeyville, Kan.

In 1931, Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon completed the first nonstop flight across the Pacific Ocean, arriving in Washington state some 41 hours after leaving Japan.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman delivered the first televised White House address as he spoke on the world food crisis.

In 1953, Earl Warren was sworn in as the 14th chief justice of the United States, succeeding Fred M. Vinson.

In 1958, racially desegregated Clinton High School in Clinton, Tenn., was mostly leveled by an early morning bombing.

In 1969, the British TV comedy program "Monty Python's Flying Circus" made its debut on BBC 1.

In 1970, British trade commissioner James Richard Cross was kidnapped in Canada by militant Quebec separatists; he was released the following December.

In 1988, Democrat Lloyd Bentsen lambasted Republican Dan Quayle during their vice presidential debate, telling Quayle, "Senator, you're no Jack Kennedy."

In 1989, a jury in Charlotte, N.C., convicted former PTL evangelist Jim Bakker of using his TV show to defraud followers. The Dalai Lama, the spiritual and temporal leader of Tibet, was named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Today's Birthdays: "Family Circus" cartoonist Bill Keane is 87. Actress Glynis Johns is 86. Comedian Bill Dana is 85. Actress Diane Cilento is 76. The former president of the Czech Republic, Vaclav Havel is 73. College Football Hall of Fame coach Barry Switzer is 72. R&B singer Arlene Smith (The Chantels) is 68. Singer Richard Street is 67. Singer-musician Steve Miller is 66. Sen. Benjamin L. Cardin, D-Md., is 66. Rock singer Brian Johnson (AC/DC) is 62. Actor Jeff Conaway is 59. Actress Karen Allen is 58. Writer-producer-director Clive Barker is 57. Rock musician David Bryson (Counting Crows) is 55. Rock singer and famine-relief organizer Bob Geldof is 55. Architect Maya Lin is 50. Actor Daniel Baldwin is 49. Rock singer-musician Dave Dederer is 45. Hockey Hall of Famer Mario Lemieux is 44. Actor Guy Pearce is 42. Actress Josie Bissett is 39. Phoenix Suns forward Grant Hill is 37. Singer-actress Heather Headley is 35. Pop-rock singer Colin Meloy (The Decemberists) is 35. Rock musician Brian Mashburn (Save Ferris) is 34. Actress Parminder Nagra is 34. Actor Scott Weinger is 34. Actress Kate Winslet is 34. Rock musician James Valentine (Maroon 5) is 31. Rock musician Paul Thomas (Good Charlotte) is 29. TV personality Nicky Hilton is 26. R&B singer Brooke Valentine is 24. Actor Joshua Logan Moore ("Desperate Housewives") is 15.

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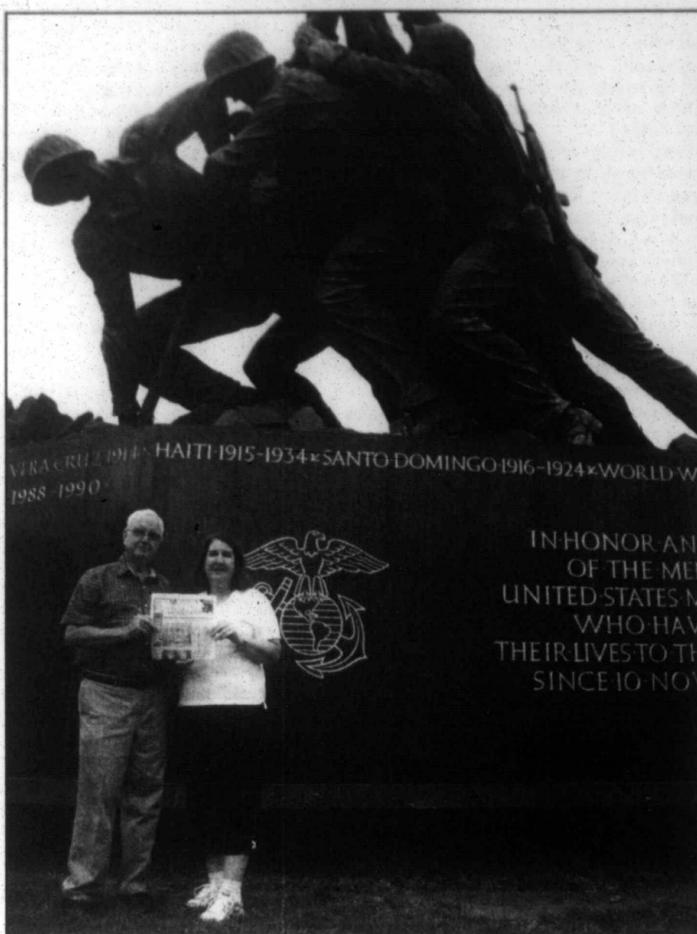
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## ON VACATION WITH THE PAMPA NEWS! - WASHINGTON D.C.



Bob Wood of Pampa and Karen Jenkins of Amarillo took a September, daddy-daughter, vacation to the Washington, DC area. Bob writes: "We took in all the sites we could in a week and got enough walking for a year."

## Guard to deploy

HOUSTON (AP) - About 900 Texas National Guard troops have donned their uniforms and marched off to prepare for a deployment to the Middle East.

The Houston Chronicle reports that about 6,400 stood in the rain to wave goodbye to the soldiers of the 72nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team as they paraded through downtown Houston.

The 72nd Infantry Brigade consists of about 3,000 troops from southern and central Texas. The Chronicle reports the brigade will form one of the biggest Texas military forces to be deployed overseas since World War II.

They'll report to Fort Bliss in El Paso for two months of training before shipping overseas by year's end.

## Vets boost colleges

AUSTIN, TEXAS (AP) — Three central Texas colleges are experiencing sharp increases in student veterans. Officials at Texas State University-San Marcos, Austin Community College and the University of Texas say they are doing everything from creating a new position to setting up a dedicated Web site with resources for veterans.

## Consumer haven: America is on sale

by Rachel Beck  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - There has never been a better time to be a consumer. America is on sale.

The Great Recession has caused massive job losses and hardship for millions, but it has also fostered a shoppers' paradise. Anyone who still has the means to spend can find unheard-of deals.

Prices on everything from clothes to coffee to cat food are dropping, some faster than they have in half a century. Items rarely discounted, like Tiffany engagements rings, are now. The two biggest purchases most people make, homes and new cars, are selling at steep price reductions.

"This is the new normal," says Donald Keptra, president of Dominick's, a supermarket chain in the Midwest, which just cut prices by as much as 30 percent on thousands of items. "We aren't going back."

Consumers like Karen Wilmes, a mother of two in Hopkinton, R.I., relish the steals. During a recent trip to Shaw's Supermarkets, she bought a basketful of goods, including Eggo waffles, Kleenex tissues and Betty Crocker cake mix. The retail price: \$63.89. Wilmes paid \$7.31 by buying items on sale and using coupons.

"The deals out there are unbelievable," says Wilmes, 36, who writes the Frugal Rhode Island Mama blog, which tracks local and national bargains. "We can put the money I save toward something else."

And she's doing just that, but only when she can find another deal. Wilmes and her husband recently bought a Samsung television from Best Buy's Web site for \$1,299, about \$300 less than she found at other stores. She also got free delivery and another \$13 back from ebates.com, which receives commissions from online retailers for directing customers their way.

What's happening now has been building for years. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. introduced "every-day low prices" many years ago. Amazon.com redefined the idea of bargain prices during the late 1990s when it helped introduce online shopping. After the 2001 recession, automakers introduced zero-percent financing to boost

sales. McDonald's "Dollar Meals" made fast food even cheaper.

But until the Great Recession came along, consumers hadn't seen anything yet.

Last fall's financial meltdown triggered a plunge in stock prices and home values and wiped out 11 percent, \$6.6 trillion, of household wealth in six months. It also put an end to easy credit, which had fueled the consumption that powered the economy for most of the decade.

Those who still have jobs don't want to spend as they once did. There is a new societal pressure to be careful and smart when buying almost anything. From Chicago's Miracle Mile to malls around Orange County, Calif., it was once a status symbol to trot around with armloads of shopping bags with designer names on them. Now, it's considered ostentatious.

Traditionally, manufacturers and retailers lowered prices to clear inventory. Today, they're cutting prices because consumers are demanding it. If it lasts, the ramifications will be wide-ranging.

"There's almost a new morality to spending," Liz Claiborne Inc. CEO Bill McComb told an investor conference last month.

The bargains being offered at the Garden State Plaza in Paramus, N.J., make it seem the day after Christmas. But it's only a weekday in September. The deals start at 25 percent off and keep getting better. Neiman Marcus, Forever 21, Ann Taylor, Macy's, Gap, across the retailing spectrum there are promotions.

Retail sales remain sluggish, and more than half of the people surveyed recently by America's Research Group and UBS said they are shopping less. But when they do shop, most go to stores with lower prices or wait for sales before returning to their favorite retailer, according to the survey.

Dave Ratner sees this price chase first hand. His four-store chain in western Massachusetts, Dave's Soda & Pet City, has never been so focused on promotions and low prices. During the past year, customers stopped buying \$50 bags of premium dog food and "special" \$10 pet treats. Pet-related Halloween merchandise usually sells well, but he isn't stocking any this year because he doesn't think people will

buy it. Instead, he's offering big discounts on cheaper brands of pet food.

"It's killing my profit margins, but if you don't offer specials and lots of promotions, you aren't operating in the current world," he says.

Great buys are not exclusive to retailing. The government's Cash for Clunkers program is over, but more than half of car buyers still get a cash rebate, according to J.D. Power & Associates.

Hotel rooms cost travelers nearly 20 percent less, on average, than last year, the biggest decline since Smith Travel Research began collecting data in 1987.

Home prices have dropped 30 percent, on average, from the peak in 2006. In some markets, they're down more than 50 percent. Homes in parts of Detroit are cheaper than a new car.

Overall, prices are tumbling at the fastest rate in decades. The government's Consumer Price Index, which measures the average price of goods and services purchased by households, has fallen 1.5 percent over the last 12 months. The reading for July showed a 2.1 percent annual decline, the biggest since 1950.

The largest decline has been in energy prices, but other areas have fallen, too. Among them: food, appliances, furniture, jewelry, sporting goods, audio and visual equipment and apartment rents.

People like Bruce Halkin, 64, an advertising executive in Aventura, Fla., are benefiting. He will soon close on a three-bedroom home in nearby Boca Raton on a golf course. He's paying \$335,000, 8 percent below the \$365,000 asking price. The sellers bought the home for \$410,000 in 2006 and spent \$75,000 on renovations.

Halkin's deal-chasing doesn't stop there. On a recent trip to Macy's, he picked up two pairs of Ralph Lauren Polo shorts, a Polo shirt and a hat for \$50. At full price, the bill would have topped \$200.

"I've learned to buy when I see deals not necessarily when I need anything," he says. "Thankfully, the bargains keep coming."

Those with goods and services to sell hope that the discounting bolsters sales, which would help get the economy chugging along again. Consumer spending accounts for 70 percent of

the economy.

But ever-lower prices have risks, too. The more shoppers expect prices to fall, the less they shop until prices drop. It becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy that forces companies to keep cutting. That reduces profits, making it less likely companies will hire workers or raise wages. Economists say the worst scenario would be a deflationary spiral, which Japan has been stuck in for the last two decades.

"The Japanese government has been trying to stimulate the economy there since the 1990s," says Gary Shilling, who runs an economic consulting firm in Springfield, N.J., and has written two books on deflation.

The U.S. economy is not near such an extreme. But what's emerging is the realization that pricing is being redefined.

Dominick's supermarkets announced in late August that prices on a range of items in its 81 stores would fall by as much as a third. Included in the cuts were both private-label goods and national brands, such as Coffee Mate creamers, Bumble Bee tuna and Tombstone frozen pizza.

Profit margins at grocery stores typically are just 2 percent. Dominick's hopes the low prices will attract customers, who will also buy enough full-priced items to make up the difference.

Other companies are assessing pricing as never before. Procter & Gamble long dismissed the idea of cutting prices for its stable of well-known brands, including Tide detergent and Gillette razors.

In September, the world's largest consumer products maker relented. It announced price cuts across 10 percent of its global line and plans to increase its promotions emphasizing value.

Others are learning that aggressive price cutting can move merchandise. Sony cut prices on its PlayStation 3 video game console by \$100 to about \$300 in August, and sales shot up 300 percent during the following three weeks.

Dick's Sporting Goods sold boxes of a dozen Nike One golf balls for \$42.99 at the start of the year. The balls are used by Tiger Woods and other professional golfers, but sales were lackluster. Now, Dick's offers two boxes for \$59.

# AP sources: FBI probes disruption of Perry's site

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The FBI is investigating allegations that Internet hackers deliberately sabotaged Gov. Rick Perry's campaign Web site during a re-election announcement last week, several Republicans with knowledge of the investigation told The Associated Press.

At least two FBI agents specializing in high-tech crimes met with Perry campaign officials on Friday to discuss the incident, which disrupted the governor's live streaming video via the Internet from a closed San Antonio event, the Republicans with knowledge of the investigation said.

The people spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the investigation.

A spokesman for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in San Antonio did not immedi-

ately return calls for comment Sunday.

Mark Miner, a spokesman for the Perry campaign, issued a brief statement to the AP when asked if the FBI was investigating the alleged cyber attack.

"The matter has been turned over to the appropriate federal authorities for investigation," he said. Miner declined to elaborate on any contact between the GOP governor's campaign and federal law enforcement. But he repeated his assertion that what happened last Tuesday was not an accident.

"It's too early to point fingers, but we know it was done intentionally," Miner said.

Federal law governing "fraud and related activity in connection with computers" makes it a crime to intentionally hack into secure computer networks and cause damage.

Perry had advertised the Internet-based speech, touted as a modern and hip way to reach campaign supporters, several days before it was launched. Perry seemed relaxed and unaware of the technical problems as he spoke in front of a video camera — and a live audience of about 200 people — at the San Antonio headquarters of Holt Caterpillar.

About 22,000 people were able to gain access to Perry's campaign site and view his remarks before the attack, officials said.

But when many users tried to access the speech online, they got a message saying "unable to connect to database server."

Within about an hour, the campaign said it had been the victim of a cyber attack.

The Perry campaign is expected to hand over computer logs and files to the FBI on Monday, data that could allow agents to electronically trace the alleged hackers, the Republicans with knowledge of the investigation said.

Perry's campaign Web site managers have said the site was targeted by a so-called SYN flood, whereby hackers simulated a flood of users trying to access the speech at the same time and shutting it down.

The Republicans with knowledge of the investigation said computer log files, showing the Internet provider addresses of the alleged attackers, might help federal authorities track down any perpetrators — depending on how well they might have covered their tracks.

Perry's Internet broadcast, designed to highlight pro-growth policies, may be the closest he'll come to a formal campaign kickoff. Officials said there are no plans for a traditional multi-city campaign announcement. Perry, the longest serving governor in Texas history, faces a tough primary challenge from Republican U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.



## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I know it's early, but my problem is Thanksgiving. For the past several years we have included four other families for Thanksgiving dinner in our home. Their children are married now, and including their spouses and stepchildren, the number of guests is now close to 30. I feel it is too many and would like to downsize.

One family is my son's in-laws, whom I consider to be family. Another family hosts everyone for Easter, and I would still like to include them because we're close and we spend holidays with them.

The other two families are not as close with us anymore. We have never been invited to celebrate a holiday in their homes. They could cook for their families, and I feel like I am being used. I would like to tell them, after Thanksgiving is over this year, that we plan to have a smaller gathering next year. That will allow them ample time to make other plans. My husband

agrees. How do I do this without causing a rift, since two families will be included and two won't?

THANKSGIVING QUANDARY

DEAR QUANDARY: Because you are feeling "used," why not draw the line now? If you do, the two families will still have time to make other plans.

The way to handle it would be to say: "This has been a year when everyone has had to cut back, and we are no exception. That's why we are limiting the number of guests we will be entertaining this Thanksgiving. We wanted you to know so there is enough time for you to make other arrangements. The parties have simply become too much work and too expensive to continue."

If those folks are friends, they'll grasp the economic reality and won't resent your honesty and pragmatism. And if they don't, they weren't real friends to begin with.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 42-year-old female physi-

cian. I have been dating an engineer for some time who is currently unemployed. He's a good person, gentle and affectionate. However, he won't introduce me to his mother. I'm not sure why. The subject has come up several times, and he keeps putting it off. She's his only living family member.

Should this raise a red flag? We're both from India and he lives with his mother, which is common practice. -- M.D. IN A MUDDLE

DEAR M.D.: If the man is financially or emotionally dependent on his mother, he may be afraid that she will disapprove. Or, it could have something to do with the fact that he's unemployed. Whatever his reason, he owes you an explanation if you've been seeing each other for an extended period of time. And yes, it is a red flag. Bright red.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of several years has just told me he won't marry me as long as I have student loan debt to pay

off. I have always been upfront with him about the amount of money I owe. It's a sizable sum, but my credit is good.

He says he loves me but cannot, in good faith, start a life with me owing that much money. Abby, am I wrong to think that student loans should not stop two people who love each other from getting married? -- LOANED OUT IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR LOANED OUT: No, you are not. And furthermore, I suspect that rather than the money being the issue, it's that your boyfriend has had a change of heart.

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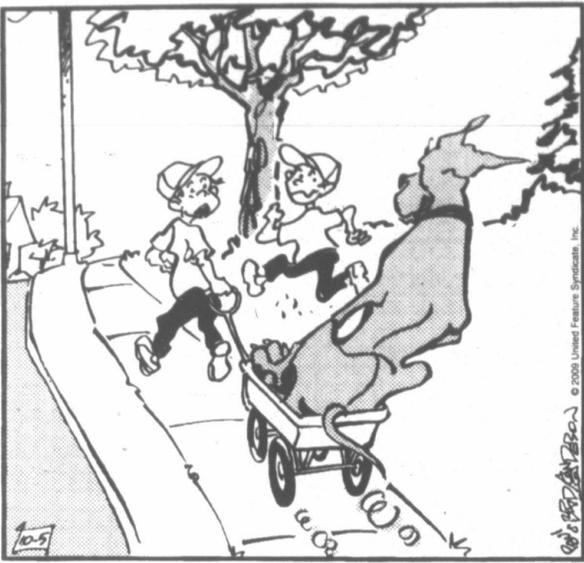
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By Bil Keane



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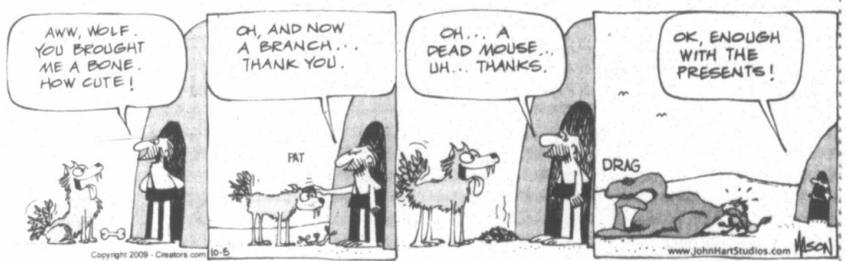
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:  
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**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
\*\*\*\* In a meeting, someone expresses a point of view that says: Let's stop worrying and just do. Though you might be inclined to do this, you know better. A little self-discipline goes a long way. Remain sensitive to your budget, or you could be very sorry. Tonight: Treat yourself, but don't go overboard.  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
\*\*\*\* You are all smiles and looking at the big picture. A boss could be pushy and demanding. However, he or she has great ideas, and if you follow the obvious path, you'll come out on top. Don't push someone away. Tonight: Could be a late night.  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
\*\*\*\* Take a quieter stand than usual. You discover that detachment will lead to the correct answers. Your instincts guide you when facing a new playing field. Stay open to unforeseen options. They head in your direction. Tonight: Relax with a good movie.  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
\*\*\*\* You easily might lose your focus, whether you intend to or not. A partner might be overwhelming you with so much "good news." Is there such a thing? It appears so. Stay focused on your long-term goals to find centering. Tonight: Where the crowds are.  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
\*\*\*\* Pressure builds, and you might not have the control you would like. Enjoy yourself to the max. Understand what is motivating a boss. This person means well as he or she generates work and keeps dumping it on you. Take everything that is happening with a grain of salt. Tonight: A must appearance.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
\*\*\*\* Keep reaching out for new information. You'll discover there are many different impressions and perspectives. You get in touch with the many possibilities — now to choose. Give yourself time to wade through an issue. Tonight: Opt for different.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
\*\*\*\* Nothing replaces direct relating and understanding. Your choices only become stronger through discussion. You don't have to agree, but it might be wise to respect each other's views. If a solution doesn't appear immediately, it will soon enough. Relax. Tonight: Spend time with a special friend.  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
\*\*\*\* Defer to others and let them come up with solutions. Understand what is ailing another person. Do your best job of listening. You have unusual resources; be willing to plug them in elsewhere, perhaps close to home. Tonight: So many choices.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
\*\*\*\* Stay even, even if everything, including the kitchen sink, drops in your lap. Listen to all the suggestions, though you could be exhausted by the line of people. Understand what is going on at work. You might want to pace yourself and eliminate what is unnecessary. Tonight: Put your feet up.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
\*\*\*\* Your creativity manifests in many different areas. You have the choice of where to funnel this energy. You want to take a risk, be it emotional or financial. Just don't go overboard or commit to anything you cannot afford to lose. Tonight: Buy a treat on the way home.  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
\*\*\*\* Your optimism and high energy could overwhelm others. In the mood you are in, you could be a tad insensitive and push others away. Walk in another's shoes. Tonight: Happy at home.  
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
\*\*\*\* Keep conversations open and feed them with your ideas. Instinctively, you'll see how positive sharing is. Still, there might be an idea you choose to keep to yourself. Others give you a show of faith. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

**BORN TODAY**  
Bond girl Britt Ekland (1942), actress Carole Lombard (1908), inventor George Westinghouse (1846)

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# Sports

## Pampa volleyball clips Canyon Eagles

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The Lady Harvesters Volleyball team entered the fourth game against Canyon trailing 2-1, and that's when Pampa rallied to a victory in five games (25-16, 15-25, 20-25, 25-16, 15-12).

Head Coach Libby Garza was pleased with how her team fought back for the win.

"I think deep down they knew they were going to win the game," Garza said. "We kind of got off track a bit in the second and third game. We came together the last game and refused to allow a ball to drop. We did that together and that's how we won together."

Senior Kara Stephens said this was a game they deserved to win.

"We just looked deep inside ourselves and pulled it out," Stephens said.

Senior Cheyanne Collins said the work the team has put in the weight room have helped them in games.

"It's made us so much mentally tougher," Collins said.

Pampa (15-10, 3-3) had a large turnout for their game and Garza said the crowd helped her team.

"Our fans were awesome today," Garza said. "I hope they can be like that for every game in Pampa. Both teams feed off of that. When you're in a match like that you just feed off the emotion of the crowd."

The Lady Harvesters next game will be a rematch with Randall who is the number one team in the state. Garza said her team will be hungry for them.

"They have a great team and very well coached," Garza said. "They're big, and just not scared of anything. My girls are hungry for them and ready to prove a point and earn their respect and not be taken lightly."

The junior varsity were swept by Canyon (20-25, 17-25). Coach Matt Embry was pleased with his team's effort but said they lacked execution.

"We're learning we can play with anybody at any time regardless of who they are," Embry said. "We just got to execute. Our block-

ers got to be in the right spot, we got to stay in place and our passing, other than that I was pleased with their effort."

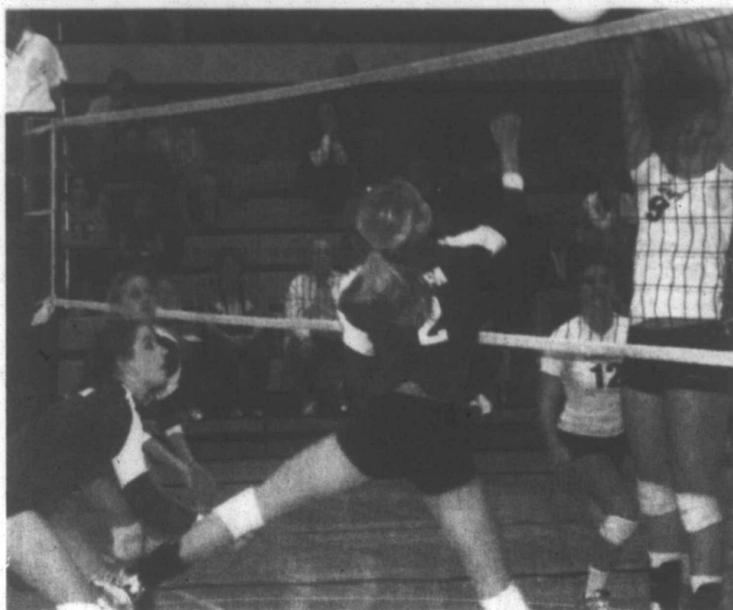
Embry said his team will be ready to face Randall.

"When you got a school like Randall coming in you know it's going to be a tough matchup," Embry said. "What you want to do is maximize your potential to win. Make sure we're in the right spots, and make sure you have a good game plan"

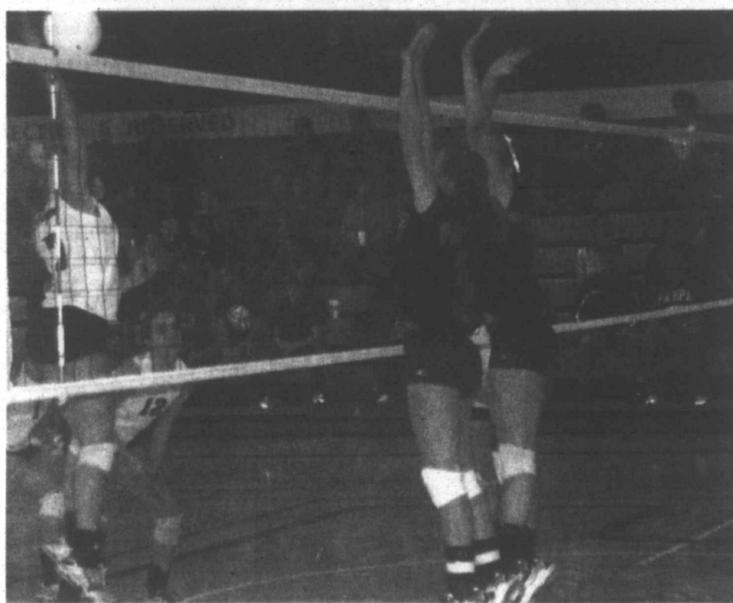
The freshman were also swept by the Lady Eagles (12-25 and 10-25). Coach Deanna Polasek thought some things went well but her team looked a little sluggish.

"It was a hard game," Polasek said. "We were a little sluggish and down. But there were some good things that we did. Our serve receives could have been better. We had some good serves and some good hits."

The Lady Harvesters play Randall Tuesday with the freshman starting at 5 p.m.



staff photo by Andrew Glover  
Natalie Parker (2) jumps to attack a ball in Pampa's win vs. Canyon Saturday.



staff photo by Andrew Glover  
Caitlin Sieck (7) and Maddie Fatheree jump to block Canyon's attack Saturday.

## PJH CxC boys and girls teams finish 3rd

BY ANDREW GLOVER  
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The Pampa Junior High boys and girls cross country teams won third place in their meet at Sunray on September 19.

Both teams ran two miles. Been Skyler had the best time on the boys team finishing fifth with a time of 13:47. Tre Dildy finished sixth with a time of 13:48. Keenan Hughes finished 15th with a time of 15:00. Alex Maruffo was

16th with a time of 15:02. Jose Hernandez finished 19th with a time of 15:08, and Chris Smith finished 36th with a time of 17:25.

Jessie Dixon finished the highest on the girls team, finishing 15th with a time of 16:09. Bailey Dixon finished 17th with a time of 16:18. Elizabeth Gill finished 20th with a time of 16:34. Bella Leal finished 21st with a time of 16:37. Gabby True finished 33rd with a time of 17:25, and Risa Rodriguez

finished 35th with a time of 17:31. One moment that impressed coach Stefani Devoll was her team encouraging a runner that finished last.

"They had myself and other parents in tears," Devoll said. "This showed their loyalty, support, character, and team work that our kids have with one another. This is truly a life lesson that they will never forget."

## Rangers lose in finale

SEATTLE (AP) — Felix Hernandez finished tied for the major league lead with 19 wins and the Seattle Mariners beat the Texas Rangers 4-3 Sunday in a season finale that doubled as a daylong tribute to Ken Griffey Jr.

The 39-year-old Seattle icon finished his one-year contract with the Mariners by going 1 for 4. Griffey has said he would be interested in playing another season if the team wants him.

Griffey got a standing ovation before each of his at-bats, with chants of "One more year!" slicing through the chilly air each time. After his sharp single off C.J. Wilson, Griffey was replaced by pinch-runner Michael Saunders then tipped his batting helmet, waved it around the park and flashed a hand salute, drawing more roars.

Hernandez (19-5) struck out six — finishing with 217 strikeouts, fourth-most in the AL — and walked one. He left with two outs in the seventh, after consecutive RBI groundouts by Chris Davis and Taylor Teagarden.

Ian Kinsler doubled and scored two runs for Texas, which finished 8-15 after reaching a season-high 19 games over .500. A surprising run for the AL West title ended with elimination Monday at the division-champion Los Angeles Angels, months after most thought it would.

The Rangers (87-75) finished with the fourth-best record in the AL. This is the first time they have finished second or better in consecutive seasons since they won the division in 1998 and '99.

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