

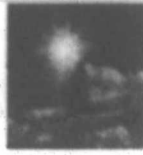


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PAMPA FORECAST

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High 60 Low 55	High 74 Low 44 30%	High 65 Low 40

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 60. South wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
Wednesday Night: Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 74. Southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: A chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 44. North northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 65. North wind 5 to 15 mph becoming east. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 40. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Cabinet members eulogize Borlaug

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack are to eulogize Nobel laureate Norman Borlaug at his memorial. The Tuesday ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m. at Rudder Auditorium on the Texas A&M University campus in College Station. Borlaug died Sept. 12 at his Dallas home of complications of cancer. He was on the Texas A&M University faculty

when Gates served as the school's president. Vilsack is a former governor of Borlaug's native Iowa. Known as the father of the "green revolution," Borlaug won the 1970 Nobel Peace Prize for his role in combating world hunger. In a career dating to the end of World War II, Borlaug developed disease-resistant varieties of wheat that produced much more grain than traditional strains.

Limos bog down at swank benefit ball

DALLAS (AP) — One of the most glittering events on the Dallas social calendar turned into a trial by mud for its black-tie crowd. Heavy rain Saturday night left about 1,000 cars and limos of revelers at the Cattle Baron's Ball mired in mud up to their axles. The ball at a ranch near Kaufman, 32 miles southwest of Dallas, was a benefit for the Dallas-based American Cancer Society. The rain left many partygoers drenched and offer-

ing up to \$1,000 to have their cars pulled from the mud. Kaufman tow-truck operator Al Luna tells The Dallas Morning News that Kaufman County sheriff's officials told him 500 to 1,000 cars were stuck. Ball Chairwoman Katherine Wynn LaLonde says ball organizers and the American Cancer Society are discussing with insurers how to reimburse ballgoers for their towing expenses.

Obituaries

Kate Dudley, 93

Kate Dudley, 93 of Pampa, TX passed away with her loving family by her side on Monday, October 5, 2009 at West Gate Nursing Center of King's Manor Methodist Retirement Home in Hereford, TX.

Celebration of life services are under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home of Hereford, TX and will be held 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, TX with Paul Carruth officiating. Kate was born February

16, 1916 in Kinta, OK the daughter of Robert and Zuella Cox. She married Ray Dudley on February 13, 1934 in Pampa, TX, was a homemaker and a member of the First Christian Church of Pampa.

Kate was known to her children as Mom, but to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, she was "Maw Maw". Many a Sunday diner included the entire family at her home as she cooked her famous polish sausage, red beans and cornbread, fried cabbage and corn, sweet tea

and homemade blackberry cobbler.

Survivors left to cherish her memories are two sons: Ed Dudley and wife, Naomi of Plainview, TX, Gary Dudley and wife, Tammy of Pampa, TX, one daughter: Glenda Marcum of Hereford, TX, one sister: Sybil Smith of McCurtain, OK, seven grandchildren: Scott Dudley and wife, Nancy, Kayla Sherman, Mat Dudley, Mark Dudley, Gracie Dudley, Shelly Edwards, Dave Anderson and wife, Nicky, four great-grandchildren: Mason



Dudley

Dudley, Berkley Sherman, Jesse Edwards and Jason Edwards. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray, twin brother, Emmitt, four sisters: Mary Kathryn, Nell, Bessie and Bertha. The family requests memorials to King's Manor Methodist Retirement Home, 426 Ranger, Hereford, TX 79045.

Brian Davis Huddleston, 25

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

Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday, October 7, 2009, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Pastor Ronnie Ferguson of the Cowboy Church of McLean, Arena of Life, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-

Whatley 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 was always willing to help anyone and was a loving uncle.

Survivors include his daughter, Taylor Leanne

Huddleston of Pampa; parents Donald and Linda Huddleston of Pampa; brother, Kevin Huddleston of Logan, Oklahoma; 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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Huddleston

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Monday, October 5 to 7 a.m. Tuesday, October 6.

Monday
 Animal Control Officers responded to nine calls or stops.

Pampa Police Officers made nine traffic stops, had eight ongoing investigations, and responded to two requests for information.

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

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of E. Harvester Avenue.

An alarm was reported in the 800 block of W. Kingsmill Avenue.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of N. Wells Street. A house was egged.

An alarm was reported in the 1000 block of E. Frederic Avenue.

A civil matter was reported in the 1000 block of S.

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A 911 hangup was reported in the 1000 block of S. Bahks Street.

Theft was reported in the 900 block of S. Wells. A bicycle was stolen.

Harassment was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill Avenue.

Violation of city ordinance was reported in the 700 block of N. Dwight Street.

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

An injured animal was reported in the intersection of 19th and Sumner.

Lost property was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill Avenue. A purse containing jewelry, wallet, credit cards, driver's license and social security card is missing.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of N. Sumner Street.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of E. Browning Avenue.

Theft was reported in the 1800 block of N. Nelson

Street.

Phone harassment was reported in the 900 block of S. Faulkner Street.

A traffic complaint was taken in the 900 block of S. Finley Street.

Phone harassment was reported in the 2217 block of N. Christy Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1100 block of N. Hobart Street.

A building check was made in the 1200 block of N. Hobart Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1800 block of N. Coffee Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1800 block of N. Chestnut Drive.

Public intoxication was reported in the 1100 block of N. Hobart Street.

An alarm was reported in the 600 block of E. Frederic Avenue.

An open door was reported in the 300 block of N. Roberta Street.

SHERIFF

According to Gray County Sheriff Officials the following people were booked into Gray County Jail during the period between 7 a.m. Monday October 5 and 7 a.m. Tuesday, October 6.

Dustin Tilmom Hinson 31, of Fred, TX was booked Monday on a charge of theft of service greater than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000.

Dennis Brian Johnson 29, of Austin, TX was booked Monday on a charge of violation of probation unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Jessie Darlene Mabry 42, of Pampa, TX, was booked Tuesday on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than one gram and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Weak dollar, strong stock market push oil prices higher

Oil prices climbed Tuesday as the combination of a weaker dollar and stronger stock market outweighed concerns about weak demand and vast supplies of crude.

Benchmark crude for November delivery rose \$1.37 to \$71.78 on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract gained 46 cents to settle at \$70.41 on Monday.

Meanwhile, the government said in its annual winter outlook Tuesday that lower fuel costs and an expected milder winter for much of the nation will cut average winter heating costs by 8 percent from last year to about \$960 this winter.

The dollar fell on Tuesday toward year lows against the euro and yen after Britain's Independent newspaper reported that Arab states, China, Russia, Japan and France were meeting secretly to end the dollar's role in pricing oil. Several countries denied such talks had taken place. Because crude is priced in dollars it becomes cheaper when the dollar falls. Some investors also use commodities such as

oil and gold as a hedge against inflation and dollar weakness. Gold hit a record \$1,037 an ounce Tuesday.

The euro rose to \$1.4726 on Tuesday from \$1.4647 Monday, and the dollar slipped to 89.04 yen from 89.53.

Oil also pushed higher as U.S. stock markets climbed more than 1 percent for a second day, driving hope that the economy is recovering and that demand for crude will grow.

Still, investors say demand remains weak because of the recession and supplies remain abundant.

On Wednesday, the Energy Information Administration releases its weekly supply report, which is expected to show crude placed into storage grew by nearly 2 million barrels and that supplies of gasoline and distillates used for heating oil and diesel also climbed for the week ended Friday, according to a survey by Platts, the energy information arm of McGraw-Hill Cos.

Hutchison disagrees with Perry on commission move

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison says she disagrees with Gov. Rick Perry's decision to remove three members of the forensic science commission right before they were to hear evidence in an arson capital murder case.

Hutchison says the hearing that was to have been Friday but was canceled could have shed light on whether arson was involved in the case of Todd Willingham, who was executed for the deaths of his three daughters.

Hutchison said Monday she supports the death penalty but said all evidence should be examined.

Questions have been raised about whether Willingham committed arson, as was alleged.

Perry spokesman Mark Miner said terms were expiring for the members of the commission who were removed. He said new members will investigate the case. He said Hutchison doesn't have all the facts.

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Jury

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He asked for compassion, noting that King grew up in a dysfunctional family and was often on his own.

Calling it a failure of love, Peck asked the jury to sentence King to life without parole, one of two penalties they could assess.

"Every day," Peck said, "he will be reminded of what pain he has caused."

Peck said it was the penalty assessed by a Missouri jury in the deaths of Orlie McCool, 70, and his daughter-in-law Dawn McCool, 47, the two people that King killed in his hometown of Pineville the day before killing the Conrads and Doan.

"Levi King has committed the ultimate crime," Peck admitted, "but we're asking for less than extreme punishment."

He asked them to resist the natural call for revenge.

"It won't bring the victims back," Peck said.

Peck acknowledged that Brian Conrad was a hard-working man. Michell Conrad was full of life, Peck said. Zach Doan was full of promise.

"Levi will pay for his crimes," Peck said.

King, Peck said, will be in prison for the rest of his life and contemplate his crimes daily for the rest of his life.

"He will die in prison," Peck said pointing to his client. "He is a dead man sitting."

Peck said King has expressed regret and asked forgiveness.

"He will answer to God Almighty," Peck said.

Noting King's life, Peck said his client had made cries for help.

"No one ever heard him," Peck said.

Peck said King had been

thrown away by his parents.

"He worthy of your mercy," Peck told the jury.

The other defense counsel, Joe Mar Wilson, told the jury that King stopped living as a free man at 9:41 p.m. Mountain Daylight Savings Time on Sept. 30, 2005. That's when he was stopped by border inspectors in El Paso as he crossed back into the United States after driving into Mexico.

Wilson painted a bleak picture of prison.

"He must pay," Wilson said. "Levi pulled that trigger."

"This is about justice," said Switzer. "Not retribution."

She said he killed the McCools in Missouri and then drove all night to turn off Interstate 40 and stop at the Conrads' home where he killed three more people.

"Enough is enough," Switzer said.

Switzer noted that King was not on drugs or alcohol when he committed the murders.

"He was stone cold sober," she said.

As she closed she flashed grisly photographs of the bullet-riddled bodies of Brian and Michell Conrad and Zach Doan lying in their beds after being shot by King and started the 911 tape of Robin Doan's call to the Gray County Sheriff's Office in Pampa.

A sobbing voice could be heard saying, "I want my mommy."

Texas woman sentenced in distracted driving case

HOUSTON (AP) — A state district judge has sentenced a woman to 30 days in jail, 10 years probation and ordered her to pay a \$10,000 fine for criminally negligent homicide in connection with a case of "distracted driving."

Twenty-four-year-old Jeri Montgomery was sentenced Monday for a March 2008 three-car crash

that killed 25-year-old Chance Wilcox. Wilcox was thrown from a car that crashed after Montgomery illegally changed lanes trying to get on a freeway she had missed.

Montgomery can't drive until further notice. Judge Herb Ritchie ordered Montgomery to pay Wilcox's funeral expenses.

Attorney Brent Mayr said talking on it just before the wreck. Montgomery wasn't on her cell phone, but had been

Stamps

not improve. Ludwig said he was arranging for food stamp officials from states with successful programs to visit Texas.

Texas Health and Human Services Executive Commissioner Tom Suehs said he was doing all he can to reduce the backlog. He said he already has a deputy executive commissioner for social services to run the food stamp

program, and "I'd rather hold my senior executive accountable."

However, he said the two suggestions Ludwig made to streamline the process — eliminate an asset test and stop fingerprinting applicants — are required by state law. "I can't do anything until the Legislature comes back," Suehs said. The Legislature will not meet in special session until a year from January.

Bra Talk

has been an increase in the number of breast cancer survivors. Breast health education and the increased use of mammograms for screening are some of the reasons for more survivors. However, there are indications that older, low-income rural women are at a greater risk for surviving because they are less likely to use early detection practices. The program will address how to access mammogram screenings in the Pampa area, how to access funding if needed and how to educate all the

women in our rural communities about the need for early detection of breast cancer. The Susan G. Komen for the Cure Greater Amarillo Affiliate is providing funding to promote early detection of breast cancer in the 26 Texas Panhandle counties. Texas AgriLife Extension along with the Amarillo Area Breast Health Coalition is working with them through educational means to make a difference in breast cancer detection and early treatment in our rural communities.

For more information about the program, contact Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Gray County by calling 806.669.8033

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: "Pillow Talk in Abilene" (July 24) had to have been written by my husband, Dick. I went looking for him and asked if he had written to you. When I held up your column, he was shocked. We laughed so hard I had trouble reading the piece to him.

This scenario must be universal. I make the bed with the pillow opening on the outside; Dick makes it with the opening on the inside. We always thought it was funny because we do many things differently. Thanks for the dose of morning humor. -- PAT AND DICK IN SPRING HILL, FLA.

DEAR PAT AND DICK: I'm pleased to have started your morning on a light note. Read on for more -- as well as some practical explanations:

DEAR ABBY: There's a very good reason why the open end of the pillow faces the inside of the bed. When I was 3 or 4, I realized that placing the open end toward the inside would prevent monsters from getting into my pillow. It has worked like a charm for 55 years. -- RESTING EASY IN KANSAS


DEAR ABBY: I was in the military, and bed-making is one of the things you learn in boot camp, in addition to how to properly fold T-shirts, underwear and bras -- yes, folding bras. The mantra for placing pillowcases is, "Seam and Slack to the Center of the Rack," open end to the left (which indicates the outside edge of the bed). So there you go -- straight from Uncle Sam himself. -- SHELLIE IN CHICAGO

DEAR ABBY: It sounds to me that "Pillow Talk" and his wife have too much time on their hands. If all they have to do is debate which way to turn the pillows when they make the bed, how

do they feel about the epidemic of belly-button lint? What difference does it make which way the pillow edges are turned? They're usually hidden by a comforter or spread anyway. -- PRACTICAL IN WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.

DEAR ABBY: In nursing school we were taught that the opening of the pillowcase should face away from the entrance

to the room. The reason is when you walk, germs and particles from the floor are kicked up and can enter the side of the pillow, which increases the potential for infections and disease through the capture of microorganisms in the pillow opening. -- SANDY IN ARIZONA



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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 6, the 279th day of 2009. There are 86 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 6, 1939, during World War II, as remaining military resistance in Poland crumbled, Adolf Hitler delivered a speech to the Reichstag in which he blamed the Poles for the Nazi-Soviet invasion of their country and denied having any intention of war against France and Britain.

On this date:

In 1683, 13 families from Krefeld, Germany, arrived in Philadelphia to begin Germantown, one of America's oldest settlements.

In 1884, the Naval War College was established in Newport, R.I.

In 1927, the era of talking pictures arrived with the opening of "The Jazz Singer," starring Al Jolson.

In 1949, President Harry S. Truman signed the Mutual Defense Assistance Act, providing \$1.3 billion in military aid to NATO countries.

U.S.-born Iva Toguri D'Aquino, convicted of treason for being Japanese wartime broadcaster "Tokyo Rose," was sentenced in San Francisco to 10 years in prison. (She ended up serving more than six.)

In 1969, the New York Mets won the first-ever National League Championship Series, defeating the

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— Susan Edmonstone Ferrier, Scottish novelist

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A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas:

The Austin American-Statesman on Gov. Rick Perry and his stay of scientific evidence:

To claim that Gov. Rick Perry may be playing politics with the Texas Forensic Science Commission is to level a serious charge.

And, considering what's at stake here, it might understate the case. Politics would be trivial compared to what's on the line.

It is not overstating the case to say the future of the death penalty in Texas -- and perhaps nationwide could be determined by this relatively new, pretty-much-unknown state panel.

Here's why. In 1991, Cameron Todd Willingham of Corsicana was convicted of setting a house fire that killed his three young children. He was sentenced to death and was executed Feb. 17, 2004 -- number 320 of 441 killed since Texas resumed executions on Dec. 7, 1982.

"Yeah," Willingham said when asked if he had any final words. "The only statement I want to make is that I am an innocent man, convicted of a crime I did not commit. I have been persecuted for 12 years for something I did not do. From God's dust I came and to dust I will return -- so the earth shall become my throne."

The transcript is on the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Web site. It ends with this note: "Remaining portion of statement omitted due to profanity."

For all the world, it looks like yet another guilty man's final and profane declaration of innocence.

But Willingham's case came up for review long after he was executed in the name of the State of Texas. In August, Craig Beyler, a fire scientist hired by the Texas Forensic Science Commission, reported that Willingham was convicted based on bad science, unproven theories and arson investigators' personal bias.

Beyler said the evidence fell short of proving arson. And if there was no arson, what proof was there that Willingham killed his kids?

The next portion of this troubling drama had been scheduled for Friday's meeting of the Texas Forensic Science Commission. But the meeting was scrapped Wednesday shortly after Perry -- who has said he sees no reason to doubt the conviction -- shook up the board.

Perry intervened by naming Williamson County District Attorney John Bradley -- a pro-

secutor with an as-tough-as-they-come reputation -- to replace Austin defense lawyer Sam Bassett as chairman.

Bassett's term ended Sept. 1, as did two other commission members replaced Wednesday by Perry.

Keith Hampton of Austin, vice president of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, said Perry's decision to put Bradley in charge of the commission at this crucial time "looks an awful lot like a governor who's interfering with a science commission because the science demonstrated that we've executed an innocent person."

"To pick one of the most partisan people in the state and just anointing him as presiding officer is rather breathtaking," Hampton said.

Yes, it is. But state Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen, an author of the legislation that created the commission, is willing to give Bradley the benefit of the doubt.

"He's tough and very pro-prosecution, but I also know him to want a criminal justice system that people can believe in. And if he thinks that someone was wrongfully convicted, my sense is that he will say so," Hinojosa said.

State Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, a Senate leader in criminal justice issues, expressed concern about the timing of the appointment but added that Bradley should work hard to silence the doubters. "I'm sure (Bradley) is cognizant of the taint this process has put on the forensics' commission and will work hard to restore its credibility."

"Otherwise," Ellis noted wryly, "the Forensic Science Commission will become known as the Political Science Commission."

Bradley, who has shown aggressive dedication to all posts he has held, called forensic science "a great gift to 21st-century criminal justice, both in the way that it has shown us who is innocent as well as convicted the guilty."

Bradley said he canceled the Friday meeting, including Beyler's scheduled appearance, so he could get up to speed on the agency's work. Sadly, as it pertains to Willingham, there is no reason to rush, but the investigation should continue.

And for the other inmates on death rows around the country, there is good reason to make sure Texas gets this one right -- even if it is ex post facto.

the execution showed "overwhelming evidence that he was in fact the murderer of his own children."

If science proves otherwise, though, more than one Texan might want to blurt out the kind of profanity-laced statement that Willingham opted for in his final moments.

The Dallas Morning News on the politics of health care reform:

Ask former President Bill Clinton, who saw his first term crippled after meeting his health care Waterloo, a defeat that in part to the historical 1994 Republican takeover of Congress.

Ask President Barack Obama, who finds himself fighting a defensive battle after irate citizens beat him up at town hall events this summer and stopped Democratic momentum on the issue. This fall, Congress is engaged in a fierce struggle over what kind of health care reform we will have if we are to have health care reform at all.

This newspaper firmly believes that America cannot wait for reform. Few people can credibly defend the current system. Even U.S. Rep. Jeb Hensarling, the Dallas Republican who is one of the most conservative members of the House, tells us the status quo is unsupportable.

But how much reform can the country take? And how should it be done? If it's true that politics is the art of the possible, health care reform backers must reconcile their ideals with hard realities.

Chief among them is legitimate and widespread public anxiety over a massive overhaul of the health care system, especially in a time of skyrocketing deficit spending. Americans really are uncertain and divided. It would be risky and unwise for Democrats to attempt to pass a sweeping reform bill that dramatically reshaped one-sixth of the U.S. economy with few or zero GOP votes.

Yet 15 years after the collapse of Clintoncare, it would be unacceptable for Congress to fail again to do anything serious to reform America's bloated and inefficient health care system, which costs too much and covers too few. Limited, incremental reform is better than no reform at all.

Obama and congressional Democrats deserve full marks for taking on health care reform, especially with so many other huge issues on Washington's plate. But they would be wise to take a lesson from

their party's costly failure the last time they took this on.

An ambitious Clinton misread his mandate and pushed too far, too fast. He ended up with nothing.

Even though Democrats again hold both houses of Congress and the White House, there are serious divisions within their own party over how far reform should go.

Obama must not overreach as his Democratic predecessor did. Public support for a maximalist reform agenda simply doesn't exist. The American people want change, yes, but not a spendthrift health care revolution.

As for congressional Republicans, we are not impressed with their bull-headed naysaying on health care. They had plenty of opportunity to reform the system under President George W. Bush and a GOP Congress but did nothing.

Republican engagement would make any bill better; leaving it to the Democrats alone would almost certainly make the legislation worse. The GOP should put the common good ahead of partisan politics and meet Democrats on grounds of workable compromise.

With urgent issues of economic stability and national security confronting America, we cannot afford a vicious duel-to-the-death over health care, compromising the ability of the executive and legislative branches to work together to deal effectively with other crises.

What's good for a particular political party is not the same thing as what's good for the nation.

According to an NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll last month, 66 percent of adults disapprove of the job Congress is doing. Barely half -- 51 percent -- approve of the president's job performance. Almost half -- 48 percent -- believe the country is on the wrong track. Only 41 percent have a positive view of the Democratic Party, while the GOP is looked upon favorably by merely 28 percent.

No doubt about it, Americans are in an anti-establishment mood.

Failure to deliver meaningful but fiscally responsible health care reform will further erode the public's confidence in Washington's ability to get anything done. A sensible, middle-of-the-road compromise would not only be good for the public, but also politically intelligent for both parties.

As perilous as the politics of doing something on health care may be this year, they're not as dangerous as doing nothing at all.

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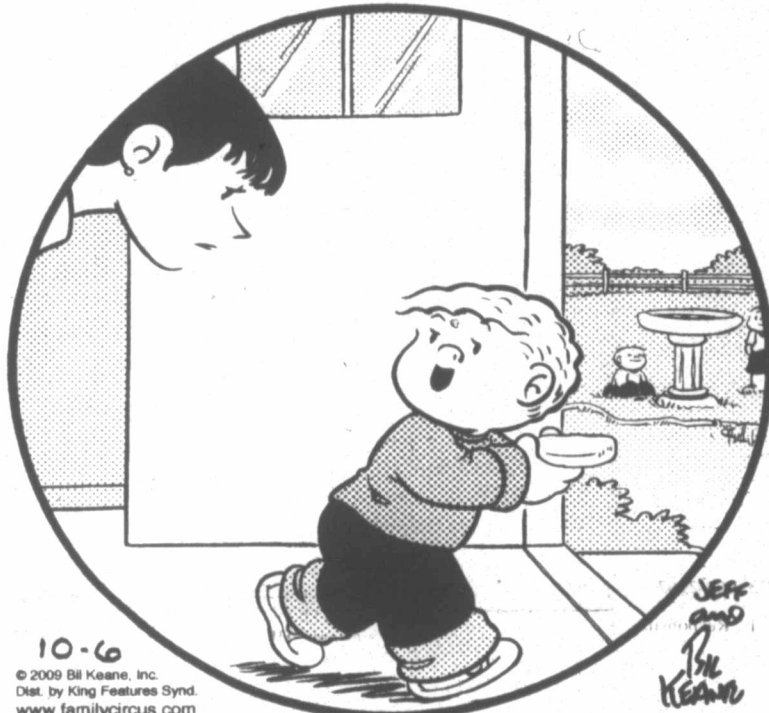
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By Bil Keane

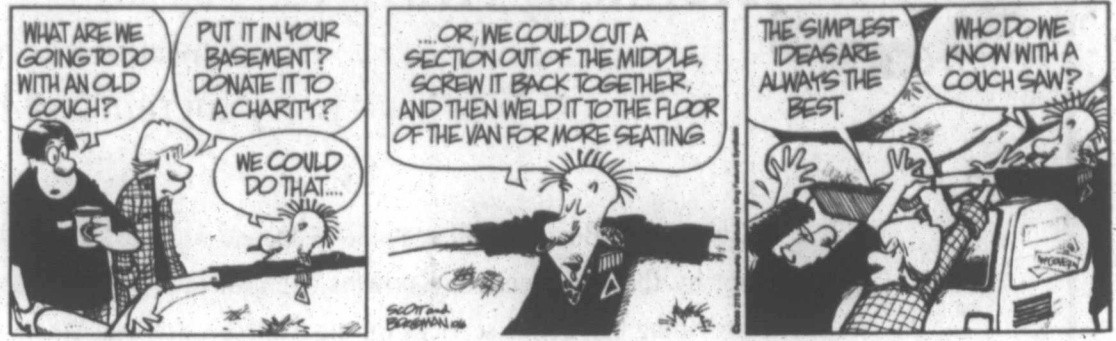


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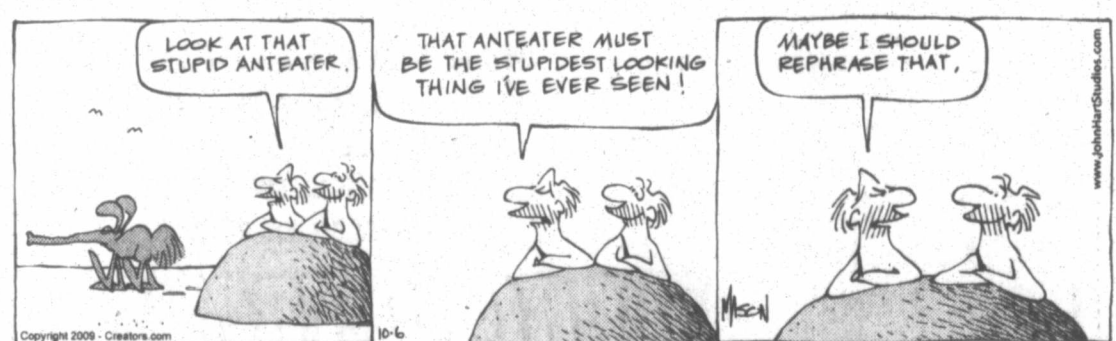
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
**** Surprising insights point you in a different direction. How you view a situation could change radically. You might want to pinch yourself before buying someone's incredible fairy tale about a key situation. Get your own facts. Tonight: Work as late as need be.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** Use the daylight hours to the max. Someone might actually shock you with his or her reaction. Your version of what is going on could change. Creativity could easily merge with another's perception, perhaps causing a different perspective and a problem. Don cynic's clothing. Tonight: Curb any wildness.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** Much goes on behind the scenes, and you question whether you are hearing fact or fiction. You might want to try another approach or be more upbeat. Do needed research. Hunt out the facts. Tonight: Suddenly you are energized.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** Take a hint from Taurus. Emphasize groups, meetings and supporters while focusing on your goals. The right mix is close to unstoppable and the smart way to go. If you want more out of a situation, ask for suggestions and listen to them. Tonight: Take some much needed personal time.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Accept your role in work, and you'll accomplish a lot. Your creativity surges when dealing with unexpected events. You might not be getting the complete story or all the facts. Loosen up and flow. You see success ahead. Tonight: Where your friends are.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Try to gain an overview before you take a stance. In fact, the more information you gain now, the better equipped you will be. Understand what is needed before you assume responsibility. A must appearance later today cannot be avoided. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Listen to a partner and get much needed feedback. Though you might not agree, you can and will find a point of agreement if you want to. Respect your differences rather than stress over them. Be direct with someone at a distance. Tonight: Don't judge what you see.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** Defer to others and get ahead of the game. You might want to rethink a decision as you get stunning input. You have many ideas, but first clear out confusion. One-on-one relating wins someone over to your perspective. Tonight: Dinner for two.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** Your style and way could make a big difference in what is occurring. Listen to news that heads first through work then through others you frequently share with. Confusion surrounds communication. Tonight: Defuse to others.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** Share more of what is going on. You might find that someone has surprising news or feedback. Incorporate more of what is important to you. Realize that you might be best off postponing a money decision. Tonight: Put your feet up.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** If you can work from home, please do. You have a way of seeing certain situations that is quite unique. Others like your feedback, though in some way you could be confusing to many who don't understand your avant-garde openness. Tonight: Time to kick up your heels.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** You might want to rethink a talk or several conversations. The more you hear, the more confused you become. Perhaps just acting might be the best way to handle pressure. Someone delights in hearing from you. Tonight: Home is where the heart is.
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The Pampa Harvester tennis team put on a minicamp for children from kindergarten to fifth grade Thursday at the Harvester Tennis Courts.

Synda Foreman mother of Harvester Myles Foreman, helped put the event on. Synda Foreman said they have been doing the mini camp for five years, and do it to bring awareness to the community about the tennis program.

"The high school tennis players share their skills with the K-5th graders in hopes that they will enjoy the game and come back each year," Foreman said. "We are also hopeful that they will play in junior high and then continue in the program in high school."

The varsity tennis players showed the children different strokes, ball handling but the highlight of the night was hitting the

ball for prizes. The team set up Gatorade bottles and tubes of tennis balls on the

court and set up boxes with each of them having a different prize. The children

won if they knocked the bottle and tube over, and if they hit the box or bounced

the ball into the box.

Senior Garrett Coutts has done this for four years and enjoys it more each year.

"Little kids have a lot of energy and lot of enthusiasm," Coutts said. "They just have a great time coming out here and just learn about the game and just have a great time. It's a lot of fun for us high schoolers too."

Coutts said getting to teach the children the skills they learn is good because it helps the future of the

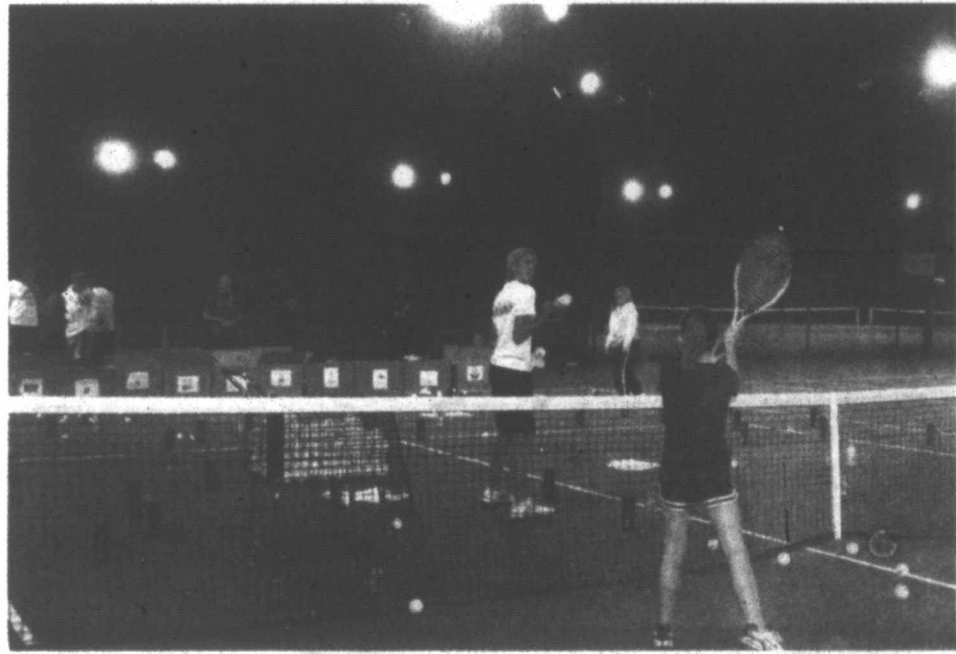
Harvester Tennis program.

"We think that it is really important here in Pampa that system continues," Coutts said. "Which means that every level of play from elementary to middle to high school is connected. We're all teaching each other and learning. It's really great to teach the little kids what we learned."



Landon Karbo works with a couple of girls on their strokes in Pampa's tennis team's minicamp Thursday at the Harvester Tennis Courts.

staff photo by Andrew Glover



Garrett Coutts tosses balls to kids as they try to hit the ball to one of the boxes for a prize. This event ended a minicamp the tennis team put on. (submitted photo Synda Foreman)

9th football falls to 'Dogs

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The Pampa Harvesters freshman football team lost 18-0 to the Plainview Bulldogs Thursday at Plainview.

Coach Kaleb Snelgrooes

said the team played hard but just came up short.

"We drove twice inside the redzone but couldn't finish the drive," Snelgrooes said.

Snelgrooes was pleased with how Tyler Powell played on defense.

"Tyler Powell had the game of a lifetime defensively," Snelgrooes said. "Every time I looked up he was making a play."

The freshman are 2-2-1 and will start district 10 a.m. Saturday at Randall.

XCountry has two runners in top 10 at Canadian meet

Pampa High School cross country had two runners finish in the top ten in their meet Saturday at Canadian, Texas.

J'Cee Holmes finished fourth in the varsity girls two mile race with a time of 12:16. Miguel Tapia finished eighth in the varsity boys three mile race with a time of 17:37.

Britney Weatherford finished 21st in the junior varsity girls two mile race with a time of 14:51 and Lyndi Whitson finished 27th with a time of 15:16.

Steven Botello finished 12th in the junior varsity boys three mile race with a time of 22:40. Flavio Gonzalez, Enrique Mier,

and Ramon Portillo ran in the varsity boys race. Gonzalez finished 13th with a time of 18:28, Mier finished 21st with a time of 19:23 and Portillo finished

25th with a time of 20:01. The cross country team's next meet is Saturday at Canyon High School.

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PHS golf finishes third

The Pampa Harvesters boys' golf team finished third in a tri-meet at the Amarillo Triangular at the Comanche Trail Golf Complex.

Borger and Amarillo High School Team B competed in Pampa's tri meet. Amarillo High was first scoring a 296, Borger was second with 324 and Pampa finished one stroke more than Borger with 325.

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