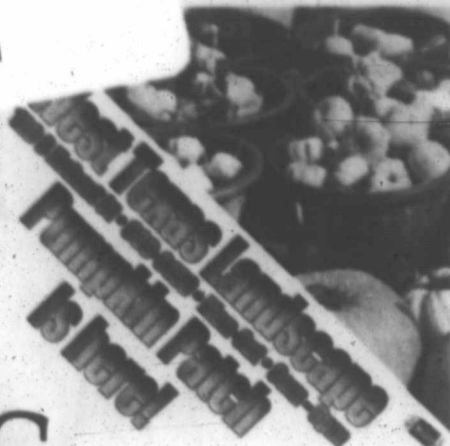


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## Levi King sentence: Life in prison

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LUBBOCK — A Lubbock County jury has decided to spare the life confessed killer Levi King. King, 27, pleaded guilty Sept. 3, to killing Brian Conrad, 31, his pregnant wife Michell, 35, and Michell's 14-year-old son Zach Doan on Sept. 30, 2005. He shot them in the predawn hours in their home 13 mile south of Pampa. Only Michell Conrad's daughter, Robin Doan, 10-years-old at the time of the slayings, escaped death that morning.

Robin Doan, now 14, who had testified earlier in the trial, told King after Judge Emmert announced the verdict that she forgives him. Sobbing, she said the wounds will take a long time to heal. "Why did God pick me to be here and not them?" she said of her family. Robin Doan said she felt it was her fault that she couldn't save them, but she did what God planned for her. "They're in heaven watching over me," she said of her family.

King, dressed in a blue blazer and tan slacks and flanked by his lawyers Joe Mar Wilson and Maxwell Peck III, stood motionless when the verdict was read. After the verdict was announced Mike Conrad, representing the family, told the court that King was evil.

*"There are no winners or losers in this. We all lost."*

—Michael Conrad, representing the family

"We're all victims of this," he said. "There are no winners or losers in this. We all lost." Michell Conrad's tearful step sister Kristy Powell told the court that she felt her life had been ripped from her. "My niece (Robin Doan) has to live with this," she said. She said there is pain in her heart for Robin. King will be returned to Missouri to serve two life sentences there. On a September morning in 2005, Robin Doan lay still in her bed as KING cont. on page 3

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## King jury foreman speaks out on decision

**BY BETSY PHILLIPS**  
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After deliberating more than seven hours in the Levi King murder trial Tuesday, one female juror told her fellow jury members that she would never change her mind and vote for the death penalty. Jury Foreman Tommy Jones said Wednesday morning he wants the family of the three victims to know what went on in the jury room on Tuesday. Jones said he is disappointed in the outcome and that he was, "totally" for the death penalty, but the way the instructions were written, the jury needed a unanimous decision and one person said she would never change her mind. According to Jones, it came to a point where there was just no reason to deliberate any longer.

"I'm surprised we didn't get a vote for the death penalty," he added. "I feel like we owe it to the family to let them know what happened during deliberations." Jones said he can't help but think of the 911 call, made by Robin Doan the day of the murders. "I know the community may be horrified that we didn't come to a death penalty conclusion" he said. "For five long weeks I sat there and watched that trial. The prosecution did an excellent job. The district attorney made sure she covered the evidence and it took a long time, but it needed to be done." Jones said Judge Emmert charged the jury to consider two issues. First would he continue to be a danger to society, both in prison and if he possibly escaped from incarceration.

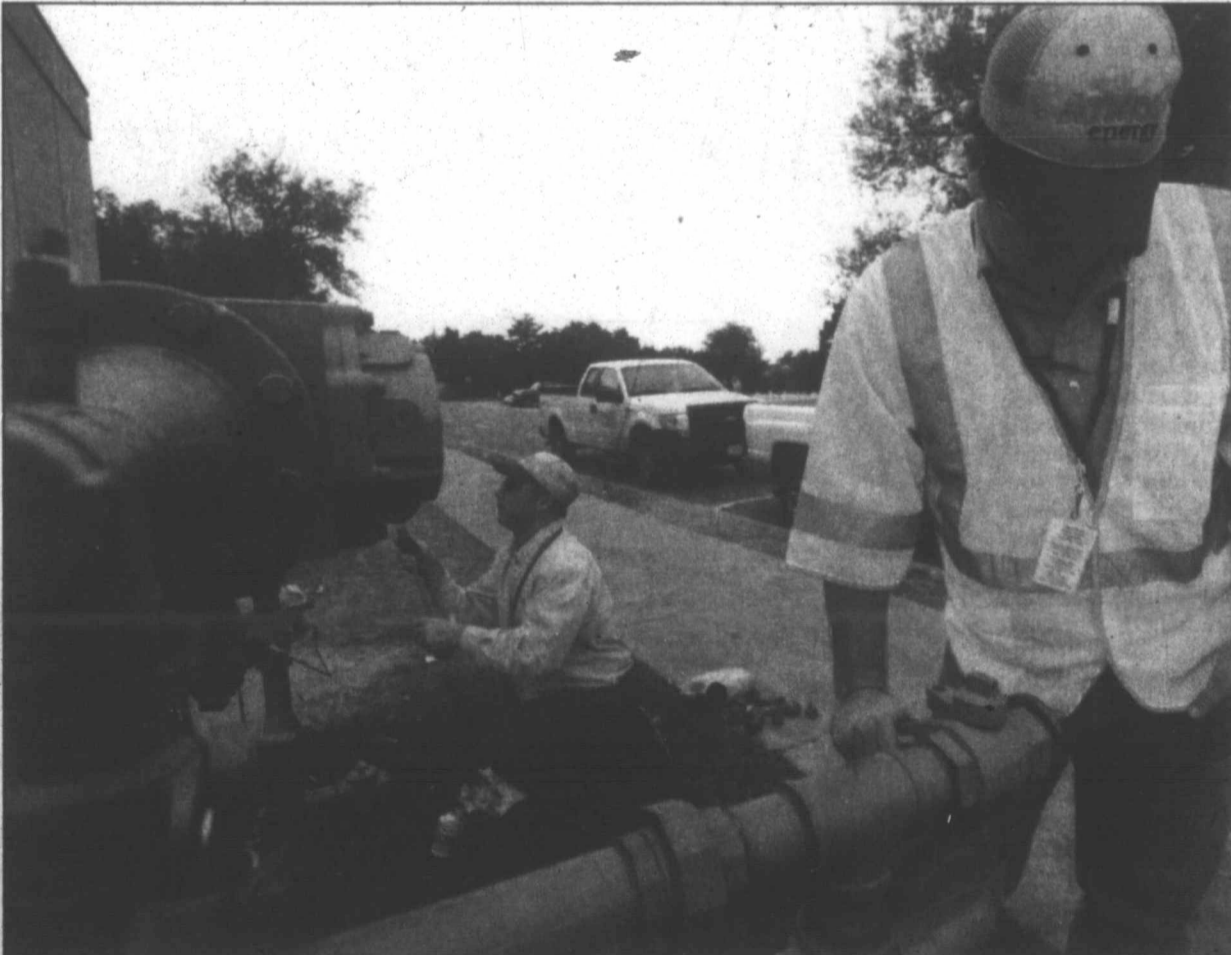
The answer had to be yes, he said, or the jury was to go no further. Jones said the jurors spent about six hours on the issue and took a vote. The jury needed a unanimous yes vote to continue. The first vote was nine "yes" to three "no." He said three jurors wanted to go through evidence records, looking at different things, some were letters that King and his family members wrote during his incarceration. "Some of us thought those letters were very contrived," Jones said. Finally, the three jurors voted yes, that he would be a danger and they were able to move on. Jones said there was one juror who wanted to see a video tape of an interview. That interview did not

Read a letter from the Doan family on page 3



staff photo by David Bowser  
Levi King outside the Gray County courthouse.

## CO SCARE AT PHS



Bill Lewis, left, and Marc Garza with Atmos Energy turn the gas back on at Pampa High School shortly after noon today. A build up of carbon monoxide necessitated evacuating the school and sending students home. School District Superintendent Barry Haenisch some vents had been closed during the construction phase of the school's renovation last summer and when the heaters were turned on today, there was an apparent build up of carbon monoxide. School offices this afternoon were investigating the source of the build up. Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell commended the school's staff for noticing the problem and acting so quickly. The Pampa Fire Department responded with four units and 10 people while the Pampa Police Department cordoned off the area. Once the school was vented, Powell said, school officials began investigating the cause of the problem.

## State takes steps to end Trans-Texas Corridor

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Department of Transportation is taking formal steps to cancel its unpopular "Trans-Texas Corridor" project, which has already cost the state millions of dollars to gather up plans, hold public meetings and conduct environmental studies. The \$175 billion proposal to build a network of toll roads and rail lines, the brainchild of Gov. Rick Perry, ran into fierce opposition virtually since it was proposed in 2002. On Wednesday, state officials told reporters that it had notified federal highway authorities this week that TxDOT wants to halt what was to be the first leg of the project — along heavily congested Interstate 35.

TxDOT has already spent about \$15 million on environmental studies and planning documents associated with the I-35 corridor, and the cost will go higher as the cancellation process grinds to a halt, officials said.

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		
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**Tonight:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms, then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 1am. Cloudy, with a low around 54. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New rainfall amounts between a half and three quarters of an inch possible.

**Thursday:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 72. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Friday:** Mostly cloudy, with a high near 59. North wind between 10 and 15 mph becoming calm. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 52. North northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

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## Feds, Texas officials to discuss air pollution

DALLAS (AP) — Federal regulators are meeting with Texas state officials in an effort to bring the state's air-pollution rules into compliance with the Clean Air Act. The Environmental Protection Agency is meeting Thursday in Austin with officials from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, as well as environmental and industry groups. It's their first meeting since the EPA on Sept. 8 proposed throwing out several key aspects of the state's air-pollution permitting programs. Environmental groups have for years criticized the state's pollution permits as simply a formality for massive polluters and are calling for the EPA to order a massive overhaul of the TCEQ. The state disagrees, saying its permitting program complies with federal law.

## Ex-jailer facing sex charge found dead

TEXARKANA, Ark. (AP) — A former Miller County jailer facing a charge of sexual misconduct with female inmates has been found shot to death. Authorities say the body of 55-year-old Patrick Drake was found outside a tire store in Bowie County, Texas, about 8 a.m. Tuesday with a gunshot wound to the head. Sheriff's Capt. Jeff Neal said it appears the wound was self-inflicted.

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Drake was due in court Tuesday for a pretrial hearing on a third-degree sexual assault charge.

Drake was fired and arrested in December when allegations surfaced that he and another guard had inappropriate sexual contact with female inmates in November at the Miller County jail.

Drake had maintained his innocence at earlier court hearings and his attorney said he was prepared to take the case to trial.

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## Obituaries There are no obituaries today

### EMERGENCY SERVICES

#### SHERIFF

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

Christopher Roy Meek, 19, of Perryton, TX, was sentenced Tuesday on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Garnet John Terrell, 24 of Pampa was booked Tuesday on charges of violation of probation possession of marijuana, and capias pro fine no drivers license.

Heather Michelle Hutchinson, 38, of Pampa was booked Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana

Valentine Carol Bryant 33, of Pampa was booked Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana.

Melodie Ruth Fralick, 40, of Pampa was booked Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

Timothy Noman Calvert, 36, of Pampa was booked Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

Jeffrey Lee Baker, 39, of Canyon, TX was booked Tuesday on a charge of DWI.

Jose Guadalupe Larrazolo, 46, of Pampa was booked Wednesday on a charge of DWI.

#### PAMPA PD

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

Animal Control Officers responded to 18 calls or stops.

Pampa Police Officers made 14 traffic stops, had three ongoing investigations, and responded to one requests for information.

An alarm was reported in the 2200 block of N. Hobart Street.

An alarm was reported in the 400 block of W. Brown Street.

An alarm was reported in the 200 block of W. Brown Street.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2400 block of N. Christine Street.

A traffic stop in the 600 block of E. Brown Street resulted in the arrest of Boyd Vardy for possession of marijuana.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1400 block of S. Hobart Street.

A request for information that a purse with contents was found was reported in the 800 block of W. Francis Avenue.

An accident was reported in the intersection 23rd and Perryton Parkway.

A civil matter was reported in the intersection of 1200 N. Hobart Street.

Fraud was reported in the 800 block of W. Francis Avenue.

An accident was reported in the intersection of Pennsylvania and Williston.

A welfare check was made in the 900 block of S. Finley Street.

A traffic complaint was taken in the 1000 block of E. Foster Avenue.

A traffic stop in the 1500 block of N. Duncan Street resulted in the arrest of Dana Daniels for driving while license suspended.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of N. Christy Street.

An alarm was reported in the 900 block of E. Kentucky Avenue.

Ayvene Young was arrested for criminal trespass in the 2800 block of N. Charles Street.

An animal complaint was taken in the 900 block of Twiford Street.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 1700

block of N. Chestnut Drive. No was injured and it was verbal only.

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

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

Theft was reported in the 1400 block of N. Hobart Street.

A 911 hangup was reported in the 1300 block of Williston Street.

Burglary was reported in the 800 block of E. Campbell Avenue. The front and back window of

house was broken. A vacuum cleaner was stolen. Estimated value was \$200.

A traffic complaint was taken in the 800 block of S. Hobart Street.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 1500 block of N. Sumner Street.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of N. Duncan Street.

Robbie Godsey was arrested for assault with bodily injury to a family member. There were minor injuries and no medical attention was needed.

## Condemned inmate loses appeal

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A Texas death row inmate whose attorneys contend is mentally retarded and ineligible for execution has lost his appeal to the state's highest criminal appeals court.

By an 8-1 vote, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ruled Wednesday that evidence that Bobby Wayne Woods is mentally retarded is insufficient. Judge Charles Holcomb dissented without comment.

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that mentally retarded inmates may not be executed.

Woods was to die last Oct. 23 for cutting the throat and killing his ex-girlfriend's 11-year-old daughter, Sarah Patterson. That was after she and her brother were abducted from their Granbury home in 1997.

Hours before Woods was to die, the appeals court halted the scheduled execution after his attorneys said they had new evidence to support their retardation claims.

No new execution date has been set.

## Mega Millions jackpot rises to \$145 million

ATLANTA (AP) — The grand prize in the Mega Millions multistate lottery game keeps climbing and will be up to an estimated \$145 million for the next drawing on Friday.

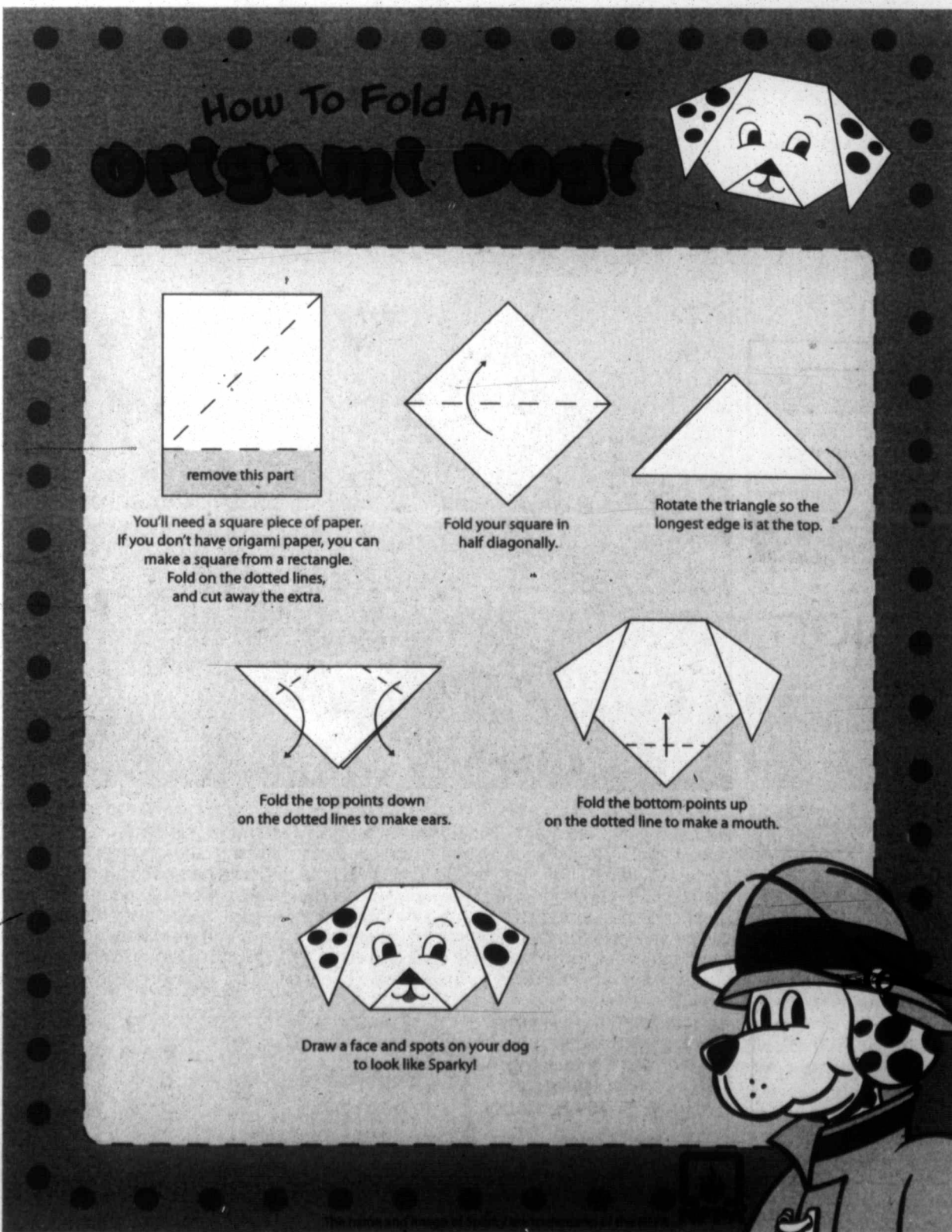
Although there was no grand prize winner, seven tickets were worth second prizes of \$250,000 each, none of them sold in Texas. Another 47 players, including two who bought tickets in Texas, won third prizes of \$10,000 each.

The winning numbers from Tuesday were: 9, 33, 51, 53 and 56. The Mega Ball number was 39.

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## Family thanks community

So many people's lives have been affected by the person known as Levi King. King chose to selfishly take 6 amazing lives from their family and friends. King also took the personal security of being in your own home away from thousands of people. King will now die in prison for everything he took away. Although, King's choices have changed people's lives forever, we have been blessed with many other amazingly wonderful people in our lives that we would have never come to know. We are not making light of our situation. We are simply expressing our thankfulness for all of those people that have become a part of our life because of the situation.

We are blessed to live in a community that cares about others and gives unselfishly. We are blessed to have had numerous law enforcement officers and staff that went above and beyond their call of duty to work our case effectively and thoroughly. We are blessed to have had Lynn Switzer and her amazing team to fight faithfully for all of the victims from start to finish. There are so many wonderful people that are physically in our lives, but that many more that are spiritually in our lives. We may not know all of your names, but

we do know about your thoughts, your prayers, your hours of hard work, your generosity and your kindness you have given to all of us victims and our families. We appreciate you all for your countless hours, prayers and thoughts. In all reality, we do not have the words to express our true appreciation for you all. You all have become a part of us that are still here and those that are gone.

Thank you, Gray County SO, Pampa PD and your families for your hard work, a well-done investigation, guidance, prayers and support.

Thank you, Lynn Switzer, ALL of your staff and all of your families for fighting for us all, letting us cry, and getting us through the tough fight. You all have stood beside us all for every rollercoaster moment. You all were the voice for all of the victims, victims that were taken and those that are surviving, fighting with everything you had to give and for this we can move on with some closure and peace. Your dedication, determination, open hearts and open minds has meant the world to us.

Thank you, citizens of Gray County for your understanding, compassion and prayers.

Thank you, Sheriff Henderson, your staff and your families for your assistance, compassion,

prayers and understanding.

Thank you, citizens of Hemphill county for your support and prayers.

Thank you, Texas Rangers for a thorough investigation, prayers and support.

Thank you, Judge Emmert and Mrs. Emmert, for your time, patience, prayers and understanding.

Thank you, Lubbock County jurors for your time invested in our trial, your time away from your families, jobs and your lives. We respect your decisions, as we know this was not an easy task.

Thank you, Lubbock County officers and all of the wonderful people in Lubbock for assisting all of us through our trial.

Thank you, Extended Stay Hotel for making our stay pleasant, relaxing and convenient.

There are many others I'm sure we have unintentionally left out. We appreciate you all for every prayer, every thought, and every effort to get us all through this.

This tragedy has financially cost Gray County greatly. Please understand that we did not ask for this tragedy. But, we surviving victims, did request the strong pursuit of the death penalty. We did not ask the DA's office to pursue the death penalty to "break" the Gray County. We asked the DA's office to pur-

sue for the death penalty because Brian, Michell, Zach and baby Mikel deserved that fight for justice. We are aware of the vast expense, but what price would you pay for a loved one's life? We are all taxpayers. If Brian, Michell and Zach were still here they would all be paying their share of taxes too. Before you decide to judge the financial expense of this tragedy, please ask yourself what you would honestly have done if you were in this situation. We believe each of the individual lives that were taken are worth much more than the grand total of "your" tax dollars.

The trial is over now. We fought a battle where no one wins. We fought it to the end. The verdict has been read. Our lives are not longer in limbo. We close this chapter and begin a new chapter. It's time to move forward. One man took so much away from us all, but we have all gained much more.

Everyone that has been touched by this tragedy is a part of us. We deeply appreciate everyone's prayers, thoughts, kindness, dedication, sincerity, thousands of hours of hard work, time and money. Thank you and God Bless you all!

Johnny and Jen Doan

## Jury

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exist, but it took some time to go through the witness and evidence lists to determine that there was no tape. The jury then moved on to the second issue. Did they feel there were mitigating circumstances to the crime? They had the option of voting yes, no or no answer. Jones said. Seven jurors voted no, or to continue toward the death penalty. At that point, about seven hours into the deliberation, Jones said one juror wanted to know before they continued if there was anyone in the room that, no matter what, would not vote for the death penalty. There was one juror who said she could not. They then took a poll to discover who, if anyone, would not change their mind and discard the death penalty. There were three—but at that point, Jones said they felt there was no reason to go on with deliberations if there was no hope of achieving a consensus on the death penalty, and they all agreed to not answer. That meant the sentence was automatically life without parole.

"I just couldn't let this go without an explanation to the family," he said. "I

wanted to contact them and let them know."

In regard to the selection process and eventual outcome, Jones had heartfelt opinions.

"They asked us when they picked us if we believe the death penalty was justified punishment," Jones explained. "They want a yes or no. Some things are not black and white. Maybe sometimes it is justified and sometimes it isn't."

"They gave us a 20 page questionnaire, and I answered most between yes and no. You have to consider all the fact sand try to be as fair honest as you can."

In most situations, you give the guy the benefit of the doubt, he said.

"But once it's proven that there is no other course of action, as in this case, you can't understand how one person should allow him to go to prison for the rest of his life," Jones said.

He still believes that the death penalty would have been the right decision in this case. "The details in the case are so important because you can see the lack of conscience. He has no compassion for humanity, none whatsoever."

## King

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King stood in her doorway after shooting Brian and Michell Conrad and their dog with an Ak-47 assault rifle and fired one round into Robin's bedroom, missing her.

Thinking he had killed her, King turned went across the hall to the room of her brother, Zach Doan, where he fired a volley into the sleeping body of the Pampa student.

After King drove away in the pickup he'd stolen in his hometown of Pineville, Mo., Robin Doan fled the house and called 911 from the bed of her stepfather's pickup truck in the driveway of the rural home.

District Attorney Lynn Switzer played the tape of that phone call during the first day of the punishment phase of the trial.

Monday, in her closing arguments, Switzer played it again, this time with a grizzly slide show for the

jury showing the bodies of Brian and Michell Conrad and Zach Doan as they lay where they had been shot along with an autopsy photo of Michell's unborn baby.

Six month pregnant Michell Conrad had already named the baby boy Mickel but Robin Doan told the court that she still hadn't forgotten her mother's screams that September morning in 2005.

On the fourth anniversary of the murders just a week ago, Robin Doan said she had slept only two hours.

"I don't expect the fear to go away for a long time," she said.

Robin Doan said that her mother, brother and stepfather were in a better place.

"That's all that matters," she said.

## Fired up? The grass-roots health care battle

NEW YORK (AP) — Fired up? Ready to go? You might not know it from the way President Barack Obama's grass-roots supporters have been largely drowned out in the raucous debate over his health care plan.

Yes, they're behind him, officials say — volunteering in their communities and contacting lawmakers in Congress. But some Obama organizers are calling their forces a "silent majority," embracing Republican terminology of long ago. And if the final legislation doesn't include a government run plan to compete with private insurers, they may be invisible, too.

While opponents of the health care revamp have largely controlled the image war with rowdy town halls and a huge march on Washington last month, Obama supporters have been mobilizing across the country as well, tapping into the unprecedented network his presidential campaign built last year.

"We're building a long-term organization with leaders in the community who are trained. It was successful in the election and it will be successful again," says Jeremy Bird, deputy director of Organizing for America.

OFA, the pro-Obama effort annexed to the Democratic National Committee, says it has enlisted more than 2 million people in active support of the plan since the beginning of the summer. It recently completed a 19-stop cross country bus tour, and leaders say they have held over 18,000 health care events in all 50 states and 435 congressional districts.

The intensity of such efforts is difficult to gauge, particularly when compared to the angry town hall meetings across the country over the summer and the "tea party" march that drew tens of thousands to Washington. A flood of questions at one recent OFA meeting in New York suggested it's far easier to ramp up the campaign to defeat the plan, even if proponents are turning out in the large numbers OFA

claims. What, some in the group of 50 or so pro-Obama volunteers asked, are the specifics of the health care bills moving through Congress? Do they all include provisions for end-of-life counseling, which led to the erroneous "death panel" accusations leveled by some Republicans? And will Obama stand firm on the federal insurance option to compete with private coverage?

"Where can we get the information to speak intelligently and cogently about it?" Queens resident David Dawson asked about the plan. Others complained that Obama had waffled on the federal "public option" and suggested they might not get involved in helping push for the overhaul as a result.

Organizer Geoff Berman acknowledged the concerns but urged attendees to focus on other aspects of the plan, including the central provision to keep insurers from refusing coverage because of pre-existing conditions.

"There are other important parts of the health care legislation President Obama doesn't want to be lost on people by the entire dialogue being about the public option," Berman told the group.

However, Howard Dean, the former Democratic National Committee chairman and 2004 presidential contender, said the public health care plan is essential to motivating the party's base voters.

"It has to be there. Without the public option, it's going to be very hard to organize Democrats," Dean said in an interview.

To be sure, not everything is harmonious on the anti-overhaul side either as mainstream Republicans and disaffected conservatives jostle for advantage.

After electoral wipe-outs in 2006 and 2008, the Republican National Committee has used the health care debate to help build state parties and increase GOP membership. It's also proved an effective fundraising tool, with the RNC adding more than 2,400 donors a day in September, up from just under 400 per day in

February. But the most visible anti-revamp organizing has been done by conservatives who say they are fed up with both political parties in Washington. Many stayed out of the 2008 presidential race because they'd grown disillusioned with George W. Bush and were never much excited about GOP nominee John McCain.

These people have been drawn to the tea party protests largely organized by FreedomWorks, founded by former GOP House Leader Dick Armey. FreedomWorks and affiliated groups such as the National Taxpayers Union have adapted organizing tactics pioneered by the political left, many of which were well executed by the Obama campaign last year.

Spokesman Adam Brandon said all staffers are given a copy of "Rules for Radicals," the famed community organizing manual penned by the late activist and author Saul Alinsky. Brandon said most of the group's agenda is dictated by the grass roots.

"We've done a fantastic job of organizing, and we want to have an influence on the political process — health care, cap and trade (energy) legislation and next year, a mid-term election," Brandon said. He added that his group is largely disdainful of the RNC's efforts and blames Republicans and Democrats alike for excessive government spending and debt.

"RNC strategists don't know what's going on and wouldn't understand if

they tried," Brandon said. "If Michael Steele were to come and say how much Republicans had promoted liberty in the last eight years, people would laugh."

Debbie Dooley, a FreedomWorks volunteer in Georgia, said she got involved after last year's federal bank bailout and is now doing most of her organizing around local tax matters and opposition to health care reform.

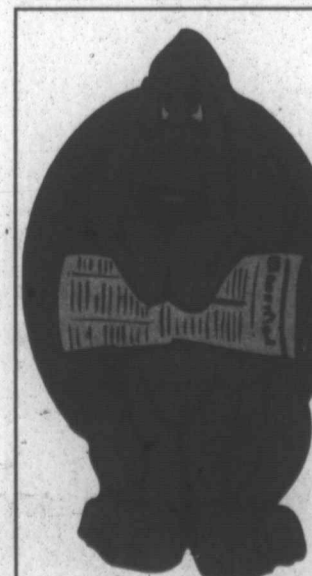
"To build a grass-roots army and keep them energized, you have to address all the issues," Dooley said.

Such efforts have been dismissed by many Democrats as fake grass roots, or "astroturfing." And pro-Obama organizers say that while their campaign may lack the intensity of the anti-Obama forces, it is more strategic and just as committed. No one would expect the exuberance of the president's "fired up" 2008 election rallies.

At a coffee shop outside Columbus, Ohio, recently, about 20 pro-Obama volunteers phoned through long lists of local Democratic voters, asking them to press members of Congress to support the president's plan.

"We realized that we need to have Obama's back," said Peter Kovarik, an adjunct biology professor at Ohio State University and OFA volunteer who said his job didn't provide health insurance.

Volunteers like Kovarik are giving voice to the "silent majority" that supports Obama's plan, said Ohio OFA director Greg Schultz.



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## Man who bore cross from Texas arrives in Aberdeen

ABERDEEN, Wash. (AP) — A man who dragged a 12-foot cross from Longview, Texas, had some good news when he arrived in Aberdeen, his hometown.

Capt. John Green says police decided not to arrest James Strickland Tuesday night when he rolled his cross into town. Green told KXRO he consider strickland a good risk and will trust him to appear before a judge to clear up four mis-

demeanor warrants. The 39-year-old Strickland says he has a troubled past that includes drug use, run-ins with the law and falling out with his family.

He was praying about his problems when he received a message to start walking in May on a journey of renewal.

In Aberdeen he hopes to reconcile with the mother of his two young children.

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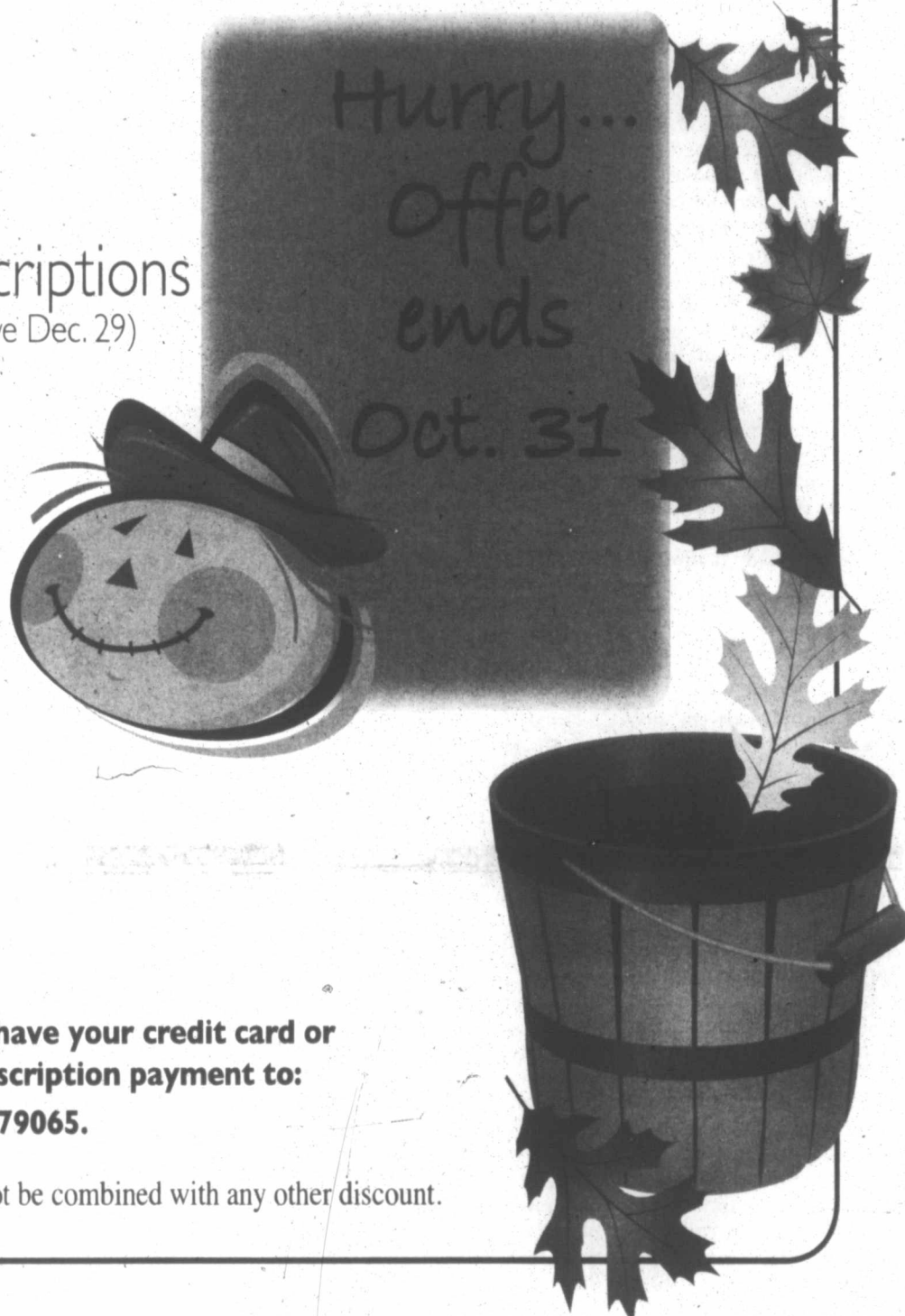
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## Burnett, Martinez exchange vows

Mary Danielle Martinez and Jacob Paul Burnett of Lubbock celebrated their marriage on Saturday July 11, 2009 at St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Pampa at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

They were accompanied by their parents Mr. and Mrs Joe Martinez of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs Dale Burnett and Mr. and Mrs. Monty Smith of Austin.

Assistant Pastor Danielle Dreher of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Hereford officiated the sacrament of matrimony with a mass.

Maid of Honor was Lacy Foster, college friend and sorority sister. Honorary Maid of Honor was Quila Martinez sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Jessica Hoskins, childhood best friend and Sarah Hoqi, college friend and Amy Burnett, sister-in-law. Jr. Bridesmaid was Erin Smith, sister of the groom. Best man was Matthew Burnett groom's brother and Honorary Best Man was Joshua Burnett groom's younger brother. Groomsmen were Manzy Lowry, college friend of the groom, Justin Wolfe, childhood friend of the groom. Michael Martinez, brother of the bride and Mike Pentecost longtime friend of the groom. Flower girls were Madison Hoskins and Kaylee Pentecost. Ring Bearers were Adam Burnett and Billy Wade Burnett. Lectors were Autumn Burnett and Kyle Johnson. Altar servers were Brad Schniers and Vanessa Ontiverros. Jacob and Danielle chose a chocolate and turquoise with peacock feather accent for their wedding. Mrs. Kim Laycock, wedding coordinator helped design their theme. The bride's dress was a Yolanda Couture in ivory and her veil was a traditional mantilla edge in ivory lace. The bride's bouquet was designed by Mrs. Laycock with picaeso calla lilies and peacock feathers and a turquoise rosary given to her by her aunts. Her jewelry was designed by Gerald Johnson from Santa Fe made out of silver and turquoise stones. Music for the wedding mass was provided by Michael Martinez brother of the bride and Joe Martinez father of the bride accompanied by Rosemary Eakins and Dietta Pope. A reception and dance followed at the Americinn in Pampa, Texas.

The bride is a 2002 Pampa graduate and Texas Tech University graduate with a Masters in Exercise Science. She is employed at the Plaza in Lubbock as Director of Wellness. The groom is a 2002 graduate of Bowie High school in Austin and an Angelo State University graduate with a BS in Animal Science. He is employed by Appliance Parts Depot as General Manager. Mr. and Mrs. Burnett will in reside in Lubbock.

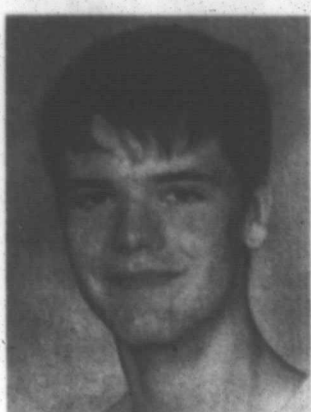


## Two PHS students commended in National Merit Scholarship Program

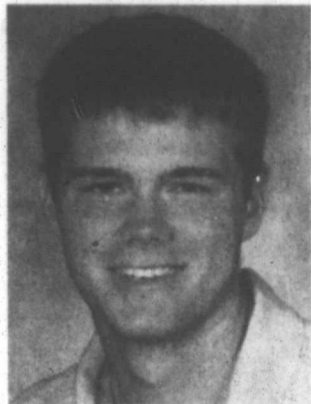
The principal, Tanya Larkin, of Pampa High School announced today that Alexander Clendening and Jonathan Murray have been named Commended Students in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to these scholastically talented seniors.

About 34,000 commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2010 competition for National Merit scholarships, commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2010 competition by taking the 2008 Preliminary SAT/NMSQT).

"Recognition of high-achieving students is essential to advancing educational excellence in our nation," commented a



Murray



Clendening

spokesperson for NMSC. "As demonstrated by their outstanding performance in our highly competitive program, the young

men and women named Commended Students represent some of the most academically talented students in our country. We sincerely hope this recog-

niton will enhance their educational opportunities and encourage them in their pursuit of academic success."



## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: During my visitations at my dad's, I share a room with my stepsisters. They have made it clear they resent having to share their room with me, even though I have no choice about it.

They play the choking game with some of their friends. When I refuse to participate, they put me down and call me chicken, but I'm not about to do something so dangerous.

They have told me I'd better "mind my own business" and not say anything to their mom about it. I'm afraid if I do -- and I get them into trouble -- they'll resent me more and make things even more difficult for me.

On the other hand, I'd feel really guilty if I stay silent and something terrible happened to one or both of them. Should I tell their mom, even if it causes problems for me? -- SEATTLE STEPSISTER

DEAR STEPSISTER: I think you should tell your mother, and let her tell your father and his wife. The "choking game" isn't a game; it's extremely dangerous. It destroys brain cells and has been known to kill people. The practice can also be addictive, and when people do it alone and lose consciousness for the last time, the deaths are sometimes mistaken as suicides.

DEAR ABBY: My oldest sister has just married a very nice man. (It's her second marriage.) My only problem is that "Norman" is a taxidermist. Going to their home frightens my daughter and makes me feel, frankly, a bit nauseous. I have avoided going there since the first time, but have been getting questions from family about why I keep turning down invitations.

How do I answer these questions without hurting my sister's feelings? She's a great sister, and I really like Norman. But their house gives me and my animal-loving daughter nightmares. Please

help. -- CREEPED OUT IN ARIZONA

DEAR CREEPED OUT: Be honest, but be gentle. Tell your sister that you love her and think her new husband is terrific, but the stuffed animals (etc.) make you uncomfortable. Make sure she knows that when she's having a barbecue or a swimming party (thank God you live in a state with a mild climate), you'd love to come over. But you're not up to another trip through the gallery of the living dead because it gave your daughter nightmares.

DEAR ABBY: I married a caring, thoughtful man who is also a loving father. My problem is my father-in-law, who constantly "reminds" me that I'm the best thing that ever happened to his son and that there is no way my husband would be successful if it weren't for my influence in his life.

While I'm happy to have my father-in-law's approval, it makes me uncomfortable, and it's hurtful to my husband. My husband was not a wild child in his youth, so I don't know why Dad feels my husband would be a failure if not for me. My husband is a wonderful man on his OWN merits, not mine, and the implication is insulting. How can I help my father-in-law see this? -- MARRIED TO A GREAT GUY

DEAR MARRIED: The next time your father-in-law "compliments" you by insulting your husband, look him in the eye and nail him. One way to do that would be to say, "Exactly what do you mean by that, Dad, because I find the implication insulting." I predict he will squirm. And when he's done hemming and hawing, tell him his son is the ideal man for you, you feel lucky to have him, and you don't appreciate it when someone who is supposed to love him doesn't give him credit for all that he has accomplished.

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**Sudoku**

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Intermediate

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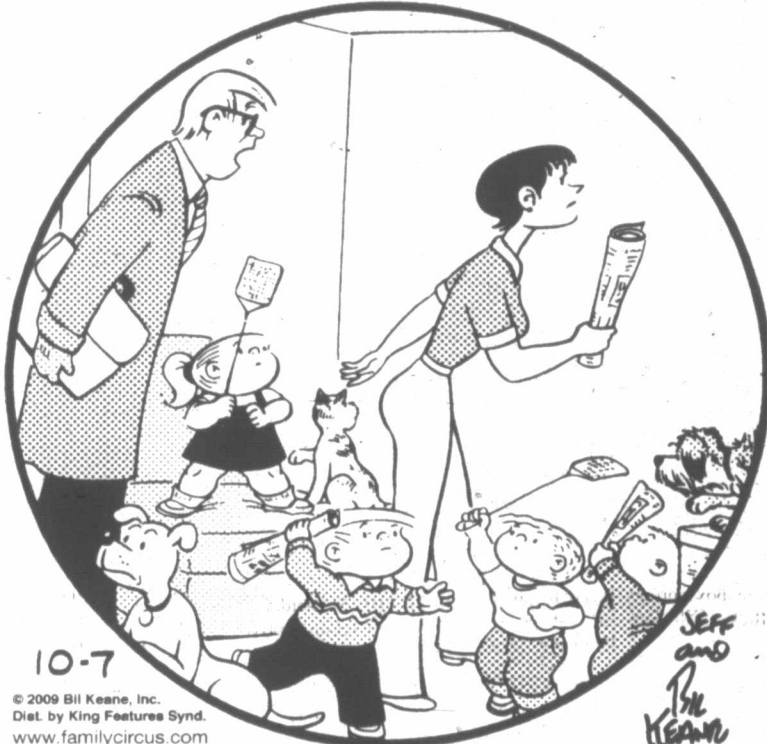
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"He got some sort of a stimulus package."

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"ONE fly?"

### Daily Crossword Puzzle

#### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 36 44th
  - 1 Whittle president
  - 38 Leg parts
  - 5 Ticket half
  - 39 Famous
  - 9 Surrounded setting
  - 41 Gum masses
  - 11 Twilled material
  - 12 Boxer's dream
  - 13 Peels
  - 14 — bind
  - 15 Gets satisfaction for
  - 17 Attract a larger crowd than
  - 19 Put down
  - 20 Blood fluid
  - 21 Nourished
  - 22 Top
  - 24 Greedy fellow
  - 26 Namely, in Latin
  - 29 Keg attachment
  - 30 Batter-dipped food
  - 32 Broad streets
  - 34 "Norma"
  - 35 Walking aids
- DOWN**
- 1 Cookout spot
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  - 3 good grade
  - 4 Photo blowup: Abbr.
  - 5 Leg part
  - 6 Excited feeling
  - 7 Zombies
  - 8 Domineering
  - 10 Prepare bid
  - 11 Ship staff
  - 16 "Twilight" creature
  - 18 Pharmacy buy
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### For Better Or Worse



### Zits



### Garfield



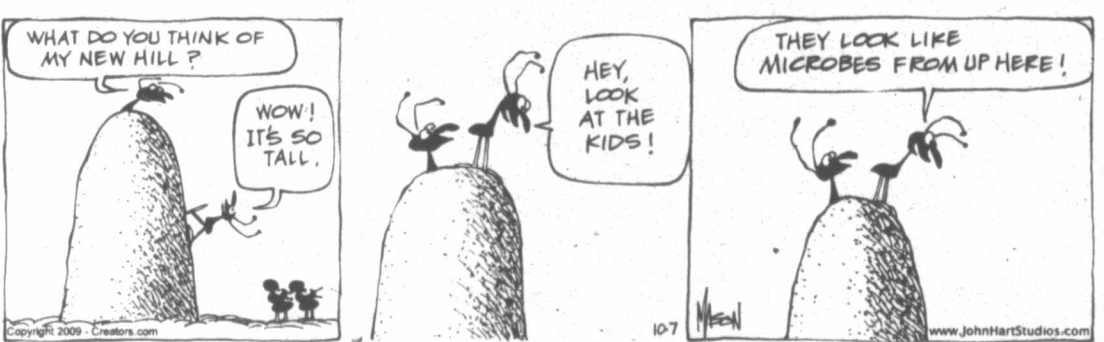
### Beetle Bailey



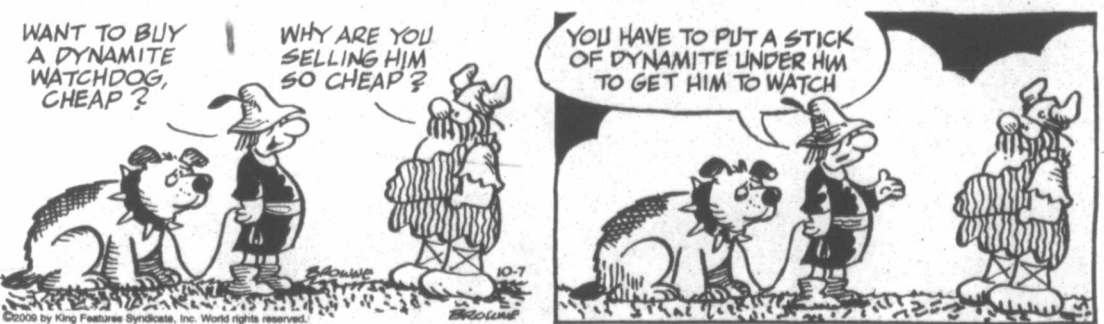
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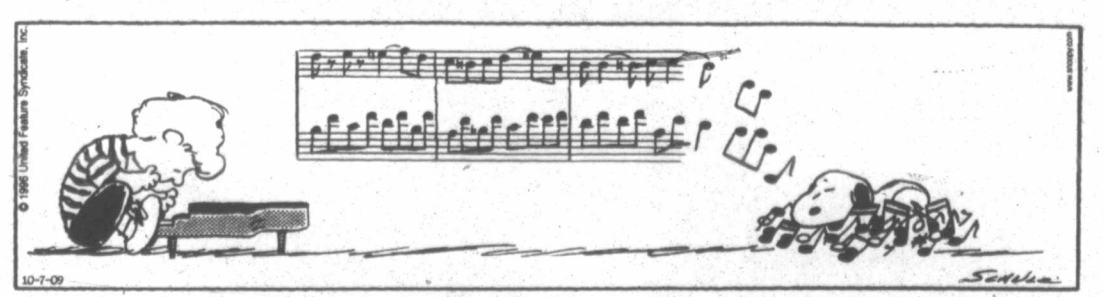
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**BY JACQUELINE BIGAR** Daily Horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009: This year, you make a difference wherever you go. You have an upbeat mind and are full of many innovative ideas. Use these gifts well, and you will succeed wherever you focus. Your lightness and fun ideas draw many different people from many different lifestyles. Travel and education will only increase your ability to grasp issues that many cannot. If you are single, you will have many admirers to choose from. The real issue remains if you are ready to settle in. If you are attached, remember your sweetie and give more of your time and attention to his or her needs and interests. GEMINI always likes to draw you into an unconventional conversation.

**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)** \*\*\*\*\* Serious dream time points to new possibilities. Do you know how to proceed with a seemingly wild idea? Solutions appear as long as you are willing to allow others to share more of their perspective and thoughts. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** \*\*\*\*\* Indulge others and listen to their suggestions. You bring many assets to the table, but so do others, and they can be very different. Combining the best of what everyone offers can mix into a great idea, project or situation. Tonight: Could be late.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** \*\*\*\*\* You beam, and others respond. Don't discount someone who is at a distance. This person can make a considerable difference in your life. Think positively without restricting yourself, for now. You can wonder how practical an idea is later. Tonight: Break past patterns.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** \*\*\*\*\* Take your time with a friend or loved one who often preys on your weaknesses. Ask yourself why you allow this. A partner has more than enough feedback. Not only does this person mean well, but he also has wisdom to share. Tonight: Listen to the echoes!

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** \*\*\*\*\* Zero in on what is important with an eye to change and growth. How you deal with someone and the choices you make will reflect on the nature of this bond. Don't take someone for granted, or you could be very sorry. Tonight: Where the gang is.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** \*\*\*\*\* Take a stand and comprehend what is going on around you. Your understanding grows if you are willing to assume responsibility. In fact, you will learn so much more if you simply walk in another person's shoes. Tonight: A must appearance.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** \*\*\*\*\* Keep reaching out for new ideas. A serious talk or idea colors your morning. Later on, you'll relax and see life from a renewed perspective. Your spirit turns toward adventure and mischief. Tonight: Let your mind relax and your imagination take over.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** \*\*\*\*\* Working directly with a key person in your life could turn the tides. A serious talk or conversation could color your thinking. You are coming from a secure position, but allow your mind to work overtime. Answers will come forward. Tonight: Dinner for two.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** \*\*\*\*\* Keep communication happening and open. You might not like everything you hear, but in the long run, you will see yet another perspective. Stay open with others, even if you feel uncomfortable. Tonight: Decide what is going on below the surface.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** \*\*\*\*\* Your evenness draws unusual responses. Are you ready to deal with someone who causes you a lot of aggravation? Even a talk trying to identify with this person doesn't prove to be easy. Let go of what you cannot change. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** \*\*\*\*\* You have the imagination to find the right answer, even when a partner hits a dead end. Your creativity seems to bubble forth. Use that extra energy to make what you want happen. Tonight: Let go and relax.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** \*\*\*\*\* If you can work from home, please do. You could be amazed by what you can accomplish if you just slow the busy pace and surround yourself with some quiet thinking time. Your instincts serve you well. Tonight: Order in.

**BORN TODAY** Former president of Argentina Juan Peron (1895), civil-rights leader Jesse Jackson (1941), comedian Chevy Chase (1943)

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# Sports

## Harvesters and Raiders battle for win number one

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The Pampa Harvesters and the Randall Raiders enter Thursday's district opener at Kimbrough Stadium in Canyon in similar situations. Both teams have new coaches and are seeking their first win of the season as they face each other 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Pampa Head Coach Heath Parker said not just Pampa and Randall are in a similar situation this week but so is the rest of Pampa's district.

"Some teams may have more confidence than others as the season started," Parker said. "There's not a team out there that's got a winning record in district or a losing record." It's a five team tournament, six teams in District 3-4A.

Travis Hagerman said the team is more focused on winning now that district has started.

"Last week still wasn't quite district," Hagerman said. "We still wanted to win. Now we are focused on winning because it's district and we want to make playoffs and end the streak."

The Harvesters had a shorter week to prepare for the Raiders since their game is on Thursday. Nathan Smith said practice

this week has been more intense.

"Practice today seemed to go a lot quicker," Smith said. "We have to prepare a lot faster now."

Trent Carter said they will have to stay focused during the week.

"We just have to practice and get our job down," Carter said. "That way we know it by the time Thursday gets here."

Parker said he actually prefers a Thursday game compared to a Saturday game.

"Saturday puts you behind preparation wise and recovery wise for the following week," Parker said. "Thursday's aren't really a big deal. People don't do that much on a Thursday workout anyway. You kind of let your kids legs recover and you kind of dressing things up on a Thursday practice."

Hagerman said Randall has a good running back and fullback.

"They like to lead with the fullback coming because he's a big guy," Hagerman said. "We need to get someone to take him on and hopefully we can stop the run."

Smith said the Raiders have a good defensive line.

"They have a lot of defensive formations that we have to memorize," Smith said.

Fisher said the offense will have to block well to contain their defensive line.

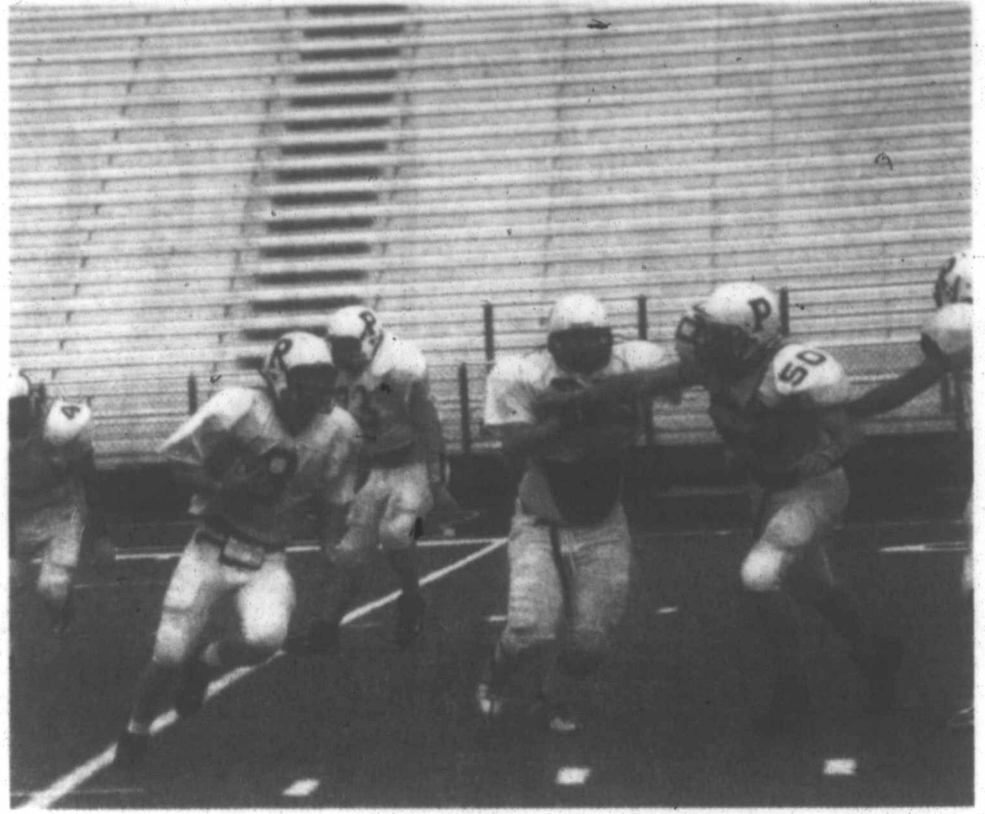
"It's going to affect us if we don't get our blocks because Alex (Clendening) won't have time to throw the ball," Fisher said. "We really need that in our offense."

Parker said the offense and defensive lines are Randall's strength.

"They got a really big bruising running back that's gotten over 150 yards in every game—he's played in," Parker said. "So it will be a challenge for us to contain him. I'm sure he's going to make his yardage but we're going to try to put them behind the sticks so to speak and get them into a third and long situation and then that's something that we've made continuous improvement with our defense."

Parker said the key to the game will be handling the emotions of playing in the district opener.

"I think maintaining our composure and our focus throughout the game," Parker said. "I thought for the most part we played a pretty good game against Plainview up until the last five minutes of the game and it just fell apart... It's always how you respond to the next play and not worrying about the last one."



staff photo by Andrew Glover  
Mitchell Killgo runs through a hole in practice Monday. Pampa opens district Thursday.

## No. 1 Randall drops Pampa H.S. volleyball



staff photo by Andrew Glover  
Kara Stephens (11) and Taryn Eubank (9) jump to block a Randall attack Tuesday.

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Last time the Pampa Lady Harvesters volleyball team played the number one ranked Randall Lady Raiders, head coach Libby Garza said they seemed a little intimidated. Tuesday night at the McNeely Fieldhouse the Lady Harvesters had a different attitude, despite being swept by the Raiders (14-25, 13-25, 11-25).

Garza said she was incredibly pleased with how her team handled the number one team in the state.

"We lost the overall match but we won so much more within it," Garza said. "I was very very happy with the way my girls played. They didn't stop."

In the first game both teams were streaky. The Lady Raiders opened with a 7-3 lead but Pampa went on a 5-1 run to tie the game at eight. Randall scored four points in a row to open a 12-8 lead. The Lady Harvesters stayed within four until the end of the game. With the Raiders leading 17-13, Randall outscored the Lady Harvesters 8-1 to finish the game with an eleven point win.

The Lady Harvesters (15-11, 3-4) not only lost the first game but lost their middle blocker Kailyn Troxell to injury. Garza said she thinks she came down on someone's foot and twisted her ankle. Coach said it was hard on the team when she went

down.

"I was upset that we didn't respond to that better," Garza said. "But overall I think we played great."

Delaney Clendening replaced Troxell at middle blocker. Kristen Kuhn took Clendening's position as left outside hitter. To have 10 players suited up on the roster, Maddie Fatherec who played in the junior varsity game, put on a varsity uniform and set on the bench.

Cheyenne Collins was impressed with how Clendening played in a different position.

"She did an amazing job stepping up and playing middle for us," Collins said.

Kuhn said it was interesting playing a different position.

"I've never played left outside hitter in my life," Kuhn said. "I had to learn to block and drop back."

Garza was pleased with how Kuhn played.

"I thought she did a good job up there," Garza said. "That's what happens when you only have nine players on a team and two middles. I thought she played great."

The junior varsity was swept by Randall (22-25, 12-25). Coach Matt Embry said he was pleased with how his team played in the first game, but thought things could have gone better in the second game.

"Game one they came out hungry (for a win)," Embry said. "After we gave that game away we got a little bit uncomfort-

able and kind of folded there. We've been working all week on keeping our confidence and stay positive and it worked in game one."

In the first game, The Lady Raiders jumped out to a 9-2 lead prompting Embry to call a timeout. The Lady Harvesters started to rally going on a 7-3 run prompting Randall's coach to take a timeout. The timeout did not help the Lady Raiders as the Harvesters went on an 8-3 run to take a 17-15 lead and Randall again called timeout.

After the timeout, the Lady Raiders finished off the Harvesters going on a 10-5 run to win the first game. Randall was in control the second game jumping out to a 10-3 lead and carrying that to a 13 point win.

The freshman were swept by Randall (13-25, 12-25). Coach Deanna Polasek said her team started good but couldn't finish.

"We were doing some really good things," Polasek said. "We were talking, we were moving our feet, we were having good passes, good sets, good hits, our serves looked good. Then they got up 12-15, then we made a couple of mistakes and they just took off on us."

The Lady Harvesters travel to Palo Duro, Saturday to rematch with the Lady Dons. Pampa swept Palo Duro at home in the second district game.

## Harvester Football Players of the Week



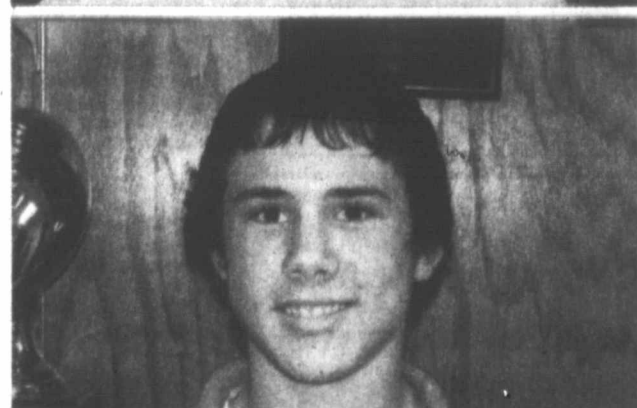
7th grade Player of the Week against Borger Colby Arbuckle



8th grade Player of the Week against Borger Cody Maddox



9th grade Player of the Week against Plainview Tyler Powell



10th grade Player of the Week against Plainview Dusty Spear



12th grade Player of the Week against Plainview Robert Douglas (not pictured) 11th grade POW Juan Martinez

**Good luck Harvesters!!! Take down the Randall Raiders!!**