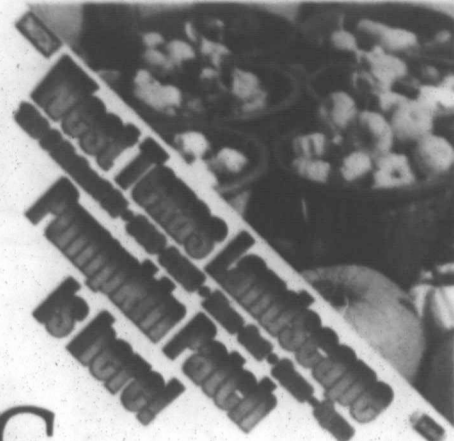


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President Obama wins Nobel Peace Prize

OSLO (AP) — President Barack Obama won the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize on Friday in a stunning decision designed to encourage his initiatives to reduce nuclear arms, ease tensions with the Muslim world and stress diplomacy and cooperation rather than unilateralism.

Nobel observers were shocked by the unexpected choice so early in the Obama presidency, which began less than two weeks

before the Feb. 1 nomination deadline.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said Obama woke up to the news a little before 6 a.m. EDT. The White House had no immediate comment on the announcement, which took the administration by surprise.

The Norwegian Nobel Committee decided not to inform Obama before the announcement because it didn't want to wake him

up, committee chairman Thorbjørn Jagland said.

"Waking up a president in the middle of the night, this isn't really something you do," Jagland said.

The Nobel Committee lauded the change in global mood wrought by Obama's calls for peace and cooperation but recognized initiatives that have yet to bear fruit: reducing the world stock of nuclear arms, eas-

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U.S. President Barack Obama addresses the 64th session of the United Nations General Assembly, in this Sept. 23, 2009 file photo. President Obama on Friday Oct. 9, 2009 won the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize. (AP Photo/Richard Drew, File)

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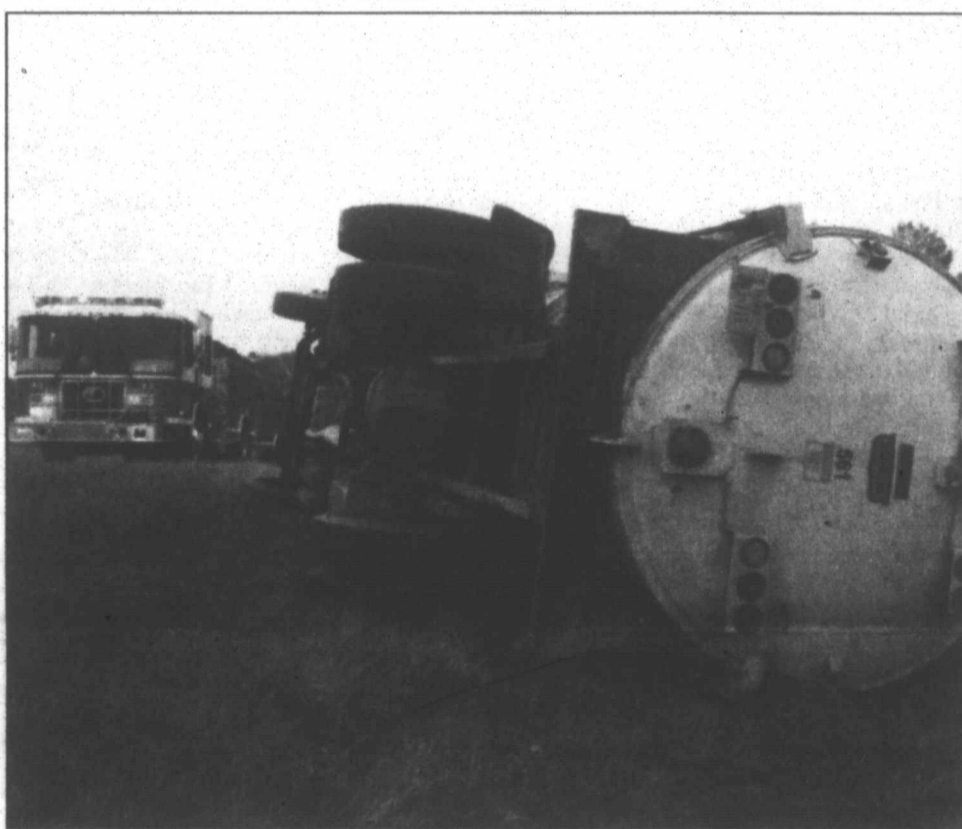
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A slippery slope



staff photo by David Bowser

A city trash truck slid off a slick road and overturned this morning at the Pampa landfill. The driver suffered minor injuries, but was not seriously hurt, according to officials. There may be a lot more slippery roads this weekend if forecasts for freezing rain and a low of 29 materialize.

Texas Republicans looking for new party chair

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Republicans will select a new party leader this month following the resignation of party chairwoman Tina Benkiser, who recently left the post to become a senior adviser to Gov. Rick Perry's re-election campaign.

Party bylaws require a chairman to remain neutral in primary elections, but the two leading candidates to replace Benkiser are avid Perry supporters. Perry, the

longest serving governor in Texas history, faces a primary challenge from Republican U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Announced candidates so far include Cathie Adams, head of the conservative Eagle Forum and a member of the Republican National Committee, and GOP activist Melinda Fredricks. Both are Perry backers. Also running for the unpaid post is El Paso native Mary-Yoly Moore.

Moore said Thursday she was "leaning toward" Perry but hadn't decided for sure yet.

The election will be held at a special meeting of the State Republican Executive Committee on Oct. 24. Republican Party of Texas spokesman Bryan Preston said the eventual winner must refrain from any endorsements or advocacy during next year's GOP primary races, including the race for governor.

"The chairman presides over a party that is bound to be neutral in primary races. The party can't take a side, so the chairman would have to abide by that," Preston said. "They couldn't go out and advocate."

Fredricks has pledged to serve only as interim chairman through June 2010, when Republicans will select a permanent leader at their state party convention.

McLean man wins state auctioneer's title

Kerrville — Members of the Texas Auctioneers Association and their families recently gathered for their annual convention and show which was held June 11-14, 2009 at the Inn of the Hills Resort in Kerrville.

Selected as the 2009 Texas Champion Ringman was Ed Brooks of McLean. Along with the championship and bragging rights, Ed received a \$500 cash prize, championship belt buckle, and an engraved plaque from the TAA.

He will also receive a paid entry fee and serve as the representative for the TAA at the NAA sponsored

Ringman's Division of the International Auctioneer's Championship which is scheduled for July, 2010 in Greensboro, NC.

Ed, a native of McLean, has been in the auction business for nine years full time. He works 4-5 auto auctions a week, works with numerous other auction companies throughout the state and owns his own auction company — Ed Brooks & Associates Auctioneers.

Ed and his wife, Heather were first timers to the convention this year. Ed did not enter the main auctioneer contest, but plans to next year. He said that

the TAA convention was an "awesome experience" and enjoyed networking with other auctioneers.

The annual event featured speakers, seminars, and updates within the auction industry and was highlighted by the 2009 Texas Auctioneer and Ringman Competition.

The competition was strong as usual as auctioneers and professional Ringmen, all with diverse backgrounds, competed for top honors in divisions including Rookie, Senior, Ringman, and Texas State Champion. These contest-

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Saturday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Partly cloudy, with a high near 46. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: A slight chance of rain before 3 a.m., then a slight chance of freezing rain. Cloudy, with a low around 29. Windy, with a north northeast wind 20 to 25 mph—decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Sunday: A slight chance of freezing rain before 9 a.m., then a slight chance of rain. Cloudy, with a high near 45. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southwest. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 40. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Obituaries

Roberta (Wilson) Williams, 87

Roberta (Wilson) Williams, 87, born in White Deer, Texas to Russell and Mae Nicholson, passed away Wednesday, October 7, 2009, in Pampa, Texas.

Roberta was raised in White Deer, received her advanced education in Canyon, and lived for many years in Houston. Married to Gerald P. (Jerry) Wilson until his passing in 1979, Roberta returned to White Deer in 1983, and later married Alvin Williams of White Deer; he passed away in 1995.

She is survived by her sister Florine (Nikki) Gatlin and husband George and brother Leon Nicholson, all of Amarillo; dear friend Bill Brown of White Deer; her sons Mike Wilson and wife Kathy of Houston, Larry Wilson of Lindale, and Ron Wilson of Calgary, Alberta; granddaughters

Jenny Wilson Franco and husband Paul of Houston, Krysti Wilson Dailey and husband Gregg of Houston, and Kelly Wilson of Los Angeles, California; grandsons: John Wilson and wife Angie of Tyler, James Wilson and wife Christi of Whitehouse, and Dave Wilson of Houston; great-grandchildren: Eryn Wilson of Tyler, Jason, Madison and Mary Elizabeth Wilson, all of Whitehouse, and McKenna and Malia Franco, both of Houston. She was preceded in death by her brother, Donald Nicholson of White Deer.

Roberta was, above all, a homemaker. Born of pioneer stock, she was steadfast in her beliefs and true to herself. She was resourceful and inventive, creative and caring. She was a profound influence

on a family whose homes everywhere were strengthened by her wisdom and brightened by her spirit. Her longtime memberships in the White Deer United Methodist Church and White Deer Senior Citizens brought her together with a community that prospered by her gifts and thrived with her service.

A funeral service will honor Roberta Williams' life at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 10, 2009, at the White Deer United Methodist Church, 101 W. 8th Ave. The Rev. Dr. Jerry R. Lane will officiate. All are invited to attend and to share memories at the luncheon following. A graveside service will be held at Memorial Oaks Cemetery in Houston at 2 p.m. on Monday, October 12, 2009.

The family recom-



Williams

mends that remembrances be considered in Roberta's memory to White Deer Senior Citizens Center, 315 S. Main, White Deer, Texas 79097.

The family will receive friends from 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, October 9, 2009, at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home in Pampa.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whitley.com

Gary Winston Mills, 70

Lubbock— Gary Winston Mills, 70, died October 7, 2009, in Lubbock, Texas.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, October 10, 2009, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, with Rev. Steve Cox, minister of St. Paul United Methodist Church of Pampa, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Mills was born

September 13, 1939 at Worley Hospital in Pampa and reared in the Spring Creek and Skellytown communities. He attended school at Spring Creek, graduating from White Deer High School in 1958. He was converted at Haile Baptist Church in 1948 and remained a lifelong Christian. Mr. Mills married Rita Watson in 1960 at Harrah Methodist Church in Pampa. They were divorced in 1980.

He was employed by Radcliff Supply, the U. S. Post Office in Pampa, and the Amarillo Globe-News, retiring in 1992. He had been a resident of Pampa from 1960 to 1981, a resident of Amarillo from 1981 to 2000, and a resident of Lubbock from 2000 until the time of his death.

Survivors include a daughter, Pam Sumrall of Slaton; a son, Stephen Mills of Austin; three grandchildren; two brothers, Marlin Mills of Deer Park, and Marvin Mills of Fort Worth; and a sister, Kay Metzger of The Woodlands.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Barney and Clara Mills in 1979; and his brother: Richard Mills in 2002.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, October 10, 2009, at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors in Pampa.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whitley.com

EMERGENCY SERVICES

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Wednesday, October 7 to 7 a.m. Thursday, October 8.

Animal Control Officers responded to 15 calls or stops.

Pampa Police Officers made 10 traffic stops, had 12 ongoing investigations, and responded to one requests for information.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 2200 block of N. Lea Street. The vehicle was later returned.

Police investigated a fire in the 100 block of E. Harvester Avenue.

An alarm was reported in the 1900 block of N. Grape Lane.

An alarm was reported in the 2200 block of N. Chestnut Drive.

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

Found property was reported in the 1100 block of W. Gwendolyn Avenue. A purse with contents was found.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the

Kingsmill/Wynne intersection.

An accident was reported in the 1400 block of N. Hobart Avenue.

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

Theft was reported in the Bond and Banks intersection.

An alarm was reported in the 1100 block of N. Frost Street.

A traffic complaint was taken in the 2300 block of Chaumont Drive.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1300 block of N. Charles Street.

A welfare check was made in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill Avenue.

Criminal mischief was reported in the Starkweather and tracks intersection.

Theft was reported in the 1200 block of E. Francis. A drivers license and Social Security card was stolen.

Assault was reported in the 800 block of N. Nelson Street.

An alarm was reported in the 2400 block of N. Christine Street.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block

of N. Lefors Street.

A missing person was reported in the 700 block of Mora Avenue.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of E. Browning Avenue.

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

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1800 block of W. Alcock Street.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 30th and Beech Avenue.

SHERIFF

The following arrests were reported by the Gray County Sheriff's Office during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

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Convicted Texas killer sentenced to die

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A man accused in a cross-country killing spree was sentenced to death Thursday for the slaying of two Texas teenage girls. Jurors agreed that Paul Devoe should not be sentenced to life in prison because he would continue to present a threat to society even from behind bars. The same jury convicted Devoe on Friday of capital murder for the 2007 deaths of 15-year-old Haylie Faulkner and 17-year-old Danielle Hensley. He also is accused of murdering four other people.

Devoe watched quietly, but did not react, as the judge read the verdict, reached after 3 1/2 hours of deliberation. The same jury reached a guilty verdict last week in less than 20 minutes.

Robert Faulkner, Haylie's grandfather, was among family members allowed to address Devoe after sentencing in Travis County.

"The day you are executed we will be there to see justice done for our children and we will find peace in the fact that you will never hurt anyone again," he said. "May the state of Texas show no mercy on you and may you burn in hell."

Prosecutors argued for the death penalty all along, saying Devoe's violent nature shows he would be a danger to prison employees and other inmates.

"The evidence is overwhelming; he has a lifetime of hurting people,

threatening them," prosecutor Dayna Blazey said during closing arguments.

Devoe's defense attorneys argued that Devoe does not have a history of disciplinary problems while incarcerated. He has a lengthy criminal record and has spent his adult life in and out of jail.

"He's going to answer to God for what he did, for the crimes he did," defense attorney Tom Weber said, adding that the issue always was whether Devoe deserved to die.

The burden was on the state to prove "beyond a reasonable doubt that he will commit acts of violence ... that's their burden that they have to do that," Weber told the jury. "I would submit to you that they failed to do that."

Devoe is also accused of fatally shooting 41-year-old Michael Allred at a bar where he worked in Marble Falls. Prosecutors say he then drove to the home of ex-girlfriend Paula Griffith in Jonestown and shot her, her 48-year-old boyfriend, Jay Feltner, her daughter, Haylie Faulkner and Danielle Hensley, a 17-year-old friend of

Haylie's. Danielle's mother, Christina Gribble, broke down as she spoke to Devoe.

"May you never forget. I hope they haunt you. I hope they haunt you," Gribble said as Devoe looked on, appearing emotionless. Members of Devoe's family, including his sister and an aunt, left the courtroom before the girls' families were allowed to address him.

Prosecutors say after the killings, Devoe fled Texas for Long Island, N.Y., where he grew up and where his mother lived. They say he had car trouble near State Line, Pa., then shot and killed 81-year-old widow Betty Jane Dehart and stole her car.

Prosecutors can still seek trials for the other four deaths.

Danielle's mother and stepfather wept as prosecutor Gary Cobb showed photos of each victim before their deaths, followed by photos from the crime scene. Devoe's family also wept as lawyers recounted his childhood and violent past.

Title

tants are widely regarded as the best the State of Texas has to offer.

Joining Ed in the finals were 1st Runner Up Dusty Clater of Pilot Point and 2nd Runner Up Ryan Brewer of Canyon. A panel

of 6 judges from various areas of the auction industry scored the contestants on professionalism, enthusiasm, voice, body language, salesmanship, and other elements of effective auctioneering.

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Nobel

ing American conflicts with Muslim nations and strengthening the U.S. role in combating climate change.

"Only very rarely has a person to the same extent as Obama captured the world's attention and given its people hope for a better future," Jagland said.

Obama's election and foreign policy moves caused a dramatic improvement in the image of the U.S. around the world. A 25-nation poll of 27,000 people released in July by the Pew Global Attitudes Project found double-digit boosts to the percentage of people viewing the U.S. favorably in countries around the world. That indicator had plunged across the world under President George W. Bush.

Still, the U.S. remains at war in Iraq and Afghanistan, the U.S. Congress has yet to pass a law reducing carbon emissions and there has been little significant reduction in global nuclear stockpiles since Obama took office.

The award appeared to be a slap at Bush from a committee that harshly criticized Obama's predecessor for his largely unilateral military action in the wake of the Sept. 11 terror attacks. The Nobel committee praised Obama's creation of "a new climate in international politics" and said he had returned multilateral diplomacy and institutions like the U.N. to the center of the world stage.

"You have to remember that the world has been in a pretty dangerous phase," Jagland said. "And anybody who can contribute to getting the world out of this situation deserves a Nobel Peace Prize."

Unlike the other Nobel Prizes, which are awarded by Swedish institutions, the peace prize is given out by a five-member committee elected by the Norwegian Parliament. Like the

Parliament, the committee has a leftist slant, with three members elected by left-of-center parties. Jagland said the decision to honor Obama was unanimous.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa, who won the prize in 1984, said Obama's award shows great things are expected from him in coming years.

"It's an award coming near the beginning of the first term of office of a relatively young president that anticipates an even greater contribution towards making our world a safer place for all," Tutu said. "It is an award that speaks to the promise of President Obama's message of hope."

Until seconds before the award, speculation had focused on a wide variety of candidates besides Obama: Zimbabwe's Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai, a Colombian senator, a Chinese dissi-

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dent and an Afghan woman's rights activist, among others. The Nobel committee received a record 205 nominations for this year's prize, though it was not immediately apparent who nominated Obama.

"The exciting and important thing about this prize is that it's given to someone ... who has the power to contribute to peace," Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg said.

Obama is the third sitting U.S. president to win the award: President Theodore Roosevelt won in 1906 and President Woodrow Wilson was awarded the prize in 1919.

The Nobel committee chairman said after awarding the 2002 prize to former Democratic President Jimmy Carter, for his mediation in international conflicts.


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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have become alarmed by my mother's recent habit of "Googling" people. She digs up things about my friends and calls to report them to me. The list of those she has researched on the Internet ranges from friends I haven't talked to in years, to an ex-boyfriend of hers against whom she filed a restraining order.

This isn't the first time she has searched for information on people. I find it downright creepy. She claims she's doing it to "protect her daughters from Internet stalkers." But the problem is, SHE'S the one stalking people on the Internet. Often they aren't even people she knows well or was ever friends with.

I'm concerned that this could lead to greater degrees of paranoia and controlling behavior — to which she is prone — and I am only seeing a small part of a much bigger problem. What do I do? — ALARMED IN ATLANTA

DEAR ALARMED: You can't stop your mother from trolling the Internet, which contains enormous amounts of information on just about everybody. You can, however, stop your mother from trying to control your life by "sharing" the results of her searches.

The most direct way to do it would be to tell her when she calls with her latest "news flash" that you're not interested and don't want to hear it. If she persists, tell her you're too busy to talk right now and get off the phone. Your mother may be paranoid, but she can only be controlling if you allow it.

DEAR ABBY: I met the most amazing guy. He's in grad school, has a job, his own home, loves music, movies and good food — he can even cook.

We exchanged phone numbers, and I was excited about finally meeting a man who could be "the one." And then he casually dropped a bomb on me:

He told me he has herpes. I thought he was kidding, but he said: "I live stress-free, so I never break out. Herpes is no big deal."

He left voicemails asking if we can go out on a date soon, and I had to tell him I just couldn't date someone with herpes. My male friends support me, so why do I feel so guilty about this? Is it wrong of me not to date someone because of his STD status? — FEELING MISERABLE IN GAINESVILLE, FLA.

DEAR FEELING MISERABLE: I don't think so. And it was OK to be honest about your feelings, so stop feeling guilty. While herpes isn't life-threatening, it is NOT "no big deal." And while the young man in your letter may "never break out," the virus is shed all the time. That's how the disease is spread, and it is widespread. If you need more information, I recommend you discuss this with your OB/GYN or visit the Web site of ASHA (American Social Health Association) at www.ashastd.org.

DEAR ABBY: After we laid my mother-in-law to rest, my wife discovered a box of letters her parents had written to each other. Her father was stationed overseas during WWII.

My wife is agonizing over whether to read them or destroy them. Because her mother's passing was unexpected, no instructions were made. Should my wife read them as a way to share the experiences of my in-laws' love for each other or consider them so private they are inviolable? — STUCK FOR AN ANSWER IN OHIO

DEAR STUCK: Reading them might give your wife new insight into her parents, the challenges they faced and an opportunity to view them in the bloom of their youth. They could also be historically significant. That said, however, if she thinks her mother would have preferred that the letters be destroyed, she should follow her conscience.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Friday, October 9, the 282nd day of 2009. There are 83 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

- 1000 - Viking explorer Leif Ericson sights "Vinland," possibly Newfoundland.
- 1595 - Cambrai, France, falls to Spanish.
- 1701 - The Collegiate School of Connecticut — later Yale University — is chartered in New Haven.
- 1760 - Russians capture Berlin.
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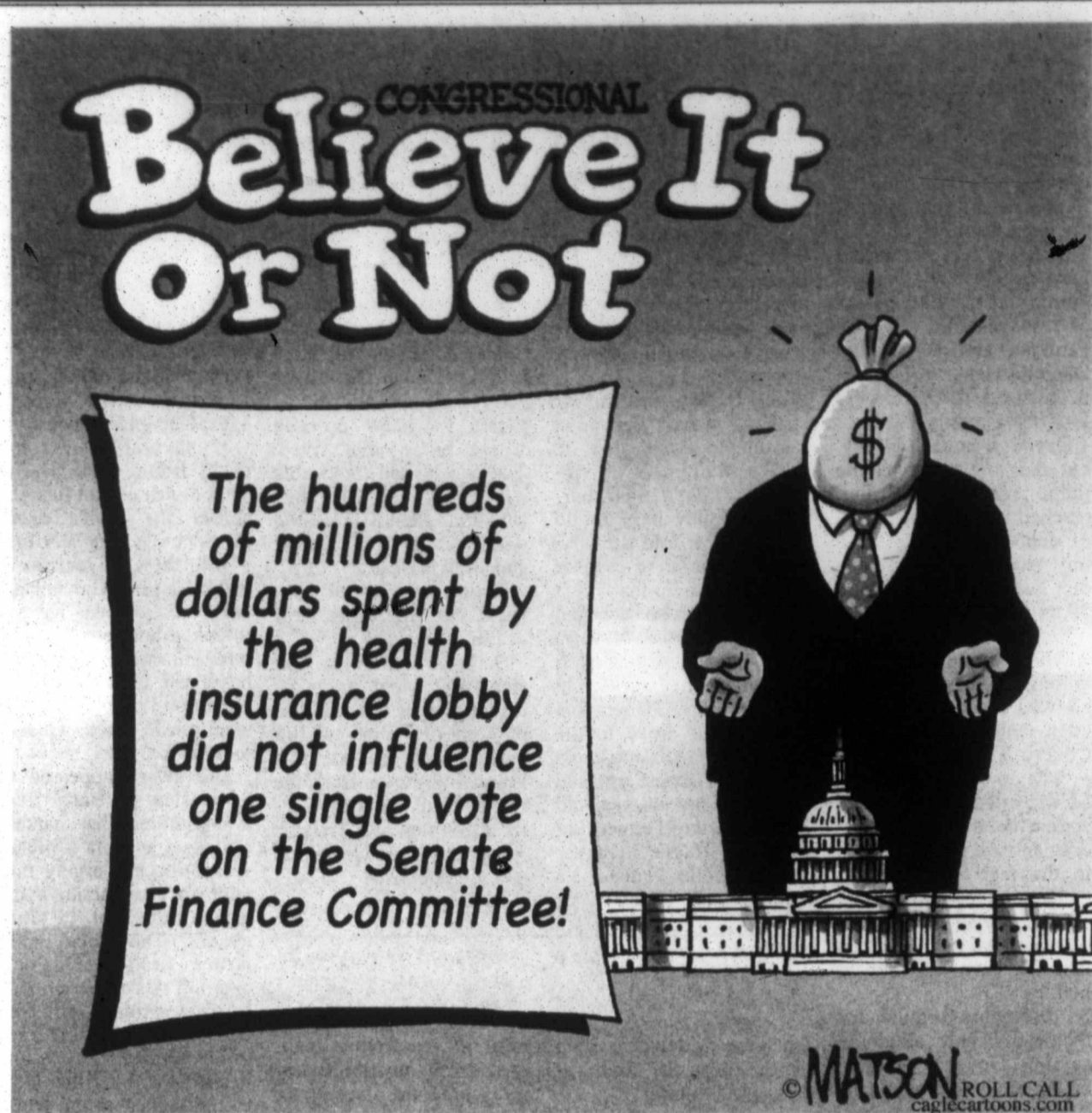
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Today's Birthdays:

John Lennon, British pop singer (1940-1980), Sharon Osbourne, actress (1952--), Sean Lennon, British singer (1975--).



What is a Professional Learning Community?

By EVAN SMITH

Student success is the number one priority of the Pampa Independent School District. The district vision focuses on student learning through a highly rigorous curriculum. In Pampa, teachers are joining our students in the quest of learning. Each campus in Pampa has a process in place that provides time for staff to continuously seek and share learning that is focused on students. Weekly, teachers across the district meet together in small groups, or as a full faculty, to study ways to design highly effective lessons. The collective strength of Pampa's extremely skilled and passionate teachers is making a difference in each classroom.

Educational processes are complex, and the teachers in Pampa ISD are very

knowledgeable and talented. Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), therefore, provide the most powerful form of ongoing professional development for our teachers. Students across the district reap the rewards of time that teachers spend together learning. As teachers meet, they look at student artifacts, study current best practices for student learning, share knowledge gained from specialized trainings, and strategize on how to best serve all students. Regular communication and dedication to improved student learning is what Professional Learning Communities are designed for. Working together in a collaborative setting provides the opportunity for teachers to learn from one another, develop leadership skills, study student data, and plan student

interventions. These are powerful tools that bring the goal of high levels of learning for each and every student closer to reality.

Consequently, every campus has a designated time each week earmarked for PLCs. Schools utilize creative scheduling to find time for all instructional staff to meet. For example, Austin Elementary School has designed a program that utilizes parents and community members who volunteer their time to provide enriching activities to students while teachers meet together, whereas, Pampa Junior High has built in an extra class period this year so that both grade level and department PLC time can happen daily. Each campus has uniquely found ways to make PLCs a priority.

In short, Professional Learning Communities are the umbrella under which most other initiatives live. Almost all issues that come up within the school day can be brought back to a learning team to discuss, debate, and find solutions for. It has been said that "Together Everyone Achieves More." This is truly a correct statement when it comes to a highly dedicated staff working together to bring the vision of learning into clear focus.



Evan Smith

Answers to challenges are being tackled weekly, and in many cases, daily. But the constant theme running through all of the Professional Learning Communities is that the staff of Pampa cares deeply about learning. Asking questions that challenge each other, seeking input for solutions, and gaining knowledge through research is resulting in setting higher expectations for students and teachers. All children of Pampa are benefiting from rich learning opportunities in every area of study. This aggressive and progressive practice continually builds the capacity of the excellent instructional staff in Pampa, and the beneficiaries are, without a doubt, our students.

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Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,
There is a big problem with food stamps here.

I had to wait four months to get my food stamps. My husband is disabled and I have a six year old daughter. I had to complain to the office where and at the office over the phone. Finally, after complaining for four months and filing complaint after complaint, I got them.

My sister just had her food stamps stopped. they didn't send her the paper they are supposed to. When she first tried to get her food stamps, there was an illegal immigrant who didn't have no social security card or ID and they got food stamps right there.

What do we need to do as the minority in this country to get help without complaining or having some people give us a hard time because we were born here?

Thank you,
Trinnia Brown

Pampa

Editor's note: Yes Trinnia, it is such a big problem that the Associated Press reported in a story The Pampa News ran Tuesday. "William Ludwig, a Dallas-based regional administrator for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service, told the Austin American-Statesman that food stamp programs in all states "are feeling the pinch right now because of the economic

recession." He said, however, he was "not aware of any state that is having it to the degree that Texas is."

Ludwig blamed the state's food stamp program woes on a "whole series of missteps, mismanagement over the last four years." Texas failed to process 41.4 percent of applications in September by the federal deadline of 30 days for regular applications and seven days for emergency applications, the newspaper reported

Tuesday.

Some Texas families wait for as long as five or six months for food stamp benefits, Ludwig said.

He has warned the state that federal food stamp funds could be jeopardized if the processing time does not improve.

Ludwig said he was arranging for food stamp officials from states with successful programs to visit Texas."

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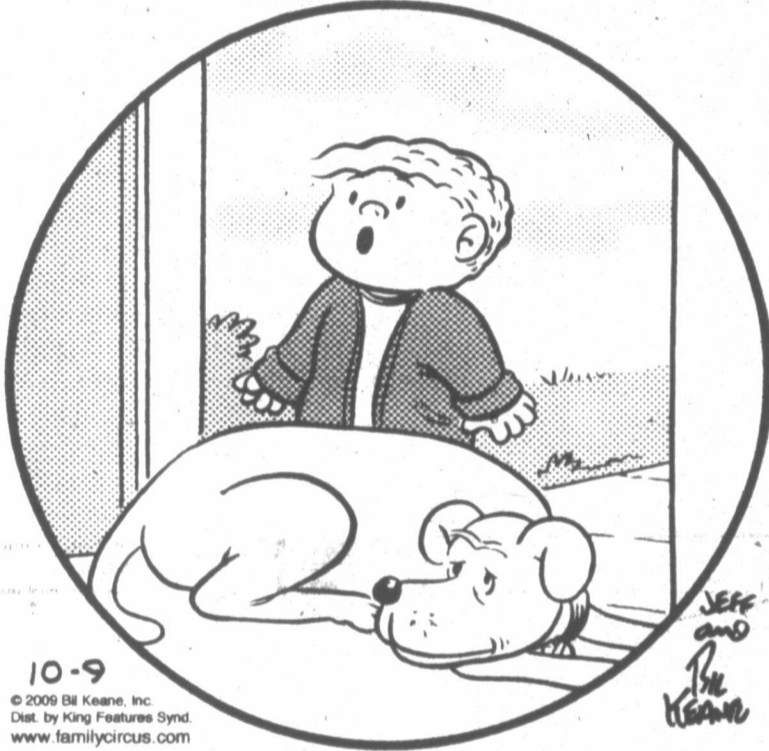
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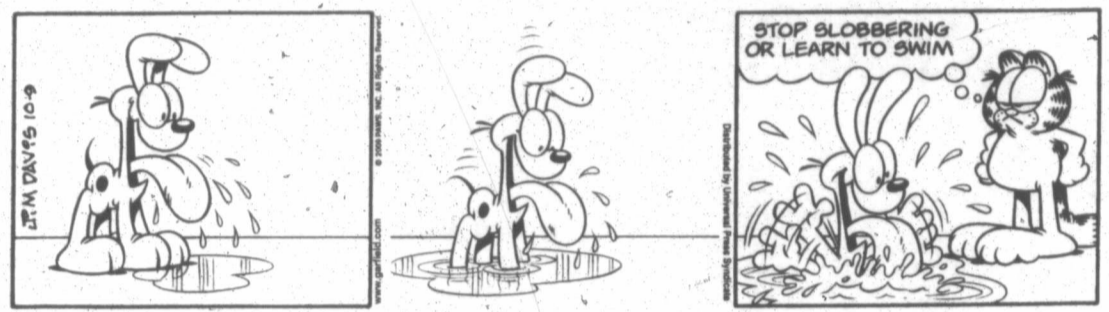
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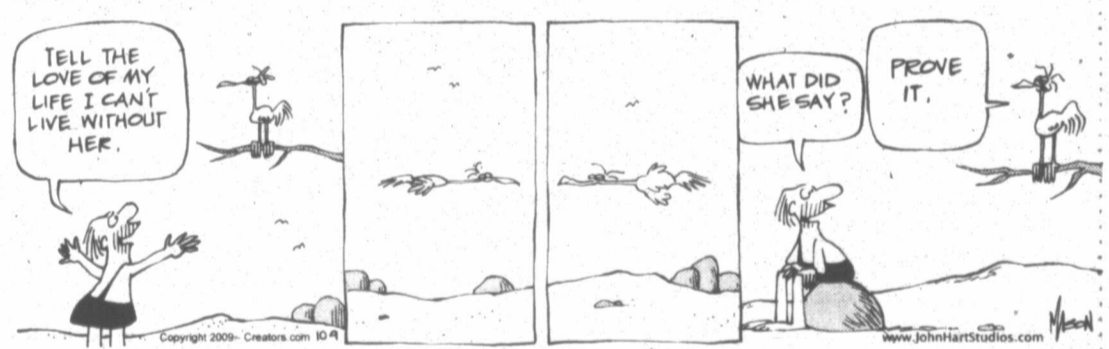
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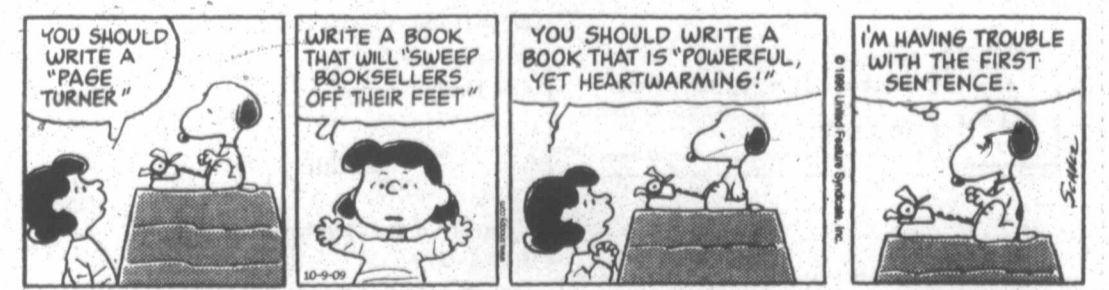
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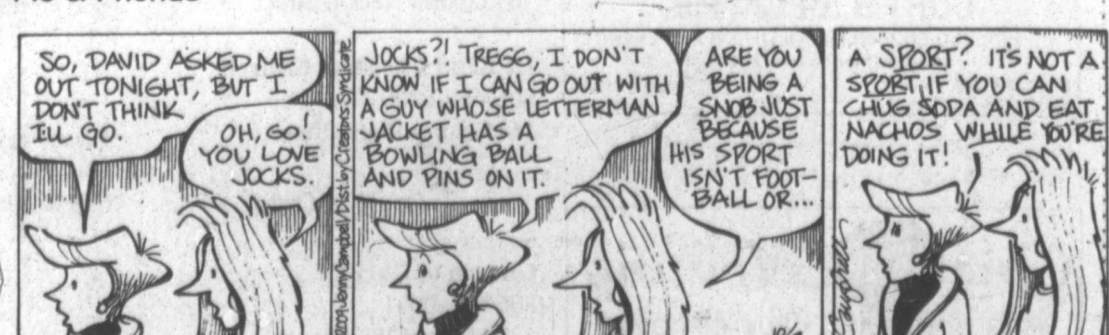
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Sports

Harvesters' losing streak is done, winning streak is now at one

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The last time the Pampa Harvesters experienced a win in football was September 5, 2008 when they beat Lubbock Estacado 35-14. 13 games later the Harvesters experienced the joy of victory again, defeating the Randall Raiders 35-23 in the district opener Thursday in Canyon.

Head Coach Heath Parker said this was the most gratifying win he has been apart of.

"Just the looks in the kids eyes with joy and the bounce in their step showed they were excited," Parker said. "It's been a long time coming."

The Harvesters (1-5, 1-0) had to overcome a tough start in the first quarter. The Raiders drove 68 yards on nine plays and used three and a half minutes on their first possession. Randall picked up three straight first downs on rushing plays. Tony Chavez finished the drive with five-yard touchdown run, and after the extra point the Raiders led 7-0 with 8:23 left in the first.

Pampa wasn't able to answer on their first possession. After picking up one first down, the Harvesters were forced to punt. On their next possession, Randall went on a marathon drive.

The Raiders (0-6, 0-1) went on an 80-yard drive, that took 16 plays and over eight minutes off the clock. Randall converted on third down four times on the drive. Bryce Ballard scored on a five-yard run but the Raiders weren't able to get the snap down on the extra point and threw an incomplete pass expanding the Raiders lead to 13-0 with 9:36 left in the second.

Pampa caught a break on their next possession. On third down and six, Alex Clendening threw an interception but Randall fumbled on the return and the Harvesters recovered giving them a first down. The Harvesters took advantage, Kendrick Alexander ran the ball three times for 44 yards and finished the drive with a 21-yard touchdown. Colten Adams extra point was good cutting the Raiders lead to 13-7 with 5:57 left in the second.

On the ensuing kickoff, Pampa thought they recovered a Raider fumble but for some reason they had to re-kick. However, that didn't phase the Harvesters defense as they forced a three-and-out and got the ball back.

Braden Hunt stepped up on the Harvesters next possession, catching three passes for 43 yards. Hunt finished the drive with a 25-yard reception and after Adams extra point kick, Pampa lead for the first time 14-13 with 1:11 left in the first half.

The Harvesters had a chance to expand their lead at the end of the half, when they forced Randall to punt after three plays. But Alexander fumbled after gaining about six yards and the Raiders recovered. Tre Norton made a 30-yard field goal denying Pampa their first halftime lead of the season as Randall led 16-14.



Alex Clendening (14) keeps going after a Randall defender (58) misses him. Clendening gained 81 yards and scored two touchdowns Thursday at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium. The Harvesters got their first win of the season 35-23 over the Raiders. (Photo submitted by Shawn Clifton)

In the second half, the Harvesters took control of the game. After the Raiders converted a third down and eight, Pampa's defense held them to five yards on the next three plays. Randall punted and downed the ball at the Pampa four.

Like Randall did in the first quarter, Pampa had a long drive. The Harvesters went on a 16-play drive that went 96 yards. Alexander and Clendening combined to pick up four first downs on the drive. Hunt caught his second touchdown on a 22-yard pass that put the Harvesters up for good 20-16. Parker was pleased with Hunt's performance in the game.

"He had a huge game," Parker said. "He ran down two balls in the end zone."

The Harvesters defense made a key play on the Raiders next possession. After the Raiders converted a fourth and one, they fumbled on second down and four and Juan Martinez recovered. The Harvesters only needed three plays to take advantage as Clendening finished the drive with a 33-yard touchdown run. Adams extra point expanded Pampa's lead to 28-16.

Parker said his defense is getting better at controlling the game enough to win.

"Our game plan was to control #21 (Bryce Ballard) the best we could," Parker said. "We sold out on the run."

The Harvesters beat Randall in every statistical category. For the second time this season, Pampa outrushed an opponent gaining 246 yards to Randall's 238. Also, Pampa forced more turnovers and had less penalties and yards than their opponent. The last time Pampa achieved that was in their loss to Big Spring in week two of the season.

Alexander led the Harvesters in rushing with 22 carries for 158 yards and one touchdown. The junior running back became Pampa's first running back to gain over 100 yards in a game this season. Clendening contributed 81 yards on 16 carries and two touchdowns. The 81 yards was a season-high for the senior quarterback.

Clendening completed nine of 14 passes for 114 yards, two touchdowns and one interception. Hunt led the team in receiving with five catches for 77 yards and two touchdowns.

Parker said he wants his team to enjoy the victory for a day.

"The biggest thing right now is we snapped a 13-game losing streak," Parker said. "So, our kids need to reflect on that and enjoy this game for at least 24 hours. On Saturday we will get back to work and prepare for Canyon."

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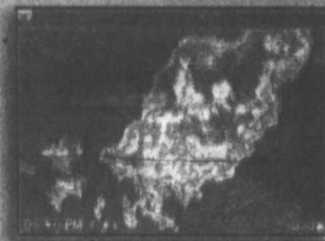
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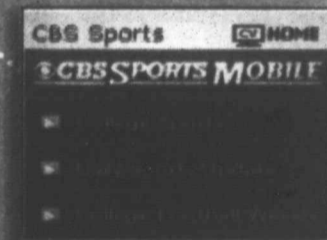
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