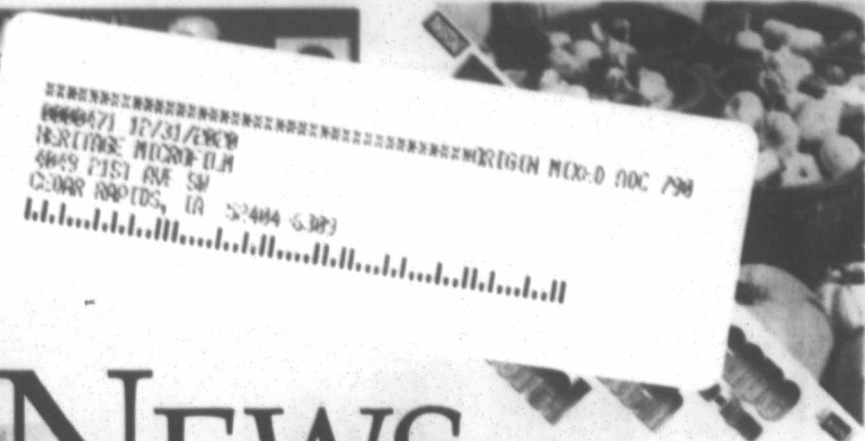


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## Local churches holding festivities this week

Several local churches are holding festivities near or on Halloween this year to promote safe fun for area children.

First Presbyterian Church is hosting Trunk or Treat from 6 - 7 p.m. Wednesday evening, Oct. 28, in the church parking lot. Free fun and treats will include balloon animals, hot dogs and lemonade and candy.

First Baptist church is holding a Harvest Festival from 6 - 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. There will be jumpers, face painting, and games available, prizes, candy, nachos and popcorn for those attending.

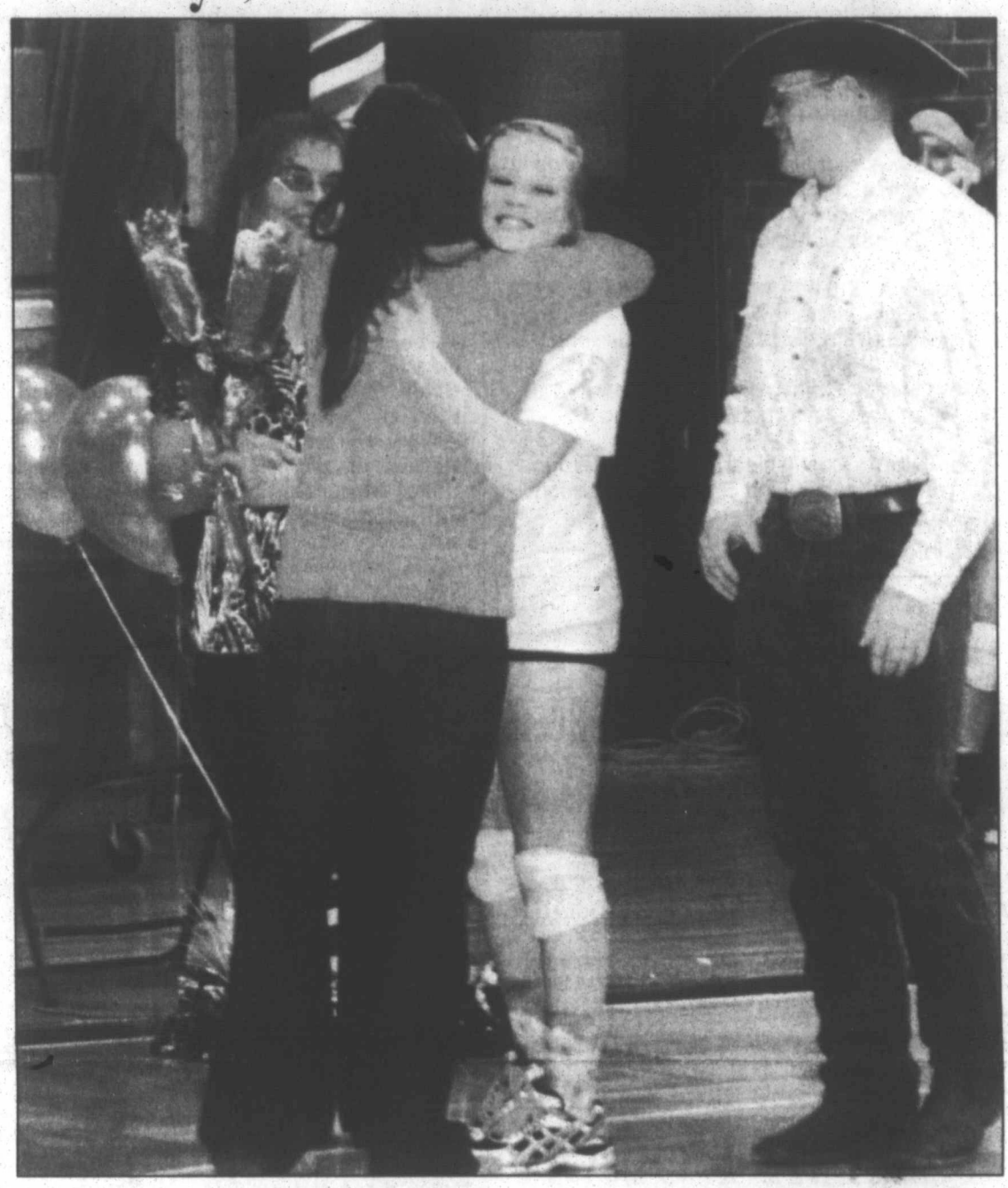
The Church of the Nazarene will hold an event from 7 - 8 p.m. Wednesday, featuring prayer, safe family fun and games, hotdogs, candy and prizes at fellowship hall at the corner of N West and Buckler. No scary costumes, please.

Briarwood Church invites the public to their 12th annual Fall Festival from 6 - 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31. The event will include a Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot.

Inside activities will include bouncers, a cake walk and door prizes. Admission to Trunk or Treat is free, admission to the inside activities is \$1. There will also be hay rides.

Harvest Fest 2009 will be held Saturday, Oct. 31 at Central Baptist Church for children preschool age through sixth grade. There will be games and prizes, costumes are welcome.

## Volleyball seniors honored



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**  
Cheyanne Collins and Head Coach Libby Garza embrace, with parents Marvelle and Ken Collins looking on, as Collins is being introduced on Senior Day Saturday before Pampa's game against Hereford. Collins is wearing pink as part of the team's support of breast cancer awareness month.

## Bad weather delays NASA's new rocket test

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA tried for hours Tuesday to launch its newest rocket for a shakedown flight, but clouds and high wind kept it stuck on the pad.

Liftoff of the Ares I-X rocket — the first step in the space agency's tentative back-to-the-moon program — was reset for Wednesday.

Besides poor weather, launch controllers had to deal with an odd assortment of technical trouble, everything from a snagged cover for the rocket's tip-top probe to a cargo ship that strayed into an ocean danger zone under the flight path.

Launch director Ed Mango and his team came within two minutes and 39 seconds of sending the rocket on its short test flight. But a big cloud moved over the pad, and the flip-flopping weather was just too much to overcome for the remainder of the four-hour launch window.

Mango finally halted the

countdown for good and ordered everyone back Wednesday morning for another try. The weather was expected to be a little better.

"We're not going to be 'go' today," Mango announced, thanking everyone for their hard effort.

The experimental flight is meant to last just two minutes. Parachutes will drop the first-stage booster into the Atlantic for recovery. The upper portion of NASA cont. on page 3

## How the United Way Helps.... Epilepsy Foundation West Texas

One of a series of articles submitted by local organizations who benefit from the United Way Campaign.

As each of you sits here today I would like to encourage you to think about some of the things each of us take for granted. Most of you got up this morning, got dressed and then drove yourself to work. Driving a car is something that most of us take for granted. The ability to operate a car gives us a sense of control over our lives. Imagine that one day you wake up and you have lost that control. That is exactly what happened to one of the clients of Epilepsy Foundation West Texas (EFWT).

Martin was a truck driver. He loved driving. He and his wife had only been married for a few years and they had just had a baby boy. One day while Martin was working he had an accident. He was not seriously injured, but because of the accident he began having seizures. Because he was having seizures, he lost his driver's license. Without a driver's license he could no longer drive a truck. The seizures continued. He saw a neurologist and he took his medication. But sometimes with Epilepsy the first medication is not always effective. The doctor tried other medications and combinations of medications. The process of trying to determine what medication will work best can sometimes take years.

Martin's wife felt that this was more than she had bargained for. Martin was having thirty to forty seizures a month. He was not able to work and she didn't feel that she could take care of him and their son. She

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## Gas prices up for 2 weeks

Consumers for the first time this year are paying more on average for a gallon of gasoline than they did 12 months ago, according to data released Tuesday.

There is a good chance that this week, retail gasoline will week surpass peak summer prices reached just over four months ago.

Refiners are cutting back on production now because the cost of the crude that they convert to fuel has been rising fast, but demand for fuel from businesses and consumers remains relatively weak.

Valero, the country's largest independent petroleum refiner, said Tuesday that it lost nearly \$500 million over the past three months.

Crude futures rose again Tuesday and for the 14th straight day, so did retail gasoline prices.

A gallon of gas climbed 0.4 cents higher overnight to \$2.675 a gallon, according to auto club AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service.

Prices a year ago were \$2.668 a gallon.

At this time last year, however, gasoline prices were falling fast as the financial crisis on Wall Street spread to Main Street.

That means the gap figures to get just wider. By December 2008, pump prices had tumbled all the way to \$1.61. Just six months before, prices hit a record \$4.11 which had millions of motorists cut-

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# For the record

## PAMPA FORECAST

Wednesday    Thursday    Friday



High 69  
Low 45

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 44. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Wednesday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 69. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** Showers and thunderstorms likely. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 45. East southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming west southwest. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

**Thursday:** A slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 54. West northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 36. West northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 62. West southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 42. West northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southwest.

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## Crash in Potter County kills one, injures five

Dakota Shay Hazen 17, of Canyon was killed in a one vehicle rollover crash. The crash was located 15 miles southwest of Fritch on State Highway 136 in Potter County.

Tiffani Anne McKay 18, of Amarillo was the driver of a Jeep Grand Cherokee that was southbound on SH 136 in Potter County.

McKay had a distraction in the vehicle and lost control of the Jeep swerving on the roadway. She then overcorrected causing the vehicle to overturn ejecting two passengers.

Dakota Shay Hazen 17, of Canyon was one of the passengers that was ejected and was pinned underneath

the vehicle when it came to rest. Hazen was pronounced dead at the scene.

Injured in the accident were the driver Tiffani McKay, Rebecca Stone 18, Margarito Saucedo 18, Tyler Bedingfield 22 all of Amarillo, were transported to Nwth in stable condition. Jackson Alexander 17, of Amarillo was a passenger in the vehicle and suffered a broken neck during the crash. He was transported to Nwth in serious condition.

Hazen and Alexander were not wearing their safety belts during the crash.

## Potter County redo could use \$450 gallon paint

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Paint costing \$450 a gallon could be used to spruce up a courthouse in Amarillo.

Potter County commissioners have instructed facilities director Mike Head to prepare a sample of the special epoxy product for window frames.

An advisory committee is suggesting using the paint, in a restoration effort meant to keep the windows looking good for up to 30 years.

Commissioner Joe Kirkwood, who raised questions about the cost, said paying \$450 a gallon would be fine by him "if this was 100-year paint."

## Obituaries

### Shirley Jones, 73

Shirley Jones, 73, died Wednesday October 21, 2009 in her home in Amarillo, Texas.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Rector Funeral Home Osage Chapel with Kerry Spinks, pastor of River Road Fellowship officiating. Graveside services followed at the Claude Cemetery in Claude. Arrangements are by Rector Funeral Home Osage Chapel 2800 S. Osage St.

Mrs. Jones was born on November 14, 1935 in

Portales, NM to George and Loleta Goodenough. She lived in the Amarillo area most of her life. She worked for the Kitter Corporation for many years.

Mrs. Jones loved to golf and crochet. She won the BSA Hospice Golf Tournament in Pampa several times.

She married the love of her life, Jake Jones on October 17, 1953 in Tucumcari, NM. She was a member of the Amarillo Cowboy Church and Arena of Life.

She is survived by her husband, two daughters, Cindy Bullington and her husband Mike of Amarillo and Sandy Gilmore and her husband Rob of Georgetown; four sons, Richard Jones and his wife Cathy of Canyon, Johnny Jones and his wife Ginger of Pampa, Billy Jones of Amarillo and Sam Jones and his wife Sheri of Edmond, OK; two sisters, Mary Harlan of Mission and Charlene Fielkowski of Pawpaw, MI; 22 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.



Jones

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### John L. Organ, 77

McLean— John L. Organ, 77, died October 23, 2009 in McLean, Texas.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, October 28, 2009, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, with Rev. Thacker Haynes of the McLean United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Organ was born December 11, 1931 to

Clyde and Marchialea Organ in Pampa. He married Martha Phillips on June 8, 1971 in Barber County, Kansas. She preceded him in death on April 22, 2000. He attended Pampa schools. Mr. Organ worked for Cabot, retiring in the late 1990's. Following his retirement, he worked for Crawford Roofing for 5 years. In his spare time, he liked the outdoors where he would hunt and fish. He was a mason and a Presbyterian. He was a veteran of the

U.S. Navy and served during the Korean Conflict. He will be missed by his family and friends.

Survivors include three sons; John C. Organ and wife Laura of Robert Lee, Texas, Larry Organ and wife Sherry of Pampa; Kenneth Organ of Midland, Texas; 1 Daughter: Brenda Hinson and husband Jim of San Angelo, Texas; 1 Stepdaughter: Marcel Splane of Raleigh, North Carolina; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded

in death by his parents and 2 step-sons: Wayland McPherson in 1997 and Garland McPherson in 2003.

MEMORIALS: Freedom Museum USA, 600 N. Hobart St, Pampa, Texas 79065.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5:00-6:30 PM on Tuesday, October 27, 2009.

Sign the on-line register at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com)

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

### PAMPA PD

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

There were 16 traffic-related stops and reports.

Animal control reported 14 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported only one ambulance call.

Monday, Oct. 26.

An assault was reported to Pampa police.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

A microwave oven, a VCR and a television was reported stolen in a burglary in the 400 block of

North Frost.

Officers provided an escort in the 200 block of North West.

Narcotics violations were reported in the 900 block of South Dwight.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 1300 block of North Coffee.

A window was reported broken out of a house in the 1400 block of North Russell.

A theft was reported to the Pampa police department.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 100 block of South Gillespie.

Officers assisted a motorist in the 1000 block of South Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of North Deane.

A theft was reported to police.

A suicide attempt was reported in the 300 block of North Sumner.

A purse was stolen in the 600 block of Hazel.

A domestic disturbance was reported to the police department.

A suspicious person was reported in the 500 block of South Barnes.

A prowler was reported in the 2000 block of North Williston.

An open door was reported in the 100 block of North Naida.

Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 400 block of North Wells.

Tuesday, Oct. 27.

A suspicious person was reported at Tyng and Gillespie.

### AMBULANCE

Pampa EMS responded to the following call during the period between 7 a.m. Monday, October 26 to 7 a.m. Tuesday, October 27.

Monday 1:55 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road, transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

## Supercomputer helps study H1N1

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A supercomputer at the University of Texas in Austin is being used to help study swine flu and determine the best use of the limited vaccine.

KXAN-TV reports the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention used information from the UT research group for the distribution strategy of the

vaccine.

Data produced by the supercomputer also shows that there could be a third wave of the H1N1 virus in the spring.

The Texas Department of State Health Service, as of last week, said the state had received nearly 1 million doses of the swine flu vaccine.

## Southwest launches \$25 fare sale

DALLAS (AP) — Southwest Airlines has launched an air fare sale in which some flights cost the same as what other carriers charge to check a bag.

Dallas-based Southwest on Tuesday announced one-way travel as low as \$25, based on the length of the flight.

The discount carrier says fares are \$25 for travel up to 375 miles. The price is \$50 for travel between 375 and 549 miles, and \$75 for flights between 550 and 999 miles.

A one-way fare of more than 1,000 miles costs \$100. The fares are available for purchase through Thursday, for travel between Dec. 2 and Dec. 16, or between Jan. 5 and Feb. 10. Other restrictions apply.

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# Obama putting \$3.4 billion toward a 'smart' power grid

ARCADIA, Fla. (AP) — President Barack Obama made a pitch for renewable energy Tuesday, announcing \$3.4 billion in government support for 100 projects aimed at modernizing the nation's power grid.

Touring a field of solar energy panels in west-central Florida, the president urged greater use of several technologies to make America's power transmission system more efficient and better suited to the digital age. The projects include installing "smart" electric meters in homes, automating utility substations, and installing thousands of new digital transformers and grid sensors.

"There's something big happening in America in

terms of creating a clean-energy economy," Obama said, although he added there is much more to be done.

He likened the effort to the ambitious development of the national highway system 50 years ago. He said modernization would lead to a "smarter, stronger and more secure electric grid."

Under muggy skies, Obama toured the DeSoto Next Generation Solar Energy Center, which is designed to generate enough energy for about 3,000 residential customers of the utility FPL. It is the nation's largest photovoltaic electricity facility.

Obama said a modern grid could give consumers better control over their

electricity usage and costs, and spur development of renewable energy sources such as wind and solar.

The \$3.4 billion in grants from the government's January economic stimulus program will be matched by \$4.7 billion in private investments. The smallest grant will be \$400,000 and the largest \$200 million.

"We have a very antiquated (electric grid) system in our country," Carol Browner, assistant to the president for energy and climate change, told reporters. "The current system is outdated, it's dilapidated."

Matt Rogers, the Energy Department official involved in the program, said the 100 projects were selected from 400 proposed. The money will be

distributed over the next two months and the work is expected to be done over the next one to three years, he said.

Even as Obama pitched more efficient and renewable energy use, his trip to Arcadia made it clear that old habits and dependencies die hard. He arrived in a motorcade of gas-guzzling SUVs. While waiting for the motorcade to get started, several vans kept their engines running to provide air conditioning for occupants escaping a hot Florida sun.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which has been at odds with Obama over health care, energy and other matters, praised the clean-energy initiative.

## How the United Way Helps... Epilepsy Foundation West Texas

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left and took their son with her to another state. Martin moved in with his parents. After a few months his parents asked him to leave. The severity of his seizures frightened him and they did not want the responsibility of caring for him.

So, with winter fast approaching, Martin found himself homeless. Not only was he homeless, he had no way to pay for his medication or doctor visits. EFWT was able to assist Martin, by purchasing his medication and paying for his doctor visits. The social worker for EFWT networked with other United Way agencies to obtain food, clothing, and temporary shelter.

Because of your generosity, Martin is a success story. He is living in a small apartment. He is still not able to work, but he hopes to be able to one day when his seizures are under control. Martin is currently having about ten to twelve seizures a month. He is working with his neurologist to find the right combination of medication for him. As winter approaches once again, Martin is appreciative that he will not have to worry about a roof over his head or something warm to eat.

As agencies work together to assist the individuals of our community, it is gratifying to know that we are not alone. Your United Way dollars are put to work every day, right here in our community to make a difference in someone's life.

To make a donation to this year's United Way campaign, send it to United Way Campaign, P.O. Box 2076, Pampa, TX 79066 or drop it by the office in the Chamber building: Suite 105, 200 N. Ballard.

## New deadliest month in Afghan war

KABUL (AP) — Eight American troops were killed in two separate bomb attacks Tuesday in southern Afghanistan, making October the deadliest month of the war for U.S. forces since the 2001 invasion to oust the Taliban.

In one of the insurgent assaults, seven Americans were killed while patrol-

ling in armored vehicles, U.S. forces spokesman Lt. Col. Todd Vician said. He said an Afghan civilian died in the same attack. The eighth American was killed in a separate bombing elsewhere in the south, also while patrolling in a military vehicle, he said.

The military issued a statement saying the deaths

occurred during "multiple, complex" bomb strikes. It said several troops were wounded and evacuated to a nearby medical facility, but gave no other details.

Capt. Adam Weece, a spokesman for American forces in the south, said both attacks occurred in Kandahar province.

## NASA

the rocket — all fake parts — will fall uncontrolled into the ocean.

There's no payload on board, just hundreds of sensors to measure pressure, strain and acceleration.

## Gas

ting back on driving.

This year it's refiners that are cutting back. The amount of gasoline held in storage has fallen by about 7.5 million barrels in just two weeks. Most energy experts believe that trend will play out again when the government reports gasoline inventory levels on Wednesday.

Right now, American motorists are paying about \$1 billion a day for gasoline. By the end of the year, they will collectively pay about \$250 million more per day for gasoline than

NASA expects to learn a lot, even if it's for another type of rocket. The White House is re-evaluating the human spaceflight program.

Cloudy conditions pose extra concern for the Ares

they did a year ago, according to Tom Kloza, publisher and chief oil analyst at Oil Price Information Service.

Most of the increase will not come from higher prices, but because of the plunge in prices a year ago.

Gasoline prices loosely follow the price of crude, and crude prices have skyrocketed largely because of the falling dollar. The dollar has lost more than 15 percent of its value since March.

Because crude is bought and sold with dollars,

I-X. Rain clouds could cause static electricity to surround the soaring rocket, which lacks proper protection. The result would be disrupted communications, undesirable for a test flight.

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investors who hold euros or other currencies that have strengthened against the dollar can essentially buy more crude with less.

Benchmark crude for December delivery rose 53 cents to \$79.21 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

In other Nymex trading, heating oil rose 1.6 cents to \$2.0498 a gallon. Gasoline for November delivery advanced 1.2 cents to \$2.0459 a gallon, while natural gas for November delivery rose 4 cents to \$4.55 per 1,000 cubic feet.

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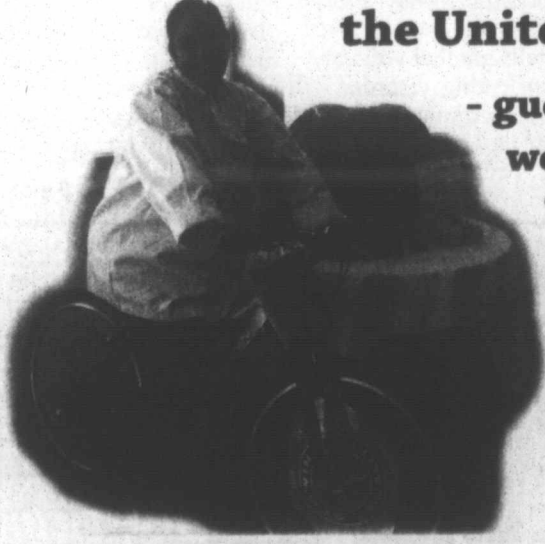
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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 27, the 300th day of 2009. There are 65 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 27, 1787, the first of the Federalist Papers, a series of essays calling for ratification of the U.S. Constitution, was published in New York.

On this date:

In 1795, the United States and Spain signed the Treaty of San Lorenzo (also known as "Pinckney's Treaty"), which provided for free navigation of the Mississippi River.

In 1858, the 26th president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, was born in New York City.

In 1880, Theodore Roosevelt married his first wife, Alice Lee.

In 1904, the first rapid transit subway, the Interborough Rapid Transit (IRT), was inaugurated in New York City.

In 1907, Union Station in Washington, D.C., opened.

In 1922, the first annual celebration of Navy Day took place.

In 1938, Du Pont announced a name for its new synthetic yarn: "nylon."

In 1954, Walt Disney's first television program, entitled "Disneyland"

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after the yet-to-be completed theme park, premiered on ABC.

In 1969, a 6.4 magnitude earthquake shook Banja Luka, Yugoslavia, killing some 20 people.

In 1978, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin were named winners of the Nobel Peace Prize for their progress toward achieving a Middle East accord.

Ten years ago: In the first debate of the Democratic presidential race, Al Gore sought to stem his decline in the polls by attacking rival Bill Bradley's health care and spending plans. The U.S. federal budget surplus was put at \$123 billion in 1998, marking the first back-to-back surpluses since the 1950's. The New York Yankees captured their second straight World Series sweep, defeating the Atlanta Braves in Game 4, 4-1.

Five years ago: The Boston Red Sox won their first World Series since 1918, sweeping the St. Louis Cardinals in Game 4, 3-0. New York City's subway system marked its 100th anniversary.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Nanette Fabray is 89. Baseball Hall-of-Famer and sportscaster Ralph Kiner is 87. Actress Ruby Dee is 85. Actor-comedian John Cleese is 70. Author Maxine Hong Kingston is 69. Country singer Lee Greenwood is 67. Producer-director Ivan Reitman is 63. Country singer-musician Jack Daniels is 60. Rock musician Garry Tallent (Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band) is 60. Author Fran Lebowitz is 59. Rock musician K.K. Downing (Judas Priest) is 58. TV personality Jayne Kennedy is 58. Actor-director Roberto Benigni is 57. Actor Peter Firth is 56. Actor Robert Picardo is 56. World Golf Hall of Famer Patty Sheehan is 53. Singer Simon Le Bon (Duran Duran) is 51. Musician J.D. McFadden is 45. Rock singer Scott Weiland is 42. Actor Sean Holland is 41. Actress-singer Kelly Osbourne is 25.



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## Opinion from around Texas

### The Dallas Morning News on the federal government and medical marijuana:

There's a way to be compassionate to patients who would benefit from medical marijuana without providing a loophole allowing others to get high. At last, the federal government is making this distinction.

Last week, Attorney General Eric Holder instructed federal prosecutors not to go after people who use marijuana for relief of pain and other symptoms in the 14 states where medicinal use is permitted. His memo reverses longstanding federal policy and marks a step toward separating those who could be helped by marijuana's therapeutic properties from those who criminally distribute or use it.

Medical science is gathering evidence that ingredients in marijuana can ease chronic pain, help some cancer patients and control chronic nausea, vomiting and glaucoma. The once skeptical American Medical Association sup-

ports research into marijuana's medical benefits and backs efforts to develop a smoke-free inhaled delivery system.

Public opinion also is changing, including in Texas, where any marijuana use is illegal. A 2004 statewide poll indicated that 75 percent favored allowing patients to use marijuana medicinally if their doctor approved.

The Justice Department's new stance makes certain that federal prosecutors are able to continue pursuing sham enterprises that distribute marijuana under the pretext of helping patients. Marijuana is the single largest source of income for Mexico's violent drug cartels, whose mayhem has destroyed lives on both sides of the border. Federal and state officials need to retain the authority to sever the tentacles of the global drug trade, but that can be accomplished without barring seriously ill patients from a potential source of relief.

Some states have done a better job than others in regulating medical marijuana. For example, California

has no state regulation or standard for the cultivation and distribution of medical marijuana, which has increased the challenges for law enforcement officials. Other states, such as Rhode Island and New Mexico, formally license medical marijuana providers, a wiser way to balance the law enforcement and medical priorities.

Next session, the Texas Legislature should move to approve the limited and controlled medical use of marijuana to allow suffering patients to legally access this alternative treatment. It's right, and it's compassionate.

### The Austin American-Statesman on recent Texas Lottery jackpot heist:

This is every lottery player's worst nightmare.

You take your ticket to a store for verification. The store clerk checks your numbers and says the ticket won just \$2. So you take the two bucks and leave. Later, you learn the ticket was

worth \$1 million. Turns out the clerk who checked the numbers claimed your prize and now he's gone and so is your money.

The stuff of urban legend?

No. It really happened at the Lucky Food Store outside Dallas. Investigators believe the clerk, Pankaj Joshi, 25, abruptly quit his job at the convenience store and claimed the \$1 million jackpot in Austin -- \$750,000 after taxes. It wasn't his ticket. The ticket is said to belong to Willis Willis, 67.

Authorities have recovered about \$365,000, and last month a Travis County jury indicted Joshi on a charge of claiming a lottery prize by fraud, a second-degree felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison. Authorities have not been able to find Joshi, a native of Nepal, who is thought to be somewhere in South Asia.

That kind of rip-off is rare in the Texas lottery system. But it is the kind of thing that erodes public trust in the lottery. Lottery officials should re-examine game security.

## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I'm engaged to the man of my dreams. Our wedding is two months away, and I couldn't be more excited about starting my life with "Jeff."

Only one thing bothers me. When the two of us eat alone together, Jeff throws his manners out the window. He kind of eats like a pig. He opens his mouth as wide as it will go and takes as big a bite as he can. Then, as he's chewing (even with his mouth closed) he makes noises. I can't get past the noises!

I know Jeff knows better because he doesn't eat like this when we're out with his parents or having dinner with friends. The first time he did it I thought he was joking. The second time, I thought he was just really hungry. Now I realize this is the way he eats. We have known each other two years, so we have had plenty of time to get acquainted.

How do I tell him his eating behavior gets under my skin? I don't want any children we have to learn these habits. Jeff has a tender heart, and I don't want to hurt his feelings. -- LOOKING ASKANCE IN TEXAS

DEAR LOOKING: You are about two years late in telling your fiancé how his eating habits affect you. If you can't discuss something as basic

as this, how are you going to discuss the challenging problems that will inevitably arise after the two of you are married?

You said yourself that Jeff knows better. He eats this way in front of you because he thinks you don't mind. So please level with him now -- before the wedding. It won't hurt his feelings; it will set him straight.

DEAR ABBY: I am 13, 5 feet 3, and weigh 90 pounds. I just started high school. My parents think I'm starving myself. They call me "disgusting," "horrificing," and my personal favorite -- "ugly." My brother calls me "Skinny Bones Jones."

I do not starve myself, nor am I anorexic or bulimic. I just happen to get full from small portions rather quickly -- or I may not be hungry at the moment. At night I do some quick exercises and yoga positions so I won't feel bloated from meals. Some of my friends have said they think I have become anorexic.

Because of all this my self-esteem is at an all-time low. I used to weigh more than 100 pounds, but recently I got the stomach flu, which explains my sudden weight loss and fullness. Am I wrong in thinking I'm healthy? Are my family and friends right that I'm anorexic?

Please help. -- 90-POUND GIRL IN FULLERTON, CALIF.

DEAR 90-POUND GIRL: When "everyone" starts telling us something we don't want to hear, it may be time to pay attention. One sentence in your letter tells me that you may have an eating disorder -- it's your comment about needing to exercise after eating because you feel bloated.

You should be evaluated by a nurse at school, if there is one, or by a physician to be sure you're getting enough nutrients to remain healthy, that you're not overdoing the exercise, and if there could be a physical problem causing the feeling you're interpreting as "bloat."

Please share what I have said with your parents because it's important.

## Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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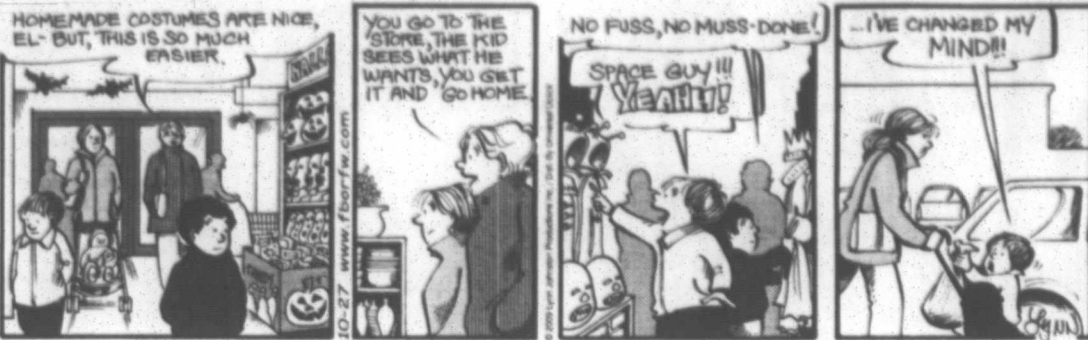
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"Well, yes, he buries other things besides bones."

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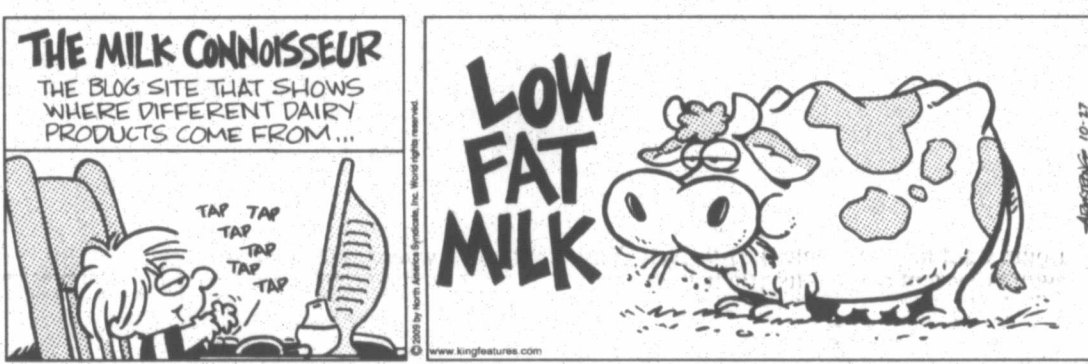
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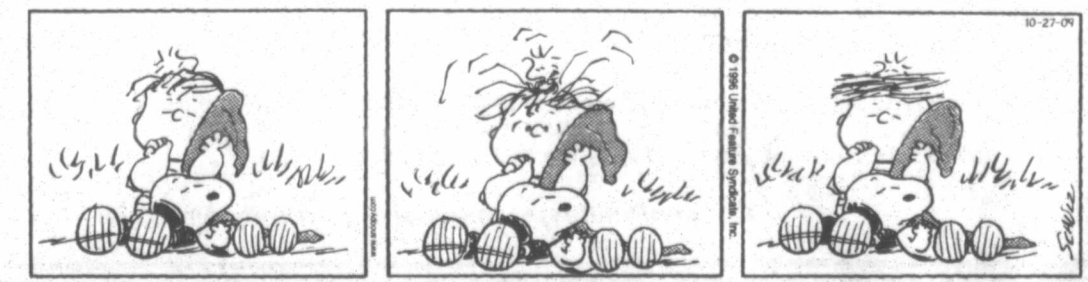
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## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"What's this guy's first name? I know his last name is 'Saurus'."

Daily Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 42 Traders' wares

1 Wild party

5 Closes

10 Book of maps

12 Subject

13 Spicy mixture

15 Cool, to jazzmen

16 Micro-wave, in slang

17 "— live and breathe!"

18 Skilled shooter

20 Resting on

21 Derisive sound

22 Transmitted

23 Intimidate

25 Act sullen

28 Take by force

31 God of war

32 "Ben-Hur" star

34 Clamor

35 Auction action

36 GI-entertaining org.

37 Shake ingredient

40 Fake name

41 Secret agents

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Yesterday's answer

- 9 List of lines
- 11 Sorting devices
- 14 Congress VIP
- 19 Church leaders
- 20 Fire remnants
- 24 Doctrines
- 25 Zany
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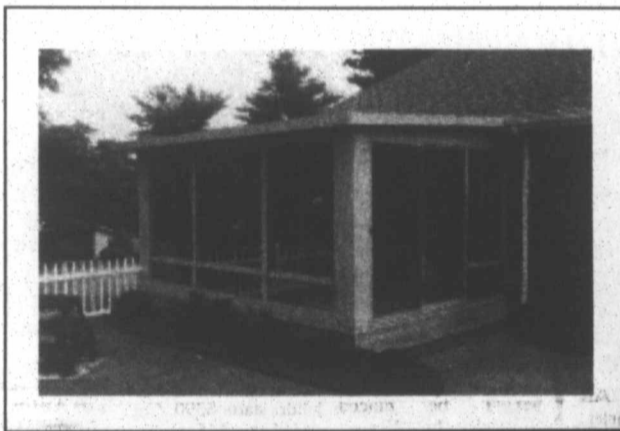
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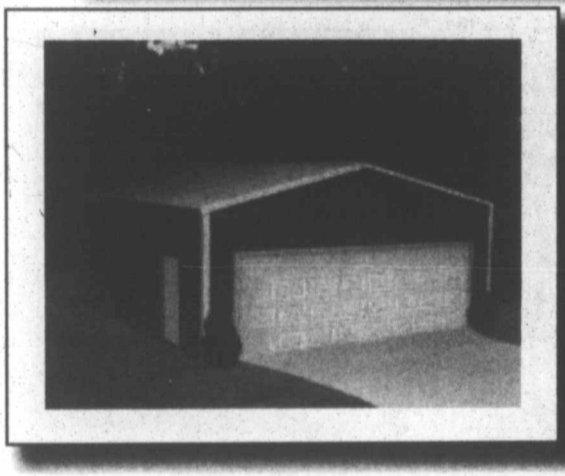
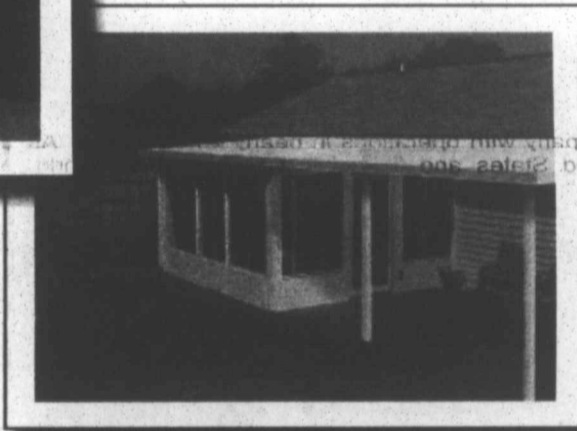
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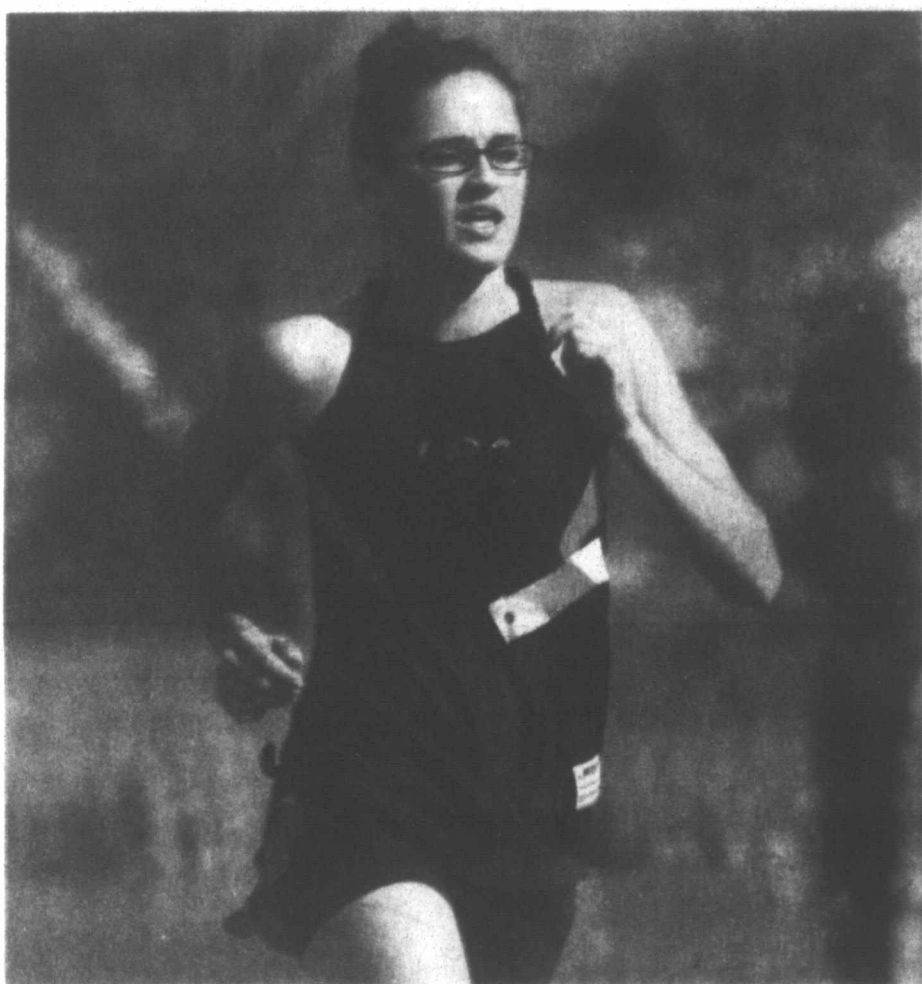
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# Sports

## Lefors competes at District, Overstreet qualifies for regionals



Taylor Overstreet, Story Pairsh, Taylor Williams, MARRISA PONCE, SHAYLEY MORRIS and LACIE JOHNSTON wait for the gun to go off in their district race Monday in Canyon.



Taylor Overstreet crosses the finish line. Overstreet finished eighth with a time of 14:05.22 and will advance to the regional meet (Photos contributed by Deborah Henson).

## PHS swim teams win fourth and third

BY ANDREW GLOVER  
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The Pampa High School girls swim team won fourth and the boys swim team won third in the Abilene Invitational Saturday in Abilene.

The Harvesters finished first in the boys 200 meter freestyle relay with a time of 1:39.45. Christian Hinkle, Ethan Addy, Jaden Payne and Kelly Stoffle swam in the relay. In the girls 200 meter freestyle relay, Pampa finished fifth with a time of 2:03.32. Jessica Gutierrez, Brittany Covil, Jessica Covil and Treyci Carroll swam in the relay. In a mixed 200 meter freestyle relay, the Harvesters finished sixth with a time of 2:21.96. Kenny Ramey, Kendall Akin, Gutierrez and Carroll swam in the relay.

Pampa finished fifth in the 400 meter freestyle relay with a time of 4:39.83. Cole, Brittany Covil, Ramey, and Jessica Covil were the swimmers.

The Pampa boys finished second in the 200 meter medley relay with a time of 1:52.16. Hinkle, Cody Hudson, Stoffle, and Payne

competed.

The Pampa Boys B team finished eighth in the medley with a time of 2:05.60. Spencer Estes, Addy, Nate Towry and Scott Kelly competed.

Ramey won fourth in the 200 meter freestyle with a time of 2:24.05, and fifth in the 500 freestyle with a time of 6:28.03. Towry finished fifth in a heat of the 200 meter freestyle with a time of 2:09.05. Karl Pfitzner was ninth with a time of 2:17.94.

Stoffle finished first in the 200 meter individual medley with a time of 2:10.13 and Hinkle finished seventh with a time of 2:28.68. Payne finished third in the 50 meter freestyle with a time of 25.06. Stoffle finished first in the 100 meter butterfly with a time of 57.77. Towry finished second in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:56.76. Pfitzner finished seventh with a time of 6:14.13. Hinkle finished sixth in the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:06.97. The boys finished seventh in the 400 meter freestyle relay with a time of 4:05.73. Hudson, Pfitzner, Towry and Estes swam in the relay.

Jessica Covil finished sixth in the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:24.91, and eighth in the 100 meter butterfly with a time of 1:20. Gutierrez was fifth in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:51.84, and fourth in the 100 meter freestyle. Cole finished seventh in the 500 meter freestyle with a time of 7:10.18.

The swim team also competed in the Lubbock Dual Meet Thursday in Lubbock. The girls lost to Lubbock High 52-41 and beat Coronado 54-31. The Boys beat Lubbock High 51-41 and beat Coronado 83-0.

Head Coach Edward Garvin said the team had a tough schedule last week and was pleased with how they did.

"Swimming two meets this close together is hard, but the swimmers did a fantastic job," Garvin said. "Most of them swam their fastest times. Three went under a minute for the first time. All of the new swimmers dropped a lot of time in their events. I was very pleased with the overall effort from everybody."

## Varsity tennis season ends on low note

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The Pampa Harvesters (5-15, 2-10) tennis team ended the 2009 fall season losing to Dumas 15-4 Saturday at Dumas.

Coach Sarah Corse said they played a lot better than the first time they played

them (18-1) this season but it didn't go their way.

"We had matches that went to three sets that we could have won," Corse said.

Logan Karbo and Nick Nelson won three of four of the Harvesters match victories. Karbo and Nelson won their doubles match and both of them won singles.

Holly Gage and Sammi Finney got the Harvesters other victory winning their doubles by default.

Corse said she appreciated the team's effort.

"They never quit on me," Corse said. "They played every match hard and I'm proud of the way they played."



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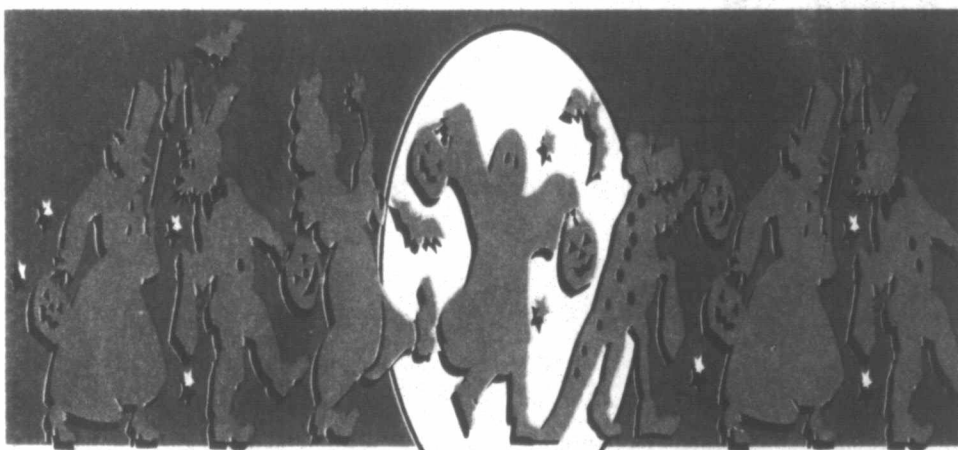
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