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City Commission approves new (old) tax rate

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It's official: Pampa's 2010-2011 property tax rate will stay the same as the 2009-10 figure. At Tuesday afternoon's regular City Commission meeting at City Hall, the City Commission (minus Mayor Lonny Robbins, who was absent from the meeting) voted unanimously to adopt a tax rate of 62.693 cents per \$100 valuation of property. Of that 62.693 cents, approximately 51 cents on each \$100 valuation will go into the City's general fund, with another 9 cents going into

interest and sinking funds and the remaining 3 cents slotted for maintenance of the Lovett Memorial Library (under a Special Revenue Fund). While the rate itself will not change, the text of the tax rate ordinance states that the rate will still raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 8.49 percent, resulting in an increase for maintenance and operations for the average home by about \$12.83. The new tax rate does not change the exemption for disabled individuals or those 65 years

or older. Such individuals are eligible to be exempt from taxation of \$15,000 of the appraised value of their residences. In other business: The Commission authorized City staff to submit an application to the State Energy Conservation Office for a grant in the amount of \$400,000. According to Assistant City Manager Shane Stokes, the City is applying for the grant in hopes of building four new wind turbines — two each at the water treatment plant and the wastewater treatment plant — to help offset **CITY** cont. on page 3

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FALL HARVEST



staff photo by **David Bowser**

With autumn starting tonight, Billie Steeles displays a squash from her backyard. The Steeles didn't plant anything this year; the squash vine simply grew from last year's garden. In fact, Mrs. Steele said they had planned on cementing over the old garden for use as a patio, but that plan may now change. She added that the squash "sure tastes good."

Concerns on drug rehab unit persist

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While supporters of putting a rehab center at the old Pampa Junior High contend that security would not be an issue, a group of concerned citizens claims that it has found evidence of multiple incidents from other drug treatment units. Zed Richards said he found news reports from nine communities where that's happened. Richards, his mother Mary Ann Richards and his grandmother Paulette Hinkle said they searched the internet and, within 10 minutes, found nine reports of people escaping from drug rehab centers from California to New York and Montana to Florida. The reports the trio found involved escapees from drug rehab centers breaking into people's homes. It's the latest salvo from Pampa residents who oppose putting the facility in a residential neighborhood. Richards, speaking at Monday night's school board meeting, said the rehab facility should be built away from homes and schools. "I am not opposed to a rehab facility for Pampa," Richards said Monday night. "In fact, I fully support construction of one outside of the city limits and not in my neighborhood." "It is a very big concern," Mary Ann Richards said, adding that she is worried about the effect the center would have on surrounding property values. "I would encourage anyone to drive down my neighborhood," she said. "The house across the street from me, I have to call the city to come mow it, and I live in the 2500 block of Aspen. **REHAB** cont. on page 3

Complex dedicated to Cavalier

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The big Homecoming victory wasn't the only thing the Harvester crowd had to cheer on Friday night. They also witnessed a fitting tribute to one of Pampa athletics' most beloved figures. The impact center directly behind and to the west of the home stands at Harvester Field was dedicated and named the Dennis Cavalier Activity Complex during halftime, honoring the late Harvester coach who has meant so much to the team and to the community. Cavalier died of a heart attack in 2003. "It's appropriate that we're dedicating the impact center to Coach Cav," said school board president Derrell DeLoach to the crowd on Friday, "because he had such an impact on so many of these kids." "He was beloved by the community and respected by the team," agreed Pampa Independent School District Athletic Director Stuart Smith. "There was an outpouring of sentiment after his passing, and many people wanted us to rename Harvester Field after him. "That's not what he would have wanted, and (his wife) Kathy was the same way. He would have expected **CAVALIER** cont. on page 3



staff photo by **David Bowser**
The high school's athletic activity center has been renamed the Dennis Cavalier Activity Complex in honor of the Harvesters' late coach.

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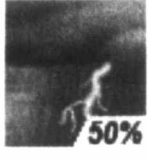


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For the record

PAMPA FORECAST

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 50%	 20%	 20%
High 84 Low 61	High 81 Low 61	High 81 Low 55

Tonight: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Thursday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 84. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. Southwest wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. East northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. East southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 81. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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Obituaries

Margaret Palmitier, 92

Margaret Palmitier, 92, died September 16, 2010, in McLean.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Palmitier was born May 16, 1918, in Creek County, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa most of her life. She married Dewey W. Palmitier on September 15, 1945, in Denver, Colo. He preceded her in death on August 20, 2005. Margaret attended the First United Methodist Church in Pampa. She was a charter member and past president of Pampa Fine Arts Association, where she was named Artist of the Year in 1978. She was an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was very proud of her ancestral heritage, especially her father, A. F. Johnston, who was a wildcat oilman, prominent in Gray County oil exploration and production in the 1920's and 1930's. Her copper enameling has been enjoyed by many throughout the years. Due to her talents, she was a guest of the Israeli government and exhibited her artwork at the National Museum in Tel Aviv in 1981.

Survivors include three sons, Stephen Palmitier of Yukon, Okla., Dennis Palmitier and John Palmitier and wife Ellen, all of Pampa; four grandchildren, Daniel Palmitier and wife Jessica of San Antonio, Chris Palmitier of Pampa, Doug Palmitier of Houston, and Jeremy Palmitier of Camp Speicher, Iraq; three great-grandchildren, Heather Palmitier of San Antonio, and Tyler and Emily Palmitier, both of Pampa.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Pampa Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, TX 79066-0939, or Genesis House, 615 W. Buckler, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

3	7	5	9	1	6	8	2	4
4	9	6	5	8	2	1	3	7
1	8	2	7	4	3	5	9	6
8	4	1	2	9	5	7	6	3
5	6	9	4	3	7	2	1	8
7	2	3	8	6	1	4	5	9
9	1	7	6	5	4	3	8	2
2	3	8	1	7	9	6	4	5
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Level: Intermediate

Obituaries

Vernon E. Baggerman, 78

AMARILLO—Vernon E. Baggerman, 78, died September 20, 2010, in Amarillo, surrounded by family and loved ones.

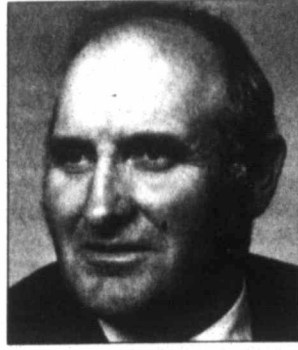
Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Baggerman was born March 20, 1932, on the family farm south of Pampa, one of eleven children. He attended Grandview Elementary and graduated from Pampa High School. He served in the U. S. Army from 1956-1957 during the Korean Conflict. Vernon worked for Gray County, Precinct 3, for over 50 years, and served on the Groom School Board in the 1970's. As a custom harvester, he traveled from Childress to Wyoming, sharing stories and jokes with lifelong friends he made along the way. Vernon brought home many fond stories from Wheatland that we will cherish. The family thanks his friends in Childress for their friendship, love and support. Vernon will long be remembered as a loving husband and father, hard working custom harvester, farmer, sports fan, and outdoorsman.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Baggerman of the home; two sons, Earnest Baggerman and wife Diann of Miami and Roger Baggerman and wife Robin of Rowlett; two daughters, Peggy Baggerman of Groom, and Madina Joshi of McKinney; one stepson, Sam Prince of Albuquerque, N.M.; one stepdaughter, Marla Damell of Amarillo; four brothers, Ruben Baggerman and wife Lora of Groom, Nace Baggerman and wife Mary of Claude, Franklin Baggerman and wife Cletis of Lubbock, James Baggerman and wife Maria of Mount Pleasant; three sisters, Irene Baggerman of Amarillo, Roselle Collingsworth of Pampa, Margret Whatley and husband Curtis of Groom; 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Vernon was preceded in death by his parents, John A. and Odell Baggerman; a brother, Johnny Baggerman; and two sisters, Caroline "Sissy" Coutts and Mildred Miller.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065, or a favorite charity.

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Baggerman

Group, a board member of the Lefors Senior Citizens Association, and a volunteer fireman for Lefors. He was a long-time member of the Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM and Pampa Shrine Club, serving several terms as president, vice president and treasurer. He was a member of the Khiva Shrine Temple in Amarillo, the West Texas JP and Constable Association, and served on the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Lewis of the home; three children, Howard Lewis of Des Moines, Iowa, Debbie Raymond and husband Paul of Plainview, and Bill Lewis of Pampa; two daughters-in-law, Tawny Lewis of Amarillo and Dana Lewis of Lefors; grandchildren, Tiffany and Brad Fralick of Amarillo, Brittyne and Ryan Jackson of Austin, Ryan and Erick Lewis of Pampa, Rachel of Dallas, Erika and Haley Raymond of Plainview; great-grandchild, Kinsler Fralick; foster daughter, April Walkup of Huntingdon, Pa.; foster granddaughter, Amber Hopkins of Las Vegas; sister, Billie Jo Schulz of Wasilla, Ala.; brother, Harold Lewis and wife Charlotte of Pampa; nieces, Pamela Mundt of Anchorage, Ala., Andrea Caison of Pampa, and Annette and Tom Juhl of Louisville, Ky.; nephews, Jerome and William Schulz of Wasilla, Ala., Howie Lewis of Borger, Dean and Debbie Lewis of League City; numerous great-nieces and great-nephews; and uncle, Bismark Blackstone of Pampa. James was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association, 2514 82nd Street, Suite B, Lubbock, TX 79423, or American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Road, Suite 12-A, Lubbock, TX 79424.

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Mike M. Gomez, 57

Mike M. Gomez, 57, died September 20, 2010, in Pampa.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, September 23, 2010, at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, with Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

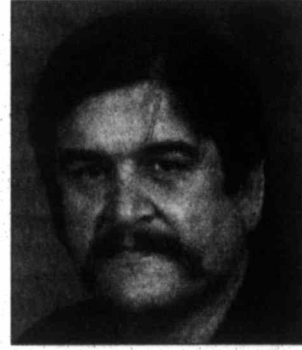
Mr. Gomez was born July 27, 1953, in Littlefield. He had been a resident of Pampa most of his life, graduating from Pampa High School in 1971. Mike married Kathy Haynes on May 24, 1975, in Pampa. After working for Celanese for 26 years, he attended Amarillo College to earn a certification as a surgical technician. He worked for Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo in labor and delivery for the past seven years. He was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church. Mike enjoyed golfing, wood working, spending time with his family, and special times with his grandson, Hylee.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy Gomez of the home; two daughters, April Gomez and Michelle Resendiz and husband Joe, all of Pampa; one son, Mathew Gomez and fiancée Crystal of Atwater, Minn.; grandson, Hylee Gomez of Pampa; granddaughter, Hanah Gomez of Atwater, Minn.; mother, Heraclia Gomez of Pampa; two brothers, Alfonso Gomez and wife Geneva of Washington D.C., and Alonso Gomez and wife Ann of Atlanta; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Joy and Walden Haynes of Pampa; two brothers-in-law, Steve Haynes and wife Linda of Stratford, and Gary Haynes and wife Margaret of Mounds, Okla.; numerous nieces and nephews. Mike was preceded in death by his father, Felix Gomez in 2002.

Memorials may be made to Multiple Sclerosis Society, National Panhandle Chapter, 6222 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, TX 79109, March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, Golden Spread Chapter, 104 SW 6th Ave., Amarillo, Texas 79101, or Charis Hills Camp, 498 Faulkner Road, Sunset, TX 76270.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, September 22, 2010.

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Gomez

James Howard Lewis, 81

James Howard Lewis, 81, died September 21, 2010, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Lewis was born July 23, 1929, in Wheeler County to William J. (Bill) and Zola Lewis. He was a lifetime resident of Pampa, attending Pampa schools, and graduating from Pampa High School in 1948. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, serving in Germany and Korea during the Korean Conflict with the 78th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Armored Division, from 1950-1952. Upon his discharge in December of 1952, James returned to Pampa where he served with the Army Reserve unit from 1952-1956.

He attended Frank Phillips College night classes in Borger for several years, and graduated from Amarillo College Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy in 1993, where he took many continuing education classes.

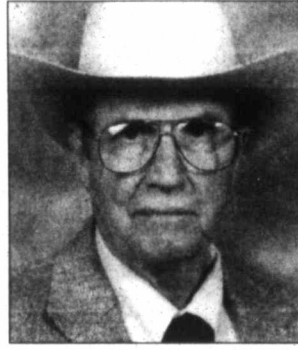
After returning to Pampa, James met the love of his life, Marilyn Hamilton, who he married on June 12, 1953, in Pampa. They had 57 wonderful years together, and were blessed with three children, Howard, Debbie and Bill.

James was a wonderful husband, father and Papa. He loved his family and loved to watch his grandchildren excel in sports and academics, where all were honor students. He watched many high school and college basketball and volleyball games, golf tournaments, football games and rodeos. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

He was an avid sports fan, and loved football, basketball, volleyball and rodeo. In the 1970's, he sponsored a women's traveling volleyball team that played throughout the Panhandle, winning first place wherever they played. He was a proud supporter of West Texas A&M and Wayland University athletics. He also loved to hunt and fish.

James was self-employed for several years. He worked for IRI International for 29 years, retiring in 1993. For over 17 years, he served Gray County as Constable for Precinct 1 and 3, beginning January 1, 1993.

He was a member of Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ. He was a member of Pampa Optimist Club in the 50's, 60's and 70's, coaching little league baseball and working with the football program. He was a member of the Pampa Harvester Band Booster Club for eight years, serving as president and treasurer for seven of those years. He was a member and officer of the Lake McClellan Improvement



Lewis

Nazario Marquez, 80

WHITE DEER—Nazario Marquez, 80, died September 20, 2010, in Amarillo.

Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, September 23, 2010, at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church in Pampa, with Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor, officiating.

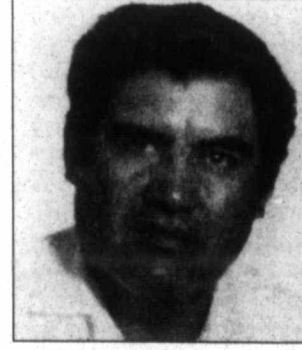
Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Marquez was born July 28, 1930 in Villa de Arriaga, San Luis Potosi, Mexico. He was reared in Mexico where he attended schools. He married Paulina Perez in Mexico. They came to the United States in 1950, moving to the Texas panhandle where he farmed for several years. Mr. Marquez and family moved back to Mexico where he was heavily involved in politics and civic activism, and was well known in his area. Years later after his documentation was complete, he relocated back to the United States, moving to Del Rio in the 1980's, and later resided in White Deer. He worked as a machinist for Scarab Manufacturing in White Deer for many years. Nazario was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in White Deer and attended Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Amarillo. In his spare time, he loved to garden and work around the house.

Survivors include his wife, Paulina Marquez of the home; eight daughters, Paulina Mendoza, Victoria Garcia, Lucia Gandara, Maria De Jesus Marquez, Maria Marquez, Ma Luisa Marquez, Margarita Marquez, and Maria Guadalupe Alvarez; five sons, Tomas Marquez, Tito Marquez, Nazario P. Marquez, Ildefonso Alvarez, and Nazario Marquez; 41 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren; three brothers and six sisters.

Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Road, Suite 12-A, Lubbock, TX 79424.

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Marquez

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Obama on health reform stump

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AP) — President Barack Obama is touting benefits taking effect this week under the health care law he signed six months ago, including provisions allowing young adults to stay on their family's health plans until they turn 26.

Polling shows the law remains unpopular with much of the public and that many people don't know what's in it. With crucial midterm elections six weeks away, the White House is undertaking an effort to tell people what's in the law that will help them.

Obama held a health care discussion Tuesday with about 20 people gathered in the sunny backyard of home in suburban Falls Church, Va. He said he sought the new law because rising health care costs were "bankrupting families, companies and our government."

Israel violence clouds peace efforts

JERUSALEM (AP) — Crowds of Palestinian youths went on violent rampages in east Jerusalem on Thursday, stoning buses, overturning cars and facing down Israeli riot police at the holy city's most sensitive religious site following the shooting death of a local man.

The sudden burst of violence immediately clouded fragile peace efforts, even as the Palestinian president signaled he may back away from threats to walk away from the negotiations next week if Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu proceeds with plans to resume settlement construction in the West Bank.

"I cannot say I will leave the negotiations, but it's very difficult for me to resume talks if Prime Minister Netanyahu declares that he will continue his (settlement) activity in the West Bank and Jerusalem," Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas said in an address to U.S. Jewish leaders late Tuesday in New York, according to a transcript of the event obtained by The Associated Press.

The violence was a vivid illustration of how sensitive — and combustible — the situation in east Jerusalem can be. The competing Israeli and Palestinian claims to the area, home to key Jewish, Muslim and Christian holy sites, have frequently escalated into clashes and intense fighting.

Ike-damaged schools want help

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — School districts affected by extensive property damage caused by Hurricane Ike in 2008 have seen their insurance premiums skyrocket and want the state to help pay for it.

District officials in Galveston County have had discussions with state Reps. Craig Eiland of Galveston and Larry Taylor of Friendswood, according to the *Galveston County Daily News*.

"There are a lot of us in the same boat south of Interstate 10," Paul McLarty, Clear Creek's chief financial officer, said. "We've got concerns here in Galveston County that districts in Montgomery County, for example, don't have to worry about when you look at our premiums."

Clear Creek in 2009 spent \$3.6 million on property casualty insurance, which is driven up by windstorm coverage, McLarty said.

Cavalier

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Harvester Field to be Harvester Field forever."

However, when the chance arose to honor Cavalier with the naming of the activity complex, Smith said that the athletic department jumped on the opportunity.

"He was the one that ini-

tiated that building, raising funds prior to its construction and getting the first part of it built," he said. "To know Coach Cav, he was never about glorification. He would be embarrassed that something was named after him.

"But it's also important to

remember people who have contributed greatly to our community. We honored him in two ways, the way I see it: The field remained Harvester Field as he wanted, but the community also got to dedicate a building that he started in his name."

Rehab

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"Tell me how a drug rehab facility is going to enhance my home," Mary Ann said.

"There's still six or seven houses that haven't been sold on my block (on Crane Road)," added Zed. "I question how appealing those homes will be to potential buyers if they know that just down the street there's going to be a drug rehab facility. Those houses have been on the market for two years already."

Mary Ann said that the concerns of the citizens need to be addressed.

She said that some of the men who spoke at the school board meeting in support of the drug rehab center haven't

lived in Pampa for three months.

"I've lived here 47 years," she said. "They don't know the town. They don't know how we operate."

Hinkle said that her family has lived in Pampa all their lives and that they still believe in the community, but feels that the drug rehab center represents a wrong direction.

"We run a business here," Hinkle said. "We love Pampa. We have faith in Pampa, but our expectations of Pampa are higher than low-income housing and drug rehab."

"The city's goals need to be higher. We've got bigger problems."



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 20-year-old male who finds it awkward talking to women my age. I do OK approaching older women for conversation, but become tongue-tied with someone under 25. I would like to meet someone special and develop a relationship with her, but at this rate it's not going to happen anytime soon.

I am told by friends and family that I'm handsome, charming and have a good sense of humor. There will be holiday parties coming up soon, and my friends will be inviting some new people. How can I learn to strike up a conversation? I'm having a real problem here. — H.P. IN MIAMI BEACH

DEAR H.P.: Not everyone is born with the gift of gab. In fact, most people aren't. But a smile will tell others that you're approachable. It's the universal way of saying, "I'm friendly." If you want to get to know someone, walk over and say, "Hi, I'm 'Hal' — what's your name?" Introducing yourself isn't being pushy. It's being friendly.

As I say in my booklet "How to Be Popular," the surest cure for shyness is to forget yourself and concentrate on the other person. Everyone can be charming. Charm is putting the other person at

ease, making him or her feel comfortable and important.

Believe it or not, being a good listener will do more for you than being a good talker. Give people a chance to talk about themselves, and they'll think YOU'RE a great conversationalist. But, when asking questions as a means to get the other person talking, take care that your questions are tactful, discreet and not too personal.

Stay current on what's going on in the world and in the headlines. The more informed you are, the better company you will be. But don't be a know-it-all. People who come off like they're an authority on everything are about as welcome as a skunk at a garden party. That's not to say it pays to be ignorant; rather that the know-it-alls make those of us who are just average feel insecure and uncomfortable.

When talking to people, look them in the eye. And when you're being spoken to, focus your attention on the person who's addressing you. Nothing turns people off quicker than trying to carry on a conversation with someone whose eyes are constantly wandering — to see who just came in or who else is in the room.

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Our nation was founded upon God and His Word and He remains our foundation. It is time for

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~ Revelation 2:4-5

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 22, the 265th day of 2010. There are 100 days left in the year. Autumn arrives at 10:09 p.m. CDT.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 22, 1776, during the Revolutionary War, Capt. Nathan Hale, 21, was hanged as a spy by the British in New York.

On this date:

In 1761, Britain's King George III and his wife, Charlotte, were crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln issued the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, declaring all slaves in rebel states should be free as of Jan. 1, 1863.

In 1927, Gene Tunney successfully defended his heavyweight boxing title against Jack Dempsey in the famous "long-count" fight in Chicago.

In 1960, the independent Republic of Mali was proclaimed.

In 1964, the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" opened on Broadway, beginning a run of 3,242 performances.

In 1975, Sara Jane Moore attempted to shoot President Gerald R. Ford outside a San Francisco hotel, but missed. (Moore served 32 years in prison before being paroled on Dec. 31, 2007.)

In 1980, the Persian Gulf conflict between Iran and Iraq erupted into full-scale war that lasted nearly eight years.

In 1985, rock and country music artists participated in "FarmAid," a concert staged in Champaign, Ill. to help the nation's farmers.

Ten years ago: President Bill Clinton directed the release of 30 million barrels of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, the government's emergency stockpile.

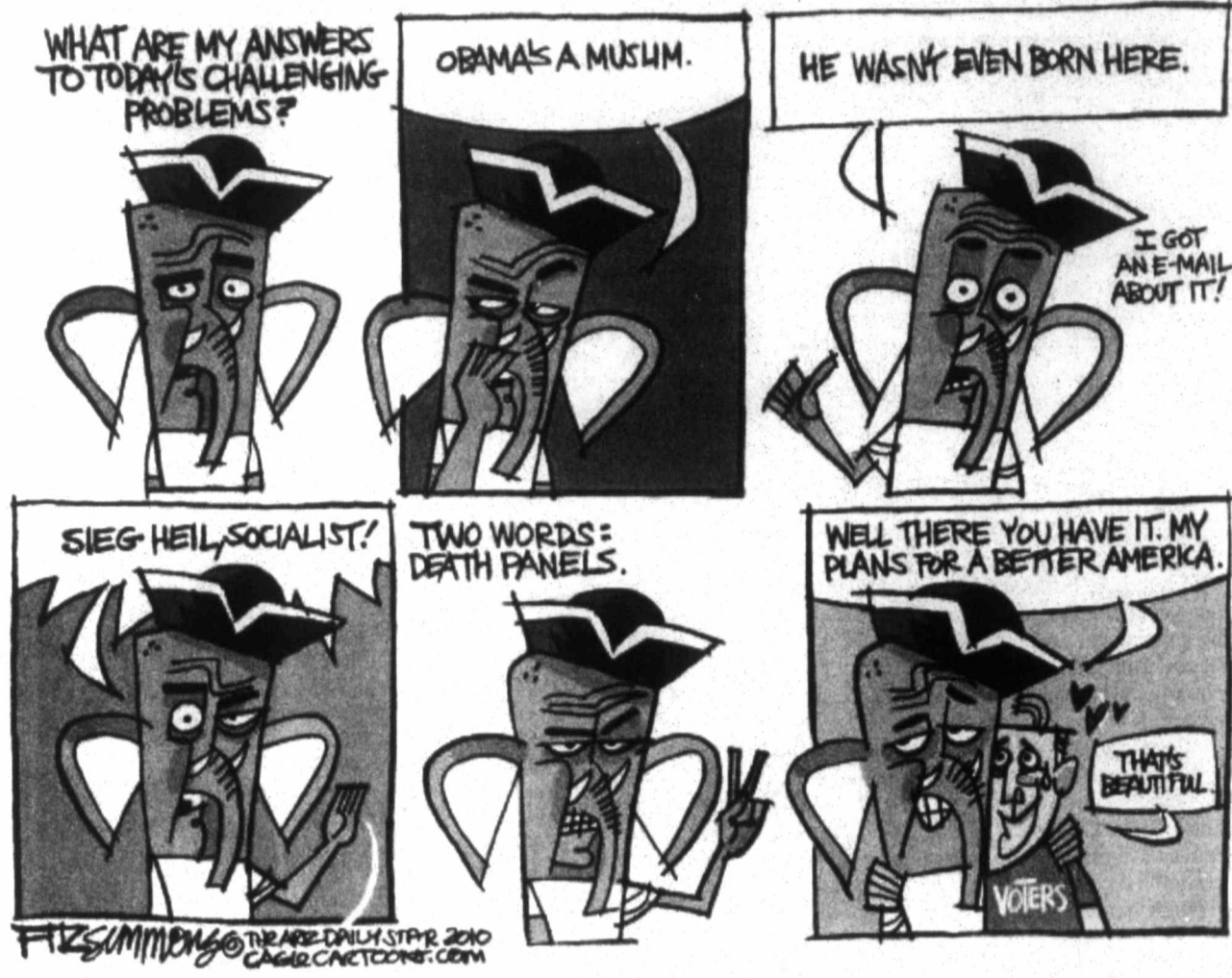
Five years ago: Hurricane Rita, weakened to Category 4 status, closed on the Texas coast, sending hundreds of thousands of people fleeing on a frustratingly slow, bumper-to-bumper exodus. John Roberts' nomination as U.S. chief justice cleared the Senate Judiciary Committee on a bipartisan vote of 13-5.

One year ago: President Barack Obama, visiting New York, brought together Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas for their first three-way meeting.

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall of Fame manager Tommy Lasorda is 83. NBA Commissioner David Stern is 68. Musician King Sunny Ade is 64. Retired Capt. Mark Phillips is 62. Rock singer David Coverdale (Deep Purple, Whitesnake) is 59. Actress Shari Belafonte is 56. Singer Debby Boone is 54. Singer Nick Cave is 53. Rock singer Johnette Napolitano is 53. Classical crossover singer Andrea Bocelli is 52. Singer-musician Joan Jett is 52. Actress Catherine Oxenberg is 49. Actor Scott Baio is 49. Actor Rob Stone is 48. Rock musician Matt Sharp is 41. Rock musician Dave Hernandez (The Shins) is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Big Rube (Society of Soul) is 39. Actress Mireille Enos is 35. Actress Ashley Drane (Eckstein) is 29. Actor Tom Felton is 23.

Thought for Today: "I saw old Autumn in the misty morn / Stand shadowless like silence, listening / To silence."

-- Thomas Hood, English author (1799-1845).



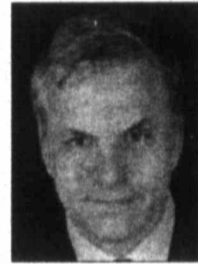
Will big tobacco's ex-bagman inherit the House?

With their loud voices and antic style, the "Tea Party" activists may lead voters to expect something new and different if the Republican Party returns to power. But observing the man who would wield that power if his party wins a midterm majority should swiftly dispel that illusion.

There is nothing fresh or surprising about Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, the would-be speaker, a figure so closely associated with corporate special interests that he looks, sounds and behaves exactly like a lobbyist. He golfs, drinks, smokes and maintains an unusually bronzed complexion thanks to company jets that whisk him away to his favorite Florida resorts. He seems as if he could have stepped straight out of "Thank You for Smoking," Christopher Buckley's classic spoof of Washington's cynical, morally empty K Street.

Smoking and K Street, of course, evoke the memory of Boehner's first big moment in national politics almost 15 years ago, when he performed a cameo as the tobacco industry's bagman. Back then, ascending the leadership ladder as chairman of the House Republican Conference, he was spotted handing out checks from the Brown & Williamson tobacco company on the House floor. This spectacle of corruption was so blatant that even some members of Congress were outraged and demanded that he stop.

Following a blast of bad publicity, he apologized, sort of. "I thought: 'Yeah, I can imagine



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why somebody would be upset. It sure doesn't look good.' It's not an excuse, but the floor is the only place you get to see your colleagues," he told The Associated Press. "It was a matter of convenience. You make a mistake, admit it and go on. I just feel bad about it."

Not bad enough to change his convenient, highly profitable relationships with lobbyists and their clients.

Yet while other Republicans became notorious for their political promiscuity — and sometimes paid a heavy price — Boehner somehow escaped censure. His fellow Ohioan and former House colleague Bob Ney went to prison as a casualty of the corruption scandal that sank super-lobbyist Jack Abramoff, but Boehner actually received more money from the Abramoff operation than Ney. Tom DeLay, the former House majority leader, was renowned for his prowess in squeezing money from lobbyists, but Boehner raised more money than "the Hammer" did during a critical period in 2006. He even rented a Capitol Hill apartment from a lobbyist who had been hired to influence him — a blatant conflict of interest that the House Ethics Committee

somehow failed to notice under Republican control.

When his party held the majority, Boehner chaired the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, which sounds innocuous but attracts lobbyists like a cowpie draws flies. Overseeing a broad array of issues, from the minimum wage to student loans, he made the most of their interest in his legislation. He achieved a kind of masterpiece with the passage of a bill that favored the private student loan industry over direct government lending — at an estimated cost to taxpayers of 9 cents on the dollar. Students, families and taxpayers lost in that deal, but Boehner's banker pals made out like ... bankers. Over the past two decades, he has collected more than \$120,000 from Sallie Mae, the mammoth student loan outfit — and enjoyed several trips to Florida golf destinations in the Sallie Mae corporate jet.

Boehner's career is a litany of such pay-for-play scams, which is what pass for achievements in his world. That the Republican caucus would elect him as its leader reveals the stale reality behind the populist rhetoric. Every Republican congressional candidate represents a vote to elect Speaker Boehner — and to restore the same old policies and attitudes to a ruinous decade of misrule.

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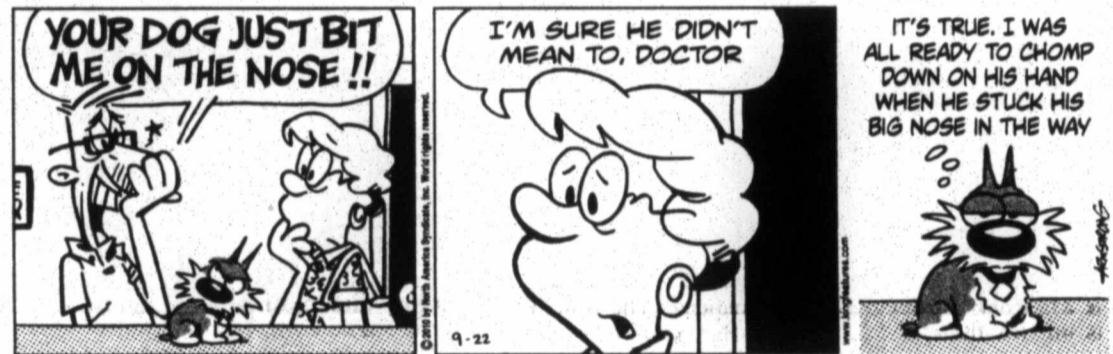
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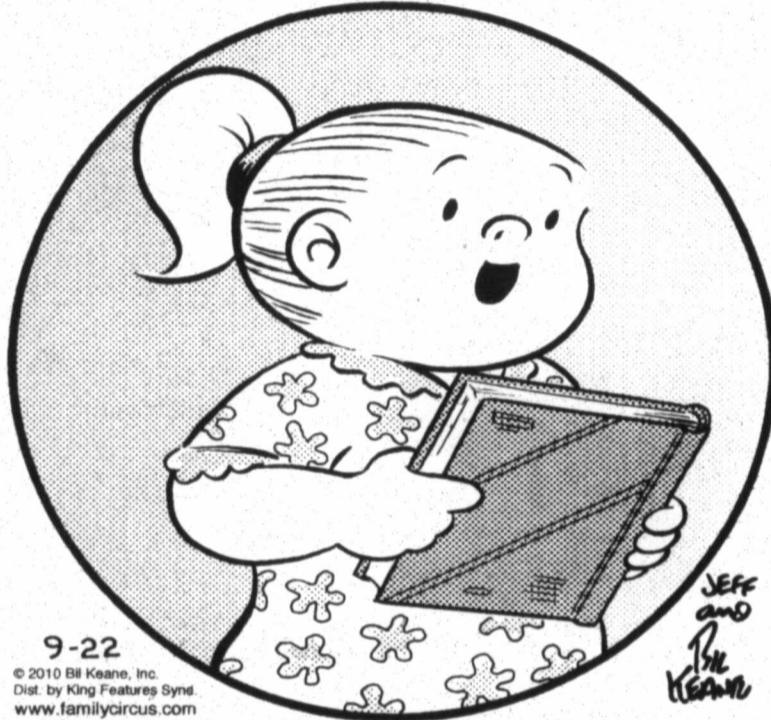


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"If you read me this bedtime story, I promise to stay awake."

Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS 41 Party VIP

1 Fluttery insects

6 Make tea

10 Basketball's Shaquille

11 Bowling round

12 Like ale

13 Cyclist Armstrong

14 Different

15 Used the track

16 Court divider

17 Pigeon call

18 "You betcha!"

19 Shrimp boats

22 Nest setting

23 Classify

26 Movie promo

29 Slop slurper

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33 Crow call

34 Paper worker

36 Plumbing piece

37 Black bird

38 Toned down

39 Heart's place

40 Knock for a loop

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Yesterday's answer

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- 17 Fulton's boat
- 20 Drenched
- 21 Costa del
- 24 Small concert
- 25 Circus swinger
- 27 Melody
- 28 Norway neighbor
- 29 Bar in a cage
- 30 Sun Valley setting
- 31 Donates
- 35 Ordeal
- 36 Mountain lion
- 38 Periodical, for short

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Daily Horoscope

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have 5-Dynamic, 4-Positive, 3-Average, 2-So-so, 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***** Invigorated, the Ram will be unstoppable. Issues that might be Full Moon-driven might be easily resolved with a different perspective and a willingness to try another way. A partner is difficult. You cannot change what is going on Tonight. Think "fun." Make weekend plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Know when to back off. What you think and feel also might be exaggerated in some form. This could be the result of the issues that surround you. Knowing that, the less done and the less said, the better the end results will be. Tonight: Vanish early.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Zero in on what you want. A child or new friend could weigh you down in a substantial manner. Use diplo-

mac and walk away from what might be a distinct issue. Your smile goes far. Tonight: Where you are, the action is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** Step up to the plate. Though there could be an issue involving a child or loved one, you see a matter in a different light. How you deal with someone and the choices you make could be dynamic and long term. Let go of worry. Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
*** You know how to look at the big picture. What is stopping you? You know what works and are an unusually creative thinker. Negativity can stop you from taking a necessary leap of faith. Trust yourself. Tonight: Where there is music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Inadvertently, one issue or bond puts pressure on another. You might want to stop worrying so much and just do what feels right. Walk away from controlling behavior by not playing. Tonight: Listen to a dear older friend's suggestion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** You could take what is going on personally or you could just observe. Others seem strong and determined to have a situation unfold in the style they believe is best. Know when to say little — like now. Tonight: You revise your thinking about a key relationship.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** Understanding evolves to a new level if you observe more and judge less. When asked an opinion, the smart Scorp will pull back and diplomatically smile and say little. If you are feeling a bit awkward with a co-worker, distance yourself. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** You can move through a situation if you tap into your creativity and humor. While lightening up the problem, you'll find the solution with ease with the support of others. Do avoid a meeting. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** You might wonder what you need to do in order to balance what for many could be a touchy situation. A boss or someone you look up to could be difficult at best. Know what you are doing, and be careful which circles you move in. Tonight: Put your feet up at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** You have a winning way, and you know it. Let your ability to excel in situations with many different issues or changing scenarios step right in. You might want to update your self-image or opinion about someone close. Tonight: Only where the action is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
** Be sensible when it comes to spending and enjoying yourself. There needs to be a strong line of demarcation, whether you want it or not. Revise your long-term goals or a friendship that just might not be cutting it for you. Tonight: Time to treat.

BORN TODAY
Actor Mickey Rooney (1920), singer Ray Charles (1930), singer Bruce Springsteen (1949)

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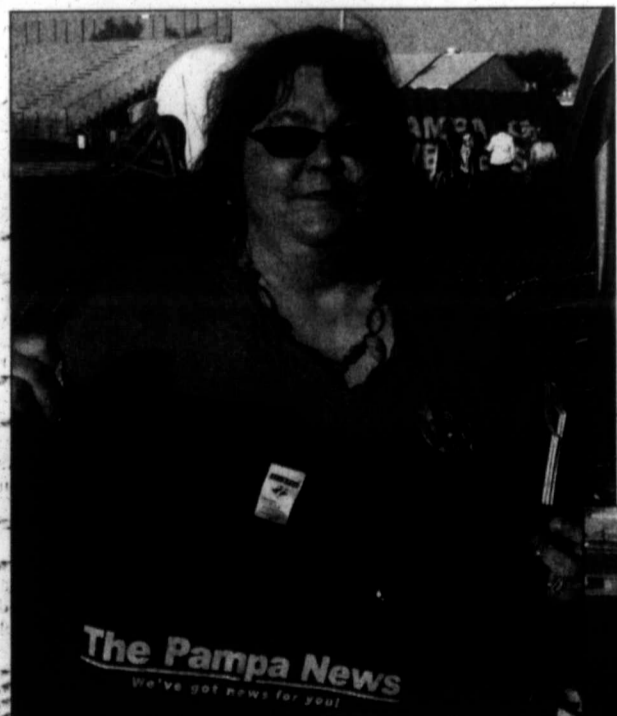
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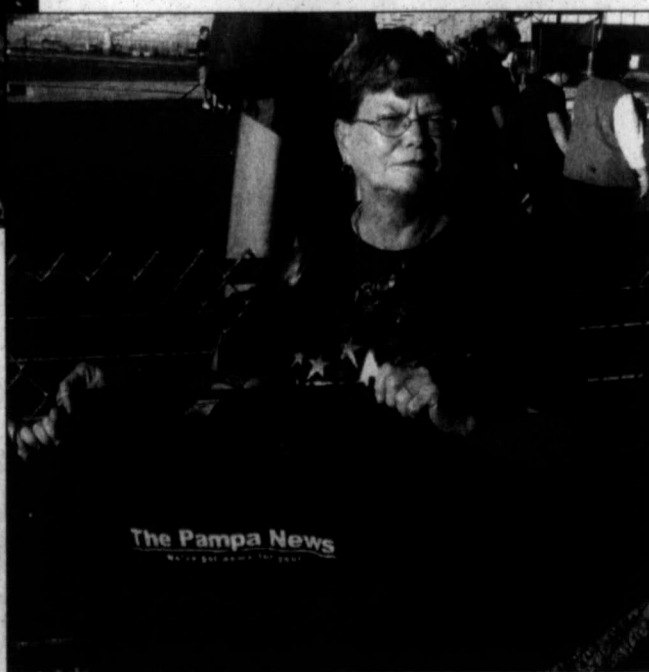
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Sports

Harvesters tennis locks up Borger, eclipses '09 win total

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The Pampa Harvesters tennis team jumped out early and held on for a 11-8 victory over the Borger Bulldogs Tuesday at the high school tennis courts.

Though they are in the same district, this match was considered a non-district match.

At one point in the match, Pampa held a 9-4 edge in matches. Head coach Sarah Corse said the match was much closer than she anticipated.

"I can't take anything away from them (Borger)," Corse said. "They got some good players."

The boys were strong, going 2-1 in doubles and 4-2 in singles. Sophomore Nick Nelson won both his doubles (7-5, 7-5) and singles matches. His partner, junior Collin McClendon, won one of the extra single matches.

The Lady Harvesters went 2-1 in doubles, but Borger had the edge in singles 5-1. Senior Holly Gage won her doubles match with sophomore Makayla Hampton 6-3, 4-6, 10-6 and her singles match 7-6

and 6-4. Gage was down 4-1 in the second set before she came back. Her singles victory was the decisive 10th match victory.

Gage said she was glad she was able to clinch the match.

"It felt pretty good," Gage said. "I'm glad Coach Corse told me after the match and not before."

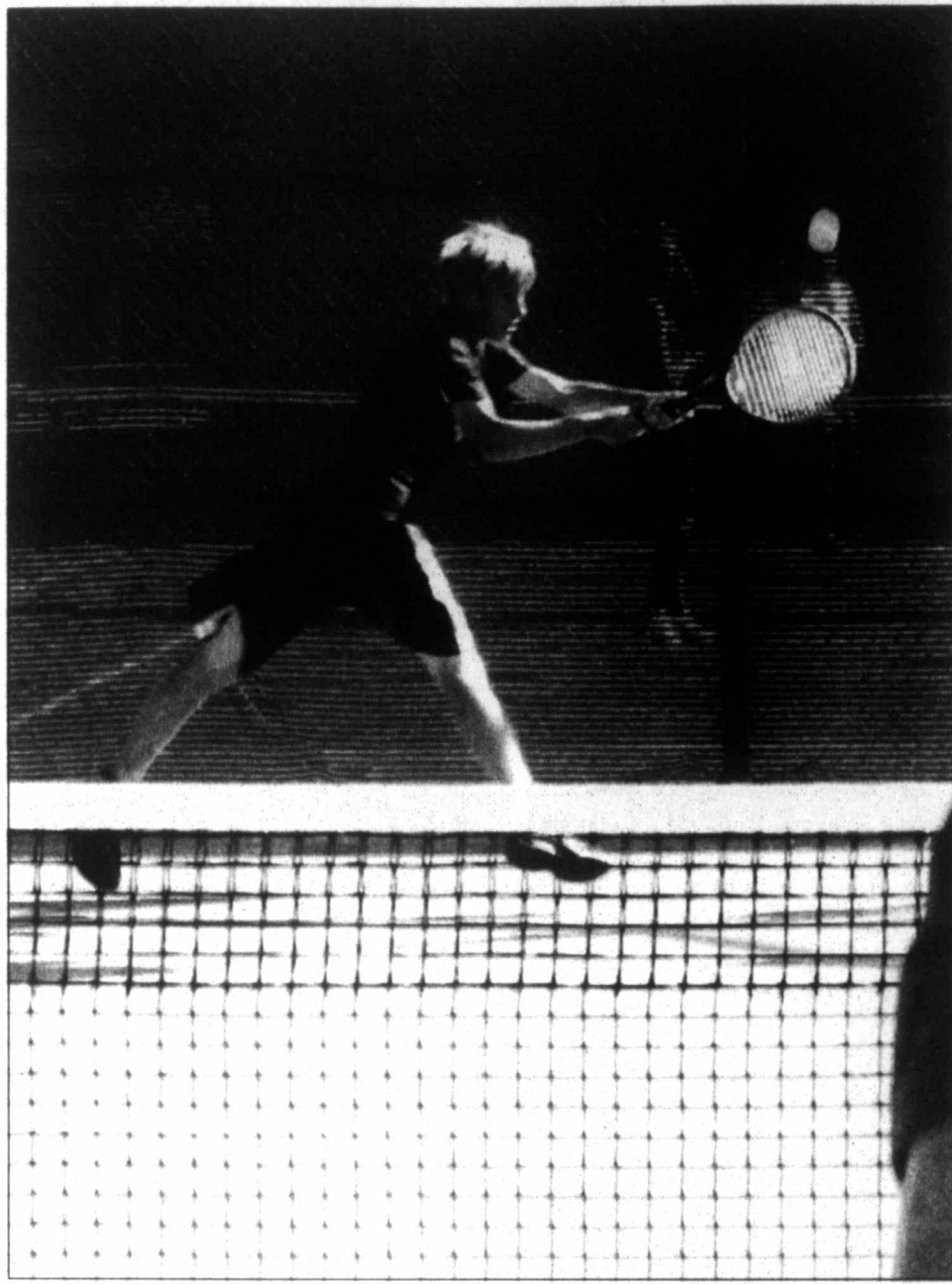
Elizabeth Terry and Braden Russell won the mixed doubles match 6-2, 6-2. With the victory the Harvesters (6-3) eclipsed last year's win total. Gage said the team has improved quite a bit.

"We lost a lot of girls from last year," Gage said. "The new people are coming in and pulling their weight."

Corse said beating last year's win total is fantastic and that she didn't know what to expect with a whole new group of girls.

"Everyone is new on the girls' side except Holly (Gage), Elizabeth (Terry) and Makayla (Hampton)," Corse said. "Elizabeth and Makayla didn't play team tennis last season. They have done a really good job."

The Harvesters visit former district rival and 4A powerhouse Canyon Sep. 30.



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Junior Landon Karbo uses a backhand to return a ball in his doubles match Tuesday against Borger. The Harvesters won the match 11-8 to improve to 6-3.

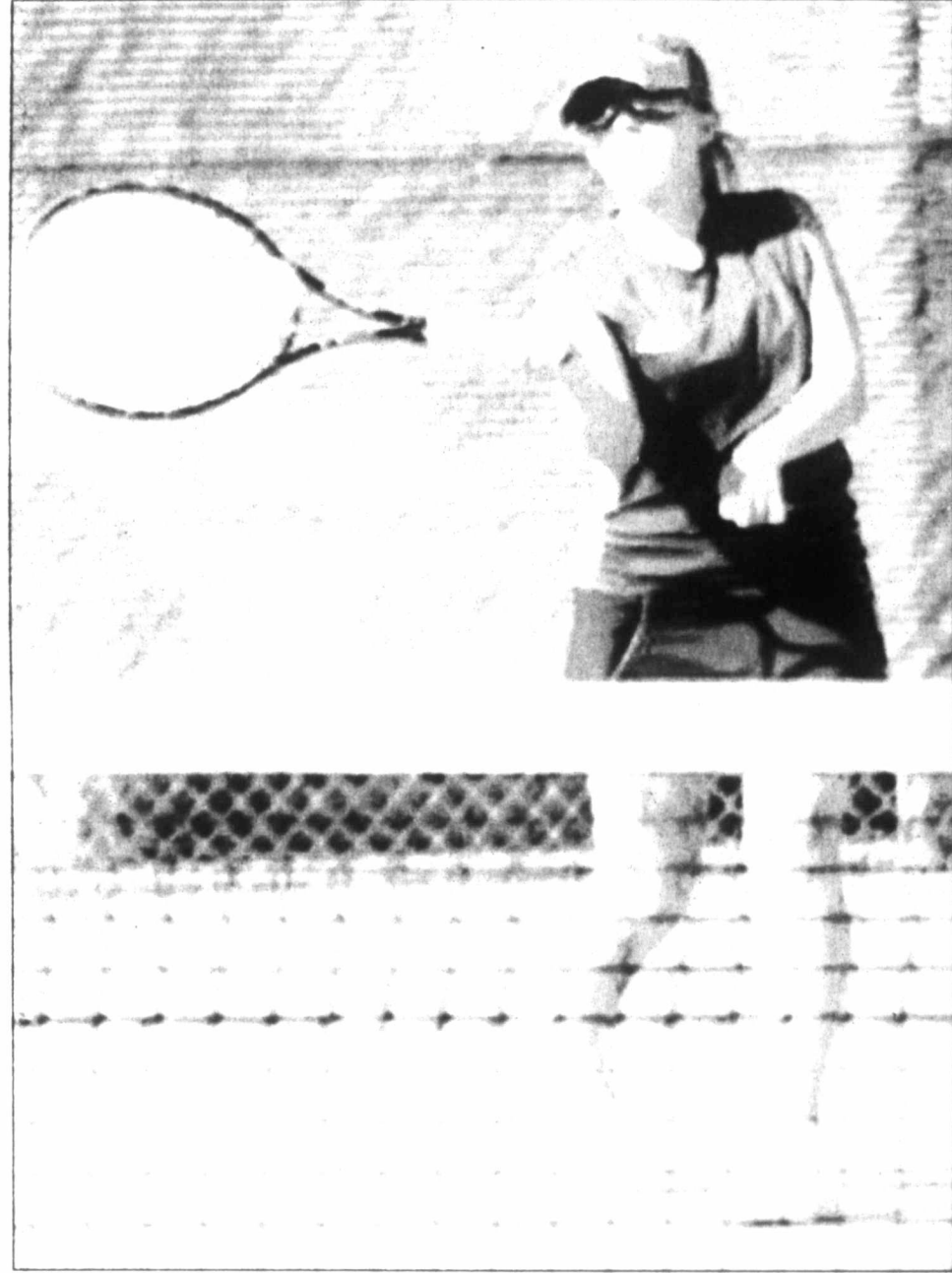


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Senior Emily Hart hits a forehand in her singles match at Pampa High School tennis courts. Hart lost the match but Pampa won overall 11-8.

Lady Harvesters win final non-district match vs. LHS

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The Lady Harvesters were looking to go into district with some momentum, and they did sweeping the Lubbock High Lady Westerners (25-22, 25-17, 25-11).

Head coach Libby Garza said the girls played great last night and have improved everyday.

"They got better every game," Garza said. "I thought that Taryn (Eubank) distributed the ball very well and she was seeing the court extremely well. It was just all in all a great match everywhere for us which is what we need going into Saturday."

Junior Ramie Hutto led the team in kills with 14 and junior Kailyn Troxell had 11. Junior Alanna Stephens led the team

in serve aces with three. Junior Kirsten Kuhn led the team in digs with 34. Senior Eubank led the team in assists with 34 and had five kills and 14 digs.

The Lady Harvesters (19-11) open district play Saturday hosting the Dalhart Lady Golden Wolves. Garza said it will be a tough match but her team is confident.

"Dalhart is going to be very tough defensively so this week we will be perfecting our defense and passing and working on different shots offensively," Garza said. "The girls are pumped and it will be a great game to watch."

The junior varsity starts at 2 p.m. with the varsity starting around 3 p.m. The varsity game is "Pack the Pit," with the volleyball boosters giving away prizes including restaurant certificates.

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