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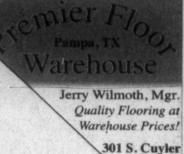
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With Skinner arguments ahead, groups back D.A.

MICHAEL GRACZYK Associated Press

LIVINGSTON — The Supreme Court will hear arguments Wednesday on whether Hank Skinner — and, consequently, other prison inmates - may use a federal civil rights law to get DNA testing that was not performed before their conviction.

Skinner was convicted of pum-

meling his girlfriend with a pickax handle and stabbing her two sons on New Year's Eve in 1993 in their Pampa home. DNA evidence at his trial showed blood on his clothing from that night was his and from at least two of the victims.

Prosecutors in Skinner's case, however, have refused to make additional evidence available for DNA testing, including knives from the scene and a jacket next to

one of the bodies.

Wednesday's arguments come seven months after the Supreme Court spared Skinner just an hour before he was to go to the death chamber. Justices said then they wanted to postpone his execution until they decided whether to review his case.

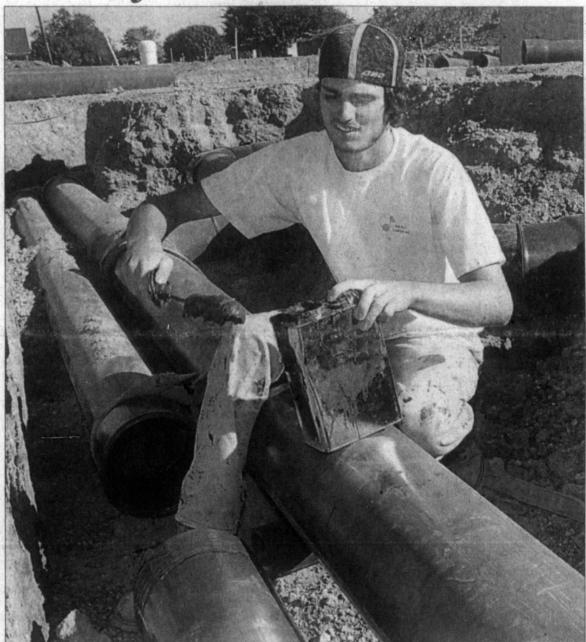
Gray County District Attorney Lynn Switzer has refused to surrender the items and lower courts

agreed with her, saying Texas law already gave Skinner "plenty of opportunity" to show additional testing could prove his innocence.

Skinner, a former convicted car thief and parole violator, was trying to "game the system," Switzer

Prosecutors have said there's no evidence to conclusively prove Skinner wasn't the killer and that SKINNER cont. on page 5

JOINT EFFORT



staff photo by David Bowser

Brad Scott of The Pool Company works on joints for the underground plumbing at Pampa's new aquatic park. These pipes will feed water into the system while a similar set of pipes will take water out and through a filtration system. The park is expected to be open next spring in time for the summer season.

City's sales tax receipts hold steady

DAVID BOWSER

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The city sales tax receipts are holding steady over last year's collections.

"This month the amount we collected was 7.08 percent more than the same time last year," said Robin Bailey, Pampa finance director.

That's the fourth month in a row, she said, to exceed the prior year's collections.

"We're really pleased about that," Bailey said.

She said the city's collections

exceed what they had budgeted by about 20 percent. Bailey said that sales tax rev-

enue had two of three years in a row with steady slow growth and then had one year where it jumped. The year after that it dropped.

"We averaged all of those to do our budgeting," she explained.

Consequently, she said, comparing budgets on a month-tomonth basis is difficult.

"But overall so far this year," Bailey said, "we're \$21,362 over budgeted income."

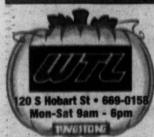
She said that even though the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, this is for collections through August.

"We'll have one more month," she said with regard to the closing out of the fiscal year. "The payment that will come in November

will also go into this fiscal year." Sales taxes are collected and sent to the state. The state then refunds the city's portion. The sales tax refunds, therefore, run a TAXES cont. on page 5

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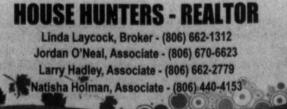


THINK PINK

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Junior Ramie Hutto helped PHS volleyball clinch the postseason, the team's first since 1999. For more, check out SPORTS, page 9.





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Pampa's Kidd a homegrown deputy



As the setting sun turns into a red ball on

the western horizon, Zach Kidd turns his patrol car south toward Interstate 40. A four-year veteran of the Gray County

Sheriff's Department, Kidd is a native of Born in Pampa 25 years ago, Kidd gradu-

ated from Lefors High School in 2003. From there, he attended Clarendon College and then went to the Police Academy at Amarillo College.

Kidd joined the Gray County Sheriff's Office in March, 2006, just in time for that spring's devastating wildfires.

His first day at work was, in his words, the day of all the wildfires.



staff photo by David Bowse

Deputy Zach Kidd is a Pampa native and a graduate of Lefors High School.

A downed electric line reportedly started the grass fires that eventually swept across the eastern Texas Panhandle, burning a million acres of grassland, killing several people and scores of livestock.

Kidd's first day at work was 25 hours long. KIDD cont. on page 3





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PAMPA FORECAST

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Wednesday Thursday Tuesday

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 44. North northwest wind around 10 mph.

Low 43

Low 48

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 75. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. North northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 71. North northeast wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 43. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 78. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Clear, with a low around 48. South southwest wind around 10 mph.

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Obituaries

Glenda Dickey, 59

MCLEAN-Glenda Dickey, 59, died Friday, Oct. 8, 2010 in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2010, at Trinity Church in McLean with Pastor Mike Maxwell of Trinity Church of McLean and Pastor Larry Perkins of First Christian Church of Panhandle, officiating.

Burial will be at Mobeetie Cemetery under the Dickey direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Dickey was born on June 21, 1951, in Pampa. She was raised in Mobeetie and was a 1969 graduate of Mobeetie High School. She married Terry Dickey on

June 16, 1971, in Mobeetie. Glenda moved to Perryton in 1973 and resided in the Perryton-Balko, Oklahoma area for 19 years where she was a beauty operator and served as the financial secretary for Key Heights Baptist Church in Perryton. In 1992, she moved to McLean where she worked as high school secretary and later church secretary for Trinity Church in McLean. Glenda loved to help people in need, and most of all, she loved spending time with her grandchildren. Survivors include her husband, Terry Dickey of the

home; two sons, Brad Dickey of Mobeetie and John Dickey and wife Hannah of McLean; a brother, Eddie Hodges and wife Joyce of Texarkana; a sister, Gail Moke and husband Eddy of Amarillo; three grandsons, Luke and Noah Dickey, both of Canyon, and Jaytin Dickey of McLean; two granddaughters, Jaylie and Jayla Dickey, both of McLean. Glenda was preceded in death by her parents, Glen D. and Holly Estelle Seitz

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests over the weekend

Friday, Oct. 8

Stephen Allen Smith, 24, was arrested by deputies on a Potter County warrant charging him with engaging in organized criminal activ-

Jesus Adrian Ramirez, 18, was arrested by deputies on charges of burglary of a habitation.

Oaty Don Scott, 34, was arrested by deputies on charges of theft of property over \$50 but under \$500, theft of property over \$500 but under \$1,500 and forgery of a financial instrument.

Randall Wayne Oakley, 22, was arrested by deputies on charges of theft of property over \$500 but under \$1,500.

Jacob Coronado, 18, was arrested by deputies on charges of burglary of a habitation.

Jimmy Boyd, 53, of Clar endon, was arrested by deputies on charges of theft by check

Juan Ramirez, 17, was arrested by deputies on charges of burglary of a habita-

Daniel Craig Baker, 30, was arrested by police on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, second offense, and failure to appear.

Theodore Edward Whittley, 36, was arrested by deputies on charges of theft under \$50 and failure to appear.

Dustin Ray Langley, 23, was arrested by police on charges of violating a protective order.

Timothy Don Reminton, 33, was arrested by police on charges of driving without a

Saturday, Oct. 9

Shonta Coley Cox, 33, of Amarillo, was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of drug parapherna-

Daniel Jay Whittley, 39, was arrested by deputies on charges of failure to appear. Sunday, Oct. 10

Erasmo Jesus Soto, 24, was arrested by police on charges of furnishing alcohol to a minor

Bobby Lee Sprouse, 24, was arrested by police on charges of public intoxica-

Don Ray Howard, 38, of Borger, was arrested by police on charges of driving while license invalid and failure to appear.

Arturo Morales, 28, was arrested by police on charges of public intoxication.

Police Department

Police reported 76 trafficrelated calls and six acci-

reported 37 calls over the

fors Volunteer Fire Department reported one ambulance call. Friday, Oct. 8

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of North Somerville.

Firefighters gave a fire prevention presentation at 700 West Browning.

Firefighters were called to battle a house fire in the 1900 block of North Nel-

An alarm was reported in the 900 block of Fisher.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1100 block of South Huff.

A suspicious person was reported in the 300 block of North Davis.

Firefighters made a fire prevention presentation in the 1200 block of South Dwight.

A threat was reported in the 100 block of East Har-Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 700 block of North Frost.

A 911 hangup call was North Houston.

A fraud was reported to A suspicious vehicle was

reported in the 1900 block of Beech.

Phone harassment was reported to police.

City crews turned off the water in the 400 block of East Browning. A vehicle was reported

stolen in the 900 block of Cinderella. A theft was reported in the 700 block of Sloan.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2500 block of North Aspen.

A violation of city ordinance was reported in the 500 block of North Mag-

nolia. A theft was reported in the 200 block of Miami.

Officers served a warrant

at Wheeler and Tignor. A suspicious person was

reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of

North Aspen. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block

of North Hobart. An assault was reported

in the 700 block of East Browning. A domestic disturbance

was reported in the 1300 block of North Starkweath-

Violation of a protective order was reported in the 600 block of Deanne.

persons Suspicious were reported in the 1000 block of West Wilks and at

Faulkner and Crawford. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of

South Hughes. Saturday, Oct. 9

Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville. A suspicious person was

reported at Crawford and Love. Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 800 block of East Locust. A prowler was reported in

the 400 block of Pitts. City crews turned off the

1500 block of North Sum-An assault was reported

Charles Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 500 block of West Elm. An alarm was reported in

in the 2800 block of North .

the 300 block of North Ho-A theft was reported in the

100 block of North Cuyler. City crews turned of the water in the 1000 block of South Banks and the 1500

block of North Sumner. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of East Campbell.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of East Browning.

A violation of city ordinances was reported in the 1100 block of Terrace. Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 1000 block of South Wells. Criminal mischief was

reported in the 700 block of East Browning. Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 1100 block of South Varnon.

A fire investigation was launched in the 1600 block of West Kentucky.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of North Nelson.

Sunday, Oct. 10

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of North Christy. An assault was reported at

One Medical Plaza.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of South Nelson and in the 700 block of North Christy.

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ing in the 100 block of East Craven Disorderly conduct was

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reported in the 1000 block of South Dwight. Phone harassment was

reported in the 500 block of North Hazel. An assault was reported

in the 600 block of East Craven. City crews shut off water in the 1200 block of North

Wells. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of North Faulkner.

Officers checked a building in the 100 block of East Randy Matson.

in the 800 block of North Christy

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of Ripley.

of North Ballard and in the 900 block of South Finley. An abandoned vehicle

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North Dogwood. City crews turned off the water in the 1600 block of

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Officers delivered a message in the 1000 block of Cinderella.

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South Wells. A violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 600 block of North Mag-

nolia. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400

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block of North Christine. A prowler was reported in the 300 block of East Sun-

City crews shut off the water in the 300 block of North Dwight.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 400 block of Graham and in the 2400 block of North Chris-A prowler was reported

in the 1000 block of South Sumner. A threat was reported in the 2200 block of North

Williston.

Monday, Oct. 11

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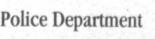
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The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls during the weekend.

Animal Control Officers Pampa EMS reported 10

ambulance calls. The Le-

water in the 1400 block of West Somerville and in the

An alarm was reported

Suspicious persons were reported in the 400 block

was reported in the 1800 block of North Lynn.

East U.S. Highway 60.

Study targets Gulf bluefin tuna

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - The National Marine Fisheries Service will study whether the Gulf of Mexico oil spill has hurt the bluefin tuna population to the point that the fish should be placed on the endangered species list.

The agency says the Center for Biological Diversity's San Francisco office provided substantial scientific information to back up its request to protect bluefin tuna under the Endangered Species Act.

The agency says it will make its recommendation by May 2011 — a year after the petition was filed.

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Bluefin are believed to spawn only in the Mediterranean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico. Oil from the busted BP well polluted the Gulf after the Deepwater Horizon rig exploded and sank in April.

Feds deny emergency aid

AUSTIN (AP) - A spokeswoman for Rick Perry says the Texas governor is considering his options after the federal government denied his request for emergency aid to help the state clean up from Tropical Storm Hermine.

President Barack Obama's administration rejected Perry's request for a major disaster declaration and about \$6.8 million in aid for 13 counties.

Craig Fugate, administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, wrote in a letter to the governor Friday that the storm's "severity and magnitude" did not exceed the capabilities of state and local government.

The aftereffects of the storm killed eight people, including seven in Texas.

American-Statesman that the governor can appeal.

Perry touts minority appointments

Perry spokeswoman Katherine Cesinger told the Austin

KILLEEN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry touted his appointments of minorities to state positions and advances in education during an appearance before the Texas State NAACP

Perry spoke to the group on Friday.

"You look at our flag that has one star because we are one Texas. We are one people," Perry said. "We are in pursuit of basically the same thing: the values of family, faith and hard work.

The Dallas Morning News reported that Gary Bledsoe, Texas NAACP president, introduced Perry and said that even though he may not always agree with him, it's important to judge both gubernatorial candidates fairly. Perry is being challenged by Democrat Bill White.

White: expand pre-K programs

KILLEEN (AP) — Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bill White emphasized educational issues during an appearance before the Texas State NAACP.

White spoke to the group on Saturday.

The Houston Democrat said his goals include the expansion of pre-kindergarten programs and technical education at the high school level, moving away from standardized testing as a measure of competency and "creating a sense of emergency" when any student drops out of school.

The Killeen Daily Herald reported that Gary Bledsoe, the law enforcement Texas State NAACP president, praised White's leadership style as mayor of Houston.

Students tracked with radio

HOUSTON (AP) Two school districts in the Houston area have begun monitoring students whereabouts on campus by issuing them identification badges with radio frequency identification technology ΓÇö the same technology used to track cattle.

The Spring school district in Houston has distributed the ID badges to about 13,500 of its 36,000 students since December 2008. The Santa Fe school district, about 30 miles south of Houston, began using the badges this year.

School officials say the devices improve security and increase attendance rates, a figure that's important because some school funding is tied to attendance. The Spring district uses the tracking system to find students counted absent by classroom teachers.

Often, the student is somewhere else on campus, allowing the district to recover \$194,000 in state funding since December 2008, said Christine Porter, Spring's associate superintendent for financial services.

The technology easily pays for itself within about three years at secondary schools, she said.

Talisman, Statoil buy Texas shale

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — A Canadian-Norwegian joint venture is buying 97,000 acres of natural gas-rich land in the Eagle Ford play in South Texas.

Calgary-based Talisman Energy Inc. says it's joining Stavanger, Norway-based Statoil in paying \$1.325 billion total for the land, which currently belongs to Enduring

Talisman said Sunday that the project will be a 50-50 joint venture between the companies. Talisman will be the initial operator, but Statoil will operate at least half of the joint assets within three years.

Talisman estimated that the property contains the equivalent of 800 million barrels of oil.

The property currently produces the equivalent of 5,500 barrels of oil per day, Talisman said. It said six wells are birds," he said. producing energy, and 20 more will have been drilled by

Shale oil and gas deposits have become a key source of school and then go on to U.S. energy production. New techniques make it easier to reach oil and gas trapped beneath layers of rock deep

Both Talisman and Statoil have been expanding their shale gas operations in North America.

Teacher charged with child injury

CANUTILLO (AP) — A Texas school teacher faces a charge of injury to a child after a student's mother says the man knocked her daughter to the ground and pulled her back up by her hair.

The El Paso County sheriff's office announced the arrest of 49-year-old Jose Gregory Juarez on Monday. Juarez he is. was arrested Friday and booked into the El Paso County jail on a charge of injury to a child. His bond was set at

\$45,000, and he was released Saturday. A working telephone number for Juarez could not be located. A school district spokeswoman declined to comment.

The mother of the 9-year-old told sheriff deputies her daughter was knocked down Wednesday, then dragged around by her leg before being pulled back up by her ponytail.

AFTERNOONRUSH Chinese buy stake in south Texas oil

DALLAS (AP) China's state-owned offshore oil and gas company has bought a one-third interest in 600,000 acres that Chesapeake Energy leases in a south Texas oil and gas field.

CNOOC Ltd. City-based Oklahoma Chesapeake announced the deal worth up to \$2.16 billion Sunday in the Eagle Ford Shale project between Laredo and San Antonio. A joint statement says CNOOC will pay Chesapeake \$1.08 billion in cash at closing and share 75 percent of Chesapeake's drilling and completion costs up to another \$1.08 billion.

Chesapeake expects to produce 400,000 to 500,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day at the project's peak.

For Chesapeake, the deal provides capital to put towards drilling and other aspects of its Eagle Ford operation. For its part, CNOOC is looking to tap into the expertise that Chesapeake has used to cheaply tap reserves of oil and gas buried deep in shale rock formations. Chesapeake has entered into similar deals with other foreign oil and gas companies like Statoil of Norway and Total of France.

Chesapeake chief execu-

tive Aubrey McClendon said in an interview that CNOOC probably wants to "see how an American independent (oil and gas company) conducts its business and learn a few

things along the way." Chesapeake currently has 10 rigs developing its Eagle Ford lease. The additional capital from CNOOC should allow it to boost that total to 12 rigs by the end of this year, 31 rigs by year-end 2011 and about 40 rigs by year-end

McClendon said he expects the deal to result in 20,000 new jobs.

The Eagle Ford shale is expected to contain mostly oil and natural gas liquids as opposed to strictly natural gas. Chesapeake is in the midst of an effort to expand its shale oil drilling operations.

The development of cheaply accessible natural gas resources by Chesapeake and others has pushed natural gas prices to below \$4 per 1,000 cubic feet. It is far more profitable to instead drill for oil, which is trading above \$82 per barrel.

The deal is the second in as many days for CNOOC It announced Saturday that it has bought 2.6 million tons of liquefied natural gas from French utility GDF Suez.

Kidd

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"They told us to go down by Alanreed and McLean," Kidd said, "so we went down there.

But there was a manhunt in Canadian.

"They told us to go up there to Canadian," Kidd said. "I spent most of that night looking at a building, waiting for a guy to come back.

Kidd was quickly initiated into the world of law enforcement. There was a lot of waiting.

The man he was looking for never came back to the building Kidd was watching and was eventually captured elsewhere, but the new deputy quickly learned that he who stands and waits also serves.

To complicate matters, Kidd was scheduled to go to a law enforcement seminar down in Childress that morning.

They pulled me off and sent me to Childress," he

But when he got there, school sent him back to Pampa to help with fire "Since the entire pan-

handle was on fire, they said to go back to our jobs," Kidd said. The instructors fig-

ured their students were needed more on the fire line than they needed the

With a grin, Kidd said it's been a bit calmer for the most part since then.

"It's been pretty easy going," he said.

That doesn't mean that he hasn't had anything to do

Kidd is now on the evening shift, that time when things start happening under cover of darkness.

"I started out on days," he said, "and went to days and relief and then midnight relief."

Now, he comes on duty about the time most honest hard-working people are going home. He works from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. There's another group that comes out after dark.

"It's not boring," Kidd admitted.

His family still calls Lefors home.

Kidd said he still like to

hunt in his time off. "I like to hunt deer and

Eventually, Kidd said he'd like to go back to teach and coach.

Five or six years ago, he said he thought he wanted to teach math, but now it would probably be history.

He said he has a good friend coaching at Lefors now.

But that's all at some undefined time in the future. For now, Kidd said he's happy where

"I really like everybody I work with," Kidd said, "both here and at the police department. I get along with everybody."

He said it's good to know that he can depend on the people with whom he works for help.



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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Monday, Oct. 11, the 284th day of 2010. There are 81 days left in the year. This is the Columbus Day observance in the United States, as well as Thanksgiving Day in Canada.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 11, 1910, Theodore Roosevelt became the first former U.S. president to fly in an airplane during a visit to St. Louis, Mo. (The pilot of the Wright Flyer that Roosevelt flew aboard, Arch Hoxsey, was killed in a crash more than a month and a-half later.)

On this date:

In 1779, Polish nobleman Casimir Pulaski, fighting for American independence, died two days after being mortally wounded during the Revolutionary War Battle of Savannah, Ga.

In 1809, just over three years after the famous Lewis and Clark expedition ended, Meriwether Lewis was found dead in a Tennessee inn, an apparent suicide; he was 35.

In 1884, American first lady Eleanor Roosevelt was born in New York City.

In 1890, the Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in Washington, D.C.

In 1958, the lunar probe Pioneer 1 was launched; it failed to go as far out as planned, fell back to Earth,

and burned up in the atmosphere. In 1962, Pope John XXIII convened the first session of the Roman Catholic Church's Second Ecumenical Council, also known as "Vatican 2."

In 1968, Apollo 7, the first manned Apollo mission, was launched with astronauts Wally Schirra, Donn Fulton Eisele and R. Walter Cunningham aboard. The government of Panama was overthrown in a military coup

In 1975, "NBC Saturday Night" (later "Saturday Night Live") made its debut with guest host George

In 1984, space shuttle Challenger astronaut Kathryn Sullivan became the first American woman to walk in space.

In 1985, Arab-American activist Alex Odeh was killed by a bomb blast in Santa Ana, Calif. (No arrests have been made in the case.)

Ten years ago: The eastern Kentucky community of Inez was inundated with more than 300 million gallons of coal sludge that had leaked from an impoundment belonging to Martin County Coal. Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore met in their second debate, this one held at Wake Forest University in North Carolina. Americans James J. Heckman and Daniel L. McFadden won the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences

Five years ago: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said it had finished pumping out the New Orleans metropolitan area, which was flooded by Hurricane Katrina six weeks earlier and then was swamped again by Hurricane Rita. A Russian spacecraft carrying U.S. millionaire Gregory Olsen and a two-man crew landed in Kazakhstan after a seven-day space

One year ago: Thousands of gay rights supporters marched from the White House to the U.S. Capitol. A 22-hour attack on Pakistan's army headquarters in Rawalpindi ended with nine militants and 14 others dead. A Russian Soyuz capsule carrying Cirque du Soleil founder Guy Laliberte (gee lah-lee-behr-TAY') and two other space travelers landed safely in Kazakhstan.

Today's Birthdays: Author Elmore Leonard is 85. Actor Earle Hyman is 84. Former U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry is 83. Actor Ron Leibman is 73. Actor Amitabh Bachchan is 68. Country singer Gene Watson is 67. Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.) is 60. Rhythm-and-blues musician Andrew Woolfolk is 60. Actress-director Catlin Adams is 60. Country singer Paulette Carlson is 59. Actor David Morse is 57. Actor Stephen Spinella is 54. Pro Football Hall of Famer Steve Young is 49. Actress Joan Cusack is 48. Rock musician Scott Johnson (Gin Blossoms) is 48. Comedy writer and TV host Michael J. Nelson is 46. Actor Sean Patrick Flanery is 45. College Football Hall of Famer Chris Spielman is 45. Actor Luke Perry is 44. Country singer-songwriter Todd Snider is 44. Actor-comedian Artie Lange is 43. Actress Jane Krakowski is 42. Rapper U-God (Wu-Tang Clan) is 40. Rapper MC Lyte is 39. Figure skater Kyoko Ina is 38. Singer NeeNa Lee is 35. Actress Emily Deschanel is 34. Actor Matt Bomer is 33. Actor Trevor Donovan is 32. Actress Michelle Trachtenberg is 25. Golfer Michelle Wie is 21.

Thought for Today: "Science is organized knowledge. Wisdom is organized life." - Immanuel Kant, German philosopher (1724-1804).



Out with the old, in with the new

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You know what they say: If you love something, let it go.

Here's a little addendum: If you didn't really like it all that much, don't get too worked up over it. If you can find something you like better, then, hey, go to town.

With all of that in mind, it's with heavy hearts that we're saying goodbye to some of the longtime residents of our funnies section. The Pattersons, the beloved protagonists of Lynn Johnston's "For Better or Worse,"

have vacated their regular spot at the top of the page. We here at The Pampa News felt that, with Johnston ending the strip's main storyline in August of 2008, it was time for us to part ways to the venerable Canadian clan.

The same went for old four-legged friend "Marmaduke," which I'm sure is a blow to the afternoons of dog lovers countywide. Ditto "Flo and Friends," with a heartfelt "thank you" to author Jenny Campbell for featuring own Burnin' the Bricks festival in a recent panel. Apologies to fans of those strips — there were quite a few within our ranks, too — but we ultimately felt it was time to go a different direction.

(Oh, and then there's "B.C.," which, quite honestly, I've been trying to kill with fire since I got here six months ago. Lots of people love those cavemen, but not me. It's 2010. See you guys next Ice Age.)

Lest you all panic about all the blank spaces we'll be leaving in the comics page, though, don't worry; I'm not here just as the bearer of goodbyes and good riddances. Some new strips are moving in this week, and if I do say so myself, we're pretty excited about our incoming tenants.

First up, there's "Tundra," a relatively new offering from artist Chad Carpenter of Wasilla, Alaska. Frankly, I haven't laughed out loud consistently at a comic strip in a very long time until "Tundra" came along, so I think that Mr. Carpenter's panels will be a very welcome addition to your afternoons. It's kind of an oddball little strip, so any "The Far Side" fans out there should be especially keen to its off-center brand of humor. I could keep going, but it won't be as good as just reading the darn thing, so just flip over to page 6 and check it out.

Wiley Miller's "Non Sequitur" also makes its The Pampa News debut today, and we think that it's another new comic that our readers will really enjoy. Honored with four National Cartoonists Society awards, we're optimistic that the strip will pass your test as well.

Rounding out the new additions are "Mother Goose and Grim," "Shoe," and "Nest Heads," all of which we hope get good reviews from Gray County's discerning comic strip readers. It really was a tough decision for us to turn the proverbial page on some old favorites (except for "B.C."), but we really do think that we've come out with a better daily comics page for you with these changes. As always, we value your feedback and invite you to let us know how the new strips are hitting (or missing) your funny bone. Give them a few days and let us know what you think. My e-mail address, as usual, is at the bottom of the column.

(Did I mention we got rid of "B.C."? Doesn't everybody feel better now?)

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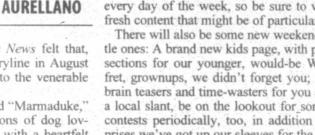
Speaking of new additions, the funnies aren't the only thing getting an overhaul around here of late. There's a lot of new stuff we've been itching to try out around here, so we're rolling them out, starting this week.

You may have already noticed some of them gracing the inside pages. We've got some new daily features opposite the Viewpoints page, centering on everything from antiques to do-it-yourself to Social Security. There's a new one for every day of the week, so be sure to watch that space for fresh content that might be of particular interest.

There will also be some new weekend content for the little ones: A brand new kids page, with puzzles and coloring sections for our younger, would-be Will Shortzes. Don't fret, grownups, we didn't forget you; we have some new brain teasers and time-wasters for you as well. Oh, and for a local slant, be on the lookout for some new ISpyPampa contests periodically, too, in addition to some other surprises we've got up our sleeves for the near future.

We really do hope that you like all of the new content. We're always on the lookout for anything that we can add to make your newspaper experience just a little better, and we think that all of the recent changes certainly fit the bill. Now, seriously, go enjoy the new stuff. I don't know why you're still reading me — I've been here for a while now.

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A Social Security lesson for teachers

TOM MARGENAU Creator's Syndicate

It's once again time for me to turn the tables on my old teachers by asking them to take a seat and pay attention as I deliver my semiannual lecture on the Social Security offset.

This lesson isn't directed at all teachers -- just those in states where teachers do not pay into Social Security. The two biggest such states are California and Texas, but there are a few others. And teachers really are not the only audience for this lecture. Anyone who works at a job that is not covered by Social Security (that's a little less than 10 percent of the population) is impacted by the same rules. But for some reason, it seems to be teachers who are most confused by the law. I can tell by the e-mails I get that many teachers incorrectly assume that they have been singled out for Social Security offsets that they believe impact no one else.

The law in question is the government pension offset law. In a nutshell, that law says that an amount equal to two-thirds of a non-Social Security-covered pension must be deducted from any Social Security dependent's benefits a person might be due. In effect, the law prevents most teachers (and other folks who work at jobs not covered by Social Security) from collecting wife's, widow's, husband's or widower's benefits from a spouse's Social Security record.

What these teachers don't realize is that the government pension offset law simply treats them in the same way that all other working people have always been treated. In other words, if a woman who worked at a job that was covered by Social Security gets a Social Security retirement pension, that pension has always offset any spousal benefits she might have been due. Before the GPO law went into effect, teachers were among the few working people in this country who could get their own retirement pension AND a dependent's benefit from Social Security.

And the GPO law actually gives teachers a bit of a break. Social



Security retirement pensions offset spousal benefits dollar for dollar. But a teacher's retirement pension causes only a three-for-two offset. In other words, for each \$3 you receive in a teacher's pension, you lose only \$2 from Social Security spousal benefits.

To help illustrate the law, I'd like you to meet Bob and Carol - and their neighbors Ted and Alice. They live in a nice suburb of Dallas. Their stories explain why the pension offset is fair.

Bob and Carol both worked all their lives. And they worked at jobs that were covered by Social Security. In other words, Social Security taxes were deducted from both their paychecks.

Neighbor Ted also worked at a job covered by Social Security. But his wife, Alice, was a teacher in Dallas. Texas teachers pay into a state teachers' retirement system, but they do not pay into Social

Bob retired and is getting \$1,200 per month in Social Security retirement benefits. Carol actually made a little more than Bob most of her life, so she's getting a Social Security retirement pension of about \$1,500 per month. Carol can't get (and frankly, doesn't expect) any wife's benefits on Bob's record because her own Social Security benefit precludes any spousal payments. In other words, Carol's own retirement benefit offsets any wife's benefits she might have been due on her husband's record. And for that matter, Bob can't get a husband's benefit on Carol's record because his own retirement benefit would

Across the street, Ted is receiving roughly the same Social Security benefit as Bob, about \$1,200 per month. His wife, Alice, is getting a \$3,000 monthly Texas teacher's pension. Before the pension offset

law was in place, Alice would have been eligible for a \$600 dependent wife's benefit from Social Security in addition to her teacher's pension. But now, the government penon offset law prevents that from

happening. Alice thinks she and other teachers are being singled out for Social Security penalties. What she doesn't understand is the law treats her the same way her neighbor Carol has always been treated. Again, it says that neither woman will get a dependent wife's benefit from Social Security because she is getting her own retirement pension.

For years, teachers and their unions have been "fighting to change this unjust law." And every year, they find some pandering politician who needs a few votes from educators to introduce a bill to eliminate the government pension offset. And every year, the bill goes down to defeat because, as Bob and Carol and Ted and Alice have shown you, the law is eminently

Having said that, I will admit there is a selfish side of me that hopes these fighting mad teachers prevail. Because you see, I am also impacted by the offset. I get a civil service retirement pension that offsets any husband's benefits I might potentially be due on my wife's Social Security record. That's the selfish side of me. But the practical side of me wonders why in the world I should be able to get my comfortable civil service retirement pension AND a dependent's Social Security benefit - especially when the law prevents more than 90 percent of the population from doing the same.

To learn more about the government pension offset, and a related law called the windfall elimination provision, send an e-mail to thomas. margenau@comcast.net and ask for a free copy of my pension offset fact sheet.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My son, "Jason," is a 17-year-old high school senior honor student. My wife and I have managed to establish a fairly open relationship with our children; we encourage honesty and have attempted to establish mutual respect.

Recently, Jason asked if he could have seven or eight friends over to drink. My wife, reasoning that if teenagers are going to indulge in alcohol, it's better. for them to do it in a safe, controlled environment, said yes. I, on the other hand, said no, based on the fact that the parents of the other teens would not approve. Jason admitted that was, in fact, the case.

While I agree with my wife's reasoning, I refuse to allow my house to become the place where teens can gather to drink without their parents' knowledge. Jason is now upset with me, and I'm afraid he may no longer be willing to confide in me. In my heart, I know I made the right decision, but my relationship with my son means the world to me. What do you think? - TORN IN HOUSTON

DEAR TORN: I agree. You did the right thing. You acted like a responsible parent. Not only would it have been illegal, but also, if any of your son's friends were to be injured after leaving the party drunk, the liability could have been yours.

That you asserted yourself will not ruin your relationship with your son forever. In time he will realize that your decision was the right one, and he will respect you for it. I know I do.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 50-year-old woman who is trying to figure out my

ter. "Jasmine" is five years older and has always been outspoken, bossy and insensitive. My role has always been to be the quiet, meek one

As children, Jasmine was jealous of me. She dominated me and was sometimes physically abusive. As an adult, I have struggled to assert myself. Every time I think I'm making headway, Jasmine will do or say something to take me down a few notches, leaving me devastated yet again.

I am tired. I have reached the point of giving up on having any kind of meaningful relationship with my sister. I don't know what else to do. We do not live close to each other and communicate mostly via email. I have not confronted her personally because when we're together it's usually a family function, and I don't want to drag the whole family into it or upset our mother. Any suggestions? - JASMINE'S WHIPPING GIRL

DEAR WHIPPING GIRL: Thank your lucky stars that you are exposed to your sister only infrequently. Until you can bring yourself to respond firmly when your sister steps over the line, it appears you'll have to continue tolerating the

My advice would be to speak your mind to Jasmine once and for all and let the chips fall where they may if she puts you down at a family gathering. It would hardly be considered "attacking her" if you said plainly that her comments are hurtful and offensive. It's the truth. And if she's doing this via the Internet, warn her once, and if she persists, then block her e-

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ample evidence exists to show he is guilty. They also contend new DNA testing "would not affirmatively prove

Since the Supreme Court justices agreed to look at the case, the high court ruled in a DNA-related case from Alaska that convicts have no constitutional right to test genetic evidence to try to show their innocence. The court said it would not second-guess states or force them routinely to look again at criminal convictions.

Attorneys for Switzer, citing that case, argued in court briefs that Skinner's lawyers hoped to get federal district courts involved in "second-guessing the decisions of state courts" under state DNA statutes. They also noted his trial lawyer chose not to test items Skinner now wants access to, and that using the civil rights law was an improper attempt to circumvent other appeals already refused.

Switzer has the backing of attorneys general from nearly two dozen states, who filed a brief on her behalf.

"He seeks a judge-crafted remedy that he hopes will be more favorable to him," the attorneys general's brief said. Similarly, the National District Attorneys Association urged the justices to reject Skinner's argument, saying a ruling favorable to him would undermine state law, expand federal jurisdiction over state matters and delay resolution of capital cases.

At his trial in 1995, Skinner's jury heard evidence he was in the house where his girlfriend, Twila Jean Busby, 40, and her two sons, Elwin "Scooter" Caler, 22, and Randy Busby, 20, were killed. Besides the blood on his clothing, Skinner's bloody hand prints were found in the house,

Skinner doesn't deny being in the home at the time of the slayings, but insisted he couldn't have killed them because he was passed out from a mix of vodka and

Answer to yesterday's puzzle

Skinner explained that Caler, who had several stab wounds, likely bled on him while trying to roust Skinner from his drunken stupor. And he said he was lying on a couch just a few feet from where Twila Busby was bludgeoned, likely accounting for her blood.

Police were summoned when Caler staggered to the front porch of a neighbor's home. Officers followed a 3-block-long blood trail to the trailer of a woman Skinner knew. He was found there hiding in a closet.

A defense blood-spatter witness at Skinner's trial acknowledged stains on Skinner's clothing were inconsistent with someone merely laying on a sofa.

Skinner's lawyers want DNA testing on vaginal swabs taken from Busby at the time of her autopsy, fingernail clippings, a knife from the porch of Busby's house and a second knife found in a plastic bag in the house, a towel with the second knife and a jacket next to Busby's body.

Skinner's trial attorney testified at an evidentiary hearing he didn't seek testing of the items Skinner's appeals lawyers now want because he feared the tests would be more damaging to the case.

Skinner and his lawyers point to Twila Busby's now deceased uncle, Robert Donnell, as the possible killer, contending he was a "hot-tempered ex-con" who became more violent when he drank. Donnell and Busby were seen at a New Year's Eve party the evening of the slayings but she returned home early after Donnell's crude remarks and unwanted passes, Skinner's lawyers have

Incapacitated from drugs and booze, Skinner didn't go

Texas has executed 16 inmates so far this year.

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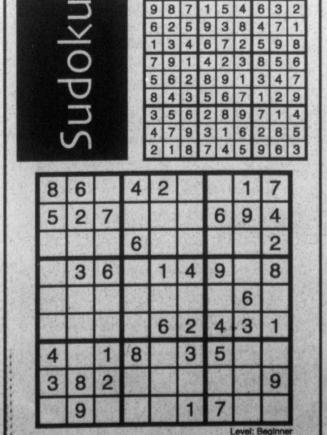
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month or two behind.

The \$255,393.74 that the City of Pampa received from the state for sales taxes reflects sales in August. Bailey admitted that earlier in the year she was concerned about making budget, but now it looks like the city will make its budget.

A year ago, the November, 2009, sales tax collections were 25.68 percent less than the year before

This year the city budgeted \$2,936,640 through August. They collected \$2,958,002.78 in sales taxes. Total collections so far this year total \$3,944,003.74.

Of that, \$986,000.93 goes to the Pampa Economic Development Corporation. Statewide, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said

sales tax collections totaled \$1.57 billion, up 6.8 percent compared to a year ago. She said that statewide, sales tax increases were

posted across almost all sectors including oil and gas, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade and restaurants.

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"...or Kyle's or Alex's or Joey's or Wade's."

Non Sequitur



Nest Heads



HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2010:

This year, you often become creative when others are difficult or rigid. Sometimes associates pull away because they are not used to the new you. Give others the space and time to adjust. If you are single, your allure is quite intense, and others want to come in closer. You have many potential suitors to get to know and decide if you want to get to know better. Enjoy the process dating can be fun. If you are attached, your relationship will benefit from adding some good old-fashioned dates. SAGITTARIUS

has many ideas — and opinions. 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)

** Flex with the moment and understand what is happening behind the scenes. Your creativity is high, and you demonstrate a unique ability to problem-solve. An insight, though upsetting, guides you. Relax, knowing that you need this knowledge.

Tonight: Get some expert opinions. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Be willing to work with one other person directly. You'll gain unusual results. Be open to the unexpected, knowing when you have had enough of a situation. Your insight will evolve if you kick back and decide not to trigger. Tonight: Chat with a

friend. Get his or her impression. **GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

*** You could see a situation far differently from others at first. Your ability to move in a new direction depends on your willingness to work with others. Knowing when to say "enough" could be more important than you realize. Tonight: Meet a loved one for dinner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** You might want to see a situation in a different light than in the past. Your sense of humor emerges when discussing a problem. You realize how trivial it might be when you consider another perspective. Tonight: Go with your instincts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Keep tapping into your creativity to find the right answer for each situation. Once more, a partner proves to be unpredictable and quite deliberate in his or her actions. You might want to give this person more space in the future. Tonight: Where

the fun is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

** If you can stay close to home, please do. There is a lot of give-and-take between a situation and what goes on. Others tend to make a mess of plans. If you feel a need to have matters go in a certain direction, consider going out on your own. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Keep asking the same question until you get the answer you need. Phrase your words differently if you must, knowing full well where you are coming from. Tonight: Head home, then decide.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Your ability to home in on some basics allows for greater give-andtake. When someone torpedoes an agreement or existing plans, you will know what to do. Realize your limits financially, and you won't make an error. Tonight: A little

self-discipline goes a long way. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** You can go a long way completing a project. You can handle any interference, as you are goal-directed. Follow your instincts, and you cannot go wrong. Let your creativity open up. Tonight: Just

follow your whims. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

** Make plans; research important decisions. You won't be on hold much longer. Your instincts could be quite out of whack with money. You might be seeing only what you want to see. Know that this type of warped perspective isn't your norm. Tonight: Nap; decide later.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Use today to push any key project forward. You could be surprised by your options if you listen to several different people who don't think like you. Don't think in terms of wasted funds and time. Tonight: Make it an early night.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★ Know that you need to make the first move in order to make a situation work. You know when you have pushed too far for too long. Take a step back later in the day to look around. Tonight: Could be late. **BORN TODAY**

Opera singer Luciano Pavarotti (1935), English King Edward VI (1537), R&B singer Sam Moore (1935)

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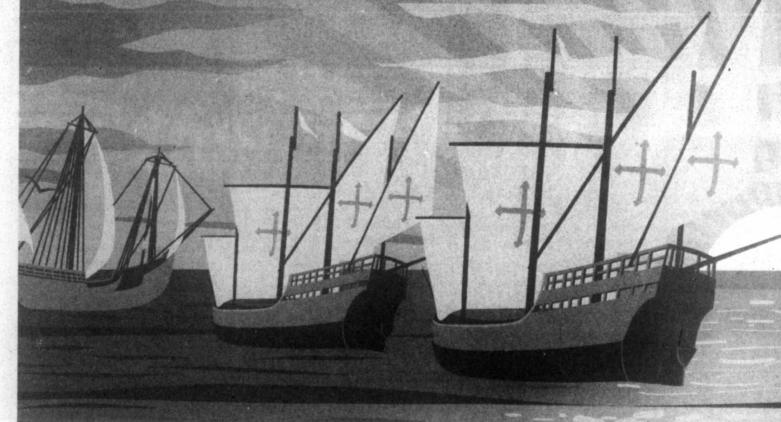


Happy Columbus Day!

Columbus Day is celebrated in the United States on the second Monday of the month of October. It is a day on which we celebrate Christopher Columbus' trip from Spain to Hispanolia, North America in 1492.

Christopher Columbus (1451-1506) was an Italian explorer who sailed across the Atlantic Ocean in 1492, hoping to find a route to India (in order to trade for spices). He made a total of four trips to the Caribbean and South America during the years 1492-1504. Columbus sailed for King Ferdinand II and Queen Isabella of Spain. On his first trip, Columbus led an expedition with three ships, the Nina (captained by Vicente Yanez Pinzon, the Pinta (owned and captained by Martin Alonzo Pinzon), and the Santa Maria (captained by Columbus), and about 90 crew members. They set sail on Aug 3, 1942 from Palos, Spain, and on October 11, 1492, spotted the Caribbean islands off southeastern North America. They landed on an island they called Guanahani, but Columbus later renamed it San Salvador. They were met by the local Taino Indians, many of whom were captured by Columbus' men and later sold into slavery. Columbus thought he had made it to Asia, and called this area the Indies, and called its inhabitants Indians. While exploring the islands in the area and looking for gold to loot, Columbus' men traveled to the islands of Hispaniola (now divided into Haiti and the Dominican Republic), Cuba, and many other smaller islands. On the return trip, the Santa Maria was wrecked and the captain of the Pinta sailed off on his own to try to beat Columbus back. Columbus returned to Spain in the Nina, arriving on March 15, 1493.

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Kailyn Troxell jumps to attack a ball in the third game against Borger Saturday at McNeely Field house. The Lady Harvesters won in four games and clinched a playoff spot for the first time since 1999. Pampa is three wins away from clinching the district title; the team plays at Perryton 6 p.m. Tuesday.

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The Borger Lady Bulldogs were two points away from tying the match at two games apiece, but the No. 16 Pampa Lady Harvesters scored the final four points to take the match in four (25-23, 23-25, 29-27, 25-23), and clinched a playoff spot Saturday at McNeely Field House.

Pampa qualifies for the state playoffs for the first time since 1999. Head coach Libby Garza was glad her team won but said they need to play better.

"I'm proud of them," Garza said. "They finished well. I think we are more capable of better volleyball than what we showed today."

Junior Delaney Clendening said making the playoffs is huge but they want to go further.

"It feels good to be the first team to clinch playoffs in a decade, but we don't want to be content with playoffs," Clendening said. "We want to go all the way to state."

In the first game, the teams engaged in a back-andforth battle until Pampa went on an 8-0 run to take the lead 18-10. The Lady Harvesters maintained that lead for a little while but the Lady Bulldogs rallied. With the score 23-16, Borger went on a 7-1 run and pulled within one. Kailyn Troxell scored the final kill and secured a victory.

In Game Two, the teams played close to start the game but Pampa went on a 5-1 run and took a 10-6 lead with senior Taryn Eubank, junior Alanna Stephens and Troxell recording kills. Just like the first game, Borger would come back. With the Lady Harvesters leading 18-13, Borger went on an 8-2 run and took a 21-20 lead. Pampa tied the Lady Bulldogs three times but Borger pulled out the match.

The third game was even throughout. Pampa didn't gain a lead larger than three and Borger largest lead was two. Towards the end of the match, the Lady Harvesters held a 23-20 lead but the Lady Bulldogs outscored them 4-1 to tie the match at 24. Eubank got a kill to put Pampa ahead 25-24 and within a point of winning the game. Borger tied the game again. Junior Ramie Hutto gave Pampa the lead again at 27-26. Troxell end the game with a kill.

Eubank said they were just focused on getting the next ball.

"We just kept the focus on and didn't get down ourselves if they got a point," Eubank said. "We just kept saying we got to get the next ball and finish."

In Game Four, Borger jumped out to a 3-0 lead. The Lady Harvesters outscored Borger 10-5 to take a 10-8 lead. Both teams split the next 10 points but Borger went on a 7-1 run and took a 20-16 lead. Pampa scored five of the next eight points to pull within two. Stephens scored a kill to pull Pampa within one. With a 24-23 lead, Hutto scored the final kill to clinch the match.

Hutto said it felt good to clinch the game.

"It was great to finish the game," Hutto said. "We

had a problem finishing the whole match. Finishing it on game point was best thing ever."

The junior varsity (13-11, 5-0) swept Borger 25-10

and 25-20. In the first game, Pampa jumped out to a 15-6 lead prompting a timeout by Borger. The Lady Harvesters outscored Borger 10-4 to clinch the game. The second game was back-and-forth until Pampa went on a 4-0 run to take a 16-11 lead. Coach Braydon Barker said he thought they played really well.

"I think we have been getting better all year, and we are really hitting out stride," Barker said.

The victory puts the Lady Harvesters (24-11, 5-0) within three games of clinching the district title. Pampa plays at Perryton (12-16, 0-4) Tuesday, at Borger (16-11, 1-3) October 19 and host Perryton October 23. Garza said they will pick up the intensity in practice.

"We got to make sure our level of play is getting higher," Garza said. "We have to do a better job of taking care of our side."

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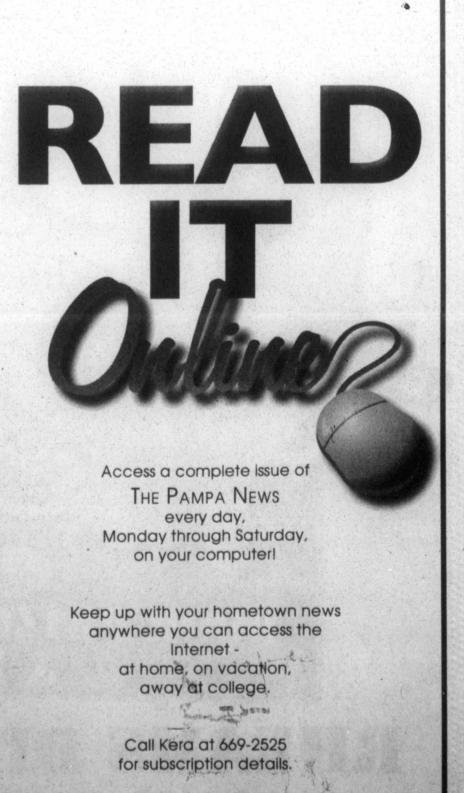
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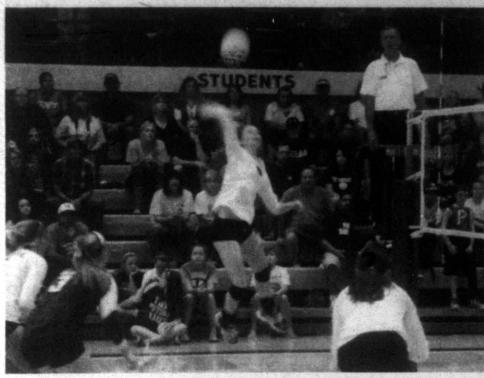


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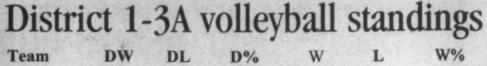


Ramie Hutto Pampa High School

Pampa High School junior volleyball player Ramie Hutto is The Pampa News Female Athlete of the Week. Hutto led the team in kills with 16 in Tuesday's victory over Dalhart at Dalhart. Saturday against Borger, Hutto scored a kill in Game Three that gave Pampa a 27-26 lead and scored the final kill in Game Four to clinch Pampa a playoff spot for the first time since

1999. Hutto has been one of the kill leaders in every game

Pampa High School junior tennis player Logan Karbo is The Pampa News Male Athlete of the Week. Karbo won both his doubles and singles matches in Pampa's 17-2 victory over Perryton Oct. 5. The tennis team is 8-3.



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TOP: Delaney Clendening leaps to return a ball against Borger Saturday at McNeely Field House. Pampa won and is three wins away from clinching district. **BOTTOM: Diamond Mar**rufo serves in the junior varsity's second game against Borger Saturday. Pampa swept Borger and moved to 5-0 in district.

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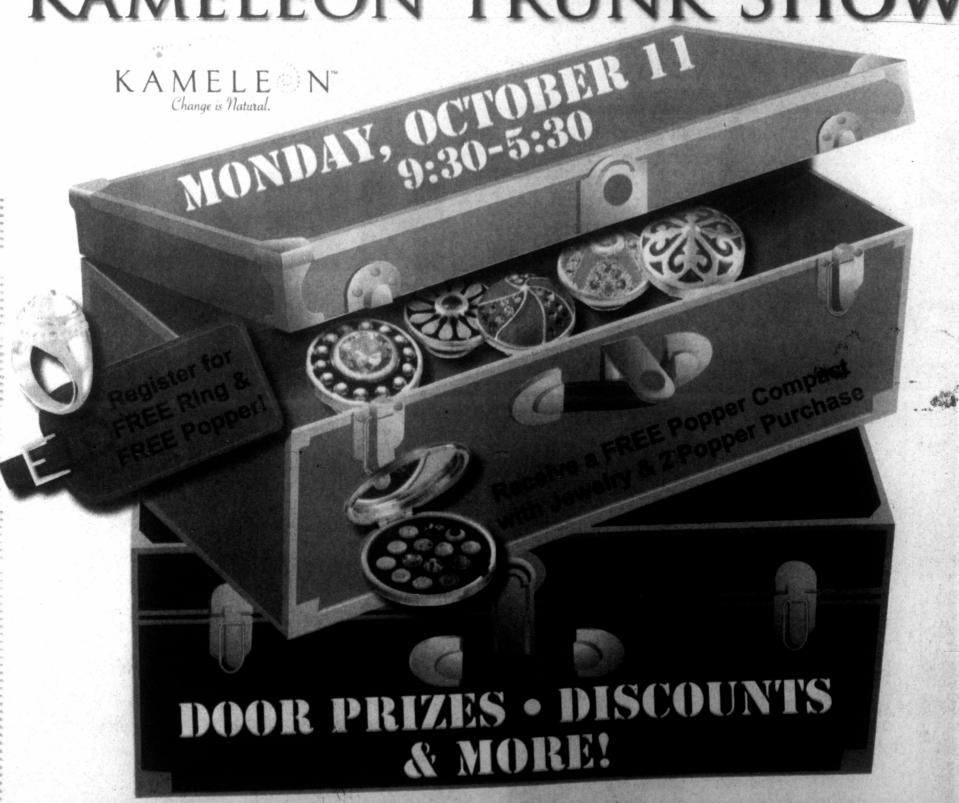
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