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## Emergency Foundation seeks grant money

**DAVID BOWSER**  
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Dr. Jim Hall needs \$50,000. Actually, he already has \$15,000 of it, but he needs the additional money to get a half-million dollar Texas Department of Transportation grant for the new Gray County Heliport.

The heliport will house the LifeStar helicopter and Pampa EMS behind Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Hall, CEO of the Emergency Foundation of Texas, said that the half-million dollars coming through the Aviation Division of TxDOT is federal stimulus money. Because it's a federally funded program, the money has to go to a local governmental entity. In this case Gray County. As part of the requirement for the funding, the county has to put up 10 percent of funding.

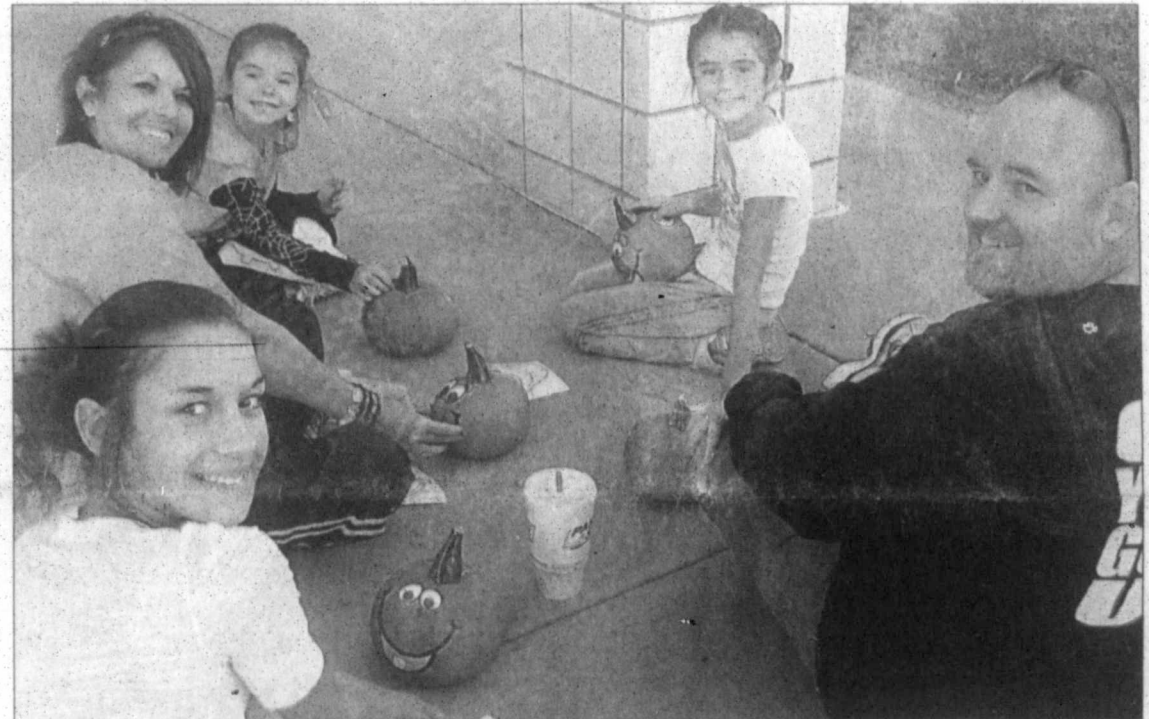
"We thought it could be in kind," Hall said. "The county could do ground work. But since it's federal money, you can't do

work in kind. It actually has to be cash." He said they've already collected about \$15,000.

"We need \$55,000," Hall said, "which for a half a million dollar facility is not bad." Donations, he said, are tax deductible, and they can be made to the county or to the Emergency Services Foundation of Texas, the parent of Pampa EMS, a not-for-profit organization that provides the area's ambulance service.

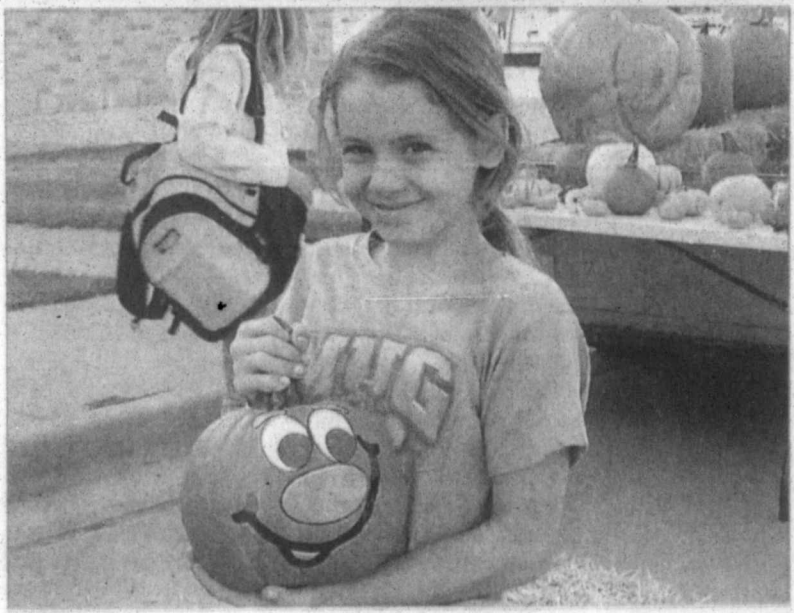
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## PATCHING IT UP



photos courtesy of **Palma Dorn**

**TOP: The Rankins** (Erin, Brandi, Kholie, Alli and Scott) have a family outing during the mobile pumpkin patch's visit to Wilson Elementary. **BOTTOM: Dana Poole** shares a smile with her pumpkin.



## Ag candidate Gilbert in town on Mon.

**ARNIE AURELLANO**  
editor@thepampanews.com

Hank Gilbert, the Texas Democratic Party's nominee for state Agriculture Commissioner, will make a campaign stop in Pampa during his final sweep of north Texas before Election Day.

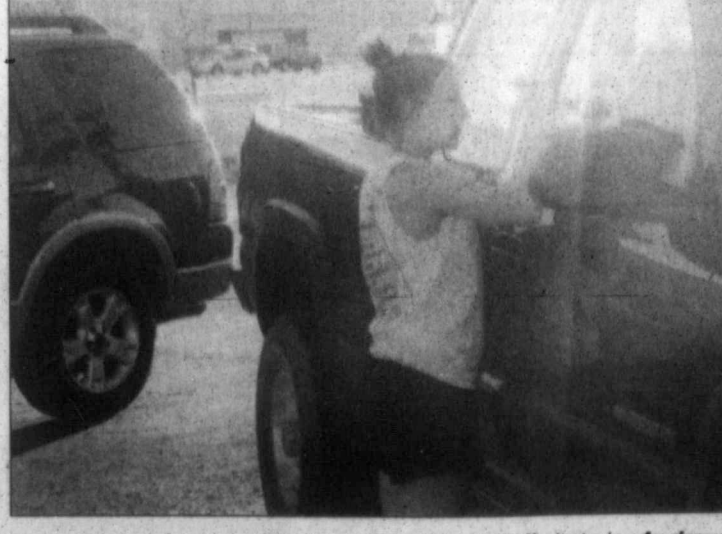
Gilbert will be appearing from 1:30 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. Monday at the Coney Island Cafe downtown. Pampa is the first stop on Gilbert's upcoming tour of the Panhandle, which also includes appearances in Canadian, Borger, Claude and Fritch.

"(Gilbert) absolutely loves the people in the Panhandle," said Vince Leibowitz, Gilbert's campaign director. "They are one of a kind."

Leibowitz said that anyone who comes to Gilbert's meet and greet can expect a strong statement of **GILBERT** cont. on page 3



## PHS SENIOR NIGHT SENIOR SALUTE



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**

Sophomore **Robin Doan** decorates senior football player Reid Bradley's truck before Friday's Senior Night game against Perryton.

## Pep rally invitation still open to cancer survivors

**ARNIE AURELLANO**  
editor@thepampanews.com

Pampa High School and the Pampa Independent School District want to make sure the message is loud and clear: They support the fight against cancer, and those who have fought that fight personally deserve to be celebrated.

The school's Pink Out pep rally against cancer is at 7 p.m. at McNeeley Fieldhouse. The invitation to any local cancer survivors, as well as those currently battling the disease, is still open, said Jeana Zuniga, a cheerleading parent helping to organize the rally.

"It doesn't have to be (survivors of) breast cancer," Zuniga said. "It can be any kind. Tonight at 7:00, if you are a cancer survivor, we want you at the rally."

Zuniga said that any cancer survivors who wish to be part of the rally should be at McNeeley Fieldhouse by 6:45 so their names can be taken and announced during the festivities.

It takes courage to fight the fight against cancer, and anyone who goes through the ordeal deserves a pat on the back from the community, Zuniga added.

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In conjunction with the Boomtown Christmas Parade, Shepherd's Helping Hands is sponsoring Christmas on Main Saturday, December 4th.

For more information or a booth, please call 806-665-0356.

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# For the record

## Obituaries

### PAMPA FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
30%		20%
High 73 Low 49	High 80 Low 46	High 70 Low 47

**Tonight:** Showers and thunderstorms. Some storms could be severe, with heavy rain. Low around 51. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New rainfall amounts between three quarters and one inch possible.

**Friday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 73. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 49. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 80. Windy, with a southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 46. West southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Sunday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 70. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 47. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southwest.

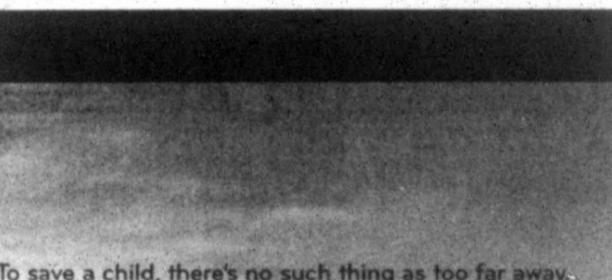
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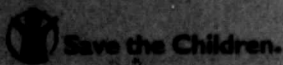


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### J.T. Lamberson, 98,

HEDLEY—J.T. Lamberson, 98, died Thursday, October 14, 2010, in Memphis.

Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, October 16, 2010, in the First United Methodist Church in Hedley.

Cremation and arrangements were under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

J.T. was born on October 2, 1912, in Donley County to Stock & Clela Bell Youree Lamberson. He married Margaret Helen Williams on May 1, 1933, in Vastine. He had been a lifetime resident of Donley County. He loved horses, outdoors, ranching, horse trading and livestock auctions. He was involved in the Hedley Senior Citizens and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Hedley.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his twin daughters, Oleda Ann and Clela Joan; one grandson, one brother, and three sisters.

Survivors include his wife of 77 years, Helen Lamberson of Hedley; two sons, Kenneth Adrian "Buddy" Lamberson of Hedley and J.T. "Sonny" Lamberson, Jr. of Houston; a brother, Jack Lamberson of Bowie; two sisters, Willie Nell Waddell of Coleman and Edna Lou Bulman of Canyon; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be to the Hedley Senior Citizens or the First United Methodist Church in Hedley.

Sign our online guest book at [www.RobertsonFuneral.com](http://www.RobertsonFuneral.com).



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com.

### Robert Lee French, 55

Robert Lee French, 55, died October 20, 2010, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Directors.

Mr. French was born February 10, 1955, in Pampa, where he was a lifelong resident. He received an associate's degree from Amarillo College and was an RN for many years. He was also a rancher for many years.

Survivors include two daughters, Julie Towles and husband Pete of Iowa Park, and Misty Singleton and husband Dustin of Little Elm; mother, Frances French of Pampa; brother, Lance French of Pampa; sister, Lainie Gollighugh of Amarillo; six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Bob French; a brother, Keith French; and a grandson, Tyler Reeves.

Memorials may be made to Faith City Mission, 401 SE 2nd, Amarillo, TX 79101.

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

### Kenneth A. Ray,

81

Kenneth A. Ray, 81, died October 20, 2010, in Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, October 22, 2010, at Trinity Fellowship with Pastor Lonny Robbins, officiating.

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

Mr. Ray was born November 30, 1928, in Quanah. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1961. He was a contract pumper for 22 years. Kenneth was a devoted Christian, a member of Trinity Fellowship and the Trinity Fellowship Prayer Team. He was involved in jail ministry. He was an avid team roper.

Survivors include his wife, Opal Ray of the home; three daughters, Reba Justice and husband Glenn of Millersview, Joyce Skipper and husband Berry of Amarillo, and Lisa Briggs and husband Tim of White Deer; four sons, Tim Ray and wife Christy of Pampa, Allen Ballard of Amarillo, Donald Ballard of Hobbs, N.M., and Billy Kennedy of Sherman; a sister, Gertrude Leonard of Healdton, Okla.; 23 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren. Kenneth was preceded in death by a son, Wayne Ray in 1998.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Fellowship Building Fund, 2225 N. Hobart, Pampa, TX 79065, or Interim Hospice, 2217 Perryton Parkway, Pampa, TX 79065.

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



Ray

### Judy Lynn King, 58

Judy Lynn King, 58, died October 19, 2010, in Pampa.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, October 22, 2010, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Jim Sinyard, associate pastor of Carpenter's Church, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. King was born September 20, 1952, in Konawa, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1976. Judy was a WalMart associate for nine years. She attended First Christian Church. She was loved by her family and friends.

Survivors include her two sons, Johnny Ray Blackwood, Jr., and Shawn Michael King, both of Pampa; a daughter, Christina Margaret Rodriguez and husband Benito, Jr., of Pampa; two sisters, Barbara King of Roby and Jan Collins of Colorado; three brothers, John Wixsom of Arkansas, Don Wixsom of Bullhead, Ariz., and Willie Wixsom of Oklahoma; eight grandchildren. Judy was preceded in death by her parents, Leon and Margaret Steger; and a sister, Terry Liotta.

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

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

### Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Police said there were 20 traffic-related calls.

Animal Control Officers said there were 12 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS officials said there were five ambulance calls. Police reported one medical call. Lefors Volunteer Fire Department reported one medical call.

**Wednesday, Oct. 20**  
Fire officials reported a HAZMAT call in the 700 block of North Lefors.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 2100 block of North Lynn.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of North Frost.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1800 block of Duncan.

A theft was reported in the 2300 block of North Aspen.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 500 block of North Roberta.

Officers served a warrant in the 2900 block of North Primrose.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 100 block of North Cuyler.

A structure fire was reported in the 100 block of North Cuyler.

Found property was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Officers were placed on special assignment in the 800 block of East Browning.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 900 block of East Foster.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 200 block of Miami.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart and in the 1100 block of North Terrace.

A motor vehicle was reportedly burglarized in the 1100 block of South Christy.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of South Neel.

An intoxicated driver was reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart.

A burglary was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.

**Thursday, Oct. 21**  
Suspicious persons was reported in the 900 block of East Malone, in the 400 block of North Perry, in the 1500 block of West Lincoln and in the 300 block

of West Texas.

A theft was reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

City crews shut off the water in the 600 block of North Naida.

### Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

**Wednesday, Oct. 20**  
Michael Ryan Gill, 29, was arrested by police on charges of theft by check.

Teri Lynn Furgerson, 36, of Lefors, was arrested by deputies on charges of evading arrest.

Ricky Lee Reynolds, 29, was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

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**TERI CARR**, sorry for being late, Happy B-Day, Lisa.

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# AFTERNOON RUSH Senator: Probe high-prescribing docs

## Judge: Drilling rules improper

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A federal judge has ruled that the Interior Department improperly issued new safety rules after it imposed a moratorium on deep water drilling in the aftermath of the Gulf oil spill.

In his ruling Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Martin Feldman says the rules imposed in a June 8 notice to offshore operators can't be enforced because the government issued them without soliciting public comment.

"Notice and comment were required by law," Feldman wrote. "The government did not comply, and the (June 8 notice) is of no lawful force or effect."

## Dallas teacher wins Milken

DALLAS (AP) — A third-grade bilingual Dallas teacher is \$25,000 richer thanks to a surprise check from the Milken Family Foundation that recognizes excellence among educators.

Gov. Rick Perry gave 34-year-old Rogelio Garcia the Milken National Educator Award on Wednesday at an assembly at James B. Bonham Elementary, a public school where Garcia has taught for 10 years.

Garcia, who joked that he bought a rare lottery ticket Tuesday night, expressed gratitude and shock at being chosen one of 55 national recipients. He says his initial career plans to join the FBI were thwarted after he spent a summer volunteering to teach children.

## Wife of missing American moves

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The wife of an American tourist presumably gunned down on the Mexico side of a border lake is leaving Texas and moving back home.

Tiffany Hartley said Wednesday she was on the road back to Colorado, three weeks after the 29-year-old says her husband was shot in Falcon Lake by Mexican pirates who ambushed the couple in speedboats.

Hartley says she "will have some quiet time to myself" once she arrives in Colorado but will continue to speak out about her husband.

Hartley says she'll be on the first plane back to Texas once authorities find the body of David Hartley. She said her moving home doesn't mean she's giving up.

Tiffany Hartley says the Mexican government should have all the information needed from her following a recent meeting.

## Mission to close during restoration

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The church at Mission San Jose in San Antonio will close during a 14-month restoration project.

The announcements came Tuesday night at a dinner celebrating the raising of \$15.5 million to help preserve four mission churches overseen by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Antonio.

Fundraising chairman Bill Klesse says "San Antonio people know the value of these missions."

Mass will be celebrated at Mission San Jose's parish hall during the restoration.

The San Antonio Express-News reports an advisory committee will work to increase the endowment established by the campaign, now at about \$4.5 million.

The church interior at Mission Concepcion was restored earlier this year as part of the first project made possible by the renovation efforts.

## Court: Exonerated man innocent

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas' highest criminal court has ruled that a Houston man who was freed earlier this year after being imprisoned 27 years for a rape he did not commit is actually innocent.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in a ruling issued Wednesday agreed with a lower court's recommendation that Michael Anthony Green be found innocent and his conviction set aside.

Green was released from prison in July after the Harris County District Attorney's Office reopened his case and new DNA tests it commissioned showed he did not commit the 1983 rape of a woman who had been abducted.

## U.S. approves new solar plant

BARSTOW, Calif. (AP) — The secretary of the interior has approved a big solar energy plant in the Mojave Desert, the fifth such project on western U.S. public lands to win federal authorization.

Secretary Ken Salazar's approval Wednesday authorizes the Bureau of Land Management to offer Tessler Solar use of more than 4,600 acres for 30 years to build the Calico Solar Project.

The Interior Department says the 663.5-megawatt project could power 200,000 to 500,000 homes.

Texas-based Tessler originally sought more than 8,200 acres but the BLM wanted to limit impacts on the endangered desert tortoise.

The project next faces a hearing before the California Energy Commission.

## More repair work for Discovery

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Discovery needs more repair work before it can take off on its last flight.

NASA said Wednesday it will empty Discovery's on-board fuel tanks, then replace two seals in a line that had been leaking. The job at the launch pad will take the rest of this week. If all goes well, the shuttle will remain on track for a Nov. 1 liftoff to the International Space Station.

Technicians checked bolts on the leaky fuel line earlier this week. The bolts were tight. But for whatever reason, the leak stopped, after a week of slow seepage. Managers ordered the seal replacements as a precaution.

The fuel is used to move Discovery around in orbit.

## Plane lands after hitting deer

TITUSVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A single-engine airplane has landed safely in central Florida after hitting a deer during takeoff.

The plane flew for about an hour after takeoff Monday night, circling the airport while the pilot decided what to do. Officials said one wing was slightly damaged and the gear collapsed after the collision with the animal at Space Coast Regional Airport.

Rescue crews trained to handle airport emergencies monitored the landing. The plane tilted a bit, scraping the left wing, but the pilot and passengers were not harmed.

The deer died near the runway, which is surrounded by a 9-foot fence.

MIAMI (AP) — A key U.S. Senator is asking federal officials to investigate after reviewing data that shows doctors across the country prescribing alarmingly high numbers of powerful mental health drugs paid for by Medicare and Medicaid.

U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa studied Medicare and Medicaid prescription rates from doctors around the country, revealing few consequences for doctors with alarming prescription rates. The findings include a Miami doctor who wrote nearly 97,000 prescriptions in 18 months for mental health drugs for Medicaid patients and an Ohio physician who wrote about 102,000 prescriptions in two years.

A Texas doctor wrote 14,170 prescriptions for the anti-anxiety drug Xanax in 2009, far exceeding other high prescribers in that state. The 10th highest prescriber in Texas for Xanax wrote 1,696 prescriptions in 2009, according to Grassley.

"The federal government has an obligation to figure out what's going on here. The taxpayers are footing the bill, and Medicare and Medicaid are already strained to

the limit," Grassley said in an e-mail to The Associated Press on Wednesday.

"These programs can't spare a dollar for prescription drugs that aren't properly prescribed. The conclusion might be that there isn't any fraud, but it's important to reach a conclusion one way or the other and fix whatever is broken."

The Republican senator is a ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee, which oversees Medicare and Medicaid.

The federal government does not investigate doctors who prescribe suspiciously high rates of drugs for fraud, and instead lumps them into a separate category where they are referred for medical review or education, according to Grassley's investigation.

Critics say the medical reviews are nothing more than a slap on the wrist for doctors, allowing the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to ignore the role prescription drug fraud plays in the estimated \$60 to \$90 billion a year Medicare fraud problem.

The agency contracts with private providers who are responsible for monitoring Medicare prescrip-

tion rates and other billing aberrations. State health departments monitor similar data for Medicaid.

Grassley sent a letter Wednesday asking Department of Health and Human Services Sec. Kathleen Sebelius to explain how the agency ensures contractors are properly monitoring and reporting the data. He also asked her to explain why "possible overutilizers" are treated differently than those suspected of fraud.

CMS did not immediately comment Thursday morning.

Grassley did not name the doctor, but state records obtained by The AP show Dr. Fernando Mendez-Villamil wrote an average of 153 prescriptions a day for 18 months ending in March 2009. That's nearly twice the number of the second highest prescriber in Florida, who wrote a little more than 53,000 prescriptions, according to a list compiled by state officials.

The doctor's attorney, Robert Pelier, did not immediately return an e-mail Thursday.

Federal officials said they stopped reimbursing Villamil after Grassley inquired about the doctor to HHS in December.

## Rally

"If they're a cancer survivor, they need to be applauded," she said. "So many people are affected by cancer. If they've been

able to fight it, we should honor them. "This is a community thing. We want to honor them."

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## Gilbert

protecting Texas consumers and helping Texas farmers and ranchers find new markets for their products.

"They can expect a common sense message of reform and consumer protection," said Leibowitz. "Right now, consumers need to be protected from high prices at the gas pump and at the grocery store scale, and that's what he's all about."

"He's going to talk about the issues," Leibowitz continued. "There are a lot of candidates out there right now giving stump speeches about their opponent and what he hasn't done. It's important for candidates to speak about what they're going to do, and that's what Hank is going to do. People need to ask, 'What are you going to do for me?' Hank is going to answer that."

This year's race for Agriculture Commissioner has been a hard-fought one, with both candidates not afraid to sling a little mud towards his opponent.

The camp of incumbent Republican Todd Staples has accused Gilbert of a litany of violations, including misdemeanor theft by check and not paying federal income taxes.

In turn, Gilbert has claimed that Staples has abused his position through sleazy deals and wasteful spending. Gilbert also alleges that the Department of Agriculture, under Staples' leadership, has ignored the needs of Texas.

The candidates' contention for the normally low-profile post has caught the eye of several election watchers and political scientists across the state.

"It's kind of odd — you wouldn't expect that in that kind of race," said Cindy Rugeley, an assistant professor at Texas Tech University, in an Associated Press interview earlier this month. "It's a low attention race. What they're trying to do is do anything they can to catch voters."

For more on Hank Gilbert's campaign tour of the Panhandle, visit [HankGilbert.com](http://HankGilbert.com) and click on "Panhandle Swing" on the front page.

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## Grant

"We're a tax exempt 501.c3 organization," Hall said. "We're working closely with county government getting this done."

Although the facility has been in the planning stages a while, Hall said there have been some changes to the proposed design.

"We basically patterned the facility after the Texas Department of Public Safety facility over in Randall County," Hall said. "They have a helicopter facility there."

He said the construction company, Bowers Construction, that built the DPS facility has been helping him with the Gray County facility.

"They've worked with us," Hall said. "They've been very helpful."

The Pampa facility will have a helicopter hangar and a helicopter pad that will take up about half the building.

The other half of the building will have space for ground EMS services.

"You get two facilities for the price of one," Hall said.

The Randall County facility, he said, has room in the back of the building for two ambulances.

"It's about a 7,000 square foot building," Hall said.

The Gray County facility was originally going to be about 8,000 square feet, but they cut it back because of costs, Hall said.

"We have 1.4 acres on which to put this facility," Hall said.

The acreage is behind Pampa Regional Medical Center.

"The land now belongs to the county," Hall said. "It's been deeded over to the county."

It's off 30th Street that goes by Wal-Mart, he said.

"The county now has possession of that 1.4 acres where the facility will be built," Hall said.

Hall said they are working with Med-Trans Corporation that owns LifeStar.

"It's actually a joint project between Northwest Texas Hospital and Med-Trans Corporation, who owns the helicopters, and Gray County who owns the land," Hall said.

The ultimate decision-making body, he said, will be the Gray County Commissioners Court.

"We're hoping to get construction started by January," Hall said.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Thursday, Oct. 21, the 294th day of 2010. There are 71 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 21, 1805, a British fleet commanded by Adm. Horatio Nelson defeated a French-Spanish fleet in the Battle of Trafalgar; Nelson, however, was killed.

### On this date:

In 1797, the U.S. Navy frigate Constitution, also known as "Old Ironsides," was christened in Boston's harbor.

In 1879, Thomas Edison perfected a workable electric light at his laboratory in Menlo Park, N.J.

In 1917, members of the 1st Division of the U.S. Army training in Luneville (luhn-nay-VEEL'), France, became the first Americans to see action on the front lines of World War I.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. troops captured the German city of Aachen (AH'-kuhn).

In 1959, the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, opened to the public in New York.

In 1960, Democrat John F. Kennedy and Republican Richard M. Nixon clashed in their fourth and final presidential debate in New York.

In 1971, President Richard Nixon nominated Lewis F. Powell and William H. Rehnquist to the U.S. Supreme Court.

**Ten years ago:** Fifteen Arab leaders convened in Cairo, Egypt, for their first summit in four years; the Libyan delegation walked out in anger over signs the summit would stop short of calling for breaking ties with Israel.

**Five years ago:** Hurricane Wilma tore into Mexico's Yucatan peninsula, after killing 13 people in Haiti and Jamaica.

**One year ago:** A Northwest Airlines jetliner overshot the Minneapolis airport by more than 100 miles; the pilots later said they were distracted by talking about their schedules.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Joyce Randolph is 86. Author Ursula K. Le Guin is 81. Rock singer Manfred Mann is 70. Musician Steve Cropper (Booker T. & the MG's) is 69. Singer Elvin Bishop is 68. TV's Judge Judy Sheindlin is 68. Actor Everett McGill is 65. Musician Lee Loughnane (Chicago) is 64. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is 61. Musician Charlotte Caffey (The Go-Go's) is 57. Movie director Catherine Hardwicke is 55. Actress-author Carrie Fisher is 54. Singer Julian Cope is 53. Rock musician Steve Lukather (Toto) is 53. Actor Ken Watanabe (waha-tah-NAH'-bee) is 51. Actress Melora Walters is 50. Rock musician Che (chay) Colovita Lemon is 40. Rock singer-musician Nick Oliveri (Mondo Generator) is 39. Christian rock musician Charlie Lowell (Jars of Clay) is 37. Actor Jeremy Miller is 34. Actor Will Estes is 32. Actor Michael McMillian is 32. Socialite Kim Kardashian is 30. Actor Matt Dallas is 28.

**Thought for Today:** "There are different kinds of wrong. The people sinned against are not always the best." — Dame Ivy Compton-Burnett, English author (1892-1969).



## Factors that affect Internet performance

We often get calls from users who complain that there must be something wrong with their computer because the Internet is slow.

They often ask if we can troubleshoot their problem over the phone.

Well, that is about as difficult to fix as a low credit score from the credit reporting agencies.

There are so many factors that affect Internet performance. Some of them are under your control and some are not. Let's take a look at your computer and the vast network called the Internet.

The Internet is a massive collection of computers that are tied together by networks (wired and wireless) in which traffic is directed by routers and switches. The typical connection to the Internet is provided by an ISP (Internet Service Provider). This ISP has a direct link to the routers and switches which direct traffic and provide bandwidth (rate of data transfer) to the end users.

Not all end users get the same bandwidth. The larger the bandwidth, the faster that web pages load and the faster that files download. There are numerous websites that check bandwidth and one of the easiest is [www.speedtest.net](http://www.speedtest.net).

Remember that you are making multiple hops (connections) between your computer and the target computer. These hops increase the latency (time it takes to get from one point to another). A way to measure the latency is to ping the destination computer. When you perform a ping, a packet of data is sent and then is returned and the latency is measured. If the ping is not returned you have packet loss. If you have a very large bandwidth but poor ping results, you may experience trouble running online games, viewing streaming video, etc.

You can check the quality of your connection by going to the website

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[www.pingtest.net](http://www.pingtest.net). Both bandwidth and connection quality are controlled by your ISP and is out of the control of the end user.

Let's take a look at some of the things you can control. You connect to the Internet using a modem and a router/switch if you have multiple computers. When you have multiple computers, the bandwidth is shared by all the computers. The computer uses programs such as browsers and e-mail clients which connect to the Internet. The performance of these programs varies depending on the computer hardware, the number of simultaneous programs running and the bandwidth and quality of the Internet connection. Microsoft Internet Explorer is a very flexible and expandable browser. This flexibility often drags down the performance since most users add additional toolbars, add-ons, etc. The quickest browsers do not have extra toolbars and have limited flexibility. Firefox and Chrome are examples of browsers that are fast and lightweight. Programs such as streaming music, weatherbug, ding, instant messaging, etc., use Internet bandwidth and will reduce the amount left for browsing. Other programs such as antivirus scanners can affect the Internet speed since they scan all data traffic. On high performance computers, the effect of these additional items is not as

noticeable. If the computer is older, though, these items will definitely affect Internet performance.

So what can you do to optimize Internet performance?

1. Do not have simultaneous programs running that use Internet bandwidth.

2. Limit the amount of toolbars that you have in your browser or use a fast less-frills browser such as Firefox or Chrome.

3. Free up computer resources by closing programs that are not being used and/or get higher performing hardware.

4. Remove malware/spyware programs which use system resources and can hijack Internet traffic.

5. Test your bandwidth and connection quality and report problems to your ISP.

One last point to remember: The route to the remote computer changes dynamically and the response of the remote computer is also dynamic. Once again, you have no control over the routing or the response of the remote computer. Websites go down occasionally so try other familiar sites to test responsiveness. If you are not familiar with the steps mentioned above, contact a computer professional. They can optimize your system and improve Internet and overall performance. We give our clients free testing/evaluations and provide options on how to improve computer performance. Most ISPs have tools that will test the quality of the Internet connection from their equipment to your modem.

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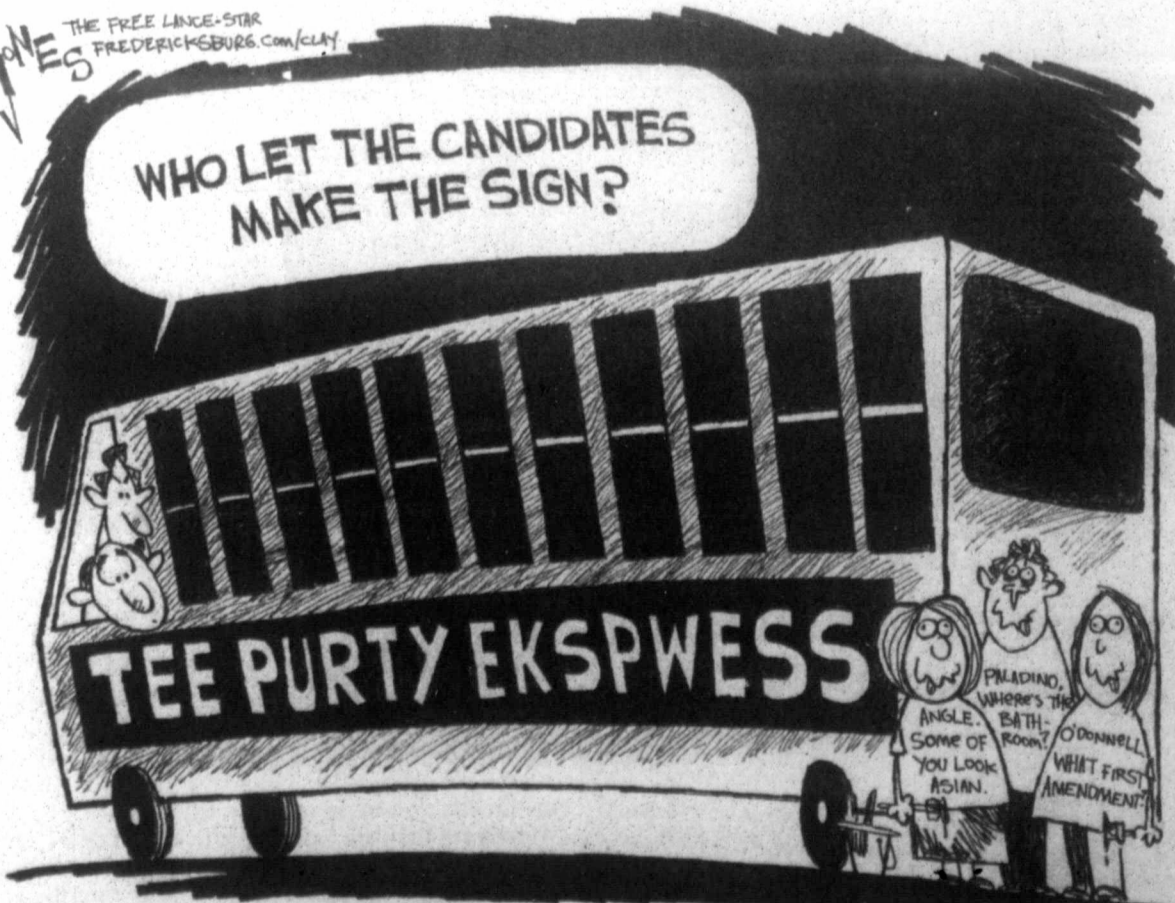
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## World's Fair potato flask is a hot collectible

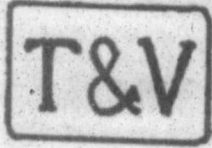
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Q: Enclosed is a photo of an item that is in my possession. It is a glass flask in the shape of a potato. The measurements are approximately 5 inches long by 3 inches wide. This brown flask is embossed and has a screw-on cap. One side says "World's Fair," while the other side is labeled with "1893." It's in mint condition.

I would appreciate learning more about my flask.

A: You have a very nice souvenir from the Chicago Columbian World's Fair of 1892-1893. The Columbian Exposition was a celebration of Columbus and the 400th anniversary of his discovery of America.

Your potato flask is a hot collectible and would probably be worth \$150 to \$175.



Tressemanes and Vogt Porcelain Factory is located in Limoges, France.

ed cups. Embellished with gold, each piece is decorated with green grapes, white grapes, green leaves and tendrils. The artist signed it as "Reed."

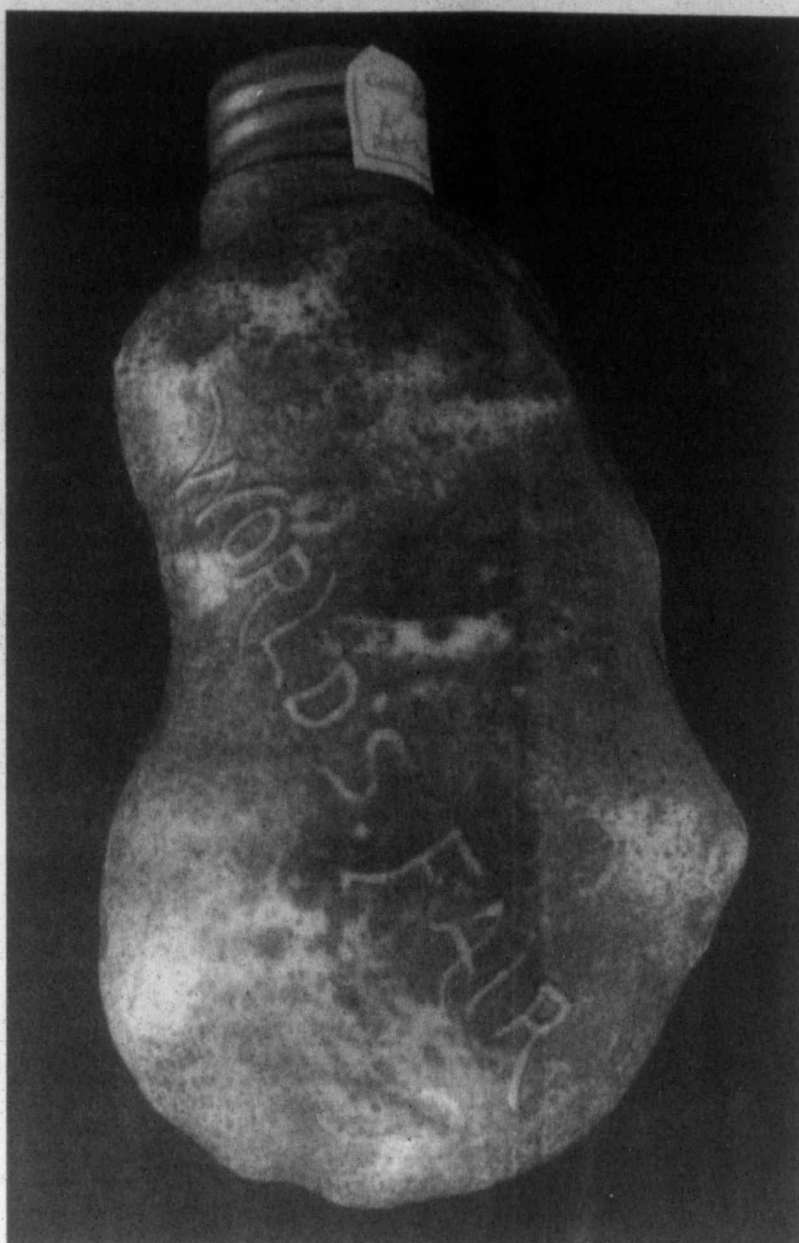
Because the set is a family heirloom, I would never sell it, but I would like to know what it is worth.

A: Tressemanes and Vogt Porcelain Factory used this mark. They have produced porcelain in Limoges, France, since 1883. Based on your information, your set was painted by an amateur artist on china blanks made by Tressemanes and Vogt. China painting was a popular hobby around the turn of the 20th century.

Your punch bowl set would probably be worth \$3,000 to \$3,500.

Q: I still have a tin, windup roller coaster toy that was given to me for my birthday in the early 1950s. It has the original two cars and box. The frame is decorated with scenes of children playing arcade games.

## Antique OR JUNQUE?



This potato flask is a souvenir from the 1893 Chicago Columbian World's Fair.

On the side of the roller coaster, there is a shield with the words: "J. Chein -- Made in U.S.A." It is in excellent condition and the colors are bright.

What can you tell me about my toy?

A: J. Chein & Co. was located in Burlington, N.J., from 1900 to 1970. They were one of the leading manufacturers of tin wind-ups, pull toys, banks and friction toys. The roller coaster was also

available in a ski ride version. Your tin lithograph toy is extremely collectible and would probably sell in the range of \$300 to \$400.

If you have any antique inquiries, address your questions to Anne McCollam, P.O. Box 247, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Items of a general interest will be answered in this column. Due to the volume of inquiries, she cannot answer individual letters.

## Fed survey points to uneven growth

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy grew unevenly in early fall, with more than half the regions of the country expanding modestly while others struggled to grow.

A survey by the Federal Reserve released Wednesday found that seven of the Fed's 12 regions reported moderate improvements in business activity. Three regions — Philadelphia, Richmond and Cleveland — described economic activity as mixed or steady. Only two regions — Atlanta and Dallas — suggested economic growth was slow.

The survey indicated that the economy isn't weakening but is growing too sluggishly to drive down high unemployment, now at 9.6 percent. The jobless rate has been at or above 9.5 percent for more than a year.

"Hiring remains limited, with many firms reluctant to add to permanent payrolls given economic softness," the Fed survey concluded.

High unemployment is one of the Fed's biggest concerns. That's why Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues are widely expected to launch a new program at their Nov. 2-3 meeting to bolster the economy. The Fed is expected to buy Treasury bonds in a bid to drive down interest rates on mortgages, corporate loans and other debt. The hope is that cheaper credit will persuade Americans to increase spending, which would help the economy grow and lead companies to hire more workers.

The Fed's survey, known as the Beige Book, will figure into Fed policymakers' discussions at the November meeting about how the economy is faring.

The region-by-region survey is based on information collected from the Fed's 12 regional banks on or before Oct. 8. It provides a more intimate look at the overall economy than broad statistics.

"The overall read wasn't as depressing as it could have been," said Jennifer Lee, economist at BMO Capital Markets. "Does it change the outlook on growth or the Fed? Nope. But it does continue to suggest that growth continues around the country — not contraction," she said, referring to a slide back into recession.

The economic picture hasn't changed much from early September, when the Fed's previous survey noted that seven regions saw modest improvement in business activity. What is different is which regions are growing, and which are struggling.

For instance, New York and Chicago reported a pick up in economic activity after having slower growth in the previous cycle. Conversely, the Dallas region was more subdued this time around after showing modest expansion the last report.

Either way, the economy has slowed from just a few months ago. In June, all 12 Fed regions reported their economies were growing. It was the first time that happened since the start of the recession in late 2007. That's a major reason the Fed is ready to launch a new round of stimulus next month.

Consumer spending was flat to moderately positive in most Fed regions, according to the new survey. The exceptions: the Richmond and Atlanta regions, where mall traffic and sales declined.

One of the main reasons why economic growth is so sluggish is because consumers aren't spending a lot. Battered by the recession, they are trying to repair their finances by spending less, saving more and trimming debt. The Fed's survey noted that shoppers remain price conscious and are largely limiting purchases to necessities.

## Nevada Senate race turns uglier with ad

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A Republican campaign urging Latinos not to vote has been yanked from the airwaves amid an outcry from Democrats that it was a dirty trick against Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid in his hotly contested race against Republican Sharron Angle.

Reid sought to link the ad to Angle Tuesday as it drew a harsh rebuke from President Barack Obama, Hispanic leaders and candidates from both parties in Nevada. Angle's opponents also pounced on the tea party favorite for her comments to Hispanic high school students that "some of you look a little more Asian to me."

"Listen to her latest, running ads on Hispanic television telling people not to vote," Reid said. "She is trying to keep people from voting."

Reid has fiercely courted the Hispanic vote in the contest against Angle, who supports strict immigration policies. With the race in a dead heat, a dip in turnout among Hispanics would likely land Angle in the U.S. Senate.

The Republican group Latinos for Reform had planned to eventually run the commercials in Nevada, Florida, California, Texas and Colorado through the Nov. 2 election.

"Don't vote this November. This is the only way to send them a clear message," the ad's narrator announces in Spanish. "You can no longer take us for granted."

Univision told The Associated Press on Tuesday that the spot was pulled from one of its Spanish-language radio

stations in Las Vegas shortly after the commercial hit the air.

Univision said it will also not run a companion ad on its Spanish-language TV broadcasting network and will continue to encourage Hispanics to vote.

Telemundo, the nation's other major Spanish-language network, also said it would not broadcast the TV spots if approached.

Obama slammed the campaign during a roundtable with reporters from Spanish-language outlets. "I think it is terrible," he said. "It is a cynical political ploy to try to drive Latino votes to benefit a Republican candidate in Nevada who would never vote for immigration reform."

Robert de Posada, the founder of Latinos for Reform, said he is trying to determine whether he can legally challenge Univision, which approved the commercials Friday.

"It is a very sad moment where you cannot have discourse in the Spanish market," he said. "Obviously, my First Amendment rights have been violated."

De Posada said Democrats were elected on empty promises of immigration reform in 2008. He also attacked Republican efforts to criminalize illegal immigrants or deny children of illegal immigrant's citizenship rights, policies supported by Angle, whom he called "irresponsible."

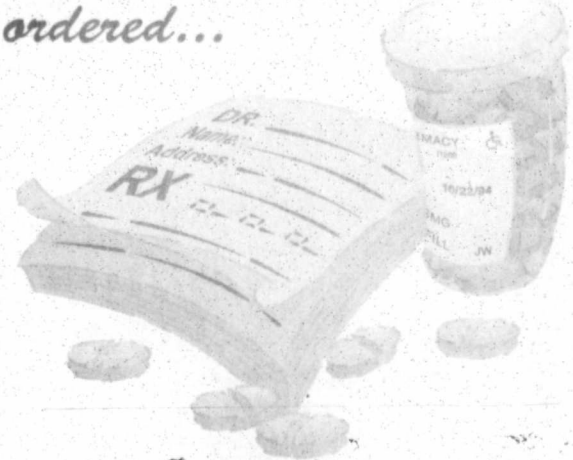
"I would rather not vote for anyone than be forced to vote for the lesser of two evils," he said.

De Posada is the former director of Hispanic affairs for the Republican National Committee. He also worked on Social Security reform under former President George W. Bush, who supported an immigration overhaul that would have allowed illegal immigrants to apply for legal status.

Angle's campaign distanced itself from the ad, but stopped short of criticizing it.

"We encourage all Nevadans to vote and they should vote for Sharron Angle because Harry Reid is only out for himself and his wallet," said spokesman Jarrod Agen.

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# Student, 20, is head of police in Mexico's drug corridor

**PRAXEDIS G. GUERRERO, Mexico (AP)** — There's a new police chief in this violent borderland where drug gangs have killed public officials and terrified many citizens into fleeing: a 20-year-old woman who hasn't yet finished her criminology degree.

Marisol Valles Garcia was sworn in Wednesday to bring law and order to the township of about 8,500 that was a string of quiet farming communities until two rival gangs — the Juarez and Sinaloa drug cartels — began battling for control of its single highway.

The tiny but energetic Valles Garcia says she wants her 12 officers to practice a special brand of community policing.

"My people are out there going door to door, looking for criminals, and (in homes) where there are none, trying to teach values to the families," she said before she was presented to the public on Wednesday.

Whether her decision is courageous or foolhardy, the appointment shows how desperate the situation has become in the Juarez Valley, a lucrative trafficking corridor along the Texas border.

Local residents say the drug gangs take over at night, riding through the towns in convoys of SUVs and pickups, assault rifles and even .50 caliber sniper rifles at the ready. The assistant mayor of nearby El Porvenir and the mayor of Distrito Bravos were killed recently even after they took refuge in nearby Ciudad Juarez.



Valles Garcia

Drug cartels in many drug-plagued parts of Mexico have killed or threatened police chiefs and their departments, buying off some officers and prompting some others to quit en masse.

While the bullet holes that pockmarked police headquarters in Praxedis have been painted over, police buildings in other towns in the valley remain empty, with broken windows and few sign of life.

In past months, soldiers and then federal police largely took over patrols, but they stick mainly to the main road, afraid to venture down unfamiliar dirt roads that branch off into the valley and are well-traveled by drug traffickers.

"Let's hope it is not a reckless act on her part," said Miguel Sarre, a professor who specializes in Mexican law enforcement at the Autonomous Technological Institute of Mexico. He said that "a municipal police force cannot protect itself against such powerful forces."

Mexico's federal government has struggled to cope with the drug cartel threat to the underpaid, untrained and often corrupt local police that work for Mexico's roughly 2,022 municipal police forces.

President Felipe Calderon has recognized the problem faced by local police forces, whose officers earn average monthly salaries of only 4,000 pesos (about \$300). Most of them have completed less than 10 years of schooling and are either at basic education levels or illiterate, according to the report.

In some cities and towns, entire municipal forces have been fired or arrested for allegedly cooperating with drug gangs, and officials say their low wages and poor weaponry — most use shotguns and pistols, while drug gangs have assault rifles — make them ineffectual or worse.

Calderon has proposed a "unified command" structure in which Mexico's 32 state governments would have state police take on the main responsibility, backed up by federal officers and soldiers where needed.

Observers like Sarre generally support that idea, given the vulnerability and lack of trustworthiness of local forces. "As long as there is no broad solution, municipal police forces will have to be substituted by state and federal forces," he said.

Two bodyguards have been assigned to protect Valles Garcia. While the cartels have been more than able to penetrate much tighter security details — killing mayors and police chiefs throughout northern Mexico — she says she isn't afraid.

# Texas set to execute killer of two

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Larry Wooten says he didn't kill an elderly couple for whom he used to do odd jobs. The DNA evidence in the case said otherwise.

Wooten's blood was found in the kitchen floor of the home of Grady Alexander, 80, and his wife Bessie, 86. They were beaten with a cast iron skillet and a pistol, stabbed and had their throats slit and heads almost severed in 1996.

A pair of Wooten's pants with Grady Alexander's blood were found near an area where Wooten had bought drugs around the time of the murders in the northeast Texas town of Paris.

The 51-year-old is set to be executed Thursday for the murders. He would be the 17th inmate executed this year in the nation's most active death penalty state.

Prosecutors said Wooten robbed the couple, taking their savings of \$500, so he could buy cocaine.

Wooten said he found the Alexanders in their home in Paris, located about 105 miles northeast of Dallas, after they had been killed but had nothing to do with their deaths.

"If I call the cops, they'll think I done it," Wooten said in an interview last month. "I walked away. I didn't tell anybody. I thought they would pin it on me, and that's exactly what they did."

But Kerye Ashmore, the then Lamar County district attorney who prosecuted the case, said the DNA evidence was irrefutable.

"After (14 years) if he's not willing to accept responsibility for killing this innocent, elderly couple, he's even more dangerous than I thought he was," said Ashmore, now the first assistant district attorney in nearby Grayson County. "There needs to be a time when you need to step up and say, 'I did it.'"

The U.S. Supreme Court earlier this month refused to

consider Wooten's appeal. On Tuesday, the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles rejected a plea to commute his sentence to life in prison.

Robin Norris, Wooten's appellate attorney, said he didn't expect to file any more appeals.

"I think we are at the end of the line with Larry, sorry to say," he said.

Wooten knew the Alexanders well as he at one time had been married to their niece.

"This was an elderly couple that were very peaceful people," said Paris Police Assistant Chief Randy Tuttle, who supervised the investigators on the case and had met the couple before their deaths.

Ashmore said Wooten had a history of violence, including a prior conviction for assaulting an elderly woman after breaking into her home. He was also a person of interest in the murder of another elderly woman in Paris who was killed a couple of weeks

before the Alexanders, Ashmore said.

Norris described Wooten as being of "very low intelligence." In prior appeals, Wooten had claimed he should not be executed because he is mentally retarded. But his claim was denied as tests administered to Wooten put his IQ between 77 and 84. An IQ of 70 is considered the threshold for mental impairment.

Norris said he had hoped the Supreme Court would have reviewed Wooten's latest appeal, in which the death row inmate had argued he wouldn't have turned down a plea bargain if he knew about additional DNA evidence that didn't become available until after his trial began.

DNA experts working for Wooten's trial attorneys reviewed the initial blood evidence and believed it didn't reliably connect Wooten to the crime. Based on this, Wooten refused the plea agreement of life in prison.

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# New Dallas exhibit to give sneak peek into Bush archives

DALLAS (AP) — A new exhibit will give the public its first glimpse into the archives of former President George W. Bush, including the bullhorn Bush used when he visited ground zero days after Sept. 11 and the pistol taken from Saddam Hussein when he was captured.

"I think they'll really love some of the interesting items like the bullhorn," said Alan Lowe, director of the George W. Bush Presidential Library. "There's such an emotional connection with these objects that I think people will have because they'll remember those points in history: remember what they were doing on 9/11 or the war in Iraq. They'll remember the day Saddam was pulled out of that spider hole."

The free exhibit, "Breaking New Ground: Presenting the George W. Bush Presidential Center," opens Saturday and runs through Feb. 6 at the Meadows Museum on the campus of Dallas' Southern Methodist University, where the center will be built.

Ground will be broken next month on the about 225,000-square-foot center, which will include the presidential library and the George W. Bush Institute. The center is expected to be open by early 2013. Aside from the artifacts, the exhibit will also give the public a look at a model of the building and its grounds.

"We want to give them a sneak peek at what the library and center will be," Lowe said.

Among the items featured in the exhibit are an aqua

Oscar de la Renta gown with a matching bolero that former first lady Laura Bush wore to a White House dinner with Queen Elizabeth II and handwritten notes Bush scrawled in large lettering in preparation of his first speech after the Sept. 11 attacks.

"To see the notes the president actually made on that day, when everything changed, is pretty overwhelming," Lowe said.

Letters to Bush will also be on display, including one from rock star Bono on AIDS relief in Africa and several to the president from soldiers and school children. Also featured are gifts to the Bushes, including sapphire and diamond jewelry given to Laura Bush from the king of Saudi Arabia.

Even the water bowls the Bushes' Scottish terriers Barney and Miss Beazley used on Air Force One, complete with the presidential seal, made their way into the exhibit.

For children, small drawers are placed throughout the exhibit asking questions relating to the Bushes. Opening the drawers reveals the answers. One asks what the former president liked to write with. The answer is revealed with a drawer of Sharpie pens specially made for Bush with his signature. Another asks about Mrs. Bush's favorite flower. The answer? the Bluebonnet, of course, which is Texas' state flower.

Lowe said that the presidential library's permanent exhibit will be centered on themes of freedom, oppor-

tunity, compassion and responsibility. There will also be a space at the center for temporary exhibits featuring items from the archives.

Once completed, the library will also feature a "decision theater," where museum-goers can hear a set of facts and then try quickly decide what they would have done, Lowe said. "They see the complexity of presidential decision-making," Lowe said.

Amy Polley, curator of the presidential library, said the exhibit provides an opportunity to show the public "just a small sliver of everything we work on on a daily basis."

## Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: Regarding the letter from "Lost in the Land of Aloha" (Sept. 1) and whether short men are considered less desirable — height is relative. I am 5'3" and dated taller men, usually 6 feet and over, because those were the guys who just were around and seemed to be attracted to me.

Then I met my husband. He's 5 feet 6 inches and absolutely wonderful. Before me, he dated much taller women. He's kind, loving, showers me with affection, offers me understanding, is a fantastic father and a complete kid-magnet. He cooks, washes dishes, does laundry, changes diapers, and actually picks things up off the floor instead of vacuuming around them. I am the luckiest woman on this

planet, and I know it.

Never pass up a short guy. They're not short — they're fun-sized! — VERY-VERY HAPPY WIFE IN TEXAS

DEAR WIFE: I received a tsunami of responses to my question, "Does height really matter?" And it shows there's no "shortage" of support for men like "Kal" ("Aloha's" friend) and your honey of a husband. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are both 5 feet 6 inches. In the past I was concerned that we didn't fit the stereotype of the man being taller than the woman, but it has actually worked out great. We can switch cars without having to adjust the seats and mirrors. Our lips line up exactly when we kiss.

I never have to stand on my toes! On our wedding day, I wore gorgeous ballet flats. "Kal" will eventually find a woman who appreciates him for the breadth of his heart and not the length of his body. — SEEING EYE TO EYE IN ILLINOIS

DEAR ABBY: It's all a matter of personal preference. I need to think the man I'm with will be able to protect me if need be. I don't have that feeling with a short guy. And it doesn't matter how muscular he is — it's the height that counts in my mind. — LIKES LOOKING UP AT THE GUY

DEAR ABBY: You bet a man being tall makes a difference. I'm an average-sized bachelor who works around many attractive women. I get plenty

of flirting and interest, but every time I meet one of my co-workers' husbands, he's a tall athletic stud. That's just the way it goes. — THE SHORT OF IT IN LONGMONT, COLO.

DEAR ABBY: This may seem shallow, but height does matter to me. I'm a tall woman, and when I date men who are shorter than I am, I feel even bigger. It makes me uncomfortable, which does not make for a good date. — TALL DRINK OF WATER IN EUGENE, ORE.

DEAR ABBY: Aren't you aware that the vast majority of females prefer taller men? "Heightism" is a rampant and virulent prejudice. Even if a guy is an inch or two taller than the woman, he will be considered too short if he isn't taller than she is when she's wearing heels.

Women go gaga over the really tall guys. I can't count the number of times I've heard them brag about how tall their man happens to be. I have never heard a female boast, "My boyfriend's only 5 feet 6; but he really is all man." — ROLAND IN MAINE

DEAR ABBY: Does height matter? Not a whit! I'm a 6-foot-2-inch guy. The men who catch my eye are in the 5-foot-7 to 5-foot-9-inch range, but I certainly don't draw the line. Shorter guys? Bring 'em on! (One at a time, though.) — DON IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ABBY: No matter how tall or short you are, the most important thing in a relationship cannot be measured: It's LOVE. — WISE ONE IN YUKON, OKLA.

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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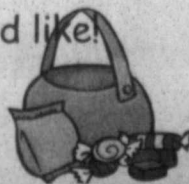
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## Witnesses: Ft. Hood suspect honed skills

FORT HOOD (AP) — In the weeks before the deadly Fort Hood rampage, an Army psychiatrist repeatedly visited a firing range to hone his skills with his new laser-equipped semiautomatic handgun by shooting at the heads on silhouette targets, witnesses told a military hearing Thursday.

Maj. Nidal Hasan bought an FN 5.7 semiautomatic handgun on Aug. 1, a few weeks after he entered the store and made "an interesting request ... for the most high-tech weapon we had," said Fredrick Brannon, a former Guns Galore employee. He said Hasan seemed to have little knowledge of guns at that point.

The Article 32 hearing will determine whether Hasan will stand trial on 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder for the Nov. 5 rampage at the Texas Army post.

Col. James Pohl, the investigating officer in the case, delayed the hearing after prosecutors finished presenting evidence and set it to resume Nov. 15, when defense attorneys will say whether they'll present any evidence. They sought the delay so a defense expert can complete a psychiatric evaluation of their American-born Muslim client.

Hasan was shot by police officers during last year's rampage, leaving him paralyzed from the chest down. He's been attending the hearing in a wheelchair. Hasan remains jailed, as the military justice system does not have bail.

In court Thursday, prosecutors showed footage they said Hasan recorded on his cell phone of the gun store manager in nearby Killeen demonstrating how to use the gun — including reloading and cleaning it. The footage does not show Hasan, but he can be heard saying, "OK," in the background several times as the manager — who did not testify — gave him detailed instructions.

John Choats, part owner of Stan's Outdoor Shooting Range and a certified shooting instructor, said Hasan completed a concealed handgun class Oct. 10 and purchased a membership at the shooting range in Florence, about 20 miles south of Killeen. Hasan returned once or twice a week, doing long-range shooting with an FN 5.7 gun at the rifle range, Choats said.

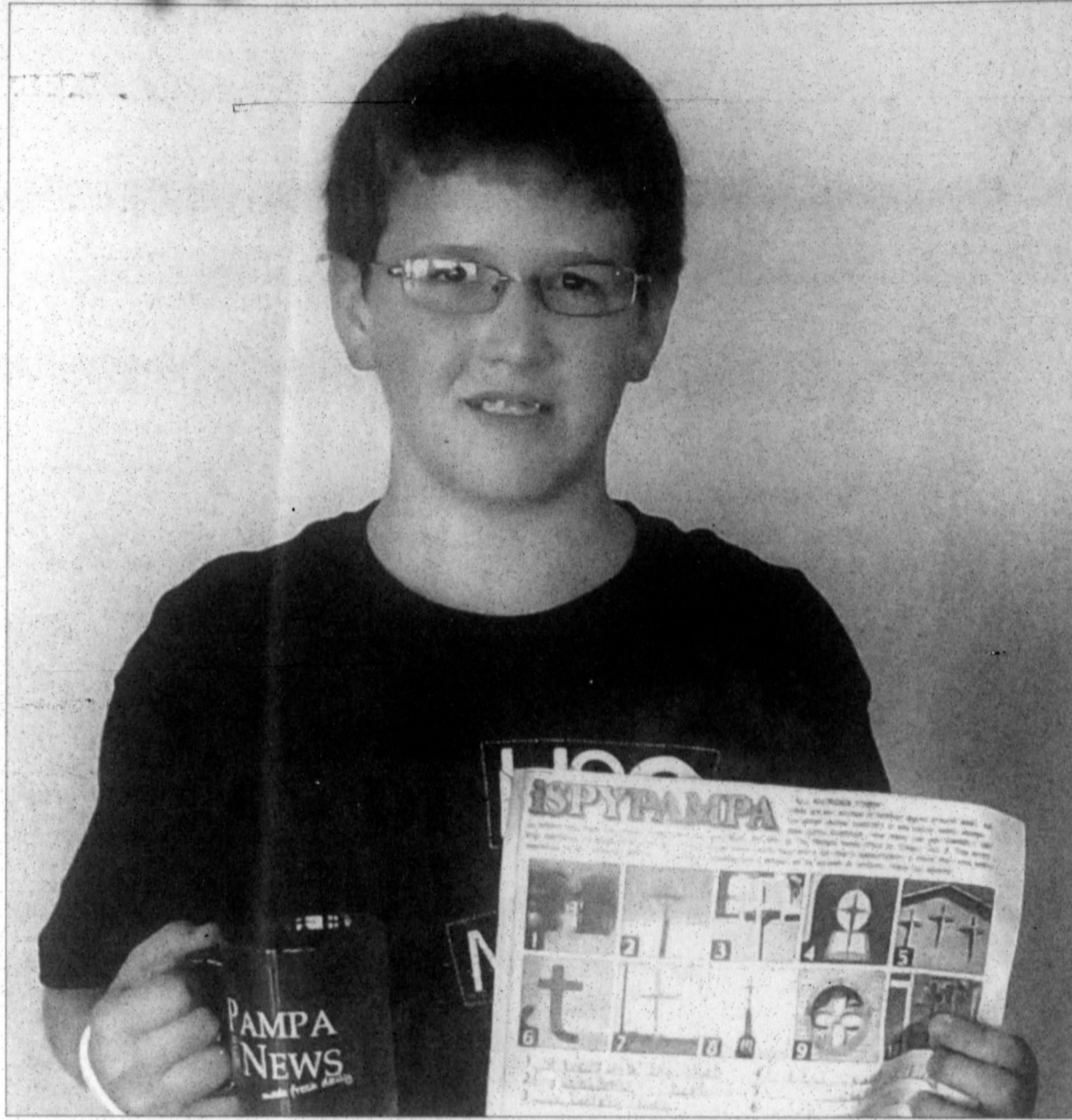
Hasan chose silhouette targets rather than bullseye targets, aiming at the head and chest from 100 yards away, and began to improve his accuracy, Choats said.

"Most of the time in training it's (aiming for) entirely center mass, the chest and abdominal (region)," Choats said, when asked by a defense attorney whether he noticed anything unusual about the target practice.

During seven days of testimony, 56 witnesses testified, including more than two dozen soldiers wounded in the rampage in a medical building where soldiers get vaccines and other medical tests before deployment. Many witnesses said a gunman wearing an Army combat uniform stood near the front door, shouted "Allahu Akbar!" — "God is great!" in Arabic — then opened fired in a crowded waiting area.

Pohl, the investigating officer in the case, will at some point after the hearing recommend whether Hasan should go to trial, though the decision ultimately will be made by Fort Hood's commanding general.

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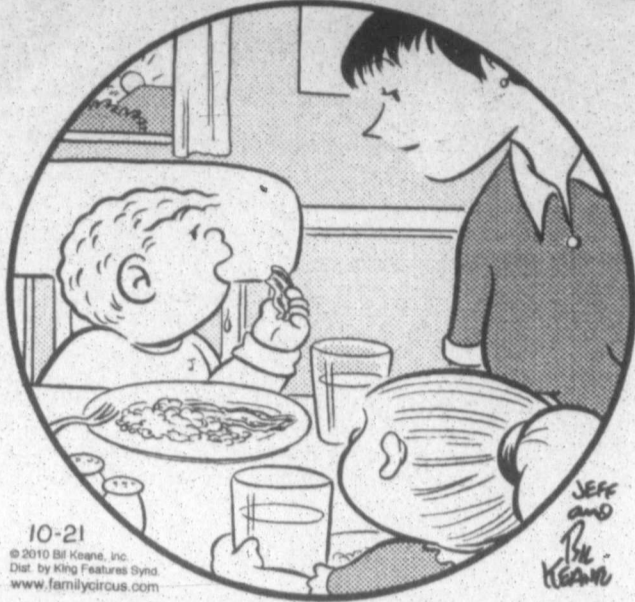
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**"Breakfast is the most important meal of the morning — right, Mommy?"**

### Non Sequitur



### Nest Heads



## daily horoscope

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Oct. 22, 2010:

This year, new possibilities appear. You might want to see life from a different point of view, often striving to get past the facts and the obvious. Don't hold yourself back in any way, shape or form. Be careful of a tendency to become possessive. Sometimes you might say something in a manner that you don't mean. Become more aware of your words and gestures when dealing with others. If you are single, you are like a magnet. Don't go for the first person you meet on the path. If you are attached, allow greater give-and-take. Be aware of what you both bring to the relationship. TAURUS often anchors you.

### 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)**  
★★★★ Others are challenging, but you are on top of your game. Listen to what is discussed. Remain alert. Confusion surrounds a situation no matter how you look at it. Partners make things more complicated. Listen rather than decide. Tonight: Relax.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★ You need to listen more often and get to the bottom of a key issue. Though others confuse your thinking, you want to resolve key matters. Understanding evolves to a new level. Tonight: Nap and know that you are on top of your game.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★ Sometimes you see a situation in a different light. Understand what is going on. Know what you need to do, and stay on top of the situation. You like what you see evolving in a meeting. The only answer is "why not?" Tonight: Vanish while you can.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★★ A partner confuses a matter. You don't see a solution. Taking responsibility, at times, could be unreasonable. Decide what you want and need. Excitement surrounds a potential meeting in the near future. Tonight: Where your friends are.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ Stay in touch with your feelings. Know that your creativity will peak. Understand what needs to happen. Keep reaching out for friends. Look for the unusual path. Realize that what you want is going to happen one way or the other. Tonight: Say "yes" to the unusual.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You could be more creative than you have been in the past. Use your sense of humor, and allow greater give-and-take. One-on-one relating allows greater give-and-take between you and others. Keep reaching out for new information. Tonight: Let your mind explore other options.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★ Defer to others and understand that you will need a change or a new beginning. However, what might look like a wonderful idea simply might not be. Play the cynic, and you will be in a lot better shape. Tonight: Dinner for two.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★ You will accomplish a lot more if you relax. Understanding evolves if you care enough to try another approach or see a situation differently. Be honest about what is going on in your mind. You simply might not be able to deal with a domestic issue. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★★ Let your mind rock and roll. You are full of energy and excitement. Honor changes with openness. If you feel that someone isn't getting your message, let this person know. Confusion marks what is happening. Tonight: Let your creativity flourish.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★ Separate your domestic and professional lives. Open up to confusion, knowing you need new facts. Clearly, your imagination takes you to new turf and a new understanding. Visualize and create more of what you want. Tonight: Kick off the weekend as only you can.

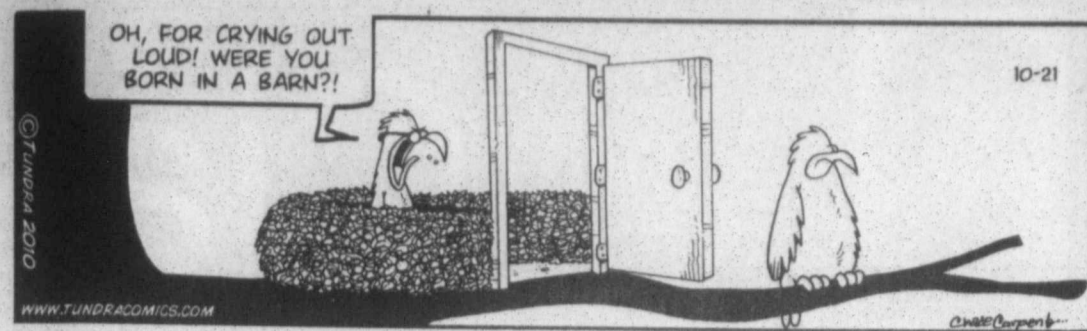
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ Examine what is going on with your life, and get past an immediate issue. You are in touch with your feelings, though explaining them might be difficult and easily misunderstood. Tonight: Talking up a storm.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★ Stay centered and know what you want. Curb a need to be possessive and have certain things tumble your way. Communication increases the later the day gets. Then the only question remaining is "why not?" Tonight: Hang with friends.

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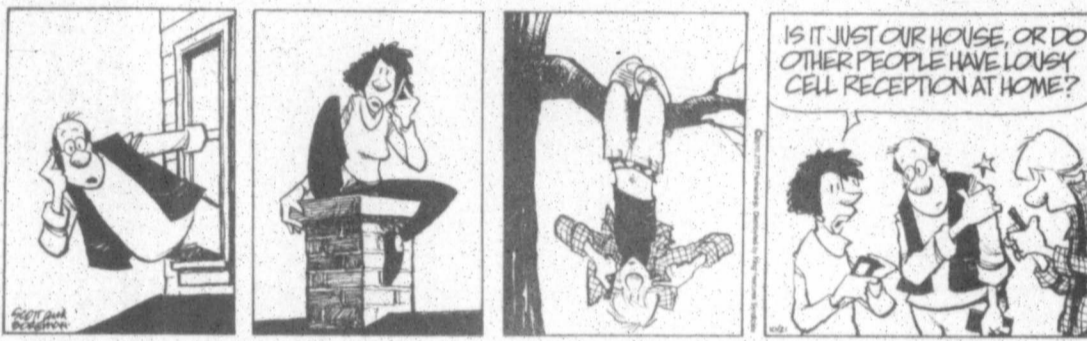
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# Sports

THURSDAY

## GRIDIRON PREVIEW



PERRYTON Rangers

### Harvesters, Rangers battle for coveted playoff spot

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After losing their district openers, the Pampa Harvesters (2-5, 0-1) and the Perryton Rangers (2-5, 0-1) are both in need of a win to keep their playoff hopes alive, when they play 7:30 p.m. Friday at Harvester Field.

Head coach Heath Parker said the practice week was decent and everyone knows what is at stake.

"Everyone knows what it will take," Parker said. "In the two games we out rushed our opponent we won."

Junior quarterback Reid Miller said he is looking forward to the game.

"It's a must win game," Miller said. "I like that kind of atmosphere. I like the pressure."

Junior defensive end Ryne Richardson said practice has had an aggressive mood.

"Everyone wants this game to keep the season going," Richardson said.

Senior defensive back Olin Boyd said practice has gone well for the defense and knows it will

be a big game. "They like to pass the ball," Boyd said. "We're working on stopping the pass and the run."

Parker said Perryton is patient on offense and is successful when the running game and passing game complement each other.

"They use the run to set up the play action pass," Parker said. "That's how they can really hurt you."

Miller said the key Friday will be stay relaxed in spite of the situation.

"It's a must win but we can't be uptight," Miller said. "We have to be ready to play Friday."

Richardson said they

have to maintain focus. "We won't let the distractions get to us," Richardson said.

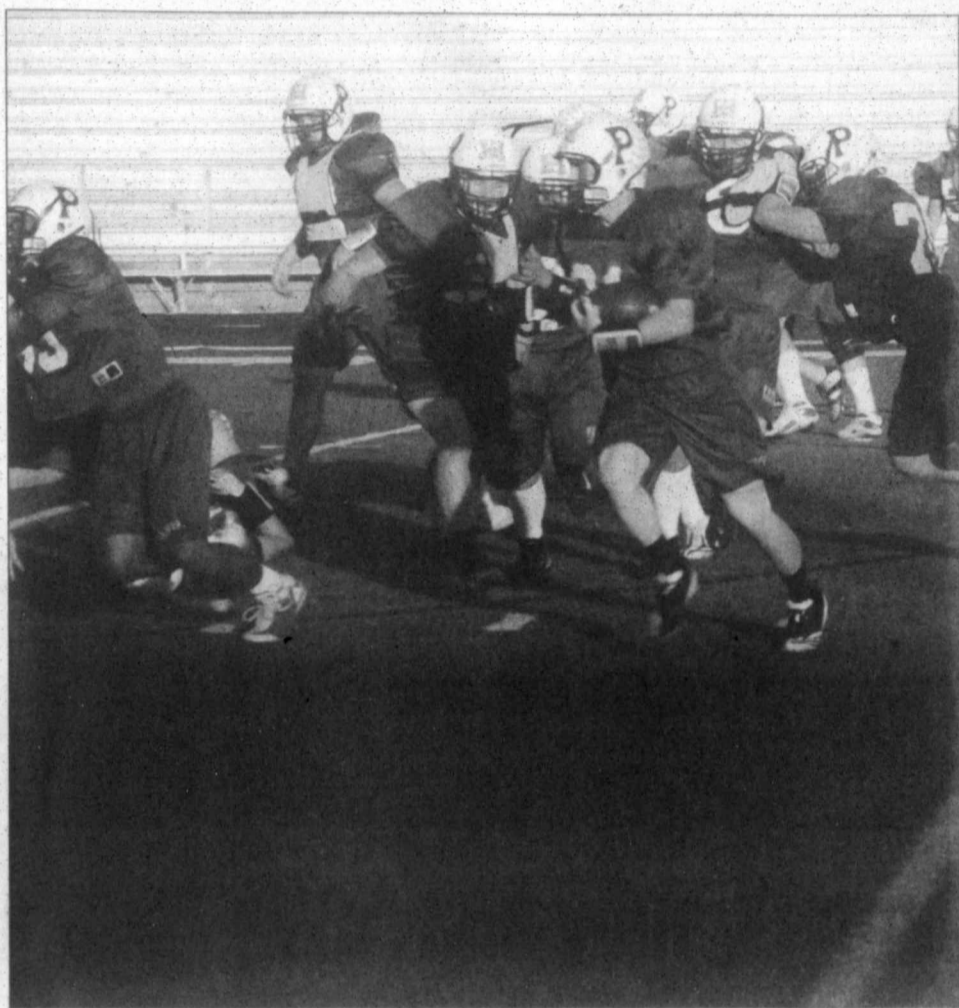
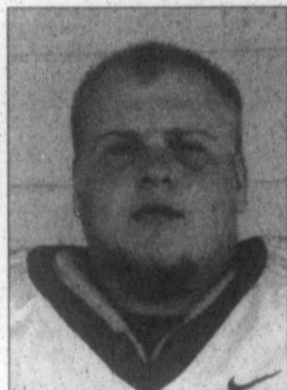
Parker said the key will be getting out to an early lead to limit Perryton offensively.

"Their style of offense is really only effective if they have the lead or are within a score," Parker said. "We need to get started offensively and take away the things Perryton can do to hurt us."

This will be the first time the Harvesters and Rangers play as district opponents. Pampa leads the series 17-13 but the Rangers have won the last two and three of the last four.

#### Keep an eye on: Reid Bradley Sr., C

One of the keys for Pampa is getting a running game going. That starts with the offensive line. It will be important for Bradley to make sure the line communicates well.



Trace Carter rushes inside during practice Wednesday. The Harvesters host the Perryton Rangers 7:30 p.m. Friday. The winner will likely make playoffs.

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### Lady Harvesters return to the hardwood, look to build on 09-10

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters basketball team started practice for 2010-2011 looking to build on last season.

The Lady Harvesters enter this year off a 12-18 season and made playoffs for the first time in five years. Senior Kayla Hughes said she was excited about starting practice.

"I'm ready to get going this season," Hughes said.

Head coach Gene Valentine said it felt good to get going again and was impressed with the number of freshman that came out.

"We had 19 freshman come out this year," Valentine said. "Right now we are seeing what we got and who can play and where."

Senior Cori Cook said they went to team camp at South Plains College in Levelland

during the offseason and it helped them get prepared.

"We didn't do as well as last year," Cook said. "We played some rough teams."

Valentine said the offseason went well and the learning curve has gone up.

"They know what I want and what I expect," Valentine said entering his second full season as head coach.

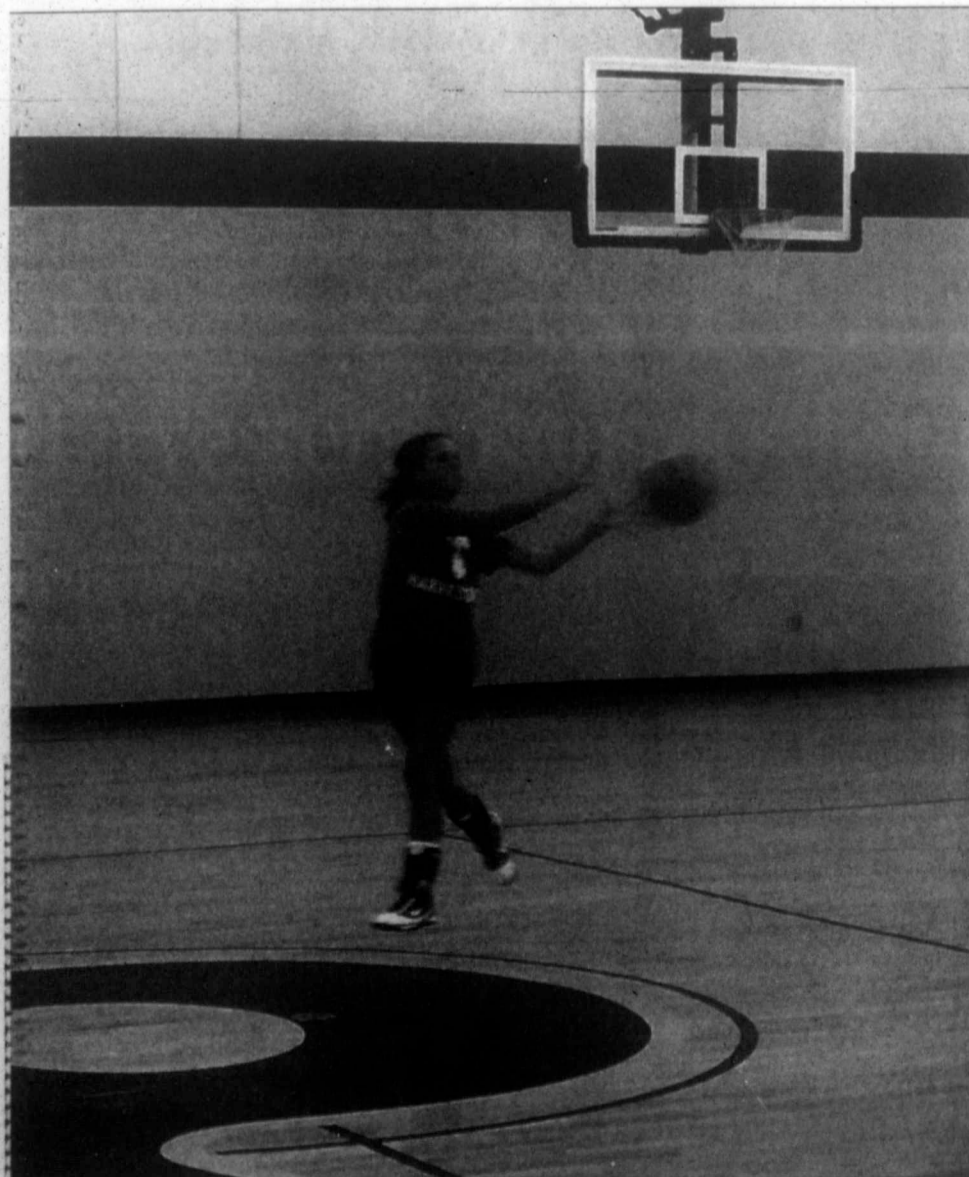
Cook said one of the challenges is starting the season without their players on the volleyball team, which they could get back as late as after Thanksgiving depending on their playoff run.

"A lot of our size is on the volleyball team," Cook said.

Valentine said it will be tough but it will give other girls good playing experience.

"They will have been there and played higher competition," Valentine said.

The Lady Harvesters open the season with a scrimmage October 30, site is to be announced as of press time.



Cori Cook catches a pass during a passing drill Wednesday at the Dennis Cavalier Activity Complex. The Lady Harvesters are seeking to return to the playoffs. Pampa made it to the bi-district round last season.

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Kayla Hughes defends Cori Cook during a drill in practice Wednesday at the Dennis Cavalier Activity Complex. Wednesday was the first day of practice

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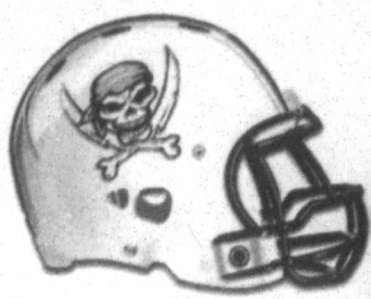
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# Sports

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## GRIDIRONPREVIEW

**LEFORS**  
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**MIAMI**  
Warriors

### Pirates seek to keep district winning streak alive

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The Lefors Pirates (4-3) will start their first step towards their third straight district title when they host the Miami Warriors (6-1) 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Lefors head coach Joey Czubinski said this is the biggest game to date and his team is prepared.

"We've approached this like every opponent this season," Czubinski said. "We've done some serious conditioning and have been working really hard. We are looking forward to it and we know how bad they want it."

The Pirates have won their last 10 district games and the last two district titles. Miami head coach Jack Graves said that his team is ready to play a district game.

"We're new to these small team districts and it takes so long to get this point," Graves said. "It's not that we don't take the other games seriously. We are ready to get focused and ready to play a district game."

Czubinski said they are familiar with Miami and will have to follow their game plan.

"They've added a few new wrinkles," Czubinski said. "It's part of the chess match. They are going to show stuff we haven't seen and we are going to show stuff they haven't seen. The team that executes their gameplan better is going to come out on top."

Graves said his defense will have to play as a team to stop the Pirates offense.

"We have to work together," Graves said. "We have to communicate and move people around. Everyone has to do their job."

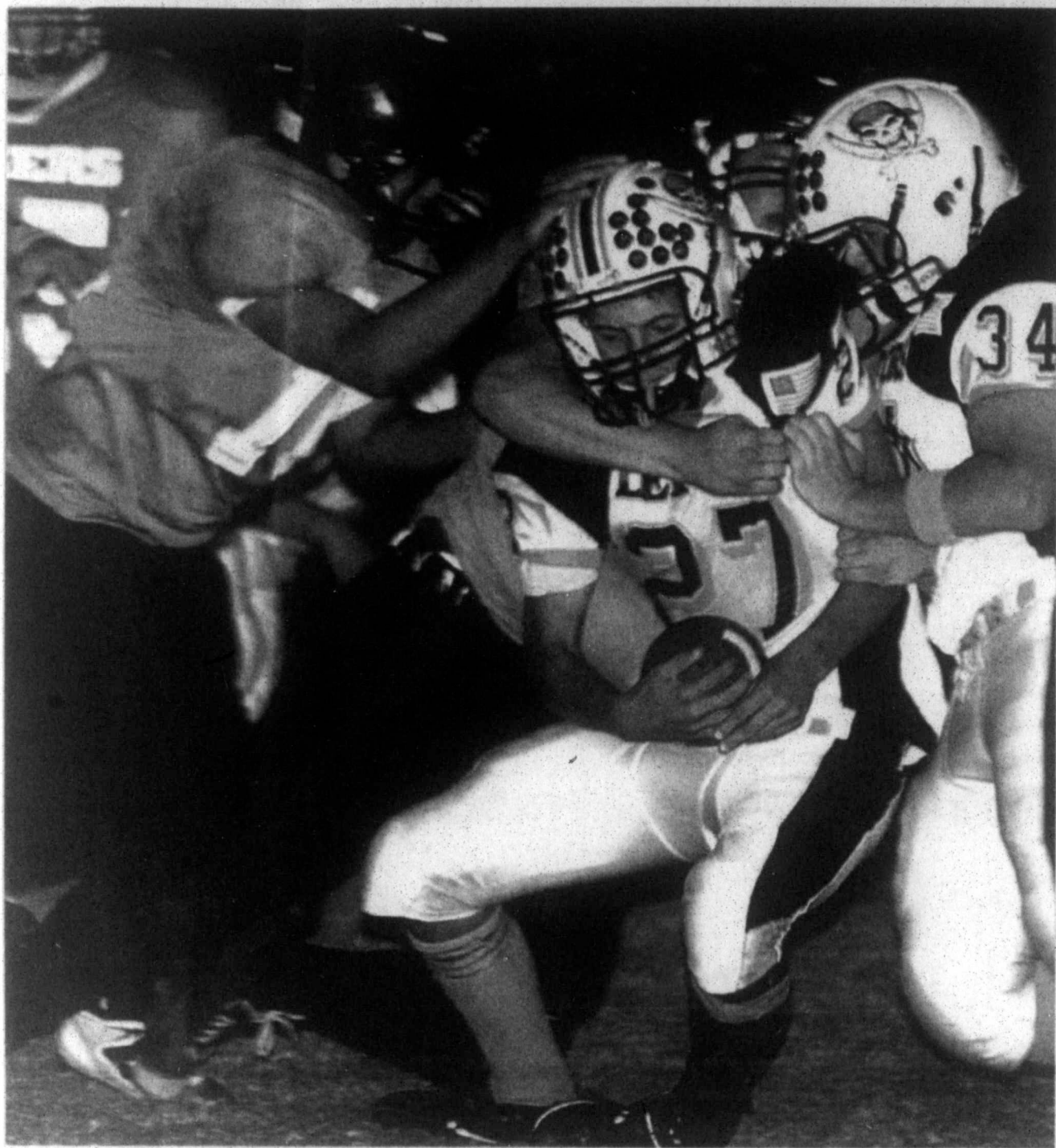
Czubinski said the key will be to get off to a good start and respond quickly.

"They are going to make plays," Czubinski said. "We got to play through it and not put our heads down."

Graves said the key for his team is to limit their mistakes.

"Lefors is going to be ready for us," Graves said. "They have really tested us when we've played. Last year we made some mistakes that allowed them to pull away in the third quarter."

The Pirates have won their last seven meetings with Miami and haven't lost since 2005.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Colten Helfer attempts to keep moving after he's wrapped up against Groom Oct. 8. The Pirates face the Warriors 7:30 p.m. Friday at Shaw Field in the district opener. Lefors is going for their third straight district title and their 11th consecutive district win.

### Bucks open district with Booker Kiowas

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Coming off their bye week, the White Deer Bucks (4-3) open district with the Booker Kiowas (2-5) 7:30 p.m. Friday at Booker.

Head coach Wade Wilson said the bye week went well. "We talked about our district goals and goals for the play-offs," Wilson said. "We worked on the fundamentals of football and use the extra week to improve in all phases of the game."

The Bucks have lost their last two games and Booker lost their last game to Lockney. Wilson said Booker will challenge them with their pass offense.

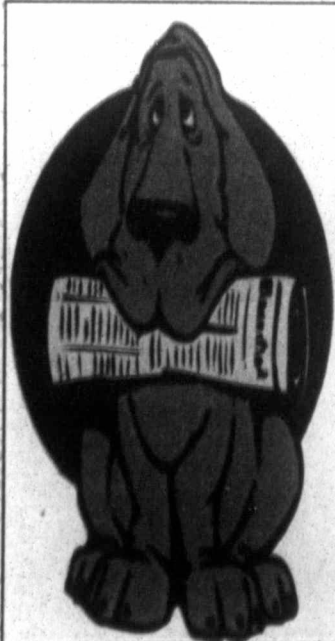
"Booker is a very young team that has put up a lot of points on offense," Wilson said. "Hopefully our defense will play better than we have in the last two games."

The Bucks have allowed 74 points in their last two games, which were both losses. The Kiowas average 22 points per game but have given up 34 ppg.

### Six-Man Division II District 1

Team	W	L	W%	PF	PA	DW	DL	D%
Miami	6	1	0.857	413	231	0	0	0.000
Lefors	4	3	0.571	186	250	0	0	0.000
Ft. Elliott	3	4	0.429	376	402	0	0	0.000
Darrouzett	1	4	0.200	42	246	0	0	0.000

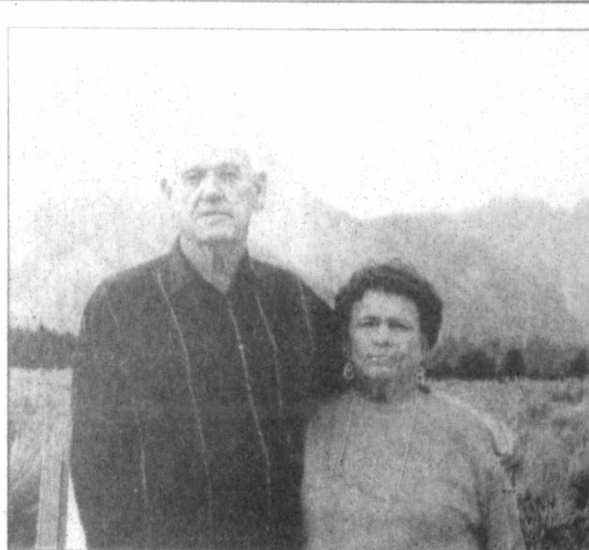
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### Welchs to celebrate 50th

W.J. and Virginia Welch of Pampa will be celebrating their 50th anniversary on October 23, 2010 at the address of 316 Oak from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Pampa. The reception will be hosted by Chuck and Charlotte Hall, sister of Mrs. Welch, Dwight and Kathy Dennis, daughter of the couple, all of Pampa, Loney and Melody Wilson, granddaughter, of Mobeetie, and Michael and Nikki Dennis, grandson, of Miami. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Welch were married on October 1, 1960 at the home of the bride's parents. They have lived in Pampa for 65 years. Mr. Welch retired from C-E Natco in 1986 after 24 years of service. Mrs. Welch retired from Highland General Hospital in 1973 after 16 years of service. Both are members of First Pentecostal Church. During their years of marriage, they had one daughter, Kathy Dennis, of Pampa, two grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

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