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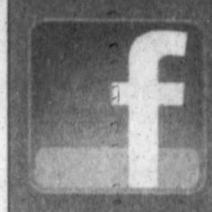
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Lefors looks to get back on winning track

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Pampa PD reminds trick-or-treaters to be safe

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Crime Prevention Officer Stormy McCullar and the Pampa Police Department want to remind kids to stay safe and alert while enjoying trick-or-treat this Halloween.

"Of course, we want the kids to have fun," McCullar said. "We just want to make sure everyone remembers the importance of proper safety."

Kids' Halloween safety has never been an issue in Pampa, McCullar said, although it's always better to be safe than sorry.



McCullar

"There's just a few things that kids should keep in mind while they're out there," she added. "Just a few guidelines that they should remember."

Those guidelines include:
• **Always** go with a trusted adult. Parents should always accompany their kids if the children aren't old enough to go alone.

• **Always** go to people's homes that you know. Do not go to homes without porch

lights.
"People always ask me, 'Why is that an issue?'" McCullar said.

"Well, it's not just the people who don't have candy who leave their porch lights off. Sex offenders are told not to have their porch lights on during Halloween, so it's a really important rule to follow for the kids."

It's a good idea for parents to check an online registry and look at a neighborhood map as a precaution, McCullar said.

"You never know where the sex offenders are," she said. "It doesn't matter how

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FIELD DAY



photo courtesy of Misty Jordan

Lydia Hampton (from left), Tyler Reed, Jacob Stroud, C.J. Taylor and Gidaya Dobbins of Community Christian School navigate a cornfield during the school's recent "Amazing Fun Farm Trip."

FUMC kids to trick-or-treat for charity

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Children from Pampa's First United Methodist Church will be "Trick or Treating" tonight, but they won't be asking for candy.

Instead, the young people will be going door-to-door to ask for donations of canned goods to donate to Good Samaritan Christian Services.

"We encourage our children and youth to serve others, and this is a great opportunity for our kindergartners through 12th graders to do that," said David Gerhardt, FUMC youth director.

"We'll be going door-to-door in various neighborhoods from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. collecting canned goods and non-perishables."

Gerhardt said that this will be the first year for the church youth to undertake this project locally. The children will not be costumed tonight as they ask for the donations.

"I've seen the trick-or-treat be a great ministry in other places," he said. "In one town, it annually raised a third of the holiday food donations going out to the needy."

"It's easy for people to touch another life. They just walk to their pantry and grab a few cans."

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The Pampa Fire Department C Shift lines up behind Breast Cancer Awareness this week. John Evans (right) led the pink parade today followed by Jesse Hanes, Josh Taylor, Jerry Brock, Jon Johnson, Andy Schroeder, Keith Amzen and Kasey Presson.

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For the record

Obituaries

There are no obituaries today.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department

continued from Tues.

A suspicious person was reported in the 400 block of Frederic.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of Twiford.

A 911 hang-up call came from the 1100 block of Charles.

A suspicious person was reported in the 300 block of Henry.

Monday, Oct. 25
A suspicious vehicle was reported on Sunset and Ballard.

A building check was performed in the 2800 block of Charles.

A building check was performed on Hobart and Brown.

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

Police reported five traffic-related calls and one accident.

Animal Control officers reported 23 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported

seven ambulance calls. The Pampa Fire Department reported one medical call.

Tuesday, Oct. 26
An assault was reported in the 1500 block of North Christy.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of North Frost and in the 100 block of East Harvester.

An alarm was reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart.

Officers served a warrant in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of North Russell.

Abandoned vehicles were reported in the 1700 block of North Beech and in the 800 block of South Faulkner.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1600 block of North Hobart.

Fraud was reported to police.

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

An assault was reported in the 100 block of West 30th.

A stolen vehicle was reported to police.

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Officers performed a

welfare check at Crawford and Rosewood.

A suspicious person was reported at West and Foster.

Assaults were reported in the 500 block of North Naida and in the 1000 block of Cinderella.

A theft was reported in the 1900 block of North Wells.

City crews shut off the water in the 1300 block of Charges.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of Sunset.

Harassment was reported in the 1800 block of North Sumner.

A suspicious person was reported in the 600 block of East Foster.

Wednesday, Oct. 27
A violation of city ordinances was reported in the 900 block of Sierra.

Officers checked on a business in the 900 block of North Frost.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of North Duncan.

A suspicious person was reported in the 200 block of North Starkweather.

An alarm was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Officer reported the following arrests as of 8 a.m. today.

Monday, Oct. 25
Allen Bailey Huffman, 22, was arrested by deputies in charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Philip Daniel Littrell, 40, of Banchar, Okla., was arrested by deputies on charges of public intoxication and failure to appear.

Adam Chase Knoop, 20, was arrested by police on charges of resisting arrest and assault causing bodily injury.

Joseph Lee Knoop, 21, was arrested by police on charges of disorderly conduct-language.

Tammy Cherise Cox, 39, was arrested by police on charges of burglary of a habitation.

Tuesday, Oct. 26
Thomas Kirby, 17, was arrested by police on charges of not wearing a seatbelt and failure to appear.

Rita Alonzo Mendoza, 46, was arrested by police on charges of theft by check.

PAMPA FORECAST

Thursday



High 63
Low 37

Friday



High 73
Low 43

Saturday



High 80
Low 47

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 29. North northwest wind around 5 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 63. Wind chill values between 22 and 32 early. West northwest wind around 5 mph becoming south.

Thursday Night: Clear, with a low around 37. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 73. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 43. South southwest wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 80. West southwest wind around 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Clear, with a low around 47. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Indonesia struggles as tsunami toll rises

MENTAWAI ISLANDS, Indonesia (AP) — Helicopters with emergency supplies finally landed Wednesday on the remote Indonesian islands slammed by a tsunami that killed more than 300 people, while elsewhere in the archipelago the toll from a volcanic eruption rose to 30, including the mountain's spiritual caretaker.

President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono cut short a state visit to Vietnam to deal with the dual disasters that struck Indonesia in one 24-hour period, straining the country's ability to respond.

The first aerial surveys of the region hit by the 10-foot (three-meter) tsunami

revealed huge swaths of land underwater and the crumbled rubble of homes torn apart by the wave. One house lay tilted, resting on the edge of its red roof, with tires and slabs of concrete piled up on the surrounding sand.

Two days after an under-sea earthquake spawned the killer wave, the casualty count was still rising as rescuers landed for the first time on the Mentawai island chain, which was closest to the epicenter and the worst hit. Bad weather had kept them away previously.

The first cargo plane loaded with 16 tons (14 metric tons) of tents, medicine, food and clothes arrived Wednesday afternoon, said disaster official Ade Edward. Four helicopters also landed in Sikakap, a town on North Pagai island, which will be the center of relief operations.

"Finally we have a break in the weather," said Edward, putting the number of people killed by the wave so far at 311. "We have a chance now to look for more than 400 still missing." He said the searches would take place by helicopter.

About 800 miles (1,300 kilometers) to the east in

central Java, meanwhile, disaster officials were scouring the slopes of Indonesia's most volatile volcano for survivors after it was rocked by an eruption Tuesday that killed at least 30 people, including an 83-year-old man who had refused to abandon his ceremonial post as caretaker of the mountain's spirits.

Seventeen others have been hospitalized, most with burns and respiratory problems.

Maridjan — entrusted by a highly respected late king to watch over the volcano — has for years led ceremonies in which rice and flowers were thrown into the crater to appease the mountain.

"We found his body," said Suseno, a rescue worker, amid reports that he was kneeling face-down on the floor, a typical Islamic prayer position, when he died.

More than 36,000 people have been evacuated from the mountain, according to the Indonesian Red Cross. Authorities warned those who fled Merapi's wrath not to return during Wednesday's lull in volcanic activity, but some villagers were desperate to check on crops and possessions left behind.

In several areas, everything — from the thinnest tree branches to chairs and tables inside homes — was caked with ash that looked like powdery snow.

The Tuesday night blast eased pressure that had been building up behind a lava dome perched on the crater. But experts warned the dome could still collapse, causing an avalanche of the blistering gas and debris trapped beneath it.

"It's a little calmer today," said Surono, the chief of Center for Volcanology and Geological Hazard Mitigation. "No hot clouds, no rumbling. But a lot of energy is pent up back there. There's no telling what's next."

Both the quake and the volcanic eruption happened along Indonesia's portion of the Pacific Ring of Fire, a series of fault lines that are prone to earthquakes and volcanic activity stretching from the Western Hemisphere through Japan and Southeast Asia.

Tsunami disaster officials, meanwhile, were still trying to get to more than a dozen villages on the Mentawais — a popular surfer's destination that is usually reachable only by a 12-hour boat ride.

Important Channel Information For Cable One Customers

To prepare for future enhancements to your Cable One service, we will be relocating some of the channels on the Economy and Standard Basic Video service effective October 28, 2010. In addition, Comedy Central will be added to the Standard Basic Video channel lineup on channel 58.

The specific channels moving and their new locations are listed below:

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WGN	Channel 58	Channel 6
Home Shopping Network	Channel 60	Channel 14
C-SPAN	Channel 61	Channel 15
C-SPAN II	Channel 62	Channel 16
College Educational Access	Channel 63	Channel 61
VH-1	Channel 65	Channel 56
Fox News Channel	Channel 68	Channel 55
Fox Sports Espanol	Channel 70	Channel 23

Trinity Broadcast Network (TBN) on channel 42 will no longer be available on Expanded Basic Service as it is currently carried on our Faith & Inspirational Tier on digital channel 390.

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AFTERNOON RUSH

Wager for SF, Arlington mayors

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom is betting the Giants win one more series. Newsom has agreed to a friendly wager with Arlington Mayor Robert Cluck, as the Texas Rangers and Giants open up the World Series on Wednesday.

Newsom said on Tuesday the losing mayor will have to don the opposing team's jersey and fly to the winning city to perform community service with low-income children.

There will also be an exchange of foods — Ghirardelli chocolate and sourdough bread for Cluck if the Rangers win and Texas-style barbecue for Newsom if the Giants win.

For those expecting a more involved wager, Newsom spokesman Tony Winnicker tells the San Francisco Chronicle it should be kept in perspective. He said the mayors are trying to do some good while having fun, adding that the real contest is on the field.

Dallas settles discrimination suit

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas City Council has approved a \$400,000 racial discrimination settlement with 16 employees of the Dallas Water Utilities Department.

The lawsuit, filed in December, also alleged retaliation.

City attorney Tom Perkins said the settlement, approved Tuesday, is in the best interest of Dallas.

Perkins says Dallas is committed to making sure that all city employees are respected, treated equally, and that the city follows all laws prohibiting discrimination in the workplace.

The Dallas Morning News reports the employees, who are black, Hispanic and Asian, alleged they were threatened and harassed and that racist graffiti was written on the walls of restrooms.

Boy, 13, faces murder trial

DALLAS (AP) — A judge in Dallas has set a Feb. 14 trial date for a 13-year-old boy charged with killing a Garland couple.

Judge William A. Mazur Jr. on Tuesday set the juvenile capital murder trial date for the boy. His 12-year-old girlfriend is also charged with juvenile capital murder over the shootings that led to the deaths of 46-year-old Darlene Nevil and her 48-year-old husband, Alan Nevil.

Garland police say the wife died the day of the Aug. 17 attacks. Her husband died Sept. 2.

The girl faces trial Jan. 24. Both children remain in juvenile custody.

Conviction carries a potential 40-year sentence, with the juveniles having to serve at least 10 years.

The Dallas Morning News reported Wednesday that the children have not appeared in court during the pretrial process.

Camping banned on beach

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Overnight camping has been banned at Corpus Christi Beach as police raise concerns about criminal activity.

The Corpus Christi City Council on Tuesday adopted the ban on camping and an enhanced curfew for the beach area between midnight and 5 a.m. Signs will be posted.

Police had suggested the overnight camping ban as a way to prevent criminal acts.

Cmdr. Mark Schauer says neighbors had complained about the area becoming a place for sexual encounters and for the homeless to sleep.

The ordinance defines camping as someone sleeping at one area for at least two hours. The previous curfew was 2 a.m. to 6 a.m.

Legislator Flores convicted

AUSTIN (AP) — A jury in Austin has convicted a South Texas legislator of multiple counts of tampering with government records and perjury.

The verdict was returned Wednesday against 52-year-old state Rep. Kino Flores.

He faces up to two years in prison and will be sentenced at a later date.

Flores, who did not testify, has denied allegations of bribery. Prosecutors said he sold access to the Legislature and accepted money in exchange for legislative considerations.

The Democrat, who has served in the Legislature since 1996, is not seeking re-election.

The verdict was first reported by the Austin American-Statesman.

Jury chosen for DeLay trial

AUSTIN (AP) — A jury was chosen Tuesday in the trial of former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, a once powerful but polarizing politician accused of illegally financing Texas GOP legislative races in 2002.

The panel of six men and six women, along with two alternates, was selected after attorneys spent more than eight hours quizzing potential jurors about whether their political beliefs could interfere in their ability to make an impartial decision. Most said it wouldn't affect them.

Jurors were scheduled to return to court Monday, on the eve of Election Day, to hear opening arguments in a trial expected to last three weeks. The jury was chosen from a group of about 90 people whittled from an initial pool of 320.

DeLay, who has long denied wrongdoing, has been pressing for a trial since he was indicted five years ago, but his case was slowed by appeals of pretrial rulings. The 63-year-old former congressman held the powerful post of House majority leader during part of former President George W. Bush's administration.

Car slams into school bus

BOERNE (AP) — A car driver is dead and 15 junior high football players were hurt when the car slammed head-on into a school bus carrying the players to a game in the Texas Hill Country.

The Texas Department of Public Safety reports the crash happened on Texas 46 about 4 p.m., about five miles west of Boerne. A DPS spokesman did not return a message from The Associated Press, but KSAT-TV of San Antonio quotes the DPS as saying the bus was carrying seventh-grade players from Uvalde to a game in Boerne on the two-lane highway when an oncoming car hit it head-on.

The driver of the car died, and the San Antonio Express-News reports none of the 15 students suffered life-threatening injuries.

Boerne is about 30 miles northeast of San Antonio.

Beef prices expected to remain up

LUBBOCK (AP) — Americans love their beef, but with prices expected to remain high for the next few years and other options plentiful, their loyalties might be challenged.

Average retail prices of beef have climbed from \$4.18 per pound in July 2009 to \$4.44 per pound last July, a change largely due to a tight supply of cattle.

Ranchers and feedlots have reduced supplies in response in large part due to rising prices of corn and soybeans fed to cattle, economists said.

"You've got a whole bunch of things coming together and it's driving all meat prices higher," said Ken Mathews, an agricultural economist with the research arm of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. "Beef is the highest price of the meats so that's the one that gets the notice."

Cattle producers "took it on the chin" the past several years, Texas A&M University livestock economist David Anderson said, "and the response to that economically is to produce less because you're losing money."

The poultry and pork industries are poised to fill the gap, which ultimately could cause beef prices to drop. Consumption of poultry — chicken and turkey — is forecast to climb by 8.4 percent to 107.9 pounds per person, by 2019, according to the USDA.

"It puts beef in a difficult demand situation longer term," Anderson said.

The USDA projected per capita consumption of beef would drop through 2014 — to 56.2 pounds — as beef production continues to lag.

For now, said Anderson, consumers dealing with a lingering recession are choosing hamburger over steak because it costs less, though demand for ground beef has raised its price, Anderson said.

Safety

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nice the neighborhood is."

• **Never** go into someone's home. Have your child stay outside the house and get their candy from the porch.

"I don't care if it's a granny coming to the door, don't go inside," warned McCullar. "You never know who's inside the house. Stay outside."

• **Always** obey the law. Make sure kids look both ways before crossing the streets and obey all traffic laws. Have your child always use crosswalks and lights where available.

• **Make sure** to work something into your costume that will be visible at night. Reflector strips, a flash light or light stick will ensure that kids are seen by drivers, and parents can keep an eye on them as well if they run ahead while trick or treating.

• **Remember** there is always safety in numbers.

To help kids stay safe this weekend, the Police Department will be giving away free reflective Halloween safety bags on Friday.

McCullar hopes that the police department's kids' safety initiative will encourage parents to practice added caution with their children.

"Kids are always excited during Halloween," McCullar said. "They're always happy. They might not always be paying attention."

"It's up to the parents to teach our kids how to be safe and to help keep them safe. There's no reason why our kids can't have fun and be safe at the same time."

We Had a Great Ride



MATTHEW "UNCLE MATTY" MARGOLIS
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ing, playing with, gnawing on. My roommate decided she couldn't hack it and put an ad in the paper: "Adorable puppy — free!"

He was adorable. But I feared she and the ad would mislead Percy's next owner, making it likely he'd end up being passed off to yet another home or dumped at a shelter. As the voice mails came in responding to the ad, I deleted them. All of them. There was no way this handsome pup with the deep brown eyes was going to suffer that fate. I was in love.

One of my dear friends recently lost their beloved dog. I encouraged her to share her experience in words, and she did:

It's been three weeks since my dog died. When I realized that just now, I made a quick and quiet wish that time would stop. Or better, reverse. I don't want to be any further from the time when he was still breathing, still working that sniffer, still soft and warm in my arms. I don't want it to be real.

Some call it self-indulgence. I call it grief. I resent the clock and its relentless ticking. Time moving on. The earth spinning. The sun setting. The moon smiling, taunting. The only thing that feels good is the rain. Seems right. Some acknowledgment from the world that mine has forever changed. A nod from Mother Nature.

He was just a dog.

And I am just a woman. Why is the death of a person more important, more profound? Why is it supposed to be felt deeper? Is it because we put a man on the moon? Because we invented the wheel and took flight, tamed fire and electricity, created a new universe of sorts with the Internet and kept 33 men alive half a mile underground for 69 days?

That's the anger talking.

It's all very impressive, the accomplishments, the developments. But impressive doesn't make you feel like skipping.

That's the truth.

Percy Burch was born on March 1, 1996, the smallest of a litter of six dachshund/beagle/Chihuahua pups. My roommate at the time plucked him from the bed of a pickup truck somewhere on the outskirts of Austin, Texas. On a college-girl whim, she brought Percy home to our apartment that didn't allow dogs.

On that very ordinary day, everything changed.

It was clear from the beginning that Percy was, in a word, unusual. He was alternately standoffish and playful. Shy and bossy. Sweet and sour. Jekyll and Hyde. Even as a puppy, he gave the impression of having deeply entrenched opinions on the life he should be living, the company he should be keeping, the things he should be doing, eat-

I learned so much trying to figure that dog out. The two of us being of German stock, we were stubborn and butted heads. I was young, impatient and still indulging my desires for instant gratification and anything that felt good. He was food-aggressive, hyper-territorial, resistant to my amateur attempts at training — a total Alpha nightmare.

But the good trumped the bad, and I smelled potential. He was remarkably smart and curious, not to mention exceedingly loyal and protective. He chased away more than a handful of unsavory characters. He prevented a break-in while I was home alone. He made me feel safe when my peace of mind had been assaulted. He made me feel like skipping.

Over the next 14 years, Percy and I reached an understanding. And I learned three very important things: 1) A good walk has the power to erase bad will. 2) It's vital to stop and sniff. Often. 3) There's nothing like a road trip to cure what ails you.

I've done two things in the past two months of which I'm very proud:

When it became clear that Percy's time would be shorter than expected, I cleared my calendar as best I could and we hit the road. I will never forget the toothy, tongue-dangling grin on his face as we crossed the Continental Divide together for the umpteenth time.

And two weeks later, when it was obvious that Percy's kidneys would not rebound, that his quality of life was not what he deserved, was not what I wanted for him or would want for myself, I asked his vet, an exceptionally kind and compassionate man, to come to the house to administer an injection that would end my little guy's suffering. And he did.

Rest in peace, sweet Percy. We had a great ride.

Dog trainer Matthew "Uncle Matty" Margolis is co-author of 18 books about dogs, a behaviorist, a popular radio and television guest, and host of the PBS series "WOOF! It's a Dog's Life!"

Pet of the Week

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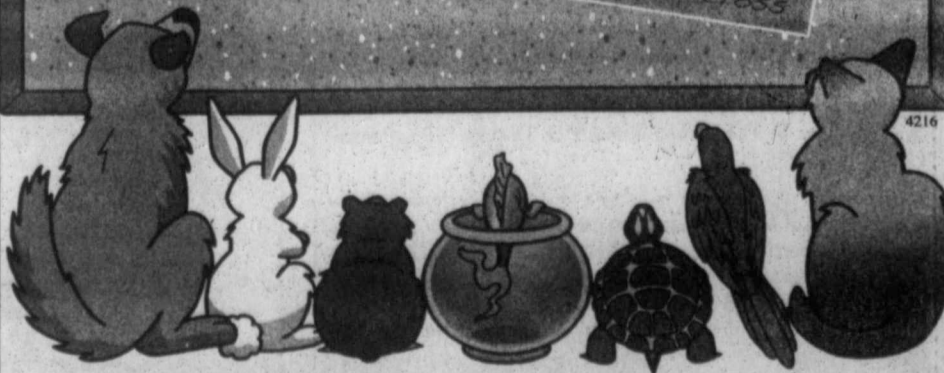
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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 27, the 300th day of 2010. There are 65 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

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

On this date:

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

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

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

In 1904, the first rapid transit subway, the IRT, was inaugurated in New York City.

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

In 1947, "You Bet Your Life," starring Groucho Marx, premiered on ABC Radio. (It later became a television show on NBC.)

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

In 1995, a sniper killed one soldier and wounded 18 others at Fort Bragg, N.C. (Paratrooper William J. Kreuzer was convicted in the shootings, and condemned to death; however, the sentence was later commuted to life in prison.)

Ten years ago: Canadian authorities arrested two men they said masterminded the 1985 bombing of an Air India jumbo jet near Ireland that claimed the lives of all 329 people aboard. (However, the men were acquitted at trial in March 2005.)

Five years ago: As many Floridians continued to struggle to find food, water and fuel in the wake of Hurricane Wilma, President George W. Bush visited the state to inspect the damage. Tropical Storm Beta formed in the Caribbean Sea.

One year ago: Eight American troops were killed in two separate bomb attacks in southern Afghanistan.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Nanette Fabray is 90. Baseball Hall-of-Famer and sportscaster Ralph Kiner is 88. Actress Ruby Dee is 86. Former Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher is 85. Actor-comedian John Cleese is 71. Author Maxine Hong Kingston is 70. Country singer Lee Greenwood is 68. Producer-director Ivan Reitman is 64. Rock musician Garry Tallent (Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band) is 61. Author Fran Lebowitz is 60. TV personality Jayne Kennedy is 59. Actor-director Roberto Benigni is 58. Actor Peter Firth is 57. Actor Robert Picardo is 57. World Golf Hall of Famer Patty Sheehan is 54. Singer Simon Le Bon is 52. Musician J.D. McFadden is 46. Rock musician Jason Finn (Presidents of the United States of America) is 43. Rock singer Scott Weiland is 43. Actress Sheeri Rappaport is 33. Violinist Vanessa-Mae is 32. Actress-singer Kelly Osbourne is 26.

Thought for Today: "He who seeks rest finds boredom. He who seeks work finds rest." — Dylan Thomas, Welsh author and poet (born this date in 1914, died 1953.)



Obama seeks votes among the unemployed

DAVID ESPO
AP special correspondent

WOONSOCKET, R.I. (AP) — Economy is destiny for the Democrats and President Barack Obama, who began his campaign week in Rhode Island, where unemployment is measured at 11.5 percent. He has stops planned in Pennsylvania (at 9 percent), Illinois (9.9 percent) and Ohio (10 percent) before Election Day.

Just as striking as the jobless figures is the calculation that those are among the states where the president might make a difference in the final days of the campaign, perhaps helping salvage a handful of key races for the beleaguered Democrats. He won those four states and their 70 electoral votes in 2008, some handily, some not, and will need them again in his re-election campaign in 2012.

On a one-day trip to the nation's smallest state on Monday, Obama presented a pair of arguments to voters still making up their minds.

The first asserts that the Republicans drove the economy into the proverbial ditch over the eight years of the Bush administration and now offer a return trip to the wreckage. The second, more forward-looking, says that due to policies his administration and Democrats in Congress put into place — no thanks to the GOP — improvement is in the air.

"It needs some body work, needs a tuneup. But it's pointing in the right direction. The engine is turning and it's ready to go," he said at a fundraiser in Rhode Island, where joblessness is fourth highest in

the country.

Earlier, Obama described a factory he had just toured in the same upbeat terms in which he wants voters to view the overall economy.

"Like most small businesses, American Cord and Webbing has gone through some tough times in the past few years," he said. "Early in 2009, they lost customers and had to lay off some workers. ... And then invested in new products and pursued new customers. And over the past year, they've hired back all the workers they had to lay off. And today business is going well."

Ascendant Republicans seem content to let Obama try to explain the past and peer into the economic future.

They focus on the present in the form of a question — Where are the jobs? — first asked months ago by Rep. John Boehner, the Ohioan in line to become speaker of the House if his party wins control.

In fact, there is no disputing that Republicans opposed, slowed and obstructed legislation that Obama sought and Democrats passed.

Call it crass political opportunism, as Obama does, or principled disagreement, as Republicans do, the result was the same. Trench warfare gripped Congress for nearly two years amid high unemployment and a wave of home foreclosures, bank failures and personal bankruptcies. And now comes a political campaign in which the economy is the central issue.

The partisan lines firmed up quickly after the 2008 elections.

In the House, nary a Republican voted for the

\$814 billion economic stimulus bill that passed in February 2009. In the Senate, the GOP sent a signal of opposition, erecting a 60-vote requirement that Obama and the Democrats were able to overcome only with the help of three renegades.

Republicans attacked the bill as unnecessary federal spending, choosing to overlook that it included \$400 tax cuts for most individuals and \$800 for couples. "The bill that was about jobs, jobs, jobs has turned into a bill that's about spending, spending, spending," Boehner said moments before it passed the House, contemptuously letting a copy of the 1,071-page measure fall to the floor.

Republican Party Chairman Michael Steele spoke scathingly of a bill that expanded unemployment benefits, food stamps and other programs designed to ease the impact of the worst recession since the 1930s. "The Democrat plan focuses on putting Americans on the public dole," he said.

The stage set, Republicans and Democrats played out their roles on the big items that followed — the health care bill, a measure to regu-

late Wall Street, small business legislation and more.

Each time a bill passed over strong opposition, Obama and Democrats hailed their triumphs. Republicans called it more big government spending. Joblessness rose, impervious to political argument.

GOP critics claimed cause and effect, which is easy to argue and all but impossible politically to refute.

Democrats said that they had inherited an economy in worse shape than even they expected and that without their policies, unemployment would be even higher.

"In the six months before I took office, we lost 4 million jobs in America," Obama said at a fundraising event on Monday. "We lost 750,000 the month I took office, 600,000 the month after that, 600,000 the month after that."

To sign the stimulus bill 21 months ago, the president went to Denver.

"I don't want to pretend that today marks the end of our economic troubles," he said. "But today does mark the beginning of the end."

At the time he spoke, unemployment stood at 7.6 percent.

In the months since, it has risen by nearly one-third.

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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Oct. 28, 2010:

This year, reach into your imagination to find answers and solutions. A new perspective might be necessary and will come through detachment. Often you are your own worst critic. New beginnings become possible if you accept yourself. As a result, you will become a lot nicer to others. If you are single, you meet others with ease. Understand what you want from a relationship first, then decide if you have met the right person. If you are attached, be more sensitive to your sweetie. Try to understand more often where he or she is coming from. Detach and walk in his or her shoes. **CANCER** opens your mind to different ideas.

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)
 ★★★★★ Handle a person directly. Soft words go far. You will note that a contentious quality from a partner or associate seems to fall away. A key associate seems to be more willing to make peace. New beginnings become possible. Tonight: Head on home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ Keep asking questions and try to bottom-out an issue. A partner is more willing to discuss his or her feelings. Your instincts are right on target about an emotional issue. Let this person talk as much as he or she needs to. Tonight: Meet friends at a favorite place.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★ Curb a need to be possessive and have others agree with you. New beginnings become possible concerning your work. A child or new friend could be on your case. Be careful with financial agreements. Tonight: Invite a friend to join you for dinner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ You bloom like you haven't in a long time. You have unusual energy and direction. Know what you need to do in order to allow greater creativity and flow. Your ingenuity melts into your intellect, creating unusual solutions. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★ Keep your own counsel. Right now, moods and feelings run together. Nevertheless, your creativity flourishes. You will actively seek out solutions. A child or new friend suddenly could become demanding. Tonight: Take your time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Zero in on what you want while others seem disposed to go along with your requests. You have a nice way of expressing yourself. Your ideas are well received. Remember, your assets aren't just your finances but also your innate talents. Tonight: Where the action is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Stay on top of your work, and understand what is necessary to make your life work. What is critical is not to put too much pressure on others. You could be an overly serious taskmaster. Take time to buy a small token of affection. Tonight: Could be late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You have a way of detaching and looking past the immediate issue. The less emotional you become, the more likely you are to get what you want. Be willing to drop the word "no" from your vocabulary. Tonight: Let your imagination rock and roll.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ With the planet of energy and animal magnetism, Mars, moving into your sign, you easily could be described as a pistol, with way too much energy. Zero in on what you need and feel works for you. Others will naturally defer to you. Tonight: Dinner for two.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Others let you know who is in control (or at least who they think is in control). The smart Goat will defer to the prevailing forces, not choosing to correct them. Take charge of a professional matter that could slide to the wayside. Tonight: A must appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Stay level and direct when dealing with those in your work environment. Your caring ways make a big difference to an older relative or friend. You have a fiery spirit that is difficult to deny. Tonight: Chill and relax in a preferred manner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Your creativity mounts, and others respond to your ideas. Although, someone might think that you need to detach to really gain a total perspective. Someone you respect or have to answer to could be unusually demanding. Tonight: Let your hair down.

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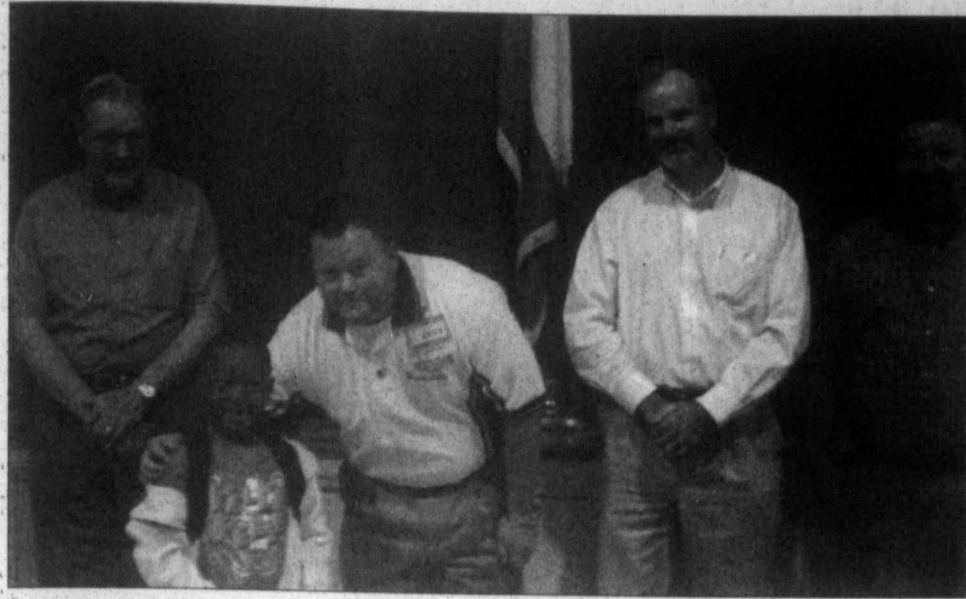
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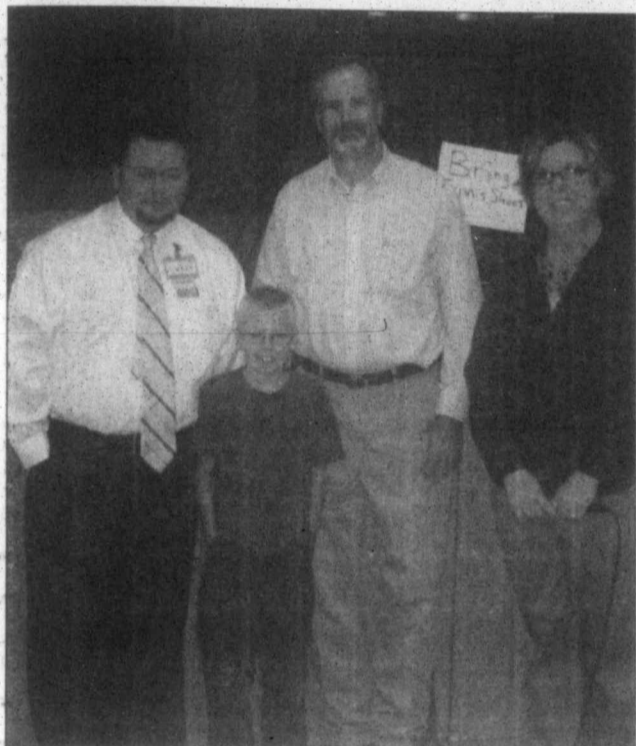
throughout the school year awarding a total of 24 bicycles to the winners through the cooperative partnership with Wal-Mart. The program aims to foster increased attendance, learning and give the kids something to look forward to at the end of each six week period.



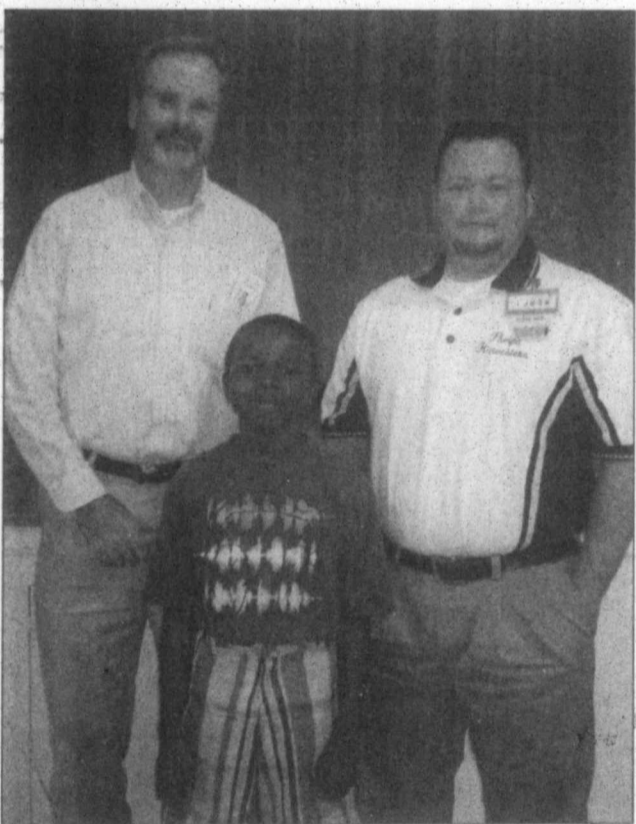
Lamar Elementary bicycle winner Prentiss Edwards, kindergarten.



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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a rabbi who was asked by a funeral director to talk with a family dealing with the wife's terminal illness. When I met Mindy, I was touched by her bravery and sensitivity in confronting her disease. She shared that she and her family were taking charge of the calendar and moving all the holidays forward so they could squeeze in as many celebrations as possible in the coming weeks.

Regardless of the actual date on the calendar, they were celebrating secular and religious holidays, birthdays and anniversaries. These events included decorating, serving the appropriate food associated with the observance -- even wearing costumes for Halloween.

On my last visit, Mindy described something else she had done. She invited relatives who lived far away to be with her and gave them quilts she had created over her lifetime. She remarked that it made sense for her to be able to say her goodbyes rather than miss that opportunity. She described it as a "living wake." A few weeks later, she was gone.

For Mindy, condensing the holidays gave her the ability to control her medical situation in a gracious and innovative way. Her choice of saying goodbye to loved ones gave her -- and them -- time to heal any rifts that had occurred. In dealing with her own impending death, she bestowed a special gift to us for these upcoming holidays.

Let loved ones know

today how important they are to you. If there is a way of resolving a family disagreement, do it as soon as possible. Life is too short for many of these disagreements. Finally, appreciate and enjoy the time we have with family, relatives and friends. It is truly irreplaceable. — RABBI ALBERT SLOMOVITZ

DEAR RABBI SLOMOVITZ: Well said. I confess that your account of Mindy's final weeks and her passing left me feeling very emotional. It is a profound lesson for us all, as is a poem that is a favorite of my dear mother's and mine:

THE TIME IS NOW
 — Author Unknown
 If you are ever going to love me,

Love me now, while I can know

The sweet and tender feelings

Which from true affection flow.

Love me now while I am living.

Do not wait until I'm gone

And then have it chiseled in marble,

Sweet words on ice-cold stone.

If you have tender thoughts of me,

Please tell me now.

If you wait until I am sleeping,

Never to awaken,

There will be death between us

And I won't hear you then.

So, if you love me, even a little bit,

Let me know it while I am living

So I can treasure it.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Layered mineral
 - 5 Bigwigs
 - 11 Burden
 - 12 "Let me in!"
 - 13 Snack
 - 14 Swift
 - 15 Wee worker
 - 16 Trapper's item
 - 17 Past plump
 - 19 Letter before psi
 - 22 Evil spirit
 - 24 Feel faint
 - 26 Neighborhood
 - 27 "Sports-Center" network
 - 28 Bakery buys
 - 30 Mythical trio
 - 31 Twisty turn
 - 32 17-syllable poem
 - 34 Printed matter
 - 35 Singer Tormé
 - 38 Bogie's love
 - 41 Letter before gamma
 - 42 Change gradually
 - 43 Spoken
 - 44 Restaurant fixtures
- DOWN**
- 1 "— Lisa"
 - 2 Privy to
 - 3 Store patrons
 - 4 Bat wood
 - 5 Snouts
 - 6 Bobbing goals
 - 7 Borscht
 - 8 Low number
 - 9 Vase item
 - 10 Bond, for one
 - 16 Signing need
 - 18 Dinghy or dory
 - 19 Outfit suppliers
 - 20 Aspiration
 - 21 Tourist stops
 - 22 Appointment
 - 23 Historic times
 - 25 Feeble
 - 29 Put away
 - 30 In shape
 - 33 Wheel connectors
 - 34 Statuesque
 - 36 List-ending abbr.
 - 37 Composer Edouard
 - 38 Track act
 - 39 One of Frank's wives
 - 40 Pipe material
 - 41 Halloween cry

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Pirates seek to keep playoff hopes alive vs. Cougars

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When the Lefors Pirates and Fort Elliott Cougars met in Week 1, it was the Pirates who held a 1-0 record. Seven weeks, later the tables are turned: Fort Elliott enters the game with a 1-0 record in district and the Pirates need a win to keep their playoff streak alive when they meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Briscoe.

In the first meeting Sep. 2, Lefors won 27-20, but held a 20-0 lead in the first half. Head Joey Czubinski said they made crucial mistakes in that game that they can't make in the rematch.

"We made a couple stupid mistakes and let them come-back," Czubinski said. "We have to play every down like it's our last on Thursday."

Czubinski said the biggest improvement he's seen in Fort Elliott is they are more comfortable with their offense.

"Every coach hopes you get better after eight games," Czubinski said. "They are more comfortable with the offense and are making plays."

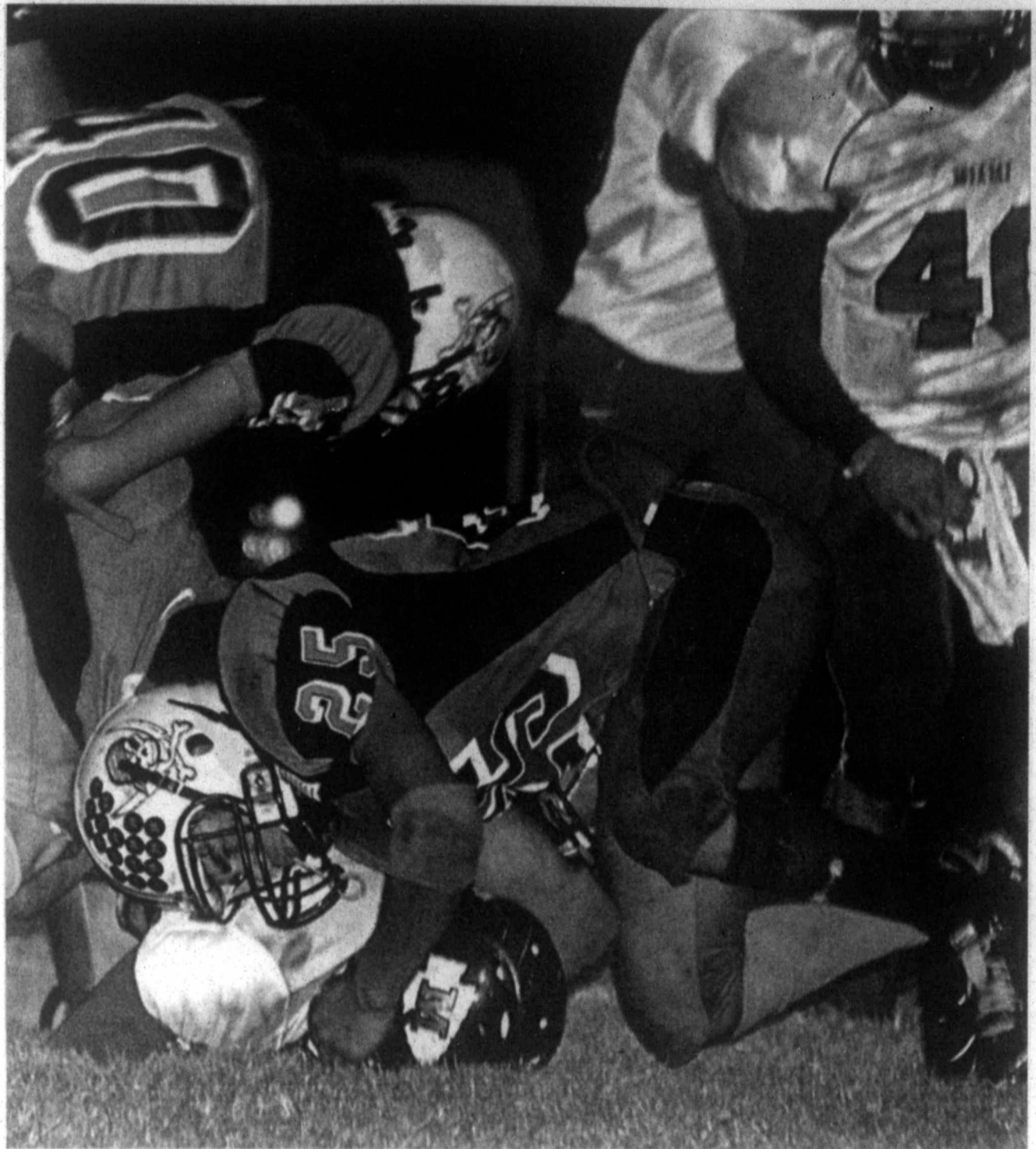
The Cougars (4-4, 1-0) enter the game on a three game winning streak and are the sixth consecutive team the Pirates have faced with at least a three game winning streak. Lefors went 1-4 in the previous five. Czubinski said they played good teams in their last four games.

"We looked good in spots," Czubinski said. "We didn't look good the entire game. This is a district game and the whole season is on the line. We've got to focus on what we need to do to win the game."

The Pirates have won the last five games against the Cougars. Czubinski said Fort Elliott wants to beat them.

"We know they are going to come after us," Czubinski said. "We are going to get everyone's best game the whole season."

Lefors has made the playoffs for four straight seasons. Seniors Joey Johnson, Reice Warner, Cody Hess, Austin Brooks and Zach Williams seek to become the second senior class to make the playoffs all four years.



Andrew Chambers (25) takes down a Miami ball carrier Oct. 22. The Pirates rematch with Fort Elliott and need a win to stay in contention for the playoffs. Lefors won the first meeting Sept. 2 27-20. photo courtesy of Lendi Jackson

No. 15 Pampa slips by Dalhart in finale

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The No. 15 Lady Harvesters volleyball team entered the fourth set trailing the Dalhart Golden Wolves, but won the last two sets to win in five (22-25, 27-25, 21-25, 32-30, 15-9) in their final regular season game Tuesday at Dalhart.

Head coach Libby Garza said the team didn't get into a rhythm until the last two games, but was glad they pulled it out.

"I felt so proud of them, they fought so hard," Garza said.

Junior Delaney Clendening led the team in kills with 20 and junior Ramie Hutto had 18. Junior Kailyn Troxell led the team in blocks with six and junior Alanna Stephens had two. Junior Kirsten Kuhn led the team in digs with 40 and senior Taryn Eubank had 35. Eubank led the team in assists with 53. Stephens led the team in aces with three and Kuhn had two.

With the victory, the Lady Harvesters finished undefeated on the court in district-play. Garza said it's awesome her girls achieved that.

"It is so rewarding as a coach to see your kids finally start to get it," Garza said. "For the first time in three years, they have accomplished their goal and are learning how to win."

Dalhart (24-17, 5-4) will play in the bi-district round on either Nov. 1 or 2 against the third place team in district two. The Lady Harvesters have a bye in the bi-district round and will compete in the area round between Nov. 4 and 6 and will play either the second place team in district four or the third place team in district three. Garza said they will rest this week

and hit it hard next week. "We're going to perfect some individual skills this week and hit the gym hard next week," Garza said.

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