



### PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday
High 74 Low 53	High 78 Low 53	High 76 Low 54

**Today:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 74. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north northeast.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 78. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. North northeast wind around 5 mph.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 76. North northwest wind around 5 mph.

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## Obituaries

### Billy Ray Milligan, 82

Billy Ray Milligan, 82, another who was numbered amongst "The Greatest Generation" past from this life on September 5, 2011, in Pampa, Texas, and was received into the arms of his Heavenly Father.

The services will be 2:00 PM Thursday, September 8, 2011, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Leland Lewis, pastor of First Assembly of God, officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery, with military honors courtesy of the U.S. Army, Fort Hood, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Milligan was born November 12, 1928 in Blair, Oklahoma, to Willy and Cleo Milligan, the second child in a family of five. The family lived a hard life sharecropping and picking cotton or "pulling boles" as they called it. If harsh environments breed strong stock, then Billy would be amongst the strongest. Poverty and abuse were a daily reality. He learned survival through life's circumstances when he should have been learning unconditional love, approval, security and trust. True to his Irish heritage, he became known as the "fighter" and "scrapper," earning his place in this world instead of knowing he belonged, but he had learned what he had lived. For Billy Ray, that fight and drive would birth perseverance. He would overcome the harsh environment he grew up in. It would build in him fortitude, a strong work ethic and a need to love and provide for his family by living sacrificially, doing whatever it took to make a living and take care of his own. All this with only an 8th grade education.

He joined the military at 17 years young. He entered boot camp but became ill and was unable to graduate the first time, but completed boot camp the second time through. Before his time in the military would end, he would cross both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans by ship to serve his country. He was sent first to Frankfurt, Germany. He served during World War II in the occupation forces from 1946 until 1949. He was in the Constabulary Unit. He also provided security at the Nuremberg Trials. He was decorated with both the World War II Victory Medal and the Army of Occupational Medal.

After returning from the war he met the love of his life, Mildred Fatheree.



Milligan

making \$38.00 a week. They would start their family in Pampa. Their first child, Cathy Gay Milligan, was born in 1955, but whose little life only lasted two days. Later they would complete their family with two sons, Aubrey in 1958 and Randy in 1960.

Bill worked odd jobs on the side to make ends meet. He collected old bicycles discarded for trash and rebuilt them for re-sale, and repaired televisions and lawnmowers as well.

Among his hobbies was racing cars he had "souped up" and gardening. He had a 1956 red and white Pontiac Fire Chief with flipper hub caps that was his pride and joy, which probably won many a race on the back roads. Bill became known for his incredible "green thumb," growing vegetables and sunflowers that looked like something out of "Ripley's Believe It or Not." There were cantaloupes that weighed in up to 18 pounds, okra 14 foot tall, and sunflowers with stalks the size of small trees and heads more than 18 inches across. He guarded the heirloom seeds he had saved since the early 1940's, but was more than willing to share.

As most men of his generation, Bill did not show a lot of affection until these latter years, but his life was lived with selfless acts of love that created stability for and in for his boys that he did not receive. It was said of Bill that he never asked for help. If there was something that had to be done, something he had to do, he found a way to do it. He was a strong man with a strong heart. He poured out his life in the only expression of love he could, and managed to build a better foundation for his children to start with than his own. The farthest reach of his faith would become the starting line for the future Milligans. It was better than he had been given.

He has finally entered into rest and peace in the perfect love of God. "...unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains alone, but if it does it produces much grain..." "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."

He is survived by his wife: Mildred Milligan of the home; two sons: Aubrey Milligan and wife Vanessa and Randy Milligan and wife Bonita, all of Pampa; three grandsons: Brandon Milligan, Ryan Milligan and wife Jess, and Jake Milligan, all of Pampa; one great-grandson: Jonathan Milligan of Pampa. He was preceded in death by his parents; and a daughter: Kathy Gay Milligan.

Memorials may be made to the Freedom Museum, 600 N. Hobart, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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

### Barbara Ann Franks, 25

Barbara Ann Franks, 25, of Pampa died Aug. 30, 2011.

She was born Nov. 12, 1985, in Lockney and resided in Pampa with fiancée Michael Ray. She was very passionate about life. A joy and a blessing to all who knew her. A wonderful wife, bestfriend and soul mate. She will never be forgotten but remembered for her ambitions, dreams and carefree spirit. You taught us how to enjoy life thru its greatest challenges, and fears. It was a blessing and a gift to know you.

She is survived by fiancé Michael Ray of Pampa; parents David Franks and Glenda Dominique; twin brothers David & Donald Franks; and older brother James Dominique; grandmother Emma Bartley; and best friend Dusty Johnson, all of Plainview. Prayers for her families.

### Roger Dean Willis, 54

Roger Dean Willis, 54 passed away Sunday, September 4, 2011 in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Willis was born Oct. 24, 1956 in Fort Worth where he graduated from high school.

He served in the U. S. Army where he was stationed in South Korea.

Roger married Lanette Heuer on May 1, 2008 in Amarillo. He had been a resident of Pampa since 2005.

He was the church custodian at Trinity Fellowship from 2005-April of 2011.

Roger was an avid golfer and was a member of Hidden Hills Golf Course. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

Willis is survived by his wife, Lanette Willis of the home; two sons, Jason Kidwell of Fort Worth and Chris Lavrenz and wife Tara of Pampa; three daughters, Jeanette Longoria and husband Gilberto, and Rosmarie Stark all of Pampa, and Addie Furgerson and husband Mase Furgerson Jr of Lefors and by 16 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother and by his parents. Memorials may be sent to Trinity Fellowship, 2225 N. Hobart, Pampa, TX 79065.



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# MORNINGRUSH

## Cross beam subject of bill

NEW YORK (AP) - A New York City congressman has proposed legislation that would make the Sept. 11 cross-shaped steel beam a national monument.

The New York Post reports that Rep. Michael Grimm of Staten Island said he was pushing for protective status for the 20-foot steel cross that was found amid the ruins of the World Trade Center site.

He said the proposed legislation was in response to a lawsuit filed by the American Atheists. The group argues that a "Christian icon" should not be included in the 9/11 memorial museum, slated to open next year.

Gimm called the group's opposition reprehensible. He said the cross was a symbol of hope and freedom when New Yorkers were coping with the aftermath of the terrorist attacks.

## Halliburton to buy Multi-Chem

HOUSTON (AP) - Halliburton Co. said Tuesday it plans to buy a private oil field services company that specializes in oil field production and completion chemicals.

Halliburton didn't say how much it would pay to acquire Multi-Chem Group LLC.

Multi-Chem has provided chemicals and services to 30,000 oil and natural gas wells across North America. Halliburton said Multi-Chem will help expand its portfolio of services at a time when oil companies are trying to tap underground reservoirs that are increasingly hard to reach.

The deal must be approved by regulators. Halliburton said it expects to receive those clearances by the fourth quarter.

## Rep. Mulvaney endorses Perry

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) - U.S. Rep. Mick Mulvaney of South Carolina is backing Texas Gov. Rick Perry's presidential bid and will advise the Republican on economic issues.

Mulvaney said Monday he would join Perry's White House bid and says Perry has a record that has cut spending and has balanced budgets. Mulvaney announced his support after a tea party-backed forum that Perry skipped to tend to wildfires raging in his home state.

Mulvaney was elected in 2010 and enjoys popularity among the state's conservative movement. He was considered a sough-after endorsement.

The endorsement was first reported by CNN.

## Shell pays \$500,000 to county

HOUSTON (AP) - Shell Chemical L.P. has agreed to pay \$500,000 to Harris County over five different air pollution events at its Deer Park refinery.

The settlement was reached after the county accused Shell of failing to notify officials about the toxic releases. There are two schools and many homes close to the Shell refinery in Deer Park, about 18 miles southeast of Houston.

Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan says he is pleased Shell agreed under the terms of the agreement to notify officials within 24 hours of any chemical releases. The law already requires petrochemical companies to notify the county, but Shell apparently failed to do so in five events between 2008 and 2010.

## Chevron discovers oil in Gulf

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Chevron Corp. has announced an oil discovery in the deepwater regions of the Gulf of Mexico.

Chevron said Tuesday that an exploratory well at Keathley Canyon found more than 380 feet of oil reserves. The well is located about 216 miles off the Louisiana coast. The well is in just over 6,700 feet of water and has been drilled to a depth of 31,545 feet.

Chevron began drilling the well at the site — known as the Moccasin prospect — in March 2010, but stopped three months later because of the deepwater drilling moratorium imposed after the BP oil spill. Drilling resumed in March.

Chevron said it is evaluating the results and more work will be needed to determine the extent of the discovery.

## Panel rejects immigration suit

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Immigrants might have to wait longer to bring their now-adult children to the United States after they themselves had waited years to get here, a federal appeals court has ruled.

A three-judge panel for the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Friday that a 2002 law aiming to prevent lengthy processing from affecting children's immigration applications does not enable all of the children, once they are grown, from immigrating to the U.S. quickly.

It can take more than a decade to obtain a green card through a relative, but only children under 21 can immigrate on their parents' petitions. That means children may wait years to get a green card with their parents only to find out they got too old to qualify for one while they were waiting.

Immigration attorneys argued that the 2002 law meant these now-grown children should be allowed here soon after their parents, now green card holders, filed paperwork on their behalf.

But Citizenship and Immigration Services argued these now-grown children were new applicants and must start the process anew. That can be years more waiting, especially for immigrants from countries such as the Philippines and Mexico due to country-based immigration quotas.

## Dallas to expand training

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas will soon have expanded medical training options.

Baylor Health Care System said in a news release Tuesday that Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine and Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas are forming a clinical training program in North Texas.

The Dallas program will welcome 23 third-year students in December.

Students in the program will complete their first two years of medical school at A&M campuses in either Bryan-College Station or Temple. Then, during their last two years, students can complete clinical rotations at Baylor and other clinical affiliates.

UT Southwestern Medical Center already operates a medical school in Dallas.

# Harvesters reap a bountiful yield

ANNE MCCOLLAM

Q: The large pitcher in this photo is part of a wash set that includes a soap cup and a chamber pot. Each piece is marked "England -- Falcon Ware -- The Harvesters." They are decorated with country scenes of farmers, hay wagons and cottages against a white background. All three pieces are in very good condition.

What can you tell me about this set and does it have any value?

A: Thomas Lawrence Ltd., produced Falcon Ware earthenware in Staffordshire, England. The factory was established in 1892 and closed in 1964. The Harvester line was made around 1936.

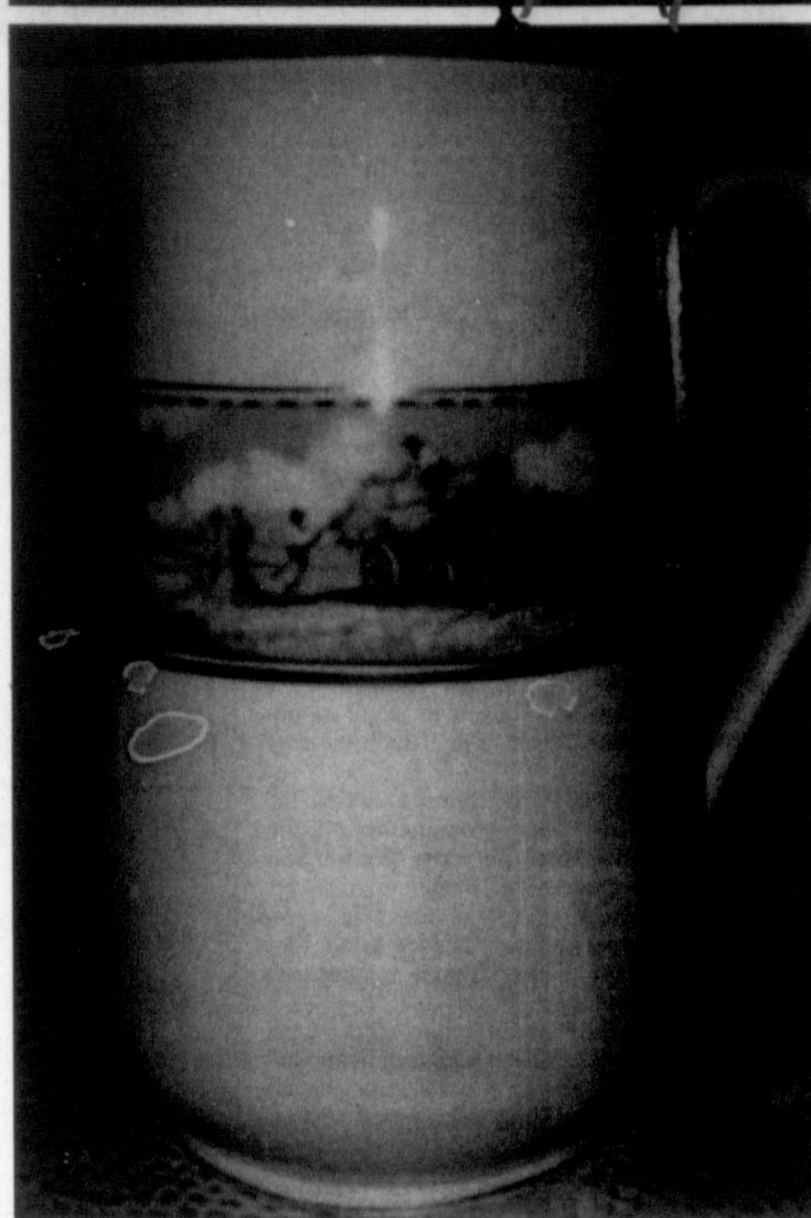
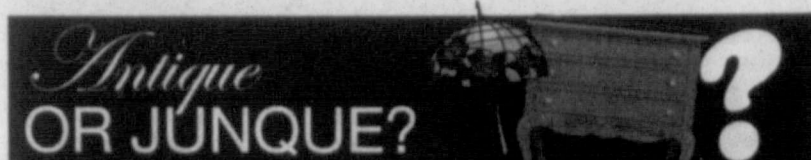
Your set would probably be worth \$125 to \$175.

Q: This mark is on the bottom of a pitcher that used to be my mother's. The pitcher is gray, approximately 10 inches tall and in perfect condition. I remember seeing it in her cabinet when I was a child in the 1950s.

Any information you can provide about its history and value, if any, will be greatly appreciated.



American Modern dinnerware was designed by Russel Wright.



Falcon Ware was made by Thomas Lawrence.

### BOOK REVIEW

"The Handbook of Natural Plant Dyes" by Sasha Duerr was published by Timber Press, Inc. Portland, Oregon. This expertly written and beautifully photographed book is user-friendly and will be a welcome addition to any do-it-yourselfer's library. Readers learn how to use dyes made with plants grown in the garden or gathered from nature. Her methods are simple and safe, using organic colors from berries, acorns, coffee, elderberry and even red cabbage. They will work on fabric, paper, wood bead and leather.

Duerr was inspired by growing up on an organic Christmas tree farm in Hawaii. She is the founder of the Permacouture Institute and has an MFA in textiles from the California College of the Arts where she teaches.

This book is available from the publisher and at bookstores for \$19.95.

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.

## NOTICE OF TAX REVENUE INCREASE

The Gray County General conducted public hearings on September 1, 2011 and September 6, 2011 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the Gray County General from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 0.70 percent.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.487134 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$6,957,032.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.529612 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$6,969,638.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.529612 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$7,017,113.

The Gray County Commissioners Court of Gray County General is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 15, 2011 at Gray County Court Room, 2nd Floor Gray County Courthouse, Pampa, Texas at 9:00 AM.

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## United

You've got to go the moon, you've got to get yourselves involved and see what it's like to interview a child who's just been molested by her uncle. Go see about one of our senior citizens whose check has been stolen and the only thing they have is that place to come and meet with other senior citizens and maybe have something to eat.

"Find out what that's all about, and then you'll be more successful as a United Way person and somebody being involved."

Monroe's passion for the United Way helped propel last year's Amarillo-Canyon campaign over its goal of \$5.3 million dollars. The final tally at the campaign's victory lunch, Monroe said, was about \$5.4 million and change; Amarillo was one of the only United Ways in the country to exceed its goal to that percentage.

It's a passion that Pampa campaign chair Kenny Rigoulot hopes to harness and impart to this year's Pampa United Way loaned executives — members of the local business community who are "loaned out" by their places of business to assist in United Way fundraising efforts — as they embark on this season's campaign. The Pampa United Way has set an official goal of \$310,000 for 2011.

"(Monroe) is a very dynamic speaker," Rigoulot said. "He's very passionate about the United Way. He did a good job of getting everyone inspired, and that's what we're hoping to do with this kickoff, to remind everyone to support the agencies by supporting the United Way in our community. I think we got some personal stories, some energy and some inspiration to go back to our places of business and out into the community to spread the word and help people learn more about the United Way."

Rigoulot said that the luncheon was a good start

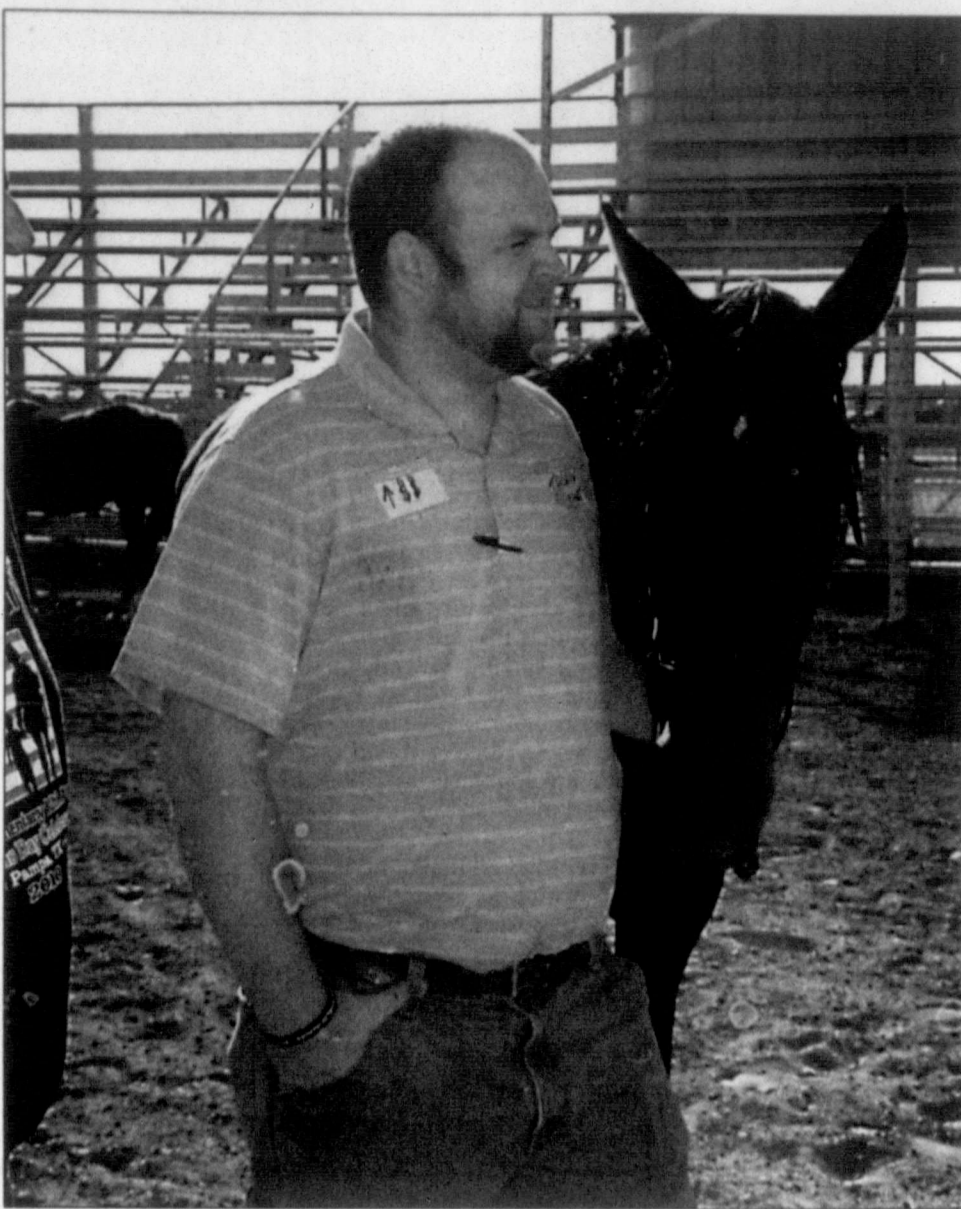


photo courtesy of **Kenny Rigoulot**

**Jason Ingram** of Walmart, one of the 2011 United Way loaned executives, pays attention to instructions at the United Way's leadership training exercise at the Rodeo Grounds on Thursday. Loaned executives led horses through obstacles representing the roadblocks to campaign fundraising.

to the campaign season, adding his thanks to the local businesses who helped make it a success.

"The kickoff luncheon went real well," Rigoulot said. "We were happy to have Bourland & Leverich support the luncheon by footing the bill and helping the United Way and the 18 agencies it supports in our community. We were able to have Verona's, which put together a wonderful meal."

The luncheon was not the first order of business for the United Way this campaign season. On Thursday morning, the United Way's loaned executives participated in a leadership training activity at the Top O'

Texas Rodeo Grounds.

The training course was held through Samaritan Pastoral Counseling Center (one of the agencies supported by the Pampa United Way), which offers leadership training through interaction with horses.

"We thought, why not use one of our own agencies to help our leaders discover more about themselves and how they're working together as a team," said Rigoulot. "We had to create obstacles using these bricks and timber and cones and hula hoops and all this stuff. Then they told us that we had to lead the horses through the obstacles without touching the horse, leading the horse

by the reins or bribing the horse.

"We had to problem-solve and overcome these obstacles without doing the things that we would naturally want to do. It made us realize that we couldn't coerce people to give — that we needed to help them see the benefits of the United Way without putting pressure on people to give... It was out of the box, it made us reflect a lot, and we went back and built on that by having a chance for our loaned executives to really learn what United Way is, what the agencies are that we support and how do we tell the people in this community about the United Way."

## Skinner

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DNA testing could resolve those doubts. In these circumstances, the interests of justice demand it."

Last month, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice issued a new execution date for Skinner: Nov. 9, 2011. Skinner's attorneys have also asked the court to withdraw the November execution date to allow time for the DNA to be tested.

"Texas is wrong to seek Hank Skinner's execution without allowing for DNA testing," said Rob Owen, Skinner's lead attorney and director of the University of Texas School of Law's Capital Punishment Clinic. "The State should be leading the search for truth, instead of continuing to waste taxpayer dollars on its 11-year-long campaign to block testing of critically important scientific evidence."

"Testing the evidence will serve the public interest by providing certainty in this case," added Nina Morrison, staff attorney at the Innocence Project, a nonprofit legal clinic dedicated to exonerating the wrongfully convicted through DNA testing. "It's just common sense to test the DNA evidence."

The untested evidence from the Skinner case includes two knives, a rape kit, a bloody towel, a man's windbreaker found next to a victim's body and other clothing found at the crime scene. Skinner's original defense attorneys did not seek testing on the items.

A call to the office of Gray County District Attorney Lynn Switzer was referred to the Texas Attorney General's office.

"Our office is reviewing the filing at this time," said Jerry Strickland, Communications Director at the Attorney General's office.

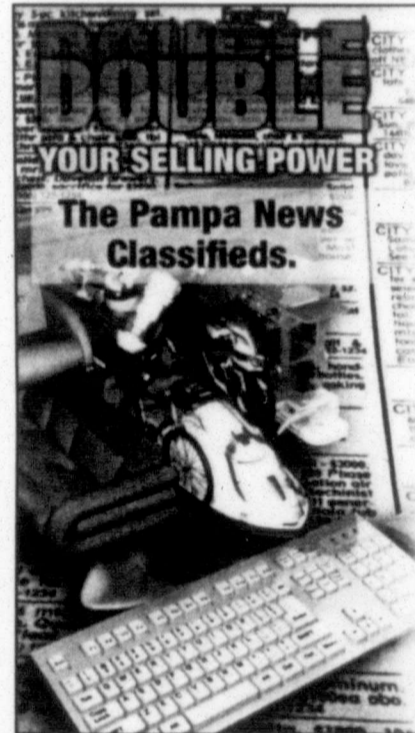
## Tax

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On Thursday, September 15, commissioners will vote on next year's budget and the proposed tax rate, which includes the tax rates for the general fund, Road and Bridge fund and the debt service.

In other business:

Commissioners voted to change jury reimbursement for the next fiscal year. Jury members who serve after one day can expect to receive compensation in the amount of \$28 per day, down from \$40. This change occurs as the state decreases its contribution to jury reimbursement from \$34 a day to \$28.



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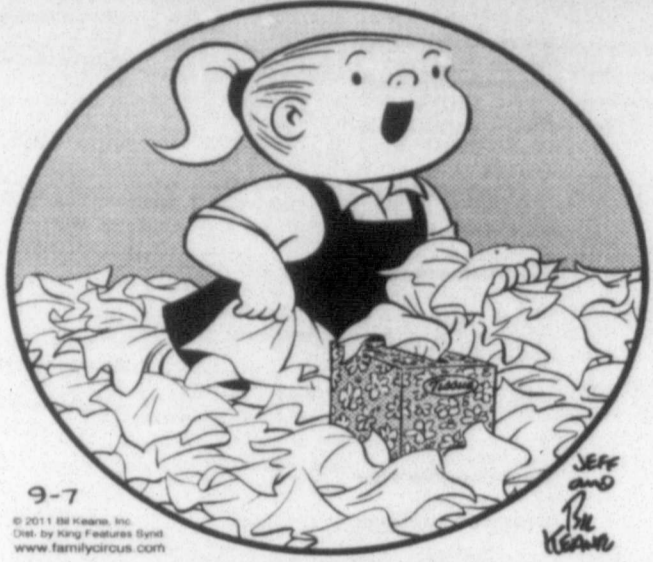
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Nest Heads



## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2011:  
Be smart — avoid arguments, yet clearly own your feelings. You won't hold in your emotions and cause yourself secondary issues and at the same time you will keep the air clear. You often are too concerned about your finances, being such a practical sign. You also can learn to visualize and manifest more often. If you are single, romance won't elude you, but on the other hand, be discriminating as to who you date and make a commitment to. You might want to play the field. If you are attached, the two of you need to walk away from fights and eye the greater good of the coupling. A new addition is likely. CAPRICORN encourages you to imagine.

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)**  
★★★★ Take the lead, knowing some opportunities only happen once. A partner might not feel like bailing out, but he or she certainly has an issue, which for now is armored. You could be surprised by what goes down. Tonight: Avoid an argument.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance. You could be trying to make an impression when you don't need to. Stop; clear; be yourself. An argument could be inevitable, but don't hit below the belt. Tonight: Try to understand where someone is coming from.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★★ Investigate new possibilities with the help of a key associate. Together you'll get past a block you might be experiencing. Be open to different types of self-expression. Not everyone says things the way you want them to. Tonight: Togetherness works.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★★ You cannot always let others dominate the scene, but right now, you might not have a choice. Slow down and evaluate what would be most effective. Don't allow insecurity and/or a low level of negativity to dominate. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ Stay on top of your work and projects. Try not to cut someone off, and be as brief as you can. You might be best off

screening your calls. Surely you feel overwhelmed at the possibility of everything you feel is about to happen. Tonight: Listen carefully.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★ Allow for greater give-and-take right now. You might be surprised by what is going on within a friendship, but given your energy and ingenuity, you are right on top of any unexpected developments. Someone around you could be quite distraught. Tonight: Enjoy every single moment.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★ You are anchored and centered. You need to understand why you are having such a strong reaction with a key person. Try to demonstrate more warmth. You could feel stressed by your family and career demands. Tonight: Happy at home.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★ You read a situation well, but be careful about absorbing another person's anger. Clear the air. If you are resisting, look within — maybe you are more comfortable with the distance. Feel empowered through mastery of your feelings. Tonight: Hanging out.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★★ You might have difficulty unleashing someone who feels a lot like an albatross. You might try diplomacy, but arguments could start brewing. Choose your words with care. A friend could be difficult in either case. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★ Your energy, poise and knowledge could be quite challenging to many. You certainly will see the results of these qualities. You cannot turn a situation around, for now. Let the other person have his or her space. Say little. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ Know when to back off. News from another person isn't forthcoming. You are not getting the full story. Don't make a judgment just yet; stay open. A pleasant attitude will go far without revealing too much! Tonight: Some personal time.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★ Don't hesitate to zero in on a long-term goal. Meetings hold promise. You'll discover just how much others support you in a venture. Your sensitivity comes out when dealing with a child or loved one. Your goals might differ from someone else's. Tonight: Midweek break.

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Marvin



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# Texas wildfires kill four, destroy over 1,000 homes

BASTROP (AP) — One of the most devastating wildfires outbreaks in Texas history left more than 1,000 homes in ruins Tuesday and stretched the state's firefighting ranks to the limit, confronting Gov. Rick Perry with a major disaster at home just as the GOP presidential contest heats up.

More than 180 fires have erupted in the past week across the rain-starved Lone Star State, and nearly 600 of the homes destroyed since then were lost in one catastrophic blaze in and around Bastrop, near Austin, that raged out of control Tuesday for a third day.

Whipped into an inferno by Tropical Storm Lee's winds over the weekend, the blaze burned more than 45 square miles, forced the evacuation of thousands and killed at least two people, bringing the overall death toll from the outbreak to at least four.

"We lost everything," said Willie Clements, whose two-story colonial home in a housing development near Bastrop was reduced to a heap of metal roofing and ash. A picket fence was melted. Some goats and turkeys survived, but about 20 chickens and ducks were burned to death in a coop that went up in flames.

On Tuesday, Clements and his family took a picture of themselves in front of a windmill adorned with a charred red, white and blue sign that proclaimed, "United We Stand."

"This is the beginning of our new family album," the 51-year-old Clements said.

Perry cut short a presidential campaign trip to South Carolina to deal with the crisis. On Tuesday, he toured a blackened area near Bastrop, about 25 miles from Austin, and later deployed the state's elite search

team to the area to look for more possible victims. Texas Task Force 1 is the same outfit sent to New York following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and to New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

"Pretty powerful visuals of individuals who lost everything," Perry said after the tour. "The magnitude of these losses are pretty stunning."

The governor would not say whether he would take part in Wednesday evening's Republican presidential debate in California, explaining that he was "substantially more concerned about making sure Texans are being taken care of." But campaign spokesman Mark Miner said in an email later in the day that Perry planned to be there.

Perry, a tea-party favorite who has made a career out of railing against government spending, said he expects federal assistance with the wildfires, and he complained that red tape was keeping bulldozers and other heavy equipment at the Army's Fort Hood, 75 miles from Bastrop, from being put to use. Fort Hood was battling its own fire, a 3,700-acre blaze.

"It's more difficult than it should be to get those types of assets freed up by the federal government," Perry said. "When you've got people hurting, when you've got lives that are in danger in particular, I really don't care who the asset belongs to. If it's sitting in some yard somewhere and not helping be part of the solution, that's a problem."

White House spokesman Jay Carney said the Obama administration has approved seven federal grants to Texas to help with the latest outbreak, and "we will continue to work closely with the state and local emergency management offi-

cial as their efforts to contain these fires."

About 1,200 firefighters battled the blazes, including members of local departments from around the state and crews from such places as Utah, California, Arizona and Oregon, many of them arriving after Texas put out a call for help. More firefighters will join the battle once they have been registered and sent where they are needed.

Five heavy tanker planes, some from the federal government, and three aircraft capable of scooping 1,500 gallons of water at a time from lakes also took part in the fight.

"We're getting incredible support from all over the country, federal and state agencies," said Mark Stanford, operations director for the Texas Forest Service.

The disaster is blamed largely on Texas' yearlong drought, one of the most severe dry spells the state has ever seen.

The fire in Bastrop County is easily the single most devastating wildfire in Texas in more than a decade, eclipsing a blaze that destroyed 168 homes in North Texas in April. Texas Forest Service spokeswoman April Saginor said state wildfire records go back only to the late 1990s.

At least 11 other fires exceeded 1,000 acres Tuesday, including an 8,000-acre blaze in Caldwell County, next to Bastrop. At least six homes were lost in a fire 40 percent contained. In far Northeast Texas' Cass County, a 7,000-acre fire burned in heavy timberland. And in Grimes County, about 40 miles northwest of Houston, a 3,000-acre fire destroyed nearly two dozen homes and threatened hundreds more.

Many of the buildings destroyed in

the Bastrop fire were modest, single-story homes in housing developments. Others were expensive ranch homes, set off by themselves.

In at least one neighborhood in Bastrop, flames hop-scotched a street where houses were tucked among oaks, pines and cedar trees. Some homes survived; others were gone.

The Postal Service delivered mail to homes that had burned to the ground; only the mailboxes were left stand.

Residents were surprised by how quickly the blaze engulfed their neighborhoods.

"We were watching TV and my brother-in-law said to come and see this," said Dave Wilhelm, who lives just east of Bastrop. "All I saw was a fireball and some smoke. All of a sudden: Boom! We looked up and left."

Wilhelm returned on Tuesday to find his neighbor's house and three vehicles gone. Some of his children's backyard toys were destroyed, but the Wilhelm house was spared.

"Some stuff is smoldering on the lot behind us," he said. "Inside of the house, we smell like a campfire. We're definitely very lucky."

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The Board of Trustees of the Pampa ISD is requesting qualifications for design build services relating to the design, construction and installation of a 20kw wind turbine generator at Pampa Junior High School located at 4000 Bad Cattle company road Pampa, Texas, by a qualified engineering and construction firm (Design-Builder).

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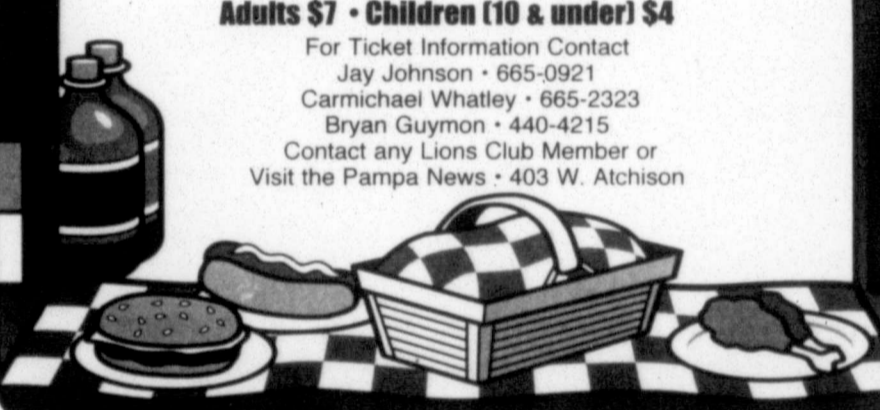
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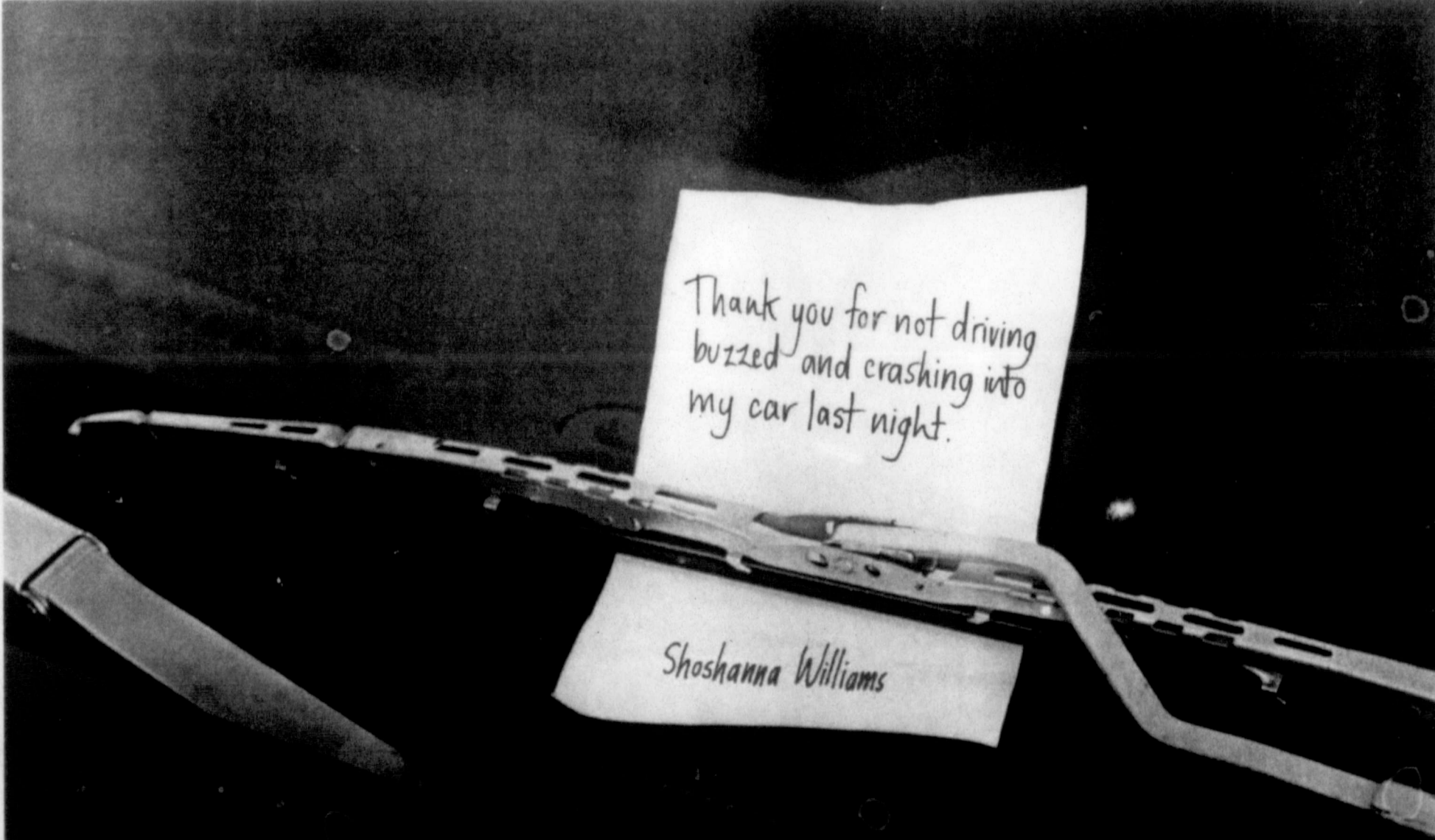
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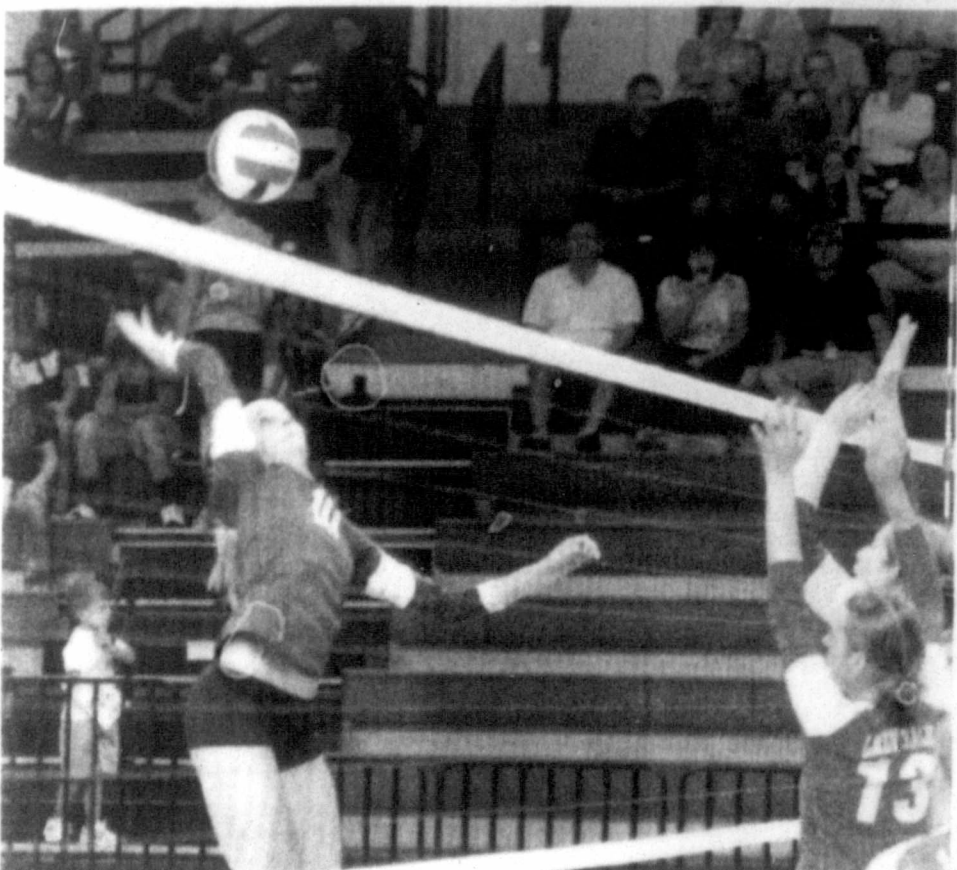
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# Sports

## No. 12 Lady Harvesters edge No. 13 Lady Eagles



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Senior Kailyn Troxell leaps to hit a ball against the Canyon Lady Eagles Tuesday in Canyon. Pampa won in five games.

ANDREW GLOVER

The first few seasons, the No. 12 Pampa Lady Harvesters and the 4A No. 13 Canyon Lady Eagles have played each other close. Tuesday night in Canyon was no different as Pampa was victorious in five games, 25-18, 22-25, 22-25, 25-17, 25-18.

Head coach Libby Garza said her girls played great.

"We could have finished in three, but we played great," Garza said.

Senior Kailyn Troxell led the team in digs with 16. Senior Alanna Stephens played with 15. Junior Maddie Fatheree had the team in assists with 48. Stephens had the team in aces with four. Senior

Kirsten Kuhn led the team in digs with 35. Stephens followed with 24. Senior Stephanie Allen led the team in blocks with seven. Senior Ramie Hutto followed with six.

Garza said she was proud of how her team fought back.

"We showed a lot of composure and our seniors led the way," Garza said.

The Lady Harvesters (13-6) will compete in the River Road Tournament Friday and Saturday. District opponents Borger, Dalhart and Perryton are also competing. Sanford-Fritch, Arbor Christian, Ascension Academy, San Jacinto, West Texas High and Tulia will also play.

Garza said it will be a good test. "It will give us a chance to see our district opponents," Garza said.

## PHS girls cross country team eighth in Borger Invitational

ANDREW GLOVER

The Pampa Lady Harvesters cross country team placed eighth at the Borger Invitational Sunday.

Fourteen teams competed at the meet including two of Pampa's district opponents, Borger and Perryton. Elizabeth Gill led the Lady Harvesters finished 16th overall with a time of 12:50. J'Cece Holmes finished 19th with a time of 12:59. Michelle Rivera finished 22nd with a time of 13:59. Mariela Resendiz finished 60th (14:17). Vanessa

Orterivos finished 62nd with a time of 14:20 and Kendle Ramey finished 89th with a time of 15:50.

The varsity boys competed individually. Trent McNear finished fifth with a time of 17:26. Jose Hernandez finished 39th with a time of 19:29. Alex Marruto finished 43rd with a time of 19:49. Robert Radke finished 66th with a time of 20:59.

Head coach Mark Elms said he was pleased with his runners effort.

"We are positioned just fine for a great race with our district opponents," Elms said.

The Harvesters race at

Lake Fryar in Perryton Saturday.

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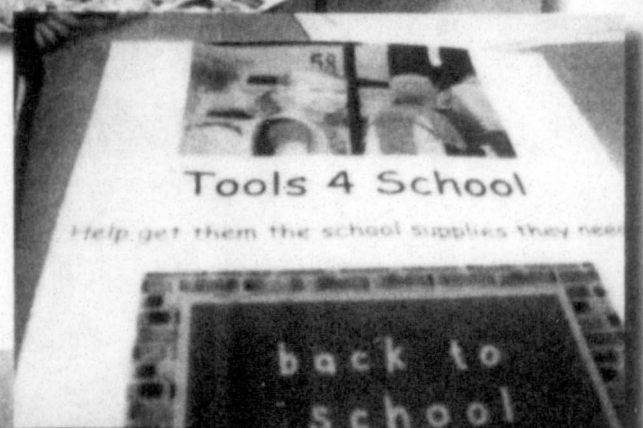
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