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## Boyer talks Pantex at Chamber luncheon

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It's a speech that Larry Boyer has gone through hundreds of times, but it's always a speech he's happy to give. "This briefing that I'm giving you today was put together as a result of a survey that was done with schoolchildren around the area," said Boyer to the crowd. "They were asked, 'How do you feel about living close to a nuclear weapons plant called Pantex?'"

"The overwhelming answer they got from most of the children was, 'According to my grandpa, if they ever had an acci-

dent at Pantex, everyone's going to die'... I'm here to tell you nothing could be farther from the truth."

Boyer is the manager of the Safety and Industrial Hygiene department at Pantex, the 16,000-acre nuclear armament disassembly plant about 17 miles northeast of Amarillo. An 18-year employee of the **PANTEX** cont. on page 3

**Larry Boyer**, an 18-year employee of Pantex, speaks to the Chamber luncheon crowd on Tuesday about the facility's history and safety protocols. >



staff photo by Arnie Aurellano

## ASSIST OF THE NIGHT



staff photo by Andrew Glover

**The Pampa High School Lady Harvesters** (top) dished out their biggest assist of the evening by spelling out assistant coach Braydon Barker's proposal to girlfriend Brittnee Wilson (right) following the team's win against Lubbock High. An elated Wilson agreed; Barker is shown at right slipping the ring onto his new fiancée's finger.



## City makes final vote on tax rate

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The City of Pampa made the final pass on Tuesday for the budget and tax rate when it met for a special session of the City Commissioners at City Hall. Commissioners voted to leave the tax rate where it is, at \$0.621027 per \$100 of taxable value.

Tuesday's meeting was the second reading of the proposed tax rate; the initial reading was approved on Sept. 13.

In other business, commissioners:

- approved the List of Disbursements from August 31
- canceled the commission's September 27 meeting
- reappointed several people to various boards. Commissioners reappointed Dick Stowers, Ray Jaramillo, Lynn Allison and Roy Morriss to the Board of Adjustment for two-year terms; Tim Roberts, Kevin Carr and Bobby Burns to the Board of Appeals for two-year terms; Sara Carmichael, Jerri Erickson and W. Wesley Green to the Lovett Memorial Library Board of Directors for two-year terms; Janie Shed and Harold Price to the Planning and Zoning Commission for two-year terms; and Rusty Tapp and Marvin Allison the Hidden Hills Golf Advisory Board of Directors for two-year terms.

## Oktoberfest on tap as this year's Country Fair theme

**MOLLIE BRYANT**  
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Put on your dancing shoes and raise your favorite stein, because this year's 27th annual Country Fair is going German with Oktoberfest, Texas Style.

"The Country Fair is a lot of fun," said Pampa Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Joe Weaver. "It's got a lot of history with Pampa, and it's our prime fundraiser of the year."

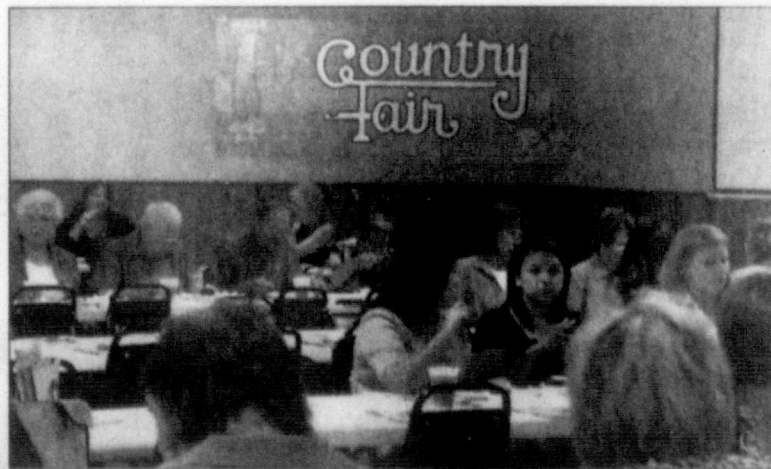
The Country Fair this year will feature a ribeye steak dinner and a dance, with entertainment pro-

vided by the Double Shot Dance Band, a New Mexico band that plays contemporary and classic country, as well as classic rock.

Both a live and silent auction will take place during the event.

"We'll have between 300 and 400 silent auction items. Dale West will be the auctioneer (for the live auction) as usual," said Weaver. **FAIR** cont. on page 8

**A large banner** advertises the upcoming Country Fair at Tuesday's Chamber luncheon. This year's Oct. 15 at the M.K. Brown Auditorium. >



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**27th Annual Country Fair**  
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### PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday
 20%	 20%	
High 71 Low 50	High 73 Low 55	High 82 Low 56

**Today:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 71. Northeast wind around 15 mph becoming southeast. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

**Tonight:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50. East southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Thursday:** A slight chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 73. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 55. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 82. Southwest wind around 10 mph becoming north northwest.

**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 56. East northeast wind around 5 mph becoming south southwest.

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## Obituaries

### Darlene Birkes, 79

Darlene Birkes, 79, died September 19, 2011, in Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, September 22, 2011, at First United Methodist Church, with Rev. Blossom Matthews, pastor, and John Curry, officiating.

Private burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Birkes was born March 30, 1932, in Topeka, Kan., to Dr. Ervin and Thelma Prouse. Darlene graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a BA, BJ, and MA degrees in English, journalism and history. She taught at Blinn College in Brenham, Pampa ISD and White Deer ISD. She married Wallace Birkes on November 3, 1956, at the University Methodist Church in Austin. The couple's first home was in Aschaffenburg, Germany, where Wallace was stationed with the U. S. Artillery.

Darlene served as president of several Pampa organizations, including Pampa Retired Teachers, United Methodist Women, D.A.R., Pampa Foundation for Outdoor Art, Pampa Fine Arts, Quivira Girl Scout Council, and Girl Scout Troop 90 leader.

As chairman of the Gray County Historical Commission since 1986, she researched many Texas Historical Commission markers, including markers comprising Pampa's National Register of Historic Places District. She chaired the Gray County Texas Sesquicentennial event in 1986, the Gray County Centennial in 2002, and the relocation and preservation of the Pioneer Cottage, a Centennial project.

She served on the Altrusa Board, Clarendon College-Pampa Center Foundation, was a member and historian of the First United Methodist Church, editor of FOCUS quarterly magazine, co-editor of the "Gray County Heritage" history book, and directed the "Gray County Adventure" video-DVD. She edited the Gray County Cookbook in 1982, helped design the Pampa postcards and helped orchestrate Chautauqua for many years.

For over 15 years, she served as the area volunteer coordinator for the AFS student exchange program. The Birkes family hosted AFS students Anna Losilla of Costa Rica and Nadia Jouridova of Latvia.

She was Pampa's Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 1982, received the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Golden Nail and Golden Touch awards, Alpha Gamma Delta Epsilon Pi award, Girl Scout Woman of



Birkes

Distinction area honor, and Pampa's Artist of the Year in 2005.

Survivors include her husband, Wallace Birkes of the home; daughter, Cheryl Birkes Smith and husband Mike of New Braunfels; son, Dean Birkes and wife Johnna of Amarillo; AFS exchange students, Ana Losilla of Costa Rica and Nadia Jouridova of Latvia; sister, Dr. Ruth Morgan of Dallas; five grandchildren, Travis Smith and Clay Smith, both of New Braunfels, Jake Birkes, Andy Birkes and Lexi Summers, all of Amarillo; and special care giver, Cathy Quezada. She was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, E. D. Prouse.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Clarendon College-Pampa Center Foundation, 1601 W. Kentucky, Pampa, TX 79065, AFS Pampa Chapter, 2111 Dogwood, Pampa, TX, or First United Methodist Church Building Program, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981.

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### Marie Teresa Nickelberry, 63

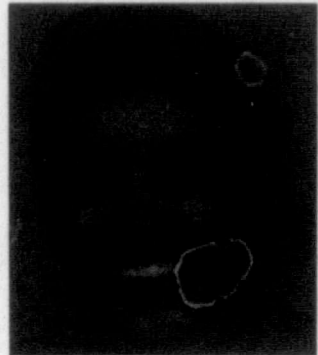
OKLAHOMA CITY—Marie Teresa Nickelberry, 63, died September 15, 2011, in Oklahoma City.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, September 22, 2011, at the Southside Church of Christ in Pampa, with Frankie Lemons, Church of Christ minister, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Nickelberry was born October 7, 1947, in Wellington. She had been a resident of Pampa most of her life, moving to Oklahoma City, in 1993. She was employed by Delta Dental in Oklahoma City for several years. Marie was a member of Victory Life Church in Oklahoma.

Survivors include three sons, Micheal Dewayne Nickelberry of Kansas, Calvin Nickelberry of Amarillo, and Grant Lamont Nickelberry of Oklahoma City; her mother, Lillie Mae Nickelberry of Amarillo; three sisters, Lillie Joyce Smith and Darlene Nickelberry, both of Pampa and Vivian Loyce Nickelberry of Amarillo; three brothers, Willie Earl Nickelberry of Pampa, Aubrey Knox Nickelberry of Ardmore, Okla. and Danny Kern Nickelberry of Amarillo; two sisters-in-law, Margaret Nickelberry and Glenda Nickelberry; seven grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends.

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



Nickelberry

## For the record

continued from Tues.

### Police Department

Lost property was reported.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 300 block of South Anne.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 1000 block of South Banks.

A suspicious person was reported at the 900 block of North Frost.

A violation of city ordi-

nance occurred at the 100 block of East Harvester.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1200 block of East Kingsmill.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 1800 block of North Hamilton.

A domestic disturbance was reported at the 1200 block of East Kingsmill.

**Sunday, September 18**  
Disorderly conduct was reported at the 100 block of South Wells.

An assault was reported. Disorderly conduct was reported at the 100 block of West Foster.

A domestic disturbance was reported at the 1000 block of East Browning.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 800 block of Reid.

A suspicious person was reported at Virginia and Texas.

Phone harassment occurred at the 1000 block of East Browning.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 500 block of North Summer.

A theft occurred at the 1900 block of North Hobart.

A burglary occurred at the 1200 block of North Wells.

A suspicious person was reported at the 700 block of North Dwight.

An accident occurred at Dwight and Worrel.

A theft occurred at the 1100 block of North Juniper.

An assault occurred at the 2500 block of North Rosewood.

A theft was reported at the 500 block of North Lowry.

Criminal mischief was reported at the 100 block of

South Wells.

A structural fire occurred at the 300 block of East 8th.

Endangerment of a child or elderly person occurred at the 2800 block of North Perryton.

Police investigated an alarm at the 2500 block of West Milliron.

A suicide attempt occurred at the 1700 block of North Hamilton.

An accident occurred at the 600 block of North Le-fors.

A suspicious person was reported at the 500 block of North Doyle.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 400 block of East Browning.

A suspicious person was reported at the 400 block of West Atchison.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 1200 block of South Hobart.

Police investigated an alarm at the 100 block of South Cuyler.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 400 block of North Dwight and the 1000 block of East Browning.

A theft was reported.

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### Schools get larger class sizes

AUSTIN (AP) — Financially-challenged school districts will find it easier to get exempt from a Texas law that holds most elementary school classes to no more than 22 students.

The Texas Education Agency created a new provision that allows districts to get class size waivers because of financial hardships after lawmakers approved massive funding cuts to close a budget shortfall without raising taxes.

Districts can apply for the hardship waivers through Oct. 3.

The Dallas Morning News reports in Tuesday editions that Texas American Federation of Teachers president Linda Bridges says "we need to be careful" about the new waiver because some districts may use it as an excuse to scrap the 22-student limit in kindergarten through fourth grade.

The class-size requirement has been law since 1984.

### Cause electrical on massive fire

DALLAS (AP) — Fire officials say the wildfire that killed two people and destroyed more than 1,500 homes in Central Texas was most likely caused by something electrical.

The Texas Forest Service said Tuesday that the investigation was complete on the blaze that started Labor Day weekend and forced thousands of residents to evacuate in Bastrop County, about 25 miles east of Austin.

Further details on the investigation weren't immediately available. The forest service didn't immediately return a phone call seeking comment.

The wildfire burned out of control for several days and ultimately blackened more than 34,000 acres.

### Accused rapist said mentally ill

EDNA (AP) — A psychiatrist has told a Southeast Texas jury he believes a Texas man suspected of being a serial rapist who targeted older women suffers from multiple personality disorder.

But prosecutors on Tuesday played an audiotape in which the suspect, 54-year-old Billy Joe Harris, can be heard describing a court appearance in which he fell to the floor and shook as part of a "picture show."

Harris has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity, but prosecutors say his defense is a "con."

A former Texas prison employee, Harris is being tried in the alleged rape of a disabled woman in Edna, about 100 miles southwest of Houston.

Authorities say DNA samples link Harris to five other assaults or attempted assaults over two years in Central and Southeast Texas.

### Solar storage project online

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico's largest electric utility is hoping a new energy storage project will help address some of the challenges of tapping solar and other renewable energy sources.

Public Service Company of New Mexico says its 500 kilowatt array and accompanying high-tech batteries make for the first solar storage facility to be fully integrated into the power grid.

The \$8.7 million demonstration project on the south end of Albuquerque is the first of 16 smart grid projects partially funded by federal stimulus money to be fully operational.

PNM is working on the project with researchers from Sandia National Laboratories and two New Mexico colleges.

One of the goals is to develop a way for managing solar energy so it can be accessed when most needed, rather than only when the sun shines.

### Ogden won't seek reelection

BRYAN (AP) — Steve Ogden, one of the most powerful state senators in Texas, says he won't seek re-election next year.

He said in a statement issued on Tuesday that he expects to finish his term which ends in Jan. 2013.

Ogden, who is an oil and gas producer, did not say why he decided not to run for the Senate again.

The Republican from southeast Texas town of Bryan has served in the Senate since 1997.

Ogden has headed the Senate Finance Committee since 2004. He was President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

He says Texas is home so "it has been a profound privilege to play a part in her continued growth and overall improvement."

In addition to budget issues, Ogden has focused on education, child protection and transportation safety.

### Workers escape rig explosion

WATONGA, Okla. (AP) — Workers at an Oklahoma natural gas rig that exploded had enough prior warning that they were all able to make it to safety, the county sheriff said Tuesday.

About a dozen workers at the well operated by Continental Resources Inc. managed to flee the site before the blast Monday night, Blaine County Sheriff Ricky Ainsworth said. A Continental spokeswoman confirmed there were no injuries.

"It was a very huge fireball coming from the rig, and it's still burning," Ainsworth said Tuesday. "It has settled down some, but it's definitely still burning."

Continental spokeswoman Kristin Miskovsky said the well could keep burning for several days before the damaged rig can be cleared and the fire extinguished.

The explosion and ensuing fire forced the evacuation of about 20 homes within a two-mile radius, Ainsworth said. Some residents were allowed to return home but those living closest to the rig were not. A shelter was set up at the Blaine County fairgrounds for displaced residents.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation, and a well-control team was brought to the site to assess the situation, Miskovsky said.

Patterson-UTI Drilling LLC owns and operates the rig, but Continental Resources is the operator of the well, Miskovsky said.

site, Boyer spoke at Tuesday's Chamber of Commerce luncheon, giving a brief summation of the facility's security procedures, safety practices and history.

He spoke of Pantex's beginnings as a munitions plant in 1942 and its closure at the end of World War II, upon which the government sold the land to Texas Tech for \$1, under the agreement that it could be reclaimed by the government at any point in the future under no charge. The government did so in 1951, when the plant was refurbished for nuclear weapons assembly. The site's primary function changed again in 1989, when Pantex went from a facility that built nuclear weapons to one that dismantled them — from tactical ordinances small enough to be fired from a shoulder-mounted bazooka to ones the size of a Volkswagen bus.

The last major accident at Pantex was at 1979, Boyer said, when a press inside a high explosive machining facility exploded. Two people were killed and three more were injured; because of this, today all of Pantex's machining on high explosives is done remotely with cameras and remote controlled equipment.

This decision was one of many made over the years by Boyer's office to reduce the risk factor to which Pantex employees are exposed.

"It's all about health and safety. We're involved in making sure the workers of Pantex are safe and healthy, and we don't let OSHA (the Occupational Safety and Health Administration) come in that's going to give the boss reason to not want me to be working there," Boyer said with a chuckle.

Those safety and security protocols involve everything from maintaining Pantex's facilities to having onsite first responders comparable to those of a small town (Pantex has its own police, paramedics and fire department, the latter two of which have mutual support agreements with many area communities) to subjecting its employees to a rigorous training program before they are allowed to approach nuclear armaments.

"In order to be a SPO (police officer) at Pantex, someone just brand new coming in, they have to have about eight months of training before they are allowed to enter a cell or a bay where we keep our weapons at in order to protect that weapon," Boyer said. "If you think that's bad, the production technicians, the ones that actually put their hands on the weapon, go to school for about a year before they're allowed to touch a real weapon."

Those technicians also have to go through annual refresher courses to keep themselves sharp, Boyer said.

"And at no time ever does one person have access to a weapon all alone," he added. "We always have two people so no one can do something without being observed. We're very, very safety and security conscious."

Even the tools that Pantex uses to dismantle its nuclear weapons must earn a strict stamp of approval.

"Think about this," Boyer said. "If you have a nuclear weapon, you don't go to Harbor Freight to buy your tools... Our tooling department designs all the tools we use for our weapons, and we build our own. If you've got a nuclear weapon that's the size of a Volkswagen bus and you need to turn it over, you don't just get four burly guys and say, 'Let's flip this sucker over.' There's a special tool that attaches in a certain way so you could rotate it and turn it over safely."

Of course, no talk about safety and security at Pantex is complete without addressing the dangerous materials stored within the facility's walls. The subject is one that Boyer is very familiar with.

"Pantex does have some hazardous substances, and as part of the safety and industrial hygiene department, it's my

job to make sure that those other things other than radioactive, nuclear type resources are kept safe," he said. "We have our chemical control program, we look at all sorts of issues having to do with the workers — noise, vibration, lighting, all sorts of things."

"There's concern about if we spill something at Pantex, if it gets out of hand, if we drop anything, if something goes wrong, how will it affect the local communities," Boyer continued. "We do a lot of things to make sure that we don't spill things, or if we do, we have an appropriate response to be able to stop or mitigate issues before anyone is affected. One of the things we recently did was Pantex bought up most of the property around the perimeter of the plant. We don't have any really close neighbors any longer. We own a lot of that property and we're not going to let anybody else live there, just in case."

Pantex, according to Boyer, also has an active Environment Protection Group which scrutinizes any possible local contamination.

"These folks have monitoring wells that they have sunk," he said. "Some of you have probably heard about contamination in the perched aquifer underneath Pantex. The perched aquifer is not where we get our drinking water from. It's higher elevation up in the underground area, and there is some contamination there that goes back to the 40s and 50s, when they didn't think it was anything to worry about at that time."

"Now we know better, and we have a pump-and-treat process going on where they pump water out of that perched aquifer, treat it and then pump it right back into the ground. Slowly, we're bringing those numbers down... (Now), they weren't very high to begin with. We had some solvents and some high explosive materials that were found in the perched aquifer in the parts per trillion. That's like a couple of drops in an Olympic-sized swimming pool, but we're still treating it because we are that concerned about our environment."

Other programs that Pantex has in place include a group of 90 people dedicated solely to controlling radiation levels, a team of explosives safety experts trained to examine the bombs themselves and a

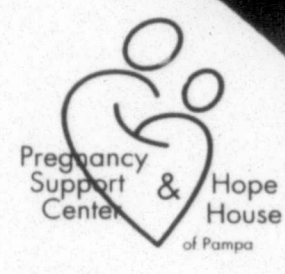
program that monitors Pantex employees for possible at-risk behaviors that could decrease workplace safety. It's a formula that has produced results and accolades, according to Boyer.

"We are a VPP Star Site," he said. "Voluntary Protection Program. It was started by OSHA back in the early 90s. DOE (Department of Energy) built their own VPP program in about 1993 or 1994, and as of last year, Pantex became a VPP Star Site, which is the highest level of accomplishment that you can have. We're very proud of that."

Of Pantex's future, Boyer said that the plant will have a purpose long after its current function — if ever — is obsolete.

"(Because) we spent 30

years putting weapons together and now we're taking them apart, people have said we're working ourselves out of a job," Boyer said. "I pray to God it's true. I would love to see the day when the last nuclear weapon is dismantled and this world is free of that... We just broke ground for a high explosive pressing facility that's going to be built by the Army Corps of Engineers," he said. "In about five or six years, it's going to be done, and one of the things we will be doing for the Department of Energy is building high explosives, not necessarily nuclear weapons. So Pantex will have a mission going on for decades still, long after I retire and hopefully long after anybody who's there retires."



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## Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 21, the 264th day of 2011. There are 101 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 21, 1897, the New York Sun ran its famous editorial, written anonymously by Francis P. Church, that responded to a letter from 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon asking whether Santa Claus really existed. Church wrote, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy."

### On this date:

In 1792, the French National Convention voted to abolish the monarchy.

In 1893, one of America's first horseless carriages was taken for a short test drive in Springfield, Mass., by Frank Duryea, who had designed the vehicle with his brother, Charles.

In 1938, a hurricane struck parts of New York and New England, causing widespread damage and claiming some 700 lives.

In 1981, the Senate unanimously confirmed the nomination of Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the Supreme Court. Belize attained full independence from Britain.

In 1989, Hurricane Hugo crashed into Charleston, S.C.

In 1991, an 18-hour hostage drama ended in Sandy, Utah, as Richard L. Worthington, who'd killed a nurse and seized control of a hospital maternity ward, finally freed nine captives, including a baby who was born during the siege. (Worthington committed suicide in prison in 1993.)

**Ten years ago:** Congress again opened the federal coffers to those harmed by terrorism, providing \$15 billion to the airline industry, which was suffering mounting economic losses since the Sept. 11 attacks.

**Five years ago:** The White House and rebellious Senate Republicans announced agreement on rules for the interrogation and trial of suspects in the war on terror.

**One year ago:** The mayor and ex-city manager of the Los Angeles suburb of Bell were among eight current and former city officials arrested in a corruption scandal that authorities said cost the blue-collar city more than \$5.5 million in excessive salaries and illegal personal loans.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Karl Slover ("The Wizard of Oz") is 93. Actor Larry Hagman is 80. Poet-songwriter Leonard Cohen is 77. Author-comedian Fannie Flagg is 70. Producer Jerry Bruckheimer is 68. Musician Don Felder is 64. Author Stephen King is 64. Actor-comedian Bill Murray is 61. Movie producer-writer Ethan Coen is 54. Actor David James Elliott is 51. Actress Serena Scott-Thomas is 50. Actress Nancy Travis is 50. Actor Rob Morrow is 49. Actress Cheryl Hines is 46. Country singer Faith Hill is 44. Rock musician Tyler Stewart (Barenaked Ladies) is 44. Actor Rob Benedict is 41. Actor James Lesure is 40. Actor Alfonso Ribeiro is 40. Actor Luke Wilson is 40. Actor Paulo Costanzo is 33. Actress Autumn Reeser is 31. TV personality Nicole Richie is 30. Actress Maggie Grace is 28.

**Thought for Today:** "The only true measure of success is the ratio between what we might have done and what we might have been on the one hand, and the thing we have made and the things we have made of ourselves on the other." - H.G. Wells, English author (born this date in 1866, died 1946)



## Let's stop begging and start demanding

You know what's wrong with the American economy, Bucko? You, that's what.

Yeah, yeah, it's true that the reckless global gambling schemes of Wall Street bankers are what wrecked our economy -- and, yes, Congress and the Federal Reserve have used trillions of our public dollars to bail out miscreant bankers, while ignoring the plight of people like you whose jobs, businesses, homes and middle-class incomes have been devastated by banker greed. And, sure, it's also true that corporations are hoarding \$2 trillion in cash and getting billions of dollars a year in subsidies from taxpayers like you, yet refusing to hire Americans or to make job-creating investments in our country.

But blah-blah-blah, Bucko, this does not excuse your refusal to do your duty as an American consumer. CEOs say that they won't start hiring until you consumer slugs get out there and spend, spend, spend.

And don't use the whiney excuse that you're out of work or mired in debt -- Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke says that he has looked at macro economic statistics and concluded that you're just being irrationally negative about the health of our economy. "Households seem exceptionally cautious," declared the perplexed Fed chairman recently, suggesting that your lack of confidence in the economy is a psychosis that's fueling a larger depression. Yes, chimed in another Federal Reserve banker, "it's hard to have a robust recovery when Americans are

so dispirited."

So, hey -- perk up, America! Stop waiting on Wall Street, Washington and corporate chieftains to do something. Forget economic reality -- just pull out your credit cards, put on a smile, and march to the mall.

Wow, I can't tell you how much more confidence I have in our economic future knowing that America's corporate and political leaders are so insightful and in-touch. How about you?

By the way, President Obama has also joined the perky posse of national leaders who're urging Americans to be more upbeat about the economic doldrums we're in. "Shake off all the naysaying and the anxiety and the hand-wringing," he recently told us, sounding a lot like a football coach telling a player to shake off a concussion and get back in the game.

The president's pep talk came the day after he made his "bold" jobs proposal to Congress. But Obama's plan is more Walter Mittyish than Rooseveltian. While it does include some useful provisions to help stem the loss of still more jobs (especially those teachers, firefighters and other public employees being offed by Republican governors), it essentially consists of more corporate tax breaks -- a form of bribery to induce enormously rich corporations to hire



JIM HIGHTOWER

American workers.

This is the same old same old that Washington keeps throwing at the problem and -- hello, Washington -- it's not working. Sure enough, corporate chieftains say they'll gladly take the latest handout, but we should not expect them to go on a big hiring spree. Mostly, they'll use the money to cover the few people they were going to hire anyway -- and pocket the rest.

Nonetheless, Obama is now barnstorming the country, rallying crowds to demand that Congress "stop the political circus and actually do something to help the economy" by passing his plan. Fine ... but what about the corporate circus? And the Wall Street circus?

It's time to stop coddling these gluttonous narcissists. America is in crisis, sinking toward depression. The president should really get bold by calling out and shaming corporate executives who suck up America's wealth, then turn their backs on us, as though the only loyalty they owe is to their own avarice -- none to their country. Likewise, he should kick the bailed-out bankers right in their ample butts and insist publicly that they start making loans to America's smaller business that do want to create good jobs in our country.

Let's stop begging and start demanding.

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## Overcoming a fanatical faith in democracy

"Your people, sir, is ... a great beast."

So Alexander Hamilton reputedly said in an argument with Thomas Jefferson. At the Constitutional Convention of 1787, Hamilton explained:

"Real liberty is not found in the extremes of democracy, but in moderate governments. If we incline too much to democracy, we shall soon shoot into a monarchy, or some other form of dictatorship."

In his column, "Democracy Versus Liberty," Walter Williams cites Hamilton, James Madison and John Randolph, who wrote of "the follies and turbulence" of democracy, and John Adams:

"Democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide."

Yet what our fathers feared we embrace. For it may fairly be said of this generation that it worships democracy. Indeed, the fanaticism of this faith in democracy as the path to worldly salvation causes many to hail any and all revolutions against any and all autocrats.

One wonders: How is it that this childlike faith endures?

After all, the French Revolution gave us the Terror and Napoleonic wars. The Russian Revolution gave us Lenin, Stalin and 70 years of totalitarian horrors. Mao's revolution put 30 million Chinese in early graves.

Cuba's revolution gave us an end to freedom and 50 years of Fidel's cult of personality. Iran's revolution that took down the Shah raised up the Ayatollah.

One would think we would have learned a little skepticism.

Yet no sooner had the crowds in Tunis turned over their autocrat and the throngs taken over Tahrir Square in Cairo than our giddy elites were proclaiming the "Arab Spring" and demanding the United States get on the side of the Arab street against all autocrats.

Yet Hosni Mubarak, though a ruth-

less ruler, had been our man in Cairo since the assassination of Anwar Sadat, fighting alongside us in the Gulf War, keeping the peace with Israel, allying with us in the war on terror.

But as soon as the tide turned against him, we ditched him and cheered on the crowd in Tahrir Square, a few of whom celebrated the downfall of despotism with a sexual mauling of Lara Logan.

What our democracy-worshippers, our "power-to-the-people" lovers of revolution fail to understand is that revolutions unleash all the forces in a society, including the most noxious. Indeed, especially them.

To understand what revolutions and popular democracy are likely to produce, we need to understand the fires in the minds of the men who create or capture those revolutions.

And neither Africa nor Arabia offers much in the way of hope.

The overthrow of Ian Smith's government in Rhodesia brought to power Robert Mugabe and his Mashona, who proceeded to massacre the Matabele of rival Joshua Nkomo, rob the whites of their property, drive them out of their country and create the hellhole that is Zimbabwe.

Yet such is the power of democracy worship, this secular religion, to blind people to the evidence of their own eyes that virtually every Western leader favored one-man, one-vote democracy in Rhodesia.

As we see in Julius Malema, that admirer of Mugabe and 30-year-old firebrand of Mandela's ANC, just convicted of a hate crime for his singing of the anti-apartheid ditty "Shoot the Boer!" who wants to expropriate South Africa's mines and confiscate white farms, racism and tribalism are alive and well in liberated Southern Africa. And



PAT BUCHANAN

democracy is their enabler.

To know what the Arab Spring is likely to produce, one needs to look not only at the Kerenskys who lead the Facebook-Twitter revolutions, but the Lenins and Trotskys who stand silently behind them.

The Arabs of Tunisia, Egypt, Syria, Yemen and Bahrain want new leaders to reflect the popular will. And what is that will?

In the most recent elections, an Islamic party took power in Turkey; the Muslim Brotherhood advanced dramatically in Egypt. Hezbollah and Hamas were vaulted to power in Lebanon and Gaza.

Democratists who demand we distance ourselves from the kings of Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Morocco and Bahrain, who do they think will replace these monarchs?

Do they care, or is democracy the right way, results be damned?

In liberated Libya, reprisals are being perpetrated against the black Africans Moammar Gadhafi brought into the country, and the Islamists are surfacing.

In liberated Iraq, it is Muslim vs. Christian, Sunni vs. Shia, Arab vs. Kurd. In Sudan, it was Arab Muslim against African animist and Christian that tore the country in two. In Ethiopia, it was the ethnic Eritreans who seceded to establish a country of their own.

Looking at Africa and the Middle East, men seem willing to march for a better life and to demonstrate for democracy. But when it comes to fighting and dying, the calls of race, religion and tribe alone seem capable of compelling the ultimate sacrifice.

Before we endorse the right of all peoples to have what they want, perhaps we should know what they want. For in the Mideast, it appears that most would like to throw us out and throw our Israeli friends into the sea.

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# Worship

## Kids are asked: What is God like?

"God is very loving. I imagine he is very tall. I love him," says Lauren, 9.

Wind and water are great smiles, but let's shine some light on this question, says Molly, 9: "God is like a light that shines even brighter than the sun."

Guess who keeps the lights burning? "God is like an energy producer because he made the world, and he is the giver of life," says Tyler, 12.

"God is like Jesus because God is Jesus," says Caleb, 10. "God is also like the Holy Spirit because he is the Holy Spirit, too. God is also like the Bible because it teaches us about Him."

Excuse me, Caleb. Which seminary did you say you'll be teaching at next year? Sign me up for your course on the Trinity.

In the Psalms, "forever" describes God's name (reputation), throne (power) and word. The New Testament writer of the Book of Hebrews wrote: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

God wants us to know him as a faithful friend on whom we can depend in every situation. Often, he allows our choices and circumstances to take us beyond our own abilities and resources so that we will turn to him for strength.

We can speculate about what God is like. If we really want to know, we must go to the



**CARY KINSOLVING**

### KIDS talk about GOD

Bible. Jesus called himself a vine. He said his disciples were branches. Apart from the vine, the branch cannot receive life. In this context Jesus said, "For without me you can do nothing" (John 15:5c).

Some people pay a lot of money to drink fine wine, yet won't spend two seconds to consider a relationship with the one who turned water into wine.

Think about this: My life has significance only in dependence on God.

Memorize this truth: "I am the vine, you are the branches" (John 15:5a).

Ask this question: What is God like to you?

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## CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

### St. Matthews to celebrate 83rd birthday on Saturday

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St. Matthew's Episcopal Church invites the public to join them 9 a.m.-12 p.m. to celebrate its 83rd birthday.

Iris Ragsdale said there will be several activities at the church.

"We will have pumpkin painting and face painting," Ragsdale said. "A one dollar donation will be needed for the activity. We will have birthday cake in the parish hall. We

will have a silent auction on paintings, quilted items, baked goods, pottery, jewelry and other items."

Ragsdale said it's special that they have been around this long.

"In 1955 they built a new building," Ragsdale said. "Our parish hall was built in 1956. We started our day school in 1956."

The church was organized on September 21, 1928 on the feast day of Saint Matthew.

St. Matthew's is located on the 700 block of W. Browning.

### First Baptist to host concert

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First Baptist Church will host the Panhandle Singing Men 7 p.m. Thursday in the sanctuary.

First Baptist music pastor Barry Owens said the group is made up of people who serve in churches across the Panhandle.

"Some of them are worship pastors," Owens said. "Some are just laymen that sing in the choir. They get together in the fall, winter and spring and do one concert a month."

Owens said the concert is the first of the 2011-12 season and is free of charge. The music pastor said it will be a great night of music.

"It will be a good time for people across all denominations to come together and worship," Owens said. "There will be all kinds of church music: hymns and gospel music."

A love offering will be taken after the concert. Owens said it will help the group on the missions trips it takes.

First Baptist is located on the 200 block of North West Street.

## GOD'S GOOD NEWS

### Aging an interesting process of life

**DAVID BOULER**  
Highland Park Baptist Church

It seems the older people get, the more cautious they become in life. We need to be careful that we don't replace the risks of life and faith with a methodical life of boredom and fear. Too many develop a take it easy, be careful, hold on to what you have mindset. This is a pessimism and fear that haunts many older people. While in a museum in Kansas City about the Oregon Trail, we saw

a sign that had been posted for the new pioneers: "Choose your ruts carefully, you will be in them for the next 200 miles."

A verse that is a comfort to us as we grow older was written by the Psalmist King David, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread" (Psalm 37:25). Enjoy each decade of your life!

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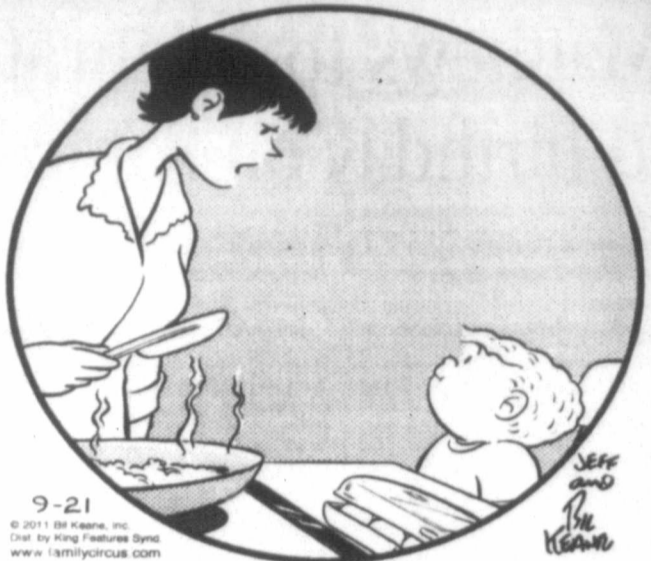
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## THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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**"No, I don't think candy would go well with scrambled eggs."**

### Non Sequitur



### Nest Heads



## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011.

This year, you experience more diversity within your circle of friends. As a result, you come into contact with more ideas and work opportunities. You might find yourself in the middle of a power play more than once. Though you might not think you have a control issue, this situation emerges because, on some level, you have a conflict to work through. Realize what is going on and accept the challenge of processing it. You will learn that the highest form of control is no control at all. If you are single, you will meet someone through a friend, or a friendship could evolve into much more. If you are attached, your compassion means more to your sweetie than you realize. More often than not, CANCER has your best interests in mind.

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You could wake up on the wrong side of the bed. You might want to slow down and take a walk to relieve some tension. How much are your judgments responsible for creating stress? Confusion could surround a male figure or a career matter. Tonight: Walk away from negativity.

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Keep communication flowing. Quite clearly, someone might be vested in being difficult or rigid. Walk away from an unnecessary hassle. A friend could make an offer that you might want to jump on. Tonight: Hang out with your pals. Recognize when it is time to call it a night.

#### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Remain in touch with a tendency to go overboard or cause yourself a problem. Develop a strong sense of self-discipline. A boss has an expectation that you might not be able to meet. Let your creativity be like a genie out of a bottle — let it out! Tonight: Indulging doesn't always have to cost!

#### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Listen to your instincts. Your intellectual capacities are good, too, but a mix is even better. Your instincts also could be right on about observations, but you might not necessarily recognize that you made them. Trust yourself. Tonight: Remain optimistic. Ask for what you want.

#### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★ Continue a low profile and understand what is motivating someone in your daily life. If this person is presenting a control issue, be sure that it isn't an issue for you, too. You

don't have to play. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

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

★★★★ Though you could stumble, you'll come back stronger and more quickly. You know your expectations. You might need to make a small adjustment. A partner or friend might be more insecure than you thought. Tonight: Keep your goal in mind.

#### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Avoid someone who walks hand in hand with power plays, if possible. Good fortune comes through a partner who makes it his or her pleasure to work with you. Fatigue weaves its tendrils through your dealings. Take a midday walk to recharge. Tap into your imagination as you establish your leadership. Tonight: Know that you are cared about. Look at a loved one's manipulation!

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance. You could feel like you need another perspective or a fresh attitude. You might not like what you hear, but you cannot control what someone else says. Tonight: Find your friends.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ A partner or associate wants you to notice him or her and go along with his or her thinking. Know that this is the time to be diplomatic, unless you want a War of the Roses. Clear out rather than play the game. Tonight: Share your feelings with a close friend.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You could be more difficult than you realize. You might hit a brick wall, but you are not likely to share it. If others become reactive, know that you are part of the problem. You are empowered to change the situation. Tonight: Choose to be with a favorite person.

#### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Stay even and mellow when dealing with a situation in your daily life. Your inner dialogue might not be as peaceful, with you wanting to end a talk and do what you want. Resist the child within! Tonight: Working late.

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Someone might be pushing you very hard. You have the right answers and solutions — trust yourself. Even if you are being diplomatic, know that you don't have to lose your power. Share ideas with pride; give others the respect they deserve for their ideas! Tonight: Romp the night away again.

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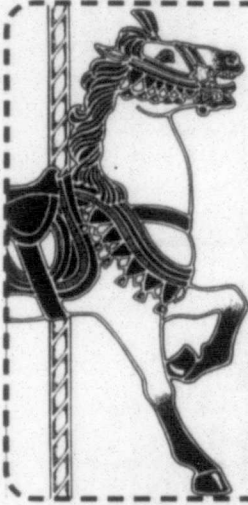
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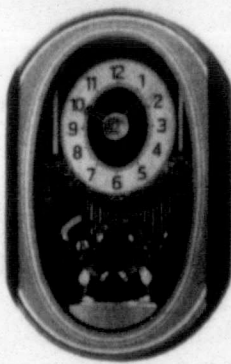
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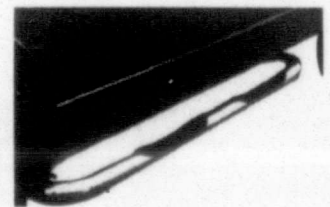
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# Any way you slice it, dish is a keeper

**Q:** Sometime around 1970 I bought the porcelain antique cheese keeper seen in this photo. It is in mint condition and unmarked. The flowers appear to be transfer prints. The measurements are 8 by 10 inches and 6 inches high.

I plan to give it to my niece and would like to provide some information on its history for her.

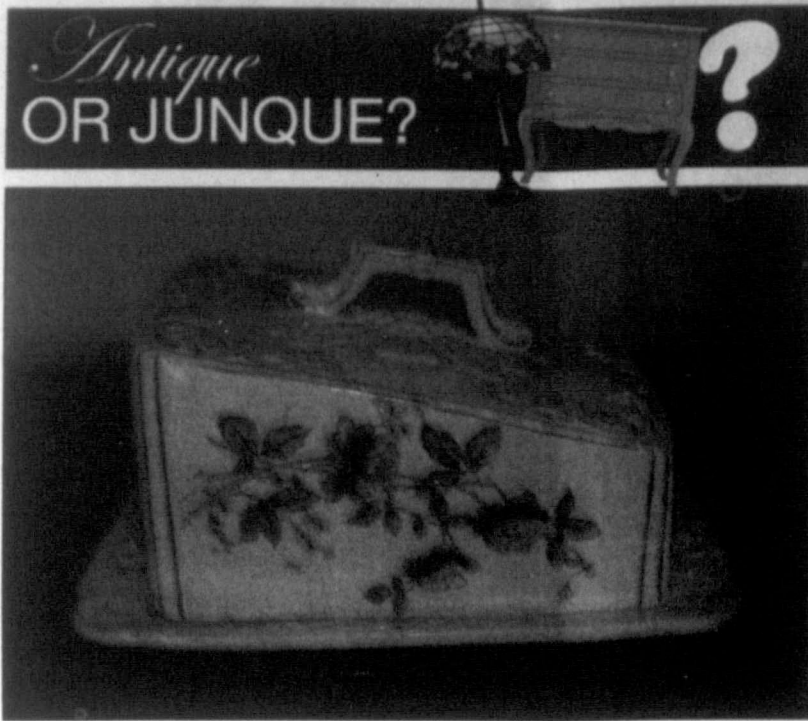
**A:** Wedge-shaped cheese keepers were made during the Victorian Era — in the mid- to late 1800's. Many were unmarked, making it close to impossible to identify the manufacturer. Manufacturers in both Europe and the United States produced a plethora of cheese keepers in designs that included Flow Blue, Gaudy Dutch, Majolica and transfer prints. Yours is very similar to those made in Germany.

Your circa-1880 cheese keeper is a desirable collectible. In today's market, it would probably be worth \$75 to \$85.

**Q:** I have enclosed a photo of the mark on the bottom of my pottery vase. Both the mark and design are raised. The vase is 4 3/4 inches in diameter and 3 inches tall. It is decorated with leaves and berries against a background of green matte glaze.

Any information you can provide would be appreciated.

**A:** You have a small planter that was made by Roseville



Victorian-era cheese keepers were made in Europe and the United States.

Pottery. They were in business in Zanesville, Ohio, from 1894 to 1953. The number 657 is the design number and "3" is the height of your planter. The pattern is Bushberry, which can be recognized by raised leaves with saw-tooth edges and berry clusters against a textured background of concentric circles.

Some pieces feature handles with stylized branches. They were introduced in 1941 and appeared on

baskets, tea sets, planters, sugar and creamer sets and several different vases.

Your mid-20th century planter can be found selling on the Internet from \$100 to \$200.

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.

## BANAGRAMS!

For each of the three words below, change one letter to an R and then rearrange the letters to spell a type of food.

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GASPED

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BROGUE

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Yesterday's Answer: NUTMEG, GOSPEL, BISECT, SALMON

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## Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Intermediate

## Fair

Items available during the live auction include golf clubs, a \$500 scholarship to Clarendon College and a diamond necklace and earrings worth around \$1,800. Silent auction items include gift certificates, jewelry, home decor items and gift baskets.

Attendees can participate in a drawing with a \$100 donation. People who enter have a chance to win one \$5,000 prize and 5 \$1,000 prizes.

The fair will also have a couple of new activities — a wine pull and a coin flip.

"There will be numerous bottles of wine, and you pay a set fee, and you get to choose a bottle. It may be worth \$150, \$200, or it may be worth \$8. Your odds are to come out ahead," said Weaver.

The coin flip is another game of chance. People pay a set fee to participate, and then half choose heads and the other half choose tails.

After the coin is tossed, the losing team is out of the game, and it continues until one team selects the correct side of the coin, winning a little cash.

Folks at the chamber, including executive assistant Lori Gyurnek, are looking forward to the annual gala.

"When I first got here, even when I first started volunteering here, I kept hearing about the Country Fair," she said. "I'm look-

ing forward to the experience, and hoping it will be a fun event."

This year's Country Fair will be held October 15 at the M. K. Brown Auditorium. Tickets cost \$30, and include the steak dinner, dance, and beer and wine.

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: When I was in middle school, I was pretty much an outcast. In the summer between eighth grade and high school, I read a Dear Abby column where you offered advice to someone who was shy like me. You recommended that the writer smile and greet people every day. You also published a booklet to help us to be more outgoing.

When I got to high school, I took your advice. Your column changed my life. During my senior year I became involved in drama, choir and sports, and I was elected student body president.

I am now a mom with two children. I hold a master's degree and have a wide array of friends all over the world. I am a public speaker, poet and actor — all because you wrote to someone like me and told that person how to make friends.

Recently a friend and I were discussing that column, and he said, "I wish I had seen it!" Abby, please repeat those words and let people know if the booklet is still available. Folks of all ages need that message of friendship and guidance. Thank you for the impact it has had on my life. — RENEE IN WASHINGTON

DEAR RENEE: I'm pleased that my column was so helpful for you at a time when you needed it. I think I know the column you mentioned. The reply echoed advice that's in my booklet "How to Be Popular." It said: "No matter what you wear, the expression on your face is your greatest asset — or liability. Would you

want to strike up a conversation with someone who looks like he (or she) is mad at the world? Well, neither would anyone else. So, if you're wearing a perpetual frown, get rid of it. Trade it for a smile.

"You can walk down the street in any foreign country in the world, and even though you may not be able to understand a word they're saying, when you see a smile, you get a message. It's the universal way of saying, 'I'm friendly.'"

"I'm not suggesting you go around with a perpetual phony grin pasted on your face, but try to develop the habit of looking cheerful, pleasant and happy. It attracts."

"How to Be Popular" was written in response to many thousands of letters from readers over the years who are not naturally socially assertive, and others who have asked for guidance on where and how

to meet nice people like themselves, what to say or not to say, and how to be the kind of person others will find interesting, attractive and worth knowing better, and can be ordered by sending your name and address, plus check or money order for \$6 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. Another important observation from the booklet that wasn't in the column you saw is, "There are two kinds of people — those who come into a room and their attitude says, 'Here I am!' and those who come into a room and their attitude is, 'There you are!'"

"The 'there-you-are' type is the winner. If you want to receive a warm welcome, remember the happier you are to see others, the happier they'll be to see you."

AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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### CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: A BOOK MUST BE THE AXE FOR THE FROZEN SEA WITHIN US. — FRANZ KAFKA

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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<p><b>1 Public Notice</b></p> <p><b>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of David L. Schaffer, Deceased, were issued on September 16, 2011, in Cause No. 9855, pending in the Probate Court of Gray County, Texas, to: Tony L. Schaffer.</p> <p>All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.</p> <p><b>Attorney at Law</b> TONY L. SCHAFER, P.C. 919 Congress Avenue, Suite 900 Austin, Texas 78701</p> <p>DATED the 19th day of September 2011.</p> <p><i>Tony Schaffer</i> Attorney for Estate State Bar No.: 17720880 SESSIONS &amp; SCHAFFER, P.C. 919 Congress Avenue, Suite 900 Austin, Texas 78701 Telephone: (512)261-1235 Facsimile: (512)261-1236 A-92 Sept. 21, 2011</p>	<p><b>1 Public Notice</b></p> <p><b>ORDINANCE NO. 1557</b></p> <p><b>AN ORDINANCE SETTING A TAX RATE OF \$0.621027 ON EACH \$100.00 VALUATION OF PROPERTY AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF PAMPA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2011-2012; PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING OF EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SUCH TAXES SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID AND FOR PENALTY AND INTEREST; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THE CAPTION HEREOF.</b></p> <p>A-87 Sept. 21, 28, 2011</p>	<p><b>3 Personal</b></p> <p><b>ADOPT:</b> Active professional couple excited to give 1st baby love, playful pup, adventures. 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# Sports

## No. 12 Lady Harvesters knock off Lady Westerners

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The No. 12 Pampa Lady Harvesters were looking to gain momentum heading into district play September 27. Tuesday night against the Lubbock Lady Westerners, Pampa got that momentum with a three-game sweep (25-23, 25-18 and 25-20) at McNeely Fieldhouse.

Head coach Libby Garza said Lubbock High was a good team and was pleased that her team won.

"(Lubbock) is just scrappy," Garza said. "They touch everything. We did a better

job tonight of not getting frustrated and staying focused on what we need to do and put the ball away."

Senior Alanna Stephens said the team came together when facing adversity.

"We got down a little bit," Stephens said. "We came together and that's how we won."

Senior Ramie Hutto said the victory helps bring the team closer to its goal.

"We want to win 35 games," Hutto said. "We can definitely do that."

The Lady Harvesters (20-8) started the first game strong. Senior Caitlin Sieck got the team on a roll with her serving

helping Pampa take an 8-3 lead. The Lady Westerners took a timeout and at first momentum stayed in the Lady Harvesters' favor. Behind Stephens' serving, Pampa increased its lead to 12-5. But the Lady Westerners rallied with a 7-2 run and evened the score at 18. The teams exchanged points until the Lady Harvesters took control with the score tied 22-22 and won by two.

The second game started back and forth, but Pampa took control. Senior Stephanie Allen scored two hard kills, putting Pampa up 8-3. Lubbock tried stopping the momentum with a timeout but the Lady

Westerners weren't really able to cut into the deficit. Hutto scored the final kill when Lubbock couldn't return her serve.

Game Three was a contested battle most of the way. Lubbock pulled out to a 15-13 lead, prompting Garza to call a timeout and give her team a stern talk. The Lady Harvesters responded with a 5-2 run taking an 18-17 lead. Behind Senior Kirsten Kuhn's serving, Pampa took control. Sieck, Senior Kailyn Troxell and Hutto scored kills to end the match.

Pampa opens district play September 27 hosting the Borger Lady Bulldogs, who beat the Lady Harvesters in last season's regional quarterfinal.



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Senior Kailyn Troxell serves in Game one against Lubbock High Tuesday. The Lady Harvesters won in three sets and close out non-district 20-8.

## PHS tennis routed by Dumas

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Sometimes, teams have nights where things don't go their way. Tuesday night for the Pampa Harvesters' tennis team was one of those as it fell to Dumas 18-1.

Senior Collin McClendon recorded the only victory in singles. Head coach Sarah Corse said she was pleased with how he played.

"He played great," Corse said. "He got the only win and deserves credit."

Corse said the team just came out flat.

"It was just an off night," Corse said. "It's homecoming week and we weren't ready to play."

Corse said her team had five matches where it won the first set but lost the last two.

"Our number one girls doubles (Makayla Hampton and Elizabeth Terry), number three boys doubles (David Moore and Hunter Hucks), mixed (McClendon and Delaney Clendening), and Logan (Karbo) and Nick

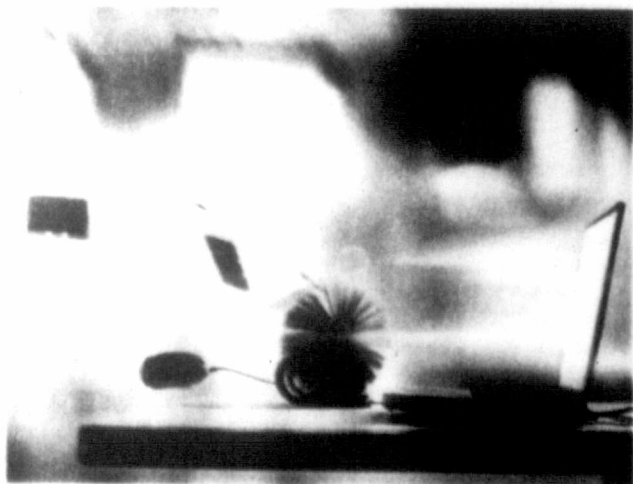
Nelson's singles went like that," Corse said.

The Harvesters (3-5) host Perryton Sept. 27 at the high school tennis courts.

Corse said her team will do better.

"We will get things straightened out," Corse said. "In the fall, we can have a hiccup and make it up. We just can't do it very often."

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