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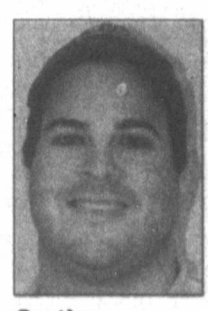
Flogistics first tenant at PEDC's PEC site

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 Flogistics, formerly known as Fluid Compressor Partners, recently expanded its operations into the Pampa Energy Center, becoming the facility's first tenants.
 "We've overgrown our current facility, and needed extra space," said Tyson Curtis, Flogistics' Vice President of Operations. "It allowed us to expand from our

Kentucky location and add to our manufacturing personnel."
 Curtis said that six people are currently employed at the facility that manufactures gas compressors, with about

15 employees projected to work at the site in the future.
 The Pampa Economic Development Corporation, which bought the Pampa Energy Center last May for \$3 million, is pleased

to enter their first lease.
 "We're thrilled that they've come out there," said Clay Rice, PEDC's executive director. "We welcome them, and look forward to working with them in the future."
 "We're thrilled to have Flogistics on the site, and we're looking forward to getting other companies on the site," said Gary Sutherland, president of the PEDC board. "At this point in time, the site is for lease or sale."



Curtis



Rice

BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE



Veterans Tom Smith (left) and **Danny Martin** unveil a commemorative bench Wednesday at Travis Elementary's 13th annual celebration of Veteran's Day, organized by Kay Pittman. "It's my passion to teach children about patriotism. All the veterans who have seen the bench so far have shed tears over it," said Pittman.

Nominations open for CoC 2011 honors

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 The Chamber of Commerce is currently seeking nominations for the 2011 Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year.
 "It's just something that we like to do to recognize the people and businesses in Pampa who are doing good things in the community and doing the things that make Pampa a great place," Chamber Executive Director Weaver said. "They deserve our recognition."
 To be nominated for Citizen of the Year, a person must have been a resident of the Pampa trade area for at least five years. Nominees should be individuals who have made outstanding community contributions through their careers, volunteer efforts or other activities during the last three years.
 "There's a form to fill out, and people also attach a letter to serve as testimony to the nominee's contributions to the community," Weaver said. He added that additional letters of recommendation from other Pampa area residents are also welcome; written documentation should not exceed two pages.
 The same nomination process applies to the Business of the Year. **NOMINATIONS** cont. on page 8

Mota the newest addition to Pampa EMS response team

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 Daniel Mota, 30, is the newest addition to the team at Pampa EMS, and he couldn't be happier with his new career in the medical field.
 "Before this, I did in-and-out kind of jobs, nothing really as exciting as this," said Mota, who worked formerly as a plumber's assistant and at Sears Appliances. "I wanted a career change, and I wanted to help people. It's really a perfect field for me."
 He went through the Fire Academy before receiving EMT training. Mota has been at Pampa EMS for the past seven months.



"I fell in love with the EMT part of it, so now I'm pursuing my paramedic (status)," he said. "This is more personal. (I wanted) to help people on a one on one basis a little bit more. There's a lot more to figure out about the person."
 With two 24-hour shifts a week, Mota's work schedule is a little different than it was in the past.
 "What I was doing was a nine-to-five
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Daniel Mota calls his work with the Pampa EMS "a perfect field for (him)." The newest member of the EMS team has been with the service for seven months.




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Today: Sunny, with a high near 50. Wind chill values between 17 and 27 early. Northwest wind around 10 mph.

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 30. Wind chill values between 22 and 27. South-south-east wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 59. Breezy, with a south wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 41. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 64. Very windy, with a southwest wind 20 to 25 mph increasing to between 30 and 35 mph. Winds could gust as high as 50 mph.

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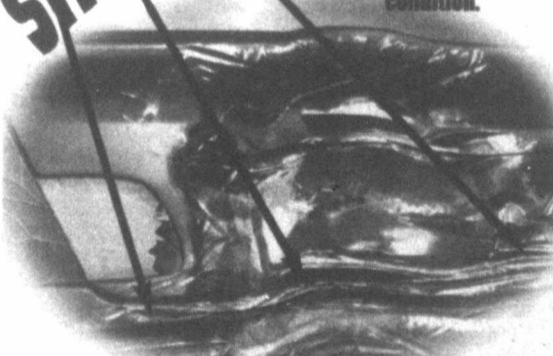
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Bail set in Borger's Fernandez case

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Special to The Pampa News

Bail has been set in the Amy Fernandez case stemming from a raid on the Frank's Floor Covering store in Borger.

Tuesday evening in the United States District Courtroom in Amarillo at 5:40 P.M., Amy Fernandez and her attorney appeared in front of a judge.

Fernandez has been charged for the purpose of evading the reporting requirements and the regulations issued thereunder, structure, attempt to structure, and attempted to assist in structuring currency transactions with one or more domestic financial institutions by purchasing 37 cashier's checks with United States currency in the amounts of \$3,000 or less.



Fernandez

Thomas Salazar remains unrepresented and has had his arraignment moved to 1:30 p.m. today. All four men are being charged with drug trafficking. Each was taken into custody last Thursday.

Bond for Fernandez was set at \$20,000 and she was assigned to wear a home confinement ankle bracelet.

She will be allowed to travel as far away as Dallas.

If bond is made, she will be released sometime today.

The arraignment of her husband Frank Fernandez, Jose Fernandez, Jr. and Aaron Fernandez was held yesterday at 11:30 a.m.

Federal court considers Texas redistricting

AUSTIN (AP) — A federal court in Washington wrapped up oral arguments Wednesday in a hearing to determine whether Texas' new election maps can be implemented.

Attorneys said the three-judge panel questioned them about time constraints, but did not indicate when they would issue a ruling.

"My sense is that they think that there are just too many facts that still need to be resolved for them to give a quick ruling," said Nina Perales, an attorney for one of the interveners, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

The state is defending maps adopted earlier this year by the GOP-led Legislature and has asked the court for approval of the maps without going to trial. The new maps were drawn to reflect population growth.

But the U.S. Department of Justice says the maps for Congress and the Texas House districts should be rejected because they discriminate against minority voters.

The legal fight centers around a requirement in the 1965 Voting Rights Act that certain states with a history of discrimination, including Texas, be

granted "preclearance" before changes in voting practices can be enacted.

The legal standard is whether the changes have the purpose or effect of diminishing voting rights based on race or color.

In a parallel case, a San Antonio court is proceeding with plans to adopt election guidelines that can be implemented temporarily. That would allow election workers and candidates to make necessary arrangements for next year's primary elections. A hearing in that case is scheduled to continue Thursday.

Attorneys for the state suggested a ruling be issued within weeks.

"Obviously, the state wants a quick decision," Perales said. "They want plans to get preclearance so they can move forward. ... They have to get through quite a bit of material, a lot has been filed."

Jose Garza, an attorney for another intervener, the Mexican American Legislative Caucus, said there would be little value in a hasty ruling once temporary plans are in place.

The judges "seemed reluctant to be pressed into a too speedy decision," Garza said.

The Justice Department is arguing that both maps are retrogressive, meaning minority voters' ability to elect their candidates of choice is diminished.

The state, represented by Attorney General Greg Abbott, contends that the plans maintain or increase the voting strength of minorities and are in compliance with the law.

District boundaries are redrawn every 10 years to reflect changes in census data. This year, Texas received four new congressional seats — increasing the delegation from 32 to 36 — because of a population surge fueled by Hispanics.

The state argues that the proposed plan increases the number of minority districts in the congressional plan from eight to 10. But the Justice Department says the analysis used by the state is inadequate because it only looks at population statistics rather than taking into account historical election data like turnout.

Using a more detailed analysis, the U.S. says the proposed congressional map does not change the number of effective minority districts, which it says was already at 10 under the previous maps.

Obituaries

Juan Santos Ortega, 33

Juan Santos Ortega, 33, died November 1, 2011, in Roberts County.

There are no services scheduled at this time. Cremation arrangements were under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Ortega was born February 22, 1978, in Brownsville. He attended schools in Brownsville and La Porte. He married Nancy De La Cerda on September 8, 2000, in La Porte. Juan worked in the oilfield for many



Ortega

years. He loved the Dallas Cowboys and wrestling. He was a caring and loving father and husband and had a good heart. He always tried to help others.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Ortega of the home; a daughter, Aislinn Ortega of the home; a son, Juan Santos Ortega IV of the home; mother, Maria Norma Gutierrez and husband Alfonso of Houston; four sisters, Jessica Majoy and husband Mike and Veronica Maria Gutierrez, all of California, and Angel Gutierrez and Mary Ann Gutierrez, both of Houston, two stepbrothers, Fonzie Gutierrez and Jimmy Gutierrez, both of Brownsville; two stepsisters, Erica Guzman and Adelina Gutierrez, both of Brownsville; several nieces and nephews. Juan was preceded in death by his father, Juan Santos Ortega Jr.; grandparents, Juan Santos Ortega and wife Dominga Ortega, and Mr. & Mrs. Jose Angel Pena.

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For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, November 2 at 7 a.m.

Animal Control agents and Pampa PD responded to 17 animal related incidents.

Pampa PD reported eight traffic related incidents.

Pampa EMS and the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department responded to six medical calls.

Tuesday, November 1

Accidents occurred at the 13100 block of Highway 60 and the 700 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 500 block of North Naidi.

A burglary of a motor vehicle occurred at the 60 block of South Cuyler.

A burglary occurred at the 800 block of North West.

Police investigated an alarm at the 2700 block of North Cherokee.

Suspicious persons were

reported at the 1300 block of North Coffee and the 400 block of West Hughes.

A theft was reported.

An accident occurred at the 300 block of East Brown.

Criminal trespassing occurred at the 1300 block of North Banks.

An accident occurred at the 400 block of North Ballard.

A violation of a protective order occurred at the 2200 block of North Hamilton.

Wednesday, November 2

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

A stolen vehicle was reported at the 100 block of

North Nelson.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, November 2 at 7 a.m.

Tuesday, November 1

Javier Omar Estrada, 20, was arrested by deputies for driving while intoxicated.

Dakota Scott McGehee, 17, was arrested by police for delivery of a dangerous drug.

Tammi Gay Fry, 50, was arrested by deputies for theft over \$50 and under \$500.

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Groups claim EPA abusing power

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A pair of public policy groups is accusing federal environmental regulators of abusing their power when enforcing air quality rules at a coal-fired power plant in New Mexico.

The New Mexico-based Rio Grande Foundation and the Competitive Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C., have released a report on a recent decision by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to require new pollution controls at the San Juan Generating Station.

New Mexico has filed a lawsuit, claiming the agency infringed on its ability to adopt its own plan for curbing haze-causing pollution at the plant.

The plant's operator, PNM, is also appealing.

Despite environmentalists' support for the pollution controls, the public policy groups are calling the EPA's action "an injustice." They say the agency is trying to grab more power.

The EPA did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Two get execution dates

HOUSTON (AP) - Two members of the notorious "Texas 7" gang that engineered the biggest prison escape in Texas history have received execution dates for early next year.

George Rivas, the 41-year-old mastermind of the December 2000 breakout, faces lethal injection Feb. 29. One of his companions, 49-year-old Donald Newbury, is set for Feb. 1.

The two were among seven convicts who fled a South Texas prison. Two weeks later, on Christmas Eve, they fatally shot an Irving police officer who interrupted their holdup of a sporting goods store. They were caught a month later in Colorado, where one of gang killed himself. Six others went to trial and were sentenced to death. One of them, Michael Rodriguez, ordered his appeals dropped and was executed in 2008.

Hunt camp charges dismissed

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) - Charges have been dropped against two Texas hunters in the investigation of a Kansas camp where hunters paid thousands of dollars to kill deer illegally.

At the government's request, U.S. District Judges Eric Melgren and Monti Belot dismissed the misdemeanor charges in separate cases against James Donnan and Michael Scarber, both of Center, Texas.

The U.S. Attorney's Office says the dismissal relates to "technical issues" with the type of equipment allegedly used to hunt.

Twelve hunters from Texas and Louisiana were charged in August with poaching-related misdemeanors connected to Camp Lone Star near Coldwater. Five pleaded guilty and seven pleaded not guilty. Two other Texas hunters were indicted in July on felony charges.

The camp's owner and his brother were sentenced in June to 41 and 27 months in prison, respectively.

Green group petitions D.C.

DENVER (AP) - An environmental group has petitioned the federal government to reduce air pollutants in eight western states.

WildEarth Guardians says that by law, the Environmental Protection Agency has to designate areas as "nonattainment" areas if they violate certain air-quality standards and put them on the path to cleaning up.

The group's petition contends 15 areas should be labeled nonattainment areas for violating standards limiting particulate matter to less than 10 microns in diameter, or about one-seventh the width of a human hair. It said the EPA should declare six other areas "serious" nonattainment areas.

WildEarth Guardians also wants the EPA to call for Arizona, Colorado, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah and Wyoming to revise their state plans for complying with the Clean Air Act.

The EPA had no immediate comment.

WildEarth Guardians' petition argues the following areas should be labeled nonattainment areas: Tucson, Ariz.; Alamosa, Pagosa Springs, Parachute, Durango, Grand Junction and Lamar in Colorado; part of Jefferson County in Montana; Pahrump, Nev.; Deming, Sunland Park, Chaparral and Las Cruces in New Mexico; Tulsa, Okla.; and part of Sweetwater County in Wyoming.

TSA tests faster airport security

WASHINGTON (AP) - Testing for a new program aimed at getting certain travelers through airport security with less hassle has gone so well that the Obama administration plans to expand it to another round of airports and travelers, the government said Wednesday.

The expanded testing will not affect most travelers expected to crowd the airports during this year's busy Thanksgiving travel season. But the government has made other changes in the past year that could make for a less intrusive trip through airport security.

Invasive pat-downs and full-body imaging machines are still a central part of the air traveler's experience in the U.S.

But now children 12-and-under are less likely to be patted down or forced to take off their shoes. And about half of the full-body imaging machines have been upgraded to show an outline of a person instead of a blurry naked image, a feature of all new machines the government purchases, Transportation Security Administrator John Pistole told Congress.

The pre-screening test program and policy changes represent the Obama administration's attempts at a more risk-based, intelligence-driven passenger screening program aimed at responding to complaints that the government is not using common sense when it screens all travelers the same way at airports.

Details of which airports and airlines would be eligible for the next round of testing for the pre-screening program are still being hammered out, Pistole said. Currently about 280,000 frequent fliers from American and Delta airlines - the two airlines eligible for the first round of testing - are participating in the program, according to TSA. The program is being tested at airports in Atlanta, Dallas, Detroit and Miami.

One fifth of Texas water systems on restrictions

AUSTIN (AP) - The historic drought punishing Texas has forced about a fifth of the state's water systems to ask or compel customers to follow water restrictions, while leaving 23 systems with either unknown supply levels or within six months of completely running out, a top expert told state senators Tuesday.

Carlos Rubinstein, one of three commissioners of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, testified before the Senate Natural Resources Committee that 91 percent of the state is now facing extreme or exceptional drought conditions and 956 public water systems have imposed voluntary or mandatory restrictions on water use. His commission lists 4,721 total community water systems across Texas.

Rubinstein said 55 of those have prohibited all outside watering and at least 23 are in such dire straits that officials can't determine the state of their water stocks, or believe they are within 180 days of drying up.

"We try to talk to them, try to find out where we have alternate water supplies," Rubinstein said of the communities whose water situation was most alarming. He did not identify the areas, but a map posted on the commission Website showed many regions under mandatory restrictions clustered around Houston and San Antonio.

Through September, Texas has averaged only 8.5 inches of rain, nearly 13 inches less than normal. Rubinstein's commission safeguards water rights and diverts water to ensure all needs are met. But those diversions are based on the priority date of each water right and, during droughts, more senior holders trump newer ones. Rubinstein said authorities have already curtailed water rights in 1,005 cases.

In addition to the most intense single-year drought in history, Texas has had the largest agricultural losses and most destructive wildfires on record this year.

The state tracks water levels at 109 of its 175 major water supply reservoirs and found that by the end of September, they were below 60 percent capacity. The lowest level since 1978. Rubinstein said of the 31.1 million acre feet capacity, just 18.8 million acre feet of water was being stored.

Republican Sen. Troy Fraser, chairman of the Natural Resources Committee, said the drought would be a top challenge during the next legislative session, which opens in January 2013. Rubinstein was part of one of seven panels committee members heard Tuesday and a counterpart House committee has scheduled a drought meeting for Wednesday.

Prospects for the future are even more sobering.

State climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon said Texas has endured droughts five of the past seven years and that La Nina activity in the Pacific, as well as unfavorable conditions in the Atlantic, mean the current drought is likely to continue at least another year. The 1950 to 1957 drought that was the state's longest prolonged lack of rainfall.

In the meantime, Texas had its hottest summer ever recorded with an 86.8-degree average, which Nielsen-Gammon called a statistical tie with Oklahoma for the hottest in U.S. history. He said sizzling temperatures had increased evaporation in reservoirs, further depleting already decimated water stocks.

Carolyn Brittin of the Texas Water Development Board urged implementing a state contingency plan to bolster future water supplies, but said estimated costs have increased from \$31 billion in 2007 to \$53 billion today. The plan is now more costly because it calls for more water treatment and desalinization facilities, as well as additional pipes and other infrastructure for transporting water.

Still, the price tag left committee members taken aback. "We're just going to have to get a Washington D.C. perspective on all this," deadpanned Republican Sen. Craig Estes.

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Today in History

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Today's Highlight in History:

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On this date:

In 1839, the first Opium War between China and Britain broke out.

In 1900, the first major U.S. automobile show opened at New York's Madison Square Garden under the auspices of the Automobile Club of America.

In 1903, Panama proclaimed its independence from Colombia.

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt won a landslide election victory over Republican challenger Alfred M. "Alf" Landon.

In 1957, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik 2, the second manmade satellite, into orbit; on board was a dog named Laika who was sacrificed in the experiment.

In 1961, Burmese diplomat U Thant was appointed acting Secretary-General of the United Nations, following the death of Dag Hammarskjöld. President John F. Kennedy established the U.S. Agency for International Development.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson soundly defeated Republican Barry Goldwater to win a White House term in his own right.

In 1970, Salvador Allende was inaugurated as president of Chile.

In 1979, five Communist Workers Party members were killed in a clash with heavily armed Ku Klux Klansmen and neo-Nazis during an anti-Klan protest in Greensboro, N.C.

In 1986, the Iran-Contra affair began to come to light as Ash-Shiraa, a pro-Syrian Lebanese magazine, first broke the story of U.S. arms sales to Iran.

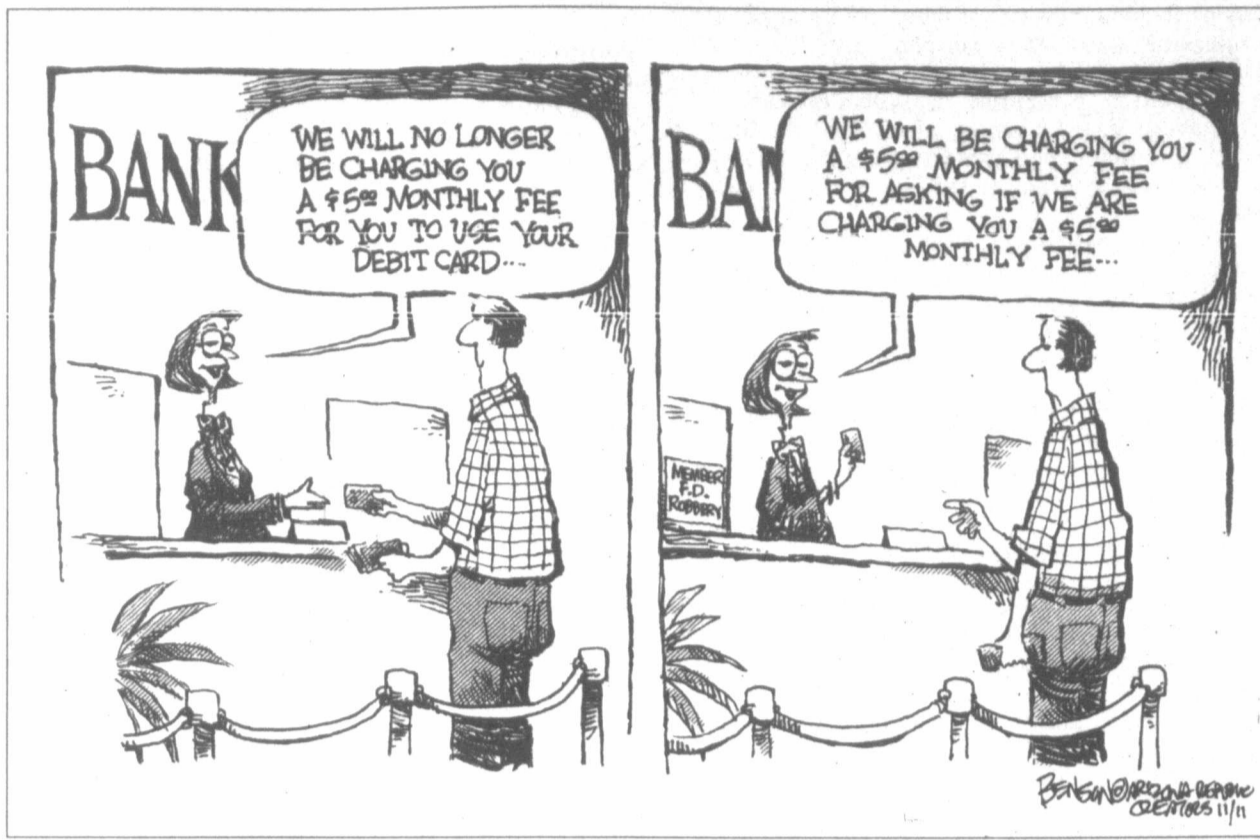
Ten years ago: Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld met with his Russian counterpart in Moscow to discuss nuclear arsenals cuts, American plans for a missile defense system, and U.S.-Russian cooperation in the campaign against terror. The Arizona Diamondbacks beat the New York Yankees 15-2 to tie up the World Series at three games apiece.

Five years ago: U.S. Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio, who'd pleaded guilty in the Jack Abramoff influence-peddling investigation, resigned from Congress.

One year ago: President Barack Obama acknowledged that Democrats took "a shellacking" in midterm elections. The Federal Reserve announced a plan to buy \$600 billion in Treasury bonds over the next eight months in an attempt to boost lending and stimulate economy. Former

Today's Birthdays: Actress Lois Smith is 81. Former Massachusetts Gov. Michael S. Dukakis is 78. Actor-dancer Ken Berry is 78. Tony-winning playwright Terrence McNally is 72. Actor Shadoc Stevens is 65. Singer Lulu is 63. Comedian-actress Roseanne Barr is 59. Actress Kate Capshaw is 58. Comedian Dennis Miller is 58. Actress Kathy Kinney is 58. Singer Adam Ant is 57. Actor Dolph Lundgren is 54. Rock musician C.J. Pierce (Drowning Pool) is 39. Actress Julie Berman is 28.

Thought for Today: "Love is never merely an amiable tolerance of whatever form human frailty and folly may take." - Josiah Royce, *American philosopher (1855-1916)*.



Rising egalitarianism is the real America

In the Bible, Paul doesn't say that money is the root of all evil -- rather, it is the love of money that he warns against.

In recent years, the insidious love of mammon (in the form of greed and excess) has not merely been tolerated in our country, but celebrated and even exalted into official public policy, marring our economy with dangerous inequality and injustice. The reigning ethos of those at the apex of our nation's wealth pyramid is that too much is not enough. They're not merely out to make loads of the money they love, but to make a killing, everyone else be damned.

New numbers from the Congressional Budget Office confirm that as the moneyed elites have been making their killing, wealth disparity has become extreme in a country that once prided itself on trying to build a more egalitarian society.

Analyzing 30 years of income data, the nonpartisan CBO reports that the richest 1 percent of our population has enjoyed a stunning 275 percent increase in their income during that time. As a result, these privileged few have more than doubled the slice of America's income pie that they consume, going from 8 percent to 17 percent of the whole in just three decades.

From whom did these richest 1-percenters get their extra-big slice? From us, the 99 percent. The share of national income going to middle class and poor families shrank in this period -- which is why there is

such broad support today for Occupy Wall Street's "We are the 99 percent" movement.

At the extreme tip of America's wealth pyramid are the multimillionaire CEOs and billionaire Wall Streeters. They are the richest .01-percenters (a mere 14,836 households). These few now take 6 percent of all U.S. income -- the biggest piece ever consumed by America's mega-rich.

If the widening chasm between the rich and the rest of us is not addressed, our society will devolve into a jungle -- and not even billionaires will enjoy living there.

As an old country saying puts it, "Money is like manure -- it does no good unless you spread it around." Instead of recognizing such commonsense wisdom, America's corporate and political leaders have intentionally been shoveling wealth into an ever-bigger pile for those at the top. They've gotten away with this by lying to the great majority, which has seen its share of America's prosperity steadily disappearing.

Yes, they've told us with lying smiles, the rich are getting richer, but that's just the natural workings of the new global economy, in which financial elites are rewarded for their exceptional talents, innovation and bold risk-taking.

Horse dooties. The massive redistribution of America's wealth from the many to the few is happening because the rich and their politi-



JIM HIGHTOWER

cal puppets have rigged the system. Years of subsidized off-shoring and downsizing, gutting labor rights, monkey-wrenching the tax code, legalizing financial recklessness and finagling, dismantling social programs, increasing the political dominance of corporate cash -- these and other self-serving acts of the moneyed powers have created the conveyor belt

that's moving our wealth from the grassroots to the penthouses.

Not since 1928, in the Gilded Age that preceded and precipitated the Great Depression, have so few amassed so much of our nation's riches. Having learned nothing from that devastating financial crash almost exactly 82 years ago, not from their own financial failure that collapsed their banks in 2008 and crushed our economy, the wealthiest of the wealthy fully intend to keep taking more for themselves at our expense.

Now, however, the people are onto their lies. In an October poll, two-thirds of Americans support increased taxes on millionaires, and two-thirds want an end to corporate tax subsidies and are for policies to more evenly distribute the wealth that all of us help create. This rising egalitarianism is the real America, and it will change our politics -- for the better.

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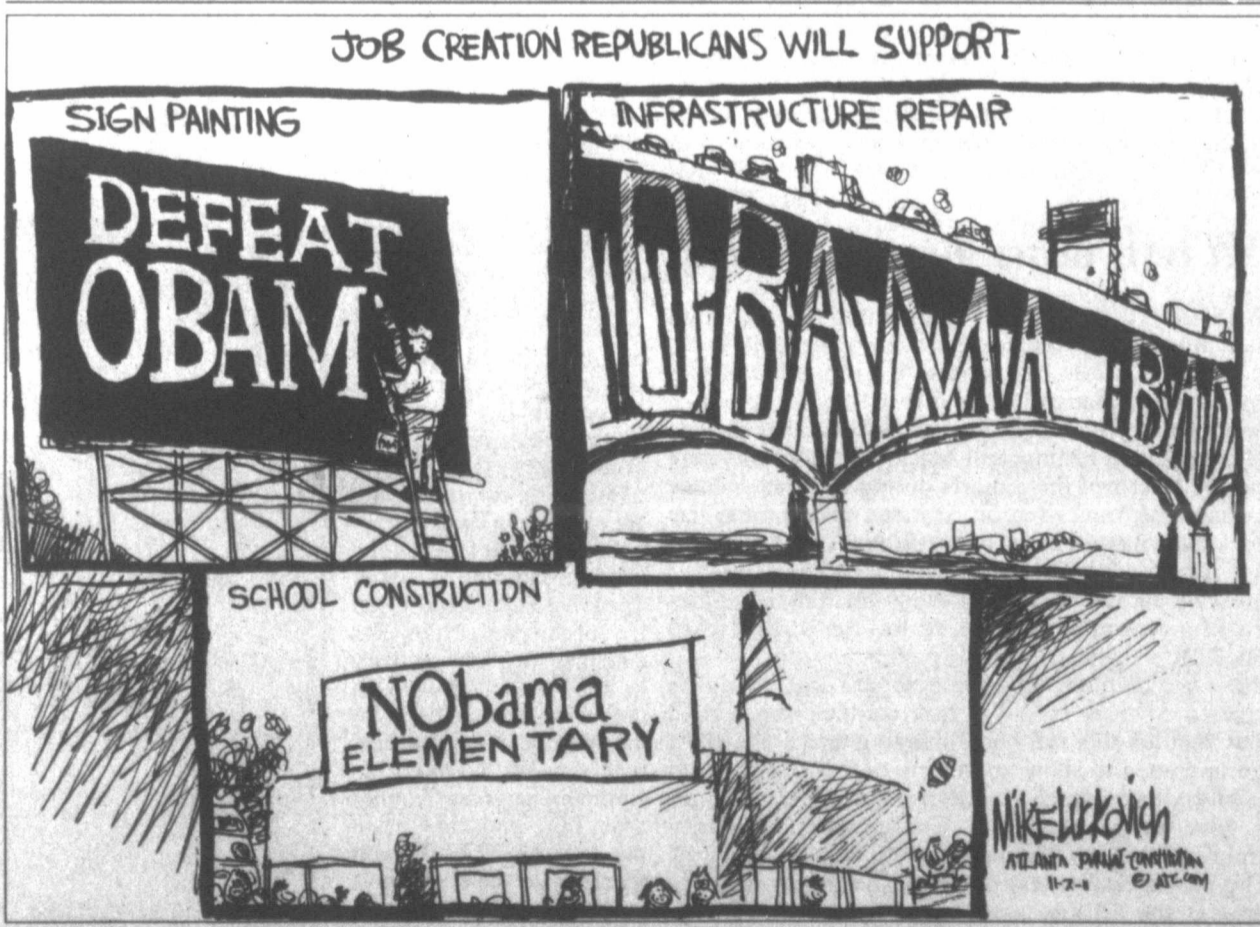
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Canada ambassador confident pipeline will win U.S. approval

OTTAWA, Ontario (AP) — Canada's ambassador to Washington said Wednesday he's confident a pipeline from western Canada to the U.S. Gulf Coast will win approval from the Obama administration if the decision is based on merit and not the "noise" opposing it.

Ambassador Gary Doer said Wednesday the proposed pipeline meets U.S. energy security needs, and that it passes all U.S. State Department environmental criteria.

"I believe if it's on merit, it will proceed. If it's on noise it won't," Doer said.

The project has become a flashpoint for environmental groups, who say it would bring "dirty oil" that requires huge amounts of energy to extract and could cause an ecological disaster in case of a spill.

A coalition of environmentalists, lawmakers and landowners are fighting the proposal amid fears that the Keystone XL pipeline could leak and pollute the Ogallala aquifer, a groundwater supply that sprawls beneath Nebraska and seven other states.

A special session of Nebraska's legislature started Tuesday to consider a bill to give the state more control over the pipeline route.

TransCanada and pipeline supporters have maintained that the project would create U.S. construction jobs, help lower gas prices and reduce dependence on Middle East oil.

President Obama said Tuesday the decision will be based on what is best for the economy and the American people, including their health. Obama said he would get a report from the State Department "over the next several months."

The State Department is expected to make a decision on to \$7-billion pipeline by the end of the year, but U.S. officials suggested Wednesday it's possible it may not come until next year.

"We'd like to get it done by the end of the year, but if thoroughness demands a little bit more time, nobody's slammed the door on that," said State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland.

Calgary-based TransCanada wants to build the \$7 billion Keystone XL pipeline

to carry crude oil extracted from the oil sands in Alberta, Canada, to the many refineries in Houston and Port Arthur, Texas. The underground pipeline would carry an estimated 700,000 barrels of oil a day, doubling the capacity of an existing pipeline from Canada.

TransCanada has said it could face major delays if Nebraska legislators decide to change the line's planned route through the state.

"Jobs, energy security are strong arguments for the project," Doer said.

Canada's natural resources minister has also said he is confident the Obama administration will approve the pipeline despite "noise" from environmental opposition groups. Oliver said last month the pipeline is more likely to be approved since the State Department recently released its positive final Environmental Impact Statement.

But opposition to the project has been fierce. Environmental activists, including actress Daryl Hannah and NASA scientist James Hansen, have been arrested in ongoing protests outside the White House.

Oliver has said Alberta's oil sands represent just 0.1 percent of total global emissions, an amount equal to the emissions produced by coal-fired plants in the state of Wisconsin. Oliver also said it will create 20,000 construction jobs immediately in the U.S. and will reduce U.S. dependence on Middle Eastern oil.

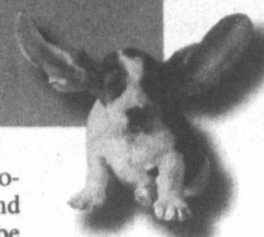
He has also said it would create over 140,000 additional jobs per year in Canada and over \$600 billion more in economic activity over the next 25 years.

The pipeline decision will be a critical decision in U.S.-Canada relations and turning down the Texas route would go over very badly in Canada. Prime Minister Stephen Harper has personally pitched the Keystone pipeline to Obama.

Alberta has the world's third largest oil reserves, more than 170 billion barrels. Daily production of 1.5 million barrels from the oil sands is expected to nearly triple to 3.7 million in 2025. Overall, Alberta has more oil than Russia or Iran. Only Saudi Arabia and Venezuela have more.

Holiday safety for pets

Dog Talk



While people are ho-ho-ing and hustling and bustling, pets may not be as enamored with the holiday season as their human counterparts. That's because, amid the blur of activities that fill the season, there are potential sources of stress and dangers to pets.

What can be so dangerous about holiday festivities and decorations? A lot, according to veterinarians and pet advocacy experts. The ASPCA, among other groups, warns of the toxic items and unhealthy treats that abound this time of year.

Approximately 1,300 people are treated each year in emergency rooms for injuries related to holiday lights. Another 6,200 are treated for injuries related to holiday decorations and Christmas trees. These injuries are occurring to people who know better. Just think about the pets that do not understand the dangers around them. Pet parents have to be responsible for their animals' safety, too.

Know What's Toxic

Everything from snow globes to tinsel can wreak havoc on pets' delicate intestinal systems. Many holiday plants, like holly and poinsettia, contain oils that can be fatal to pets if consumed. Snow globes often contain antifreeze, which is well known as toxic to pets. Snow sprays and snow flock contain chemicals that can be irritants if inhaled or consumed. Tinsel and pine needles can cause choking and intestinal obstruction if consumed by smaller animals, like cats and rodents.

Decorating Dangers

Decorative glassware, trinkets and other breakables can prove hazardous to animals. Inquisitive dogs and cats may break glass ornaments and be cut by shards of glass. It's easy for lit candles to be knocked over and even

Christmas trees to be pulled down by boisterous pets. Water kept in Christmas tree stands and other decor may harbor harmful microorganisms or chemicals that become dangerous if lapped up. Cords and lights may look like chew toys to rodents, dogs and cats, who can become electrocuted or strangled while investigat-

Goodie Gluttony

Many pets have stolen a piece of people food from here or there or have been offered some table scraps. There are some items that can be dangerous during the holidays and year round. Beware of feeding pets fatty meats, gravies, poultry skin, poultry bones, chocolate, and alcohol. These items can cause illnesses from vomiting and diarrhea to highly serious pancreatitis and other toxic reactions. Remove trash from the house regularly while entertaining to ensure pets don't get inside of garbage cans and trash bags to steal scraps. When eating, keep pets out of the dining area and maintain a close eye on scavengers who might leap for dishes at the edges of tables. Gifts, like food baskets and boxes of chocolates, should be kept out of reach of pets. Buy pet-safe treats this time of year to reward animals so they will not be inclined to steal snacks.

Holiday Stress

Having a houseful of people can be stressful on pets who are not used to the company. Talk with a veterinarian to see if a mild sedative or anti-anxiety medication might be helpful. Otherwise, keep pets contained in a quiet room away from guests if they are prone to skittishness. Try to keep feeding and watering schedules consistent so the pets will have the comfort of their routines. Be sure to spend time with the animals so they are not feeling neglected while you're running here and there.

The holidays can be a wonderful time of year to share with your pets, but safety should never be too far out of mind when preparing for the season.

Delays on pipeline construction could cost \$1 million a day

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A Canadian pipeline developer that wants to run an oil line through six states to Texas refineries would lose at least \$1 million a day and suffer "substantial economic harm" if opponents delay or derail the project, a top executive said in response to a federal lawsuit.

Robert Jones, a TransCanada vice president who is overseeing the hotly contested Keystone XL pipeline project, said in a sworn statement that delays would saddle the company with unavoidable expenses — such as for pre-ordered construction equipment — and damage its relationship with shippers.

"Successful efforts to delay or derail the permitting process will not only affect TransCanada's investment in the Keystone XL, but also result in diminishing the value of the entire Keystone pipeline system," Jones said in an Oct. 7 sworn statement filed in U.S. District Court of Nebraska.

"TransCanada has a significant interest in being able to satisfy existing contractual obligations to its shippers on the Keystone XL pipeline."

State Department officials, who have jurisdiction over the pipeline because it crosses an international border, have said they hope to approve or deny a permit for the project by the end of the year.

TransCanada and pipeline supporters have maintained that the project would create U.S. construction jobs, help lower gas prices and reduce dependence on Middle East oil. Jones' statements are a reminder of the company's own stake in the fight over the pipeline that has embroiled interests from Washington to affected states like Nebraska, where the project has met some of its strongest resistance.

A coalition of environmentalists, lawmakers and landowners are fighting the proposal amid fears that the

Keystone XL could leak and pollute the Ogallala aquifer, a groundwater supply, that sprawls beneath Nebraska and seven other states.

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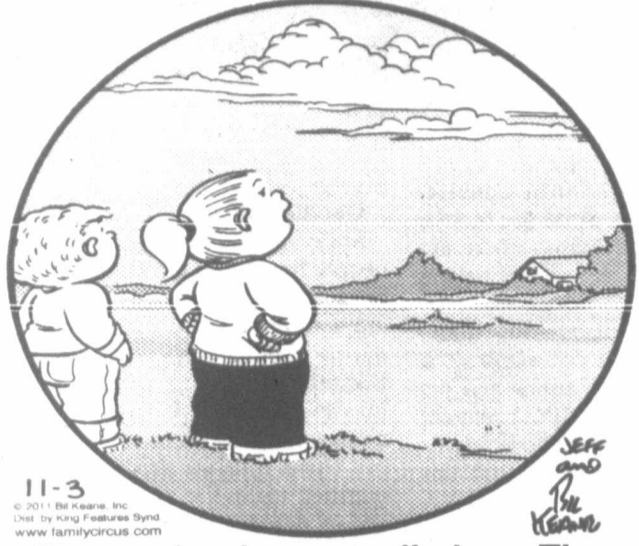
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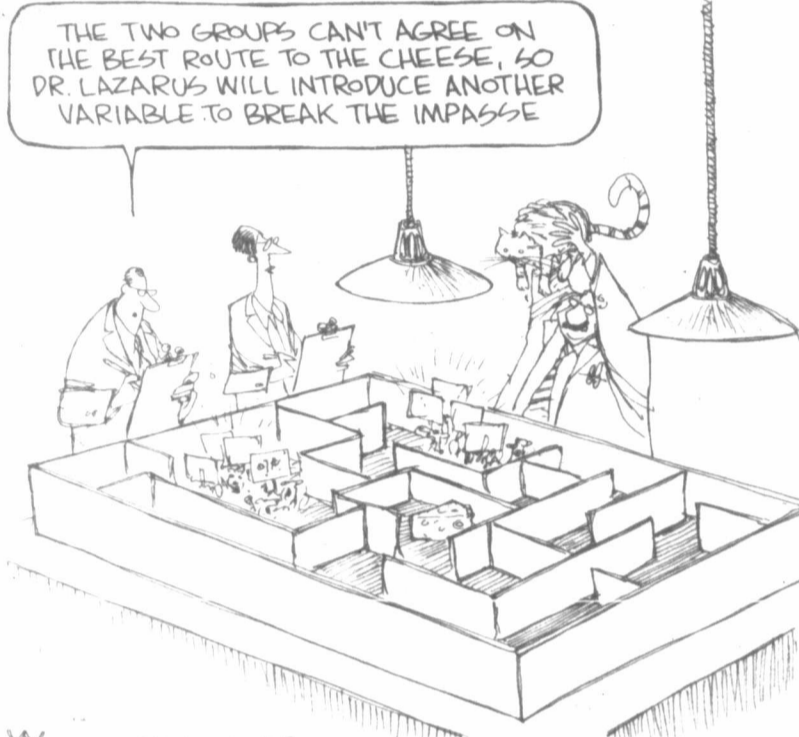


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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011:
 Create a very special spot in your immediate circle or family. Note a tug of war between public and personal commitments. Though you might believe this is an either/or choice, it might not be. If you are single, you might yearn to settle down. You will meet some great people. Take a relationship slow this year. Let this person see you as you are. If you are attached, the two of you need to share more of your daily life with each other. **AQUARIUS** can be challenging.

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)
 ★★★★★ You might decide to pursue an unexpected course or direction. Know when to say you have had enough. The best place to make a decision from is detachment. Tonight: Find your friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ Step on stage, understanding others' expectations. Your precision draws a strong reaction. Clearly this person doesn't agree with you. Is it important that he or she does? Be willing to take a risk. Tonight: Work only as late as need be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ You could be in a substantially different position from in the recent past. Think positively about what you need to do in order to push an idea through. Travel, a new perspective and comprehension braid together. Do more listening. Tonight: Let your imagination choose.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ Let others make the first gesture. They will have a strong idea of what they want, and you can negotiate accordingly. Don't underestimate the end results of having a long-overdue talk. A little anger might break loose -- walk through it. Tonight: Relax.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ You could come off a bit more aggressive or assertive than you realize. Others might back away, as they don't want to get into a tiff. Unexpected news could distract you and open you up to different perspectives. Be ready to walk through a new door. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Focus on what must be done, not what you want to do. You could be so overwhelmed by another person's demanding nature that you need to back off. You have a unique understanding with a roommate or family member. Let it illuminate your day. Tonight: Relax through exercise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ You might be shocked or taken aback by what is happening behind the scenes. Your vision of what might work could be very different from a friend's or a key associate's. Why not try both, if possible, to determine which way is best? Let your creativity emerge. Tonight: Where you are there is fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ Revisit various decisions. You might not be sure what is best to do within your immediate circle. Be clear in a discussion about what is happening on a personal level. Others become more indulgent with understanding. Tonight: Loosen up.

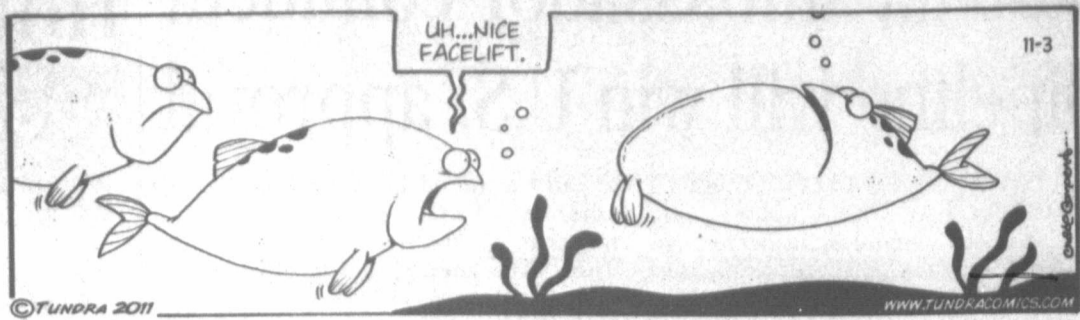
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ You zero in on a conversation, knowing what your priorities are and which way to head. Though you are not always in control, you see the way. A loved one or close friend might cause some last-minute flak as you head down a certain road. Tonight: Catch up on others' news.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ You are a sign that is known to be fiscally sound, but you could go rogue when others least expect that type of response. Make sure this behavior is what you want and not a reaction to circumstances. Avoid getting into a hassle with someone in your day-to-day life. Tonight: Your treat.

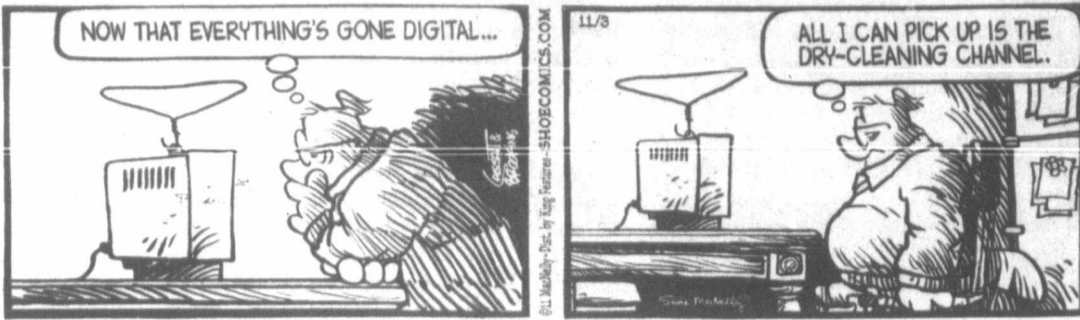
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ The unexpected plays a key role within your natural framework. You see a new beginning, though the path might be a surprise (even to you). A meeting or group of friends could be instrumental in pointing out the way. Listen to suggestions rather than judge them. Tonight: As you like.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ Knowing when to pull back and what to do might not link up immediately. There is reason to believe that one will cause the other to come forward. Detach and gain a perspective. Listen to all information that comes in. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

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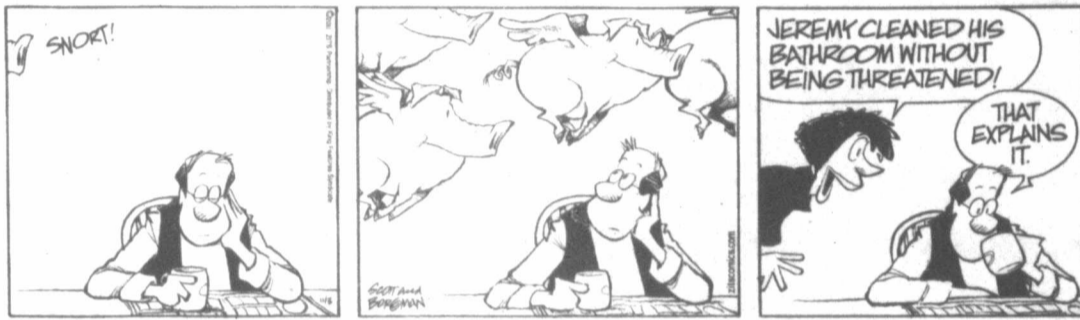
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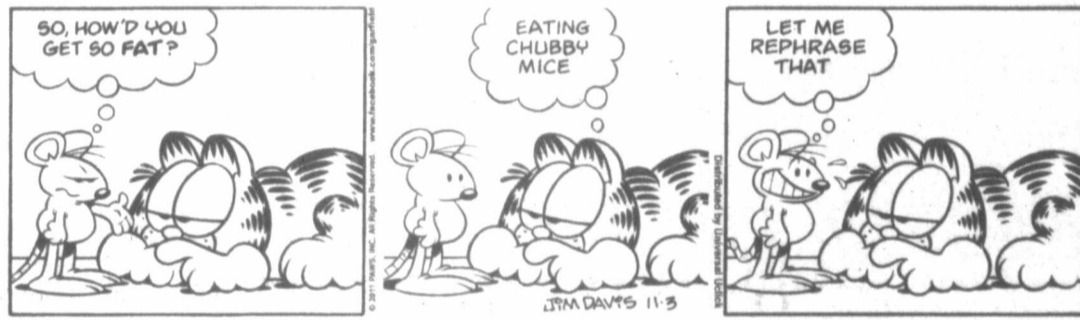
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Lack of water endangers some power projects

BAY CITY (AP) - Ever since the days of Spindletop, when oil first spewed from the soil near Beaumont, Texans have embraced the energy industry. But the worst drought in decades is straining that cozy relationship and spurring protests against projects that once would have been seen as a boon to prosperity.

From Bay City on the Gulf Coast to the West Texas plains, energy companies are facing stiff opposition to proposed power plants that would serve the state's fast-growing population. Groups of ranchers, shrimpers, rice farmers and residents have banded together to oppose the plans.

"We have people that need water that don't have water," said Allison Sliva, who leads the group fighting a proposed coal-fired power plant in Bay City, a rural area about 80 miles south of Houston. "We can't continue to burn coal and have industrial plants that require huge amounts of water."

The groups are pressing government agencies not to approve permits for construction and in some cases are going to the courts. Some plants are having trouble lining up water supplies from local water authorities, which normally welcome the revenue.

The conflicts pit the state's love of growth and energy against growing fears of a parched future, as the drought moves into winter and water resources diminish further. The concerns could pose problems for a state projected to grow 82 percent by 2060.

"We don't have enough water to go around right now," said Larry Soward, a water expert who formerly served on the Texas Commission on Environmental

Quality. "As the population grows that demand is far exceeding the supply ... the water is simply not there."

Texas is diversifying its supply of energy to cope with its growth. Just in the past decade, Texas' population has grown 21 percent to more than 25 million.

Electric facilities that use biomass as fuel are being built. Nuclear facilities are to be expanded. New transmission lines are being constructed. And Texas is now the No. 1 producer of wind energy.

Except for wind-power units, however, most facilities require large amounts of water to generate electricity. According to a University of Texas study, the state will need more than 287 billion gallons of water a year to generate electricity in 2020, about 100 billion gallons more than in 2000. Yet the state's water plan shows a growing water shortage, worsened by the drought.

By the end of September, Texas had received an average of 8.6 inches of rain, less than half the normal amount. The drought is projected to continue into the next year. Already, many towns are running low on water, and nearly every county has imposed mandatory water restrictions.

Most of the new power projects, and the protests, involve coal-fired facilities. At least nine are in planning stages, which would add to the 19 now operating, more than any other state. Only nuclear plants use more water than coal-fired energy production.

Lisa Camooso Miller, a spokeswoman for the Washington-based lobbying group, American Coalition for Clean Coal, said Texas needs more energy

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— Larry Soward

Water expert and former member of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

to continue developing, and that coal is the most efficient way to provide it. Although Texas is rich in natural gas while coal must be hauled in from Kentucky, coal-fired power is still more economical, while natural gas prices are historically volatile, she said.

"Now is not the time to take a chance with an energy source as it relates to cost," Miller said, noting that coal plants provide 37 percent of Texas' electricity.

Texans don't generally oppose coal or new energy production. Unlike some power plant opponents elsewhere, many members of the protesting Texas groups are politically conservative and don't to fossil fuels.

"Our population is booming and I know those people need water, I know the municipalities need water, and I know industry needs water," says Donna Harrison, a fourth generation rancher whose voice cracks with emotion when she talks about the proposed Bay City coal plant.

However, Sliva and others argue Texas

should rely more on natural gas for energy production, which uses less water.

But utility officials argue that natural gas fired plants may use less water in house, but tens of millions of gallons of water are needed to extract natural gas from the ground.

"Coal will always be the most economical," said Randy Bird, chief operating officer of the Houston-based White Stallion Energy Center.

Still, White Stallion and other proposed plants are having trouble finding water suppliers.

White Stallion plans to build its plant on the banks of the Colorado River at Bay City, which feeds estuaries that serve as oyster and shrimp nurseries and irrigation for the pastures and fields of the massive ranches.

The company moved ahead, ignoring the bright yellow "Stop White Stallion" signs. Slowly, members of the Chamber of Commerce, the school district, the county and other officials abandoned support for the plant, despite the jobs it would supply.

Finally, Bird announced the facility would use a more expensive dry cooling method, requiring about 978 billion gallons of water a year - 85 percent less than the initial plan. He said he hopes much of it can be bought from turf farmers willing to sell groundwater.

Paul Sliva, a rice farmer who faces the prospect of having no water for his crops next season, said he's not sure why anyone would sell water at this point.

"The drought has taught us there's not enough water to begin with," Sliva said.

Perry files for Missouri presidential primary

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) - Texas Gov. Rick Perry is the fifth Republican to jump into Missouri's presidential primary.

The state primary is Feb. 7, although it won't decide anything official for Republicans. The primary is about a month earlier than allowed by the national Republican and Democratic parties, and the Missouri GOP will pick its convention

delegates through a caucus process rather than risk penalties from the national party.

But the primary remains in state law and will be held, prompting several Republican hopefuls to enter the race.

Perry filed Wednesday. Four other Republicans filed last week - Mitt Romney, Herman Cain, former New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson and St. Louis resident Michael Meehan.

Subcommittee authorizes Homeland Security subpoena

WASHINGTON (AP) - A House subcommittee on Wednesday authorized a subpoena against the Homeland Security Department for information about illegal immigrants who have been identified but not deported.

The authorization cleared the House Judiciary subcommittee on immigration policy and enforcement by a 7-4, party line vote. Democrats voted against the measure, saying it was premature to issue a subpoena because Homeland Security, which oversees Immigration and Customs Enforcement, is cooperating with the committee.

House Judiciary Chairman Lamar Smith, R-Texas, says the subpoena authorization is necessary because the Obama administration hasn't responded quickly enough to his request, which was made in August. He had set a Monday deadline that the department failed to meet.

"The administration is obviously not acting in good faith," Smith said. "They're on the verge of obstructing the legitimate work of Congress."

Nelson Peacock, an assistant secretary for Homeland Security, said in a letter to Smith Wednesday that Immigration and Customs Enforcement is working expeditiously to turn over the information the committee has requested but that it will take significant analysis.

"As we have explained, ICE does not track the circumstances of cases where no action is taken," Peacock wrote. But he said the agency is committed to satisfying the committee's request and is working through its records to get as specific a response as possible.

In August, Smith formally requested information from the Obama administration about its so-called Secure Communities program. Under the pro-

gram, names and fingerprints of people arrested are scanned through a federal immigration database to check their legal status to be in the U.S.

Smith has said he wants the information so he can determine what crimes were committed by as many as 300,000 illegal immigrants DHS has chosen not to detain. The Obama administration recently said it would prioritize deportations by putting illegal immigrants with criminal records first. Illegal immigrants who are otherwise law-abiding would be given a chance to apply for legal status.

Smith has been a harsh critic of the administration's approach.

Wednesday's hearing divided sharply on partisan lines. Democrats said Republicans were eager to try and embarrass the Obama administration and were rushing to issue a subpoena.

"We have every reason to believe that the administration is working diligently," on the request, said Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich.

Conyers said Democratic and Republican members of the committee's staff had spoken to Homeland Security officials two hours before the hearing and the department was cooperating. He cited the request's breadth as a hold-up.

This is the first authorization for a subpoena issued by the House Judiciary Committee since Republicans took control of the House early this year.

Republicans said issues involved with Smith's information request made it critical to move forward with the subpoena.

"This will help the committee uncover how many of these aliens committed additional crimes after ICE declined to detain them," said Rep. Elton Gallegly, R-Calif. "What price do the American people pay for ICE's current policy?"

Texas judge investigated over daughter's YouTube beating

ROCKPORT (AP) - Police launched an investigation Wednesday into an online video that shows a Texas family law judge profanely berating and repeatedly lashing his 16-year-old daughter with a belt.

The nearly 8-minute video, which has been viewed more than 600,000 times on YouTube since being uploaded last week, shows Aransas County Court-at-Law Judge William Adams violently whipping a girl in the legs more than dozen times and growing increasingly irate while she screams and refuses to turn over on a bed to be beaten.

"Lay down or I'll spank you in your (expletive) face," Adams screams. The girl wails and pleads for him to stop.

The person who uploaded the video on YouTube signs the post as Hillary Adams, the judge's daughter and the target of the beating. The post says the video was filmed in 2004.

Hillary Adams did not respond to messages from The Associated Press via email and Twitter on Wednesday, and efforts to reach her by phone were not immediately successful.

But her father, during an on-camera interview with Corpus Christi television station KZTV on Wednesday, acknowledged it was him in the video and said it happened several years ago and that he has since apologized to his daughter. He said the footage "looks worse than it is," and that he was simply disciplining his daughter for stealing.

Sheriff Bill Mills said Wednesday that William Adams, a family law judge who handles child abuse cases, has disconnected his phone because of threatening calls and faxes after the video went viral. Mills said Adams told him he did not plan to go to his office at the courthouse Wednesday.

No one answered the door at William Adams' home on Wednesday, and calls to his office rang unanswered. A secretary for the judge's attorney, William Dudley, said Wednesday that Dudley was unavailable to comment.

Rockport Police Chief Tim Jayroe said calls from people who saw the video prompted the investigation. Jayroe said he has not been able to determine the identities of the people in the video nor whether any crimes were committed.

Jayroe said he has asked the Texas Rangers, the state's top investigators, for help in the investigation.

The beating appears to take place in a bedroom and the man is apparently unaware that he's being filmed.

"Go get the belt. The big one. I'm going to spank her now," the man says in the clip's opening seconds.

A few minutes into the video, a woman appears and barks at the girl to "turn over like a 16-year-old and take it! Like a grown woman!" The ordeal then appears to be over for about a minute when both adults leave the room and shut the door, but then the man returns and the beating resumes.

Aransas County District Attorney Patrick Flanigan said he was not aware of any complaints against Adams and said he did not know if it was the judge in the video.

Toward the end of the video, the man shouts that he plans to beat the girl "into submission" and rants about having a computer in the house and the problems it causes.

The girl does not appear to be seriously injured, and at the end of the video the adult woman tells her to leave the room and sleep on a sofa.

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LEFT: The crowd watches attentively as kids perform at the Veteran's Day program at Wilson Elementary on Tuesday. **TOP:** Veterans **Dennis Williams** (from left), Terry Pittman and Burt Bowen at look on as a bench commemorating veterans is unveiled at Travis Elementary school. The bench pictures Travis Elementary students in military boots.

Occupy Tulsa protesters for violations of curfew

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Police arrested several Occupy Tulsa protesters for curfew violations early Wednesday. Protesters at the park later in the day said 10 people were arrested after some of the 40 to 50 officers who arrived at the scene used pepper spray on seven of the demonstrators.

Centennial Green Park, like all city parks, has an 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew that city officials decided on Tuesday to begin enforcing. The arrests came about 2:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Tulsa Officer Leland Ashley said police were trying to determine a total figure of those arrested and Chief Chuck Jordan would provide more details later Wednesday.

Some of those arrested had bonded out of the county jail and returned to the park.

"They came out to do us harm, they came out it seems to do us violence. You don't need 50 officers for this," said Eli Silva, 23, of Tulsa, who said he had been arrested. Silva said he was blinded for about an hour by the pepper spray that left an orange stain on the white hoodie he wore.

Nominations

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Year award, which is open to any entity that would be considered a business (a retailer, service provider, manufacturer, cottage industry, etc.) and is a member of the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce. The nominee, according to the nomination form, should be "a business that has made an outstanding effort to make the Pampa area a better place to live in the past year."

Weaver added that the Chamber is considering some possible changes to the procedure for announcing the award's recipients. Traditionally, winners have been surprised at the awards banquet (Weaver said that no date has been set for the banquet as of yet, but he projected that it will happen around March). This year, however, Weaver said that the Chamber may announce the winners in the local media, possibly in January, though no official decision has yet been made.

Weaver said that nominations should be received by the Chamber by Thursday, Dec. 15.

Mota

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gig every day, and you come home and you're tired as can be. It's a little more kosher job, not to mention, you get to help people. That's the awesome part about it. There's not one day I go home and am not proud of myself," he said. "I love the fact that I have five days off. It's pretty awesome, actually."

During his off days, Mota helps take care of his two kids, eight and five years old. His wife, who is expecting a third child, is also in the medical field, and works as an RN at the ICU in the Pampa Regional Medical Center.

"We go to the Discovery Center, Chuck E. Cheese, play football in the backyard, PS3, and watch movies," he said.

Mota has been delighted with the fact that every day at work is different than the one before.

"There's a surprise every day, because nothing's routine," he said. "Here, no patient is the same. You can have one patient that's medical, one patient that's trauma, never the same symptoms. It's pretty neat in that aspect. It keeps you on your toes definitely."

As Mota trains to become a paramedic, he currently has EMT duties.

"I'm basically a paramedic's right hand, so I help them with anything they're going to need and more than likely will drive the truck," he said. "We're trained in CPR, and if someone breaks their arm, we can splint it. We're trained in all the basics. The only difference (between being an EMT and a paramedic) is we can't push drugs per se."

Mota and his wife, who live in Amarillo, both chose to begin their medical careers in Pampa.

"Even though it's a small community, we have enough calls where I'm getting the experience. I love the people I work with too, so that makes it a lot easier," he said.

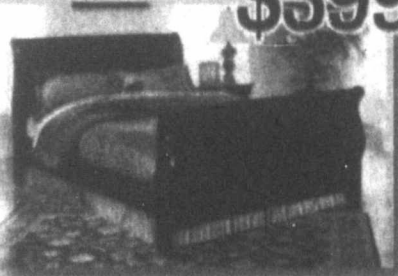
His love for the job is paired with a love for serving his community.

"Since I'm so new, it's basically the fact that I know I'm going to make a difference and help somebody," Mota said. "When those tones drop, you know you're up, and you need to go make a difference."

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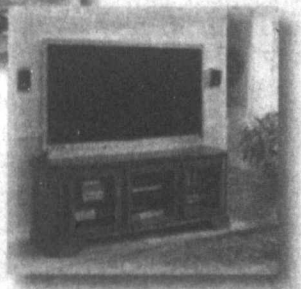


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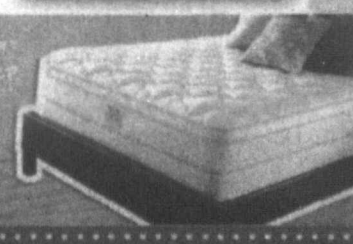
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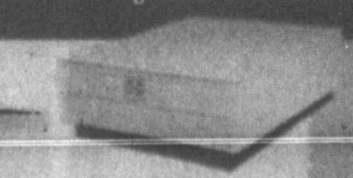
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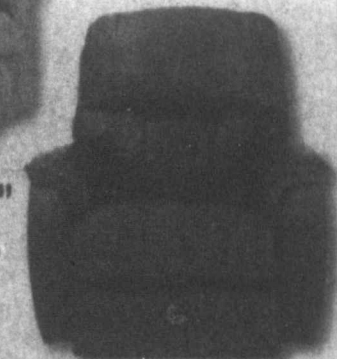
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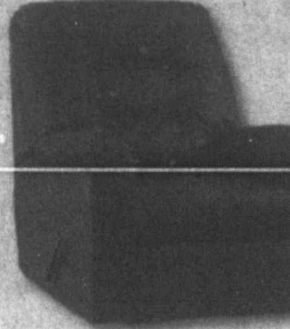
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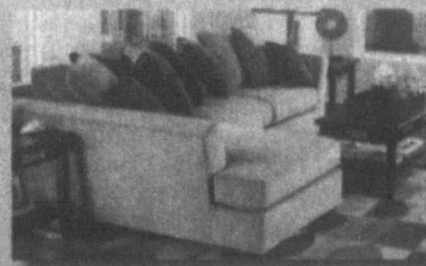
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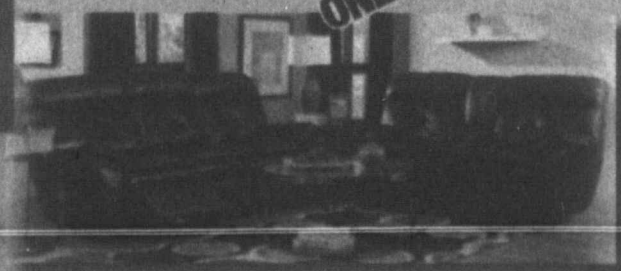


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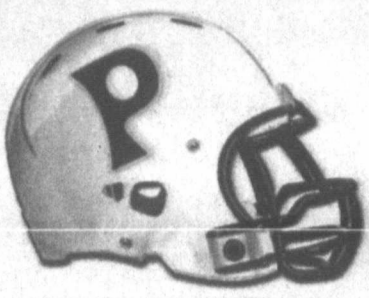
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Harvesters hope to down Wolves, sneak into playoffs

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Last week the Pampa Harvesters (3-6, 0-2) were unsuccessful in securing a play-off spot against the Perryton Rangers. This week against Dalhart Wolves, they will have a chance at redemption when they face off on Senior Night 7:30 p.m. at Harvester Field.



Parker

If Borger beats Perryton on Friday, then Pampa has to beat Dalhart by 12 to make the playoffs. If Perryton beats Borger all Pampa has to do is win. Head coach Heath Parker said this is the biggest game of the season and his team needs to focus on what it can do.

"This is what the season comes down to," Parker said. "We are preparing ourselves the best we can. Worst case scenario, we have to win by 12 and best case scenario, we have to win by one depending on the outcome with Borger and Perryton. We have to worry about playing the best football we can and take it one snap at a time."

Parker said having to win by a certain amount changes the gameplan because you have to take more risks.

"If it backfires on you, it might get out of hand," Parker said "You are not worried about that. Every time you get the ball back and you have the opportunity to keep the ball on your side, you have to take advantage and see if you can convert it."

Senior offensive lineman Schrade Thompson said they have to leave it on the field.

"We got to come and compete," Thompson said. "If the scoreboard doesn't come out in our favor, we just got to know we gave it our all."

Senior linebacker Daniel Hulsey said it will be a pretty good matchup.

"They're obviously a good team," Hulsey said. "We are going to bring the fight to them."

Dalhart (7-2, 1-1) blew a fourth quarter lead to Borger last week. Last season they limited the Harvesters offense, not allowing any points. Pampa scored their only points on a fumble recovery return. Thompson said good blocking will be key.

"They got good experience," Thompson said. "We just got to get on bodies and stay on bodies."

The Wolves' victories were by an average of 21 points. Offensively, Dalhart is led by its running back, Davonte Burks. Parker said Dalhart has playmakers on

both sides of the ball.

"(Burks) is a really good player and generates a lot of plays for them on offense and defense," Parker said. "Against Borger last week they had 46 plays that went for negative yards and the other four plays they had 170 yards."



Hulsey

Those were directly related to Burks getting loose on Borger. We know what we got. We have to deal with a big play threat and team that hangs its hat on good defense."

Hulsey said Burks is a good running back but not as challenging as ones they previously faced.

"He's no Ty Brown," Hulsey said. "That's all I got to say."

Brown, the starting running back at Borger, rushed for 299 yards and scored three touchdowns against Pampa.

Hulsey said the defense has to do its job. "We got to get stops and get the ball back," Hulsey said. "Offensively we have to execute."

Parker said his team has to control the flow of the game.

"The key is that you play well," Parker said. "You try to be aggressive and make plays and not try to protect against plays."

District 1-3A Playoff Scenarios

Scenario 1

• If Borger beats Perryton, Pampa has to beat Dalhart by more than 12.

- If Pampa is successful, they will play in the Division 1 bracket. Borger and Dalhart will play in the Division 2 bracket. Perryton is out.

- If Pampa is unsuccessful (lose or win by 11 or less), Borger will play in the Division 1 bracket. Dalhart and Perryton will play in the Division 2 bracket. Pampa is out.

Scenario 2

If Perryton beats Borger, Pampa only has to beat Dalhart.

- If Pampa wins, it will play in the Division 1 bracket, Borger and Perryton will play in the Division 2 bracket. Dalhart is out.

Keep an eye on:

WR Ryan Smith, Jr.

Senior Latigo Collins has drawn more attention in district. Pampa needs someone to be another option.



Garza: Bushland loss wake-up call the volleyball team needed

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People might think that a coach would be concerned if her team entered the playoffs on a loss. Pampa head volleyball coach Libby Garza is not.

"I'm not worried," Garza said after the loss. "I think we honestly needed this tonight."

Garza saw the game as a wake-up call to her team.

"We definitely were not mentally prepared for tonight," Garza said. "We were just sloppy. Everyone was off tonight."

The Lady Harvesters (30-9) lost to Bushland in five games on Tuesday. Garza said her team was complacent.

"Everyone needs a reality check every



Garza

once in a while," Garza said. "We could have played better. I think it was the best thing that happened. My girls won't get complacent again."

Pampa faces Monahans (28-16) in the area round 3 p.m. Saturday at Lubbock High. Garza said despite the loss, she feels her team is prepared.

"I think we will have to play well," Garza said. "It was great for us to play Bushland because they play like Monahans. If my defense can stay up with them then we will be good."



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Senior Colten Adams kicks an extra point against Borger October 21. Pampa plays Dalhart 7:30 p.m. Friday with the playoffs on the line.

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NBA LOCKOUT

No deal in sight as opening day passes

NEW YORK (AP) — No KD vs. Kobe, no championship banner in Dallas.

The original start date to the NBA season arrived Tuesday with progress still stalled in the negotiations to end the lockout. No further talks have been scheduled, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the plans have not been made public.

Players and owners made progress on a number of issues related to the salary cap system over two days last week. But the negotiations fell apart again on the third day, when the sides decided to revisit the revenue sharing split.

Owners are insistent on a 50-50 split, while players have proposed reducing their guarantee from 57 percent down to 52.5, which they say would transfer more than \$1.5 billion to owners over six years.

Three games had been scheduled for Tuesday. The Mavericks

would have opened the defense of their first NBA title at home against Derrick Rose and the Chicago Bulls. Houston was at Utah, with Kevin Durant's Thunder at Kobe Bryant's Lakers. Most of the league would have started Wednesday.

Instead, TNT was airing a "Bones" marathon Tuesday night.

Commissioner David Stern canceled games through the end of November on Friday. The first two weeks of the season already had been lost to the lockout, which began after the old collective bargaining agreement expired June 30.

A day after union president Derek Fisher sent out a letter to players assuring them of leadership's unity, players' association executive director Billy Hunter did the same. In the letter, obtained by The Associated Press and other media outlets and first reported by ESPN.com, Hunter contended a 50-50 split "does not adequately compensate the players for our services to the NBA."

"We will not be intimidated by

public threats, ultimatums and manufactured drop dead dates," he wrote.

The letters came as a response to a report on Foxsports.com on Saturday titled "Is Fisher in Stern's pocket?" Fisher released a statement Tuesday saying his lawyers were demanding a retraction.

With no NBA games to play, Durant was still finding ways to compete and challenge fellow hoops stars.

Durant tweeted Monday he was interested in playing flag football. When fans at Oklahoma State University offered an invitation, he showed up in Stillwater that night to play. He tweeted later that he threw four touchdown passes and had three interceptions in a victory.

Then on Tuesday, LeBron James sent a tweet to the Thunder star that he was interested in setting up a flag football showdown between Durant's team and his own squad in Akron, Ohio. Durant answered that his team was ready and James should set it up.

COWBOYS FOOTBALL

Cowboys can recover from slow start

IRVING, Texas (AP) — There will be plenty of chances for the Dallas Cowboys to recover in the NFC East.

Forget about how bad that last game was and their losing record.

The Cowboys (3-4) are just now reaching the midpoint of their schedule at home against Seattle. They are in a three-way scrum for second place in the NFC East with Washington and Philadelphia, the team that just beat them 34-7.

Dallas still has a game left with each, and plays the division-leading New York Giants (5-2) twice in the final month of the regular season.

"If we do what we have to do, everything will take care of itself," safety Abram Elam said Wednesday. "We're only as good as our next game. If we don't handle our business this Sunday against

Seattle, it puts us even further in the hole. All we can do is control what we have in front of us."

That begins Sunday against the Seahawks (2-5), the first of five games Dallas has before facing the Giants for the first time at home Dec. 11.

In that five-game span, Dallas plays AFC East co-leader Buffalo (5-2) and four teams with a combined record of 6-22.

The Cowboys play the Bills at home before going to Washington, which lost 18-16 in Dallas back in September. Their Thanksgiving Day game at home is against Miami (0-7) before a trip to Arizona (1-6).

"We don't look ahead too much, we certainly feel like we just have to control our own business," coach Jason Garrett said. "Again, we live in the day of practicing well on Wednesday,

and then hopefully coming back and practicing well on Thursday. Certainly our entire focus is doing our best to get ourselves ready to play Seattle."

Second-year linebacker Sean Lee, the Cowboys' leading tackler with 73, didn't practice Wednesday because of a left wrist injury Sunday night. Garrett described Lee as day to day and refused to rule the linebacker out of Sunday's game.

"We had some evaluations Monday that we feel really good about, and it got us to the point to say we do not have to do surgery Monday afternoon. We're going to evaluate him day to day, week by week, and just see how that thing responds," Garrett said. "Knowing Sean Lee, he's probably a fairly quick healer. ... Trust me, he's chomping at the bit."

The Cowboys haven't

been able to get any kind of consistency going this season.

Since blowing a lead in the fourth quarter to lose the season opener at the New York Jets, they have won consecutive games, lost consecutive games, then followed a 34-7 victory over St. Louis with the 34-7 loss at Philadelphia.

But the season is far from a lost cause because of the mess that is the NFC East.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I had to respond to the letter from "Discordant Family" (Sept. 1). I agree with you that the children should not be forced to play piano. However, let me offer an alternative. Many young pianists quit because practicing is such a solitary chore. I'd recommend finding the kids a community music program they would enjoy.

Perhaps their friends are involved with a chamber or duet group, or a music camp. Set the completion of the group project as a goal and allow them to move on (if they still want to) once they've reached that goal rather than quit on the spot.

I, too, wanted to quit piano lessons at 13, but my mother insisted I persist until age 16. Then I joined my high school's theater program as its pianist. Being part of community music-making is standard for most musicians, but it's rare for young pianists. There is an added social element. They develop other skills, and the emphasis on practice and perfection is greatly reduced when the focus shifts to working well in a group.

Since "Discordant" is so set on music for her kids, I hope she'll consider this option, but also identify the aspects of piano playing her kids dislike and attempt to reduce or remove them. Switching from classical to pop music or starting a band with their friends are other possibilities.

I'm 26 now and have made a career as a collaborative pianist for musical theater, operas, choirs and soloist accompaniment. It's given me an opportunity to travel, meet Broadway actors, play in rock bands, learn language skills — and more! — HAPPY PIANIST IN AUSTIN

DEAR PIANIST: Thank you for your helpful suggestions. Forcing children to do something they hate seems, to me, counterproductive when there are so many constructive, creative things they could be doing. My newspaper readers comment:

DEAR ABBY: Each child is unique and needs individual consideration. Because the 13-year-old wants to stop playing the piano is no reason for the 11- and 5-year-old to quit, too. How about talking it over with the piano teacher? Maybe it's time for a new approach. The teen could learn to play jazz piano or perhaps switch to a different instrument, such as the guitar. Making music part of life is a joy when it is approached in the right spirit. — PIANO TEACHER WHO HAS SEEN AND HEARD IT ALL

DEAR ABBY: I took lessons from three teachers before I found one who inspired me and gave me music I wanted to play. My son and daughter also took lessons from him. I played piano professionally in the '60s and '70s, and my son has followed

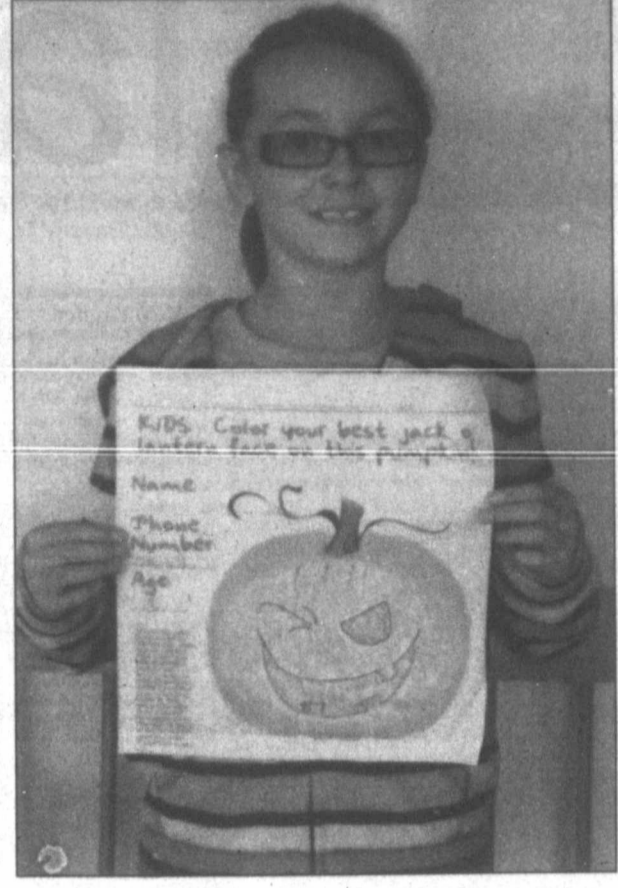
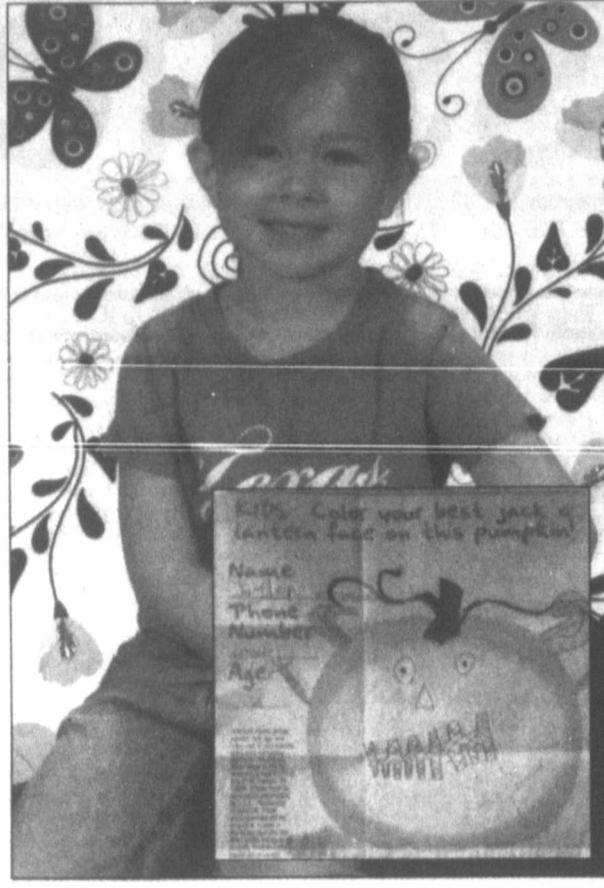
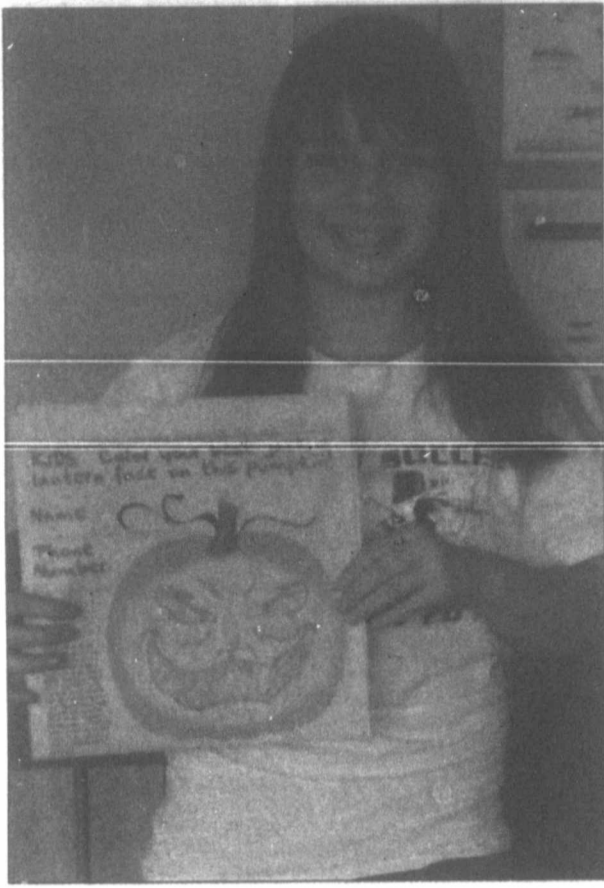
in that path. I believe it is all in finding the right teacher. What a difference it makes. — JANET IN ST. LOUIS

DEAR ABBY: "Discordant" said she has never met anyone who was glad about having stopped piano lessons. Well, one of the happiest days of my life was when I quit. I read music and hit the keys in order, but I have no sense of timing. Practice did NOT make perfect, and I was prevented from applying myself to areas for which I was better suited. — FREED FROM THE TORTURE

DEAR ABBY: The problem that mom is having is in giving her kids wiggle room. Middle-school-aged children should not be allowed to make a decision about something so important based on how they "feel." I sweetened the offer for my daughter by allowing her to practice in lieu of doing some household chores. It worked like a charm. Now, at 21, she loves music, plays when she can and intends to return to it after college. — STAND FIRM! IN MONTANA

DEAR ABBY: I was forced to take piano lessons. At age 13, I begged to quit. My parents made a compromise. Lessons only during the school year, summers off. After a poor start, I began to enjoy the lessons, ended up studying piano for 18 years and earned pro. — PEGGY IN LAS VEGAS

PUMPKIN CONTEST WINNERS!



Candace Courter, 11 (from left); **Jayden Williamson**, 6; and **Maddie Yates**, 10, were the winners of *The Pampa News'* 2011 Halloween pumpkin coloring contest. The girls all received a trick-or-treat basket full of candy. The rest of the participants' pumpkins are shown below.



Bethany Henson, 5



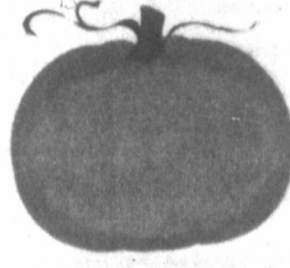
Brady Briggs, 6



Brenlie Etheredge, 5



Dakota Briggs, 9



Jacque Altis, 6



Angelina Martinez, 9



Lacey Bilyeu, 8



Jordan Littlefield, 10



Hudson Scribner, 6



Miguel Campos, 6



Hannah Bolt, 12



Felicity Lee Taylor, 9



Tayte Kidd, 6



Jacob Bridwell, 4



Tiffany Laray Taylor, 6



Emma Gass, 4



Rylee Greenwell, 9



Kade Parker, 11



Hayden Henson, 7



Mariah Campos, 9



Lesley Ball, 10



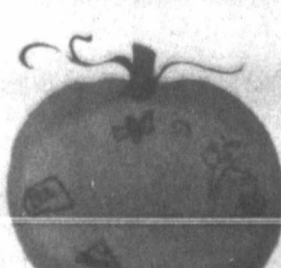
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Kaley Bilyeu, 5



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Jaden Salazar, 5



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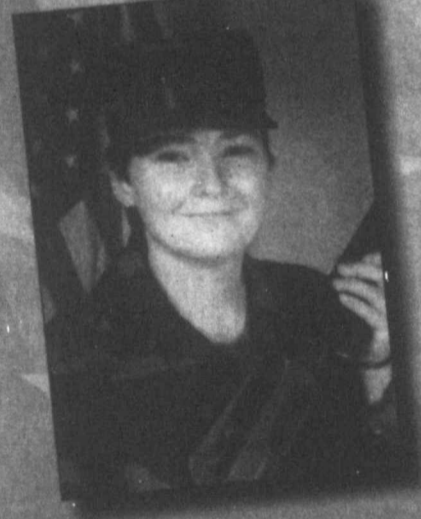


Tayte Kidd, 6

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