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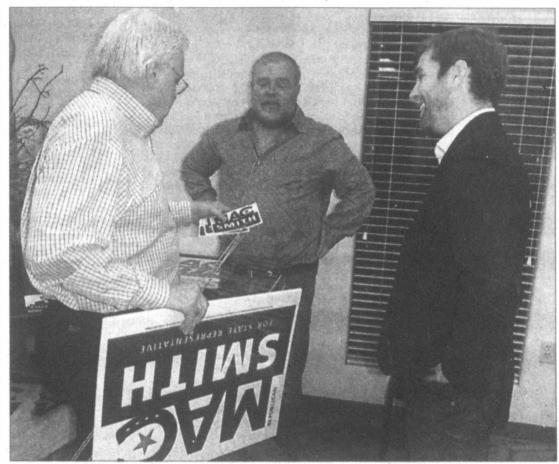
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Mac Smith (right) smiles as Pampa's Bill Hite (left) picks up some promotional material for Smith's campaign, while Smith's father David looks on. Smith is running for the District 88 Texas House seat being vacated by fellow Pampan Warren Chisum.

Pampa's Smith kicks off campaign

ARNIE AURELLANO editor@thepampanews.com

With Pampa's own Rep. Warren Chisum about to end his Texas State House career, another Pampan made it known on Tuesday evening that he intends to carry the hometown torch.

Mac Smith, who announced last month that he is joining the race for the District 88 seat to be vacated by Chisum, held a campaign kickoff barbecue last night at the AmericInn Event Center.

Smith was joined by several prominent local residents as

he announced his platform and pledged to represent Pampa and other rural areas should he

be elected to the House. "When Warren decided he was going to retire, a bunch of people came to me and talked to me and asked me to think about running," Smith said. "So I did. I thought about it and prayed about it a lot, and I decided, you know what, we really do need somebody from

a small town down there. "The majority of the population in Texas is east of I-35, and so the majority of the representation in the House and in the Senate is east of I-35. Growing

up in Dallas and growing up in Houston is a lot different that growing up in a small town. We believe different things, our value structure is different, and we need to have that voice down in Austin. That's what I want to do. I want to go and fight for us.'

Emphasizing his stance as a homegrown conservative, Smith told the crowd about his hopes of helping rein in state spending as a member of the House of Representatives.

"The budgeting process this past session was a mess, and it's going to be a mess in the SMITH cont. on page 8

Drug warrant executed on three stores

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Officers from the Pampa Police Department and the Gray County Sheriff's Office executed search warrants on a trio of local businesses on Monday in connection with the alleged sale of synthetic drugs.

According to Chief Kelly Rushing of the Pampa Police Department, local authorities searched three Pampa stores: Epic and Earthbound, located on Foster Street in downtown Pampa, and Elements in the Coronado Center on Hobart. Various products were confiscated from all three businesses, but no arrests were made WARRANT cont. on page 8

County takes no action to reinstate ban

MOLLIE BRYANT mbryant@thepampanews.com

The Gray County Commissioners Court decided to not take action to reinstate Gray County's burn ban at its meeting on Tuesday morning.

"Since the pastures are overgrazed, (and) the CRP mostly has been baled, there's not a lot of top fodder there for fuel, as the fire departments call it. Hopefully that will result in limited fires this winter," said Commissioner Joe Wheeley.

The commission also decided to table action to accept an oil and gas contract with O.J. Hubbard Jr. The contract pertains to two tracts of land that cover about 2,700 acres in Gaines County. The contract would offer \$175 per acre and 22.5 percent royalty, and its proceeds would go COUNTY cont. on page 5

Children's Shopping Tour set for Dec. 10

RANDY PRIBBLE

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The annual Optimist Club's Children's Shopping Tour is set for Saturday, Dec. 10.

The annual event is designed to help children experience the joy of the holidays.

"Many of these children have never had the joy of giving," said John Warner, one of the organizers of the event and a participant since its inception back in the 1960s.

The children are accom-

panied to Wal-Mart by an adult volunteer, where they are given \$40 to spend on family members, but not themselves. Warner said that the store also gives the children a 10 percent discount on purchases with no sales tax, which increases their buying power a bit.

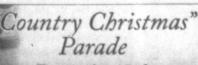
The children are assisted in wrapping the gifts and taking them home.

Some 100 children (410 family members) are expected to be served with this year's tour. The children are selected by the TOUR cont. on page 5



staff photo by Randy Pribble

John Warner (far left) discusses the upcoming Children's Shopping Tour with employees of Accolade in Pampa. The employees presented a check for \$1,000 to the program.



December 3rd Entry forms can be picked up at the Chamber office

Deadline for entry is Nov. 30

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today

Thursday



High 49 Low 27



High 56 Low 35



High 68 Low 42

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 49. Wind chill values between 19 and 29 early. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 27. Wind chill values between 20 and 25. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 35. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 42. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Texas wildfire season reaches one year

"This year is a little harder to call (for an ending point) because we're

still picking up some fire calls daily," said Tom Spencer, director of

FORT WORTH (AP) - The devastating Texas wildfire season reaches the one-year mark on Tuesday, and there appears to be no end in sight as officials brace for large blazes that could ignite anywhere across the drought-stricken state.

statewide, the threat remains in parts of Texas, so the Texas Forest Service is not declaring an end to the wildfire season that started Nov. 15, 2010.

the Texas Forest Service's predictive services department. And officials are expecting some large fires Despite a recent lull in fire activity this winter and next spring because of dead trees and pastures across the bone-dry state, he said.

The exact starting and ending dates of wildfire seasons vary each year and do not affect the state fire agency's resources or finances, said agency spokeswoman April Saginor.

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Another devastating season ran more than a year, from April 2005 through September 2006, when blazes charred about 2 million acres, left 12 people dead and destroyed more than 400 homes. But the 2008 and 2009 seasons each lasted less than a calendar year, according to Texas Forest Service records.

Dituaries

Ed Wiens, 91

Ed Wiens, 91, died November 14, 2011, in Pam-

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, November 18, 2011, at First United Methodist Church, with Rev. Blossom Matthews, pastor, and Rev. Nick Matthews, associate pastor, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery with

military honors courtesy U.S. Army, Fort Hood. Ar- Wiens rangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Wiens was born February 28, 1920, in Montezuma, Kan. He graduated from Copeland High School in 1940. He married Grace Jane Roth on December 6, 1941, in Bartlesville, Okla. She preceded him in death on February 9, 2002. Ed was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II. He retired from Cities Service Gas Company in 1984 after 33 years of service. He was a member of First United Methodist Church and the Win-Some Fellowship Sunday school class where he formerly served as secretary/treasurer, and he also served as Sunday school superintendent for 35 years. He was a member of the Pampa Lions Club where he served as president and secretary. He was director of the High Plains Eye Bank and was awarded a life membership to the Texas Lions Camp. In his younger years, he enjoyed bowling and trout fishing. He was a Community Concert supporter and was a very generous person.

Survivors include two daughters, Virginia Dewey of Pampa and Sue Bell of Amarillo; four sisters, Susanna Unruh, Irene Koehn, Alma Wiens and Velma Wiens, all

of Montezuma, Kan.; four grandchildren; and six greatgrandchildren. Ed was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981, or Alzheimer's Association, 415 W. 8th Ave., Suite 300, Ama-

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.

Iva Lucille (Carroll) Mullins, 94

Graveside services for Iva Lucille (Carroll) Mullins, 94 year-old Weatherford, Okla. resident, formerly of Pampa, will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, at 11 a.m. in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home of Weatherford,

Iva was born May 19, 1917, in Peckham, Okla. to Fred and Della (Maus) Carroll and passed away on Sunday, November 13, 2011, at Weatherford Regional Hospital in Weatherford, Okla. On March 28, 1937, she married Charles Woodrow Mullins in Burbank, Okla. Iva stayed at home to raise their family and Charles worked for Skelly Oil Company for 40 years. They lived in Oklahoma, New Mexico, Skellytown and Pampa, where they retired. They were married 58 years before he preceded her in death. She moved to Weatherford, Okla. in 2001 to be near her son. Iva enjoyed quilting, crocheting, and traveling. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Pampa.

Iva is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Gene and Karen Mullins of Burneyville, Okla. and Doyle and Eileen Mullins of Weatherford, Okla.; a brother, Omer Carroll of Williston, S.C.; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers, Leon and John Carroll; and two sisters, Elsie Murdoch and Alice Majewski.

For the record

Police Department

Criminal mischief occurred at the 1000 block of of South Starkweather and marijuana.

A suspicious vehicle was Banks. reported at the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1200 block of East Kingsmill.

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Sunday, November 13 Disorderly conduct occurred at the 400 block of

West Foster. A threat occurred at the 1200 block of West Okla-

homa Suspicious vehicles were reported at the 1100 block of North Duncan and Elm

and Barrett. Police investigated an alarm at the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct oc-East Kingsmill.

Domestic disturbances occurred at 19th and Williston and the 12000 block of East Frederic.

Police investigated an alarm at the 1300 block of

North Hobart. Criminal mischief oc-

curred at the 1900 block of North Faulkner.

A hit and run occurred at the 2200 block of North Chestnut. Police investigated an

alarm at the 1400 block of North Christy. A suspicious vehicle was

reported at the 100 block of North Naida.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1000 block of North Duncan.

An assault was reported. A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 700 block of North West.

A suspicious person was reported at the 300 block of South Miami.

Disorderly conduct was reported.

Phone harassment occurred at the 1400 block of West Somerville. Criminal mischief oc-

curred at the 1100 block of West Alcock. Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1800 block of

North Wells.

An assault occurred at the possession of marijuana. 400 block of North Sumner.

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reported at the 2800 block of North Charles A domestic disturbance occurred at the 700 block

of North Banks. Monday, November 14 A suspicious vehicle was

curred at the 1200 block of reported at the 800 block of North Hobart.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 72 hour period ending Monday, November 14 at 7 a.m.

Friday, November 11 Amelia Erin Dominey, 32, was arrested by police for aggravated assault with

a deadly weapon. Larry Shawn Eccles, 45, was arrested by police for capias pro fines times two.

Amanda Deann Walker, 31, was arrested by police for a false report, theft by check over \$20 and under \$500 and capias pro fines times three.

Cody William Hopson, 31, was arrested by police on charges of theft by check, theft of a firearm and possession of a conrolled substance

Victor Allen Isham, 29, was arrested by police for theft by check.

Saturday, November 12 Emily Nicole Mauricio, 20, was arrested by police on charges of failure to stop, failure to yield, minor in possession, failure to control speed and failure to appear in court.

Jarek L. Thomas, 20, was

arrested by DPS officers for

Alan Michael Thomas, Domestic disturbances 27, was arrested by DPS occurred at the 100 block officers for possession of

the 700 block of North Patricia Vargas Perez ner. Ramirez, 33, was arrested A theft occurred at the by deputies on insufficient curred at the 2100 block of 2200 block of North Per- bond regarding possession North Mary Ellen. of a controlled substance

aphernalia. Criselda Morales Villanueva, 38, was arrested by reported at the 400 block of DPS officers for securing a

document by deception. Jeffrey Dale Strange, 31, was arrested by deputies for aggravated theft by

check in Randall County. Nasha Melinda Hill, 33, was arrested by police for possession of a controlled substance.

Sunday, November 13 Victor Manuel Contreras East Francis. Jr., 23, was arrested by police for disorderly conduct

regarding language. John Hardy King, 60. was arrested by police for assault causing bodily in-

Monday, November 14 Trevor Austin Sneed, 18, was arrested by police for driving under the influence.

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Tuesday, November 15 at 7 a.m. Animal Control agents

and Pampa PD reported 16 animal related incidents. Pampa PD reported six traffic related incidents.

Pampa EMS responded to five medical calls. Monday, November 14

Police investigated an alarm at the 1400 block of North Hobart. A suspicious vehicle was

reported at the 2100 block of North Christine. Disorderly conduct oc- motor vehicle. curred at the 300 block of

East Tuke. A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 2300 block of North Navajo.

A burglary occurred at the 200 block of East Tuke. was arrested by deputies An abandoned vehicle for capias pro fines regardwas reported at the 400 ing a seatbelt violation. block of West " ter.

Harassment occurred at the 1400 block of West Somerville.

Forgery was reported. A theft occurred at the 200 block of North Sum-

Criminal mischief oc-

A theft occurred at the and possession of drug par- 1300 block of North Banks. A theft was reported.

A suspicious person was reported at the 200 block of North Sumner.

A theft occurred at the 2400 block of West Alcock. A suspicious person was reported at the 100 block of

North Faulkner.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 200 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 900 block of

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1100 block of North Starkweather. A suspicious person was

Tuesday, November 15

reported at the 1000 block of South Schneider. Criminal mischief was reported at the 900 block of

South Wells.

Police investigated an alarm at the 600 block of East Frederic.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 300 block of North Warren. Disorderly conduct oc-

curred at the 500 block of Police investigated an

alarm at the 800 block of West Kingsmill.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Tuesday, November 15 at 7 a.m. Monday, November 14

John Allen Jeffries, 21, was arrested by deputies for unauthorized use of a Damon Lynn Cox, 48,

was arrested by police on charges of not having a valid driver's license and failure to appear in court. Randon Lee Payne, 23,

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Cops seek stolen nuclear gauge

GRAND PRAIRIE (AP) — Grand Prairie police are asking the public for help in finding a nuclear density device that was stolen out of the back of a pickup.

Police say the device that uses gamma radiation to check the density of a foundation before a structure is built was stolen Tuesday from the Dallas suburb.

Police say the small gamma source in the device is enclosed in a solid lead box to shield any radiation. They say that box is "virtually indestructible," but even if it was compromised, the radiation area would only cover 10 feet to 20 feet from the gamma source.

The bright yellow device is stored in a bright yellow container with a radiation sticker on it.

Tractor overturns in canal

BEAUMONT (AP) — A tractor operator mowing along a Southeast Texas canal has died after the equipment overturned and ended up in the water.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office says the body of a 34-year-old Enrique Aguilar of Groves was recovered Monday night. Divers assisted with the effort.

The victim was last seen when his shift started Monday morning.

Investigators say the accident in rural Jefferson County apparently happened as the man was cutting grass along the canal and the equipment slipped off the

Authorities say the cause of death is preliminarily listed as accidental drowning. Final autopsy results are

Former officer convicted

HOUSTON (AP) — A former Houston police officer has been convicted by a federal jury on corruption charges

U.S. Attorney Kenneth Magidson says 46-year-old Leslie Aikens of Houston was convicted Tuesday.

The 19-year veteran of the Houston police had been charged with aiding and abetting possession of a controlled substance by providing an escort for drugs through the Houston area in his police vehicle. He was also charged with extortion for accepting a \$2,000 bribe to provide the protection for the vehicle he believed to be transporting 7 kilograms of cocaine. The indictment was returned in June.

Magidson says the jury found Aikens guilty on all counts he was charged with.

Aikens faces up to life in prison. He's set to be sentenced Feb. 2.

Aldawsari trial set

LUBBOCK (AP) — A federal judge in Lubbock has pushed back until May the trial date for a Saudi man accused of trying to make a weapon of mass destruction. U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings on Tuesday set a May 14 trial date for Khalid Ali-M Aldawsari. He had been set to go to trial on Jan. 9.

Court documents allege he planned to attack various U.S. targets, including sites in New York City and former President George W. Bush's home in Dallas. The U.S.

college student from Saudi Arabia has pleaded not guilty. The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reports (http://bit.ly/ vRt2Xf) that the assistant U.S. attorney handling the case had filed a motion Monday asking to extend filing deadlines. Earlier this month, Aldawsari's attorney filed a notice that he will use an insanity defense.

Five hurt after school bus crash

GALVESTON (AP) — Officials say four Galveston students and an adult received minor injuries when a motorist lost control of a car and hit the back of a school bus.

School district officials say the motorist swerved into the lane of the school bus on Tuesday afternoon, hitting

Officials tell the Houston Chronicle that four students from the Early Childhood University and Weis Middle School, as well as the car's driver, were taken to John Sealy Hospital.

The bus was carrying 25 students aged 4 to 12. hr The driver has not been cited with any traffic violations.

Rattlesnake found at school

EASTLAND (AP) — Authorities in Eastland believe they have captured the rattlesnake that bit a secondgrader last week as the student reached into a cabinet at an elementary school.

Eastland school district Superintendent Donald Hughes says he thinks the snake captured Monday afternoon was the same one that bit the Siebert Elementary School student Friday. He says there's no way to tell for sure, but it was found in the same set of cabinets.

Authorities have been searching for the snake since the student was bitten. The student was released from Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth on Saturday.

Hughes tells the Abilene Reporter-News the cabinet where the juvenile rattlesnake was found had been searched multiple times

Eastland is about 96 miles west of Fort Worth.

Occupy Dallas order denied

DALLAS (AP) — A federal judge has refused to grant an order sought by Occupy Dallas demonstrators to prevent the city from closing their campsite.

Protesters failed to get a temporary restraining order Tuesday.

Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings said in a statement that no action will be taken Tuesday. He says city attorneys will discuss the next steps Wednesday with the group's attorneys.

The city last week alleged protesters had violated an agreement to allow the campsite near Dallas City Hall. The city noted reports of an alleged sexual assault of a child at the site, the removal of a baby over possible endangerment and trespassing arrests.

A Nov. 12 deadline to comply has been extended. Occupy Dallas officials said protesters are abiding by the deal.

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Perry calls for overhaul of government

BETTENDORF, Iowa (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Rick Perry said Tuesday that if elected he would end lifetime appointments for federal judges and slash the pay for federal lawmakers, effectively turning Congress into a part-time institution.

In a speech laying out how he would "uproot and overhaul" Washington, the Texas governor suggested that his Washington outsider background - unlike some of his GOP rivals would help him succeed at changing the city's culture. Changing Washington also was one of President Barack Obama's goals and he's had no success on that front since taking office.

"Unique to Republican field, I have never been an establishment figure, have never served in Congress or part of an administration and have never been a paid lobbyist," Perry said. "My career has been that of a Washington outsider."

Until he jumped into the presidential race in August, Perry spent his entire political career in his home state of Texas.

The plan Perry rolled out at a heating and cooling company in Iowa also calls for requiring a twothirds vote in Congress for any tax increases, halting all proposed federal regulations and criminalizing insider trading by Washington lawmakers.

Perry includes the president in the call for a pay cut and said lawmakers' pay would be halved again – or essentially slashed by three-fourths - if the federal budget isn't balanced by 2020.

The president's annual salary is \$400,000. Members of Congress not in leadership positions earn \$174,000 a year.

"We should cut the salary of the president of the United States in half until that budget is balanced," he said.

With voting set to begin in Iowa in less than two months, Perry is looking to turn around his once high-flying campaign. He is no longer a top-tier candidate, largely because of disappointing debate performances, including an embarrassing blunder in front of his rivals last week when he struggled to name the three federal departments he says he'd dismantle if elected.

The plan Perry unveiled Tuesday lets him stress his outsider credentials at a time when large swaths of the public say they are fed up with Washington and its seeming inability to function. Several of Perry's rivals either are or have been members of Congress, or have served in presidential administrations, including Obama's.

"The issue this election is not whether Washington is broken, but how we go about fixing it," said Perry. "There are two approaches and even my own party is

Throughout his speech,



Perry sought to distinguish himself from his Republican rivals while not mentioning them by name.

"There are some who want to tinker with the status quo, they want to work within the current system to achieve marginal change," he said of his rivals. "Then there are those who believe Washington is too broken to be fixed by tinkering within the margins."

The plan also helps Perry appeal to conservatives who deplore activist judges, tax increases and government regulations. He added to that by attacking the financial industry bailout. Taxpayers shouldn't foot the bill for bad decisions by stockholders, he

Perry claims the proposal is far more aggressive than any of the other Republicans who are challenging him for the right to go up against President Barack Obama next November because of his promise to do away with lifetime tenure for federal

He focused the speech on judges and turning Congress into a part-time institution. A constitutional amendment would be required to eliminate lifetime appointments for federal judges. They are allowed, under the Constitution, to hold office during "good behavior" interpreted to mean for the rest of their lives, unless they voluntarily step down.

"Too many federal judges rule with immunity from the bench and those who legislate from the bench should not be entitled to lifetime abuse of their judicial authority," Perry said.

Polls have shown that voters have little regard for Congress, a sentiment Perry played on by arguing

for deep cuts in congressional budgets and limiting the time lawmakers spend in Washington.

"Congress is out of touch because

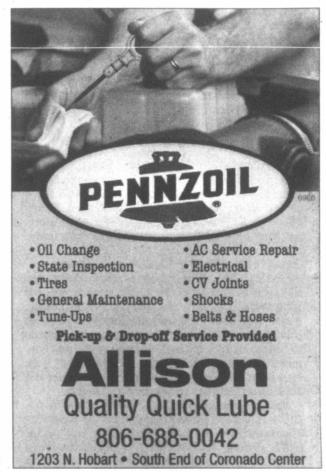
congressmen are overpaid, overstaffed and away from home too much," he said. "It's time to create a part-time Congress where their pay is cut half, their office budgets are cut in half and their time in Washington is cut in half.'

In Washington, House Minority leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., questioned the seriousness of Perry's proposal and suggested he was pandering to tea party supporters.

"Is this a serious proposal he is making for a country that has very high unemployment, whose budget deficit is larger than it has ever been in history, where we have two wars that we are confronting and trying to bring to a conclusion?" Hoyer said. "If this is what he thinks is pandering to the tea party, it is not in my opinion speaking to the issues that the American people feel are very, very

critical to them." Perry said he was not surprised by Hoyer's reaction.

"It's not a surprise to me when I laid out this fundamental reform that I talk about and ask the American people to consider a part-time citizen Congress, that career politicians like Steny Hoyer don't like my plan to overhaul Washington," Perry told conservative radio host Sean Hannity. "They're making a great living up there."





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Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 16, the 320th day of 2011. There are 45 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 16, 1961, House Speaker Samuel T. Rayburn, 79, died at his home in Bonham, Texas, having served as speaker since 1940 except for two terms as minority leader of the Democrats.

In 1776, British troops captured Fort Washington in New York during the American Revolution.

In 1885, Canadian rebel leader Louis Riel was executed for high treason.

In 1907, Oklahoma became the 46th state of the union.

In 1917, Georges Clemenceau again became prime minister of France. In 1933, the United States and the Soviet Union

established diplomatic relations. In 1959, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical

"The Sound of Music" opened on Broadway. In 1960, Academy Award-winning actor Clark Gable died in Los Angeles at age 59.

In 1966, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard was acquitted in his second trial of murdering his pregnant wife, Marilyn, in 1954.

In 1973, Skylab 4, carrying a crew of three astronauts, was launched from Cape Canaveral on an 84-day mission.

In 1981, the Senate confirmed Dr. C. Everett Koop to be surgeon general.

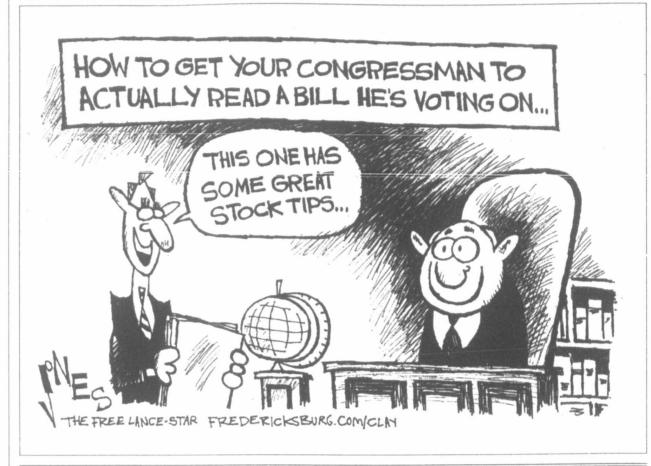
Ten years ago: Investigators found a letter addressed to Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., containing anthrax; it was the second letter bearing the deadly germ known to have been sent to Capitol Hill.

Five years ago: Democrats embraced Nancy Pelosi as the first woman House speaker in history, but then selected Steny Hoyer as majority leader against her wishes

One year ago: President Barack Obama presented the Medal of Honor to Army Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta, the first living service member from the Afghanistan and Iraq wars to receive the nation's top military award. U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel was convicted on 11 of 13 charges related to financial misconduct, prompting fellow lawmakers to censure the 80-year-old New York Democrat. The engagement of Prince William and Kate Middleton was announced in London.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Clu Gulager is 83. Blues musician Hubert Sumlin is 80. Journalist Elizabeth Drew is 76. Blues musician W.C. Clark is 72. Actress Joanna Pettet is 69. Actor Steve Railsback is 66. Actor David Leisure is 61. Actor Miguel Sandoval is 60. Actress Marg Helgenberger is 53. Rock musician Mani is 49. Country singermusician Keith Burns (Trick Pony) is 48. Tennis player Zina Garrison is 48. MLB All-Star pitcher Dwight Gooden is 47. Jazz singer Diana Krall is 47. Actor Harry Lennix is 47. Rock musician Dave Kushner (Velvet Revolver) is 45. Actress Lisa Bonet is 44. Actress Tammy Lauren is 43. Rhythm-and-blues singer Bryan Abrams (Color Me Badd) is 42. Actress Martha Plimpton is 41. Actor Michael Irby is 39. Actress Missi Pyle is 39. Olympic gold medal figure skater Oksana Baiul is 34. Actress Maggie Gyllenhaal is 34. Pop singer Trevor Penick is 32. Actress Kimberly J. Brown is 27. Actor Noah Gray-Cabey ("Heroes") is 16.

Thought for Today: "An American who can make money, invoke God, and be no better than his neighbor, has nothing to fear but truth itself." -Marya Mannes, American critic (1904-1990).



Regulation would only hamper the Web

MITCH McCONNELL AND KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

The Internet has flourished for two decades without burdensome federal regulations. In its early days, a hands-off approach helped it grow and evolve rapidly. The Federal Commission Communications adopted a sensible noninterference policy in 1998, and hundreds of billions of dollars of investment in high-speed broadband infrastructure

Without broadband, do-it-all smartphones and two-way video calls would still be the stuff of science fiction. Broadband has created nearly a million jobs and become an essential part of daily American life. Broadband networks have powered the information and communications industries, which in 2009 accounted for more than 3.5 million high-salary jobs and about \$1 trillion in economic activity.

Despite all this, the FCC is about to reverse course and begin regulating the Internet. Unless the Senate acts on a measure under consideration this week, Internet service providers will be subject to the commission's new "Net neutrality" rules.

Under these mandates, broadband companies would lose control over the traffic and technology flowing through their infrastructure. Government bureaucrats would tell

companies what is and is not a "reasonable" way to operate their systems. These regulatory burdens would discourage Internet service providers from innovating and investing, inject uncertainty into a thriving sector of our economy, and jeopardize the information industry's vast potential for growth.

More regulation would diminish broadband providers' expected returns on their capital. Lower returns mean less investment, which means fewer jobs created. Smaller companies would suffer the most, as they operate on thinner margins. With unemployment over 9 percent, do we really need this kind of regulatory overreach?

The government's primary rationale for these new rules is that broadband providers must be prevented from blocking certain online content and services. On the surface, this is an admirable goal. We, too, believe in an open Internet free of unreasonable discrimination. But market forces have and will continue to prevent such discrimination. A company attempting to block certain content would create frustrated customers who would simply switch Internet providers.

Indeed, despite a decade of Net neutrality advocates' doomsday warnings that rampant discrimination is imminent, the Internet remains open. The few instances of bad behavior have been dealt with swiftly by the free market or by the FCC using the tools it already has In short, Net neutrality is a biggovernment solution in search of a problem.

Moreover, this FCC power grab is unprecedented and, in our estimation, unlawful. Congress has never given the commission the authority to regulate Internet providers' management of their networks.

Furthermore, the American people have shown their disdain for government interference, particularly when it comes to how private companies manage and maintain their invest-

In 1999, former Democratic FCC Chairman William Kennard said "The fertile fields of innovation across the communications sector and around the country are blooming because from the get-go, we have taken a deregulatory, competitive approach to our communications structure - especially the Internet. In that spirit, we are urging our fellow senators to vote to repeal the FCC's unwarranted broadband regulations. We must preserve the open Internet as a platform for innovation and economic growth.

Mitch McConnell, of Kentucky, is the Senate Republican leader. Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas is the ranking Republican on the Senate Commerce Science, and Transportation Committee

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A slim record at a time of enormous challenge

If you believe in representative in the countless positions in democracy, as I do, this has been a dispiriting time. At a crucial moment for our nation's economy, many Americans look at Congress and see posturing, not a serious effort to create jobs or to get our fiscal house in order. They've responded with terrible approval ratings; the latest, from NBC and The Wall Street Journal, showed some three-quarters of Americans disapproving of the job Congress is doing.

These dismal numbers have become so commonplace that most people in Washington react with a shrug. But our form of representative democracy places Congress at its center, as the voice of the American people and the guardian of the democratic process; when it is met with such dissatisfaction, the response should not be indifference, but a determination to improve its standing. We may have the best form of government we know, but we must always strive to make it

The basic features of our system have served this nation admirably over more than two centuries, but they can be abused. Democracy stokes passions, naturally creating robust debate and sharp-elbowed political competition. But it also leads to excesses we should address.

For instance, our system is driven by a healthy competition between the parties. But members of Congress are too willing to focus on scoring political points, at the expense of searching for a remedy for our challenges. You see this in their slim legislative record at a time of enormous challenge, and

the administration that have gone unfilled; the opposition has blocked nominees and simply declared that at least for some positions it will not support anyone President Obama nominates.

Similarly, both Founders and earlier generations of Congress developed procedures to ensure that runaway majorities could not trample on the rights and

wishes of the minority. But it has become terribly easy, especially in the Senate, for a handful of legislators — or even just one recalcitrant lawmaker --- to gum up the works on behalf of some pet cause.

Congress has taken up plenty of space on the news pages so far this year, but it can point to very little of significance that it has actually accomplished. Both sides in Congress seem all too ready to take endless votes on bills that have no chance of being enacted, but have been placed on the calendar for the sole purpose of requiring the opposition party to cast a difficult vote. This sort of game-playing is hardly new, but it comes at a cost: legislators have limited time and energy, and when both are taken up with trivialities and political shenanigans, it means that important work does not get done.

To his credit, the Speaker of the House has tried to limit inconsequential legislation — resolutions honoring this or that constituent but politically tinged maneuvering still goes on. A common complaint in the congressional cloakrooms is



LEE **HAMILTON**

to ask in frustration, "Why are we working on this trivial matter when we're surrounded by so many

serious challenges?" In a representative democracy, of course, part of the point is for legislators to represent particular interests, especially the needs of their constituents. That is how the great diversity of this nation is given-

voice on Capitol Hill. But this can go too far. Too many members have adopted habits that might. help their re-election chances, but do. little to solve problems.

They pander to powerful people or groups; take their marching orders from the poll of the day, not their own intellectual compass; listen totheir biggest contributors, not to thebroad cross-section of their districts; and engage too often in short-term thinking, looking to the instant gratification of the next election or even the next poll, rather than the country's needs a decade out.

All these excesses of democracy contribute to Americans' lack of faith in Congress and undermine our system of representative government. The ideal for members is to conduct themselves as politicians and legislators so as to reflect credit on the institution they serve, and, earn the respect - if not always the approval — of their countrymen. The record at the moment suggests they are falling short.

Lee Hamilton is Director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

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Suzanne Courtney (far left), Accolade administrative assistant, presents check for \$5,000 to Sue Pribble, general chair (representing Altrusa) for this year's Optimist Club Children's Shopping Tour. Also on hand for the presentation were TV Cuellar, RN branch agency director with Accolade, and John Warner of the Optimist club.

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Texas Health and Human Services Commission and the local unit of the Salvation Army.

The event involves dozens of local organizations and volunteers. For instance, Tralee Crisis Center provides a Continental breakfast on the day of the event for volunteers and students from Pampa High School are involved in helping the children select gifts.

Sue Pribble, representing Pampa's Altrusa Club, is the chair for this event.

"The experience is almost overwhelming," she said. "At first glance it appears to be organized chaos, but a lot of local groups work hard to pull this together.

'The children love it, the volunteers love it even more. Some of these children would not be able to have this experience, to know what it means to give." "To me, the Children's Shopping Tour just embodies

the spirit of the season," Warner added. For more information contact Pribble at 806-669-2525 or Warner at 806-664-1102.

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to Gray County schools districts.

feiture fund; • the District Attorney's and Sheriff's Office's forfei-

ture budgets; · a road crossing request from Atmos Energy at County

Road 5 and Highway 152;

· employees and their dependents contribution for health insurance coverage and COBRA coverage;

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• the treasurer's and County Clerk's reports;

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Bourbon barrel table set still a winner

Q: What can you tell me about the game table and chairs seen in this photo? I inherited the set in August of 1961. Bourbon Barrel Furniture made it from real bourbon barrels. The oak tabletop reverses to a gaming table, and there is storage in the base. The chairs swivel, too.

Do you have any idea of the value of my set?

A: Whiskey and other spirits are aged in oak wood barrels or casks. Cast-off barrels inspired designers to re-purpose them into furniture and garden planters. Whiskey barrel furniture was popular in the 1970s along with shag carpet, polyester suits, extra wide belts, bell-bottom pants on steroids, platform shoes and men's blazers in shades of acid green.

Astonishingly, these kitschy game sets are still popular and sell anywhere from \$400 to \$1000.

Rosenthal Porcelain Factory

has made porcelain and glass-

Q: I would like to know

the value of a porcelain

casserole dish that I have

had for a long time. The

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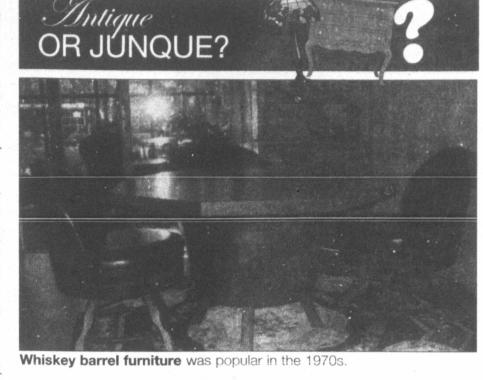
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that knives, Finlandia Vodka bottles, dinnerware, glassware and jewelry. Polaris is the name of the shape and Eisblume, which means "Frost Flower," is the pattern.

Their would probably be worth

Q: In 1959, I bought in production. Finnish an Austin Healey Sprite sculptor sports car and a friend industrial gave me a metal toy repdesigner, Tapio lica. Dinky Toys made it. Wirkkala, created It's red and in very good some of the most condition. Marked on the sophisticated por- box is the number 112.

What can you tell me

A: Dinky diecast inspired by the toy cars were made in simplicity of the Britain as early as 1933. mystical winter Collectors are most interlandscapes in his ested in those made in the native Finland. He 1950s and 1960s. Dinky's designed a myriad Austin Healey Sprite car of diverse objects can be seen selling in the included range of \$125 to \$150.

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Your casserole dish was

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In other business, the commission approved:

· an audit report on the District Attorney's asset for-

· jail physician and medical officer contracts for the

• results from the Constitutional Amendment Election

• payment of bills and salaries as approved by the County Auditor;

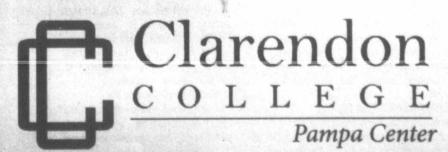
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By Bil Keane

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"... I'm too close to the ground."

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Nest Heads







HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday,

Nov. 16, 2011:

your power. Your instincts point to the correct direction. Take stock of your professional or community status. Others look up to you. If you are single, you could meet someone when out or at work. Don't make more of this bond than exists. Be a skeptic. If you are attached, the two of you might limelight. They like your style.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; always. Tonight: Where people are. 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You could be more enthusiastic, but it might seem like a big effort at first. you feel like your old self by the end of the night: Burning the midnight oil day. Tonight: Midweek break

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

would like to work from home if possible. Recognize where a change might be necessary in your schedule and routine. Stop come up. Tonight: Happy at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Keep a conversation moving You might feel as if you cannot get past a problem, and for the moment, that opinion might be true. A friend's enthusiasm support and mutual brainstorming cannot be underestimated. Tonight: Meet a friend. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Be more direct. Honor what you see yourself clearly. Others' feedback or attitudes might indicate that your perspecpossibilities. Tonight: Stop and buy a to- Tonight: Sort through invitations. ken gift.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

washes over you like water. Unexpected information turns into a very exciting situ-Tonight: All grins.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Know when to get to the bottom This year doors will open if you claim of a situation. You don't need to be right, but you do need to follow your instincts. Someone with a better perspective gives you feedback. Listen well. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Go for what you want. Sometimes you might make a situation more become more visible as you work toward difficult, as you can be negative at the a common goal. LEO pushes you into the juncture of action. Find a way of turning around negativity and stress. Recognize that a partner does the unexpected almost

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Be willing to take a stand even though you think you know the outcome. Just make sure you aren't setting yourself Your innate spontaneity will come out. up or creating it. A little more spontane-You have a lot to smile about. Extremes ity can add to the quality of excitement in mark your plans, yet if you stop and notice, your life. What is holding you back? To-

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Reach out for a distant asso-★★★ If you can call in, please do. You ciate. You might not like all the news that heads in your direction. If you detach, you will understand more of what is going on here. A child or new friend acts in the most and consider your options; much will unpredictable manner. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Deal directly with one other person. You might be questioning which direction is right for you. A boss or a similar authority figure doesn't seem to have energizes you midday. The importance of the answers, because they lie within. Let your creativity flow. Try a little less selfdiscipline. Tonight: One-on-one relating.

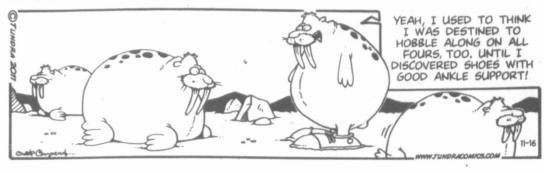
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Defer to others. You need to feel in a discussion. Sometimes you don't observe more and react less. Still, the sign associated with spontaneity cannot stop himself. You certainly listen to your intive is distorted. You have a strong sense ner voice. You also might need to rethink of direction and are in sync with realistic a judgment that could be impacting you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Stay level and even with your *** You clearly are in your element. dealings. Communication soars if you Even someone's mood or seriousness can remain open. An offer that seams too good to be true is exactly that. Be careful with your funds, whether counting change ation. Be careful about making more of an or making a major decision. Easily, you investment than you are comfortable with. could make a mistake. Tonight: Play it

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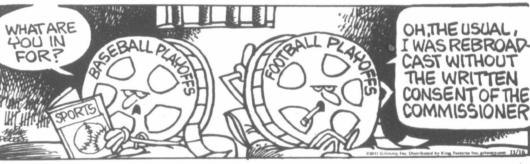
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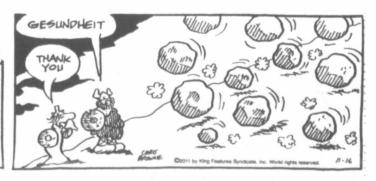






Hagar The Horrible





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How can you give thanks to God?

"Let us be thankful for the fools," wrote Mark Twain. "But for them the rest of us could not succeed."

Is there more to thankfulness than this rather cynical view expressed by one of America's most beloved humorists?

Yes, say a cadre of kids with some rather remarkable ways to apply the apostle's man-date to give thanks in everything.

"When I broke my jaw, I am glad I didn't die," says Jordan, age 9. "When my friend broke his leg, I am glad he didn't break three bones instead of two. When I burst open my head, I am glad I didn't break my head."

Jordan, I hope you and your friends don't break the cash reserves of your health insurance company.

Another Jordan, 8, has found a way to be grateful for asthma: "I don't have it all the time." Jordan is also thankful for her sister. "She is annoying, but I love her."

Don't wait for something spectacular to express gratitude, says Dorothy, 8: "I give thanks that I'm here today. I can give thanks ethat I'm able to be there to help my mom in her time of need." Dorothy, I think your mom is grateful for your helpful spirit.

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"You can also thank God before you eat," says Justin. "Give us this day our daily bread" is a prayer Jesus taught his disciples. Some kids may think it's hard to give thanks for certain meals. However, Stephen, 7, says, "If you have some spinach or some food you don't like, just think of all the

people who would like to have that food." Believe it or not, a third Jordan, 8, has found reasons to give thanks: "You can give thanks for everything by looking at the best of everything, by praying and by singing his praises.

Stick with the three P's of providence, prayer and praise, and you'll never allow bitterness to take root in your heart. An attitude of gratitude sees even adverse circumstances as part of God's greater plan for character

If you've trusted the Lord Jesus as your savior, be grateful that the God who created this universe has accepted you into his

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KIDS talk about GOD

glorious kingdom. Hold up the shield of faith to quench the fiery darts. of ingratitude, doubt and anger that can ruin the peace to which God has called you.

KINSOLVING Leah, 10, explains how providence and praise work together: "You should be thankful in the good times that God has given you something good to praise him about. You should be thankful in the bad times because he has

given you a chance to trust him." Praise is a form of thanksgiving, but just how do you praise? "We can sing everywhere we go and just praise the Lord for what he has done," says Rachel, 8.

I have a friend in Ventura, Calif., who taught me how to praise. As a senior citizen past retirement age, Fran Rigoli is no longer a youngster, but he sings like one. Walking on the beach, eating breakfast or driving to the grocery store, it doesn't matter. Rigoli sings his way through life. And why shouldn't he?

Point to ponder: Give thanks in all things because God loves you unconditionally.

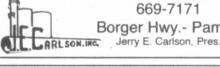
Scripture to remember: "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive" (John

Question to consider: Can you think of an adverse situation for which you can give

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Ministerial Alliance to hold community service Sunday

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The Pampa Ministerial Alliance

invites the community to join them for the annual community service 6 p.m. Sunday at First Baptist Church. All the local alliance churches have

a part in the service. First United Methodist Church pastor Blossom Matthews said she enjoys seeing the community come together.

"It's a worship service," Matthews said. "It brings the community together, which we don't get to do

First United Methodist music pastor Suzanne Wood is directing the choir and said preparations have gone well.

"Everything is going good," Wood said. "It's a great group. We had a rehearsal last week. We have another one Sunday."

The choir is made up of church members from different churches. Wood said it's a wonderful service.

"The whole community comes together to give thanks.'

Jeff Knighton, pastor of First Christian Church will deliver the message.

GOD'S GOOD NEWS

Enjoy living life every day

Tamer Owens celebrated her 104th birth-When asked what was her secret, she "The replied, Lord, laughter, and the little things keep me going."

She still finds enjoyment each day in talking with people, taking a



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104, but we can learn from Tamer Owens how to enjoy living each day. Learn to laugh. The Bible says, "A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance..." (Proverbs 15:3). Look around you and see happiness in people's faces. Love the Lord. When God is central in our lives, He gives us purpose and a reason to live. Happiness is not a destination, but

Most of us won't live to be

it is part of a day-by-day journey.

David Bouler is a pastor at Highland Park Baptist in Chattanooga, Tenn.

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Smith also addressed other key talking points, including education, property rights and water. Smith stressed that the answers for such issues often come at the community level.

"I think the most important thing about water and water issues is that they should be local decisions, he said. "The state wants to get in and say, 'You know what? We in Austin know best. Let us handle the problem.' But I think you all know that's generally not the best course of action.

"The best answers come from home. The best answers come from our local citizenry. ... With education, it's the same thing. The best kind of government is local government. The best kind of government is small government.

"If we could do everything locally, I'd be for it," Smith added.

Smith's campaign is currently in somewhat of a holding pattern given the redistricting limbo that Texas currently faces. A



staff photo by Arnie Aurellano

State House candidate Mac Smith (right) discusses politics with Duane Smith (left) and Ron Nelson at Mac's campaign kickoff barbecue and fundraiser at the Americinn Event Center on Tuesday.

federal court earlier this month rejected the state's newly drawn voting districts for using an improper standard for measuring minority voting strength. That decision paves the way for a different map drawn by a panel of federal judges to be used in the Republican primary on March 6.

If the district stays as is, Smith would face three other candidates for the District 88 seat: Plainview's Jim Landtroop, who currently represents District 85 in the House, as well as Canadian school board president Ken King and Plains' Gary Walker, himself a former representative.

The state's redistricting issues are expected to be resolved as early as next week, which Smith said would kick his campaign "full steam ahead."

In the meantime, though, he said that a strong focus in his hometown would give his fledgling campaign a tremendous boost.

"We have a great advantage here in Gray County," Smith said. "As the map is drawn now, and really, in almost any other permutation of the map... our advantage in Pampa is that Pampa has the largest voting population in the district. Plainview's a little big bigger town than us, but Pampa votes at a higher rate. ... If we can really get out and get this area excited and get the vote turned out here locally, then it helps us so much in the rest of the district.

"We're going to fight tooth and nail to get every vote everywhere, because that's what you've got to do. You've got to fight and fight and fight. But if we can really buckle down here, really get excited here in Pampa, then that helps us so much in the rest of the district and so much towards our goal."

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A press release from the Pampa PD stated that the action taken by the police and Sheriff's Office is in accordance with a new law added to the State of Texas Health and Safety Code during this past legislative session. The law, Senate Bill 331, outlaws a group of synthetic compounds that mimic the effects of tetrahydrocannabinoi (THC), the active ingredient in marijuana.

The products in question are marketed as "herbal blends" and are

packaged and sold by the gram, according to the release from the PD. The substances are sold in packages with fine print disclaimers that say that the products are not to be ingested, though according to Rushing, their maras being sold at "smoke shops" contradict such claims.

Rushing cautioned local residents about the dangers of such synthetic substances.

We have been dealing with the effects of this substance for the past several months, especially with teenagers," Rushing

said. "Several have been sickened and wound up in the emergency room after having smoked it. It is associated frequently with other criminal activity that is reported to our departments.

"We have had numerketing techniques — such ous people of the community ask if we could do something to stop it, and we feel that this new law allows us to do so. Sheriff (Don) Copeland and I would urge parents, especially parents of teenagers, to talk to their children about this and to be aware of the possibility of these substances in their children's lives and

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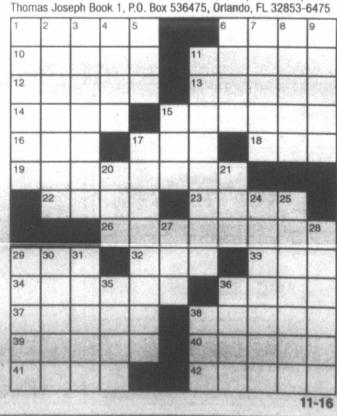
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Head coach Gene Valentine said his defense had good energy but his offense needed to control it.

"We have to take that energy we have on defense and slow it down on the offensive end," Valentine said. "Our shooting was horrible. We were really spastic."

Senior post Kailyn Troxell said it was a rough start but the team made adjustments.

"We were a little sloppy at first," Troxell said. "We got better.

Both teams struggled to make a shot in the first quarter as they were scoreless the first three minutes and thirty seconds. Bushland's offensive struggles were due to strong post defense by Pampa, forcing the Lady Falcons to shoot longer shots. Senior Caitlin Sieck said post defense was the emphasis in practice this week.

"We worked on defending the post," Sieck said. "It felt good to do it during

The Lady Harvesters (3-2) led most of the quarter, only trailing by one twice (6-5 and 8-7). Troxell hit a two to give Pampa the lead for good. The Lady Harvesters led 11-10 after the first.

Pampa started the second quarter strong with senior Kirsten Kuhn hitting two foul shots and Sieck making a layup. Afterwards, the Lady Harvesters struggled, only making one field goal and five free throws. Pampa had problems converting at the free throw line as it was five-for-eleven.

The Lady Falcons didn't do better. Kaitlyn Bauer made the only field goal and Madde Fredrikson made two free

throws. Pampa didn't allow Bushland to get closer than four, taking a 20-14 halftime lead.

In the second half, the Lady Harvesters pulled away. Senior Lindsey Brown and Troxell made shots to increase Pampa's lead to 10. The Lady Harvesters led by as many as 11. Bushland made a short run at the end of the quarter to cut the lead

Kuhn ended any chance of a fourth quarter comeback, nailing two threes in the first two minutes of the quarter. Bushland took a timeout after the second three that put it behind 37-22. Pampa maintained its lead to the end of the game.

Troxell said the Lady Harvesters were more relaxed on offense in the second

"We come out more under control," Troxell said. "We hit a couple of shots that gave us some momentum.

Kuhn and sophomore Hayley Burnett led the team in scoring with 12 each. Valentine said Burnett has a better understanding of the offense.

"Against Frenship (Nov. 12) she had 13," Valentine said. "I think she is getting more comfortable. You can still tell at times she is hesitant. She is hard player and an aggressive player."

Pampa has won three of its last four and returns home to face 1A regional semifinalist Wellington 6 p.m. Friday Valentine said he hopes his team's success on the road carries over at home.

"I told them we need to start winning at home," Valentine said. "Winning on the road is good, but we need to show people what we're made of so they will come out and watch vou.'

Pampa hopes to snap a 10-game home losing streak. Sieck said the team needs to play good defense.

"They have one dominating player," Sieck said. "If we can control her than we should have a chance.

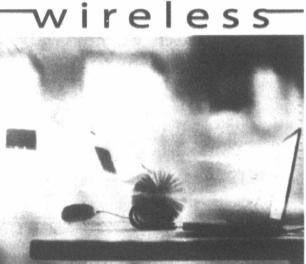


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Senior Lindsey Brown attempts a jumper against Bushland Tuesday. Brown scored at the end of the first half and the beginng of the second half to start a key run for the Lady Harvesters. Pampa won 48-33 at Bushland.

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Senior Delaney Clendening is fouled by Bushland's Lauren Mayfield (22) in the second quarter as Madde Fredrikson (42) reaches in. Clendening scored seven points as Pampa won 48-33 for its third win of the season Tuesday in Bushland.



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