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Group aims to keep bird from endangered list

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Oil and gas producers and area ranchers gathered at the Gray County Annex this week to discuss the importance of a small ground-dwelling bird.

David Hall and L.H. Webb, ranchers in southeastern Gray County, want to avoid having the lesser prairie chicken listed as an endangered or threatened species.

Like many Panhandle ranchers, they have worked with state and federal wildlife officials to help with the recovery of the prairie chicken to keep it from being listed, but with proposed power lines scheduled to cut through

prairie chicken habitat, they fear it will hasten the listing of the small bird.

They and the Gray County Commission have proposed power lines take a route around prairie chicken habitat in an effort to keep the bird from being listed and land use curtailed on private property.

They have been joined by Pampa State Legislator Warren Chisum and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in calling for routing power lines around the habitat of the **CHICKEN** cont. on page 7

The lesser prairie chicken's conservation status is again a hot topic in Gray County.



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CROWN JEWELL

'Nashville Star' winner to visit Pampa stage

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In case you need further proof that fame hasn't changed Buddy Jewell, how about this: When he answered the phone, he apologized and said he'd have to call back.

The Nashville-based country and western artist was in Liberal, Kan. — one hour from showtime — standing in line at Walmart.

"I was standing in line at the Customer Service Center trying to wire one of my guys some money," he explained when he called back a few minutes later. "He needed an advance on his paycheck and I was standing in line trying to get that done for him. I apologize."

It was a refreshing and honest comment from an artist (and employer) who really does know what the common working person goes through every day.

So, with an hour to go and still having to drive back to the venue and "put on my show clothes to go back to work," Buddy Jewell took the time to talk about his appearance in Pampa on Thursday night. The performance will be at 7:30 at the MK Brown Auditorium, part of the Pampa Community Concert Series.

Tickets for this concert, as well as the series, will be available for purchase at the door.

Jewell was the winner of the USA Network's first ever (2003) "Nashville Star." His self-

titled debut album on Columbia Records was certified gold, and garnered two back-to-back top five hits with "Sweet Southern Comfort" and "Help Pour Out the Rain (Lacey's Song)." Buddy Jewell debuted at 1 on the Top Country Album charts. He has also shared the stage with well-known performers such as Trace Adkins, Brooks and Dunn, and

photo courtesy of **Pampa Community Concert Association**

'Nashville Star' alumnus Buddy Jewell will be the first performer in this year's Pampa Community Concert Series.

Community Concert Series Presents Buddy Jewell

When: Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Where: M.K. Brown Auditorium; tickets available at the door

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PHS seeks oldest living local alum

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This year marks Pampa High School's centennial celebration, and the school would like to share its celebration with its most tenured graduate.

PHS is currently searching for the oldest living Pampa graduate still in Pampa to be the guest of honor at this year's Homecoming pep rally, set for 2:30 p.m. Friday at McNeely Fieldhouse.

"With this year being a special year for us, we just wanted to invite our oldest graduate to come and be a part of it," said Melodee Youree, administrative assistant at PHS. "We sent out a mass e-mail in the school district and we've already found somebody in their 90s, but there may be somebody older than that out in the community."

"We've contacted Mrs. (Anne) Davidson over at the White Deer Land Museum, and she's doing some checking for us as well," added administrative assistant Sandee Stokes. "We want to be able to find this person so that we can bring them in to celebrate with us."

The invitation is a continuation of sorts of a tradition started last year, when PHS invited its very first Homecoming queen to be a part of the festivities.

Stokes said that, if the school gets several responses, they may accommodate as many people as they can.

"It depends on how much space we'd have, of course, but why not?" said Stokes. "If we get a lot of people, we may just have all of them in. It would be fun."

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Businesses come together for Community Health Fair

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A free health fair sponsored by a number of Pampa businesses and organizations will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Anytime Fitness. The fair is part of the company's Grand Opening. It is located at 211 West 30th Avenue (near Walmart).

"This is actually our grand opening and we will probably do it every year," said Manager Monty DeMaroney.

The fair involves 13 businesses and organizations and offers everything from free blood pressure checks to rock wall climbing for the kids.

"Ford Family Chiropractic will be dem-

onstrating message therapy, a nutritionist from the Pampa Regional Medical Center will have information on healthy eating, (Officer) Stormy McCullar will be here with bike safety tips and the U.S. Army will have a rock climbing wall for the kids," DeMaroney said.

The only charge for an item at the fair will be for flu shots, he added.

"The rest is all stuff everybody has donated," he said. "There will be so much going on. People need to come out and have a chance to learn about all aspect of health in our community."

The Anytime Fitness facility will be open to the public to tour, with staff members, including a personal trainer, on hand to

answer questions.

"We are going to be grilling chicken, veggie, and fruit shish kebabs," said DeMaroney. "Healthy foods, stuff that is good for you."

In addition, there will be attendance prizes awarded throughout the fair, including two six-month Anytime Fitness memberships, children's bicycles, and a variety of gift certificates.

Participating entities include Ford Family Chiropractic, United Supermarket Pharmacy, Accolade Home Care, Wal-mart Vision Source, Pampa Fire Department, Pampa Police Department, Brown Shoe Fit, U.S. Army, Advocate, State Farm Insurance (Gayla Rigdon), Platinum Car Care and the American Red Cross.

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Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming north northeast. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 86. East southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. South southeast wind around 10 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. South southwest wind around 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 62. South southeast wind around 10 mph.

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Police Department

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

Officers reported 17 traffic-related calls and two accidents.

Animal control officers reported 11 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported seven ambulance calls.

The Pampa Fire Department responded to two medical calls.

Tuesday, Sept. 14

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Officers provided an agency assist in the 500 block of W. Crawford.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 500 block of N. Wells.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 4000 block of N. Bad Cattle Company Ln.

An assault was reported in the 4000 block of N. Bad Cattle Company Ln.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Yeager.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 300 block of N. Ballard.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 1000 block of N. Hobart.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 700 block of N. Naida.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 500 block of N. Wells.

An alarm was reported in the 2700 block of Randy Matson Ave.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of S. Sumner.

A suspicious person was reported at Frost and Atchison.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 1300 block of N. Garland.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in

the 700 block of N. Naida.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 700 block of N. Cuyler.

A suspicious person was reported at Finley and Locust.

A suspicious person was reported in the 200 block of E. Thut.

A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block of E. Craven.

Sexual assault was reported in the 100 block of W. 30th.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of E. Denver.

Harassment was reported in the 200 block of W. Brown.

Officers provided an agency assist in the 2300 block of W. Alcock.

A suspicious person was reported in the 2500 block of N. Charles.

Water was shut off in the 500 block of Naida.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 1000 block of N. Frost.

Wednesday, Sept. 15

A suspicious person was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hamilton.

Officers conducted a welfare check in the 800 block of N. Nelson.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 1000 block of N. Duncan.

Sheriff's Office

Tuesday, Sept. 14

Christopher Dale Reames, 22, was arrested by deputies on charges of indecency with a child, sexual contact.

Dawn Kay Laroe, 39, or El Paso, was arrested by deputies on bond surrender on charges of possession of certified chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

Dana Lynn Daniels, 45, of White Deer, was arrested by officers on a motion to revoke parole on charges of driving with invalid license.

William Warren Lux, 25, was arrested by deputies on charge of public intoxication.

Obituaries

James (Jimmy) Owen Looper, 55

James (Jimmy) Owen Looper, 55, went to be with his Lord, Sept. 14, 2010.

Services are pending with Warford-Walker Mortuary in Amarillo.

Mr. Looper was born in Pampa, March 14, 1955, to Owen and Fay Looper. He worked as a water treatment technician until his retirement. He had a big heart and always helped everyone anyway he could. He was a sweet husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle, and will be missed by many.

He is survived by his wife, Verbena Looper; a daughter, Micah Renee Looper; a grandson, Michael Looper; a sister and brother-in-law, Cathy and Otis Wayne Henson, of Pampa; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Cecil Williams.

Ola Mae Meeks, 101

Ola Mae Meeks, 101, died September 14, 2010, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Meeks was born May 25, 1909, in Comanche County. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1957. She married David Smith, Sr. He preceded her in death on September 11, 1928. She later married Malcom Meeks on March 14, 1935, in Green Hill. He preceded her in death on December 17, 1978. Ola Mae was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Carolyn Gilbert of Pampa and Margaret Bain and husband Bill of Irving; two sons, Dr. David L. Smith and wife Gail of DeKalb, and Johnnie Meeks and wife Molly of Hereford; two sisters-in-law, Doris Meeks of New Boston, and Martha Stewart of Hobbs, N.M.; nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul United Methodist Church, 511 N. Hobart, Pampa, TX 79065, or Cal Farley's Boy's Ranch & Affiliates, 600 SW 11th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79101.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Melba Leshner, 91

Melba Leshner, 91, died September 14, 2010, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Leshner was born September 19, 1918, in Scipio, Okla. She moved to Borger in 1936, and then moved to Pampa in 1952. She married Earnest Ethan Hutchinson, Jr., in 1939. He preceded her in death in 1947. She later married Jack Leshner on August 26, 1950. He preceded her in death on March 3, 1985. Melba was a homemaker. She was a member of First Assembly of God. She was a member of the VFW as the spouse of two World War II veterans. Melba loved to sing, traveling all around the country with the Bethel Gospel Singers. When she was 18 years old, she traveled to California to try and enter show business. She wrote over 250 poems and songs. She loved spending time with her seven children and numerous grandchildren. Her love extended beyond family to anyone she met.

Survivors include three sons, Dewey Hutchinson and wife Shirley, David Leshner, and Tim Leshner and wife Vickie, all of Pampa; three daughters, Elaine Tristan and Patricia Leshner, both of Pampa, and Linda Caldwell of Lubbock; 16 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild. Melba was preceded in death by a son, James Steven Leshner on February 3, 2000; her parents; nine sisters and four brothers.

Memorials may be made to Interim Hospice, 2217 Permyton Pkwy., Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



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State board considers Islam in textbooks

AUSTIN (AP) — A social conservative bloc of the Texas State Board of Education has drafted a resolution saying textbook publishers should limit what they print about Islam in world history books.

The board is scheduled next week to consider the resolution, which warns publishers not to push pro-Islamic, anti-Christian viewpoints in world history textbooks, The Dallas Morning News reported Wednesday.

The resolution cites world history books no longer used in Texas schools that it says devoted more lines of text to Islamic beliefs and practices than Christian beliefs and practices.

"Diverse reviewers have repeatedly documented gross pro-Islamic, anti-Christian distortions in social studies texts," reads a preliminary draft of the resolution, which would not be binding on future boards that will choose the state's next generation of social studies texts.

Kathy Miller, spokeswoman for the Texas Freedom Network, a religious freedom group, called the resolution "another example of board members putting politics ahead of just educating our kids."

"Once again, without consulting any real experts, the board's politicians are manufacturing a bogus controversy," Miller said. No textbooks cited by sponsors of the resolution are being used in Texas schools, she said.

The resolution concludes by warning publishers the "State Board of Education will look to reject future prejudicial social studies submissions that continue to offend Texas law with respect to treatment of the world's major religious groups by significant inequalities of coverage space-wise and by demonizing or lionizing one or more of them over others."

Conservative board member Don McLeroy of College Station — who will cede his seat on the next board after losing a March primary to a moderate Republican — said he also had asked for changes in the most recent world history books that were adopted in 2003, which he said originally contained less coverage of Christians than Muslims.

He said the books have been modified and made more balanced, but that he still sees a "serious problem" with bias in history books.

Oil industry: Higher fees could cost jobs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The oil and gas industry says an Obama administration plan to double fees charged for inspections of offshore operations could cost jobs.

The industry recognizes the need for improved inspections and oversight following the massive BP oil spill, American Petroleum Institute president Jack Gerard said. But doubling the fees is not appropriate, especially during a recession, he said.

"This is not the time to go back and impose additional costs on industry," Gerard said Tuesday in a conference call with reporters.

The oil and gas industry contributes billions of dollars to the U.S. government in royalty payments, taxes and other fees, Gerard said, adding that government policies should encourage development of domestic energy while making sure it is safe.

The White House asked Congress late Monday to approve the higher inspection fees as part of a request for \$80 million in new spending for the agency that oversees offshore drilling.

The proposal would more than double the amount collected from oil and gas companies, to \$45 million next year from about \$20 million this year.

Obama said in a letter to Congress that the fee increases and other changes are needed to strengthen oversight of offshore oil and gas operations; address deficiencies in mineral revenue collection; and complete the reorganization of the agency formerly known as the Minerals Management Service.

The drilling agency's new director said Tuesday that he was not involved in the fee increase decision, but supports additional revenue for his organization, now known as Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement. "We need the additional resources to do the job that we've

been asked to do," said Michael Bromwich, the drilling agency's new chief. Under its former name, the drilling agency was long plagued by staffing shortages and an overly cozy relationship with the industries it oversees.

Bromwich acknowledged those problems, but said the ocean energy bureau is turning a corner — and needs additional money to get even better.

"We've been faulted for not doing the job people expected us to do, and the central reason for that is we haven't had adequate resources. If we don't get the resources we need we won't be able to do the job effectively," Bromwich said Tuesday in a separate conference call.

Congress recently approved \$29 million in emergency spending to hire hundreds of new offshore drilling inspectors and take others steps to improve the drilling agency. No new inspectors have been hired yet, but Bromwich said officials were conducting a "full-court press" to find and hire qualified inspectors to bolster the 60 or so inspectors now responsible for about 3,500 drilling rigs and platforms in the Gulf of Mexico.

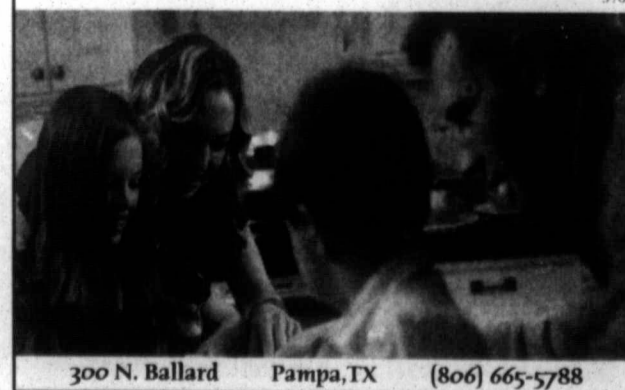
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Bodies found; Hermine toll at 8

AUSTIN (AP) — The bodies of two more people killed by floodwaters from Tropical Storm Hermine last week have been found in the Austin area.

One of the bodies has been identified as that of 51-year-old Jennifer Ring of Austin. The mother of two children had been missing since swift water swept her sport utility vehicle down Bull Creek from Farm Road 2222 on Sept. 8. Austin police say two fishermen found the body floating in Lake Austin Monday, and her identity was established Tuesday.

Meanwhile, 25 miles to the north in Georgetown, police found the debris-wrapped body of a man Tuesday in a drainage field of Pecan Branch. A police statement says the cause of his death hasn't been determined but the Hermine flooding was a factor. His identity hasn't been released.

That brings the Hermine-related death toll eight — seven in Texas and one in Oklahoma.

Judge refuses to confine child

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A state judge has refused to restrict to Texas an 11-year-old boy who's at the center of an ongoing international custody fight.

Attorneys for the father of Jean (ZHANN) Paul Lacombe had asked state District Judge Larry Noll of San Antonio for an emergency order that the boy be restricted to Texas. The San Antonio Express-News reports that a Monday hearing on a non-emergency motion is expected.

The boy was returned to San Antonio from France last month after a French court ruled that his father, a man with dual Mexican-French citizenship, didn't have lawful custody of the boy.

Law officers last October removed the boy from a San Antonio school bus after the father allegedly used incomplete Mexican court documents to falsely claim custody.

The father faces Texas charges of kidnapping, aggravated perjury and interfering with child custody.

Pilot hurt in Mineola crash

MINEOLA (AP) — A small plane has crashed in a wooded area of east Texas, slightly injuring the pilot.

Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Tom Vinger says the accident happened Wednesday morning near Mineola, about 85 miles east of Dallas.

Vinger says 54-year-old Mark England of Tyler sustained minor injuries.

DPS had no further immediate details.

Arguments begin in Afghan trial

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Prosecutors say two former defense contractors were fueled by alcohol and anger the night they killed two Afghan nationals on the streets of Kabul.

Their attorneys countered during opening statements in U.S. District Court that Justin H. Cannon and Christopher Drotleff believed they were under attack on the world's most dangerous road when they opened fire May 5, 2009.

Cannon, of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Drotleff, of Virginia Beach, face murder, assault and weapons charges. Their trial began Wednesday in Virginia.

The former Blackwater Worldwide contractors were in the nation to train the Afghan National Army. North Carolina-based Blackwater is now known as Xe Services. Both face up to life in prison if convicted.

Ex-priest to be extradited

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — A former Catholic priest wanted on sex crime charges in Texas has agreed to be extradited from Kansas.

John M. Fiala, 51, said Tuesday during a Douglas County Court hearing that he was willing to be sent to Texas.

Fiala is wanted in Edwards County, Texas, on four counts of sex crimes against children. He was arrested Sept. 3 in Lawrence and was being held in the Douglas County jail on \$100,000 bond.

The Lawrence Journal-World reports that Fiala was removed from the priesthood in 2008 after the allegations in Texas surfaced.

Fiala had served as a priest in Shawnee and Holton, Kan., and lived in a religious house in Kansas City from 1998 to 2001. He did not have a parish assignment with the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Mo.

No sexual abuse charges have been filed against Fiala in Kansas or Missouri.

Gay-friendly church leaves BGCT

DALLAS (AP) — A more than century-old church in Fort Worth that welcomes gays has left the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The break by Broadway Baptist Church of Fort Worth ends a relationship that began in 1886, when what became the state's largest Baptist group was formed.

Pastor Brent Beasley told *The Dallas Morning News* that the church is "committed to welcoming all people here" and would not want to do anything that would be hurtful to anyone just to please the BGCT.

Broadway in 2008 drew attention with its internal dispute over whether same-sex couples should be included in the church's photo directory. Leaders eventually decided to instead feature group pictures of all church members.

The Southern Baptist Convention, which along with BGCT believes homosexuality is a sin, cut ties with Broadway in 2009.

Girl raped before death

HOUSTON (AP) — A prosecutor says a Houston-area man who was dating a nurse raped her 4-year-old daughter before the child died last year.

Testimony was scheduled to resume Wednesday in the Houston aggravated sexual assault trial of Lucas Coe.

An autopsy found that Emma Thompson had a severed pancreas and fractured skull.

Prosecutor Tina Ansari, during opening statements Tuesday, said medical personnel will testify that the child also had a torn vagina.

A jury in July convicted the girl's mother, Abigail Young of Spring, of injury to a child by omission and ordered 20 years in prison. Ansari says the couple and the victim all had genital herpes.

Defense attorney William Van Buren says the child was not sexually assaulted and the herpes could have been transmitted by casual contact.

Clint Black.

"(Pampa) is my kind of crowd. It really is," Jewell said. "I enjoy playing with a full band on stage with keyboards and big lights and all that good stuff, but this tour is really fun. You can hear all the instruments. I've got a great guitar player (Joe Cook, who also sings background vocals). He is playing acoustic and I'm playing acoustic rhythm. I've got a great fiddle player (Dan Campbell, who also sings background vocals). My son (Buddy Jewell III) is doing an excellent job playing drums. We have great three-part harmonies and you can hear everything. It is just really cool and it feels great."

His oldest son just turned 21. A younger son, Joshua, and a daughter, Lacey, are still in school.

"My wife is at home — she is a real estate agent and stays pretty busy," Jewell said.

The show will be a laid-back, conversational performance of selections old and new.

"When they approached me about doing these shows I thought about it and decided to take people on a little musical autobiography, so to speak, of musical tastes," he explained. "We play a lot of stuff from my influences. My dad was a huge influence on my musical taste and he loved great singers like Marty Robbins and Johnny Horton; guys that wrote great story songs. I incorporate some of that into my show. 'I'm a big Waylon Jennings fan, so I've got some of that,' he said.

"And there are the three and a half hits that I've had," he added, laughing. "We play stuff off my most recent CD, 'Country Enough,' and we play some newer stuff from an upcoming project."

Jewell's last single, "Someone who would die for you," went to number one on the Christian Country charts.

"(The show) will be as if we are sitting around in your living room, passing the guitar around and just chit-chatting," he said. "I find that appeals to people to kind of get to know me and be a little more intimate. Half the fun of the show is to get to interact with the audience and see how they react to the songs."

One of his more popular tunes, "This ain't Mexico," has drawn a bit of controversy.

"I wrote that song with a buddy of mine," Jewell said. "His mom had come to the United States from Argentina back in 1951 and it took her six years to get her citizenship. She learned our history, learned to speak our language and, most importantly, she embraced the American way of life and wanted to be an American. She was kind of put out with the way people had taken advantage and wanted to kind of back door it; they don't want to do what it takes to become an American citizen."

"The song is not against Mexicans or Latinos. It is against illegal, and I emphasize the word 'illegal,' immigrants. Your ancestors and mine came here from somewhere else, but they did it legally. That is the only point I'm trying to make."

The Pampa performance will be about midway through a long 2010 tour for the band.

"We usually ramp up about April or May and start getting busy and we will run pretty hard from now through October," he said. "We will be back in Nashville on the 30th of September and we will begin rehearsing for a trip to Japan and China in October."

"It has been a great tour," he added. "We've been very fortunate that all these (Community Concert) associations have wanted to have us for shows this year."

My dad was a truck driver, so I think that maybe some of that is in my blood. I enjoy traveling and I'm having a blast."

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 15, the 258th day of 2010. There are 107 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 15, 1940, during the World War II Battle of Britain, the tide turned as the Royal Air Force inflicted heavy losses against the Luftwaffe, forcing Adolf Hitler to indefinitely postpone his plans to invade Britain.

On this date:

In 1776, British forces occupied New York City during the American Revolution.

In 1789, the U.S. Department of Foreign Affairs was renamed the Department of State.

In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr was acquitted of a misdemeanor charge two weeks after he was found not guilty of treason.

In 1821, the Kingdom of Guatemala proclaimed its independence from Spain.

In 1857, William Howard Taft — who served as president of the United States and as U.S. chief justice — was born in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In 1935, the Nuremberg Laws deprived German Jews of their citizenship.

In 1950, during the Korean conflict, United Nations forces landed at Incheon in the south and began their drive toward Seoul.

In 1959, Nikita Khrushchev became the first Soviet head of state to visit the United States as he arrived at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington, where he was greeted by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In 1963, four black girls were killed when a bomb went off during Sunday services at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala. (Three Ku Klux Klansmen were eventually convicted for their roles in the blast.)

In 1982, Iran's former foreign minister, Sadegh Ghotbzadeh, was executed after he was convicted of plotting against the government.

Ten years ago: The 2000 Summer Olympics opened in Sydney, Australia, with a seemingly endless parade of athletes and coaches and a spectacular display; Aborigine runner Cathy Freeman ignited an Olympic ring of fire.

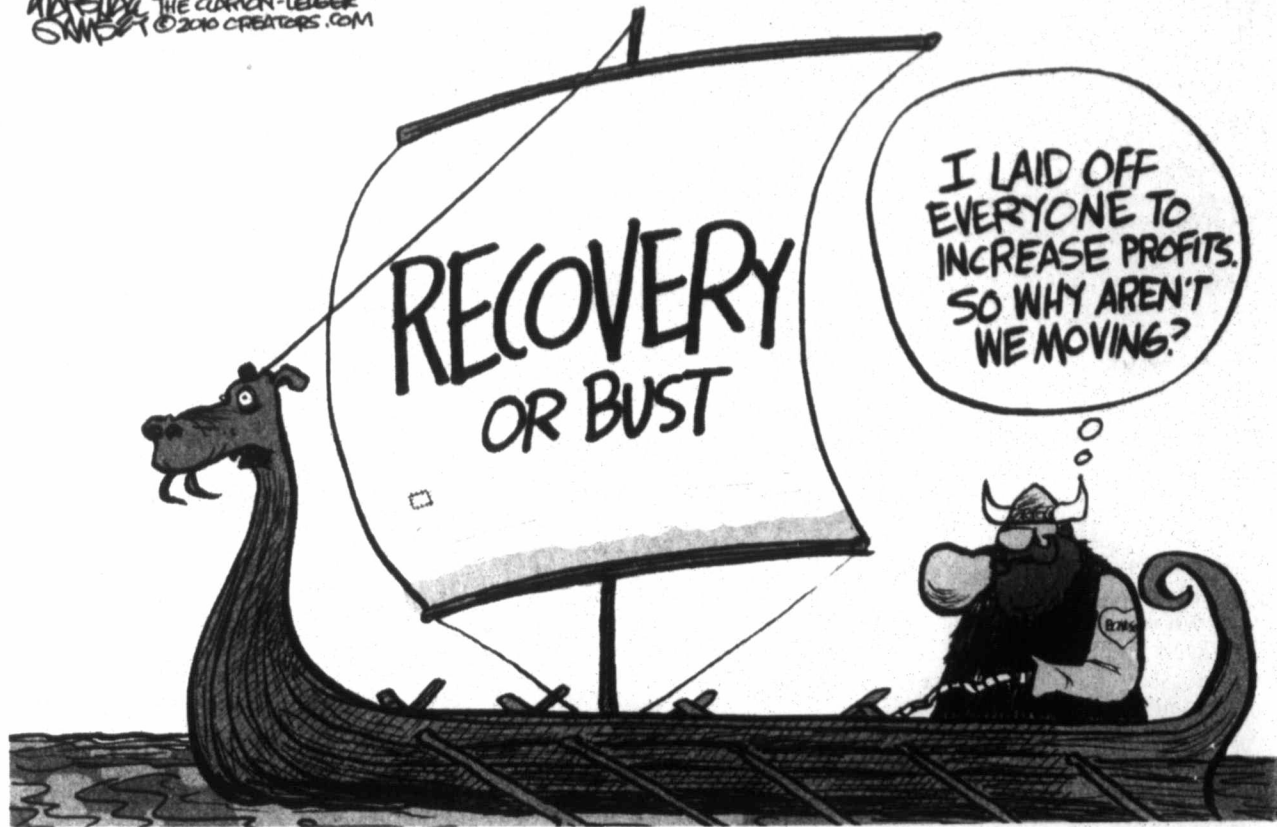
Five years ago: President George W. Bush, addressing the nation from storm-ravaged New Orleans, acknowledged the government had failed to respond adequately to Hurricane Katrina, and urged Congress to approve a massive reconstruction program. Hurricane Ophelia continued to lash the Outer Banks of North Carolina with rain and wind. Producer Sid Luft, who was credited with reviving the career of his then-wife, Judy Garland, died in Santa Monica, Calif. at age 89.

One year ago: Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said the worst recession since the 1930s was "very likely over," although he cautioned that pain — especially for nearly 15 million unemployed Americans — would persist. An unrepentant Muntadhar al-Zeidi, the Iraqi reporter who'd thrown his shoes at President George W. Bush in Dec. 2008, was freed from prison.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-director Jackie Cooper is 88. Actor Forrest Compton is 85. Comedian Norm Crosby is 83. Actor Henry Darrow is 77. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Gaylord Perry is 72. Opera singer Jessye Norman is 65. Writer-director Ron Shelton is 65. Actor Tommy Lee Jones is 64. Movie director Oliver Stone is 64. Rock musician Kelly Keagy (KAY-gee) (Night Ranger) is 58. Rock musician Mitch Dorge (Crash Test Dummies) is 50. Football Hall-of-Famer Dan Marino is 49. Actor Danny Nucci is 42. Rap DJ Kay Gee is 41. Actor Josh Charles is 39. Singer Ivette (EE'-veht) Sosa (Eden's Crush) is 34. Pop-rock musician Zach Filkins (OneRepublic) is 32. Actor Dave Annable is 31. Actress Amy Davidson is 31. Britain's Prince Henry of Wales is 26. TV personality Heidi Montag is 24.

Thought for Today: "A generation which ignores history has no past — and no future." — Robert A. Heinlein, *American science-fiction author (1907-1988)*

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A chainsaw is a man's best friend

A friend and I were watching a home-improvement show in which a man and woman who never yell at each other put in an automatic garage door in about 37 seconds. (I'd love it if just once, the lady would accidentally drop a cement block on the guy's head or he'd accidentally affix her pants to the wall with a nail gun. That would be reality TV.)

Because I had just installed an electric garage door opener at my house, I knew that the process was just a little more complicated than Ken and Barbie made out. They accomplished their task using little more than a cordless screwdriver.

"Where's the chainsaw?" I asked.

"Chainsaw?" my friend said. "You used a chainsaw to install an automatic garage door opener?"

I paused. I considered the implication of his question silently. Was he suggesting that a chainsaw is not a proper implement to use in the installation of a garage door opener? I didn't want him to think I was a novice in the home improvement game. But, yes, I had used a chainsaw in my garage door opener installation, so I stuck to my guns.

"Yeah, I used a chainsaw," I admitted.

"Why?" he asked. I couldn't believe a guy could be so dumb.

"I used the chainsaw because I had cut the cord to my electric circular saw in half a few weeks earlier," I said. Man. Some people just don't get it.

Then I realized that on these television home improvement shows you never actually see anyone cut the cord to their electric



CHARLES MEMMINGER

circular saw in half. In fact, you never see them using an electric circular saw to cut down a large bush, which is what I was doing when I cut my saw's cord in half.

I was using the electric circular saw on the bush because the chain to my chainsaw was busted. The reason the chain was busted was because I had used the chainsaw on bamboo instead of using my machete, which I figured was too dull to do the job. You sometimes get into vicious circles in yard and home-improvement work.

Here is something they never tell you on those home-improvement television shows: When you've got an electric circular saw designed to cut lumber and you use it to cut the trunk of a fairly large bush in your yard, pay attention to where the electric cord is. The cord could be hidden in the branches and when you cut through the cord, you can get quite an electric jolt, just before the saw goes dead.

Trust me on this.

The thing is, I figured that if I had used my dull machete on the bamboo, it might have bounced off and bruised my leg. (Hint No. 2: Keep your sharp lawn implements as dull as possible so that when you screw up and hit yourself with them, they won't cut you.)

Another friend of mine cut through his calf muscle and Achilles' tendon with a really sharp machete while pruning a palm tree. This could have been avoided if he used the right tree-trimming implement: an electric jigsaw. Now, the electric jigsaw is generally used to cut shapes out of plywood. But I used mine to cut down a small banyan tree and it worked very well. It had been sitting in my tool cabinet for years because I had no plywood that needed cutting up. So when the banyan tree became a problem, I decided it was time for the jigsaw to contribute to yard

maintenance. I'll have no shirkers in my tool shed.

Anyway, I eventually replaced the chain on the chainsaw, which is about as fun as putting pajamas on a badger. So when I went to install the garage door opener and found that a wood beam in the garage was just a little too low and needed to be cut, the trusty chain saw was ready for service.

These television shows are fun to watch but they seem to have nothing to do with the reality of home improvement. For instance, you NEVER see Ken and Barbie using a jack hammer. Even when installing a garbage disposal.

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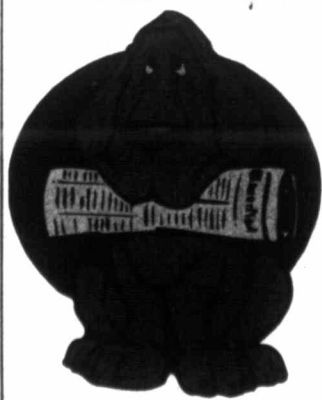
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** Investigate alternatives, even if someone, or several people, nixes every idea that heads in his or her direction. Focus on what you can do without a high-five from others. Sometimes you have little choice. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.
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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Build a stronger sense of connection in a key relationship. Allow greater creativity and a deeper sense of connection to bubble up. Don't take

unnecessary risks, if possible. Others simply aren't working with you, nor against you. Take your time. Tonight: Dinner for two.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Defer to others, knowing full well what you need, which is cooperation. You are coming from a very solid point of view. Others simply cannot hear your message, especially those who count. Tonight: Sort through weekend plans.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Stay even and direct in your dealings. You might not always come up with the best solution. Be aware of the costs of a project that might be important to you. Discussions don't seem to reveal any solutions yet. Tonight: Pace yourself.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Your receptiveness helps you bypass a major issue. For many, it could involve finances. You will find a solution that might startle you. Don't allow insecurity to float through your plans any longer. Tonight: Let your hair down.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Use your imagination to get past the inevitable. Your ability to handle a personal matter could make a big difference. Carefully consider options that surround you. Share what you might think is an off-the-wall idea. Tonight: Homeward bound.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Keep conversations moving. A meeting proves to be enlightening. Consider that the only person who is holding you back is yourself. Make calls, brainstorm away and get a project off the ground. Tonight: Start thinking about weekend plans.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** You might want to broker a better understanding financially. You might want to discuss what is behind another person's actions. Try walking in this person's shoes rather than judge him or her. Go along with an associate's ideas. Tonight: Work as late as need be.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Someone could be hard on you. This person wants something done his or her way and will say and do whatever it takes. You might want to read between the lines. Distance yourself and see what is going on with this person. Tonight: All smiles. Find a friend or loved one.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** Read between the lines more carefully. How you handle a child or loved one is important. Listen to his or her perspective. Understand what needs to occur within your immediate circle in order to bring a greater sense of connection. Tonight: Consider a radical change, but don't act on it.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** You see a lot going on behind the scenes. You know what you want to do. Realize what is inevitable, and don't fight city hall in order to achieve those results. A sense of being connected to others remains key. A meeting is important. Tonight: Where the action is.

BORN TODAY
Blues musician B.B. King (1925), actor Peter Falk (1927), magician David Copperfield (1956) ***
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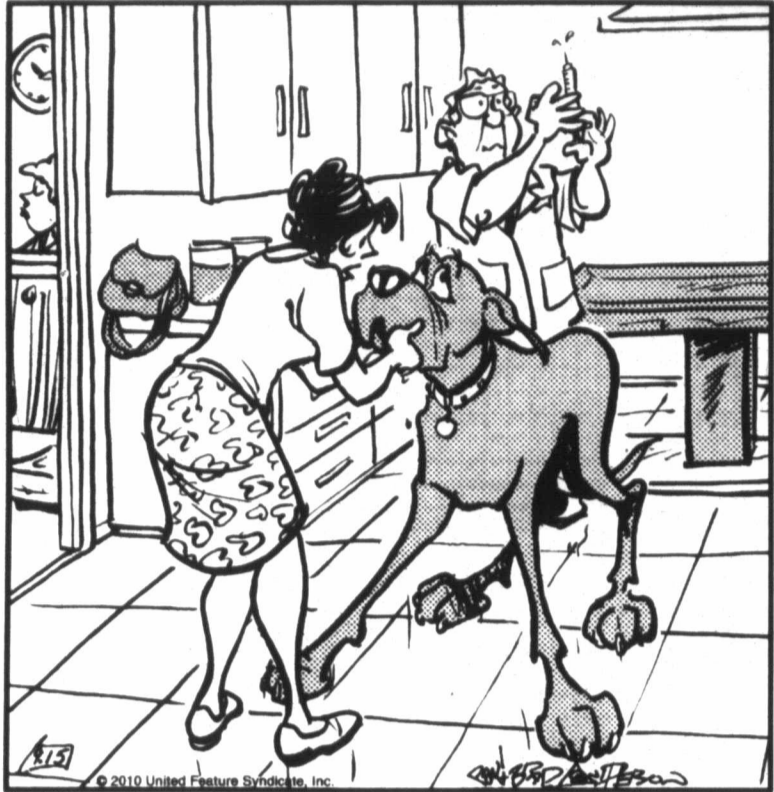
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COMICS

Marmaduke



"No, Marm. We are not getting a second opinion."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"...now I can tell how old Barfy and Sam are in dog years."

Daily Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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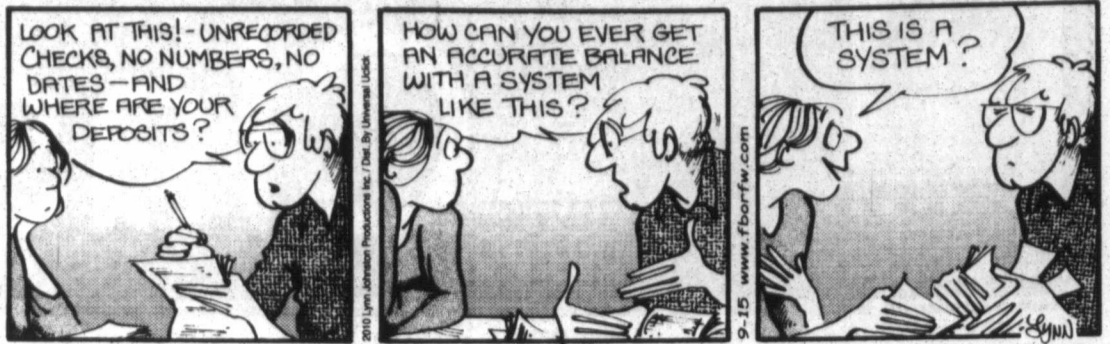
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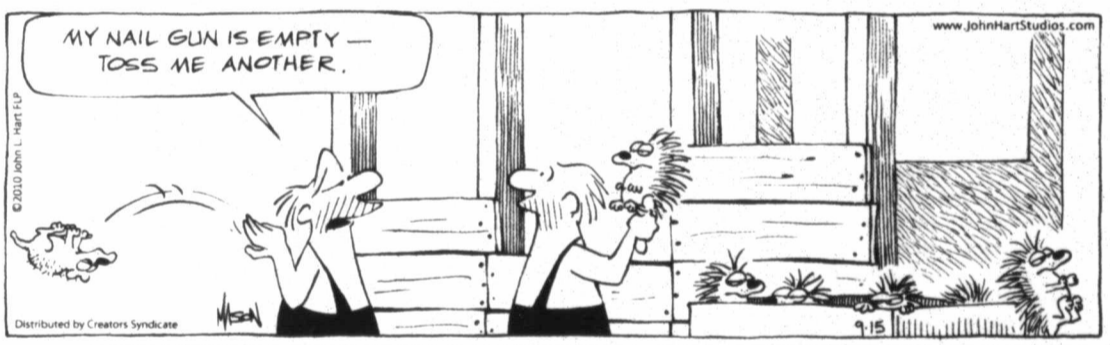
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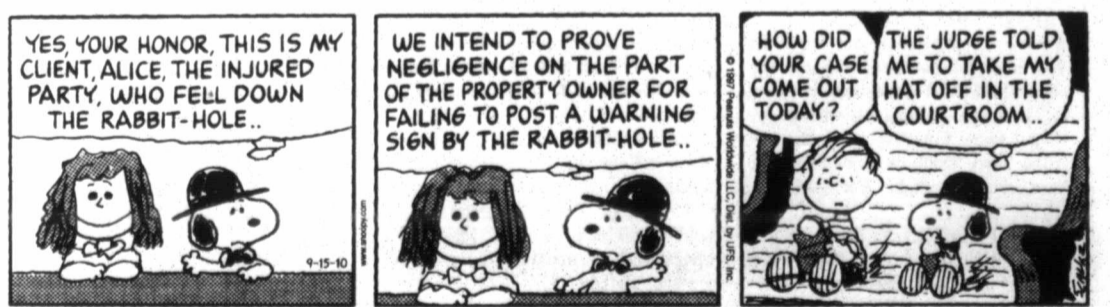
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Flo & Friends



Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Intermediate

Chicken

lesser prairie chicken. Gray County Commissioner-elect Jeff Haley said there has been little response from Pampa State Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, to requests from Gray County ranchers for help.

The bird was first proposed for listing more than a decade ago. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the time said the bird should be listed, but they didn't have the funding to do so, so the bird became a candidate species. It was on the list to be listed as endangered or threatened, but it does not presently enjoy any federal protection.

On Tuesday, Hall and Webb hosted a meeting at the county annex to discuss the bird, its habitat and the effect wind farms and the associated high voltage power lines will have on the legal status of the bird.

While the Gray County Commission is asking wildlife and power company officials to come to the courthouse and talk about the situation, H. Wayne Hughes, a White Deer native and executive director of the Producers and Royalty Owners Association, told Tuesday's gathering that it is only a matter of time before the lesser prairie chicken is listed, a view seconded by Heather Whitlaw with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Whitlaw said it would probably be four years before the bird would be listed since the listing process can be complicated and drawn out.

However, she said that a New Mexico-based conservation group, the Wild Earth Guardians, have filed a lawsuit to force the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Agency to move forward with listing.

While listing through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proce-

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dures could take several years, Whitlaw indicated that a federal judge could shorten that time period as a result of the Wild Earth Guardians' lawsuit.

The fear is that the proposed power lines planned to cut through Gray County will fragment lesser prairie chicken habitat and force the listing of the bird as an endangered species.

Webb said that could impact land use by landowners. There could be restrictions, he said, on grazing cattle or servicing oil and gas wells during certain months of the year when the prairie chickens are mating or raising their young.

Pat Bagley, chief appraiser for Gray County, told the gathering that if the lesser prairie chicken were listed as endangered or threatened, it would probably adversely impact land values in the county.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I have gotten myself into a "pick-le" and I don't know how to get out of it.

I rent a house with two roommates (both males) and have always followed a strict rule of not dating roommates or co-workers. One night, I came home after having a few drinks with friends. One of my roommates was up and we started talking. Then he started kissing me. I wasn't thinking clearly, and didn't object when he trotted me off to my room.

I do like him, but only as a friend. There are no sparks for me as there are for him. I don't want this to happen again, but I don't want to hurt him either. In an ideal world, I'd like to remain friends and roommates, not lovers. Do you have any suggestions? — CAN'T BELIEVE I BROKE MY RULE IN FLORIDA

DEAR CAN'T BELIEVE: Yes, I do. You need to quit drinking or institute another "rule" that you'll stop at two.

Inform your amorous roommate that in the cold sober light of day you regret what happened and don't want to repeat it. It won't "hurt" him; it will let him know where things stand, and it's important that he get that message. If you do remain roommates, maintain some distance — and don't come home "pickled" again because you know what could happen if you do.

DEAR ABBY: I am a girl in high school and have a friend, "Joey," who is gay. Joey saw another guy, "Eric," who he thought was cute, and he made me go over and ask Eric's friend if Eric is gay. His friend told me he is straight.

Eric lives in my neighborhood and we became good friends. He has asked

me out and I would say yes, except that Joey said he likes him. Joey has never spoken to Eric and only likes him in an "appreciating" sense. And of course, there's the fact that Eric isn't gay.

What should I do? Does the "girl code" apply to your gay friends, too? — CONFLICTED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR CONFLICTED: With the "girl code," girls agree not to date men another girl has her sights set on — theoretically, because there is the possibility that he can be snagged if there's no interference. But in a case like this, where a gay person "appreciates" someone who is straight, the chance is remote to nonexistent. Out of consideration for Joey's feelings, talk with him about this. I'm sure he will appreciate your concern for his feelings — and give you his OK.

DEAR ABBY: My cousin "Cecily" has been married for 30 years to a man the entire family thinks is wonderful. So did I, until I spotted him in a restaurant a few weeks ago kissing a woman half his age — and who was certainly not Cecily.

I feel awful with this knowledge, but feel worse about ruining their marriage. Do I have a responsibility to share this information with Cecily because she is family? — RELATED TO THE KISSIN' COUSIN IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR RELATED: How would you feel if Cecily spotted your husband of 30 years canoodling with a young woman in a restaurant? Would you want to be warned? If the answer is yes, then have a word with your cousin. It may not ruin their marriage; it might help to save it.

Homecoming

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Stokes said that the 100-year celebration will be a focus at the high school all year. This year's senior class t-shirts are emblazoned with the slogan, "Celebrating 100 years: A Century of Class."

"It is cool for us," said Youree. "It's a lot of fun for

everyone."

Youree and Stokes said that anybody with information on potential oldest alums can contact the school at 669-4800.

MORE COMICS

Baby Blues



Crank Shaft



Dustin



Mother Goose and Grim



Mutts



Shoe



Find The Pampa News' sports reporter, Andrew Glover, at Friday's homecoming game and be one of the first 15 people to tell him "Andrew is my favorite sports reporter" to win a free Pampa News t-shirt!

Sports

Harvester tennis boys power Pampa over Plainview

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The Pampa Harvesters tennis team had a strong performance from the boys and defeated the Plainview Bulldogs 12-7 Tuesday at the tennis courts.

The boys swept the Bulldogs in doubles and went 5-1 in singles. Junior David Moore and his partner junior Landon Karbo lost their first set 6-4 and won their second set 6-1. Then pulled out a tiebreaker match 13-11. The match in total lasted over an hour. Moore said they used a good strategy to pull out the match.

"We figured out who the weaker player was," Moore said. "We hit to him all the time and kept each other positive."

Karbo hasn't been Moore's usual partner with that role belonging to senior Aaron Silva. Moore said Coach Corse is trying to see who can play well together when the spring comes around but thought Karbo played well with him.

"We played together when we were freshmen," Moore said. "It was nice to play with him again."

Head coach Sarah Corse said they got off to a slow start but picked it up later in the match.

"It was kind of scary for a moment because they got down," Corse said.

"They fought back really hard and came through."

Plainview took four of the first six matches including two out of three girls double matches. Senior Holly Gage and senior Makayla Hampton won a key doubles match for the girls as they defeated their opponent 7-5 and 8-6. Corse said their match victory was kind of the turning point of the match.

"That was a pivotal match right there," Corse said. "Even though we were down 4-3 when the doubles finished, it was almost a lift up to us because it gave us a girls win that we know we needed to have."

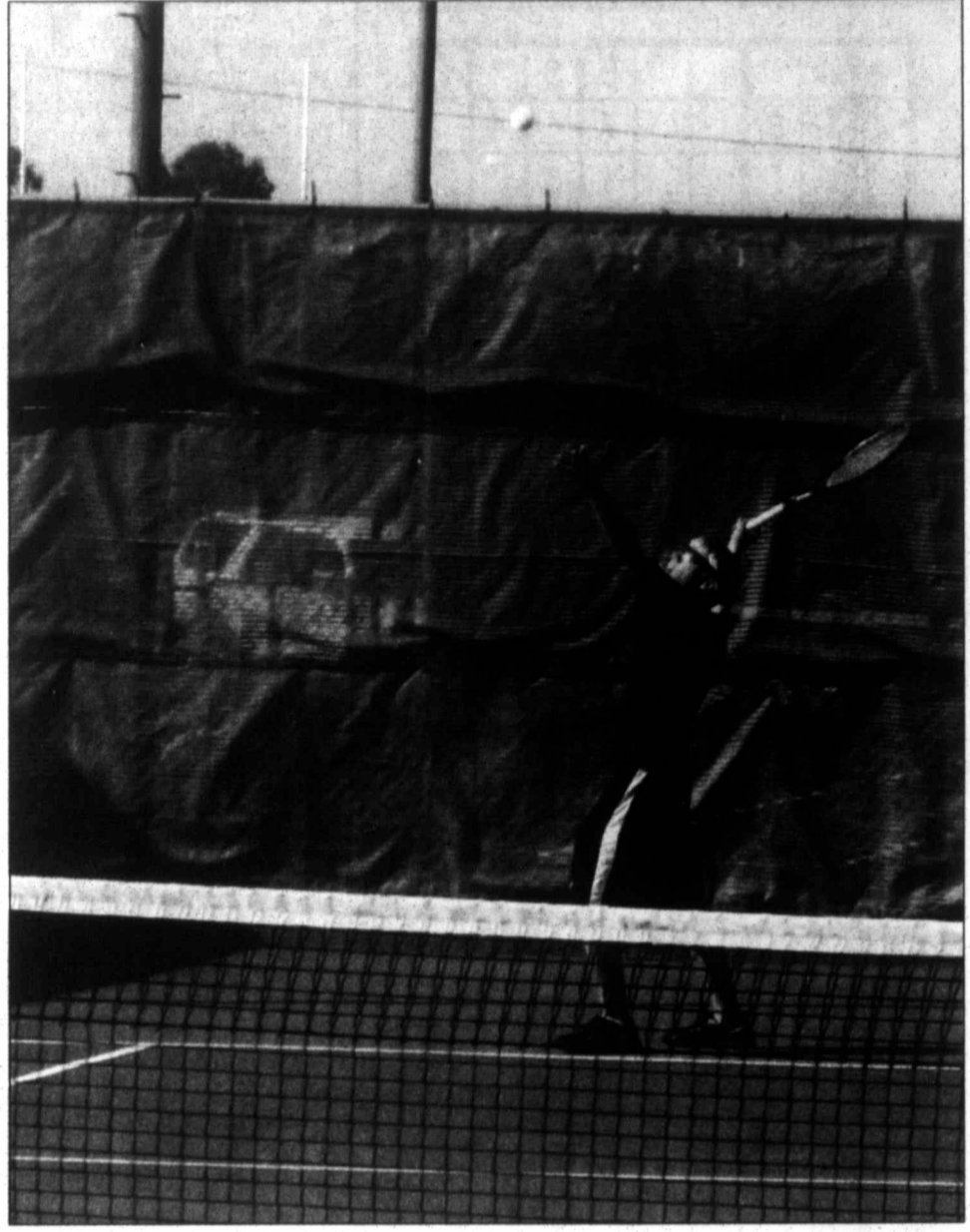
Hampton said her and Gage stayed calm to pull out the victory.

"We both knew that we would be fine," Hampton said. "We worked together so we could pull it out."

Sophomore Nick Nelson clinched the victory for the Harvesters with a 6-4 and 7-5 singles victory. Pampa went 9-3 in singles. On the girls side, Hampton had to pull out a lengthy match victory 6-0, 6-6, and 7-5. Hampton said she had to look inward to pull it out.

"I just used my inner strength," Hampton said.

The Harvesters play two matches in Lubbock starting at 9 a.m. Saturday against Big Spring and Andrews.



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Nick Nelson throws up a ball for a serve Tuesday against Plainview at Pampa. Nelson's singles victory helped clinch a 12-7 victory for the Harvesters.

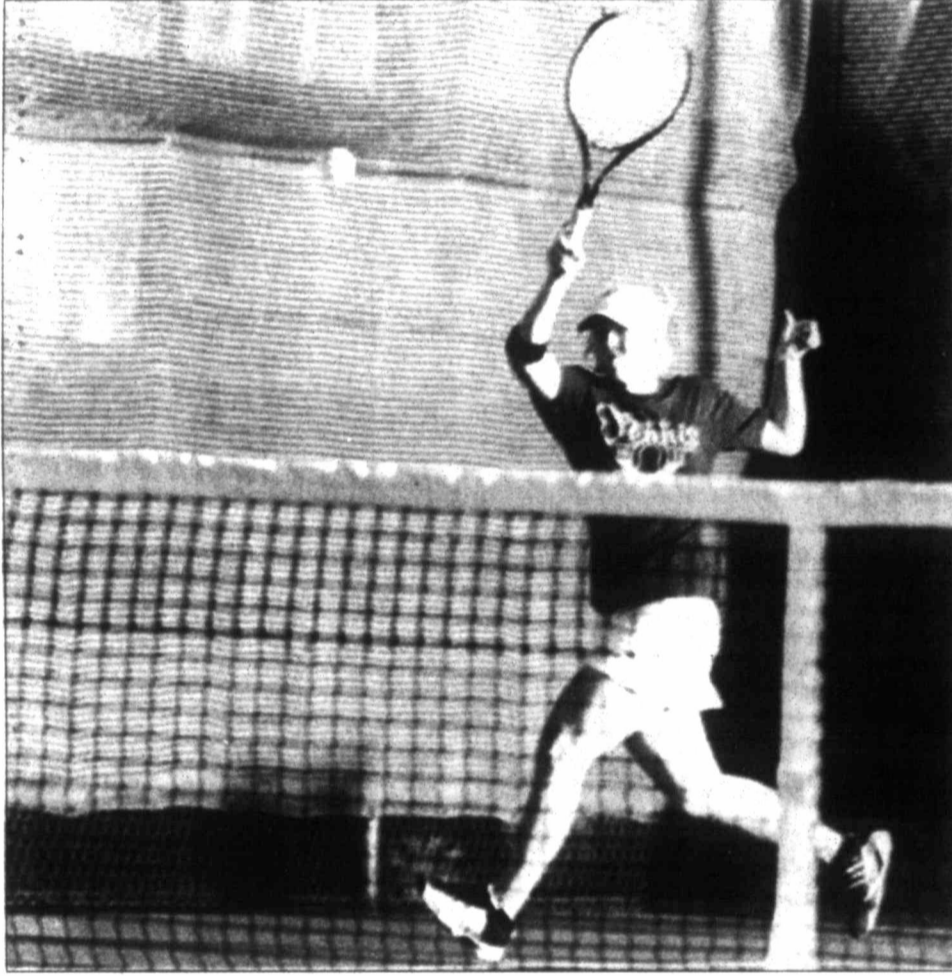


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Holly Gage chases down a ball Tuesday against Plainview at Pampa. Gage won both her doubles and singles matches as Pampa defeated Plainview 12-7.

Volleyball falls to AHS, Tascosa

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters couldn't continue their winning ways as they lost two matches to No. 11 Amarillo High School Lady Sandies (27-29, 13-25, 25-22 and 13-25) and No. 16 Amarillo Tascosa Lady Rebels (9-25, 11-25, 26-24, 16-25) Tuesday in Amarillo.

Head coach Libby Garza said even though they lost they did take steps forward.

"Most of those (AHS and ATHS) girls are some of the top volleyball recruits in the nation," Garza said.

The Lady Harvesters visit Lubbock High Tuesday in Lubbock. Statistics for the Lady Harvesters from the two matches were unavailable as of press time.

Check out Thursday's sports page for Week 3 Gridiron previews

Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens 2010 Trail Ride



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