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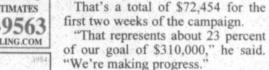
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Kenny Rigoulot, vice chairperson

for the Pampa United Way campaign

this year, said at the organization's

second check-in meeting this year.

that the campaign is almost a quarter

"We have had a really good day,"

Last week, he said, the campaign

"Today," Rigoulot said, "we got

reported about \$41,000 in collection

of the way to its goal.

Rigoulot said.

and pledges.

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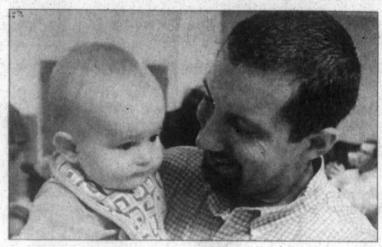
He said the campaign had a few more weeks to go in order to make that goal.

"We need to let everybody know what United Way is doing and how it is benefiting our community." Rigoulot said. "Once they know that, "I'm sure they're going to want to be a part of it and be a part of it in a big way."

Rigoulot said the loaned executives, volunteers and representatives from agencies involved with the United Way are all doing their best to stand united with the folks in Pampa to make it a better place to live.

"They truly are a blessing," he said.

Lunch Tuesday was sponsored UNITED cont. on page 3



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Kenny Rigoulot, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church and vice chairman of this year's United Way Campaign, holds his son, Grayson, following Tuesday's campaign luncheon.

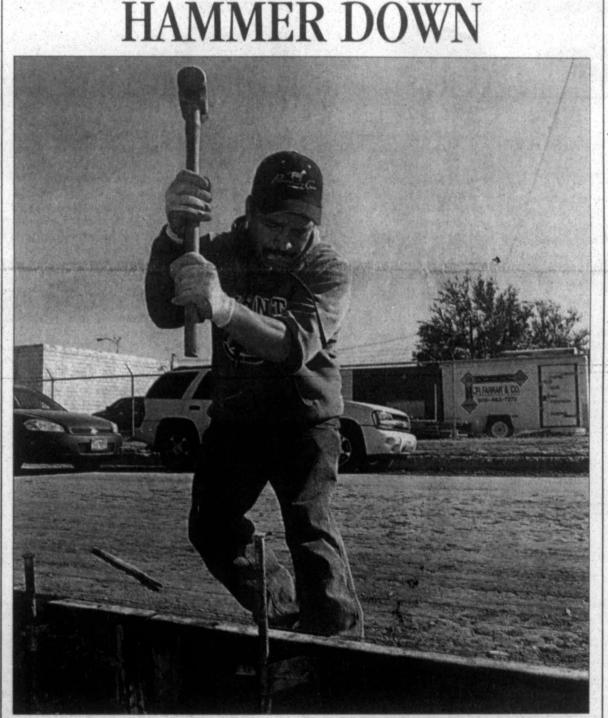


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Electronic poll books

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new for '10

Gray County Election Administrator Linda Lewis is excited about her new hardware.

> Electronic poll books, which will be used Gray in

staff photo by David Bowser

Salvador Ovaras of Ruben's Concrete hammers a form into place today as they prepare to pour concrete curbing in the 200 block of North Dwight, next to the new Hampton Village Addition.

County for first the time during next week's early voting session, will hope-

fully help expedite the voting process and give the election office faster statistical output, Lewis said.

"The new poll books, which are like little Netbooks, will be able to scan barcodes on people's registration cards," she said. "I think that it's going to make it a little quicker for people. We're looking forward to a little bit less of a line.'

The easier, faster procedure is going to be beneficial in Gray County, which, according to Lewis, usually has as many voters come in during early voting as during Election Day.

The new poll books will also report real time voting numbers to the election database, Lewis said. No actual votes for candidates will be tallied, but exact voter turnout numbers will be available to the election office as the voters come in.

The transition to the electronic BOOKS cont. on page 3

PISD, Haenisch pledge to 'Make Education a Priority'

ARNIE AURELLANO editor@thepampanews.com

With Texas facing a stark reality of financial cutbacks after its 2011 legislative session, the Pampa Independent School District is banding together with other state school districts to remind legislators of the importance of a good education.

The PISD is announcing that it adopted a resolution in late September to encourage state legislators to work with local school board members in prioritizing education.

In doing so, the PISD has effectively joined "Make Education a Priority," started by the Aledo Independent School District Board of Trustees in north central Texas. The



Haenisch

boards and school districts across the state to remind legislators to keep education a priority - a sincere priority," Haenisch said. "We're being told every day that there's

going to be a \$21 billion shortfall going into

campaign, launched by the Aledo Independent School District Board of Trustees in north central Texas, involves a broad coalition of school districts (112 as of Tuesday) in sending a message to state lawmakers.

"It's kind of a unified effort by many school

legislators to be aware of the importance of education for our kids." No formal proposals have as yet been made

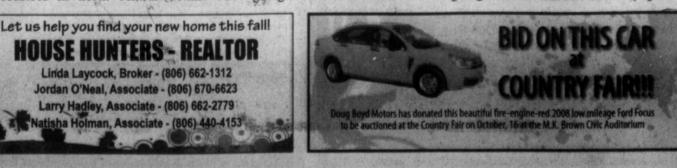
this legislative session. We're calling for our

public regarding slashing educational funds, although Haenisch said that some potential scenarios could be bleak.

"There have been plans from individual legislators and some of them run pretty deep," Haenisch said.

Haenisch emphasized that the "Make Education a Priority" campaign seeks to maintain a respectful line of communication with the legislature in voicing their concerns about state education.

"We've pledged to work cooperatively with PRIORITY cont. on page 3



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PAMPA FORECAST

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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High 79	High 83	High 81
Low 47	Low 48	Low 48

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 42. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 79. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Clear, with a low around 47. South southwest wind around 10 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 83. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48. South wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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Obituaries

Luis Abraham "Lunatic Lou" Martinez, 33

Luis Abraham "Lunatic Lou" Martinez, 33, died October 11, 2010, in Carson County

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Fund wife Becky, and Eca Martinez and wife Christi, all neral Directors.

Mr. Martinez was born June 30, 1977, in Groom. He was a lifelong resident of Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School in 1996. He received an Associate's degree in 1999 from The Bryman School of Arizona in Phoenix, Ariz. He married Lidia Cruz on June 19, 2010, in Pampa. He worked in the oilfield as a derrick hand, and was currently employed as a surgical technician at Golden Plains

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department

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

Police reported 10 trafficrelated calls and two accidents

Animal Control Officers reported 16 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported six ambulance calls. The Pampa Fire Department reported three medical calls.

Tuesday, Oct. 12 Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of East Francis.

An alarm was reported

in the 800 block of South Cuyler. A theft was reported in the 800 block of West 25th.

of West Oklahoma. An assault was reported in the 100 block of 30th. The burglary of a motor block of North Williston.

vehicle was reported to police. A theft was reported in the 400 block of West Fos-

ter Criminal mischief was reported in the 1300 block

of North Aspen.

Price.

A theft was reported to tersection of Lefors and

Survivors include his wife, Lidia Martinez of the home; three sons, Ismael Martinez, Luis Martinez, and Jesus

Hospital in Borger. Luis was a member of the Faith Tab-

ernacle in Pampa.

police.

Henry.

30th.

Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 400 block

A domestic disturbance

A suspicious person was

An assault was reported

A suspicious vehicle was

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Martinez, all of the home; his parents, Ramon and Maria Martinez of Amarillo; two brothers, James Martinez

of Amarillo; a sister, Ramona Ybarra and husband Eduardo of Amarillo; his maternal grandmother, Elisa Cortez of Weslaco; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Luis was preceded in death by his grandfather, Pantalen Cortez.

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

Browning.

City crews shut off the water in the 2200 block of North Sumner.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of South Sumner and in the 200 block of South Miami.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrest for the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Oct. 12

Jaime Sanchez-Pina, 32, was arrested by police on charges of assault causing bodily injury.

Gates: Ending DADT would have consequences

WASHINGTON (AP) -Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Wednesday that abruptly ending the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy as a federal judge has ordered would have enormous consequences.

A day after a judge in California ordered the Pentagon to cease enforcement of its policy barring gays from openly serving in the military, Gates told reporters traveling with him to

Brussels that the question

of whether to repeal the law

should be decided by Con-

gress, and done only after

the Pentagon completes its

"I feel strongly this is an

action that needs to be taken

by the Congress and that it is an action that requires care-

ful preparation, and a lot of

training," said Gates. "It has

study of the issue.

ert Gibbs said Wednesday. Yet, the battle in the courts over gays in the military may not be over. The Justice Department is considering whether to appeal the court ruling and its first response may well be another trip to the courtroom of U.S. District Judge Virginia Phillips

in Riverside, Calif., to seek a

stay, or temporary freeze, of

down the request, the Justice Department would likely turn to the federal appeals court in California. It was unclear whether

her ruling. If Phillips turns

Phillips' injunction against the 17-year-old policy on gays in the military would affect any ongoing cases.

If the government does appeal, that would put the Obama administration in the position of continuing to defend a law it opposes.

Gay rights groups warned gay troops not to disclose their identity for now. Aaror Tax, the legal director for the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, said he expects the Justice Department to appeal the case to the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals

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enormous consequences for óur troops. The defense secretary said that besides the changes in Fetch your copy of training, regulations will The Pampa News need revisions and changes may be necessary to benefits and Defense Department buildings.

The White House said time is running out for the . ban on gays serving openly. "This is a policy that is going to end," spokesman Rob-

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Dyer drops out of race

IOWA PARK (AP) - An Iowa Park man who has suspended his independent bid for Congress says he apparently is ineligible after voting in the March GOP primary

Keith Dyer ceased campaigning Tuesday, but his name will remain on the Nov. 2 ballot for U.S. House District 13.

Secretary of State's Office spokesman Randall Dillard says the deadline to remove a name from the ballot was Aug. 20.

Dyer says his office received an e-mail Tuesday from holding extensive prepathe elections agency in response to a question about his eligibility. The agency's website says an independent candidate may have his or her name added to the general election ballot if he or she is not affiliated with a political party

The Wichita Falls Times Record News reports GOP Rep. sessions all through early Mac Thornberry of Clarendon says he called Dyer about the issue last week.

Court considers ballot dispute

AUSTIN (AP)- The Texas Supreme Court has been asked to allow a challenge to the Travis County electronic voting system to proceed.

The 2006 lawsuit by the Texas Civil Rights Project **Priority** also names the secretary of state's office.

The Austin American-Statesman, for its Wednesday editions, reported the suit alleges the electronic system violates state law because it does not produce paper ballots, so voters have no way of knowing whether their picks are properly recorded.

Appeals lawyer Kristofer Monson, representing Secretary of State Hope Andrade, says voters cannot show they have been harmed and the lawsuit should be dismissed.

Attorney Timothy Herman, for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, says a paper record is necessary to protect voting rights.

The high court did not immediately rule Tuesday.

Commissioner debate tonight

AUSTIN (AP) - State Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson and Democratic challenger Hector Uribe will face off in debate in Austin.

The Wednesday night debate will be at St. Edward's University and will be hosted by the university's School of Humanities.

The Republican Patterson is seeking a third term while fellow former state senator Uribe is running for statewide office for the first time.

Chopper crashes in Newton Co.

NEWTON (AP) - The sheriff of Newton County says a man on the ground has been hurt after a a helicopter used for spraying herbicide crashed during takeoff.

Sheriff Joe Walker told KFDM-TV that the accident happened Wednesday morning when a refueling hose apparently was still attached to the helicopter as it tried to lift off north of Newton, about 140 miles northeast of

poll books represents a philosophical change of sorts for the early voting

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period, which had seen a more traditional process than on Election Day itself. Paper ballots, for example, are still used during early voting, as opposed to the polling machines used in November.

The election office is rations with the new poll books to familiarize its volunteer staff with the equipment.

"We're having training voting hands-on," said Lewis. "We're going to be training all our judges and clerks as they're watching the voting go through. We'll be pretty prepared for it."

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legislators," said the Haenisch. "We are pledging our support to the legislature to help them hopefully fix a broken system.

Haenisch said that the current structure of funding Texas public schools has proven to be inefficient. In a statement released on Tuesday, the PISD cited House Bill 1, enacted in 2006, in creating a funding problem for Texas schools by cutting property taxes by one third without creating a new stream of revenue to make up the difference.

The result, the PISD said, is that over half the school districts in Texas are forced to use money from their fund balances for daily operating costs. With the state faced with more possible budget cuts to the educational system, the state's schools might be facing an exacerbated long-term threat.

Haenisch said that the PISD recently sent a letter to Texas Rep. Warren Chisum and Texas Sen. Robert Duncan asking for a reexamination of the current system. He added that PISD Board of Trustees will likely be taking a more proactive stance when the state legislative session convenes in the new year. "This board will be a little more actively involved in this legislative session," he said. "We are committed to keeping education a priority for our legislators. We're going to communicate our concerns to them, and my job is going to be to keep the board informed.' For more on the state Texas education, of see Barry Haenisch's "County Class" column in VIEWPOINTS, page 4.

Just the Facts, Ma'am



MATTHEW "UNCLE MATTY" MARGOLIS Creator's Syndicate

There is nothing as deceptive as an obvious fact. - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

People always give themselves away. In my many years as a dog trainer, I've learned to look and listen for the clues.

These little nuggets of truth are dropped in letters or in conversation or even in body language.

Thinking about them after, a brow will often rise. They are that shot of pepper spray with green dye that lights up the perpetrator for identification purposes. In this case, the dye spells "denial."

"My 3-year-old Lab-Chow mix, "Scooter," attended puppy obedience class when he was younger and was kicked out for being unruly. Since then, two trainers have labeled him a hopeless case. I am very patient with him.

I take him for 30-minute walks or runs every day. He is great off-leash and knows all the basic commands. - stay, OK, sit, down, here, leave it, back up, your bed, off. He also plays well with other dogs and adores humans.

"The problem started with food aggression. He began growling if we walked by him or looked at him while he was eating. I have broken him of this habit. Scooter now will wait for my command to eat and will back up if I ask him to, although he still gets tense.

"At this point, his mood swings are the biggest problem. My boyfriend and I know the signs — ears back, refusal to make eye contact, head down — and leave him alone. If he growls at us, we grab the fur on the back of his neck and hold him until he lies down with one of us directly on top of him. He shakes and growls

for about 10 minutes and then submits into a good mood again. He has responded well to our training.

"The one thing we cannot break him of is how he is around other people. He has bitten my mom, my boyfriend's mom, two friends and my boyfriend.

'All of these attacks were in times of stress: Twice he was turned over on his back and someone reached down to pet him; once was when he was barking at another dog and someone touched his rear; once was when my friends stopped by when I was not home and came inside; once was when someone picked up food out of his bowl as he was eating. Please advise."

The obvious fact: Scooter is an aggressive dog who requires professional training. His unpredictable nature makes him a danger to others.

Where the facts don't add up, though, is here: Scooter doesn't adore humans, at least not consistently. He is mistrustful of their intentions; he is fearful; he is overly territorial. Indeed, he will bite the hand that feeds him.

Further, Scooter has not responded well to their training. And it's hard to blame him. Lying on top of a dog is an act of dominance, not training.

Personally, I consider it animal abuse. But whatever you call it, it isn't helping, and Scooter isn't responding. He's biting people.

Scooter has a serious problem with aggression. I would never advise a dog owner to attempt to tackle a problem like this without handson professional guidance. This isn't something that can be cured in a letter. Someone (else) could get hurt. Woof!

Dog trainer Matthew "Uncle Matty" Margolis is co-author of 18 books about dogs, a behaviorist, a popular radio and television guest, and host of the PBS series "WOOF! It's a Dog's Life!



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Walker says the helicopter blade struck the victim, who was transported to Christus Jasper Memorial Hospital in Jasper. His name and condition were not immediately released.

Walker had no details on the fate of the pilot.

Walker says the helicopter is used to spray herbicide? on forest properties and a refueling truck apparently was used.

Newton is about 10 miles west of the Texas-Louisiana border.

Soldier sentenced to 35 years

BELTON (AP) - A jury in Belton has ordered life in prison for a Fort Hood soldier convicted in the shooting death of a homeless man.

Jurors late Tuesday decided the penalty for 23-year-old Spc. Jared Lee Bottorff.

The case involves the August 2009 slaying of 36-year-old Dan Smith Jr. after a party at Bottorff's house in Killeen. Investigators say Smith had hitched a ride with Bottorff.

Attorneys for Bottorff claimed the shooting was self defense. Bottorff was convicted early Saturday of murder.

Bottorff's soldier roommate, Spc. Philip James Thomas, was charged with tampering with physical evidence.

Texas woman US citizen at 101

BROWNSVILLE (AP) - A South Texas woman marked the 101st anniversary of her arrival in the United States as an infant by finally becoming a citizen of her adopted homeland.

Eulalia Garcia-Maturey took the oath of allegiance Tuesday from a federal magistrate in Brownsville on during a special naturalization ceremony administered by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

The agency says Garcia-Maturey was born in Mexico on Feb. 12, 1909, and arrived in Brownsville with her parents on Oct. 12, 1909. She has lived there ever since, raising two children.

Her family says part of the reason Garcia-Maturey waited so long to take the oath was her husband, who died in 1982, didn't want her to.

Pantex among sites honored

AMARILLO (AP) - A U.S. Department of Energy agency has named Pantex, the country's only nuclear weapons assembly and disassembly plant, as one of five U.S. sites honored for pollution prevention and environmental excellence.

A National Nuclear Security Administration statement Tuesday said employees at Pantex, near Amarillo, came up with ideas that helped save the plant 18 million gallons of water last fiscal year.

Also named to receive awards were New Mexico's Los Alamos National Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratories. The Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, Tenn., and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California also received awards.

The agency giving the awards is semiautonomous within the DOE.

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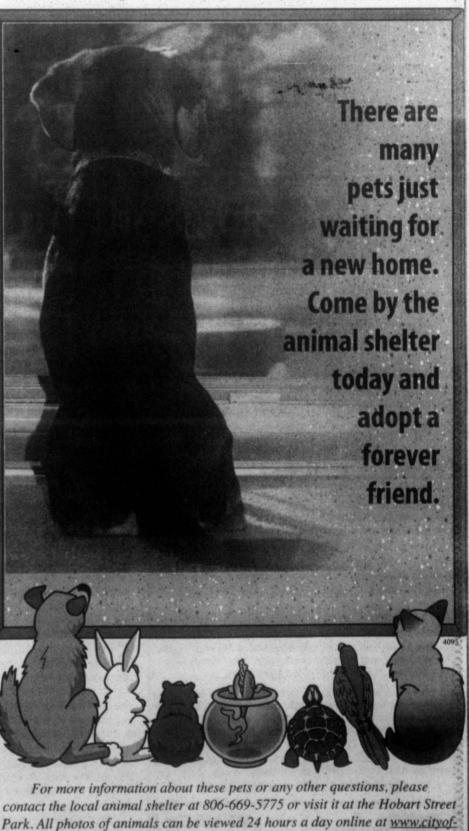
by Pampa Meals on Wheels, The Bridge, Texas Panhandle MHMR, Gray County Latch Key American Pastoral and Counseling.

Next week, the United Way will be meeting in the Nona Payne Room of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Building.



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Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 6, the 279th day of 2010. There are 86 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 6, 1927, the era of talking pictures arrived with the opening of "The Jazz Singer," starring Al Jolson.

On this date:

In 1683, thirteen families from Krefeld, Germany, arrived in Philadelphia to begin Germantown, one of America's oldest settlements.

In 1939, as remaining military resistance in Poland crumbled, Adolf Hitler blamed the Poles for the Nazi-Soviet invasion of their country.

In 1949, President Harry S. Truman signed the Mutual Defense Assistance Act, providing \$1.3 billion in military aid to NATO countries.

In 1958, the nuclear submarine USS Seawolf surfaced after spending 60 days submerged.

In 1960, the historical drama "Spartacus," starring Kirk Douglas and directed by Stanley Kubrick, had its world premiere in New York.

In 1973, war erupted in the Middle East as Egypt and Syria attacked Israel during the Yom Kippur holiday.

In 1979, Pope John Paul II, on a week-long U.S. tour, became the first pontiff to visit the White House, where he was received by President Jimmy Carter.

In 1981, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was shot to death by extremists while reviewing a military parade.

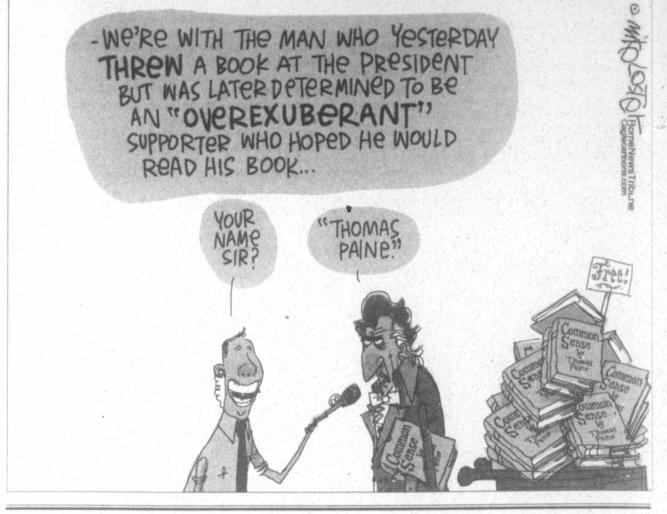
Ten years ago: Slobodan Milosevic finally conceded defeat to Vojislav Kostunica in Yugoslavia's presidential elections, a day after protesters stormed parliament and ended his 13-year autocratic regime.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush sought to rally flagging public support for the war in Iraq, accusing militants of seeking to establish a "radical Islamic empire" with Iraq as the base.

One year ago: President Barack Obama said al-Qaida had "lost operational capacity" in Afghanistan after a series of military setbacks and vowed to continue the battle to cripple the terror organization. Americans Charles K. Kao, Willard S. Boyle and George E. Smith won the Nobel Prize in physics.

Today's Birthdays: Broadcaster and writer Melvyn Bragg is 71. Actress Britt Ekland is 68. Singer Millie Small is 64. The president of Sinn Fein, Gerry Adams, is 62. Singer-musician Thomas McClary is 61. CBS chief executive officer Les Moonves is 61. Rock singer Kevin Cronin (REO Speedwagon) is 59. Rock singer-musician David Hidalgo (Los Lobos) is 56. Former NFL coach Tony Dungy is 55. Actress Elisabeth Shue is 47. Singer Matthew Sweet is 46. Actress Jacqueline Obradors is 44. Rock musician Tommy Stinson is 44. Actress Amy Jo Johnson is 40. Actress Emily Mortimer is 39. Actor Ioan Gruffudd is 37. Actor Jeremy Sisto 15 36 Thought for Today: "The most exciting attractions are between two opposites that never meet." Andy Warhol, American painter (1928-1987).

- WE'RE WITH THE MAN WHO YESTERDAY THREW A BOOK AT THE PRESIDENT BUT WAS LATER DETERMINED TO BE AN "OVEREX UBERANT" SUPPORTER WHO HOPED HE WOULD READ HIS BOOK ...



State's school funding mess needs fixing

I have often heard the old saying, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." Over time I have come to understand that it means if things are working well, leave them alone -don't go messing around with them. Quite often I have found it to be good advice.

During the next few months, many of you may hear quite a bit about the school finance system used in Texas to pay for our children's education. The system used by the state of Texas is called Target Revenue, and the system has its critics. The concept is easy. How much did the local school district spend per student to educate children in their schools in 2005-2006? The amount spent per student is the amount the local school district will get each year in the future. The Target Revenue ranges from \$3,900 per student in some schools to over \$13,000 per student in others. As the Texas legislature prepares to meet in January, 2011, they will be encouraged by many to re-examine their system for financing schools. The re-examination will be requested because of the financial hardship that the Target Revenue system places on school districts. The system does not provide for budget strains due to inflation and increased costs. As any family is aware, the purchasing power of the dollar seems to shrink each year, and this is no different for school districts. Increased costs require a new finance system that will better meet the needs of school children. The Target Revenue system creates inequities in schools, also. There are

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certain groups of students whose education is costlier than others. Those with disabilities (whether physical or mental), those who come to school without mastery of the English language, and those who live

needs that exceed those of the other students in our schools, yet the sys-

tional \$1.25 million each year would improve opportunities for every student in school!

How does Pampa's Target Revenue compare to our neighbors? According to a Texas Education Agency report, this year the Target Revenue amount for the Lefors ISD is \$8,144, White Deer's Target Revenue is \$6,081, Canadian has a Target Revenue of \$6,604, and in Miami it is \$8,415. To make a point of the difference in funding, for instance, the funding gap between the Pampa ISD and Miami ISD is \$3,263 per student per year. If Pampa's students were funded at the level of Miami's students, Pampa schools would have an additional \$13,704,600 per year to spend on their education! The purpose of the comparison is not to imply that Miami's students are over funded. My point is that Pampa's children deserve all of the opportunities that Miami's students get because of their larger Target Revenue amount. Pampa's students are held to the same high TAKS standards established by The Texas Education Agency as are Miami's students. Equal funding to reach the lofty TEA goals would give Pampa's students and Miami's students equal footing in the "race to the top"!



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tem makes no provision for these children. If all of our children are to be provided with a fair chance to blossom to their full potential, a new finance system to serve the children of our state is needed.

The average Target Revenue in our state is about \$5,450 per student per year. In the Pampa ISD it is \$5,152. What would it mean to your children if the Pampa schools were funded at the state average? It would mean a bit over \$1.25 million per year in revenue. What could be done with the additional revenue? The list is endless, but a few are reduced elementary class sizes, a full vocational program provided to high school students, and additional support offered to the struggling students. An addi-

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it", but when it is "broke", fix it! It is time to fix the school funding mess in Texas.

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E. y Haenisch is the Superintendent of the Parnpa Independent School District.

Time to stop the bleeding in Afghanistan

Are you aware that America has now been at war for nearly a decade? We've been fighting, bleeding and dying in two hellacious, multitrilliondollar conflagrations since 2001 ---and our blood continues to flow, with no end in sight.

Well, not our blood. Not yours and mine. We continue to go about our daily routines - go to work, go to the mall, go out to eat, go golfing, go to church, go on vacation, go dancing and drinking. War? Americans will pay far more attention to the World Series than they will to the ongoing carnage in Afghanistan and Iraq.

In a little-noticed speech, Pentagon chief Robert Gates recently pointed out, "For most Americans, the wars remain an abstraction - a distant and unpleasant series of news items that do not affect them personally."

"Service in the military," he bluntly said, "has become something for other people to do."

He's right. You see, "we" are not at war. We handed off that awful duty a decade ago to the 2.4 million active and reserve soldiers in the armed services, less than 1 percent of our nation's people. They and their families are the ones "at war," cycled and recycled into debilitating and deadly deployments.

'We the People" are not even making the minimal sacrifice of paying for the burden we've so carelessly stacked on their shoulders. Both the Bush regime and the Obamacans, fully backed by both Republican and Democratic Congresses of the past



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national credit card, piling up trillions of dollars in debt for future generations to cover.

The widening disconbetween nect Americans and America's wars

is not only dangerous for our democracy, but it's immoral, allowing politicians and corporate profiteers to sink our national soul in the diabolical depths of perpetual war.

Speaking of perpetual war, what the hell are we doing in Afghanistan, anyway? Ten years at war there, and what progress have we made?

According to Washington's war hawks, we're there to win the hearts and minds of the Afghan people.

Key to this-strategy, we're told, is to establish the legitimacy of the central government, led by the famously incompetent, vain, arrogant, aloof and corrupt President Hamid Karzai. And how's that going?

Well, at least they pulled off a national parliamentary election on Sept. 18. It was meant to show democratic progress, thus bolstering the stability and credibility of the government. Unfortunately, there were some unpleasant incidents during the balloting. Beaucoup unpleasantness. More than 4,000 cases of electioncering fraud have poured into the Election Complaints Commission with nearly 60 percent of them considered gross enough to have affected the outcome.

"How gross?" you ask? In Kandahar Province, where the president's brother, Ahmed Wali Karzai, rules as an autocratic strongman. some 50 parliamentary seats were being contested. Amazingly, the list of winners were all from the Karzai political faction, and - get this Ahmed Wali had the list of winners in his hands before the election!

In a third of the provinces, the fraud was blatant and widespread. A cell phone video, for example, caught officials in one district polling place haggling with a candidate over the price of buying votes. In another district, local police handcuffed and removed three groups of election workers from their polling places, then presented the "results" for them to sign at the end of the day. In a northern province, gunmen slapped, dragged and otherwise coerced people to go to polling places and vote for the gunmen's candidate.

This so-called election shows that there's nothing legitimate about Karzai's government - and nothing legitimate about America's involvement in Afghanistan. It's time to get out of there!

Jim Hightower is a syndicated columnist, populist activist and author. He also writes a monthly newsletter "The Hightower Lowdown," which has more than 125,000 subscribers



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Oct. 14, 2010:

This year, you change gears often as you experiment with different styles in your personal life. If you are attached, the more extroverted you are, the more threatened a partner could become. Learn how to create greater security between the two of you. If you are single, you are extremely magnetic and attract people. Settling in might not happen that easily. You might become extremely assertive about making money this year. Use your energy well. Pick and choose where you place it. CAPRICORN understands you well. 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)

 $\star \star \star$ Take a stand and be direct with your dealings. You might be going to extremes in a key relationship or partnership. You find conflicting opinions difficult to deal with. Honor your feelings, and don't give away too much of yourself. Tonight: Out late. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Keep reaching out for others, knowing full well what needs to occur. You see yourself developing a different attitude. with those you deal with on a daily level. Others respect your innate sense of what works. A meeting proves to be provocative

and opens up many options. Tonight: Make anything possible. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

 \star could be exhausting but absolutely necessary. Recognize your limits while getting as much accomplished as possible. You need to work through unusual stress. Tonight: Chat with a friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Defer to others, knowing your limits. Understanding evolves when dealing with others. You might not like a family member's attitude. You have to deal with a difficult person, whether you like it or not, Be open to possibilities. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** The Lion roars as he tries to complete his work. There are times when you feel as if you have had enough and it is time for some R and R. You will want to get through a project quickly and efficiently. Tonight: Working your tail off!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Creativity feeds the soul, especially right now. Understand what is happening behind the scenes with a child or loved

one. This person might not be telling you the whole story. You might feel that you got a distorted tale when the facts come out. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** You could be inordinately hung up on a personal matter. You wonder about the hows and whys of the situation. Actually, you might have more of a problem isolating certain details than you realize. Pressure builds as a result, encouraging you to view life through new eyes. Tonight: Decide what you don't enjoy doing. Say "no" to just that! SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** You could be picking up a lot of strange information. Others make strong statements, and you might wonder which way to go with an opportunity. If you think someone is being deceptive, he or she probably is. Tonight: Easy works.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Your focus is on handling a money manner. Be sure of one thing: Others have very different ideas, especially involving your funds and finances. Rest assured, you will find the right path. Tonight: Pay bills first.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You are still a force to behold and are extremely lively. You will see situations a lot differently from many, and are not afraid of hard work or responsibility. Imagine the possibilities more openly, and rest assured you will head in the right direction. Tonight: On top of your game. AQUAR-IUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Much is still going on behind the scenes. You could be questioning the pros and cons at the moment. You are often lightheaded, though you could be restricting yourself from certain possibilities. Tonight: Reach out for the impossible ... don't just think about it.

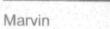
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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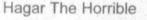
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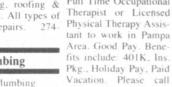
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Rangerettes fight, No. 15 Lady Harvesters victorious

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There's that saying "that nothing is handed to you." The No. 15 Lady Harvesters didn't have their match against the Perryton Rangerettes handed to them, as they lost the first game but won the next three (19-25, 25-19, 25-10, 25-21) to stay unbeaten in district Tuesday in Perryton. Head coach Libby Garza said she was pleased with how they finished the match but not so pleased with their play during the match.

"We weren't mentally prepared for this game," Garza said. "We were coming in thinking we already had the win. Again, we did a good job of finishing when we were down, which is a good feeling to have but at the same time we've got to stop doing that and start fast."

- Junior Alanna Stephens said they weren't playing together early in the match.

"We weren't playing like we usually do," Stephens said. "We just talked a lot. When we don't talk we don't mesh together. When we talk it's like we are a team again."

In the first game, the teams played within two early and then the Lady Harvesters scored the next three points to take a 7-3 lead. The Rangerettes outscored Pampa 10-4 and took the lead 13-11. Pampa took the lead one more time scoring the next three points. It would be back and forth until Perryton scored the final six points to take the game.

At the start of the second game, neither team put together a run longer than three. With the score tied at eight, the Lady Harvesters took control with a 7-0 run. Pampa didn't allow their lead to get smaller than five and evened things up.

The Lady Harvesters jumped out quickly in the third game to a 5-1 lead. The Rangerettes scored the next two points to get within two, but that's as close as they would get. Pampa outscored Perryton 9-3 and took a 14-6 lead. The Rangerettes took a timeout trailing 16-7 but it didn't stop Pampa as they outscored Perryton 9-3 the rest of the game.

The fourth game started as a back-andforth battle until Perryton pulled out to a 13-9 lead. Pampa went on a 6-3 run with junior Kailyn Troxell scoring four kills.

The Rangerettes went on a 4-1 run to expand their lead to 20-16 prompting a timeout by Garza.

Junior Ramie Hutto said Garza told them they needed to finish.

"She told us to pretty much pull our heads out," Hutto said.

Hutto, who sprained her ankle in practice came to life, scoring six of Pampa's next eight points. Junior Kirsten Kuhn scored the kill to clinch the match. Hutto led the team in kills with 12, Troxell and junior Delaney Clendening followed with 10. Junior Caitlin Sieck led the team in blocks with two and senior Taryn Eubank had one. Kuhn led the team in digs with 44 and Eubank had 15. Eubank led the team in assists with 40. Kuhn led the team in serve aces with two and Stephens had one.

Garza said the girls aren't used to being at the top and said they will need to come out strong in the final third of district.

"We're learning as a team that we need to come together more than ever now," Garza said. "Our focus needs to be getting better on our side and keep finding ways to put the ball away."

The junior varsity (14-11, 6-0) swept Perryton 25-10 and 25-16. Coach Braydon Barker said they have played well.

"They have played with high intensity," Barker said. "We have nice momentum going with our seventh win in a row."

The Lady Harvesters (25-11, 6-0) play Borger for the final time this season Tuesday in Borger with the junior varsity starting at five. Garza said the extra time will be nice.

"I'm hoping the girls are going to be hungry," Garza said. "We're going to hit it hard and finish strong."

District 1-3A volleyball standings

Team	DW DL	D%	W	L	W%
Pampa	6 0	1.000	25	11	0.894-y
Dalhart	4 2	0.667	23	15	0.605
Borger	1 4	0.200	16	12	0.571
·Perryton	0 5	0.000	12	17	0.414

y=clinched playoff spot

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Glover **Kirsten Kuhn makes** a pass Tuesday against Perryton in Perryton. The Lady Harvesters won in four games and move to 6-0 in district and have won seven straight. Pampa is two wins away from clinching the District 1-3A title. The Lady Harvesters

next game is 6 p.m. at Borger for their last match against the Lady Bulldogs.

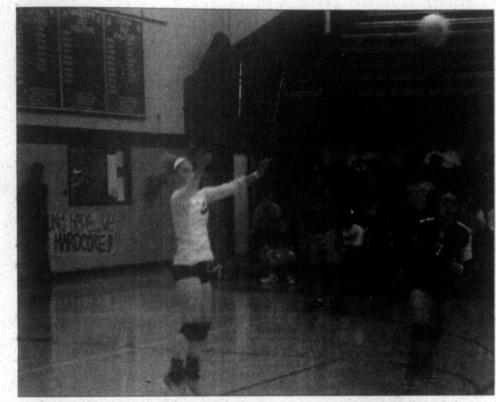
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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: How do I get out of an affair that has been going on for two years? I started it at a bad time in my life - fights with my husband, the pressure of having three young kids, and a business we coowned that was in financial difficulty. I know what I did was wrong. My husband doesn't know, and I don't think he suspects.

I'm afraid if I end the affair, I will get blackmailed or found out. My lover refuses to end it. He wants me and thinks he can treat me better than my husband. Any advice? - STUCK IN HOT TEXAS

DEAR STUCK: Just this. A man who "refuses to end it" and implies that he would blackmail or betray you is not someone you would ever want to spend your life with. It's time to tell your husband everything -- that you deeply regret what you have done, why it happened, that you want to heal your marriage and be free of this barnacle who refuses to let go. The longer you wait, the more difficult it will be. Do it now.

DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Marissa," and I are expecting our first child. My sister "Patti" has a little boy whom we all love and adore. When Patti learned that we're having a girl, she said we don't "deserve" to have one because she has always wanted a daughter. Then Marissa added fuel to the fire with a few well-chosen remarks of her own that she shared with friends and neighbors.

I just want all of this to stop and I don't know how to accomplish it. I'm upset with Patti for her behavior, and sad that my wife and sister are at odds. This is hurting everyone in the family. What should I do? STRESSED-OUT DAD-TO-BE

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STRESSED DEAR

OUT: Everyone needs to just calm down. Your wife and sister need to apologize to each other. Patti may have been joking when she said you don't deserve to have a baby girl. What she may have meant -- and overstated -- was that she was experiencing a twinge of jealousy.

Suggest to Marissa that your sister shouldn't have been taken literally, and that she apologize to Patti for "snapping." Ditto for your sister for her tactlessness. Then remind your sister that we don't live in a country with a one-child policy. If she wants to try for a daughter, she is free to do so, and in the meantime, she'll have a sweet little niece to spoil.

DEAR ABBY: My family moved to a new state last year. While there have been ups and downs, one of the things I miss most is my pets. Before we moved, we

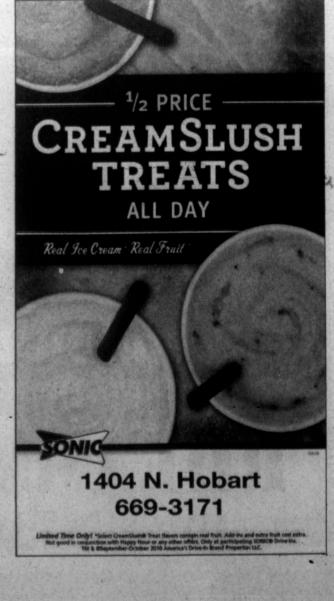
had a dog, a cat and somegoldfish. Now we're in an apartment and can't afford all the fees associated with having pets. Also the apartment is too cramped to accommodate them.

My son "Toby" is 2. He loved each of the animals. He'd watch the dog run around, pet the cat and stare at the fish. The cat slept in Toby's nursery, the dog guarded him in his stroller, and the fish loved him because he fed them.

How can I encourage my son's natural love of animals? A few hours playing with a cat or dog would be fine. - PETLESS IN MARYLAND

DEAR PETLESS: Buy your son more goldfish. Read him stories about animals, and take him to the zoo as often as you can manage. His love of animals has already begun and this will continue it to develop.





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Sports

Harvester tennis pulls one out against JV Sandies

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The Pampa Harvesters tennis team's match against the Amarillo Sandies junior varsity, came down to the final match, and Pampa junior Logan Karbo pulled it out for Pampa in a 10-9 victory.

Head coach Sarah Corse said it was an exciting match that was back and forth all the way through.

"We win, they win one," Corse said. "It came down to last match of the night and went to a tie breaker for the match.'

The boys swept doubles and were 5-1 in singles. Sophomore Makayla Hampton picked up the only girls victory. Pampa won the mixed doubles match.

The match was the last of the fall season for the Harvesters (9-3). Pampa resumes play in the spring with district team tennis.

8th grade splits against Borger

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The 8th grade Reapers traveled to Borger to face the Bulldogs October 5. The gold team started out the evening with a hard fought 6 - 0 victory. The Pampa defense managed to stop the Bulldog offense. Paden Watson continued to lead the defense with tackles by being all over the field. Chance Douglas also had some big hits. Kyler Kitchens pounced on two fumbles. Anthony Paz had a big interception at the end of the game to seal the victory. Tyler Curfman was strong on defense all night and wore the Bulldog offense out. Also playing well on defense, were Jace Jenkins, Ashjen Payne, Hunter Hall, and Trace Leftwich. On offense,

Zach Gates scored the only touchdown on a 20-yard run. Aaron Allen had another good game at quarterback. Running the ball hard were Josh Miner, Watson, and Payne. Doing a good job up front and allowing them to run were Curfman. Robin Heironymus, Ceasar Armenta, and Kevin Rivas.

The Green Team suffered a 38 - 0 defeat to the Bulldogs. Pampa had a hard time moving the ball against the Borger. One bright spot was a nice catch from Calven Webb in traffic. The Green team looks to regroup this week and prepare to play the Hereford Whitefaces Tuesday October 19th at home.

Check out tomorrow's sports page for a preview of Pampa's game against Borger and other area gridiron previews.



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