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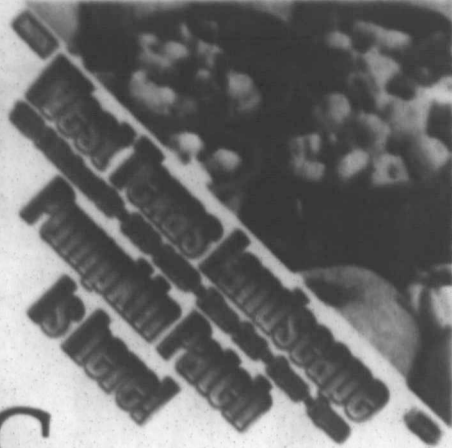
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A quick cup on a dreary morning

staff photo by David Bowser

Jay Henson stops for a quick cup of early morning coffee yesterday on Cuyler Street amid dense fog. For the past several days, Gray County has been well, gray, with dense fog in the mornings and moisture dripping from everything. However, the forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies with temperatures in the 60s and 70s and lows in the mid to high 40s

Water districts seek to resolve protests

WHITE DEER - The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District decided Wednesday to continue with the Groundwater Management Area dispute resolution process.

John R. Spearman, president of the PGWCD board, said during their meeting Wednesday that Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District had met with lawyers for Boone Pickens' Mesa Water and Hemphill County rancher to try to resolve protests over how much water should be left in the ground over the next 50 years.

The PGWCD board of directors voted to continue with their efforts to help reach an equitable solution.

In other business the board also approved permits for a 2-inch well for Larry Baker in Gray County, a 1-inch well for Kirby Cochran in Gray County, a 1-inch well for J.W. Franks in Gray County, two 1-inch wells for Dennis and Debbie Morris in Potter County, an 8-inch well for the Harry

CRMWA members approve allocation

With a new well field poised to go on line soon, Canadian River Municipal Water Authority officials recommended allocating 70,000 acre-feet of water among its member cities, including Pampa for next year, but the member cities had other ideas.

Jim Sims, representing the City of Amarillo at today's CRMWA meeting in Pampa, suggested raising the annual allocation for 2010 to 80,000 acre-feet, one of the options offered by water authority officials.

Sims' suggestion was made official by Bill Hallerberg, Amarillo's representative on the water board.

Lubbock and Lamesa officials suggested 75,000 acre-feet, but said they would go along with the 80,000 acre-feet figure.

John Williams, former general manager of the water authority and now a consultant, said there was actually little difference between the two figures.

In the end, the 80,000 acre-feet allocation was approved.

About 25,000 acre-feet will come from Lake Meredith, which is rapidly approaching historic lows despite recent rains. The other 55,000 acre-feet will come from CRMWA's Roberts County well field.

In other business, CRMWA officials reported that using various funds, they had treated over 21,000 acres in New Mexico and Texas along the Canadian River for salt cedar, an invasive shrub, at a cost of slightly more than \$3 million over the last six years.

The board approved about \$353,000 to lower wells and replace or repair pumps. The also approved about \$15,000 for two UTVs for spraying salt cedar along the Canadian

River. They also approved \$10,000 for a large mower. They approved \$24,000 for heat exchangers for two pumping units, \$12,000 for security cameras at the dam, headquarters building and shop. Also approved was \$16,689 plus insurance money for a pickup for the electric foreman. His van had been wrecked, although General Manager Kent Satterwhite said it was not the operator's fault.

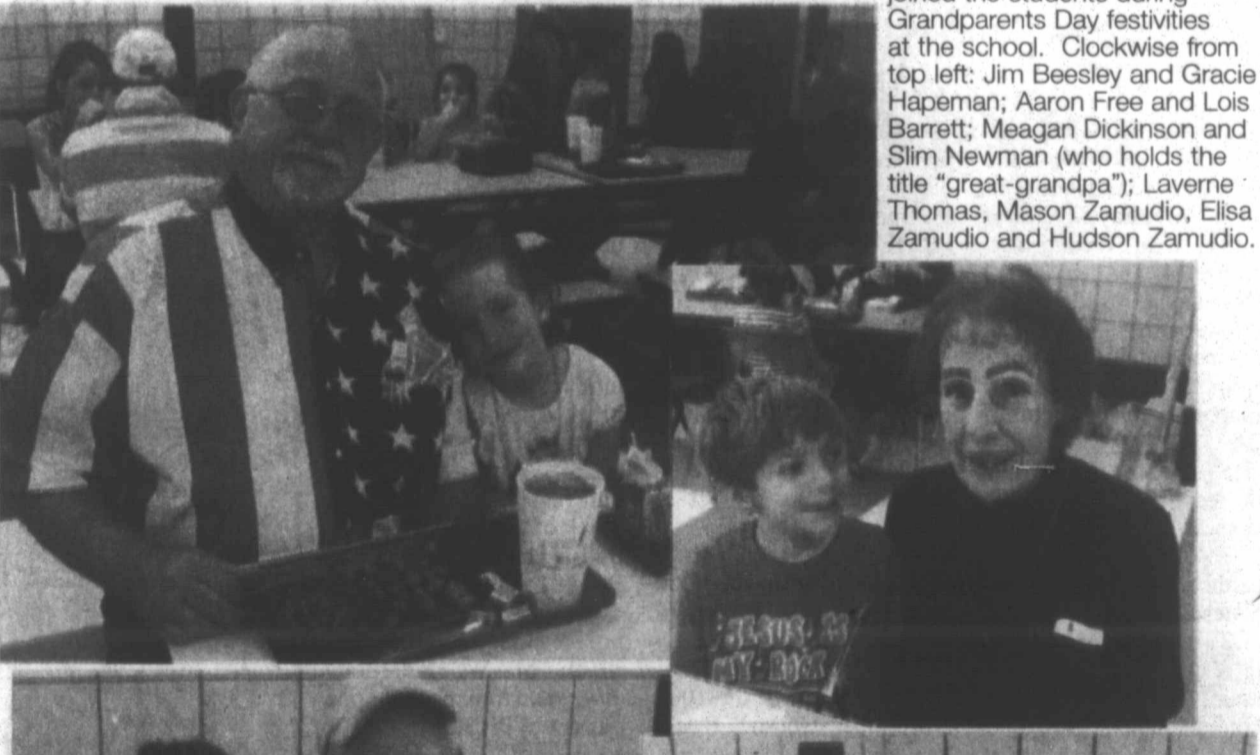
The board approved \$14,000 for replacing an engine in the water authority's water truck.

Cindi Ott-Jones, superintendent with the National Park Service, said there was a lot of vandalism at Lake Meredith last summer.

Satterwhite reported that the lake had dropped 2/28 feet this quarter. It is now at 47.22 feet.

In other business, Jerry Carlson was reappointed as Pampa's representative to CRMWA.

This afternoon, board members toured the new expansion to the well field.

Wilson Elementary School students host special guests for breakfast

Students at Wilson Elementary School had some special guests for breakfast recently. Grandpas and Grandmas joined the students during Grandparents Day festivities at the school. Clockwise from top left: Jim Beesley and Gracie Hapeman; Aaron Free and Lois Barrett; Meagan Dickinson and Slim Newman (who holds the title "great-grandpa"); Laverne Thomas, Mason Zamudio, Elisa Zamudio and Hudson Zamudio.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High 73 Low 48	High 63 Low 45	High 69 Low 44

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 73. North northwest wind around 10 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48. North northeast wind around 5 mph becoming east southeast.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 69. Calm wind becoming northeast between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 44. East northeast wind around 10 mph becoming south.

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SHERIFF

According to Gray County Sheriff Officials, the following people were booked into Gray County Jail during the period between 7 a.m. Wednesday, October 14 and 7 a.m. Thursday, October 15.

Alvin Ray Stokes, 75,

of Pampa was booked Wednesday on a charge of DWI 2nd offense.

Brent Jeffrey Williamson, 42, of Pampa was booked Wednesday on a charge of violation of probation, possession of a controlled substance out of Wise County

Jose Rodriguez, 39, of Pampa was booked Wednesday on a charge of capias pro fine times six.

Donald Mark Mundell, 39, of Pampa was booked Thursday on a charge of DWI.

AMBULANCE

Guardian EMS responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Monday, October 12 to 7 a.m. Wednesday, October 14.

Monday
10:49 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center, transported one patient to BSA.

2:55 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to PRMC, transported one patient to Northwest Texas Healthcare.

Tuesday
5:27 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to the local Nursing facility, transported one patient to PRMC.

6:18 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 2800 block of Charles Street, transported one patient to PRMC.

10:17 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 1200 block of N. Russell, transported one patient to BSA-Hospice Amarillo.

1:07 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Wells, transported one patient to PRMC.

1:56 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 4000 block of Powell, transported one patient to PRMC.

2:17 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Helton Road,

transported one patient to PRMC.

3:26 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to the intersection of 23rd and Perryton Parkway, no transport.

Wednesday
12:55 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 800 block of N. Nelson Street, no transport.

2:48 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway, transported one patient to PRMC.

4:40 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 1300 block of W. Kentucky Avenue, transported one patient to PRMC.

Obituaries

David Mann Fatheree, 43

David Mann Fatheree, 43, died Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009 in Pampa.

David was born February 24, 1966 in Fort Worth to J. David and Mary Fatheree. He attended Pampa schools, graduating from Pampa High School in 1984. David was a member of the Pampa High School State Champion Golf Team in 1984 and was a diver on the swim team. He attended Oklahoma University where he played on the OU Golf Team and was a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity. He received a bachelor's degree in general studies from West Texas A&M University. David was a rancher and

worked in the insurance business, and for a time, ran DLN Construction. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church. He married Natha Burckhalter on July 24, 2003 in Cozumel, Mexico. He loved to hunt, ride horses and working with his hands. He loved to design and build furniture. David was preceded in death by his father, J. David Fatheree, and a son, Dillon Joel Fatheree.

Survivors include his wife, Natha Fatheree of the home; three children, Taylor Fatheree of Norman, Oklahoma, Garrett Fatheree and Madison Fatheree, both of Pampa; his mother, Mary

Fatheree of Pampa; a step-daughter, Mandy Morgan of Amarillo; his mother-in-law, Bobbie Kilcrease of Healdton, Oklahoma; and father-in-law, Max Burckhalter of Enid, Oklahoma.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, October 16, 2009, at First Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Kenny Rigoulot, pastor, and Nancy Ruff, lay pastor, officiating. A private family burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

MEMORIALS: Ronald McDonald House, 1501 Streit Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79106; Pampa



David Fatheree

High School Golf Team, 111 E. Harvester, Pampa, Texas 79065; or Book of Remembrance, First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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Robert Lee "Bob" Stubbs, 71

Robert Lee "Bob" Stubbs, 71, of Alanreed, Texas passed away peacefully on his McClellan creek farm after a courageous 20-year battle with cancer.

He was one of two children born to the late William Foreman Stubbs and Alice Townsend Stubbs Donald.

After graduating from McLean High School in 1956, he served in the US Army from 1958-1961. He worked onboard the Daniel Boone Nuclear Submarine carrying Polaris missiles as a contractor for General Dynamics in both Texas and California. He was crucial in the development of Diacom in the Bay Area, then transferring to Dallas, Texas. He was as passionate about computers and electronics

as he was about his life and home on McClellan Creek. He was an absolute genius in everything he did.

In 1971 he moved his family to his childhood home where he grew up five miles north of Alanreed on McClellan Creek. He worked for Celanese and was an electronics supervisor until his retirement in 2000. His farm was so very special to him and Emma, they put many loving hours in making it as beautiful as it is today.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church of McLean and an active member of the communities.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a wife, Rebecca Wren Barker-Stubbs in 1994; and nephew, Wade

Greenhouse in 1988.

Survivors: Bob will forever be remembered by his loving wife, Emma Pechtel Stubbs; children, Theron Stubbs of Houston, Scott Stubbs of Dallas, Lee Erin Koehler and husband, Alanreed of Canyon; sister, Kay McMennamy and husband, Jerry of Alanreed; grandchildren, Jennifer Hammel and husband, Matthew, Jana Stubbs, Dannie Stubbs, Chisum and Cross Koehler, Jamie Dauer. As well as step-daughter, Valerie Pechtel Presley and husband, Mike; grandchildren, Chase and Garrett Welty, Michael Presley Jr.; "adopted" grandson, Harrell Conners III and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 2:00 pm on Friday, October 16, 2009 in the



Bob Stubbs

First United Methodist Church in McLean with Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor, officiating.

A private family interment was held at Alanreed Cemetery in Alanreed.

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PAMPA PD

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Monday

Animal Control Officers responded to 12 calls or stops.

Pampa Police Officers made 5 traffic stops, had 7 ongoing investigations, and responded to 2 requests for information.

A missing person was reported in the 500 block of E. 18th Avenue.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of S. Hobart Street. A fence was damaged costing an estimated \$150 in damage.

A welfare check was made in the 1000 block of S. Wells Street.

A traffic complaint 1700 block of N. Beech Street.

An accident was reported in the 1000 block of N. Sumner Street.

An alarm was reported in the 1000 block of N. Charles Street.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 1600 block of W. Somerville

Street.

An accident was reported in the 1000 block of W. Wilks Street.

Fraud was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill Avenue.

A gas drive off was reported in the 100 block of W. 28th Street.

Theft was reported in the 1300 block of N. Hamilton Street.

An accident was reported in the 700 block of E. Scott Avenue.

Police responded to a medical call in the 1100 block of Campanella Drive.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of N. Lefors Street.

Found property was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill Avenue.

A runaway was reported in the 1500 block of N. Williston Street.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 900 block of S. Finley Street.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 600 block of N. Roberta Street.

A purse with contents was stolen estimating \$25 in value.

A missing person was reported in the 800 block of N. Nelson Street.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of N. Nelson Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block of S. Hobart Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the Somerville and Browning intersection.

Assault was reported in the 100 block of W. 30th Avenue. The victim would not cooperate and the suspect is unknown.

Assault was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee Street.

Violation of a City Ordinance was reported in the 2000 block of N. Navajo Road.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the Browning and Starkweather intersection.

An alarm was reported in the 600 block of N. Hobart Street.

A prowler was reported in the 2600 block of N. Navajo Road.

An alarm was reported in the 600 block of N. Hobart Street.

Graduating seniors to be "enlightened"

On Friday, October 16th, the young women of Pampa High School's 2010 graduating will participate in Pampa's ninth annual Enlighten Leadership Seminar. First Baptist Church, Jay A. Johnson, DDS, Inc. and Pampa Regional Medical Center are sponsors of this year's event which is free to participants.

Established in 2001, Enlighten provides comprehensive programs designed specifically for young people. Participants take home valuable "need-to-know" information for succeeding in today's fast-paced world, and learn valuable skills that help them set

long-term goals and gain insight into their personal strengths and career interests. Enlighten's goal is to help young women lay the foundation for their futures and minimize pitfalls to their individual success and enrichment.

Some of the seminar's topics include goal setting, self-esteem, interviews/resumes, etiquette, study skills and time management. These age appropriate workshops equip young women for college, the workforce and beyond! Enlighten also now offers specialized programs for eighth through eleventh grade young women in addition to the original

senior seminar.

Enlighten founder and Pampa native, Laura Johnson Allen, received a B.A. in Public Relations and a Master's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies—focusing on public relations, business and educational leadership—from Texas Tech University. Her desire is to motivate and encourage young women to use their individual gifts to their maximum potential. For more information on Enlighten Leadership Seminars, please visit www.enlightenleadership.com or email info@enlightenleadership.com.

Water cont. from page 1

Vance Estate in Carson County and a 5-inch well for Vernon Patton in Wheeler County.

The board approved new study areas, areas that showed a depletion of water, in northeast Armstrong County, the Kingsmill area of Gray County, southeast Gray County, southwest Wheeler County and the Ashtola area of Donley County.

They decided not to establish study areas that had been proposed in northeast Roberts County and north-

east Wheeler County.

They also designated study areas in southeast Gray County, northeast Donley County and southwest Wheeler County.

They designated a study area in southeast Gray County and northeast Donley County.

They designated a study area in northern Wheeler County near the City of Wheeler.

The board elected to keep areas in northwest Carson County, southeast Carson County and north-

east Armstrong County, central Donley County as study areas, but designated an area in southeast Donley County and southwest Roberts County as conservation areas.

The board also approved an agricultural water conservation equipment loan for Wade Ritter.

The board approved tax sales in Carson and Donley Counties and relinquished any claim to delinquent tax properties in Groom.

'Desired Future Conditions' set

WHITE DEER — Once again the Texas Panhandle finds itself leading the way in developing water law.

The four water districts — Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District, North Plains Groundwater Conservation District and Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District — earlier this year set three different Desired Future Conditions for the giant Ogallala Aquifer that lies beneath the panhandle.

Boone Pickens' Mesa Water and George Arrington, a Hemphill County rancher, are now challenging those conditions.

The Hemphill County district, a single county underground water district around Canadian, wants to have 80 percent of its water still in the ground at the end of 50 years.

North Plains district, headquartered in Dumas, wants to have 40 percent of its water still in the ground after 50 years in the western pan-

handle, but it wants 50 percent still in the ground in the eastern part of the district.


Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, which includes Pampa, and Lubbock-based High Plains Underground Water District have settled on 50 percent of the water still in the ground at the end of the 50 year planning period.

Pickens and Arrington are focusing on the Hemphill County and North Plains

districts and have filed protests with the Texas Water Development Board.

The water board has scheduled a meeting in Amarillo in November to try to resolve the disputes.

In the meantime, representatives of the Hemphill County district and Amarillo lawyer Marvin "Marty" Jones are trying meeting behind closed doors, trying to resolve the water issues.



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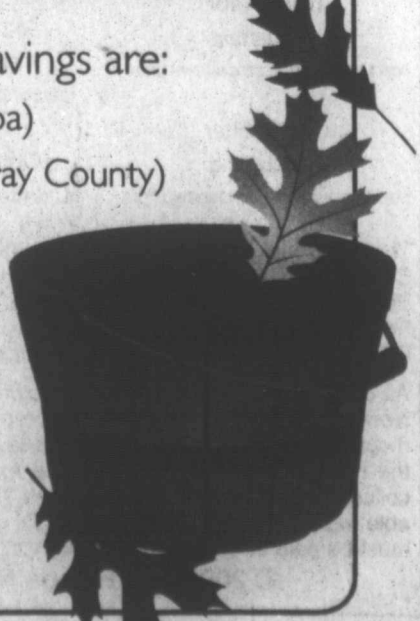
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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Thursday, October 15, the 288th day of 2009. There are 77 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

- 1529 - Suleiman I, Sultan of Turkey, is forced to end siege of Vienna.
- 1583 - The Gregorian calendar goes into effect in the Papal States by decree of Pope Gregory XIII and is soon adopted in other countries.
- 1917 - Mata Hari, a Dutch dancer who spied for the Germans, is executed by a firing squad outside Paris.
- 1928 - German dirigible Graf Zeppelin makes the first commercial flight across the Atlantic Ocean, landing at Lakehurst, New Jersey, in the U.S.
- 1945 - The former premier of Vichy France, Pierre Laval, is executed.
- 1946 - Former head of the Nazi air force, Hermann Goering, sentenced to death as a war criminal, commits suicide by poison hours before his scheduled execution.

'Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.'

— Theodore Roosevelt,
26th president of the
United States

1951 - The situation comedy "I Love Lucy" starring Lucille Ball premieres in the United States on CBS television.

1958 - U.S. Atomic Energy Commission scientists detonate nine nuclear devices at their Nevada test site as they race to

complete tests before October 31, when a one-year suspension of U.S. and British atomic tests will be announced.

1964 - Soviet leader Nikita S. Khrushchev is removed from office and replaced as premier by Alexei N. Kosygin and as Communist Party secretary by Leonid I. Brezhnev.

1965 - The first draft card is burned in the United States as an anti-Vietnam War protest.

1966 - U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson signs a bill creating the Department of Transportation.

1968 - Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia sign a treaty allowing Soviet troops to remain in Czechoslovakia.

1969 - U.S. peace demonstrators stage activities across the country, including a candlelight march around the White House, as part of a moratorium against the Vietnam War.

1991 - Clarence Thomas narrowly wins confirmation as a justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, overcoming accusations of sexual harassment.

1993 - U.S. scientists report that gene therapy is effective in correcting the underlying molecular defect believed to cause cystic fibrosis.

1997 - Rebels, backed by foreign troops, enter Brazzaville in the Republic of Congo, ending President Pascal Lissouba's four-month struggle to remain in power.

Today's birthdays:

Virgil, Roman poet (70 B.C.-19 B.C.); Evangelista Torricelli, Italian inventor of barometer (1608-1647); Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche, German philosopher (1844-1900); P(elham) G(renville) Wodehouse, British-American writer (1881-1975); Richard Carpenter, U.S. singer/drummer (1946--); Penny Marshall, U.S. actress/director (1942--).



The best prescription for reform

by U.S. Sen. John
Cornyn

This week the Senate Finance Committee held a key vote on health care reform, but more work remains to be done. Like most Texans, I believe that our health care system needs reform. Millions of families have seen the cost of their private insurance skyrocket. Many are worried about losing their coverage altogether. Seniors are concerned about the future of Medicare. Texans have told me that they want to keep the coverage they have, and don't want Washington to make things even worse.

I believe health care reform should focus on lowering costs, which have more than doubled over the past decade. We can lower costs by realigning incentives for providers, so they focus on value instead of volume. We can create incentives for patients to make healthier choices. We can reform the private insurance market in every

state to encourage greater competition and more choices, without denying anyone coverage because of a pre-existing condition. We can lower costs by cutting waste, fraud, and abuse in our current entitlement programs. And we can reduce costly defensive medicine by reforming our medical liability laws like we've done in Texas.

The bill we voted out of the Finance Committee, unfortunately, will only increase costs for everyone. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said it will cost \$829 billion, but when it's fully implemented, the Senate Budget Committee estimates the real cost to be \$1.8 trillion. Either way, it would still leave 25 million Americans uninsured, impose billions of dollars in new taxes and mandates, and cut more than \$400 billion from Medicare. It would take away Medicare Advantage benefits from seniors, and make Medicaid the only option for 14 mil-

lion Americans.

The bill also imposes hidden costs on states. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission estimates that the bill would cost Texas more than \$20 billion over 10 years, and add 2.5 million Texans to Medicaid. That would mean billions in new state taxes, or draconian cuts in education, law enforcement, and other Texas priorities. According to one survey, 91 percent of Texans who buy insurance in the individual market will see their premiums go up, because Washington will force them to buy more expensive policies.

The debate on health care reform will soon move to the Senate floor, where my colleagues and I will continue to offer better alternatives. We will fight to protect Medicare Advantage, and eliminate the Medicare panel that would empower bureaucrats to make coverage decisions. We support reforming Medicaid, before forcing more Americans

into it. We want to lower costs on small businesses, and enact meaningful medical liability reform. We want to ensure that President Obama keeps his promises to the American people, including those related to keeping what you have, taxes on the middle class, federal funding of abortions, and benefits to illegal immigrants.

Republicans will also continue working with our colleagues to ensure a more transparent process, because Texans deserve to know the details on what health care reform will mean for them. I cannot support legislation rushed through Congress without giving our people a chance to know what's in it. Democracy demands that government be accountable to the people, and government that is open and honest can deliver better solutions. I will continue working toward better solutions on health care reform, and ensure that your voice is heard.

Vitriol, invective at light speed

by Steven R. Hurst
AP Writer

Vitriol and invective stain American political history, but falsehoods, half-truths and innuendo now spread with the speed of light across partisan airwaves and the Internet — the din drowning out the country's moderate political center.

Countless Internet blogs have taken on the administration of the first African-American president, claiming — falsely — that Barack Obama isn't an American citizen, is a secret Muslim, is a socialist, wants to establish death panels to decide when elderly Americans would no longer receive medical care and be allowed to die. The list is long.

Most recently, a partisan furor blew up when Obama won the Nobel Peace Prize. Republican national chairman Michael Steele set the tone, declaring that giving the prize to the U.S. commander in chief showed "how meaningless a once honorable and respected award has become."

Obama's predecessor, George W. Bush, was not immune, nor was former President Bill Clinton. But today the volume of screeching partisanship is cleaving the American electorate, perhaps as deeply as at any time since the Civil War a century and a half ago.

"The environment is much more extreme today because of the level of public involvement, the level of incivility among both the political elite and the

public," said Chris Dolan, a political scientist at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pa.

At Meredith College in Raleigh, N.C., Clyde Frazier said, "It is nasty and getting nastier." While he believes American history is littered with dirtier political periods and nastier claims among politicians, Frazier, also a political scientist, sees today's climate partly the result of the "media culture. Vitriol seems to sell. If you are telling people the end of the world is at hand, they watch."

From the lectern at the White House briefing room, press secretary Robert Gibbs routinely bemoans what he sees as the negative slant on coverage of Obama by the conservative Fox News cable television outlet.

While Americans once sought news from media outlets that aimed for objectivity, many are now turning to sources that reinforce their political viewpoints, including the conservative Fox News and the liberal MSNBC on cable television and the exploding blogosphere that ranges across the political spectrum.

The heated partisan atmosphere produced a staggering break with decorum last month when a member of the House of Representatives shouted out "You lie!" as Obama spoke to a joint session of Congress, extolling his efforts to overhaul the American health care system.

Rep. Joe Wilson's outburst drew the South Carolina Republican a

rebuke from the House, but, tellingly, supporters quickly began donating heavily to his political war chest.

Not long afterward Rep. Alan Grayson, D-Fla., took the House floor to attack minority Republicans on health care, declaring, "The Republicans want you to die quickly if you get sick." A Republican congressman quickly drafted a call for Grayson's reprimand, but the matter was later dropped.

Partisan political pundits took both events and ran with them, conservative Republicans praising Wilson's courage as liberals voiced shock over his lack of respect. Grayson took praise and heat from opposite ends of the political spectrum.

"Political animosity has become professionalized," said Frazier, specifically mentioning talk radio's ultraconservative Rush Limbaugh, who openly calls for the failure of the Obama presidency. Fox News' Glenn Beck says Obama is a racist.

The revival of bitter partisanship has built quickly and steadily since the nation united behind Bush in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States. It was quickly discovered that his rationale for going to war in Iraq — claims that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction — was untrue and the temporary unity dissolved.

"It's a hard thing to stop and it is escalating" each time Republicans or

Democrats cede power in the capital, said Jack Holmes, political science professor at Hope College in Holland, Mich.

Is there away out? "At a certain point the public will demand an end, say 'we want this to stop,'" said Holmes. "The public has to demand it and will start judging political leaders accordingly."

A signal moment arose when Obama came under attack from opponents when he planned an Internet address at the start of the school year to encourage students to work hard and stay in school. He was accused, before the very moderate and apolitical address, of wanting to indoctrinate pupils and students with his alleged "socialist" ideals. He left the doomsayers with red faces.

Frazier said a return to unity or at least a willingness to compromise can only happen around the president, the country's most visible and powerful symbol. Given that, he said at first, that he believed a modicum of bipartisanship would only take hold if the United States again faced an extraordinary external threat, such as Sept. 11.

On reflection, he was more optimistic, but not much: "I don't think that we are hopelessly stuck in this nasty place. I don't really think there is anything we can do, but I do think it's possible that the nastiness will run its course."

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Tapp, Reagan exchange VOWS

Morgan Rhea Reagan and Robert Ferrance Tapp both of Pampa, were married August 8, 2009 at the bride's home in Pampa. Officiating the ceremony was Pastor Lynn Hancock of Briarwood Church.

Robert is the son of James and Tilda Tapp of Pampa, and Allison Tapp of Houston, Arkansas.

Morgan is the daughter of Louise Reagan of Pampa, and the late Phillip Reagan. She is the granddaughter of Jerry and Gerald Dean Reagan of Pampa, and Robert Norris and LouAnn Potter of Kansas City, Kansas.

Bridesmaids were Allison Bell and Alicia Staab, friends of the bride. Maid of Honor was Brittany Reagan, sister of the bride. Groomsmen were Steven Tapp, brother of the groom, and Braxton Reagan, brother of the bride. The best man was Ricky Davis, friend of the groom. The ring bearer was Pearson True, and the flower girl was Maizy True. Guests were seated by Robert and Dalton Norris. Guests were registered by Tanya Norris. Music was provided by Joseph Norris.



Mr. and Mrs. Tapp



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Where's the Fun in Upstate New York" (July 26), whose husband, "Hugh," insisted they buy their grandson a \$100 savings bond for his first birthday when she wanted to splurge on toys and clothes. I understand her frustration.

Couples should decide together what to do, not tell the other what will be done. That said, I agree with Hugh that \$100 to \$150 on gifts for a 1-year-old is excessive. The child's room will soon look like an overloaded toy store. I have seen this in our extended family. At Christmas it took 2 1/2 hours to open all the gifts. Egads! We've become a nation of excess, and kids expect it.

Years ago, I approached the parents of our godchildren with the offer of savings bonds on holidays, which they gratefully accepted. Two of the "children" are now in college, and we're pleased we lifted a bit of the burden of the cost they'll face. I know it's not a "fun" gift, especially for the little ones, so we always include a token present for "now." I hope that couple can reach a similar agreement and not let this drive a wedge. -- SENSIBLE IN IOWA

DEAR SENSIBLE: The majority of those who wrote to comment on the letter from "Where's the Fun" were -- like you -- as concerned about the state of the woman's marriage as the gift issue. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: It's not like you to miss the warning sign of a controlling spouse. If Hugh is truly "wonderful in every way,"

then they should agree to disagree on this issue.

She should spend what she wants, within reason, on gifts of her choice for their grandson's birthday. If he feels strongly about the savings bond, which is also a wonderful gift, then they should get that, too. Because they are financially comfortable, and this is the only area of disagreement, surely Hugh can compromise.

I am alarmed that he has already decided what they'll be giving the child for every birthday. Grandparents traditionally engage in a mixture of indulgent and practical gift-giving. She was not looking to buy a wildly over-the-top gift. Hugh needs to relax and be a partner, not a dictator. And by the way, "fun" is not a dirty word. It's Baby's first birthday -- lighten up! -- MELISSA IN NEW YORK

DEAR ABBY: Some spouses suffer from "economic abuse" when one partner dominates financial decisions. I agree that a baby won't be impressed by pricey items, but this woman's gift choices are a form of self-expression. She should be allowed the joy of choosing presents and enjoying her grandbaby, especially since she contributes to household finances, but even if she didn't. Sometimes these gifts become treasured keepsakes passed through generations. -- GIVING MY TWO CENTS' WORTH IN ABILENE

DEAR ABBY: While the adults in my life did give me toys and material things for my birthdays and holidays, I am

26 now and I have little recollection of what they were. What I know now is that because of the generous gifts of savings bonds from those loved ones, my fiancé and I were able to make a down payment on a beautiful home without being "house poor." Those bonds allowed us to make a major step forward in our lives and be comfortable and secure.

It means the world that the adults who loved me and are no longer with me are part of this house and my new life, even though they could not be at my wedding. -- SARAH IN HOUSTON

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I decided early on that we'd open a joint bank account and place half of each of our earnings into it. I opened another account in my name only for the other half. That way, if we disagreed on something -- such as a gift -- I could buy it myself. It has worked well.

I do agree that for the child's first birthday, Hugh's idea is best. The child will appreciate it when he's older. -- DEBORAH IN MARIETTA



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Patricia Haroski, a secretary from Deerfield, Illinois, originated National Boss Day in 1958 in honor of her white-collar father, who helped all of his children with good advice throughout their careers.

In honor of the elder Haroski's birthday - October 16 - daughter Patricia registered the day with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Four years later, National Boss Day was backed by Illinois Governor Otto Kerner who officially proclaimed the day in 1962. The idea quickly gained favor across the country and is now even observed in England, Australia and South Africa.

Today, National Boss Day (or Bosses Day) always falls on October 16 and is traditionally celebrated with greeting cards, e-cards, flowers, gifts, and a few extra smiles in honor of the boss.



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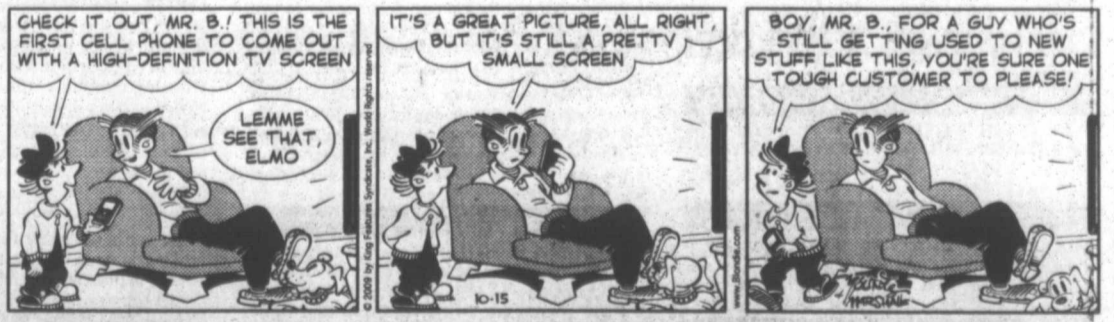
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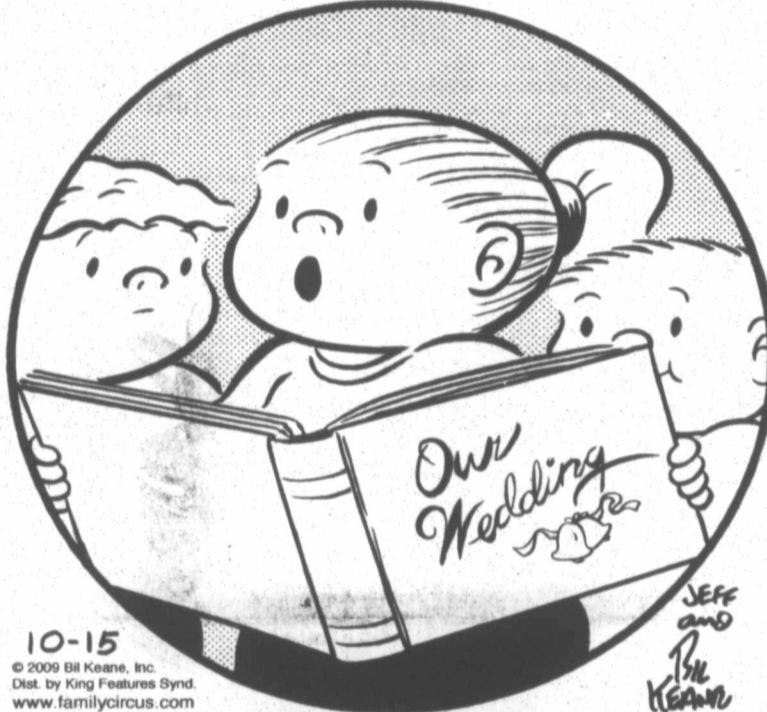


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"Where were we while all this was goin' on?"

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 1 Tater
 - 5 Sandbox toys
 - 10 Fixed the piano
 - 12 Bert's buddy
 - 13 Come into being
 - 14 "Superman" star
 - 15 Harden
 - 16 Geometric shapes
 - 18 Kin of "pssst!"
 - 20 Hogwash
 - 21 Terminate
 - 23 Lennon's wife
 - 24 Angel's topper
 - 26 "Jane —"
 - 28 Young seal
 - 29 Cooking mint
 - 31 Mischievous one
 - 32 2007 Broadway musical
 - 36 Geometric shapes
 - 39 Jazz style
 - 40 Love to pieces
 - 41 Grammar topic
 - 43 Wanders
 - 44 Glossy fabric
- DOWN**
- 1 Secret store
 - 2 Liquefy
 - 3 Oneness
 - 4 —
 - 5 Plains
 - 6 Geometric calculation
 - 7 Wrong
 - 8 Salesman's prospect
 - 9 Looks after
 - 11 Old autos
 - 17 Status —
 - 19 Fashion monogram
 - 22 Winged horse
 - 24 Cigar holder
 - 25 Sanction
 - 27 Longing
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Sports

Harvesters and Eagles battle for 2-0 in District play Friday

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa Harvesters (1-5, 1-0) face the top team in their district, the Canyon Eagles (4-2, 1-0) in their district home opener, 7:30 p.m., Friday at Harvester Field.

Head Coach Heath Parker said his team feels good about their first victory but got back to work to prepare for Canyon.

"I think their inner self confidence is a little higher and feel a little bit better about themselves," Parker said. "But once you go back to work during the week everything pretty much turns the same. It's the same routine against a new opponent. You got three days to do as much as you can and get ready for Friday night."

Starting running back Kendrick Alexander said practice has gone pretty good after beating Randall.

"We've been working on the scout," Alexander said. "We're trying to get our defense ready for the Canyon Eagles' offense. Getting our offense ready for their D."

Parker said Canyon is a good football team and is looking to this year to make a run.

Their motto is "Be the One," Parker said. "What they're talking about is be the team that everyone in Canyon, Texas, is still talking about ten years from now. They are playing with a lot of confidence and swagger within themselves and playing good sound football."

Senior quarterback Alex Clendening said Canyon's secondary will be a challenge for the offense but thinks they will handle it.

"Their secondary is really fast," Clendening said.

"That will be a pretty big challenge for us, but I think our receivers are good enough to get off them."

Parker said Canyon has a good defense and is very aggressive at the line of scrimmage.

"Our offenses are very similar in nature," Parker said. "So, I think they are going to feel comfortable playing us, but I think the deal is you can't defend everything. So it will be important for us to try and figure out what they are trying to take away from us. Hopefully, we'll counteract that with hitting them where they are not defending."

Senior Erik Ramirez said the defense is focused on stopping the pass.

"We're more confident in stopping the pass this week

after we stopped Randall's (passing game)," Ramirez said. "We're not going to let up we're just going to keep going and keep our confidence up."

Parker said they keys to victory will be controlling the line of scrimmage on offense and containing the other's team offense.

"Both teams have good passing games and we're both going to make yardage through the air," Parker said. "The team that is able to establish the best running game will probably be in pretty good shape. Defensively, the team that eliminates big plays, and tries to keep the ball in front of them, and still is able to defend the pass and control the run, will be in the best shape."

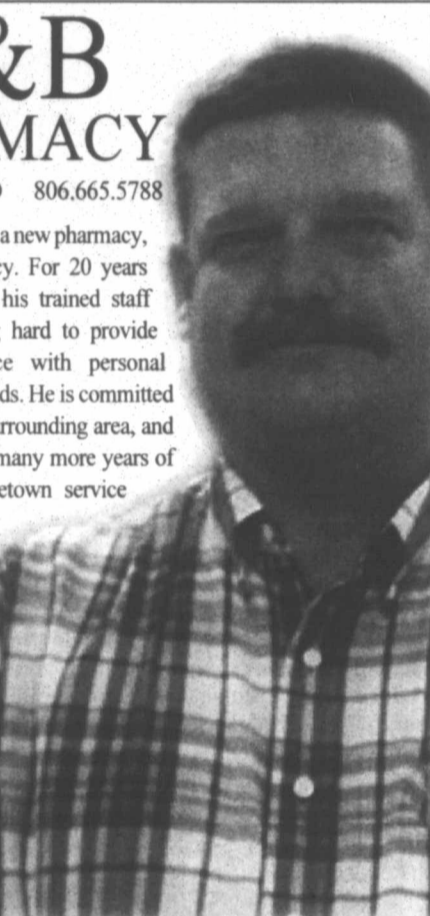


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Ryan Jimenez (23) looks to run the ball in the hole during practice. The Pampa Harvesters play the Canyon Eagles 7:30 p.m. Friday at Harvester Field.

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Pirates and Warriors battle for first in district

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Lefors Pirates (6-1, 1-0) will play against their second undefeated team Friday, when they host the Miami Warriors (6-0, 0-0) 7:30 p.m. at Shaw Field.

Head Coach Joey Czubinski (Ski) said Miami's record shows they are a good team.

"They've been playing well," Coach Ski said. "We're looking forward to playing them."

The Warriors return five of six starters on both sides of the ball this season. Coach Ski said that is definitely something that helps

them. "With familiar players things are a lot easier to handle," Coach Ski said. "That is something they have."

Lefors head coach said Miami is similar to their previous opponents in that they like to run the football. Coach Ski said it will be his team's job to stop it.

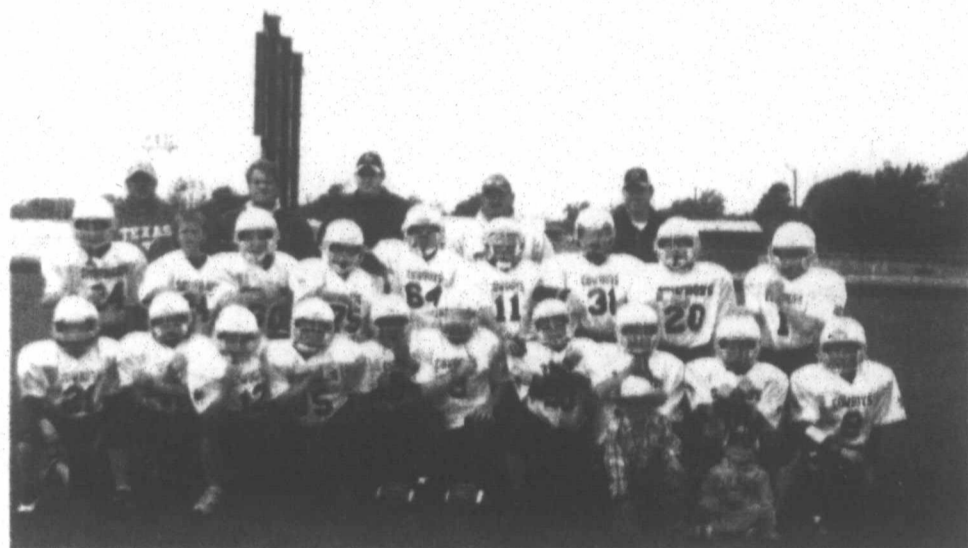
"They like to line up in different formations," Coach Ski said. "They like to run and give their running backs the ball. They show you what they are going to do and try to execute that. It'll be our job to stop what they are going to do."

Seth Fry and Reice Warner was out last week against Samnorwood. Coach Ski said both will be back against the Warriors.

"Seth Fry will be back," Coach Ski said. "We held him out of practice for precautionary reasons. Reice still has a problem with his knee but will back. That is something that will help us. Last week we had to make adjustments with two starters out on defense but we will have all six starters this week."

Coach Ski said the key to victory will be whoever gets more stops.

Cowboys Wear Pink



The Optimist Football League Cowboys wore pink wristbands to support breast cancer awareness in their game October 3. (Photo contributed by Jeree Woods).

Red River Rivalry is a chance for OU turnaround

An injured Heisman Trophy winner and a pair of one-point losses have made the first half of Oklahoma's season a real downer.

Next up for the Sooners, a chance to turn the season around. No. 20 Oklahoma meets No. 3 Texas on Saturday in Dallas.

The intensity of the Red

River Rivalry reached new heights last season, when Colt McCoy and the Longhorns won 45-35 in Cotton Bowl Stadium but the Sooners by virtue of the three-way tiebreaker went on to play in the Big 12 and national championship games.

Both teams expected to have national title hopes

entering this year's game, too.

The Sooners can probably forget about the national title, and it'd be tough for Bradford to win another Heisman after missing 3½ games, but a fourth consecutive Big 12 championship is still very much in reach. Beating Texas would go a long way toward that.

Pampa Junior Football results

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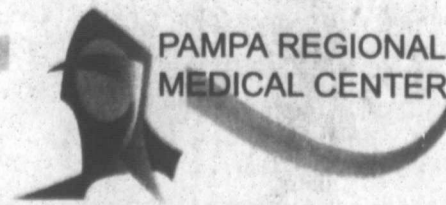
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