



# For the record

## PAMPA FORECAST

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High 64 Low 50	High 68 Low 51	High 71 Low 51

**Tuesday:** Patchy fog before 9 am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 64. Calm wind becoming east southeast between 5 and 10 mph.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50. South southeast wind around 10 mph.

**Veterans Day:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 51. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 71. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 51. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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## Obituaries

### Blanche M. Kerkvliet, 91

Blanche M. Kerkvliet, 91, formerly of Fairchild, WI and Pampa, passed away Thursday evening, November 5, 2009, at Family Heritage Care Center in Black River Falls, WI.

Blanche M. Kerkvliet, daughter of Roy and Bernice (Adams) McMillen, was born December 31, 1917, in Clovis, New Mexico. She attended Texas Woman's College in Denton, Texas before taking a position at Cabot Industries in Pampa, Texas.

She met Edmund J. Kerkvliet on during World War II, and the couple later married on Feb. 28, 1946, at Holy Souls Catholic Church in Pampa, Texas. Ed and Blanche lived in Pampa, before moving to Larchwood, Iowa. They eventually moved to rural Fairchild, where they purchased a farm in 1952. She performed part-time book-keeping duties for Farmer's Union Co-op and St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Fairview.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Fairview, where she was active in the Altar Society. Due to failing health she had been a resident at the care center since Sept. of 2005.

She is survived by two sons, Stephen and Judy Kerkvliet of McKinney, Texas, James and Stephanie Kerkvliet of Racine; daughter-in-law, Nancy Kerkvliet of Corvallis, OR; eight grandchildren, Justin Potter, Peter Kerkvliet, Jason (Dawn) Kerkvliet, Kevin Kerkvliet, Kristin (Andrew) Ross, Angela (Robert) Eller, Kelly Kerkvliet, Breanne Kerkvliet; and great granddaughter, Ava Kate Eller; sisters-in-law, Fern Kerkvliet and Mary Diffley. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Edmund, son Paul Kerkvliet and sister Janet Graham.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. at St.

Joseph's Catholic Church, Fairview, rural Fairchild, with Father Jude Dioka officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. A visitation was held Monday evening at the Anderson Funeral Home in Augusta.

The family would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of Family



Kerkvliet

Heritage Care Center for the loving care shown to Blanche while she was with them. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate memorials donated to Family Heritage Care Center, 109 N. 14th Street, Black River Falls, WI. 54615.

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THE PAMPA Texas Social Security office will have an Open House Celebration on Thursday Nov. 12th 2:00 pm -4:00 pm. The public is invited to come and join in the celebration.

## Obituaries

### Judy Gay Wood, 61

Pampa— Judy Gay Wood, 61, died November 7, 2009, in McLean, Texas.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Cremation and arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Ms. Wood was born August 20, 1948 in Pampa to Arthur and Vera Wood. She attended Pampa schools and was a life-

long resident of Pampa. She worked as a cook for many years for several restaurants. She was a member of Progressive Baptist Church. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family and keeping everybody in contact with each other. When she had to go live at a nursing home, she made the very best of it. She would participate in

all of their activities and earned the resident of the month award.

Survivors include one aunt, Vardene Searl of Pampa; one uncle, Smokey Harvey of McLean and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Judy was preceded in death by a daughter: Anita Gay Bursleson; her parents; four brothers: Jimmy Wood,

Earnest Lane, Jerry Lane, Wayne Lane; three sisters, Alice Guthrie, Leta Cook, and Frances Trekell.

**MEMORIALS:** American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Rd., Suite 12-A, Lubbock, Texas 79424

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### Ronald Dean Rex, 63

Pampa— Ronald Dean Rex, 63, died November 8, 2009, in Pampa, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

### Viola Bratton Mobley, 99

Johnson City— Viola Bratton Mobley, 99, died Friday, Nov. 6, 2009 in Johnson City.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa with Steve Cox, minister of St. Paul United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Mobley was born on Nov. 2, 1910 in Kimble County, Texas, one of nine children born to Luther C. and Mary Elizabeth Bratton. She was a 1928 graduate of Johnson City

High School and moved to Amarillo in 1929. She married John T. Mobley on Aug. 12, 1931 in Tucumcari, NM and they moved to Pampa in 1934. Mrs. Mobley was worker, teacher, and superintendent of the kindergarten department at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Pampa for 32 years where she was also a charter member. She was a Girl Scout leader for 8 years and was the owner and operator of the Aquarium Pet Shop for several years. Viola was very proud of her Texas heritage (her family was part of the orig-

inal "Old Three Hundred" settlers that Moses Austin invited to settle Texas). She loved music, playing the piano and organ since she was a little girl. She was preceded in death by her husband, a daughter, Mary Joyce Hatcher, by three brothers and four sisters, and a stepson, Charles L. Mobley.

Survivors include two sons, Gerald L. Mobley and wife Larain of Neola, UT and Ray L. Mobley and wife Dixie of Marble Falls; one brother, Ed Bratton of McKinney; nine grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and numerous great



Mobley

great grandchildren.

**MEMORIALS:** St. Paul United Methodist Church, 511 N. Hobart, Pampa, TX 79065.

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### Tommy Joe Northcott, 72

Tommy Joe Northcott, 72, passed away Thursday, November 5, 2009 in Pampa. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at Morrison Memorial Chapel with Rev. Darrell Wait, pastor of First Christian Church officiating.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. in Llano Cemetery in Amarillo with Rev. John Wagoner retired minister of Amarillo officiating. Arrangements are by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Tommy Joe Northcott

was born February 20, 1937 in Pampa to Thomas Vernon and Selma Northcott. He was a member of the 1955 class of Lefors High School. On November 14, 1986 he married Janet Seale in Dumas. He moved to Dumas in 1977 and worked for Bob Cripps Construction Company and Diamond Shamrock Corp. He retired in 2003 from Valero and owned and operated Tommy's Hotshot Trucking until 2006.

He was preceded in death by his parents and step-son

Bobby Seale.

Survivors include; his wife, Janet of the home; daughters, Brenda Bennett and Shannon Horn, both of Amarillo; sons, Ronnie and Timmy Northcott, both of Amarillo; step-daughters, Shelly Issa of Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Annette Stark of Glasgow, KY; step-sons, Buddy Seale of Buda and Scott Seale of Dumas; sister, Glynda Pflug of Dumas; brother, Richard "Butch" Northcott of Canadian; 20 grandchildren; 1 great-granddaughter, numerous



Northcott

nieces and nephews; and his beloved pet, "Koko".

The family will be at 304 N. Bliss in Dumas.

### Lottie Bell Green Cary, 73

Pampa— Lottie Bell Green Cary, 73, died November 3, 2009, in Pampa, Texas.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 10, 2009, at Macedonia First Baptist Church, with Rev. Darren Wilson, pastor, officiating.

Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Cary was born April 7, 1936 in Hugo, Oklahoma to Artie B. and Arlillian Green. She attended public schools in Paris, Lamar County, Texas. Later she

moved to Pampa and married R. C. Cary in 1953. He preceded her in death in 1993. Lottie was employed by Bob Clements Cleaners for many years. She served as a faithful servant on the Usher Board at Macedonia First Baptist Church for many years, until her health prevented her from doing so. Lottie was preceded in death by her parents; 2 sisters: Sharon Kay Mack in 2007, and Delores Green; and a stepson: R. C. Cary, Jr.

Survivors include her stepdaughter, Eurline Sturns of Rusk; sister,

Gladys Straughter and husband David of Chino Hills, California; brother, Artie B. Green, Jr., and wife Patricia of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; a nephew: Keith Ashley of Dallas; three nieces, Stephanie Thomas of Los Angeles, California, and Shumbay Straughter and Shonte Straughter, both of Riverside, California; two God-daughters, Beverly Scott of Pampa and Vietia Busby of Bursleson; and a host of other relatives and friends.

**MEMORIALS:** American Cancer Society,



Cary

c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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### Emilie Ruth Schneider, 70

Pampa— Emilie Ruth Schneider, 70, died November 8, 2009, in Amarillo, Texas.

There are no services scheduled. The family will receive friends on Tuesday afternoon, November 10, 2009, at 1901 N. Nelson in Pampa. Cremation

arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Schneider was born December 21, 1938 in Shenandoah, Iowa, where she graduated from high school. She married Larry Schneider on June 20, 1958 in Shenandoah.

She had been a resident of Pampa since 1983. She was a "Red Hat" lady. She enjoyed art and she loved to travel, including going to the mountains and the gulf coast.

Survivors include her husband, Larry Schneider of the home; daughter:

Pam Dennen of Pampa; son: Cordell Schneider of the home; grandson: Russel Dennen of Pampa. She was preceded in death by her parents: Russell and Ruth Barrett Benedict.

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### Johnny Nase Lofton, 61

Johnny Nase Lofton, 61, died Sunday, Nov. 8, 2009, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Johnny was born May 20, 1948 in Pampa and was a 1966 graduate of Pampa High School. He received a B. S. degree in petroleum engineering from Texas Tech University and was an avid Texas Tech alumni supporter. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his brother, D. D. Lofton and wife Kerry of Pampa; step-father: Richard McDonald of Amarillo; three nie-

ces, Lori Gwaltney and husband Ryan of Opp, Alabama, Michelle Smith and husband Billy of Auburn, Alabama, and Lesli Beasley and husband Nathan of Fort Worth; aunt: Dorothy Gallimore of Pampa; and by several cousins. Johnny was preceded in death by his father, Nase Lofton, and his mother, Helen Lofton McDonald.

**MEMORIALS:** BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Friends, family, and clients are invited to attend the swearing-in of Bryan Guymon, Attorney at Law, on November 12, 2009, at 11:00 am, in the 223rd Judicial District Courtroom. Please join the Underwood Law Firm for a reception to follow in the third floor jury room.

# Ft. Hood shooting suspect awake, talking

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — The man accused of killing 13 people and wounding 29 at Fort Hood is able to talk, a hospital spokesman said Monday, but it's unknown when investigators might take advantage of his improving health to press forward with their probe into the shooting spree.

Authorities say Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan fired off more than 100 rounds Thursday before civilian police shot him in the torso. He was taken into custody and eventually moved to an Army hospital in San Antonio, where he was in stable condition and able to talk, said Dewey Mitchell, a Brooke Army Medical Center spokesman.

Authorities continue to refer to Hasan, 39, as the only suspect in the shootings, but they won't say when charges would be filed and have said they have not determined a motive. A spokesman for Army investigators did not immediately respond to calls and e-mails seeking comment Monday.

Sixteen victims remained hospitalized with gunshot wounds, and seven were in intensive care.

The personal Web site for a radical American imam living in Yemen who had contact with two 9/11 hijackers praised Hasan as a hero.

The posting Monday on the Web site for Anwar al Awlaki, who was a spiritual leader at two mosques where three 9/11 hijackers worshipped, said American Muslims who condemned the Fort Hood attack are hypocrites who have committed treason against their religion.

Awlaki said the only way a Muslim can justify serving in the U.S. military is if he intends to "follow in the footsteps of men like Nidal."

"Nidal Hassan is a hero," Awlaki said. "He is a man of conscience who could not bear living the contradiction of being a Muslim and serving in an army that is fighting against his own people."

Two U.S. intelligence officials told The Associated Press the Web site was Awlaki's. They spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss intelligence collection. Awlaki did not immediately respond to an attempt to contact him through the Web site.

Hasan's family attended the Dar al Hijrah Islamic Center in Falls Church, Va., where Awlaki was preaching in 2001. Hasan's mother's funeral was held at the mosque on May 31, 2001, according to her obituary in the Roanoke Times newspaper, around the same time two 9/11 hijackers worshipped at the mosque and while Awlaki was preaching.

Awlaki is a native-born U.S. citizen who left the United States in 2002, eventually traveling to Yemen. He was released from a Yemeni jail last year and has since gone missing. He is on Yemen's most wanted militant list, according to three Yemeni security officials.

The officials say Awlaki was arrested in 2006 with a small group of suspected

al-Qaida militants in the capital Sana'a. They say he was released more than a year later after signing a pledge he will not break the law or leave the country. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue.

The Falls Church mosque is one of the largest on the East Coast, and thousands of worshippers attend prayers and services there every week.

Imam Johari Abdul-Malik, outreach director at Dar al Hijrah, said he did not know whether Hasan ever attended the mosque but confirmed that the Hasan family participated in services there. Abdul-Malik said the Hasans were not leaders at the mosque and their attendance was normal.

The London Telegraph first reported the potential link between Hasan and the mosque.

Sen. Joe Lieberman said Sunday he wants Congress to determine whether the shootings constitute a terrorist attack and whether warning signs that Hasan was embracing an increasingly extremist view of Islamic ideology were missed.

Classmates who participated in a 2007-2008 master's program at a military college told The Associated Press that they complained to faculty during the program about what they considered to be Hasan's anti-American views, which included his giving a presentation that justified suicide bombing and telling classmates that Islamic law trumped the U.S. Constitution.

"If Hasan was showing signs, saying to people that he had become an Islamist extremist, the U.S. Army has to have zero tolerance," Lieberman, an independent from Connecticut, said on "Fox News Sunday." "He should have been gone."

Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey said Sunday it's important for the country not to get caught up in speculation about Hasan's Muslim faith, and he has instructed his commanders to be on the lookout for anti-Muslim reaction to the killings at the Texas post.

Casey, who appeared on ABC's "This Week" and CNN's "State of the Union," said evidence to this point shows that Hasan acted alone.

President Barack Obama is scheduled to attend a memorial service Tuesday honoring victims of the attack, and he'll arrive to a post on the mend.

Sgt. 1st Class Frank Minnie was in the processing center last week getting some health tests and immunizations in preparation for his deployment. Minnie said that even after the shootings, Fort Hood soldiers have the attitude that "the mission still goes on."

"Everybody's going to grieve a little bit. It hurts a lot because it's one of your battle buddies, and someone lost a mom, dad, brother or sister," said Minnie, 37, who served in Iraq in 2006. "But it doesn't change my perspective of going to war. I've got a job to do."

# VETERANS DAY PARADE



If you march in the beginning of the parade, you get to watch the rest. Veterans gathered at the Freedom Museum at the parade finish line to observe.



Above, a rider honors veterans with an equine tribute. At right, woman's best friend honors the Marine Corps.

## Benefits

the additional amount of benefits they potentially could receive.

Claimants who currently receive unemployment benefits should continue to request payment as scheduled. Claimants may update their address information online through <http://ui.texasworkforce.org> or by contacting a UI Tele-Center toll-free at 1-800-939-6631. Re-employment services are available through workforce centers statewide or by accessing [www.WorkInTexas.com](http://www.WorkInTexas.com) for information.

On Thursday, Congress passed legisla-

tion which would further extend federally funded unemployment compensation benefits. The bill awaits the President's signature.

The Texas Workforce Commission is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers and communities prosper economically. For details on TWC and the services it offers in unison with its network of local workforce development boards, call (512) 463-8556 or visit [www.texasworkforce.org](http://www.texasworkforce.org).

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Hoover Volunteer Firemen, Gray County deputies, Texas Department of Transportation employees were routing motorists around the scene of the collision.

The thick fog this morning hampered rescue efforts, officials said. Law enforcement officers and medical personnel arriving on the scene had to block half the highway, cutting traffic to one lane.

Ledbetter's family was notified of the fatal collision by the Pampa Police Department's chaplain.

Services were pending today with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Monday, Nov. 9, the 313th day of 2009. There are 52 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 9, 1989, communist East Germany threw open its borders, allowing citizens to travel freely to the West; joyous Germans danced atop the Berlin Wall.

### On this date:

In 1872, fire destroyed nearly 800 buildings in Boston.

In 1918, it was announced that Germany's Kaiser Wilhelm II would abdicate. He then fled to the Netherlands.

**'I think charm is the ability to be truly interested in other people.'**

In 1935, United Mine Workers president John L. Lewis and other labor leaders formed the Committee for Industrial Organization, later Congress of Industrial Organizations.

— Richard Avedon, American fashion photog-

In 1938, Nazis looted and burned synagogues as well as Jewish-owned stores and houses in Germany

and Austria in a pogrom that became known as "Kristallnacht."

In 1953, author-poet Dylan Thomas died in New York at age 39.

In 1963, twin disasters struck Japan as some 450 miners were killed in a coal-dust explosion, and about 160 people died in a train crash.

In 1965, the great Northeast blackout occurred as a series of power failures lasting up to 13½ hours left 30 million people in seven states and part of Canada without electricity.

In 1967, a Saturn V rocket carrying an unmanned Apollo spacecraft blasted off from Cape Kennedy, Fla., on a successful test flight.

In 1970, former French President Charles de Gaulle died at age 79.

In 1976, the U.N. General Assembly approved resolutions condemning apartheid in South Africa, including one characterizing the white-ruled government as "illegitimate."

Ten years ago: With fireworks, concerts and a huge party at the landmark Brandenburg Gate, Germany celebrated the 10th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. The flight data recorder from EgyptAir Flight 990 was recovered from the Atlantic Ocean and shipped to a National Transportation Safety Board laboratory in Washington.

Five years ago: Attorney General John Ashcroft and Commerce Secretary Don Evans resigned; they were the first members of the Cabinet to leave as President George W. Bush headed from re-election into his second term. Kenny Chesney won the Country Music Association album of the year award for "When The Sun Goes Down" as well as entertainer of the year. Roger Clemens won his record seventh Cy Young Award.

One year ago: Barack Obama's transition chief, John Podesta, told "Fox News Sunday" the president-elect planned to review President George W. Bush's executive orders on such things as stem cell research and domestic drilling for oil and natural gas. China unveiled a \$586 billion stimulus package aimed at inoculating the world's fourth-largest economy against the global financial crisis.

**Today's Birthdays:** Former Democratic vice-presidential candidate R. Sargent Shriver is 94. Baseball executive Whitey Herzog is 78. Baseball Hall of Famer Bob Gibson is 74. Actor Charlie Robinson is 64. Movie director Bille August is 61. Actor Robert David Hall ("CSI") is 61. Actor Lou Ferrigno is 58. Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, is 57. Gospel singer Donnie McClurkin is 50. Rock musician Dee Plakas (L7) is 49. Actress Ion Overman is 40. Rapper Pepa (Salt-N-Pepa) is 40. Rapper Scarface (Geto Boys) is 39. Blues singer Susan Tedeschi is 39. Actor Jason Antoon is 38. Actor Eric Dane is 37. Singer Nick Lachey (98 Degrees) is 36. R&B singer Sisqo (Dru Hill) is 31. Actress Nikki Blonsky is 21.



## American Veterans: Generations of heroic service

BY U.S. SENATOR KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Veterans Day is a day we set aside as a nation to honor those who have served their nation in war and peace. It is a day to reflect on the deeds of these heroes and stand united in gratitude for their service and sacrifice. We also take this opportunity to honor the enduring service of our active soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen. This year, our recognition of veterans and troops is tinged with pain as we mourn the tragic loss of life and injuries of some of our bravest at Fort Hood on November 5. Their ultimate sacrifice reminds us of how much we owe our men and women in uniform.

Ours is a great nation of free people, and this legacy has endured because, throughout our history, our finest men and women have stood guard and protected the liberty that all Americans enjoy. In peacetime or during conflict, at home or abroad, their service has been character-

ized by selflessness and a sense of greater purpose. Throughout our history, our nation's veterans have answered the call, and they have served with dignity and honor.

I am particularly proud that Texas stands out among other states for its rich tradition of military leadership. Texans have continued to volunteer to serve their nation in record numbers and are stationed throughout the United States and in all corners of the globe. More Marines join the Corps from Texas per capita than any other state. And we are home to more Army and Air Force bases than anywhere else in America.

As these men and women have sacrificed, so too has a far less recognized segment of our Veteran population: their families. For each displaced serviceman, there is often a husband or wife left behind. These silent patriots have kissed their husbands or wives goodbye and sent them off to duty, often in harm's way, without the

assurance that their loved ones will return. They diligently run their households while their mates serve at stateside bases or fight on foreign battlefields. The unsung military spouses have often put their own careers on hold and patiently moved the family to the next in a long series of new bases, new neighborhoods, and new schools. Whether accolades we bestow upon our veterans, we must also remember the parallel sacrifice of their spouses.

Today our troops are answering the call to duty in locations around the world. America's brave troops are serving from Western Europe to the Far East. Soldiers in South Korea continue to keep watch on the communist regime and their North. The Navy and Coast Guardsmen stand watch over troubled seas, while Air Force pilots fly the skies above the hilltops of Afghanistan, and soldiers and Marines patrol the mean streets of Iraq. Reservists and National Guardsmen continue to

serve, at the expense of their civilian professions, on extended active duty for a year or more. Some of our military patriots serve multiple tours because the nation continues to need their expertise.

I ask all Texas Veterans, from the Greatest Generation to the young men and women who have recently returned from service in Iraq or Afghanistan, to weave their own narratives into the vibrant fabric of our nation's history through this important effort. Veterans can participate, and all Americans can learn about the Project, at <http://www.loc.gov/vets/vets-home.html>.

On this Veterans Day, it is more appropriate than ever that we acknowledge our veterans' service and that we honor it by fighting to keep America great in our own daily lives. We can start by remembering those who have gone before and recognizing tomorrow's veterans who are fighting to keep us free and safe today.

## Letters to the editor

To the editor,

I would like to question why the new water park proposal wasn't brought before the voters of our city, like the tax freeze was.

Is it legal for our city commission to put some agendas before the voters and not others?

I feel that the water park is being shoved down our throats whether we like it or not. Let the majority rule and not just the City Commissioners. Who seem to be letting the PEDC call the shots on this.

How can a water park be justified when it will only be open for the five months out of the year at the most. The cost of the up keep will be twelve months of the year, and I feel at a great expense to the tax paters.

It seems to me that our PEDC is just a Distribution Center for our tax money and is not creating any jobs for our community.

Clyde Laycock  
Pampa

To the editor,

After many attempts and several Presidents carrying the effort, we have something to work with. Is it the best NO, can we work with it YES.

To those who had the courage to stand up--THANK YOU...to those who caved in to the special interest of the insurance industry (what were you waiting for?--another big AIG bailout?)

America let's pull together and move forward to provide needed Health Care for all. After all, shouldn't everyone have what Congress and the Senate have?

Rubin Carter  
Pampa

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# Researchers find natural answer to unnatural grass

HOUSTON (AP) — When ecologist Mark Simmons stands on a well-kept lawn, he can appreciate its beauty and the tingle of close-cropped grass under bare feet. He also can't help but see water, fertilizer, pesticides and lawn mowers.

"If you think about most lawns, they're basically a single species on life support," he said.

For most homeowners the greenest-looking component of their residence — lawns of St. Augustine and Bermuda grass — belie their steep environmental costs of consuming half the area's drinking water and filling bays and bays with pollutants.

So Simmons, who works at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center of The University of Texas at Austin, has been searching — with some success — for blends of native grasses that make for attractive, drought-resistant lawns with less of an ecological footprint.

"We're interested in solving an environmental problem with native plants," he said.

The idea seems especially salient after a summer during which one-fifth of Texas was mired in an "exceptional" drought, the worst category tracked by the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Using a two-year grant from Wal-Mart, Simmons and others at the wildflower center have developed a blend of seven species of native, thin-bladed grasses. They tested this native grass against buffalo and Bermuda grass species and

a combination of the two.

Simmons said the early results are promising: The blend of natural grasses established itself much better than Bermuda grass, more effectively suppressed weeds, had a higher density and required less mowing because it grew more slowly. It also proved to be more drought-tolerant.

The wildflower center is now working with seed growers to make the mix more widely available, Simmons said.

The research comes after recent work by scientists to better quantify the environmental impact of lawns.

Using satellite mapping, NASA research scientist Cristina Milesi found that some 40 million acres of the U.S. and up to 5 percent of urban areas, are covered by lawns, making turf the country's largest irrigated crop. Keeping a green lawn in many areas, even including "wet" regions like Southeast Texas, requires significant resources.

Lawn watering accounts for about 54 percent of residential water usage in Texas, said Jim Blackburn, an environmental lawyer and adjunct professor in law and the environment at Rice University. That's water that otherwise would be flowing into coastal bays and increasing their vitality, he said.

"From an ecological perspective, lawns are absolutely insane," Blackburn said.

Consider this, he said: We plant grass plugs. We water them. We fertilize them. Then when we

achieve success, we cut the grass. This opens it to increased evaporation, so we have to water it more. It makes the grass vulnerable to insects, herbivores and competition from weeds.

So we fertilize it, he said, and start the process — all over again.

Further, a recent study by California environmental horticulturists found that current estimates of pollution from fertilizers and pesticides used on lawns may underestimate the amount washed into storm drains by 50 percent.

An advocacy organization for the lawn care industry, Project EverGreen, has a different view.

"As a consumer you can stand on a piece of concrete in the middle of summer versus a patch of well-kept grass and feel quite a difference," said Den Gardner, the group's executive director. Lawns can be up to 30 degrees cooler than asphalt, he said.

A healthy lawn absorbs rainfall up to six times more effectively than a wheat field, and four times better than a hay field, Gardner said.

All of which means lawns aren't inherently evil, Simmons said.

"Lawns have been demonized in some parts of the country," he said. "I've got kids, I like playing outside on the lawn. We're not telling people to rip up their lawns. What we are saying is there's a natural solution to the problem of struggling to keep your imported lawn alive."

# GREAT PUMPKIN WINNERS



Ford Family Chiropractic in Pampa held a "Great Pumpkin" weight guessing contest. Pictured from left to right are Dr. Mark W. Ford, Jr., Physical Therapist Joshua Link, winners Michelle Bell and Kristi Glass, and Dr. Lance W. Krogh. Each lucky winner received a \$50 gift card.

# Oil prices above \$79 on gulf storm, weaker dollar

Oil and gasoline futures rose Monday as a tropical storm heading into the Gulf of Mexico and the U.S. dollar both weakened.

Ida had been listed as a Category 1 hurricane until midmorning, a storm with the ability to take 1.3 million barrels of crude off the market.

Yet the U.S. National Hurricane Center downgraded Ida to a tropical storm once its top sustained winds fell close to 70 mph and it appeared to be heading east of the most crowded region in the gulf as far as energy production goes.

Weather Insight LP is expecting 700,000 barrels per day of crude oil production to be shut in, and 3 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas production to be taken off line until about Wednesday.

Given the huge surplus in oil, natural gas and gasoline

in storage, the reaction on the New York Mercantile Exchange where energy futures are traded appeared to be muted.

In fact, crude prices appeared more influenced by the dollar, rising quickly as the U.S. currency weakened against the euro. When the dollar slipped, crude prices edged higher Monday.

Investors holding euros or other strong currencies can buy more dollar-based crude when the U.S. currency falls, and that has sent prices higher throughout the year.

Ida, as a threat to oil and gas production, appeared to fade by midday.

The latest storm track projection showed Ida brushing near Louisiana and Mississippi, then making landfall early Tuesday near Mobile, Ala. before continuing across north Florida.

Benchmark crude for December delivery on Monday gained 3 percent, or \$2.35, to \$79.78 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Since hurricanes Gustav and Ike raked the gulf last year, there have been no major threats to the energy complex and demand for crude has left the country well supplied.

Crude supplies are 7.62 percent higher than a year ago and gasoline in storage is up 7 percent, according to energy consultancy Cameron Hanover.

The average price for a gallon of regular gasoline fell a half penny overnight to \$2.664, according to auto club AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service. That's 18.8 cents more than a month ago, and 40.5 cents more than gas cost at this time last year.



## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I need an unbiased opinion. I am the father of a 12-year-old daughter, "Lia." She catches an early morning bus for school, and I leave for work at the same time her bus picks her up, so I'm in charge of getting her ready in the morning.

Although we have two bathrooms — one upstairs and one down — neither of us wants to use the downstairs bathroom to get ready. All our stuff is upstairs.

When I wake Lia up each morning, she heads into the shower and I go feed the dog. I then go into the bathroom and shave while she's in the shower. While I'm shaving we discuss sports and life in general. When I'm finished, I leave until she's done showering and goes back into her room. I then take my shower.

Is this wrong? Lia's mother thinks it's inappropriate for me to be in the bathroom at all while she's taking a shower. I think it is efficient because neither of us is willing to use the other bathroom, and I find it's a good time to find out what's going on in her life. Who's right? — RIGHT OR WRONG IN WISCONSIN

DEAR RIGHT OR WRONG: Your wife is correct. It's not a matter of "right or wrong." It's a matter of what is appropriate.

At 12, your daughter is becoming a young woman. Either you or Lia needs to start using the downstairs bathroom. If you can't agree on who that will be, then draw straws. You can bond with her over breakfast.

DEAR ABBY: My old college roommate "Gina" and I live several states apart, but we have remained close over the years. Whenever I call her, her husband picks up an extension and listens in. We don't know he's lis-

tening until he says something. Other times, he'll stand next to her and constantly interrupt her while we're talking. He has his own friends and hobbies, and Gina does not know why he keeps butting in.

I have spoken to him when she is unavailable to make him feel involved, but this three-way conversation is bugging me. Since Gina appears to be unable to tell him to cut it out, what should I do? — MIFFED IN MADISON

DEAR MIFFED: I see no reason why you shouldn't tell Gina — whether her husband is listening or not — how intrusive you feel her husband's eavesdropping is and that you would like your conversations to be private. After that, it will be up to her to decide where to draw the line.

DEAR ABBY: I am fortunate. I come from a close and loving family. Even though we have come through some difficult times recently, it has

drawn us closer, strengthened our love and fueled our resolve to support each other no matter what.

So why am I writing? I am so full of love and emotion that it's not unusual for me to cry frequently. When we say goodbye after a visit, I cry more than anyone else. My daughter says it's a real downer — and others feel awkward. So how does one turn off the flow of tears? — TEARY-EYED IN ALABAMA

DEAR TEARY-EYED: As long as a person understands the reason why she (or he) is crying — and it isn't because of displaced emotions — tears are nothing to be embarrassed about, and I see no reason to stifle them. However, it's one thing to shed a few tears and another to come completely unglued. Because your display of emotion makes "others feel awkward," and if this is new behavior, it may be time to consult your physician to determine what's triggering the waterworks.

Sudoku

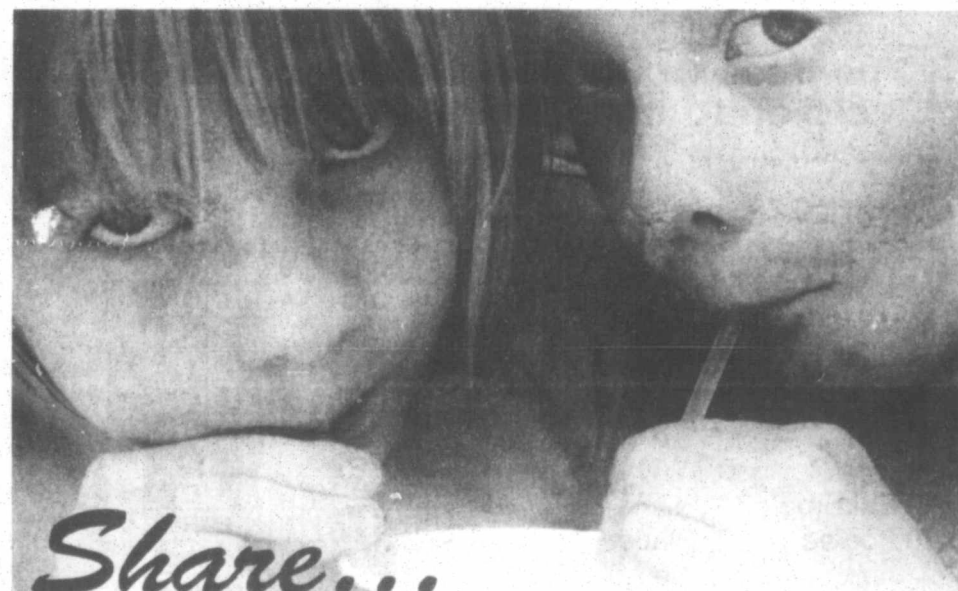
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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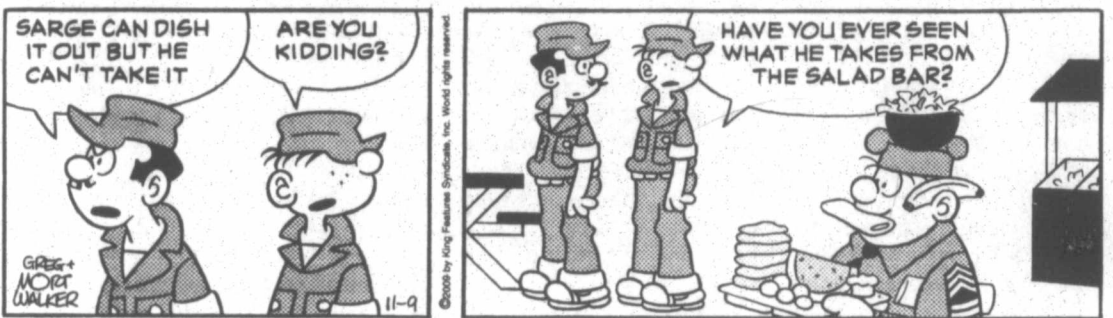
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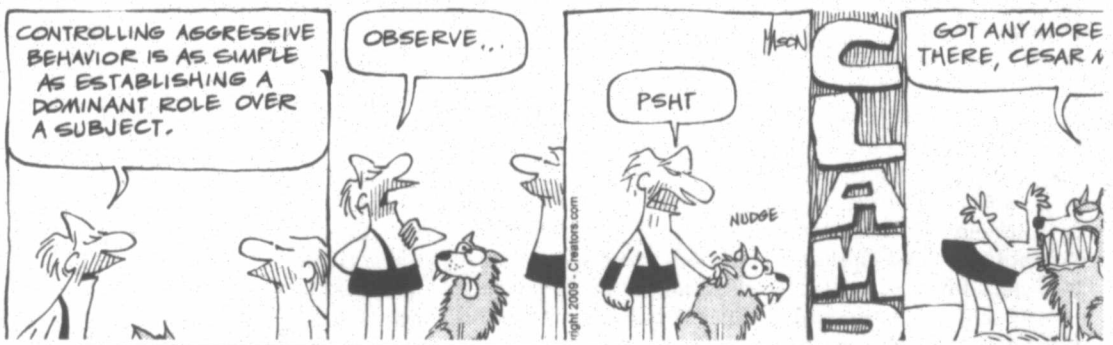
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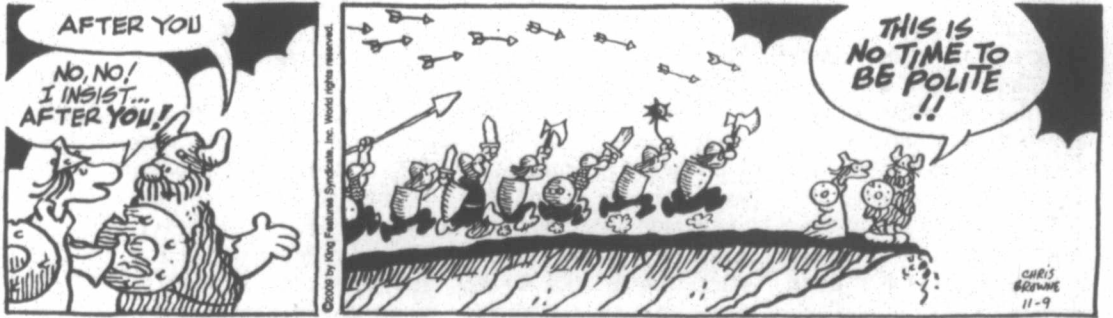
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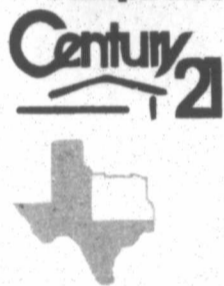
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009:

This year, you make waves and gain understanding of people. Zero in on your goals, and when confused, stop and take a gander at your priorities. You will regain your centering quite quickly. The unexpected does occur, encouraging you to rethink situations more often. Your creativity kicks in frequently when facing challenges. If you are single, you will meet someone through a friendship, or a friendship could become more. If you are attached, the two of you need to socialize more as well as work on the quality of your friendship. You will bond more closely. VIRGO comes through for you.

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)  
\*\*\* Get the job done through focus and direct action. A must appearance could baffle you. Out of the blue, you discover that others are changing their needs, thus impacting a project. Zero in on the long-term priorities, and you'll come out on top. Tonight: Work as late as necessary.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
\*\*\*\*\* Let your imagination kick in when another solution obviously is needed. A brainstorming session could provide many answers or potential solutions. You might be wondering which way to go when dealing with a boss. Take your cue from him or her. Tonight: Be creative when deciding.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
\*\*\* You might want to reconsider a decision and come from a fundamental

base of understanding. Your ability to understand what others are doing allows greater flow. An offer will make life easier. Why not say yes? Tonight: Head home.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* Your imagination and intellect meet, making it possible to deal with a wide range of issues and projects. You might even enjoy the variety that becomes possible. A partner tries to pitch in and be more supportive. Tonight: Change gears.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
\*\*\* Be aware of your spending and long-term desires. You will lighten up considerably if you relax and work with the moment. Extremes hit left and right as you attempt to juggle a lot more than normal. Tonight: Buy a treat on the way home.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* Put your best foot forward. Others cannot help but respond. Your enormous creative resources come forward. You seem to be able to handle more than your normal share. Your caring nature reveals itself more than ever. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
\*\*\* Know when to pull back and understand what is happening. Much bubbles forth that is interesting but needs to be dealt with. You have imagination and ingenuity working for you. Use those assets. Be careful with spending. Tonight: Take some private time.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
\*\*\*\*\* Listen to news that is forthcoming. Understanding comes forward. You are coming up with ideas, and others see and understand your unique resourcefulness. Focus on your direction

and goals. At least you will be pleased! Tonight: Wherever the action is.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
\*\*\*\*\* A must appearance is inevitable. You see a child or loved one from a new perspective. Your understanding evolves when dealing with others. How you handle a personal situation could change dramatically because of pressure. Tonight: A must show.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
\*\*\*\*\* Keep reaching out for others and get more information. You might be surprised by what comes up. Get past a problem immediately. Curb a tendency to give too much or spend too much. Tonight: Put on a great piece of music.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
\*\*\*\*\* Relate to others on a one-on-one level. This attention tends to help them feel secure and relaxed. In this atmosphere, much more will be gained by all parties. Listen to your inner voice on a money matter. Tonight: Make plans with a favorite person.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
\*\*\*\*\* Togetherness isn't possible without you revealing more of your inner feelings. Reach out for someone at a distance who you care about. Realize what is happening behind the scenes. Tonight: Defer to someone else's ideas.

**BORN TODAY**  
Theologian Martin Luther (1483), actor Roy Scheider (1932), lyricist Tim Rice (1944)

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# Sports

## Lady Harvesters win four of six scrimmages

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The Lady Harvesters won four of six scrimmages Saturday at McNeely Fieldhouse.

All three Lady Harvester basketball teams scrimmaged against West Texas, McLean, White Deer and Sanford-Fritch. The freshmen and junior varsity played one five minute quarter against each team and no score was kept. The varsity played one 10 minute quarter against each team, playing West Texas and McLean twice.

The varsity beat West Texas 18-3, tied McLean 12-12, beat Sanford-Fritch 7-2, beat West Texas 15-7, beat White Deer 14-5 and lost to McLean 11-7. Head Coach Gene Valentine was pleased with how his team played.

"You play a couple of quarters then you sit for 30 minutes," Valentine said. "It's hard to get motivated to come back. They played hard. I saw a lot of good things. It helped having the

volleyballers in there."

Emilie Troxell and Taryn Eubank were playing their last volleyball game of the season when they scrimmaged last week. Valentine liked how his defense played when the team was going at high intensity.

"Full court, half court (defense), it helped basically to fuel our offense," Valentine said. "It helped our transition offense. That's what we're trying to do to help our lack of size."

The Lady Harvesters play their first game against Plainview on Tuesday and Valentine said his team needs to work on their press defense.

"The kind of press we're running we are going to play areas," Valentine said. "We need to be able to recognize areas and try to defend them. We let a girl five straight times catch a ball on the sideline. We got to recognize things like that."

Junior varsity coach Forrest Harding said he liked what he saw out of his team.

"They've worked really hard," Harding said. "We're not shooting well but that's expected this early. We played some 1As. We're going to find out Tuesday how good we can be and how bad we can be both...These girls are such good girls and they work really hard. I'm excited about the year."

Freshmen coach Alan Segura said he saw some really good things from his team.

"Overall it was really good," Segura said. "I got to see what are strengths are and what we need to work on. We need to work on our defense and our transition game. They need to learn a few things and get them down better than they do now. Overall it wasn't bad."

Segura said his team did well on breaking the press and at times on offense and defense. The freshman open their season today against the Borger Lady Bulldogs in Borger.



Taryn Eubank goes for a shot against the White Deer Does. Pampa won 14-5. *staff photo by Andrew Glover*

## Seven PHS tennis players earn all-district honors

BY ANDREW GLOVER  
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Seven Harvester tennis players earned all-district honors for the 2009 fall season.

For the girls, Senior Kayla Ware made second team in number seven girls singles. Seniors Hilary Acker and Erin Buck were honorable mentions in number three girls doubles.

For the boys, senior Myles Foreman was an honorable mention in number two boys singles.

Freshman Nick Nelson made second team in number six boys singles. Sophomore Landon Karbo made second team in number seven boys singles. Sophomore Logan Karbo and Nelson were honorable mentions in number three boys doubles. Nelson won boys newcomer of the year.

Dumas had the most all-district nominations with 21. Canyon had 14, Randall had eight, Palo Duro had six and Hereford had one.

The Harvesters will resume play in the spring.



*staff photo by Andrew Glover*

Back row L to R: Myles Foreman, Landon Karbo, Logan Karbo, Erin Buck Front Row L to R: Hilary Acker, Nick Nelson and Kayla Ware earned all-district honors for the fall tennis season. The Harvesters will resume play in the spring.

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