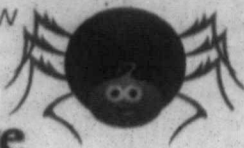


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## WHERE THERE'S SMOKE...



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**Capt. Bob Griffin** of the Pampa Fire Department heads back to his fire truck as smoke billows from the frame home at 408 N. Frost near downtown.

## Minor injuries in Wednesday house fire

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Five people were treated for smoke inhalation at a Wednesday afternoon house fire near downtown Pampa. One man was taken to the hospital to be treated for a cut arm.

Pampa firefighters said today that Brannon Rivera cut his arm crawling through a window of the house at 408 North Frost to escape the flames.

The five other occupants of the house, including a toddler and his mother, were treated at the scene of the fire for smoke inhalation, firefighters said.

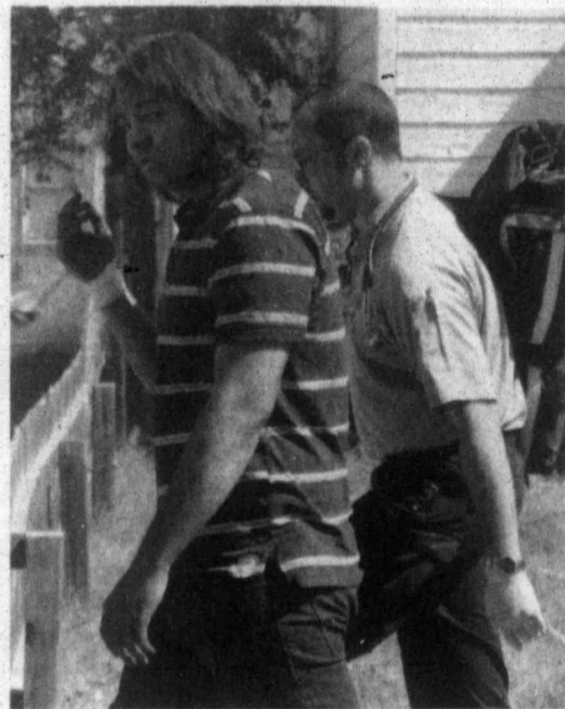
Pampa Fire Marshal Michael Ryan said today that the fire appears to have started in a rear bedroom. A frayed electrical cord was being blamed for the blaze.

Firefighters were about to give a Fire Prevention Week presentation at Travis Elementary School at 1 p.m. Wednesday when the alarm came in.

Leaving the school and rushing to the home on Frost, firefighters arrived to face a ball of thick dark gray smoke billowing from the structure.

It took about an hour to bring the fire under control.

Although human injuries were minor, firefighters said a mother cat and a kitten died from the smoke. A puppy at the home was saved.



staff photo by David Bowser

**Brannon Rivera** (left) is escorted by Paramedic John Waggoner to a Pampa EMS ambulance where he was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center for treatment to an injured arm during the fire in the 400 block of Frost.

## 4-H week recognized

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During ceremonies in the Gray County Commissioners Court, county officials recognized National 4-H Week.

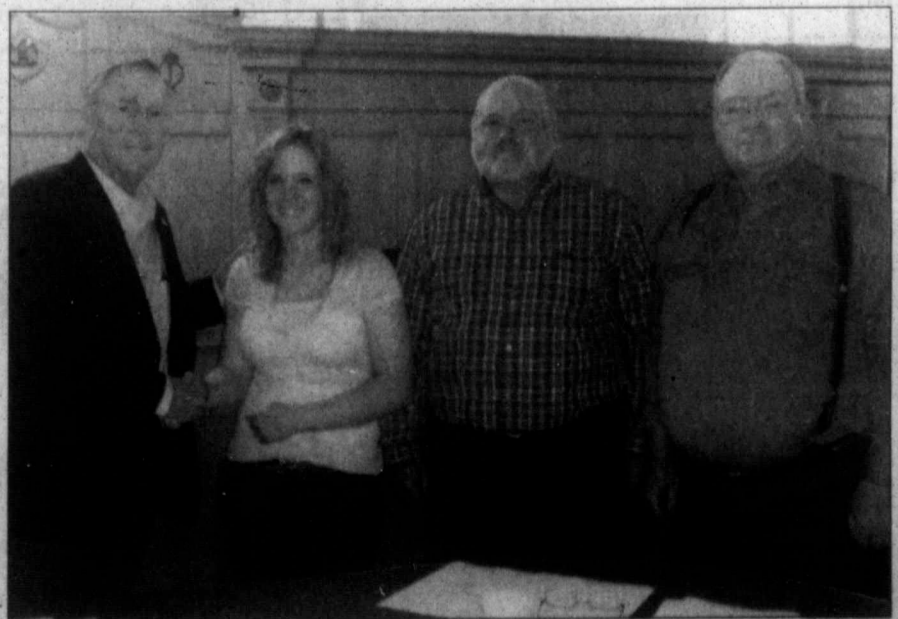
In a proclamation, Judge Richard Peet said the county is proud to honor the 4-H Youth Development Program of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service for 103 years of serving the state's youth.

Representing Gray County 4-H clubs, was Macy Cochran, a Pampa High School freshman.

County Extension Agent Brandon McGinty said the 4-H program has almost 600,000 members nationwide ranging in age from eight to 19.

McGinty said the 4-H program could not have succeeded without the service of the more than 35,400 volunteers that serve in the organization.

**Gray County Judge** Richard Peet (left) congratulates Macy Cochran on National 4-H Week as County Commissioners John Mark Baggerman and James Hefley look on.



staff photo by David Bowser

## Skinner's petition to High Court

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The petition to allow additional DNA testing of Hank Skinner, who was condemned to death for the murder of Pampa's Twila Busby and her two sons, is set to be heard by the United States Supreme Court on Wednesday.

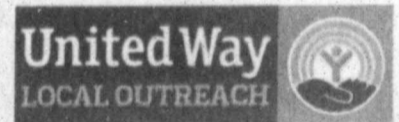
Skinner was originally found guilty of the crime on March 18, 1995, and sentenced to death.

On Nov. 23, 2009, after several rejections of prior post-conviction appeals, Skinner's attorneys filed a petition for writ of certiorari with the Supreme Court, asking essentially for the high court to review the record of the case and decide whether or not Skinner can ask for DNA testing after his conviction.

Last March 24, only 35 minutes before the scheduled lethal injection, the Supreme Court issued a stay of execution to consider Skinner's petition.

Skinner and his appellate attorneys have repeatedly requested **SKINNER** cont. on page 10

## Panhandle MHMR gives support, hope



JIM WOMACK  
Texas Panhandle MHMR

A Pampa mother and her son started receiving treatment for depression from Texas Panhandle Mental Health and Mental Retardation after the boy's father went back to Mexico and passed away.

Mother and son had to move in with extended family, and the son began having problems at school **MHMR** cont. on page 10

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## Obituaries

There are no obituaries today.

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

### PAMPA FORECAST

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**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 52. South southwest wind around 10 mph.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 83. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 80. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. East northeast wind around 5 mph becoming south southeast.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 77. South wind around 5 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. Southeast wind around 5 mph becoming west.

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### Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests.

**Tuesday, Oct. 5**  
Bruce John Raines, 61, was arrested by police on charges of theft by check.

**Wednesday, Oct. 6**  
Ashley Dawn Ragan, 32, was arrested by police on charges of resisting arrest, search and transport.

Jason David Sprowls, 23, was arrested by police on robbery charges.

Debbie Ann Abrams, 50, of Paramount, Calif., was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Omar Saldierna, 17, was arrested by deputies on charges of burglary of a habitation.

Eduardo Javier Hernandez, 36, was arrested by deputies on charges of violating a protective order and having an expired motor vehicle inspection sticker.

**Thursday, Oct. 7**  
Keonti Lachelle Nickleberry, 19, was arrested by police on charges of minor in possession of alcohol and failure to appear.

### Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents.

Police reported 68 traffic-related reports and four accidents.

Animal Control Officers reported 20 calls.

Pampa EMS reported 14 ambulance calls. Lefors

EMS reported two ambulance calls.

**Tuesday, Oct. 5**  
A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 400 block of North Frost.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

A structure fire was reported in the 500 block of North Zimmers.

Identity theft was reported to police.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 4000 block of North Bad Cattle Lane.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Theft was reported in the 600 block of North West.

An assault was reported to police.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of North Terrace.

A theft was reported in the 2800 block of North Charles.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of South Sumner.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of North Crest.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1500 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported in the 500 block of North Dwight.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson and in the 500 block of North Dwight.

Prowlers were reported in the 700 block and 500

block of North Dwight.

An alarm was reported in the 400 block of North Ballard.

City officials shut off the water in the 900 block of North Starkweather.

**Wednesday, Oct. 6**  
A suspicious person was reported at Somerville and Cook.

A dumpster fire was reported in the 700 of North Nelson.

Firefighters made a presentation in the 1900 block of North Duncan.

A theft was reported in the 900 block of East Browning.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 100 block of North Cuyler.

A theft was reported to police.

Officers had escort duty in the 1300 block of North Mary Ellen Harvester.

A structure fire was reported in the 400 block of North Frost.

A fire alarm was reported in the 800 block of West 25th.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of East Frances.

A theft was reported in the 300 block of South Miami.

Officers served warrants in the 600 block of North Christy.

A narcotics violation was reported to police.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 700 block of North Russell.

An assault was reported in the 2300 block of Navajo.

A domestic dispute was

reported in the 1200 block of Darby.

An assault was reported in the 2100 block of Alcock.

A threat was reported in the 200 block of East Brown.

City officials shut off the water in the 400 block of North Hill.

Firefighters were placed on standby in the 700 block of North Christy.

A theft was reported in the 800 block of Locust.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of East Browning.

An alarm was reported in the 700 block of South Cuyler.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of West Craven.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 100 block of South Faulkner.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1600 block of North Somerville.

**Thursday, Oct. 7**  
Officers assisted another agency in the 2300 block of West Alcock.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1900 block of North Beech.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 400 block of South Russell.

A suspicious person was reported in the 600 block of East Foster.

An alarm was reported in the 400 block of North Ballard.

An alarm was reported in the 2300 block of North Comanche.

## Leaders debate property tax for schools

AUSTIN (AP) — With yet another legal challenge to Texas' school finance system lurking, some key senators say it is time the state finds a lasting fix for the broken system.

Their proposed solution: asking voters to approve a constitutional amendment to authorize a statewide property tax that would replace much of the local school property tax.

Senate Finance Chairman Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, said he knows that just mentioning a possible statewide property tax will stir up emotions.

But he would prefer that the state's voters, rather than the courts, have the final say on how Texas should pay for its public schools.

"If you go out and ask people for permission, a



Ogden

lot of times they say yes," Ogden said in meeting this week with the American-Statesman editorial board. Ogden, first elected to the Senate in 1996, is seeking reelection.

State Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, said a statewide property tax wouldn't add to taxpayers' total burden.

But it would provide for an equitable and efficient public-education system, as required by the state constitution, because the state could redistribute the money according to established formulas, he said.

Texas public schools are paid for through a complicated mix of state and local tax dollars that amount to nearly \$49 billion a year, according to the Texas Education Agency.

Over time, the formulas have been made less effective by a hodgepodge of fixes intended to meet concerns of specific legal challenges. "Our school finance system seems to be driven by the courts and not necessarily thoughtful policy," said Duncan, chairman of the State Affairs Committee.

Since the most recent fix in 2006, a general consensus has emerged across the political spectrum that the system is badly broken. For example, the per-student funding in Williamson County ranges from \$4,600 in the Granger district to almost \$6,300 in the nearby Jarrell district.

School districts are expected to file a lawsuit

soon saying the state has failed to fulfill its constitutional objectives. The exact nature of the legal claims are not yet public.

It would probably take years for the case to work its way through the courts.

In the meantime, Ogden offered a few broad details of the possible constitutional amendment that might pre-empt a court decision:

- Repeal a prohibition on a statewide property tax and allow the state to levy a tax of up to \$1 per \$100 of assessed property value.

- Currently, schools districts cannot levy a tax higher than \$1.17 per \$100 for maintenance and operations, and they must get voter approval to exceed \$1.04.

- Allow local school districts to levy a property tax of up to 20 cents per \$100 of assessed property value for "enrichment" purposes.

- Eliminate the so-called Robin Hood system that requires property-wealthy school districts to contribute to the funding of poorer districts.

- Set a lower limit on how much residential property values can increase each year. The limit is now 10 percent.

"When you say statewide property tax, you're in trouble," Ogden said. "So you're going to have to sell it. It is going to have to be a package. But I think that is where we need to go."

To get the amendment on the ballot requires approval of two-thirds of both chambers of the Legislature. And there is plenty in that package to turn off legislators on both sides.

State Rep. Scott Hochberg, D-Houston, said there will be legitimate

questions about fairness and local control under this approach.

"I think local school districts very much want the ability to set their own tax rates as high or as low as they choose. To the extent that the state takes that away, I think districts see that as a loss of local control," said Hochberg, who is commonly seen as the go-to guy on school finance.

Senate Education Chairwoman Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, said the idea is one of many under consideration by a special committee on school finance.

"We want to look at all options. Everything that is out there we want to bring forward again," Shapiro said.

Ogden floated a similar proposal in the past, most recently in 2006, the last time Texas was involved in a school finance lawsuit. But it got little traction at the time.

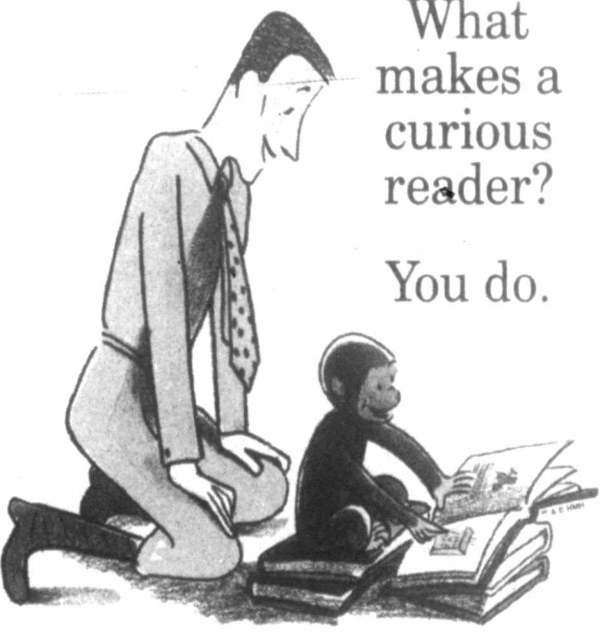
This time he's starting earlier, and he argues that there is an advantage to this approach beyond avoiding lawsuits.

"If the financing is more equitable, and it is less subject to routine constitutional challenge, then we might have some time to work" on improving schools, Ogden said.

The constitutional prohibition against a statewide property tax has been in place for decades. Although a statewide property tax had been a major source of state revenue for a time, lawmakers — with the voters' consent — did away with it amid concerns that it was not applied uniformly across the state because of disparate property appraisal practices. Constitutional changes have since attempted to standardize the appraisal process.

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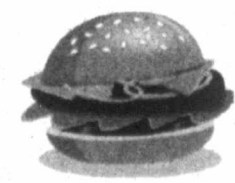

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# AFTERNOONRUSH Perry: 'I'll be longest serving governor'

## DPS employees plead guilty

DALLAS (AP) — A prosecutor says two former Texas Department of Public Safety employees have pleaded guilty to selling driver's license documents to unqualified applicants.

U.S. Attorney Jose Angel Moreno said Wednesday that Mark DeArza, a 39-year-old from Houston who was a state trooper, and Lidia Gutierrez, a 37-year-old from Galena Park who was a DPS clerk, have been convicted of conspiring to sell driver's licenses to unqualified applicants for a fee.

DeArza pleaded guilty Wednesday. Gutierrez pleaded guilty Sept. 30.

Each faces up to 15 years in prison and a fine of as much as \$250,000. Sentencing for both is set for Jan. 7.

A person who operated a Houston gas station has also been charged in the case and will go on trial later this month.

## Trial for turnpike deaths begins

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Attorneys began picking a jury Wednesday that will decide whether to award financial damages to relatives of eight of the 10 people killed more than a year ago when a tractor-trailer truck slammed into a line of stopped cars on a clogged Oklahoma turnpike.

The truck's operator, Associated Wholesale Grocers, Inc., and driver, Donald Creed, 77, of Willard, Mo., have acknowledged civil liability, said attorney Preston A. Trimble of Norman, who represents relatives of six victims. The collision happened June 26, 2009, on the Will Rogers Turnpike near Miami, about 90 miles northeast of Tulsa.

A relative of two of the victims reached an out-of-court settlement for damages over their deaths before a lawsuit filed on behalf of all the victims came to trial, Trimble said. The amount of the settlement has not been disclosed.

Trimble said relatives of the remaining victims are seeking compensatory as well as more than \$10,000 in punitive damages. He declined comment on whether settlement negotiations have occurred between defendants and the remaining victims' relatives.

## Pact to boost gun tracing

MEXICO CITY (AP) — U.S. and Mexican officials are just now fully employing a gun-tracing program touted as a key deterrent to weapons-smuggling, nearly three years after it was first announced in Mexico and weeks after an inspector general's preliminary report called it underused and unsuccessful.

Not enough Mexican investigators had been trained on or had access to the electronic database designed to trace illegally seized weapons to origins in the U.S., a top official at Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives said Wednesday.

"It doesn't mean the system is not working. It's not working as well as it can," said ATF deputy director Kenneth Melson. "The information was being submitted by people who didn't know how to trace guns."

He and Mexico Attorney General Arturo Chavez Chavez signed a memorandum of understanding on Tuesday that will increase to 30 a month the number of people trained to use the program, known as eTrace, an electronic database that can trace the manufacture, import, sale and ownership of guns.

## Calderon to disband police?

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican President Felipe Calderon has sent lawmakers a proposal to abolish Mexico's notoriously corrupt and ineffective municipal police forces.

Under the initiative, each of Mexico's 31 states would have just one police department under the command of the governor.

Calderon raised the idea months ago and formally submitted it to the Senate on Wednesday. He says the goal is to reduce corruption by eliminating hundreds of small police departments whose officers are poorly educated and badly paid.

Mexico has more than 2,000 local and state police departments. Many have been infiltrated by powerful drug cartels. And in some small towns, entire forces have quit after coming under attack by gangs that easily outgun them.

## Busch, Carter, Palin in Alabama

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — Alabama will host three political heavyweights on the same day with former presidents George W. Bush and Jimmy Carter, as well as former vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin, at separate events.

Bush will speak Thursday evening at the University of Mobile's annual leadership banquet at the Mobile Convention Center.

On the same day, Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, are being honored by Habitat for Humanity in Birmingham, where he will join workers at a home-building and repair project.

Palin is visiting Montgomery to speak at a fundraiser for Faulkner University.

## No nudes in San Antonio clubs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — No nudes is bad news for two men's clubs, after a judge issued injunctions barring them from showing fully nude dancing.

XTC Cabaret and Paradise Entertainment were the San Antonio's only two clubs that offered such entertainment.

State District Judge Michael Peden signed orders on Wednesday that the clubs are "specifically restrained from allowing individuals to appear in a state of total nudity."

Attorney Jim Deegear, who represents the two clubs, said that he would advise the clubs to abide by the orders pending appeals.

## 70 years for stolen sandwich

AUSTIN (AP) — A prosecutor says that a man who attacked a security officer at an Austin grocery store with a knife after stealing a tuna sandwich has been sentenced to 70 years in prison.

A Travis County jury sentenced 41-year-old Larry Dayries on Wednesday after finding him guilty of aggravated robbery.

Prosecutor Christopher Baugh says Dayries has been convicted of offenses including burglary and theft, and has been to prison several times before in Texas and Louisiana.

He says that as a habitual felon, Dayries faced a minimum of 25 years in prison and a maximum of life.

Baugh told the *Austin American-Statesman* that Dayries swiped at a loss prevention officer at a Whole Foods with a knife after the officer confronted him in the parking lot.

SHERMAN (AP) — Texans used to throw their governors out of office every few years. But now they are poised to make incumbent Rick Perry, a gun-toting conservative who once suggested Texas might secede from the United States, the longest serving governor in the country.

Perry hasn't won it yet. Polls show he still hasn't closed the sale in a surprisingly tight race against Democrat Bill White. But the West Texas farm boy has never lost an election, and he says he doesn't plan to start now — particularly not at a time when voters seem to be rewarding the muscular, no-apologies conservatism that he has wielded like a club since taking over for George W. Bush in 2000.

Though he has held elective office for the last quarter century, Perry positioned himself as an outsider and got in front of the anti-tax, anti-Washington wave sweeping the country. He has been embracing tea party insurgents and bashing federal involvement ever since. Now Perry is writing a book about the evils of Washington and is becoming

an increasingly visible, national GOP leader.

In a recent interview with The Associated Press, Perry insisted again that he has no interest in running for president or vice-president in 2012, but he won't say when, if ever, he will quit running for Texas governor. He's already running for an unprecedented third term and he wouldn't rule out running for a fourth one in 2014 — a feat that would give him a total of 18 years in office and make Perry one of the longest serving governors in American history.

After saying robotically three times that he was "focused on third term," and without answering whether he would seek a fourth, Perry was asked if it was possible to stay in office too long.

"In what sense?" said Perry, flashing a wide grin. "I'm not liking where this is going."

Perry is already the longest serving governor in Texas history. When the state allowed two-year terms, no governor ever won more than three in a row. Even after four-year terms

were introduced in the 1970s, voters kept throwing out the incumbents. It wasn't until 1998, when Bush was at the height of his popularity, that Texans offered their top state elected official a chance to serve eight consecutive years as governor.

But Bush was elected president two years later, and Perry has been Texas governor ever since. That kind of opportunity — some call it luck — has stuck with Perry. A former Democratic state representative, Perry switched parties just as the GOP was on the rise in Texas in the late 1980s. Then, when he was at his weakest point as governor in 2006, he drew even weaker opponents who split up the "no" votes four different ways. Now Perry has fielded his most serious Democratic gubernatorial opponent yet, but it looks like a good year to be a Republican.

Recent polls show Perry with a lead of about six or seven points, but the governor is so confident he will win that he has ruled out any joint appearances with his opponent, and has refused to meet with newspaper editorial boards.

## Texas, Mexico tangle over shooting

AUSTIN (AP) — The search for an American tourist reportedly shot dead on a border lake has led Texas Gov. Rick Perry to tangle with the Mexican government over the investigation and efforts to recover the body.

Perry this week urged Calderon to call him within 48 hours to update him on the hunt for the body of David Hartley, whose wife says he was shot by Mexican pirates on Falcon Lake last week as they were returning to the United States on Jet Skis. Perry's office has said it expects to talk to Mexican President Felipe Calderon on Thursday.

Falcon Lake is a dammed section of the Rio Grande that has been plagued by pirates who rob boaters and fisherman who wander into Mexican waters. Hartley's death would be the first killing on the lake.

Perry said Wednesday that Mexico needs to use every resource available to find Hartley's body and have it returned to U.S. soil.

The Mexican Foreign Relations Ministry said Mexico condemns "any act that endangers the lives of innocent citizens," saying that the country "is committed to the investigation of those acts."

The ministry's statement said Mexico has "from the first moment" been in contact with the U.S. to coordinate the search and recovery of Hartley's body, and noted Mexican authorities have "stepped up their actions with the support of specialized personnel, boats and helicopters."

The Hartley family says Mexican authorities are not doing enough to find their relative's body. U.S. authorities are unable to investigate Hartley's disappearance because it happened in Mexico.

"As long as David's not home, enough hasn't been done," said his mother, Pam Hartley.

Tiffany Hartley has said her husband was shot in the head by three men chasing them in speedboats and that he fell off his Jet Ski and into the lake. Game wardens escorted her and several relatives members out onto Falcon Lake to lay a large wreath of orange and yellow flowers in the water Wednesday.

Tiffany Hartley sat on the side of a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department boat with her hand over her mouth as she watched the wreath float away.

"It was very emotional because I know he's out there and we just all want him back so we can give him the proper goodbye," she said at a news conference later.

Perry has told The Associated Press that if Hartley's body has not been retrieved by the time he hears from Calderon, then "we're not looking hard enough." He said Mexican Foreign Ministry

Undersecretary Julian Ventura had been accommodating during talks earlier this week.

The statement from Mexico City ran counter to comments by state officials in Tamaulipas, who cast doubt on Tiffany Hartley's

story in interviews with the McAllen Monitor.

The district attorney there, Marcó Antonio Guerrero Carraxales, also told the paper that authorities "are not certain that incident happened the way that they are telling us."

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Thursday, Oct. 7, the 280th day of 2010. There are 85 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 7, 1910, a major wildfire devastated the northern Minnesota towns of Spooner and Baudette, charring at least 300,000 acres. Some 40 people are believed to have died.

### On this date:

In 1777, the second Battle of Saratoga began during the American Revolution. (British forces under Gen. John Burgoyne surrendered ten days later.)

In 1858, the fifth debate between Illinois senatorial candidates Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas took place in Galesburg.

In 1940, Artie Shaw and his Orchestra recorded Hoagy Carmichael's "Stardust" for RCA Victor.

In 1949, the Republic of East Germany was formed.

In 1960, Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy and Republican opponent Richard M. Nixon held their second televised debate, in Washington D.C. The TV series "Route 66" premiered on CBS.

In 1985, Palestinian gunmen hijacked the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro in the Mediterranean. (The hijackers, who killed an elderly Jewish American tourist, Leon Klinghoffer, surrendered two days after taking over the ship.)

In 1989, Hungary's Communist Party renounced Marxism in favor of democratic socialism during a party congress in Budapest.

In 1991, University of Oklahoma law professor Anita Hill publicly accused Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas of making sexually inappropriate comments when she worked for him; Thomas denied Hill's allegations.

In 1998, Matthew Shepard, a gay college student at the University of Wyoming, was beaten, robbed and left tied to a wooden fencepost outside of Laramie; he died five days later. (Russell Henderson and Aaron McKinney are serving life sentences for Shepard's murder.)

**Ten years ago:** Vojislav Kostunica took the oath of office as Yugoslavia's first popularly elected president, closing the turbulent era of Slobodan Milosevic.

**Five years ago:** The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to the International Atomic Energy Agency and its chief, Mohamed ElBaradei.

**One year ago:** A top Italian court overturned a law granting Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi immunity from prosecution, allowing trials for corruption and tax fraud to resume. (Berlusconi denies wrongdoing.) Americans Venkatraman Ramakrishnan and Thomas Steitz and Israeli Ada Yonath won the Nobel Prize in chemistry. Fashion and celebrity photographer Irving Penn died in New York at 92.

**Today's Birthdays:** Retired South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu is 79. Comedian Joy Behar (TV: "The View") is 68. Former National Security Council aide Oliver North is 67. Rock musician Kevin Godley (10cc) is 65. Actress Jill Larson (TV: "All My Children") is 63. Country singer Kieran Kane is 61. Singer John Mellencamp is 59. Rock musician Ricky Phillips is 59. Actress Mary Badham (Film: "To Kill a Mockingbird") is 58. Actress Christopher Norris is 57. Rock musician Tico Torres (Bon Jovi) is 57. Cellist Yo-Yo Ma is 55. Gospel singer Michael W. Smith is 53. Actor Dylan Baker is 52. Recording executive and TV personality Simon Cowell is 51. Rock musician Charlie Marinkovich (Iron Butterfly) is 51. Country singer Dale Watson is 48. Pop singer Ann Curless (Expose) is 47. Rhythm-and-blues singer Toni Braxton is 43. Rock singer-musician Thom Yorke (Radiohead) is 42. Rock musician-dancer Leroy Thornhill is 41. Actress Nicole Ari Parker is 40. Rock singer-musician Damian Kulash is 35. Singer Taylor Hicks ("American Idol") is 34. Actor Omar Benson Miller is 32.

**Thought for Today:** "If your contribution has been vital there will always be somebody to pick up where you left off, and that will be your claim to immortality." - Walter Gropius, German-American architect (1883-1969).



## The ideologies behind the ideologues

Let nobody accuse the tea party enthusiasts of lacking intellectual sophistication, no matter what their favorite candidates might say about evolution, civil rights, masturbation or alcohol prohibition.

According to The New York Times, the movement's reading list includes works of political economy by such right-wing thinkers as Ludwig von Mises, Friedrich von Hayek and Frederic Bastiat. (And never mind that some of them are reading Glenn Beck's favorite crank, the late Cleon Skousen, who doesn't quite belong in the same category.)

What makes this news so bemusing is not that the far right is rediscovering anarcho-capitalism or ultra-libertarianism -- an ideology whose potential consequences were observed the other day in Tennessee, where firefighters watched a family's house burn down because they hadn't paid a fee. Mises, Hayek and their successors have long influenced the American right, from William F. Buckley Jr. to Alan Greenspan.

What's funny is the sudden reverence among the tea party's self-styled super-patriots for a bunch of foreign philosophers whose outlook is known as "Austrian economics," except for Bastiat -- whose Frenchness might be expected to arouse even greater suspicion among our nativists. Among the most bitter complaints against President Obama is his supposed penchant for European notions concerning health care reform, climate change and global security. His angriest critics at tea party demonstrations maliciously suggest

that the president is himself a foreigner who doesn't respect the American way.

So why do those same people now tell us that America should heed the Austrian school of economics, with its strictures against public schooling, public roads and government services of almost any kind?

Why should European ideologies of the far right suddenly become fashionable among citizens who so blithely accuse the White House of importing "socialist" policies from abroad?

The Austrian craze is particularly curious because it has displaced a school of economics that ought to be more appealing to the proud and patriotic, especially those who claim to be true to the views of the nation's founders. That would be the school known as "the American system" -- which offers the added attraction of a real record of promoting national prosperity.

What is (or was) the American system? As articulated by thinkers from Alexander Hamilton to Henry Clay to Abraham Lincoln, it included protective tariffs to foster industry, national support for scientific research, federal spending (and debt!) to finance public works, regulation of private infrastructure (such as railroads) and universal education. That way of doing things persisted well into the past century, influencing policy in the Progressive Era, the New Deal and the Great Society. It preserved the nation's independence after the Revolution and built the United States into the wealthiest and most powerful country in the



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world. But Austrian economics -- which the Austrians themselves have wisely rejected, by the way, in favor of a more democratic and egalitarian style -- had precisely nothing to do with that historic process.

So why would the tea party movement, so prone to bouts of jingoism and xenophobia, embrace an untried foreign ideology? Why would they ignore the traditional, native-grown concepts that bear the stamp of Hamilton and Lincoln? It is hard not to suspect that the Washington-based exponents of Austrian economics, at corporate-funded outfits like Americans for

Prosperity, are promoting their own familiar agenda.

If the "Austrian" ideology prevailed in tearing down government, extirpating regulation and destroying public institutions, what would be left standing? Not much except giant corporations, mammoth banks and hedge funds, whose proprietors would then be able to completely dominate an increasingly impoverished, uneducated and underfunded people. Not every aspect of the old American system could or should have been preserved -- but it is much preferable to the corporate oligarchy that can be glimpsed behind the tea party.

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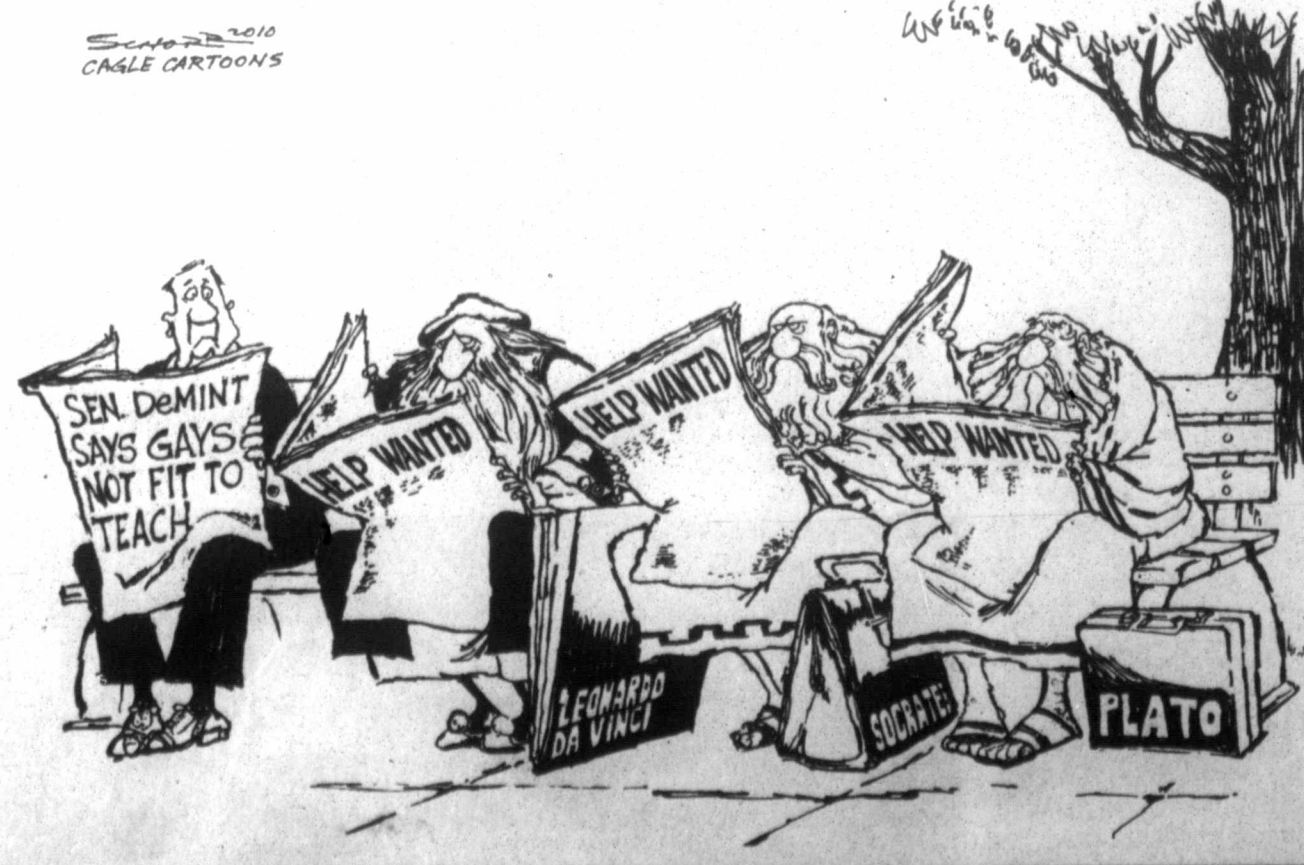
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# Art deco lamp a family keepsake

**Q:** My dear sister received the pictured electric lamp as a prize at a church bazaar. It was 1933 and she was 10 years old. The glass has a green cast, the base is marble, and the overall length is 14 inches. It is in excellent condition and still lights up. We will keep it in the family. It may not be worth much, but it is a wealth of sentiment to us.

Any information will be greatly appreciated.

**A:** Your lamp is a lovely example of Art Deco design and would probably sell in the range of \$150 to \$250.

**Q:** This mark is on the bottom of my mother's porcelain vase. She has had it for many years. Standing on three feet, it is shaped like an egg. On the front are scrolls and the image of two cupids, all in relief. A crown and the words, "Reg. U.S. Pat. Off. — Japan — 772" are also included with the mark.

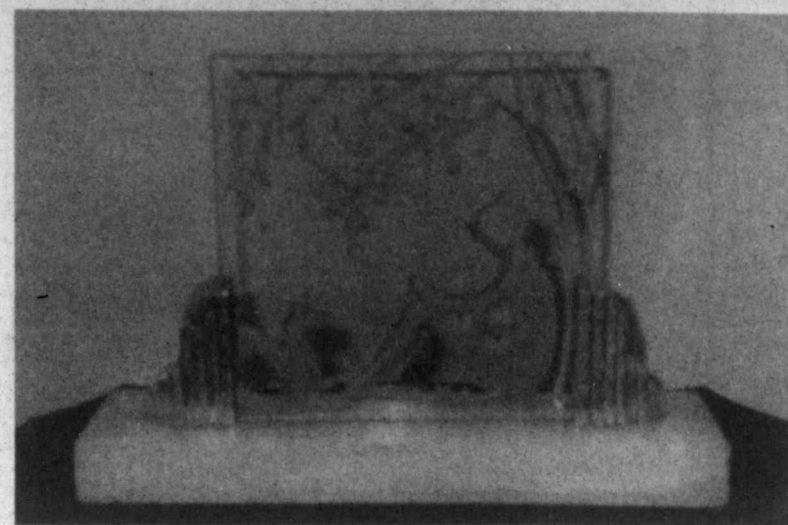
I would like to know if it has any value.

**A:** Your vase was made in Japan for the George Zoltan Lefton Co., which has been in business since 1941. Lefton imported porcelain, pottery and glass from a variety of countries to be sold in the United States. The design number is "772."

Your vase was made between 1949 and 1955. The value would probably be \$15 to \$25.

**Q:** I have a Little Orphan Annie toy stove that was given to my grandmother in the 1930s for her seventh birthday. Made by Marx Toys, it's electric and still works.

## ANTIQU OR JUNQUE?



This lamp, a fine example of the Art Deco movement, would fetch between \$150 and \$250.

The overall measurements are 8 inches by 9 inches. It is green metal and has yellow top burners. There are four ovens with doors that open -- the doors are decorated with pictures of Little Orphan Annie and her dog, Sandy. It is in extremely good condition.

What can you tell me about our toy stove?

**A:** Louis Marx and his brother, David, founded Marx Toys, Inc. in 1919 in New York City. By the 1930s, they had plants in the United States and in England. After years as a leading toy manufacturer, sales

declined and the firm was ultimately sold to Quaker Oats Co. in 1972. Today, their vintage metal toys are extremely popular collectibles.

Your toy stove would probably fetch \$95 to \$125 in an antiques shop.

*If you have any antique inquiries, address your questions to Anne McCollam, P.O. Box 247, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Items of a general interest will be answered in this column. Due to the volume of inquiries, she cannot answer individual letters.*



## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a parole officer, and while I agree with and support your response to "Smitten in New York" (Aug. 6), I would like to offer an additional comment. People can and do change their lives while incarcerated. However, when they are in a controlled environment, their changed lives on the outside are still in their imaginations.

Many inmates who make very positive plans for their future when they're released, discover life "on the outs" doesn't unfold the way they imagined it would. Some of them deal with substance abuse issues, mental illness, brain injuries and a lack of education and life skills. I would caution "Smitten" not to become too involved with her pen pal after his release until he has proven his ability to be the partner she believes and hopes he will be. — **KELLY IN WASHINGTON STATE**

**DEAR KELLY:** Thank you for your comments. I received many letters from former pen pals of inmates, all advising — pleading with — "Smitten" to run as fast as she can from this man. Today, however, I'll print some from those in the know from the "inside." Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** "Smitten" and countless other women (and men) who write and visit inmates do not fully understand the situation they're potentially putting themselves in.

Any one inmate receives numerous letters, graphic photos and visitors, and not all from the same "potential special person." Inmates live and breathe a 24/7 confined life, with nothing to do but find ways to entertain or protect themselves.

It's not far-fetched that an inmate may be under the control of a gang affiliation and need to do certain things to gain a "rep" inside the walls. They have plenty of time to consider the who, how, what and

wheres of surviving in jail.

Sure, some inmates have taken a different road, but is "Smitten" ready to bring a con into her family in the hopes that he's telling the truth? I work in a maximum security prison in New York. "Smitten," I strongly urge you to reconsider communicating with this inmate. And I hope you're NOT sending him money or letting him know your financial situation. — **SEEN FROM THE INSIDE**

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a retired corrections officer from the state of Florida, and this woman has fallen for the most common game played by inmates. One person writes the letter and the others pay him for it with cigarettes or other items they can buy in the canteen. Inmates will come up with amazing fictions to make people feel sorry for them, or send them money to be put in their inmate trust fund.

I can guarantee "Smitten" that this inmate has absolutely no feelings for her and is only using her. If she's that gullible — or stupid — she deserves to be used. If she's that lonely, she should get a dog! — **CHRIS IN FLORIDA**

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a paralegal who has worked for a criminal defense attorney in Florida for many years. Florida has a comprehensive Web site and its offender information search posts not only photos, but also lists prior incarcerations and case information about the crime for which inmates are presently serving. To find the state prison site, "Smitten" should input "Florida Department of Corrections" and look for the "Offender" information search.

"Smitten" is playing with fire, Abby, and if she gets burned it will be because she'd rather believe the fantasy and ignore the reality. She needs to do her homework before accepting this man's declarations as truth. — **FORMERLY BURNED IN FLORIDA**

## Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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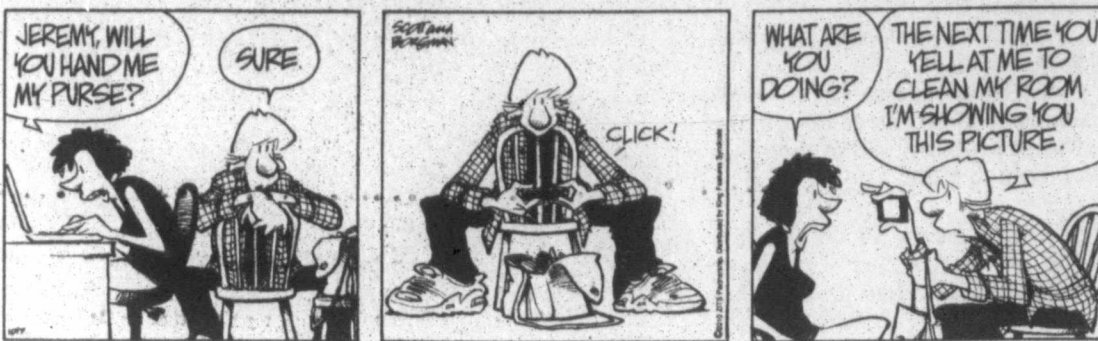


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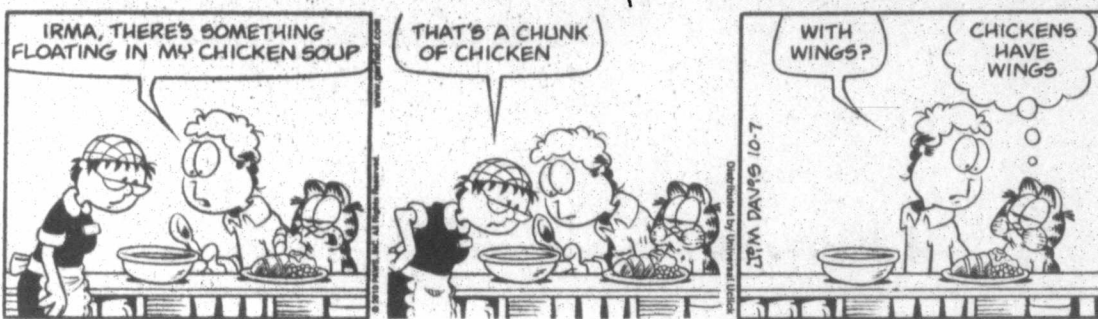
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# Sports

THURSDAY

**GROOM**  
Tigers



## GRIDIRON



**LEFORS**  
Pirates

### Pirates rematch with Groom, without three starters

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The last time the Lefors Pirates played the Groom Tigers, it was the last district game and a combined total of 180 points were scored in a game Lefors won to clinch their second straight district title. Now, the Pirates are a younger team with a different style of offense looking to end non-district on a winning note 7:30 p.m. Friday at Groom.

Head coach Joey Czubinski said they cannot afford to get into a track meet with Groom.

"We don't have the personnel to do that this year," Czubinski said. "Last year we had the players that if you scored 60 we will score 80 and if you scored 80 we will score 100. We got to stick to the game plan. The team that will win Friday is the one that alters the other's game plan."

Lefors (4-2) enters the game on a two-game losing streak and will also be without three starters. Senior defensive back Cody Hess sat out of practice with a shoulder injury. Junior receiver Dennis Sprouse sat out with an injured knee. Sprouse had

an MRI two days ago to see if he has a hairline fracture, which could keep him out the rest of the season. Senior center Austin Brooks had an accident at home that will keep him out.

Czubinski said the younger guys will have to step up and they've had longer practices this week.

"We've been shifting guys around," Czubinski said. "We've been emphasizing the game plan over and over. Practices have been long. Fortunately next week is our bye and we can rest. The younger guys will get a lot of playing time."

Czubinski said the key Friday will be stopping Groom's quarterback Jacob Torres and running back Taylor Fields and avoiding an early deficit.

"We have to contain

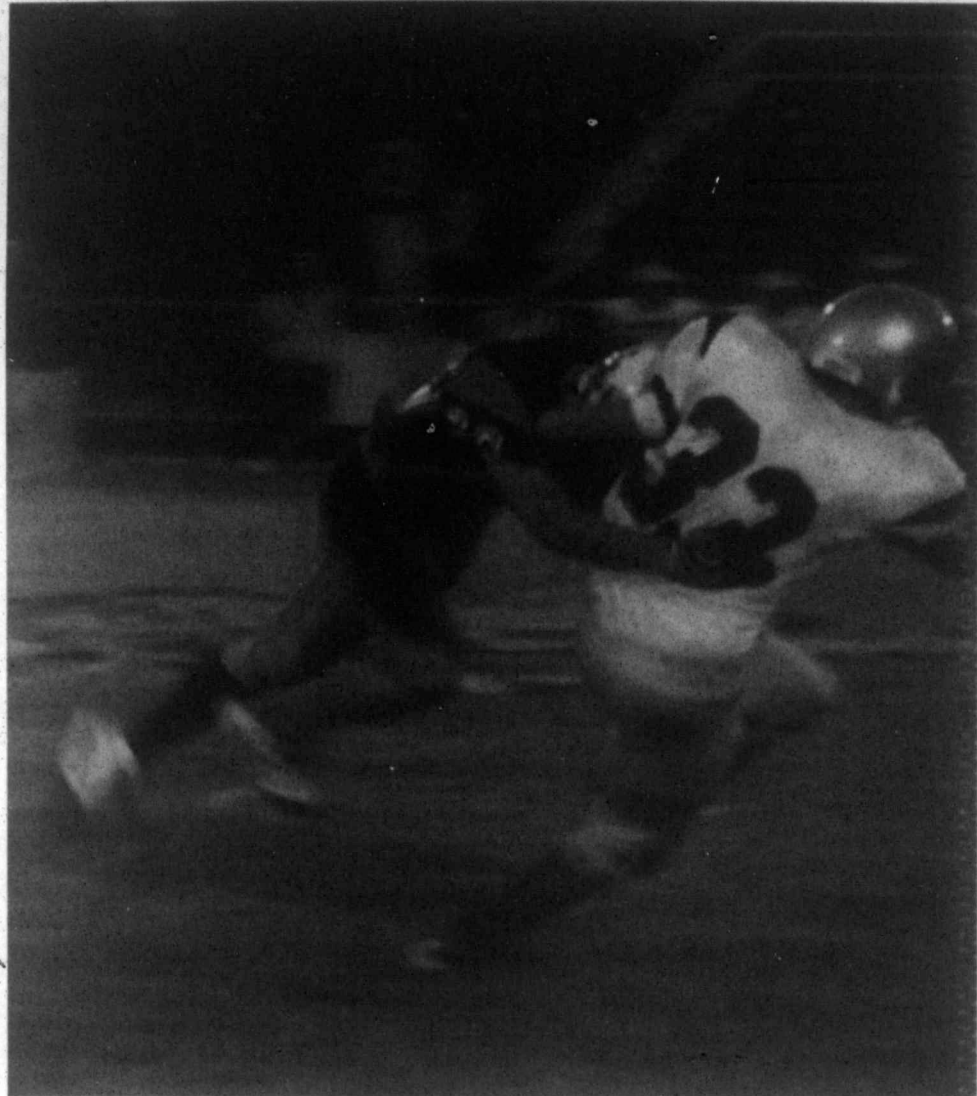
them," Czubinski said. "If we fall behind early again, we are going to have a long night. We have to show intensity and don't hang our head when we mess up. We have to go play ball and learn from it."

Groom (4-1) enters the game on a three-game winning streak. The last three teams the Pirates faced entered the game winning at least the last three. Lefors lost two out of those three Czubinski said they need to go into the bye with a win.

"We keep running into teams on a roll," Czubinski said. "We have to dig ourselves out of the hole. I expect to see a different game than the last two weeks. We know what we have to do and step up to make plays."

#### Keep an eye on: Spencer Nicholson, So. QB

After two consecutive rough starts, it will be key for Nicholson to be on track against Groom and keep the offense clicking.



staff photo by Andrew Glover  
Lane Stegall wraps up Amarillo San Jacinto's Brock Miller in a Oct. 1 game at Lefors. The Pirates rematch with Groom 7:30 p.m. Friday in Groom.

### Harvesters focus on fundamentals during bye week



staff photo by Andrew Glover  
Daniel Hulsey tries to escape a defender in practice Wednesday during Pampa's open week. The Harvesters open district at Borger October 15.

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The Pampa Harvesters used their open week to improve themselves on both sides of the ball in preparation for their upcoming district schedule.

Defensive coordinator Stacey Alexander said the week was a good time for them to improve on their game of football.

"Our open week has given us a chance to focus on us and the fundamental and technical aspects of tackle football," Alexander said. "It has also given the players a chance to heal up some bumps and bruises and they are preparing to attack district with their very best effort."

Junior quarterback Reid Miller said practice is more intense with the beginning of district next week.

"We have Borger next week, and no one wants to lose to them," Miller said. "It's been really intense, less jacking around and more just working."

Miller said the offense has really improved their blocking.

"The protection has improved a lot," Miller said. "The running game has gotten better."

Senior defensive back Olin Boyd said the defense has improved their run defense.

"We've got more people in the box to stop the run against Borger," Boyd said. "We're doing man coverage on the receivers and have gotten better at man."

Offensive coordinator Casey Alexander said although the Borger game is next they have been focusing on themselves.

"We are able to work on us; working on what we know we have to improve, taking care of injuries, and other things," Alexander said. "We are able to give

them a picture of their next opponent, but our focus, as always, is the Pampa Harvesters."

Senior wide receiver Garrett Ericson said the open week has been nice to get people healthy.

"We have had players banged up right and left," Ericson said. "Having an off-week gives us a chance to recover both physically and mentally. Get back in shape and improve for district."

Ericson said they have to improve their bond as a team.

"Coming off a loss against Snyder is tough but we have to come together as a team," Ericson said. "Build each other up and know this is when the real season starts, the next three weeks."

Boyd said the non-district season felt a little longer than previous seasons.

"We're use to starting district earlier," Boyd said. "We are ready to get into district."

### DAILY HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Oct. 8, 2010:

Paint your year as exciting and dynamic. You might wonder which way to go with several key ideas and life decisions. Play the waiting game; do adequate research. Sometimes you feel out of sorts or discouraged, especially when dealing with obstacles. If you are single, you might not meet the love of your life, but you could have a lot of fun dating. Expand your circle of friends no matter what your status is. If you are attached, don't assume that you are right. Try thinking in terms of how you can use both concepts. SCORPIO knows how to spend your money!

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**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★★ You could feel swamped by demands, but you will clear out the frivolous. You might be feeling that you need to make a change. Hold off and wait for a month or so. Tonight: Listen to offers.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★ You are playful and full of fun. However, if you look around, many aren't joining in. Your ability to come to terms with an emotional situation plays

out. Let others reveal their true colors. See life in a new, revitalized manner. Tonight: Get together with associates.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★ If you can play this Friday in a low-key, easy manner, do so. You want to see another person in a different light. Your ability to move in a new direction needs to come out, but slow down. Explore your options. Tonight: Act like a teenager again.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★ You might have a problem communicating the bottom line with key people. Avoid getting into a spat over a misunderstanding. Right now, allow yourself time to rethink a personal matter. Time is your ally. Tonight: Head home.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★★ Be careful with a possessive streak. You see matters in a different light, especially financially. Though you might not be able to convince others of the rightness of your ideas, you will, given time. Tonight: Hang out with your pals.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★ Use today to the max. You can convince others now, whereas in a few days, all you will get is a head shake "no." Confusion mixes with opportunity around work. Don't think that an offer you are seeing is permanent. Tonight: Your treat.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★ Take your time today. If something feels off, it probably is. At present, you might not be able to do much about changing the situation. Focus on clearing out what you can do by yourself. Tonight: Take a deep breath. Leave the workweek behind. Now, what would you

like to do?  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ Meetings prove to be important. Even if you believe you have reached a conclusion, don't count on it. Much will be changing, including your impressions, in the next few weeks. Take your time making an important decision. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★ If someone suggests you should take the lead or accept a more prominent role, say what you feel. The issue lies in that formalizing this agreement could take longer than you desire. Tonight: Find your pals.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★ You might want to consider an alternative more carefully, especially if it involves travel or taking a course or two. As you dig into the possibilities the next few weeks, you could see another route to your goal. Tonight: A force to be dealt with. Feel like leader of the gang?

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
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# Sports

THURSDAY

**WHEELER**  
Mustangs



**SHAMROCK**  
Fightin' Irish

## Mustangs open district seeking fourth straight win

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The Wheeler Mustangs (3-3) will be looking for their fourth straight victory Friday, when they open district with the Shamrock Fightin' Irish (0-6) 7:30 p.m. Friday in Wheeler.

The Mustangs have won three straight after losing the opening three games. Head coach Brandon Smith said they are excited about how they played last week and about to hit the real season.

"This is why we worked so hard in two-a-days," Smith said. "We sched-

uled a tough preseason and the kids are coming back ready to get going."

The Irish have lost their last 18 games dating back to October 31, 2008. Smith said they have a good running back in Shelton Hall.

"He carries the ball a lot," Smith said. "He's a big, strong kid. If we

can't contain him, it will a long night."

Smith said the team who can contain the other's running game will come out on top.

"They run the ball to setup the pass like we do," Smith said. "It will be a pretty good smashmouth football game."

## Bucks set to face Indians for final non-district contest

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The White Deer Bucks (4-2) look to end non-district on a winning note when they travel to Quanah to face the Indians 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The Bucks enter the game losing 34-28 to Wellington last week. Head coach Wade Wilson said Quanah will be just as tough.

"Quanah is a very physical team and they have some outstanding skill kids," Wilson said. "This game will be

another big challenge for us."

The Indians are coming off a 48-26 loss to Munday. Quanah boasts a senior running back Rooderick Woodward. Wilson said they keys will be developing a running game on offense and stopping their opponents running

game.

"We need to be able to run the ball more consistently and cut down on turnovers," Wilson said. "Defensively we will have to play perfect to contain Roderick Woodward."

## Garza: Girls showed character Tuesday against Dalhart

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Pampa head volleyball coach Libby Garza said her girls showed character in pulling out a four-game win at Dalhart Tuesday.

"I thought we showed great composure last night," Garza said. "We struggled to finish fast. It was not our best match but we won in a tough environment."

The No. 16 Lady Harvesters guaranteed the head-to-head tiebreaker against Dalhart and could clinch playoffs Saturday with a victory and a



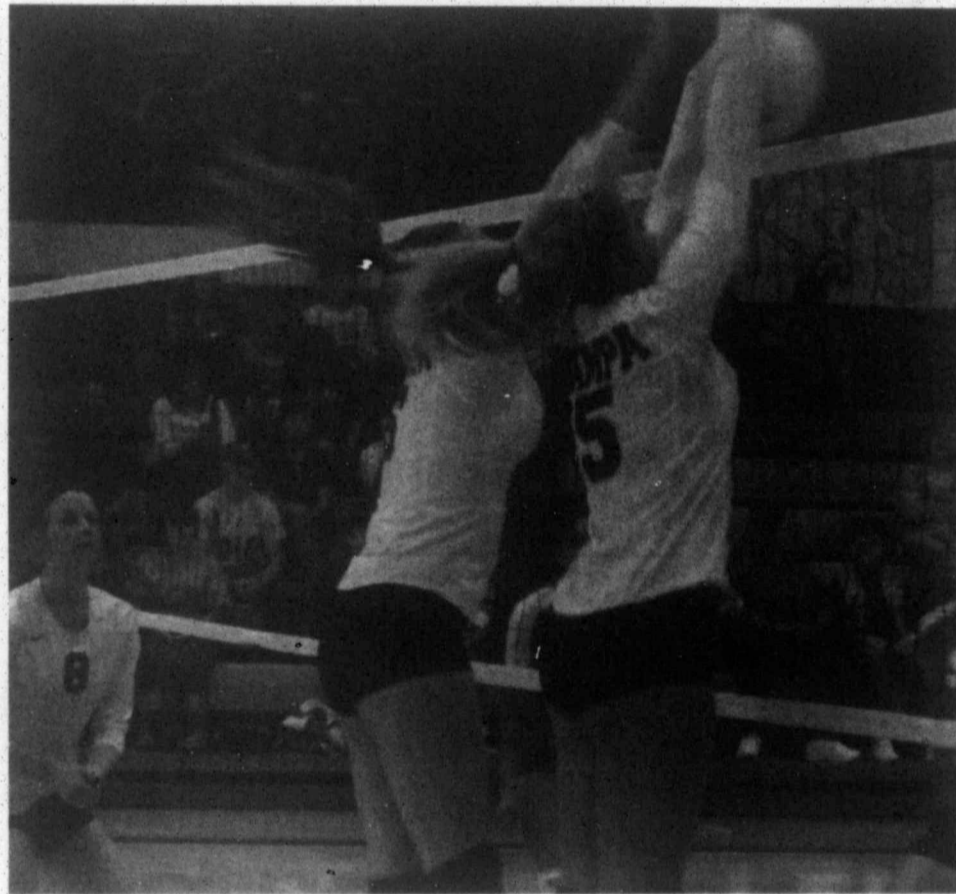
Garza

Perryton loss. Garza said it does wonders for the girls' confidence and Saturday will be tough.

"Saturday will be a big game that we will have to prepare for, as well as fix some things on the court,"

Garza said.

The Lady Harvesters (23-11, 4-0) host the Borger Lady Bulldogs (16-10, 1-2) 3 p.m. Saturday.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Stephanie Allen (6) and Ramie Hutto (right) block an attack from Perryton October 2. The No. 16 Lady Harvesters host Borger 3 p.m. Saturday.

## District 1-3A volleyball standings

Team	DW	DL	D%	W	L	W%
Pampa	4	0	1.000	23	11	0.676
Dalhart	2	2	0.500	21	15	0.583
Borger	1	2	0.333	16	10	0.615
Perryton	0	3	0.000	12	15	0.444

## Hidden Hills Club golf results

Hidden hills seniors results 10-6-10

**First- 62**  
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J. McGuire  
R. Abbott  
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B. Young  
M. Driver  
D. Butler  
**Third-62**

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L. Heard  
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J. Hervey  
R. Covalt  
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## Rangers take Game One

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Cliff Lee savored another playoff victory, saying winning is the only way to really evaluate how he performs.

"That's the bottom line, regardless how that happens," the Texas Rangers ace said after beating the Tampa Bay Rays 5-1 Wednesday in the opening game of the AL playoffs. "If we get a win, it was a good performance."

Picking up where he left off during a stellar postseason run in 2009, Lee shrugged off a shaky first inning to shut down the Rays and help the AL West champions win a playoff game for the first time in 14 years.

It was exactly what the Rangers had in mind when they acquired the 2008 Cy Young Award winner, who improved to 5-0 with a 1.52 ERA in six postseason starts.

The Rangers will try to take a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five series on Thursday, with left-hander C.J. Wilson taking the mound for Texas against right-hander James Shields.

"Obviously, I enjoy competition, period, whether it be the regular season, postseason, playing darts, shooting pool or whatever," Lee said. "I like to compete, and I hate to lose. Any time you're playing against the most elite baseball players in the world, it's a challenge."

No pitcher has done it better in the playoffs, lately.

The 32-year-old lefty worked seven impressive innings, matching a postseason best with 10 strikeouts while allowing five hits — just two after escaping a bases-loaded jam in the first inning. During one dominating stretch, he retired 16 of 17 batters before giving up Ben Zobrist's homer in the seventh.

The Rangers got to Rays ace David Price early, building a 5-0 lead for Lee, with Nelson Cruz and Bengie Molina hitting home runs and Jeff Francoeur and Vladimir Guerrero also driving in runs.

"There's never going to be a point when I'm on the mound that I feel like it's not going to be my day," said Lee, who fanned Carlos Pena and Rocco Baldelli after giving up singles to Jason Bartlett, Carl Crawford and Evan Longoria in the first. "If you lose confidence out there, you're in a bad spot. Regardless of what the situation is, or what the circumstances are, you've got to stay positive."

Lee went 4-0 with a 1.56 ERA in five postseason starts for the Philadelphia Phillies in 2009, including 2-0 with a 2.81 ERA against the New York Yankees in the World Series.

He lost to the Rays three times during the regular season. That meant nothing Wednesday as the Rangers, in the playoffs for the first time since 1999, stopped a nine-game postseason losing streak.

## PJH 7th and 8th grade football White teams sweep Bulldogs

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The Pampa Junior High 7th and 8th grade White Teams shutout Borger in Borger Monday.

In Game One, the 7th grade Reapers won 26-0. Borger had no answer for the running of Christian Gutierrez. He crossed the goal line four times for the Reapers. He also made a big hit and caused a fumble. Trevor Turner commanded his offensive troops all night long. Seger Jones scored an extra point try and several other good runs. Also running the ball well were

Aaron Arreola and Kenda Young. On defense, Barak Reeve, Marcos Calderon, Brandon Moore, and Jesus Holguin had big nights. Also involved in some tackling were Kade Winkler, Joshua Hubbs, and Aaron Holliman.

In Game Two, the eighth grade won 12-0. Chris Perez scored on a 30-yard quick pitch. He would later score on a fumble recovery. Other offensive standouts were Alex Salazar, Derrick Maxwell, and Eduardo Pepi. Defensive standouts were Junior Rios and Anthony Basden.

# 2010 Fall Sports

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Please be sure to get the photos to us in a timely manner (the night of the game or the morning after) and include player identification. Thank you for your contribution to your local Pampa newspaper!

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## Skinner

the DNA testing of several items found at the crime scene, including a pair of knives, a towel, some fingernail clippings and a jacket found next to Busby's body. Skinner's original trial attorney, Harold Comer, did not seek such exhaustive DNA analysis.

At the time of the trial, DNA testing was only performed on the clothes Skinner was wearing when he was arrested four blocks away from the murder scene. That analysis yielded incriminating results; DNA from two of the victims was found on Skinner's clothes.

Still, Skinner's appellate lawyers are raising the question of why all the available evidence didn't undergo DNA analysis. Texas does, in fact, have a post-conviction DNA access law, as do 47 other states. However, that law was not in place at the time of Skinner's conviction.

## MHMR

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and getting in trouble with criminal justice system.

Through treatment provided by a team approach of Texas Panhandle MHMR staff, both mother and son are now doing much better; they have their own apartment, the mother has a job, the son is doing well in school and has almost completed his probation. Mother and son continue their struggles, but call upon Texas Panhandle MHMR staff when they need help and support.

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The Supreme Court has already ruled that the Constitution's due process clause doesn't require states to turn over DNA evidence post-conviction (District Attorney's Office v. Osborne, 2009). Skinner, then, is claiming that he's entitled to the DNA analysis under federal civil rights law.

The Supreme Court's

upcoming decision can't directly overturn Skinner's conviction. What it can do, however, could give convicted felons one more recourse to potential exoneration, which could affect hundreds of prisoners nationwide, as well as bringing closure to one of Gray Counties longest drawn, most infamous tragedies.

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750 ML - \$36.59

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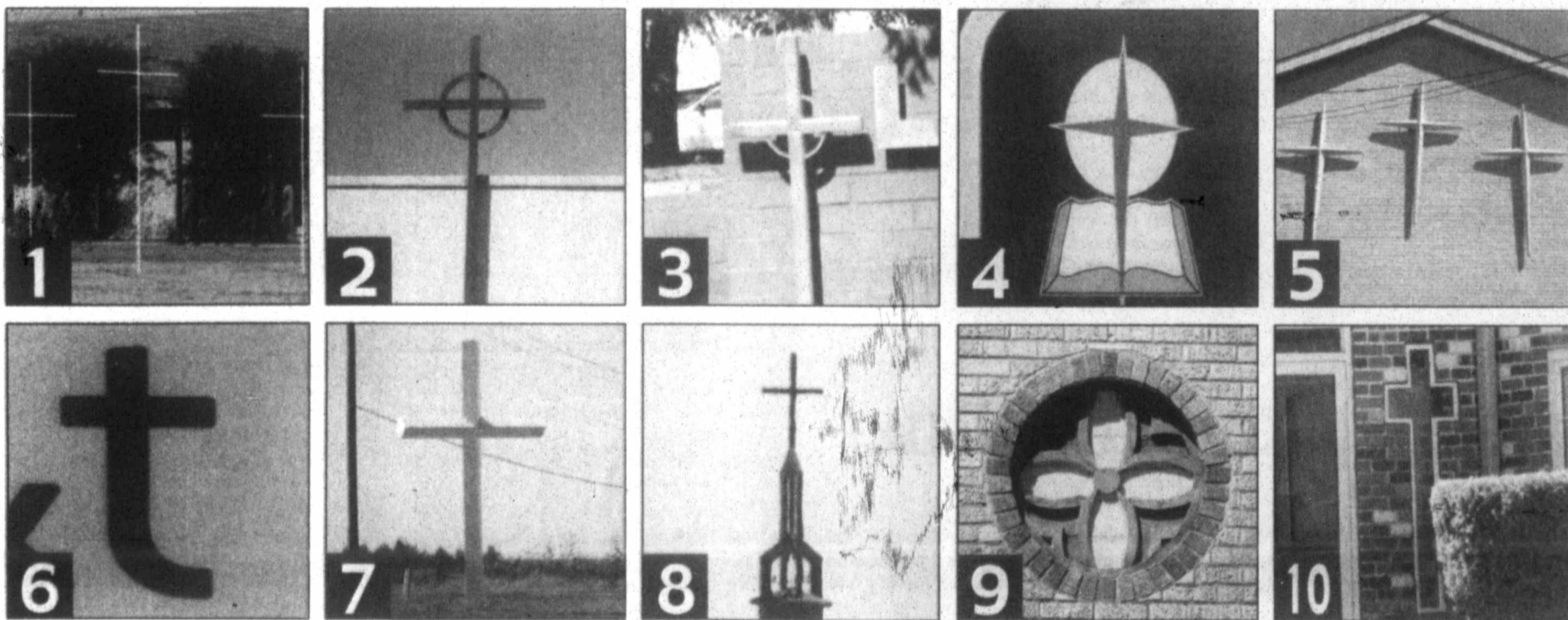


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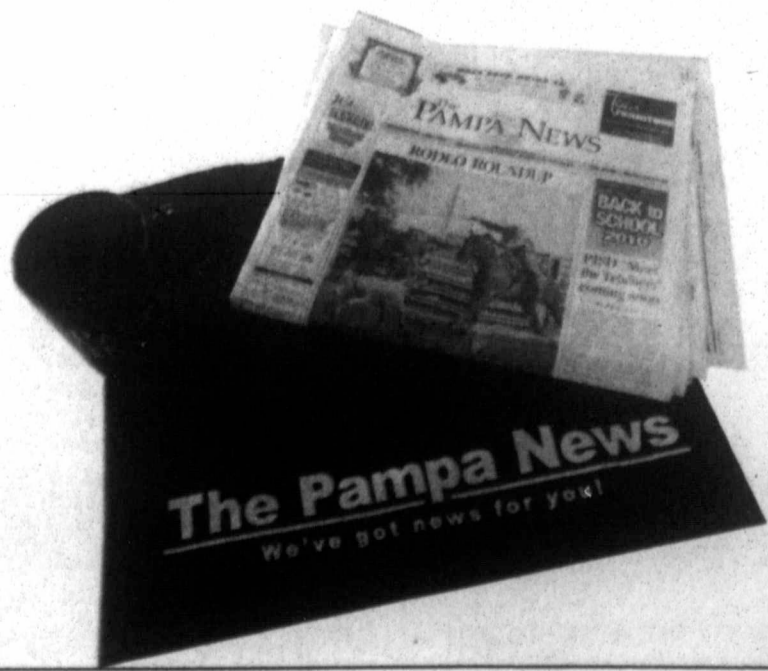
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