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Woman in wreck identified as Murphy, 57

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 The Texas Department of Public Safety has identified the deceased from Monday's two-vehicle crash on U.S. Hwy. 60 as Debra Brumfield Murphy, 57, of Amarillo.

According to a release by Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Gabriel Medrano, Murphy was driving her 2006 Ford Festiva eastbound at 2:30 p.m. on Monday when she crossed into the westbound lanes of traffic. She then over-correct-

ed and slid sideways until her vehicle was struck on the driver's side door by a 2005 Western Star semi truck driven by Steven Swinney of Panhandle. According to a release by Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman, the **WRECK** cont. on page 5

Yesterday's wreck on U.S. Hwy. 60 resulted in flames and smoke blocking the roadway and the closure of the highway's westbound lanes for several hours. ▶

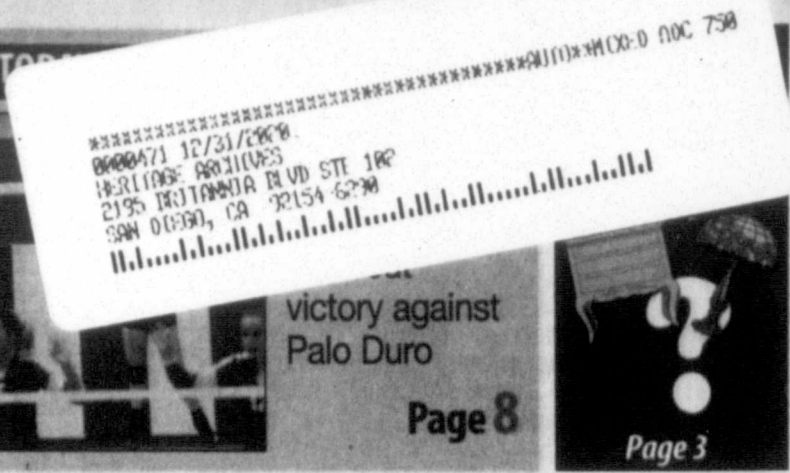


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'A GREAT 22 YEARS'

At Chamber, Rep. Chisum looks back

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With his long career at the Texas House of Representatives winding down, Rep. Pampa's own Warren Chisum paid a visit to the Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Tuesday. A former Chamber president, the Texas Panhandle native shared his dry sense of humor with luncheon attendees while discussing budget cuts, the recent legislative session, and his career as a Texas politician.

Chisum was first elected to the house in 1988, and instead of seeking reelection, he is campaigning for a position with the Texas Railroad Commission.

"It's been a great 22 years, and I've always enjoyed the best support from Pampa, Texas, of anybody in the legislature. I serve the best people in Texas and in the state. They're down-to-earth people, and they know what they want, and they don't want stuff that's not reasonable," said Chisum.

He briefly discussed possibilities for new energy in Texas. "Oil and gas is 16 percent of the economy in this state. We have the capability in the United States, if Canada and Mexico contribute, to move away from foreign oil. We have to convert natural gas for transportation, and we can do that. We have the technology and we have the wherewithal to do that, but it has to be done by the state of Texas," said Chisum. "That's one of the reasons I want to move to the Texas Railroad Commission."

Chisum was a freshman representative when William Clements was governor.



staff photo by **Mollie Bryant**
Pampa's own Warren Chisum smiles as he discusses his 22-year legislative career at Tuesday's Chamber luncheon.

"I was trying to figure out where the bathrooms were, who's doing what. I was not on a committee that has anything to do with writing the bills," he said. "We stayed in Austin that year 320 days, and I was so fed up, I thought I'd never do this again. I thought I'd made a bad mistake. But I stayed through it, and we got through the session."

Chisum also served under Governors Ann Richards and George Bush, who had a special nickname for him: "Tailpipe."

"I asked him one day, 'What do you mean, Tailpipe?'" said Chisum. "He said, 'You're doing this environmental stuff, and all you want to do is do something about the tailpipes in the state of Texas,' and he was really right. I regulated the tailpipes," said Chisum.

"I just did the tailpipes in Dallas and Houston. I didn't do our tailpipes," he said with a smile.

Chisum also helped form the nuclear waste disposal **CHISUM** cont. on page 5

Burn ban gets 90-day extension

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Amidst a drought that State Climatologist Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon has described as the most severe 12-month drought on record, the Gray County Commissioners Court has extended the burn ban in the county for 90 days.

The decision was made yesterday at the regular session of Commissioners' Court at the Gray County Courthouse yesterday. Commissioners chose to extend the ban as conditions here are still hot and dry, and grass fires remain a concern despite the recent rain.

Meet the Teachers on Monday

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Pampa's elementary schools on Monday, August 22, will host Meet the Teachers before school begins on Tuesday.

Travis and Lamar elementary schools will hold their event from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., Wilson's will run from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and Austin's is between 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

"Meet the Teachers is an exciting time for elementary students, because they and their parents have the opportunity to meet the teacher they'll have during the next year," said Barry Haenisch, superintendent for Pampa Independent School Board.

"Each campus is a little bit different, but the common thread is that teachers can meet children and most of parents, and talk generally about what their classroom will be like," he said.

Haenisch thinks this event will be a great way for kids, parents, and teachers alike to kick off the school year.

"There's always a certain amount of apprehension until you **MEET** cont. on page 5

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MORNINGRUSH

Tulia woman found dead

TULIA — The Texas Rangers are assisting the Tulia Police Department with a murder investigation.

On Sunday morning, officers with the Tulia Police Department responded to a 911 call from a residence in northwest Tulia. Imogene Wilmoth Harris, 84, was found deceased by a family member. Harris' disabled daughter, who was in the residence at the time of the homicide, was taken to Covenant Hospital in Plainview where she was examined and released.

Lieutenant Brian Burzynski with the Texas Rangers confirmed no arrests have been made in connection with the homicide but would not release any other details of the investigation. Investigators are continuing interviews and working the crime scene today.

Preliminary results from the autopsy are expected to be today. Tulia Police Chief Jim McCaslin said there is a \$10,000 Crime Stoppers reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of any perpetrators. Persons with information are encouraged to call Crime Stoppers at 806-995-4800.

Teacher accused of misconduct

PLANO (AP) — Prosecutors say a former Dallas-area kindergarten teacher accused of inappropriate sexual conduct with two of his students played games with his pupils that included giving them pacifiers and putting diapers on them.

The trial of Joseph Garbarini III began Tuesday in Plano. Garbarini, a five-year teacher in Plano's public schools, was investigated after a 5-year-old girl told her mother about improper touching during a diaper change.

Prosecutors said jurors would hear from investigators who found thousands of diapers, some of the dirty, in Garbarini's home.

Garbarini's attorney told jurors his client had peculiar sexual tendencies that were not illegal but he was not interested in pedophilia. He resigned a day before his arrest in May 2010 and faces up to life in prison if convicted.

Border crossings down

EL PASO (AP) — A top U.S. border official says the only area with more than 100,000 annual apprehensions of illegal immigrants crossing from Mexico will soon be under that figure because the flow of immigrants is declining.

Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Alan Bersin said Tuesday the Tucson Border Patrol sector in Arizona dropped from 212,000 detained illegal border crossers in 2010 to about 120,000 so far this year. Bersin expects the total to fall below 100,000 in 2012.

Speaking at a border security conference in El Paso, Bersin said 6,000 new agents will be added to the Tucson sector in the coming year.

Bersin says the U.S. recession and a growing Mexican economy have contributed to the decline in the number of illegal immigrants.

More backup units for grid

AUSTIN (AP) — The manager of the electricity grid in Texas says four inactive natural gas units will be brought online for emergency use through October as the state battles extreme heat and drought.

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas said Tuesday it had agreed to short-term deals with NRG Energy and Garland Power and Light to activate the units.

ERCOT Chief Executive Trip Doggett says the units would be used only in emergencies to avoid competing with companies already bidding in the state's deregulated energy market.

Two weeks ago, the state set a power demand record three straight days, topping out at 68,295 megawatts and barely avoiding rotating outages. ERCOT says the four backup units can provide 400 megawatts of electricity.

'Mayor' names street after Bieber

FORNEY, Texas (AP) — The 11-year-old "mayor for a day" of a Dallas-area city knows what her first major act in office will be: Renaming part of Main Street for teen heartthrob Justin Bieber.

A temporary sign for "Justin Bieber Way" went up Tuesday during a ceremony in Forney, Texas.

City Manager Brian Brooks says the request came from 11-year-old Caroline Gonzalez. She won a contest meant to get young people interested in municipal government. She's active in student council, recycling and community service projects.

Brooks says city officials weren't able to reach Bieber to invite him to Forney, which is about 15 miles east of Dallas.

The tween politician's act won't cost the community much. Officials say the sign was made for about \$20 and would only be displayed Tuesday.

Bachmann flubs King's birthday

SPARTANBURG, S.C. (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Michele Bachmann got her Elvis Presley dates all shook up during a campaign stop Tuesday in South Carolina.

The congresswoman from Minnesota played the Elvis tune "Promised Land" at a local restaurant and told the crowd of 300 that she wanted to say happy birthday to the king of rock 'n' roll.

"Before we get started, let's all say happy birthday to Elvis Presley today!" Bachmann said.

But Aug. 16 is the anniversary of Elvis' death, in 1977, and someone in the crowd shouted back, "He died today!"

Bachmann didn't respond and launched into her speech. She didn't miss a beat on the Elvis front either. As she signed autographs, she paused for a brief shag dance with one of her fans.

Bachmann corrected herself later as she spoke with reporters, noting the date marked Presley's passing, not his birth.

"As far as we're concerned, he's still alive in our hearts," Bachmann said.

Bachmann has stumbled over cultural references before. In June, she kicked off her presidential campaign in Waterloo, Iowa, calling it the home of American actor John Wayne. The town was actually home for a time to serial killer John Wayne Gacy.

Rose serving tray is treasured gift

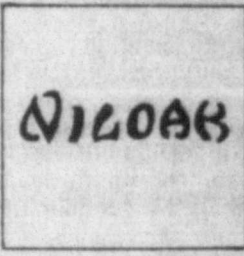
ANNE MCCOLLAM

Q: A dear friend gave me the beautiful clear glass dish seen in this photo. She gave it to me because it is decorated with roses, and my nickname is "Rosie." The dish is twelve inches in diameter and has a silver handle in the center. There is an oval paper label on it with the words "Treasured Editions LTD — Jeanette — PA 15644."

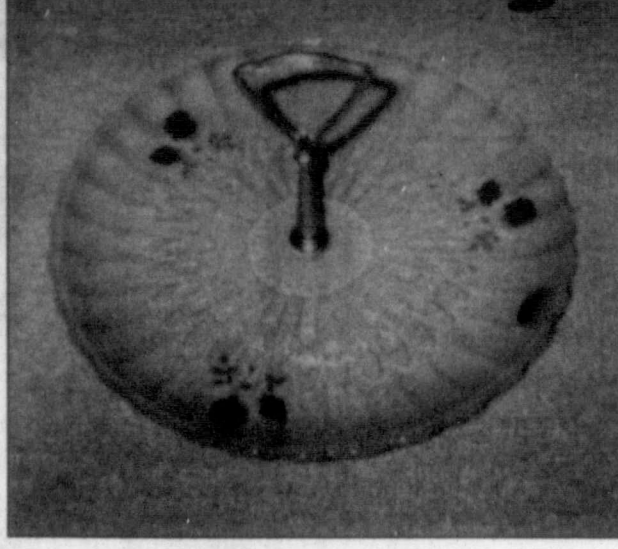
I value my dish very highly and would appreciate any information you can provide.

A: Treasured Editions, Ltd., was established in Jeanette, Pennsylvania, in 1982. It was founded by Robert Rupp who had been the Vice President and General Manager of the Westmoreland Glass Company. They are still in business and produce gift glassware and also Mary Gregory type glass.

Your dish with a center handle is a serving tray and was made around 1990. It would probably be worth \$25 to \$50.



Niloak Pottery Company was located in Benton, Arkansas from 1910 to 1047.



Treasured Editions, Ltd., is located in Jeanette, Pennsylvania.

the value of a beautiful set of china that was given to my mother years ago as an engagement gift. The dishes are decorated with gold and blue designs, and trimmed in gold. On the back of each piece, are a crown and the words "Victoria — Czecho-Slovakia." The set is a service for eight.

A: Victoria Porcelain was made by Franz Schmidt and Company in Altröhlau, Bohemia, Czechoslovakia. Objects marked "Czecho-Slovakia" were made after 1918. The Schmidt Company eventually merged with Karlovarsky Porcelain in 1958.

Your early 1900's set of dinnerware would probably be worth \$400 to \$600.

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.

Q: I have sent a drawing of the mark that is on the bottom of my pottery vase. The vase is round, stands about 4 inches tall and is made of shades of blue, cream and tan all swirled together. It is in mint condition.

I have owned it for years and would like to know more about its history.

A: Your vase was made by the Niloak Pottery Company. They were in business from 1910 to 1947 in Benton, Arkansas. To make vases like yours, several different colors of clay were placed on the potter's wheel and then swirled into marbled patterns. This procedure

was called Mission Swirl. Artisans used the fine white clay, Kaolin, that was native to the region. Niloak is kaolin spelled backwards. In addition to the colors used to make your vase, examples can be found in green, white and pink.

Your vase is circa 1915 and would probably sell for \$235 to \$300.

Q: I would like to know

New books about Perry to come out

NEW YORK (AP) — Rick Perry has the book world's attention.

The Texas governor and recently declared GOP presidential candidate is the subject of new book by James C. Moore, co-author of the anti-George W. Bush best-seller "Bush's Brain," and Texas political consultant Jason Stanford.

Metropolitan Books, an imprint of Henry Holt and Company, announced Tuesday that "Adios Mofo: Why Rick Perry Will Make America Miss George W. Bush" is scheduled for early 2012.

According to Metropolitan, the authors have "deep contacts with numerous operatives in the Perry campaign" and will present the governor as an "ideologue with scant interest or success in governing."

The book's title comes from remarks Perry made in 2005 after a television interview with a Houston reporter. Perry, who later apologized, said he was unaware the microphone was still on.

Also Tuesday, Crown announced an e-book on the governor will come out next week. "Rick Perry and his Eggheads," by Sasha Issenberg, is an inside account of Perry's successful 2006 re-election campaign and the academics who analyzed it. The e-book is based on Issenberg's "The Victory Lab," due in the fall of 2012.

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Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 17, the 229th day of 2011. There are 136 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 17, 1807, Robert Fulton's North River Steamboat began heading up the Hudson River on its successful round trip between New York and Albany. (Contrary to popular belief, the vessel was not called the "Clermont.")

On this date:

In 1863, Federal batteries and ships began bombarding Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor during the Civil War, but the Confederates managed to hold on despite several days of pounding.

In 1915, a mob in Cobb County, Ga., lynched Jewish businessman Leo Frank, whose death sentence for the murder of 13-year-old Mary Phagan had been commuted to life imprisonment. (Frank, who'd maintained his innocence, was pardoned by the state of Georgia in 1986.)

In 1943, the Allied conquest of Sicily was completed as U.S. and British forces entered Messina.

In 1960, the newly renamed Beatles (formerly the Silver Beatles) began their first gig in Hamburg, West Germany, at the Indra Club.

In 1961, the United States and 19 Latin American countries signed the Charter of Punta del Este in Uruguay, creating the Alliance for Progress aimed at promoting economic growth and social justice.

In 1969, Hurricane Camille slammed into the Mississippi coast as a Category 5 storm that was blamed for 256 U.S. deaths, three in Cuba.

In 1978, the first successful trans-Atlantic balloon flight ended as Maxie Anderson, Ben Abruzzo and Larry Newman landed their Double Eagle II outside Paris.

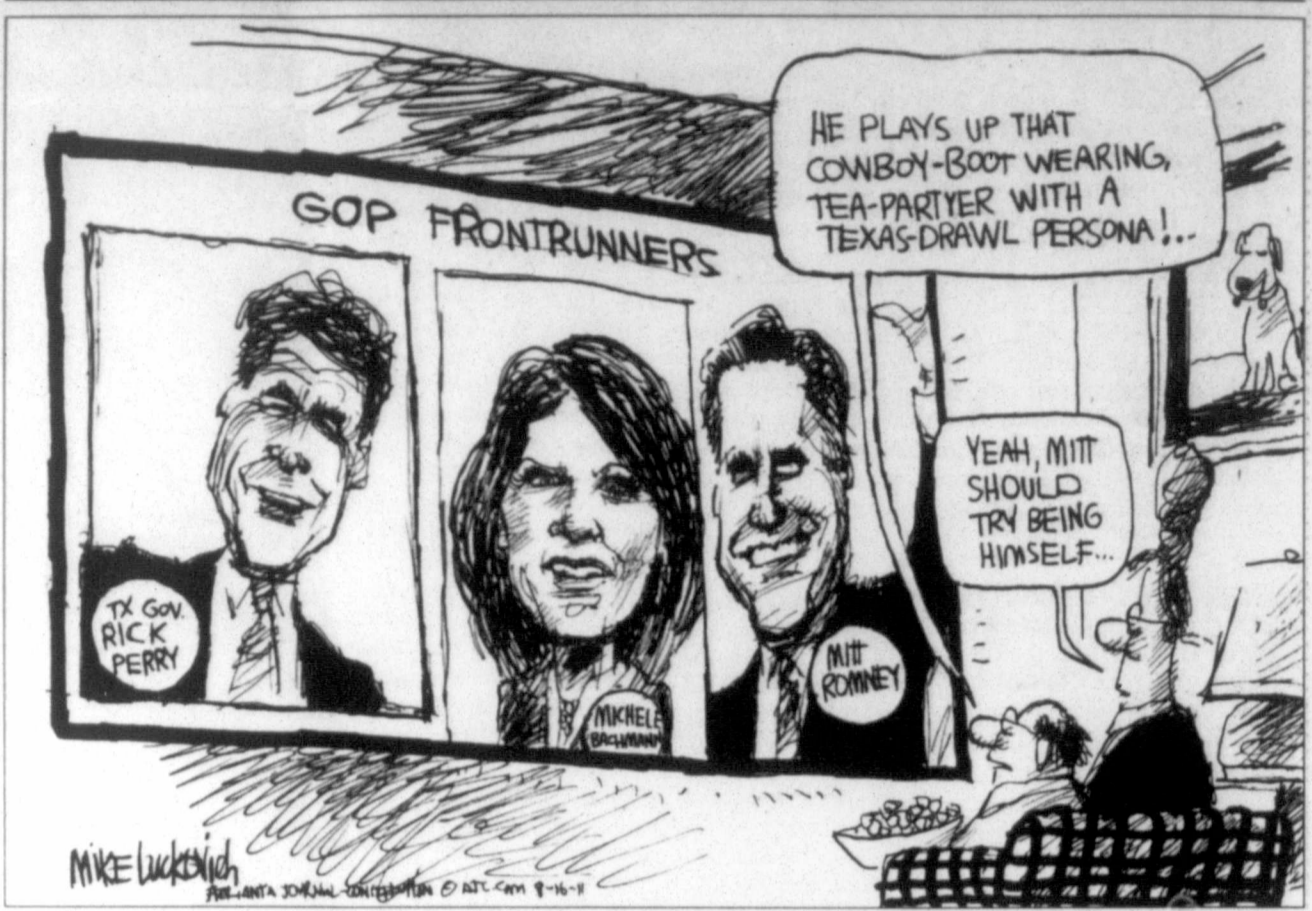
Ten years ago: Millionaire Steve Fossett's fifth attempt to fly solo around the world ended in Brazil after his helium balloon ran into bad weather.

Five years ago: In a lawsuit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union, a federal judge in Detroit ruled that President George W. Bush's warrantless surveillance program was unconstitutional. (A divided federal appeals court threw out the lawsuit in July 2007, and the U.S. Supreme Court later let the appeals court decision stand.)

One year ago: A mistrial was declared on 23 corruption charges against ousted Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who was accused of trying to sell President Barack Obama's old Senate seat; the jury convicted him on one charge, that of lying to the FBI. (Blagojevich was convicted of 17 counts of corruption in a retrial; a sentencing hearing is scheduled for Oct. 2011.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress Maureen O'Hara is 91. Author V.S. Naipaul is 79. Former MLB All-Star Boog Powell is 70. Actor Robert DeNiro is 68. Movie director Martha Coolidge is 65. Rock musician Gary Talley (The Box Tops) is 64. Rock musician Sib Hashian is 62. Actor Robert Joy is 60. Rock singer Kevin Rowland (Dexy's Midnight Runners) is 58. Country singer-songwriter Kevin Welch is 56. Singer Belinda Carlisle is 53. Author Jonathan Franzen is 52. Actor Sean Penn is 51. Rock musician Gilby Clarke is 49. Singer Maria McKee is 47. Rock musician Steve Gorman (The Black Crowes) is 46. Rock musician Jill Cuniff is 45. Actor David Conrad is 44. Singer Donnie Wahlberg is 42. Actor Mark Salling is 29. Actor Bryton James is 25. Actor Brady Corbet is 23.

Thought for Today: "It is not love that is blind, but jealousy." — Lawrence Durrell, British-born author (1912-1990)



GOP has momentum, needs clear direction

AMES, Iowa — This has been quite a week or 10 days for Republicans. As this is written, down in South Carolina Rick Perry has just announced he's running for president, while here in Ames most of the votes have been cast but none has yet been counted in the Iowa Republican straw poll.

Recently, Sarah Palin walked slowly through crowds at the Iowa State Fair and addressed voters there on the set of Sean Hannity's Fox News Channel program.

Pundits will parse the Iowa results and the Perry polling to determine which candidate is up and which down or out. The Iowa straw poll may prove to be the last stop for some Republican candidates, as it was in 1999 and 2007.

More important than the fate of individual candidates has been the rush of events going the Republicans' way. Barack Obama's job rating has slid to record lows in the Gallup poll, and his job approval fell under 50 percent even in New York. His Aug. 8 speech had a deer-in-the-headlights quality even as he turned mechanically from one teleprompter to another.

Standard & Poor's has downgraded the government's credit rating for the first time in history. The stock market went through a week of horrifying gyrations. Then on Friday, the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals struck down as unconstitutional Obamacare's individual mandate to buy health insurance.

The president's policies are in shambles. Things are not working out the way he and his advisers expected. His journalist cheering section has been voicing doubts and dismay.

But it's not entirely clear where Republicans want to go, either, or whether they have candidates with the potential to take them there.

Yes, they have some quick answers. Repeal Obamacare? By all means. Approve a tax increase in return for

genuine large spending cuts? All eight candidates at the Washington Examiner-Fox News debate Aug. 11 dutifully raised their hands to say no.

Beyond that, not so much clear direction.

Some candidates did mention intelligent policy initiatives in the debate. Mitt Romney called for more high-skill immigration, a policy backed by a bipartisan Brookings panel. Michele Bachmann calls for buying health insurance with tax-free money, a homey way to advocate elimination of the tax preference for employer-provided health insurance.

Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Mich., whose candidacy has attracted little attention, called for tough stress tests and recapitalizing the big banks by debt-for-equity swaps. These are all solid ideas, and they even have the potential for bipartisan support.

Unfortunately, some candidates put great emphasis on constitutional amendments, to require a balanced budget and to ban same-sex marriage, that will never pass. Nor is it clear these are presidential issues. Article 5 of the Constitution says it can be amended by supermajorities in Congress and among the state legislatures. The president has no more say than any other voter.

So it's possible that the Republican nominee, if he or she avoids stumbles and conditions remain as they are, can win just by running against the failed policies of the Obama Democrats. But that's not necessarily enough to govern successfully.

Republicans can argue successfully that Democratic promises of absolute

security cannot be kept. Federal entitlements are, to paraphrase Margaret Thatcher, running out of other people's money.

The problem for Republicans is that it's impossible to foresee exactly how free market policies will improve people's lives. Back when Ronald Reagan was running during a similar Democratic breakdown in 1980, no one foresaw the wonders of the Internet.

The best attempt to suggest the possibilities I've heard here in Iowa came from McCotter, speaking at the Des Moines Register's soapbox on the fair's midway. "The answer," he said, "is not to put your dreams in centralized bureaucratic Washington. The future is self-government, empowerment of the individual, a citizen-driven and more horizontal government." We need policies that enable us to choose our own future, just as we choose our own iPod playlists and design our own Facebook pages.

That could have special appeal to young people, who voted 66 to 32 percent for Barack Obama in 2008. The hope and change he promised has turned sour, and Democrats' welfare state policies have proved to be more a straitjacket than they have a safety net.

Republicans are winning the argument over the Obama policies. But they aren't yet making the strongest case for their own.

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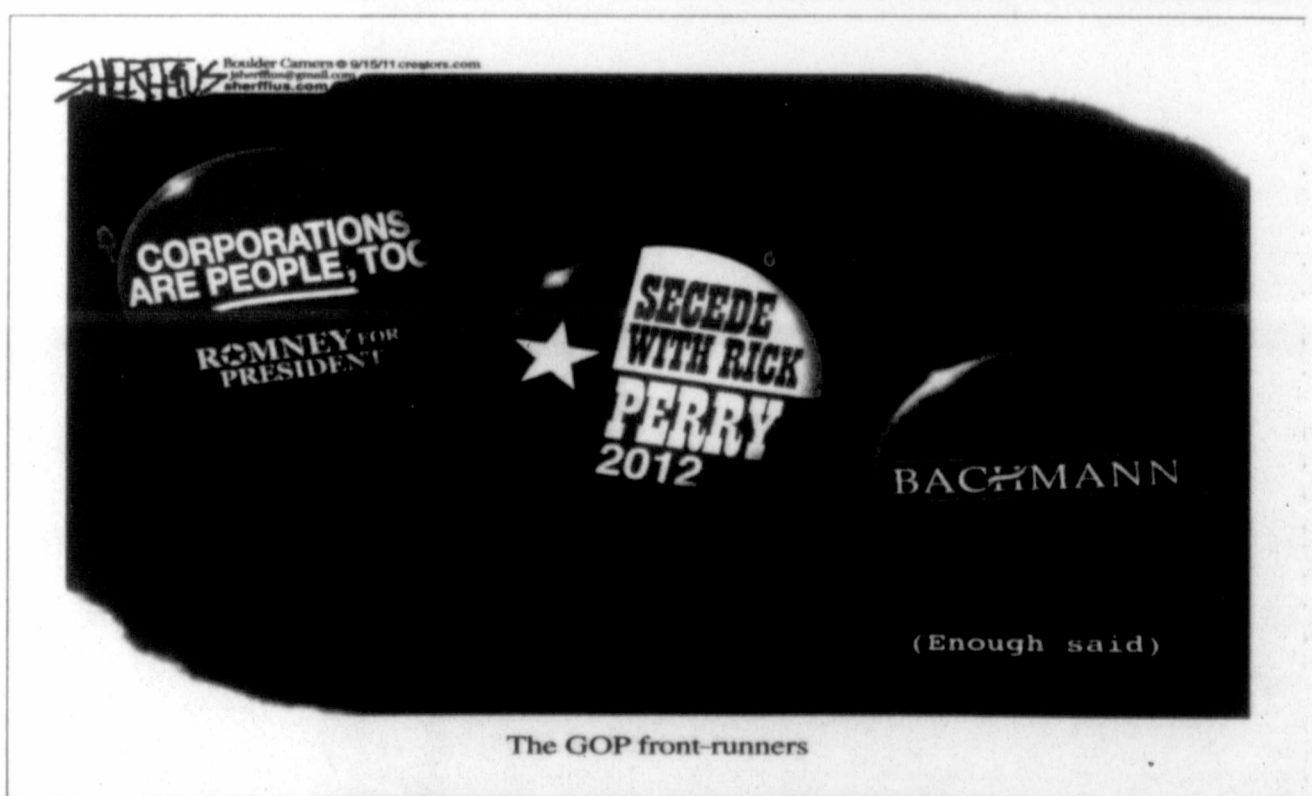
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WE HAVE A WINNER



staff photo by **Randy Pribble**

Lisa Blandford was a prize winner in United Supermarket's "Million Dollar Summer Collect and Win" contest. The Pampa Resident was at the store earlier this month to collect her winnings: an Xbox Connect from Store Manager Troy Newton. Also on hand was Blandford's five year old grandson Jonathan Milligan. As Blandford explained: "He is going to be the one playing with it."

Wreck

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tractor the semi was towing fell on top of the Festiva, causing it to catch on fire. The fire then spread to the tractor, resulting in thick plumes of smoke that engulfed the highway and were visible from miles away. It took six Hoover Volunteer Fire Department units and three Pampa Fire Department units to control the flames.

Murphy was thrown from the vehicle and was pronounced dead at the scene by Curfman at 4:16 p.m. It is unknown if she was wearing a safety belt.

Swinney was treated and released from the Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Hoover Fire Chief Joe Millican said six of his units arrived to aid the Pampa Fire Department and the Gray County Sheriff

deputies on the scene.

"We had two units on the west side," Millican said. "Two units on the east side. We responded with mutual aid to water tanker for water assistance."

Pampa Fire chief Kim Powell said Pampa fire units responded at 2:36 p.m. Millican said the Pampa Fire Department put out the fire in about 20 minutes, although the highway was shut down for several hours because of the wreck.

"We were directing traffic until the highway opened up," Millican said. "They opened up the highway at 7:30 p.m. I still had five units out there."

The accident is still under investigation.

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meet your teacher, so Meet the Teachers gives you the opportunity to meet, to talk, to ask questions and

build excitement about the coming year," he said.

Chisum

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compact with Maine and Vermont that remains today.

During his speech,

Chisum announced that a heliport for the Pampa Regional Medical Center is in the final plan-

ning stages. It will be built with help from the Texas Department of Transportation.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Some-time ago, you printed a letter from one of our readers who was upset over her son's polyamorous relationship. I didn't respond then, but now that my triad is ready to come out to my boyfriend's family (we are out to mine and to my husband's family), I feel the need to address this lifestyle in your column and ask your advice.

My husband and I have been together 10 years. We started out as swingers. When we met my now-boyfriend, it became apparent that it was going to be more serious than "play" partners. Our particular arrangement is a "V" triad, meaning I am involved with two (husband and boyfriend), but they are not involved with each other.

My boyfriend is extremely important to us in every way. We all work together to make a very smooth-running, loving household.

I want you and your readers to know that this IS a viable relationship with love, respect and, most important, open communication. This kind of relationship — or any, for that matter — is doomed without it.

An estimated half-million people in the United

States are part of polyamorous relationships. We're not freaks in need of counseling, but people who realize that love can grow and that there is an alternative to monogamy.

Abby, I would like to get some tips from someone who doesn't readily accept this life or even know it's out there. My boyfriend's family is conservative and they know he lives with a married couple. We've all spent time together, and I think they like me. Of course, they don't know I'm romantically involved with their son.

What's the best way to tell them about our triad? We want them to know this isn't the end of the world and that I love him very much. I'd appreciate any advice from you or your readers on this. Until we're out of the closet, please sign me ... NOWHERE AND EVERYWHERE

DEAR N AND E: Because you're looking for input from someone who "doesn't readily accept this life," you have come to the right place. You didn't say how long your boyfriend has been living with you and your husband, but if it has been any length of time and his parents know he isn't involved with anyone else,

it's possible they already have some suspicions.

Because they are conservative, if I were you I wouldn't shatter their illusions. I can almost guarantee they won't embrace you for it. If you feel you MUST disclose the information, then do it in the same way that you have explained it to me. But don't expect them to jump for joy.

DEAR ABBY: At what age does a person become a senior citizen? There has been much discussion about this in our family. I looked forward to turning 50 and becoming a "semi-sexy senior." AARP starts asking us to join BEFORE 50. — BILL IN ARKANSAS

DEAR BILL: Yes, it does. It's called recruiting. Eligibility for senior discounts varies depending upon the establishment offering them, and there's no limit to the age one can be "semi-sexy" as long as you are healthy, willing and able.

When I was invited to join the AARP, I decided to defer becoming a senior citizen as long as possible. With the retirement age now approaching 70, it appears the government is taking its lead from me.

TransCanada touts safety of potential new oil pipeline

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Executives from a Canadian company seeking to build a massive pipeline linking Alberta's oil sands to U.S. refineries said Tuesday the line will include safety features to prevent a spill like the one that fouled the Yellowstone River in July.

TransCanada executives were in Montana to shore up support for a \$7 billion project that has been assailed by environmentalists as too risky. Opponents argue the Keystone XL pipeline could lead to spills like an Exxon Mobil pipeline rupture in July that spewed an estimated 1,000 barrels of oil into the Yellowstone.

That spill followed other pipeline accidents in Michigan, Utah, North Dakota and elsewhere that underscored problems within the nation's vast, buried network of lines carrying natural gas and hazardous liquids such as oil.

TransCanada's 36-inch pipeline would transport more than a half-million barrels of oil a day. That's equivalent to more than 21 million gallons.

Company president Alex Pourbaix said Keystone XL would incorporate pipeline technologies and construction techniques not seen on older lines. He added that the company would take precautions beyond what is required by federal regulation.

"We are going to build and operate the safest pipeline and protect the Yellowstone River and all the other crossings," Pourbaix said.

To lower the risk of spills into waterways, the line would be buried at least 25 feet beneath 11 major river crossings between the Canadian border and southern Nebraska, company officials said.

Pourbaix said regular inspections would be conducted along the line's entire 1,900-mile route. The company also will install a greater number of safety shut-off

valves than usual.

The U.S. State Department planned to release its final analysis of the TransCanada pipeline this month.

Exxon Mobil's Silvertip pipeline had been at least five feet deep beneath the Yellowstone riverbed as recently last year. Although the cause of its failure remained under investigation, officials suspect floodwaters may have scoured the river bottom and exposed the 20-year-old line to damaging debris.

In addition to the major river crossings, Keystone XL would cross beneath several hundred smaller waterways, said Les Cherwenuk, TransCanada's director of pipeline development and construction.

The line would be buried at least five feet deep beneath many of those waterways and on dry ground at least four feet deep, Cherwenuk said.

A University of Nebraska-Lincoln professor who analyzed the potential for accidents along the pipeline said that TransCanada had significantly underestimated the potential for leaks and spills. Stansbury added that prior studies of the pipeline were overly optimistic about how often leaks or spills would occur.

John Stansbury, an associate professor of water resources engineering, said even if a Keystone XL pipeline failure leaked into a lesser tributary, that could harm a major river like the Yellowstone or the Missouri as spilled oil flowed downstream.

"If someone comes along and knocks a hole in the pipe beneath XYZ creek, it won't make much difference how deep it was beneath the Yellowstone," Stansbury said. "In my estimation, there's going to be spills and there will be some big spills, and they underestimated the frequency and underestimated the volume."

Trump: Perry will do 'very nicely'

NEW YORK (AP) — Real estate mogul Donald Trump said Tuesday he expects Texas Gov. Rick Perry to do "very nicely" as a presidential candidate. But Trump stopped short of endorsing Perry and said he hasn't ruled out running for president himself as an independent.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Trump said Perry was a welcome entry in the GOP

field that includes former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann. Bachmann won the Iowa straw poll Saturday, the same day Perry announced he too would seek the party's nomination to challenge President Barack Obama in 2012.

"I think Rick Perry is a real positive. Nobody can predict outcomes, but I think he will do very nicely," Trump

said. "We need someone in this country who is willing to shake things up."

Trump, a multimillionaire reality show host, flirted publicly with joining the Republican presidential field before opting out of the race in May. He said he would still consider running next year as an independent if he doesn't believe the candidate who wins the GOP nomination is strong enough to beat Obama.

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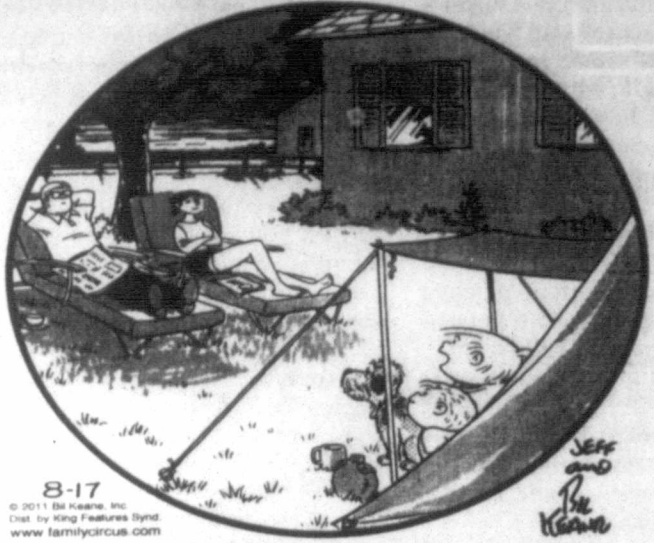
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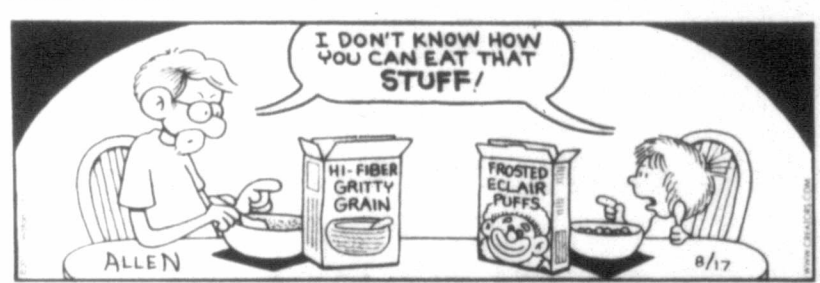
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"It's almost dark, Mommy. Shouldn't you and Daddy be goin' in the house now?"

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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2011:

If one looks at the end results of this coming year, one would have to say you will have a very fortunate year, with promotions and greater visibility. The day-to-day experience of your life could be wild, with many unexpected twists and turns. Anger is an issue. You often feel pressured, as much bubbles up. If you are single, don't make a commitment this year; wait until June 2012. If you are attached, the two of you become more visible as a couple. ARIES can be more fiery than 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)

★★★★★ "Mellow" might be the way you want to handle yourself. Somehow, an unanticipated situation triggers you. Whether you or someone else demonstrates anger makes no difference. You cannot change the moment. Tonight: Walk away from negativity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★ Know when to retreat. Others could be inordinately volatile. The smart Bull will detach and go his or her own way rather than get involved in another person's dramatic display of upset. Tonight: Hide out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You fare well in a volatile environment. You are OK dealing with many different points of view. Flex with concepts. Don't play into another person's negativity. Tonight: Let go of today and enjoy the here and now.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ You might be taken aback by someone's display of fireworks. Your reaction could be so strong, you might have difficulty not responding. Make it OK to lose your temper. Still, try to avoid a big blowup. Tonight: Many people take their cues from you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Test your ability to read between the lines. You could be quite frustrated dealing with someone at a distance who seems to be determined to upset the apple cart. For your own sake, you might want to detach and minimize your contact with this person right now. Tonight: Follow the music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Deal directly with a partner who might be vested in having his or her way. Rather than fight city hall, go it alone. This person could test your relationship with him or her. Don't let money get into the mix, certainly not your personal finances. Tonight: Get together with a friend or loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You could be stressed out by what is going on. You might feel out of whack dealing with the unpredictability of others. They, on the other hand, are tired of dealing with a somber you. Is there a point of agreement? You can make it happen. Tonight: Let someone else choose.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Pace yourself, recognizing just how much you have to do. Welcome any shortcuts, but end any unexpected interference. You have a lot of ground to cover. You could feel stressed out and pushed to the max. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise, then head home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You easily could be stressed about everything that you have to do in order to accomplish certain key goals. Others seem disruptive and/or difficult. Your creativity comes forth and helps you bypass a problem. A new friend or loved one surprises you. Tonight: Fun and games.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Stay centered, knowing full well what you want and what you can expect. Family, an investment and security score as major priorities. Understanding evolves between you and another person. You are having a similar experience. Tonight: Ride with the waves.

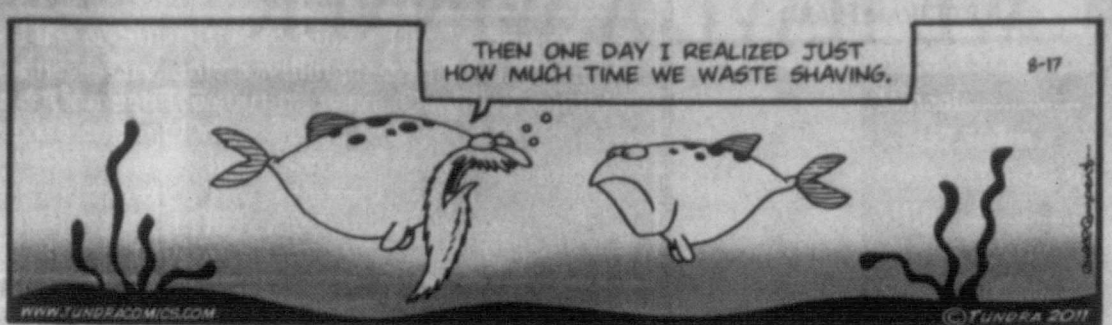
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You are likely to say what you want. You might wonder what is happening within a friendship. Can you make a dent or impression with this person? Know that you can only control yourself, no one else. Steer clear of any obstacles or snafus. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You can make waves in your immediate circle, but do you really want to? The reaction could be difficult to handle, at best. Don't push a key loved one away, for your sake, and ultimately his or hers too. Tonight: Buy a thoughtful gift.

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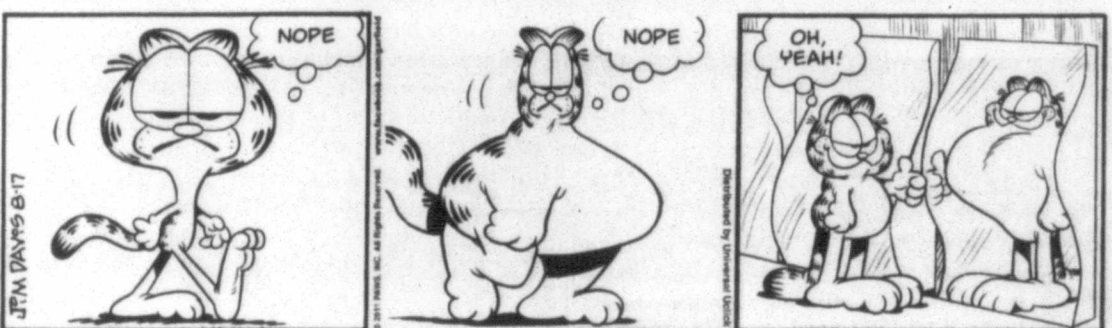
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Sports

No. 12 Lady Harvesters sweep Lady Dons in close match

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AMARILLO — In their previous victories, the No. 12 Pampa Lady Harvesters tended to win big in the first game and had to battle to win the last two. Tuesday night in Amarillo was no different as Pampa overcame slow starts in the second and third game to sweep the Palo Duro Lady Dons (25-8, 25-20, 25-20).

Head coach Libby Garza said she was pleased with how her team played the first game but wished it started the last two better.

"We need to do a better job of keeping our level of play instead of dropping down," Garza said. "(Palo Duro) did a great job, that's the best I've seen them in a long time. They touched everything and outworked us. We kind of sat and just watched them do it."

The Lady Harvesters (7-2) made quick work of the Lady Dons in the first game. Pampa jumped out to a 9-1 lead. Seniors Stephanie Allen, Ramie Hutto and Caitlin Sieck were among the Lady Harvesters that contributed kills. Palo Duro took a timeout but it didn't change momentum as the Lady Harvesters led 20-5 15 minutes into the game.

After allowing a couple of points, Pampa closed out the game with a

17-point victory.

The second game was more competitive. The Lady Dons led 4-2 but Pampa quickly tied it. Palo Duro again pulled out to an 8-6 lead and again the team evened the score. Both teams exchanged scores until the Lady Harvesters pulled out to a 13-10 lead. Junior Maddie Fatheree served four straight points. The Lady Dons again tied the score but that would be the last time. Senior McKinlee Stokes put Pampa in front. Hutto and Stephens scored kills to put Pampa ahead by three. The Lady Dons took a timeout when they trailed 18-14. Momentum stayed on the side of the Lady Harvesters as they pulled out to a 23-16 lead. Palo Duro rallied and cut the lead to three. The Lady Dons hit the next ball out of bounds and Allen sent the last ball to the floor.

Senior Alanna Stephens said the team's unforced errors made it difficult to pull away.

"We got on a lot of runs in the first game," Stephens said. "In the second game we missed serves and that crushed our momentum. That probably hurt us."

Allen said the team was more intense in the first game.

"Our second and third game we just lost it," Allen said. "It kind of brought us down."

In the third game, both

teams exchanged scores. Sieck broke an 8-8 tie with her second consecutive kill. Hutto followed with a service ace to put Pampa up by three. The Lady Dons came back and cut the lead to one at 15-14. Pampa opened the lead to three and didn't lead by less than two the rest of the game. Sieck scored the final kill to clinch the match.

Allen said the team just pulled it together to pull out the last two victories.

"We just thought that we had to step aside from ourselves and take it for the team," Allen said. "We just had to get through this because we weren't doing that great."

The Lady Harvesters return home to face the Dumas Demonettes 4 p.m. Tuesday. Garza said that team has their number.

"We've always had a mental block with Dumas," Garza said. "I think these girls are ready to prove themselves. It's going to be a fun game."

Allen said they have to play at a higher level.

"It seems like we play to lower teams' levels," Allen said. "Dumas is a lot higher. We will really bring it next week."

The Lady Harvesters were also scheduled to compete with Dimmitt, but Dimmitt's team did not show up.

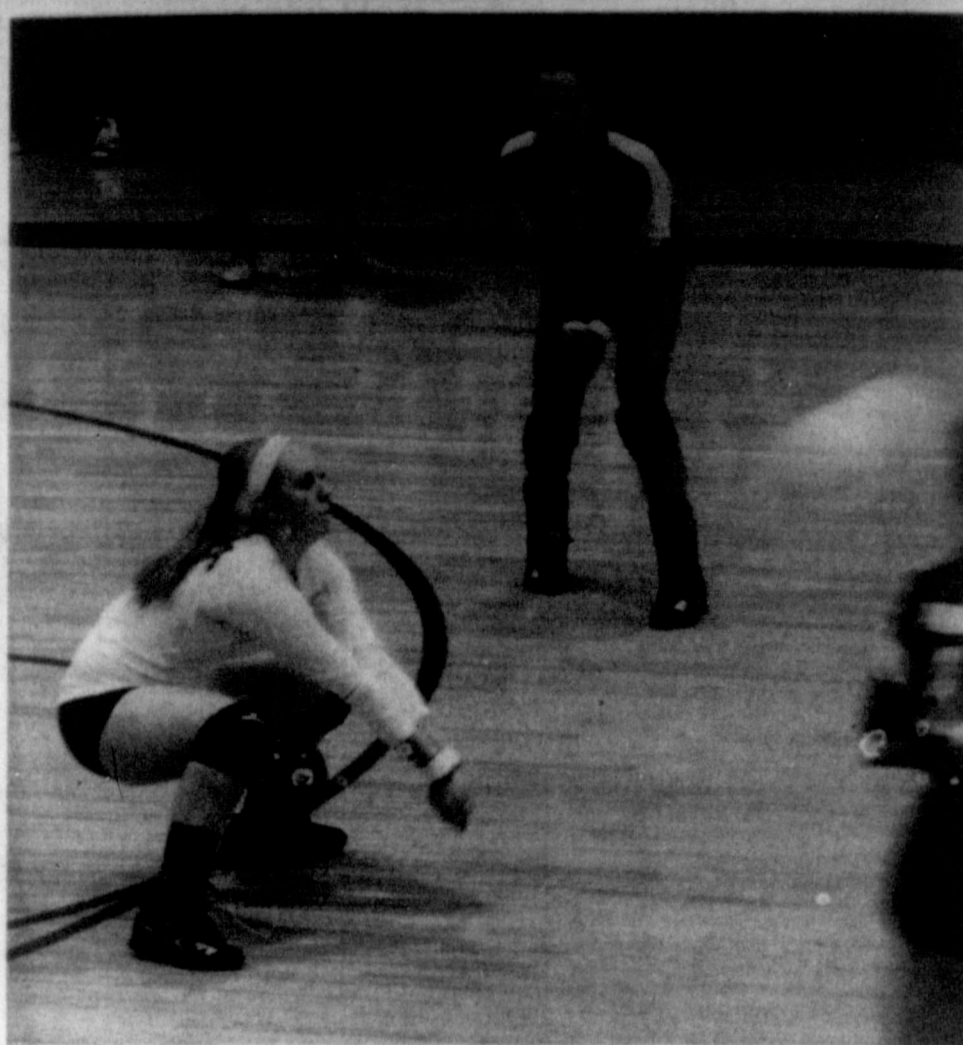


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Senior Kirsten Kuhn digs a ball against Palo Duro Tuesday. The Lady Harvesters swept the Lady Dons for their fifth straight win.

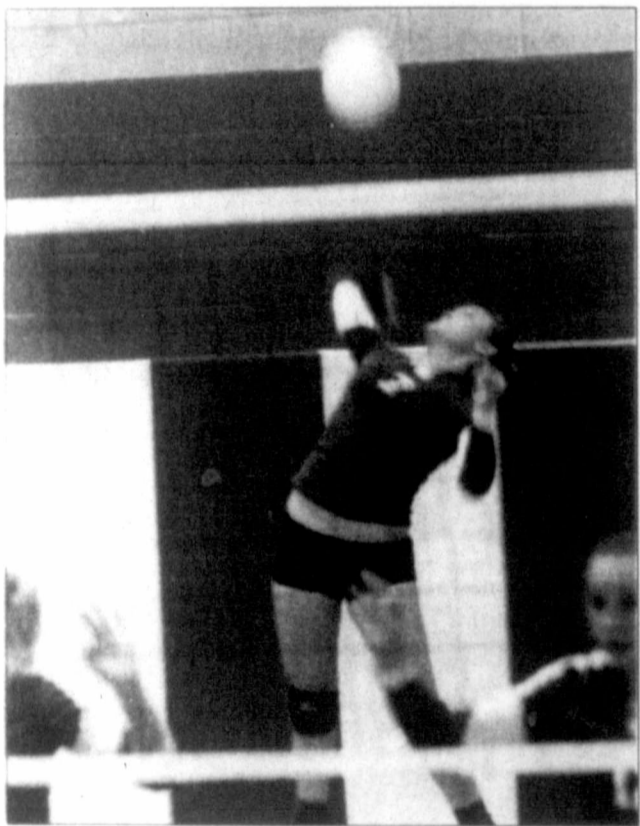


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Senior Alanna Stephens serves a ball against Palo Duro Tuesday. Stephens said the team needs to continue their intensity after the first game.

GAME AT A GLANCE

Pampa 3, Palo Duro 0

Records: Pampa 7-2, 0-0
It was over when: Caitlin Sieck scored a kill to end the match.
Game ball goes to: Maddie Fatheree, Junior. In the second game, Fatheree served four straight points that helped the Lady Harvesters pull away

Teams	1	2	3	Final
Pampa	25	25	25	3
Palo Duro	8	20	20	0

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