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## Unemployment down, area businesses hiring

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According to the Texas Workforce Commission, the unemployment rate in Gray County has been going down since June, and during August stood at 6.6 percent. This sets the area's unemployment rate below both that of the state and nation, which are at 8.5 and 9.1 percent respectively.

"The unemployment rate has been so high for quite some time, but a few jobs are trickling in," said Anna Lewis of Workforce Solutions in Pampa.

Richard Morris, Pampa City Manager, said the city filled several positions last month.

"A lot of industries around town are hiring and have been trying to hire for the last few months," he said.

The oil and gas industry has

been a driving force for this development. Halliburton, which employs about 300 people in Pampa, hired between 40 and 50 people during the month of August.

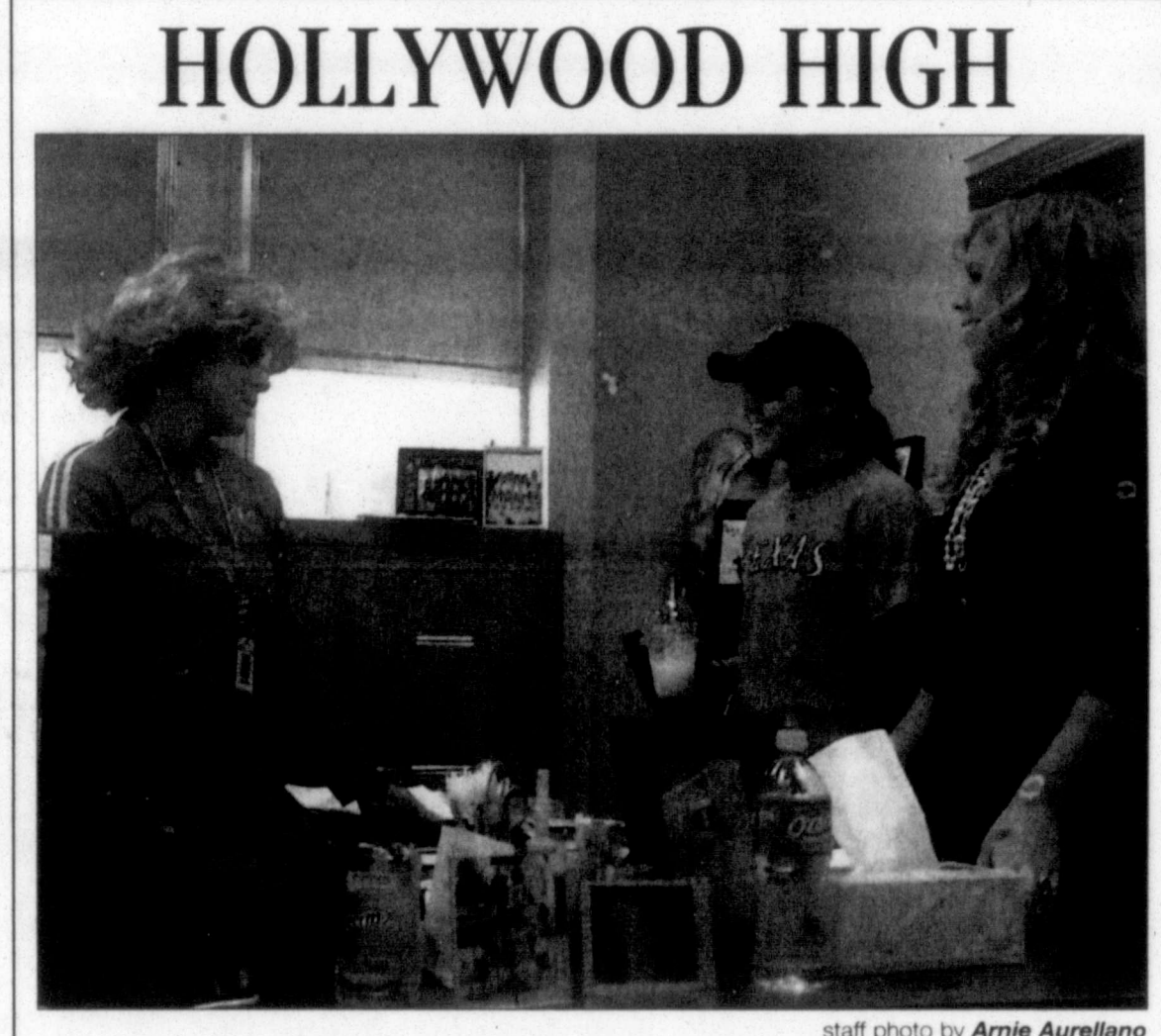
"We have been hiring consistently over the last 10 months," said Jaime Lopez, Senior HR Generalist for the district.

"Mainly entry level operator assistant positions (have seen) a lot of growth."

Lopez said these positions may fall under cementing, general labor or be a little more focused in certain areas. But the company's growth in Pampa has been brought on by a combination of factors, particularly new techniques in the field, such as horizontal drilling.

"Technology has helped us go into areas that had been otherwise unobtainable, and the price of oil

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staff photo by **Arnie Aurellano**  
**Sue Sylvester from "Glee"** (played by administrator Sandee Stokes, left) speaks to Ian Kinsler (senior Caylee Steward, center) and Khloe Kardashian (senior Heather Coffee) during Wednesday's spirit day at Pampa High School. PHS staff and students were encouraged to dress as their favorite celebrities.

## PISD board agrees to sell property

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At the Pampa Independent School District Board of Trustees meeting Tuesday evening, board members agreed to sell some property by bid.

"We're going to sell all of the Baker Elementary property, and people can bid on all or a portion of the Baker property," said Barry Haensch, superintendent for PISD. "And then there are two portable buildings."

Bidding will begin on October 6 at the Carver Center.

The school board also is moving forward on a project to bring a 20-kilowatt wind turbine generator to Pampa Junior High.

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## Pampa man involved in fatal wreck

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A Pampa man was involved in a fatal accident on State Hwy. 152 twelve miles east of Wheeler on Tuesday.

According to a release from the Texas Department of Public Safety, 28-year-old Trinity Lawrence of Coalgate, Okla., was headed west

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## Police investigating Tuesday shooting

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The Pampa Police Department is currently investigating an incident that involved shots being fired within the Pampa city limits on Tuesday evening.

At approximately 9:01 p.m., officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of N. Banks.

According to Crime Prevention Officer Stormy McCullar, shots were fired towards a residence, although no one was hurt.

Upon police arrival, the suspect or suspects had already fled the scene.

McCullar said that police have identified a potential suspect, although no charges stemming from the incident have yet been filed. The investigation is ongoing.

## Stokes is newest sheriff's deputy

**MOLLIE BRYANT**  
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Trey Stokes, the newest deputy with the Gray County Sheriff's Office, has been on the job for three weeks, but he isn't a newbie to law enforcement.

This 1998 Pampa High School graduate was a jailer for the county for about a year before completing his deputy training.

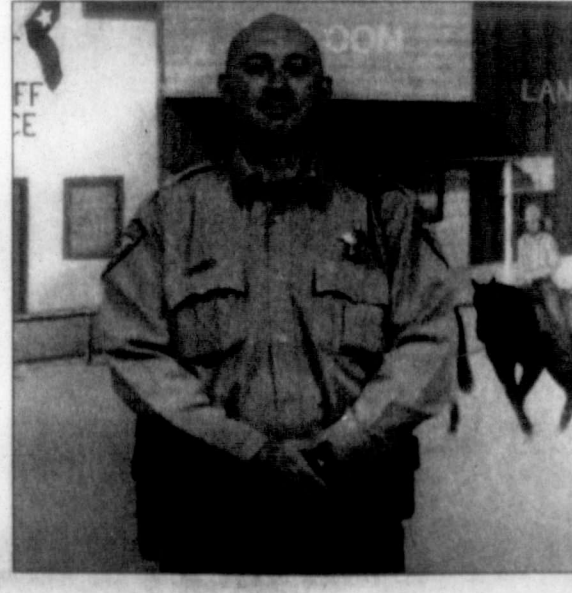
"When I hired on here, I knew I wanted to be a deputy. The whole idea of being a jailer was to get my feet wet and learn the system while I went to school," he said. "I worked the jail and went through the academy at Amarillo College, so I did eight months of night school over there to get



certified to be a deputy. You go through all the laws, the penal code, code of criminal procedures and all that. You do hands on, firearms and driving, everything that it takes, all the skills that you need to do it successfully."

For a while, Stokes will be completing the field training officer program, riding with other officers and learning the ropes.

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### PAMPA FORECAST

| Today                                                                             | Friday                                                                            | Saturday                                                                          |
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|  |  |  |
| High 69<br>Low 52                                                                 | High 83<br>Low 57                                                                 | High 88<br>Low 59                                                                 |

**Today:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 p.m. Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 69. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 52. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southwest.

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

**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 57. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 88. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 59. Calm wind becoming southwest between 5 and 10 mph.

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## Obituaries

### Daniel Arthur "Dan" Hood, 58

Daniel Arthur "Dan" Hood died as a result of an accident in his home Tuesday, September 13, 2011, in Denver. A memorial service was held at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 1800 Broadway in Denver.

Dan was born December 28, 1952, in Pampa. He was the valedictorian of the Pampa High School Class of 1971 where he was the senior class vice president, an officer of the student council, and a member of the National Honor Society. Dan was a leader of the defense of the Pampa Harvester football team that was achieved a 6-4 record and was the first winning season for Pampa in 17 years. Hood was a three year letterman in baseball for the Harvesters. He was also a member of the Hustling Pampa Harvesters



Hood

basketball squad as a junior.

Dan's valedictorian's address on "Discipline" was widely praised and the subject of nationally broadcast publications and a commentary radio show.

Dan was also a 1975 graduate of Texas A&M University with a B.S. in physics. At the time of his death, Dan was the Western Sales & Service Manager for Hitachi Data Systems. Dan worked his entire professional life in the information technology business. He was an avid outdoorsman and golfer. He was also an accomplished musician playing since his junior high days until his death in a local band as guitarist and vocalist.

Dan married Sonya Steffen on January 2, 1982. The Hoods had lived in Denver for more than 20 years.

Dan is survived by his wife Sonya; a daughter, Danielle, of Fort Worth; his dad, Jack R. Hood, and wife Charlene of Pampa; his in-laws; and a whole host of cousins, aunts and uncles, friends, and colleagues.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that memorials be made to the Pampa Optimist Boys Club, P.O. Box 802, Pampa, TX 79066 or to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, www.michaeljfox.org.

Please share condolences at [HoranCares.com](http://HoranCares.com).

## For the record

continued from Weds.

### Police Department

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 700 block of East Murphy.

A hit and run occurred at the 1500 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 100 block of Village.

A threat was reported at the 300 block of South Gray.

A burglary occurred at the 400 block of North Faulkner.

An accident occurred at the 800 block of South Municipal.

An assault occurred at the 700 block of North West.

A suspicious person was reported at the 500 block of North Nelson.

A threat occurred at the 600 block of North Wells.

**Monday, September 19**  
A suspicious person was reported at the 700 block of North Nelson.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 100 block of West Foster.

A suspicious person was reported at the 400 block of South Gillespie.

Prowlers were reported at the 700 block of North Dwight and Browning and Starkweather.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1100 block of North Hobart.

### Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sher-

iff's Office reported the following arrests for the three day period ending Monday, September 19 at 7 a.m.

**Friday, September 16**  
Jennifer Leah Cox, 43, was arrested by deputies for assault causing bodily injury.

Melodee Brooke Marlow, 33, was arrested by deputies for possession of dangerous drugs.

Stephanie Michelle Lewis, 26, was arrested by police on charges of expired motor vehicle insurance and failure to stop for a school bus.

Dillon Clay Johnson, 19, was arrested by police for assault causing bodily injury.

Rudy Angel Rodriguez, 17, was arrested by police on charges of capias pro fines times three, driving without a seatbelt and failure to appear in court.

Jodie S. Matthews, 29, was arrested by deputies for possession of marijuana.

Brandi Carol Brewer, 38, was arrested by DPS officers for driving with an invalid license.

Juan Carlos Benavidez, 66, was arrested by police for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

**Saturday, September 17**  
Steven Craig Angel, 45, was arrested by police for criminal trespassing.

Cody Nicholas Williams, 28, was arrested by deputies for burglary of a building.

James Douglas Chapman, 51, was arrested by deputies for burglary of a building.

Steven Ralph Busse, 50, was arrested by police for driving while intoxicated.

Victor Manuel Contreras Jr., 23, was arrested by police for assault causing bodily injury and family violence.

Kristol Nichole Rodriguez, 22, was arrested by police for assault causing bodily injury and family violence.

### Sunday, September 18

Adam Ross Slater, 28, was arrested by police for aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Jimmy Dale Atwood, 31, was arrested by police for possession of dangerous drugs.

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### Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Tuesday, September 20 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 19 traffic related incidents.

Animal Control officers responded to three animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS responded to three medical calls.

### Monday, September 19

A suspicious person was reported at Starkweather and Browning.

A theft occurred at the 900 block of Barnard.

Police investigated an alarm at the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

An assault was reported. Disorderly conduct occurred at the 900 block of South Barnes.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 1200 block of North Hamilton.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 900 block of South Barnes.

Identity theft was reported.

A theft occurred at the 1200 block of North Wells and the 900 block of South Barnes.

Criminal mischief was reported at the 1100 block of Crane.

An assault was reported. A violation of city ordinance was reported at Cinderella and Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Atchison and Magnolia.

Criminal mischief was reported at the 1200 block of South Nelson.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Atchison and Starkweather.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 500 block of North Christie.

A stolen vehicle was reported at the 1200 block of North Christine.

A prowler was reported at the 1900 block of North Coffee.

**Tuesday, September 20**  
A suspicious person was reported at Barnes and Murphy.

Police investigated an alarm at the 800 block of West Kingsmill.

Prowlers were reported at the 1700 block of North Chestnut and the 100 block of South Sumner.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 300 block of North Hazel.

A structure fire occurred at the 2200 block of North Williston.

### Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Tuesday, September 20 at 7 a.m.

**Monday, September 19**  
Kevin Todd Howe, 42, was arrested by deputies on a warrant.

Joseph Lee Remington, 36, was arrested by a Le-fors marshal on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear in court.

Troy James Short, 39, was arrested by deputies for running a stop sign.

**Tuesday, September 20**  
Ray Madrid Soto, 46, was arrested by police for not having a valid drivers license.

Joe Alaniz, 35, was arrested by deputies on a warrant for forgery of a financial instrument.

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### Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, September 21 at 7 a.m.

Animal Control officers and Pampa PD responded to 35 animal related incidents.

Pampa PD reported 11 traffic related incidents.

Pampa EMS and the Pampa Fire Department responded to 4 medical calls.

**Tuesday, September 20**  
A stolen vehicle was reported at the 500 block of North Wells.

A theft was reported at the 100 block of Hampton.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1000 block of Huff.

Criminal mischief was reported at the 2100 block of North Hobart.

Police investigated an alarm at the 2700 block of Comanche.

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# MORNINGRUSH

# Perry reveals investments for first time

## \$1M for rare revolver at auction

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas-based auction house says a rare revolver has sold for almost \$1 million.

Heritage Auctions/Greg Martin Auctions said Tuesday that the ivory-gripped Texas, or Holster Model No. 5, Paterson Revolver sold for \$977,500 in Dallas on Sunday. The price includes a 15 percent buyer's premium.

Greg Martin, president of arms and armor at Heritage Auctions/Greg Martin Auctions, says, "there are certain collectibles that transcend genre, period and form and exist simply as great works of art."

A West Coast collector who did not want to be identified purchased the revolver, which has a 9-inch barrel and attached loading lever.

The auction house says it's the finest known surviving example of Samuel Colt's first revolver, produced by the gunsmith in Paterson, N.J., in 1836.

## Tarantula migration under way

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — If that looks like a tarantula crossing the road, it probably is.

September is Oklahoma's tarantula migration month, when the arachnids go on the move, likely to breed. It's not fully known why the spiders head south.

Oklahoma State University entomologist Rick Grantham told Tulsa television station KOTV that the best times to see the traveling spiders is in the morning and evening.

The wild temperature swings this year, from minus 21 in the winter to 100 degree-plus temperatures throughout the summer, has affected the insect population. Grantham says that since tarantulas eat insects, they've probably been impacted, too.

The tarantula has large fangs and they can reach 5 inches from leg tip to leg tip. But Grantham says tarantulas don't pose much of a threat to humans.

## Man on probation faked cancer

AUSTIN (AP) — Police in Austin say a man faked having terminal breast cancer so he could avoid meeting with his probation officer.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Wednesday that an arrest affidavit said 32-year-old Brian Jeffrey Bonniwell gave his probation officer a letter that appeared to be from a cancer treatment center in Austin.

The affidavit says Bonniwell presented the letter July 20 and used it to get out of future meetings. The letter said he had been diagnosed with invasive ductal carcinoma and was undergoing treatment.

The treatment center told the court it had no record of Bonniwell.

The affidavit says Bonniwell is facing a felony charge of fabricating physical evidence. He is in the Travis County jail on several felony charges. Online jail records don't show an attorney for him.

## Woman accused in five fires

TRINITY (AP) — A woman has been accused of setting five fires in an East Texas area in what her son calls a bid for attention.

Tommie Ragsdale is in the Houston County Jail in Crockett charged with five counts of arson. Bond is set at \$450,000.

Trinity County Constable Woody Wallace arrested the 46-year-old Trinity woman Monday on suspicion that she was involved in five Sunday fires.

Eric Ragsdale of San Angelo tells KTRE-TV in Lufkin that his mother had in and out of mental hospitals. He says she had been living in an apartment in Trinity until his father moved her to a house two weeks ago near where the fires happened. The son said his mother set the fires "for the attention and help she so desperately needs."

## Bass Pro in discrimination suit

HOUSTON (AP) — The federal government has sued national outdoor retail chain Bass Pro Outdoor World alleging racial discrimination in its hiring practices dating back to 2005.

The Equal Opportunity Commission, a federal agency charged with enforcing anti-discrimination laws in employment, filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Houston on Wednesday.

The lawsuit alleges that qualified African-Americans and Hispanics were routinely denied positions at Bass Pro stores and managers of stores in Houston, Louisiana and other locations made derogatory racial comments acknowledging the practice.

The commission also alleges that Bass Pro destroyed documents related to applications and internal discrimination complaints and retaliated against those who spoke up.

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Rick Perry has revoked the blind trust that holds the majority of his investments, revealing for the first time in 15 years where his money is invested.

The Texas governor provided a range for the number of shares he holds in each of 25 different stocks that together are worth between \$108,000 and \$319,000. His portfolio was well-diversified, with holdings in major corporations from the United States and Europe.

Perry also listed eight municipal bond holdings, all of them from outside of Texas. No value was given for those bonds. He also listed a money-market account worth more than \$10,000. He also owns a home in College Station valued at \$214,000 that is rented out.

At 61, Perry is nearing retirement and a conservative broker would have moved most of his assets into bonds and cash to protect the value of the trust. Perry reported that his broker has recently sold 12 stocks, with half of them posting losses on the initial investment.

The trust was established in 1996, while Perry was agriculture commissioner, and was managed by a broker. Perry was not informed of what the trust held until last month. In a letter to the Texas Ethics Commission dated Aug. 12, he amended his annual personal financial disclosure to reflect that he now knows where his assets are invested.

Blind trusts are used by

## Water proposal could decimate rice industry

AUSTIN (AP) — South Texas rice farmers got some extra time to plan next year's crops — and pray for rain — under a drought response compromise approved Wednesday by the Lower Colorado River Authority.

Under the emergency order, which would apply to about 170 farmers, the river authority would cut off water only if the reserves in reservoirs fall below 850,000 acre-feet on March 1. The compromise pushes back the trigger date by two months, allowing more time for rain or backup plans.

"It's not what we wanted, but it gives us the opportunity to have a little bit of water, to keep us afloat, to keep us alive for one year," said Paul Sliva, a Matagorda County rice farmer. "We still know that if the conditions don't change, we're not going to get any water, we know that. They've got to improve quite a bit for us to get any kind of water."

politicians to avoid appearances of conflicts of interest in making important decisions. The Associated Press obtained the letter and the new disclosure form in an open records request.

While blind trusts are legal in Texas, candidates for federal office must report all of their holdings to the Federal Election Commission. Perry launched his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination last month and will be required to file a federal candidate disclosure form by Oct. 15.

"This action is consis-

tent with previous candidates and office holders and fully complies with federal law," said Mark Miner, a spokesman for Perry.

The most valuable holdings were in Donaldson Inc., a Minneapolis-based adhesives company. Other large holdings include payroll services company Automatic Data Processing Inc., industrial manufacturer Dover Corp. and cleaning and pest-control services company Ecolab Inc. The filing also discloses that the trust sold large amounts of stock in MDU Resources Group, a

natural resource company, and Del Monte Foods Co.

In 2009, a Perry spokeswoman told The Associated Press that the entire blind trust was worth more \$896,000. According to the governor's tax returns, the trust lost \$308,496 between 1996 and 2009.

Perry also owns part of two companies, one a partnership with his father called J.R. Perry Co. The other is a working interest in a Weatherford company called MKS Natural Gas Co., which earned him between \$10,000 and \$25,000 last year.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Thursday, Sept. 22, the 265th day of 2011. There are 100 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 22, 1776, during the Revolutionary War, Capt. Nathan Hale, 21, was hanged as a spy by the British in New York.

### On this date:

In 1761, Britain's King George III and his wife, Charlotte, were crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln issued the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, declaring all slaves in rebel states should be free as of Jan. 1, 1863.

In 1911, pitcher Cy Young, 44, gained his 511th and final career victory as he hurled a 1-0 shutout for the Boston Rustlers against the Pittsburgh Pirates at Forbes Field.

In 1927, Gene Tunney successfully defended his heavyweight boxing title against Jack Dempsey in the famous "long-count" fight in Chicago.

In 1961, the Interstate Commerce Commission issued rules prohibiting racial discrimination on interstate buses. Actress Marion Davies died in Los Angeles at age 64.

In 1964, the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" opened on Broadway, beginning a run of 3,242 performances.

In 1975, Sara Jane Moore attempted to shoot President Gerald R. Ford outside a San Francisco hotel, but missed. (Moore served 32 years in prison before being paroled on Dec. 31, 2007.)

In 1980, the Persian Gulf conflict between Iran and Iraq erupted into full-scale war that lasted nearly eight years.

In 1989, songwriter Irving Berlin died in New York City at age 101.

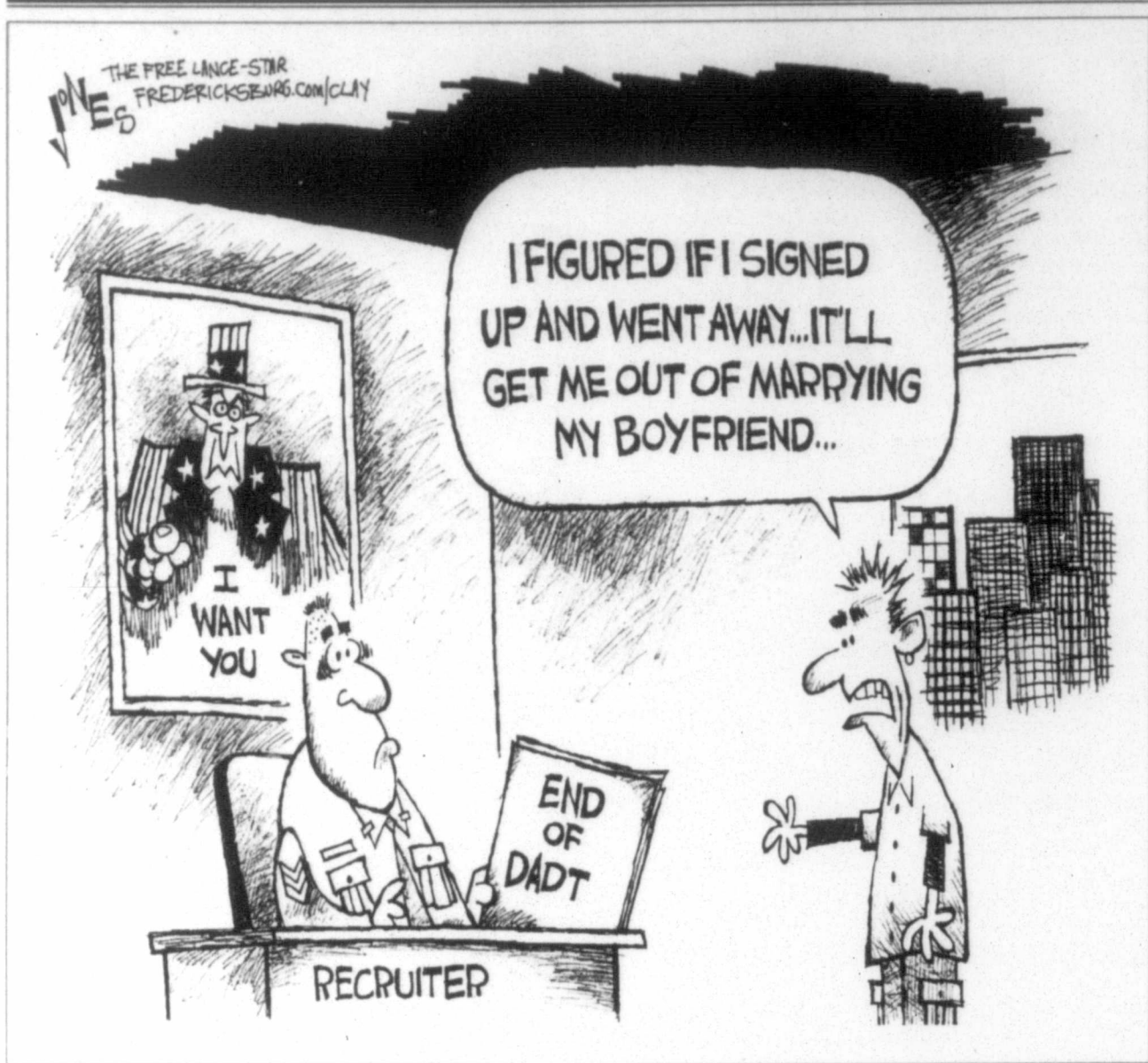
**Ten years ago:** President George W. Bush consulted at length with Russian President Vladimir Putin as the United States mustered a military assault on terrorism in the wake of Sept. 11.

**Five years ago:** A high-speed maglev train crashed in northwestern Germany, killing 23 people in the first fatal wreck involving the high-tech system.

**One year ago:** Rutgers University freshman Tyler Clementi committed suicide by jumping off the George Washington Bridge into the Hudson River after an intimate gay encounter in his dormitory room was allegedly captured by a webcam and streamed online by his roommate without his knowledge. (The former roommate, Dharun Ravi, is accused of the hate crime of bias intimidation.)

**Today's Birthdays:** Baseball Hall of Fame manager Tommy Lasorda is 84. Musician King Sunny Ade is 65. Actor Paul Le Mat is 65. Capt. Mark Phillips is 63. Rock singer David Coverdale (Deep Purple, Whitesnake) is 60. Actress Shari Belafonte is 57. Singer Debby Boone is 55. Country singer June Forester (The Forester Sisters) is 55. Singer Nick Cave is 54. Rock singer Jhonette Napolitano is 54. Classical crossover singer Andrea Bocelli is 53. Singer-musician Joan Jett is 53. Actor Scott Baio is 51. Actress Catherine Oxenberg is 50. Actor Rob Stone is 49. Rock musician Matt Sharp is 42. Rock musician Dave Hernandez (The Shins) is 41. Rhythm-and-blues singer Big Rube (Society of Soul) is 40. Actress Mireille Enos is 36. Actor Michael Graziadei is 32. Actress Ashley Drane (Eckstein) is 30. Actor Tom Felton is 24.

**Thought for Today:** "Life resembles a novel more often than novels resemble life." — George Sand, French author (1804-1876)



## Poor Republicans invisible to contenders

When the U.S. Census Bureau reported last week that a record number of people are living in poverty, Republicans were quick to attach the figures to President Barack Obama in a desperate attempt to lay the numbers at his feet.

Anyone with common sense knows, however, that someone doesn't just fall into poverty overnight. The genesis of today's poverty statistics lies in this country's deplorable economic conditions, which have only gotten worse since the recession began in 2007. But the opposition often ignores such facts.

When you start digging deeper into the Census Bureau report, what stands out is that of the 10 poorest states in the country, most are the reddest in the nation -- solidly GOP states.

The most impoverished state is Mississippi, followed by Arkansas, Tennessee, West Virginia, Louisiana, Montana, South Carolina, Kentucky, Alabama and North Carolina.

President Barack Obama won North Carolina by only 14,000 votes in 2008, and although West Virginia is considered a Democratic state, it normally goes for the GOP in presidential elections. There's no doubt that in the 2012 presidential campaign, the GOP expects to lock up all 10 of the states.

Thus, it would make sense that the GOP candidates would at least spend some time in the presidential debates addressing the issue of poverty in these red states -- and what



ROLAND MARTIN

when Rick Santorum discussed his work for welfare reform.

At the Sept. 17 debate at the Reagan Library in Simi Valley, Calif., Rep. Ron Paul raised the issue of the poor, and that was in a discussion about getting rid of the minimum wage -- he thinks it will lead to more jobs -- and about his opposition to welfare.

In answering a question from one of the moderators, Santorum again talked about his work on issues facing the poor, all under the guise of welfare reform, during his 12 years in the U.S. Senate.

During the CNN-Tea Party debate, Mitt Romney managed to mention the poor once, but that was only when it came to America being an "energy-poor" country.

Republicans are quick to say that their economic agenda is the best way to get people back to work and that a job is the best way to get people out of poverty. But it's also true that the poverty issue extends

beyond a job, to education and healthcare.

Yeah right. Voters in these traditionally red states should demand that the GOP candidates who are banking on their votes say and do more than what they're offering at present. Scarcely mentioning the poor or poverty is insufficient.

Maybe part of the problem is that the poor don't have lobbyists. There aren't any Super PACs being formed to raise millions of dollars to demand accountability on the issue. Even right-wing Christian leaders such as Ralph Reed and his Faith and Freedom Coalition are quick to condemn President Obama's plan to tax the rich, but they'll say nothing about the poorest states in the country, and they won't demand a poverty plan from GOP candidates.

If I were a poor person in a red state, my primary issue would be figuring out which candidate, Obama included, speaks to my needs. If I saw a candidate spending all his time defending tax cuts for the wealthy while staying mum on the poor and the growing number of children on the poverty rolls, that candidate would be hard-pressed to get my vote.

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## Cattle survey: Texas ranchers culling herds

LUBBOCK (AP) — No Texas ranchers plan to leave the cattle business as the state's worst one-year drought on record persists but 8 percent say they won't have any animals next year, according to a survey released Tuesday by Texas' largest livestock group.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association got responses from fewer than 10 percent of the 8,995 ranchers in the nation's leading production state contacted to do the online survey in late August.

"We feel that the numbers will rebound once the moisture gets back to normal," association vice president Eldon White said of those ranchers who sold all their cattle. "It will probably be more expensive when they buy those animals back."

The U.S. herd is at its lowest level since the 1950s and officials say the low number will mean higher beef prices over the next couple of years.

The drought and blistering triple-digit heat in Texas has left pastures and grazing lands brown and crispy, forcing ranchers to severely cull their herds. So far crop and livestock losses from the drought in Texas are estimated at a record \$5.2 billion. Ag officials expect that amount to rise.

The La Nina weather pattern which led to the drought has re-emerged, meaning a drier than normal winter.

The association's Drought Impact Survey showed 16 percent of the 872 ranchers who responded had made no adjustment to their herd because of the drought. Eighty-four percent indicated they've cut their herd size from their three-year average.

The average cut to herds was 38 percent but that doesn't mean there are 38 percent fewer cattle in Texas. Many of the animals only changed hands and few have

left the state, according to an association release.

About 6 percent of the association's Texas membership of 14,344 answered the survey, for which the margin for error was plus or minus 3.15 percent. There are members in other states also, including Oklahoma and New Mexico.

The results did not surprise anyone, White said. "We knew there was pretty significant movement of cattle," he said.

Eleven percent said they plan to increase their herd size next year and 13 percent plan to increase the number of calves they market.

Ranchers cut their herds by taking cattle to livestock market sales, placing them into feedlots early, moving cattle to unused pastures, or sending older cows to slaughter. Some moved their cattle to other states, renting pastures and paying monthly per head to the landowner.

The culling could continue if rains don't come by the end of October to recently planted winter wheat in the Panhandle.

"If we don't get those wheat pastures, we'll probably see another round" of culling, White said. "They're going to have to make a decision whether to buy more hay."

The head of the group said ranchers' hardiness will serve them well.

"We've lived through droughts before and no doubt we will face them again," association president Joe Parker Jr. said. "Rain will come and when it does, you can bet ranchers will rebuild their herds and the industry will come back stronger than ever."

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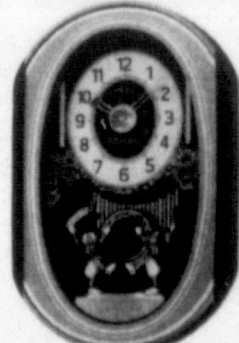
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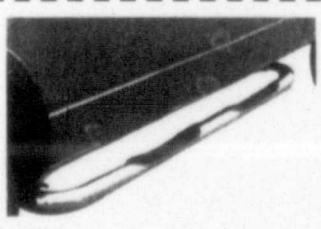
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## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011:

This year, a relationship or partnership could gain in importance. You value this tie, but this person seems to be changing right in front of you. Learn to flex. Education, travel and meeting people from various cultures could open your mind and change your perceptions. If you are single, you could meet someone very different while pursuing a spiritual or educational interest. Unpredictability could add to the excitement that exists between you. Focus on friends and expanding your immediate circle. Success will greet you this year if you can surround yourself with the right people. LEO rounds you cold.

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)**  
★★★★ Your ability to identify with a close friend or loved one could determine the quality of the interaction. You also gain even more insight because of your willingness to read between the lines. Be willing to work with the situation. Tonight: Your fiery spirit returns.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★★ Stay on top of communication, even if you are taken aback by what you hear. Take your time digesting information until you gain clarity as to what you really have heard. Others seek you out and prove to be full of information. Tonight: Tap into your creativity.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★★ Remain sensitive to the costs of a situation or decision. Others appreciate your awareness of the stress they might be under. Be willing to head out alone. A friend exhibits a lot of unpredictability. Tonight: Balance your check-book.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★★ You have a style and way of handling issues that allows others to feel comfortable and open. A boss or authority figure acts in a way that might cause you to wonder how well you know him or her! Tonight: Ready to go.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★ Take your time before jumping to a conclusion. A personal matter or an issue in general could have your mind working overtime and might be impact-

ing your decisions and actions right now. Slow down; get feedback. Unexpected news heads your way. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★ Key into a meeting. Your priorities become clear vis-a-vis the priorities of others. New information comes through a partner, whether in words or in action. Yes, your plate is full. Tonight: Make weekend plans that suit you.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★ Take a stand and understand that others might be reactive. You will see their reactions. You can choose not to react so that the focus is on their responses and how they might be inappropriate. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★ Reach out for more information. You might not like your knee-jerk reaction, so stop and find out more. Your ability to do that is based on your ability to detach. Take a walk -- a change of scenery works. Tonight: Working late.

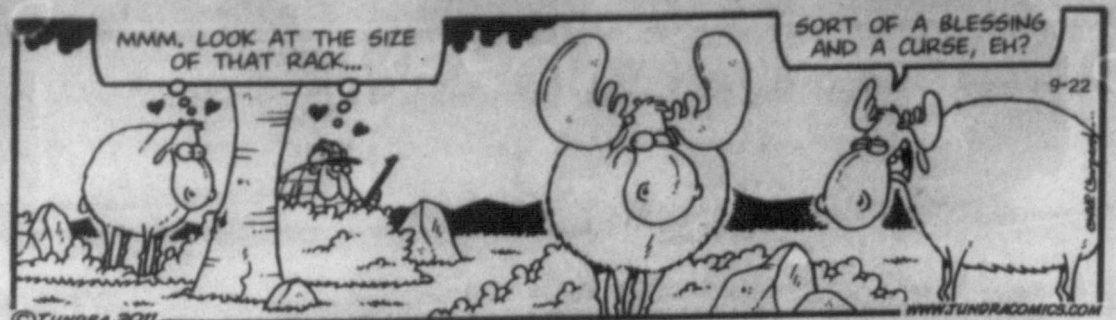
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★★ Continue making time for a key person in your life. An unexpected development involving a child or new friendship could force you to stop and think. Remember, people change and are multifaceted. Tonight: Wherever you are, make sure there is music around you.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★ A boss, parent or another authority figure cannot help but be unpredictable. Listen to what is revealed, but choose not to react. Take an overview of a conversation. Understand what is happening. Tonight: Make time for a special person.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ Stay (just) direct. Others could be unpredictable or could see you as unpredictable. Run your errands, clear out paperwork and start thinking "weekend." You'll need a break if you continue to dive into work. Tonight: Return calls; make plans.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★ Tap into your creativity, but say "no" to a risk. Even if you can survive the loss if it doesn't work, is this effort really worth it? Buy a lottery ticket, but keep financial risk to little to nothing. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

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## UT pres.: Re-work media deals

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas President William Powers said Wednesday that creating stability is the top priority for the Big 12 and suggested Texas is open to a new revenue-sharing model.

A day after the Pac-12 said it had no plans to add any Big 12 members, Powers said one way to build stability is to restructure media contracts and Texas will work toward that.

"There are methods of doing that, including the way media deals are structured and we'll be working with our partners in the Big 12 and our media partners to structure something that has stability," Powers told reporters at the state Capitol.

When pressed on the prospect of revenue sharing, Powers said: "We are open to every idea ... We've never said that's off the table."

The Big 12 agreed to a 13-year television deal with Fox Sports in April worth more than \$1 billion.

Texas gets a larger share of league media revenue from television contracts than some of the other Big 12 members. The Longhorns also signed a 20-year, \$300 million deal with ESPN in January

to create the Longhorn Network that launched several weeks ago.

The network created uncertainty in the Big 12 and Texas A&M said it was a big reason why the Aggies will leave the Big 12 by July for the Southeastern Conference if legal issues can be cleared up.

Nebraska athletic director Tom Osborne earlier this month said the Big 12's revenue-sharing plan lends itself to instability as the Huskers opened their first season in the Big Ten. Each Big Ten school received \$22.6 million this year — about twice as much as Nebraska could have expected if it had stayed in the Big 12.

Powers said all issues are subject to discussion when talking with other Big 12 schools in the next few days.

"A lot of these issues that you hear (about) whether its revenue sharing or whatever, we've been working on long before," he said. "We will continue to work on those. I'm not going to prejudge on how those will come out. There are not any preconditions for the conference coming back together."

"We want a stable, workable conference going forward," Powers said.

## PISD

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About a year ago, PISD received a grant through the Texas Comptroller's Office to build the turbine to provide electricity for the school. The board has decided to accept that grant, and has been looking at companies' qualifications to complete the project.

Haenisch said the miniature turbine will sit on the south end of the school's property line, and estimates the project to be completed by early spring.

"It will not produce enough electricity to provide for all of our needs, but it will offset some of the energy costs," he said.

In other business, the school board

accepted two people into its aide exemption program, which allows instructional aides to attend college with their tuition waived, with the stipulation that they become a teacher.

"Five or six of the teachers we have working with us now had started as aides, and as they were working through, they were able to get their college hours and continue to work," said Haenisch.

The superintendent said that the district gives aides extra incentive to prepare to become teachers, such as use of the district's technology and days off to do classwork if necessary.

## Unemployment

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continues to decrease, so customers say this is a good time to drill," said Lopez.

Enbridge Energy and Eagle Rock Energy, which is building a new Pampa plant, have been hiring people on in the area. Hunting Titan, which employs 254 people in Pampa, has also seen a big demand for its products and hired 21 folks during August. Most of these positions were for machinists, quality control and shipping and receiving.

"The unemployment rate is definitely going down in Gray County because of oil and gas," said Mollie Barney of Workforce Solutions in Amarillo. "There are jobs that follow oil and gas, like preparation and clean up."

Lewis has observed the impact that the industry has on the town as a whole.

"There is a trickle-down effect when oil and gas companies start bringing in

new jobs," said Lewis, who noted that job growth in one industry spurs growth in other areas.

"There are new businesses coming in, for instance, eating establishments. Also Beall's, in the coming weeks, is planning to go into a bigger place in the mall area," said Lewis.

United, Walmart, Gray County, the City of Pampa and the Pampa Independent School District (PISD) all also reported scattered hiring during the month of August.

"Because the unemployment rate has been going down, that's why our numbers have been going up," said Barry Haenisch, superintendent with PISD. "Right now, Gray County is a place where people can find work. We've got people moving in from other places."

## Dogfighting isn't a game

### Dog Talk with Uncle Matty



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*The worst sin toward our fellow creatures is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them: That's the essence of inhumanity. — George Bernard Shaw*

When Android came out with its Dog Wars app from Kage Games in April, it challenged players to "raise your dog to beat the best" and included a "gun for police raids" and the option to "inject your dog with steroids." This according to the company's own website.

Dog Wars charged gamers with the challenge of training a virtual pit bull (Thanks, Kage, we needed that.) to participate in virtual dogfights, with the winners building the kind of street cred that "puts money in your pocket and lets you earn more in fights."

The release of Dog Wars rallied the animal welfare community, as well as law enforcement and child advocacy groups. Los Angeles Police Protective League President Paul Weber called the game "absolutely sickening." And a man whose name is to dogfighting what Bernie Madoff's is to zero balances had this to say: "Dogfighting is a dead-end street. ... I think it's important to send the smart message to kids, and not glorify this form of animal cruelty."

That man, of course, is Michael Vick, who spent 23 months in prison on dogfighting and animal cruelty charges.

In the wake of a righteous uproar, Android (operated by Google) pulled the app.

For a while. After a few weeks and a name change, Android released the "new and improved" KG Dogfighting app from Kage Games. Same song, second verse — this time with a "high maturity" label making it for kids 13 and older, although with no obvious means of enforcing it, and a vague promise that a portion of proceeds will go to animal rescue organizations.

What animal welfare group is going to take money earned from an app that promotes cruelty to animals?

Wayne Pacelle, president of the Humane Society of the United States, asked Google to drop the app outright, saying, "Because 'Dog Wars' actually instructs players on how to condition a dog using methods that are standard in organized dogfighting, this game may be a virtual training ground for would-be dogfighters. Its timing and message are all wrong."

As for the brains at Kage Games, they say "critics are missing the point" and in an email to the LA Times defended themselves as "animal lovers" exploring a "groundbreaking way to raise money/awareness to REAL dogs in need (and) exercise freedom of expression."

Really? Just a gaggle of libertarian dog lovers taking their free speech rights out for a spin? Regardless of whether you believe the Founders designed the First Amendment with an eye on protecting a bloody game that teaches people how to do something that is a felony in all 50 states, that's a crock.

Any way you cut it, the creation and distribution of a dogfighting app is embarrassingly hypocritical, wildly irresponsible and bottom-line unconscionable behavior from a group that purports to be "dog lovers and dog owners themselves." Any true dog-loving gamer would instead buckle down and create an app that challenges players to see how many dogs they can free from a shelter before the next round of euthanasia. Better yet, go volunteer at one.

Dogfighting is violence. Brutal and forced violence. Violence that infiltrates the dreams of children who bear witness to it. Violence that holds hostage the neighborhoods and communities in which it lurks. Violence that stamps out the spirit of innocent dogs and shackles them to a life of unspeakable pain and suffering. Does that sound like a game to you?

*When crimes begin to pile up, they become invisible. When sufferings become unendurable, the cries are no longer heard. The cries, too, fall like rain in summer. — Bertolt Brecht*

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# Texas files case against EPA air rules

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas attorney general has asked a federal appeals court to review new air pollution rules, which some state leaders think could lead to power outages, a spokeswoman said Wednesday.

Attorney General Greg Abbott asked the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington to review regulations for coal-fired power plants announced July 27. The state planned to file another petition on Wednesday to block enforcement of the rules, said Lauren Bean, a spokeswoman for Abbott.

"We are deeply concerned about the impact these regulations will have on the state of Texas and its electric grid," Bean said. "Texans can rest assured that we'll pursue every available legal remedy to prevent the EPA from imposing this legally-flawed rule and the electricity disruptions that other officials have said this will

cause." Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican presidential candidate, has made the Environmental Protection Agency a major campaign issue, insisting that new air pollution rules are hurting the economy. He has promised to minimize federal regulation if elected president.

The new rules at issue in this case would require states to reduce sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions, which mostly come from coal-fired plants. Texas has 19 coal-fired power plants — more than any other state — and plans to build nine more. It is one of the few states still adding coal-fired plants and releases more air pollutants than any other state. Most other states are building generation plants that use sources other than coal, particularly natural gas.

On Sept. 12, Texas' largest electricity producer, Luminant, threat-

ened to shut down two coal-fired power units and lay off hundreds of workers if the new rules were enforced, even after the EPA offered to help the company meet the tougher standards.

The next day, the Republican-controlled Texas Senate held a hearing on the new rules, blasting them as "job killers."

State Sen. Troy Fraser, a close political ally of Perry, suggested the Obama administration was unfairly targeting Texas because it is heavily Republican.

Earlier this year, Texas filed a different suit to block rules designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and is awaiting a court ruling in that case. The EPA has also taken away some of the state's authority to issue clean air permits to refineries, citing lax enforcement of existing air pollution regulations.

## BANANAGRAMS!

For each bunch below, rearrange the letters to form two intersecting words that fit into the corresponding grid.

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Yesterday's Answer: BARLEY, GRAPES, BURGER 9.22

## Wreck

in a 2005 Mack semi-trailer at 7:24 p.m. when he turned left in front of Chad Landrum, 37, of Pampa, driving a Peterbilt truck tractor traveling east. Landrum corrected to the right in an attempt to avoid Lawrence, but still struck Lawrence's truck on the right side.

Lawrence's truck jackknifed, ejecting him from the vehicle and killing him, while Landrum's truck rolled

and slid on its side, catching fire.

Lawrence was pronounced dead at the scene by the Wheeler County Justice of the Peace. According to the DP, he was not wearing his safety belt.

Landrum was able to undo his safety belt and climb out of the truck's cab. He was treated at Wheeler Parkview Hospital for his injuries.

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## Stokes

"On day shift, you do patrol and you do civil service, and then you answer calls and we do court escorts and transports, and then the night shift is more call based than patrol," he said.

Before working for the jail, Stokes worked as an oil field safety consultant.

"I would handle personnel safety and safety training for different companies. I was a contract safety consultant basically, so if they had a big job, I'd come in and consult on the safety and make sure everyone was safe throughout the project," he said.

During his time in this position, Stokes was able to foster communication skills that are an asset in his current line of work.

"The one thing I was able to bring over from my previous career was dealing with people in all walks of life. I would go from CEOs of a company doing a training course,

down to blue collar guys that were working in the field, and I could communicate and get along with all of them," he said.

Stokes made use of these people skills as a jailer.

"Most of the time in the jail, I was able to calm people down and talk to them where (conflicts) didn't escalate into something (they) didn't need to be," he said.

Working with offenders is not the same as dealing with the general public.

"(In the jail), you've basically got two types of people. You've got people that are charged and people that are convicted, and once a person goes from charged to convicted, you can actually see their personality change in the way they interact with other people," said Stokes. "Out in the streets, it's different, as you may be the one charging them, so you kind of have to filter through whether or not

both parties are telling you the truth. (In the jail), you have a little leverage. Out on the streets, whatever you can actually pull from your memory and know is all the leverage you have, so it's totally different."

Stokes devotes his spare time to his wife, two sons and three daughters, who range in age from 13 to two years. His family has been very encouraging of his new career.

"They're all really behind me. They know this is what I want to do, so they're really supportive," he said.

Stokes is happy to be a part of the team at the Sheriff's Office.

"They accepted me really quickly back in August of 2010 when I came on, and I've gotten to know the deputies over the past year, and now I'm getting to work with them. It's a close-knit family up here," he said. "We're close with PD, and we work well with

DPS. Pampa's fortunate that the PD and sheriff's department get along so well."

Stokes finds his new line of work fulfilling, and is glad to be out and interacting with the community.

"(The job is) something to give back to the community really. I'd really like to do something to stop the drug trade in Pampa," he said.

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to the letter you printed from "Respectful in Ohio" (July 25). I am so glad you addressed the subject of proper etiquette in cemeteries. The cemetery where my family members are buried has become a playground for the neighbors in the area. When I visit, I see people walking their dogs on and off leashes even though they are aware of the "No Dogs Allowed" signs. Children are bicycling, rollerblading and skateboarding, along with joggers and walkers.

I come to the cemetery to visit with my lost loved ones and tend to their graves. I find it disgusting and disturbing that these folks are using our sacred place for their personal pleasures. Abby, thank you so much for your wisdom on this matter. — JEAN C. IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR JEAN: Thank you for agreeing with me. However, some readers felt differently, believing that cemeteries are for the living as well as the dead. My newspaper readers comment:

DEAR ABBY: You should know that there is a trend where groups of dog walkers are taking over the care of deteriorating cemeteries. In return for cleaning up, restoring and maintaining

graveyards, dog walkers are given permission to walk and run their dogs there.

Some readers may find this practice disrespectful, but it has resulted in many cemeteries being restored to the beauty and dignity its occupants deserve. — CARLA IN VIRGINIA

DEAR ABBY: When I read the letter from "Respectful," it took me back a few years. As I was mowing in the town cemetery, I went around a gravestone into some tall grass and my mower stalled. When I turned it over to see what I had hit, I found a pair of pantyhose wrapped around the blade of the mower. Apparently, cemeteries are sometimes used as a lover's lane. I agree with you about practicing good behavior in places like these. But I'll always laugh recalling what happened to me. I wonder if the lady who forgot her hose that night caught a cold. — GROUNDSKEEPER

DEAR ABBY: I have to disagree with you and "Respectful." One needs to have a historical perspective about cemeteries and their place in our culture. Prior to the advent of public parks in the late 19th century, the only open, park-like setting in most communities was the local cemetery. People would stroll the lawns, picnic and socialize

there.

Today, some cemeteries even conduct historical and nature tours. While I don't condone rowdy behavior, it's wrong to think they are simply for the dead and mourning. Many families of our fallen soldiers go to Arlington Cemetery to picnic and visit their loved ones.

Cemeteries fall into disrepair when they are not active and filled with living hikers, bikers, bird watchers, etc. Let's encourage people to visit their local cemetery. The alternative is to allow them to go to seed and disappear from our landscape. — PATRICK H., OHIO

DEAR ABBY: Several years ago in a nearby church cemetery, a young couple and their 4-year-old were putting flowers on a relative's grave. The child got a bit antsy and climbed on a headstone. The stone was loose and tipped over onto the child and killed him. No one should let children play in a cemetery. — JAN IN SARTELL, MINN.

DEAR ABBY: I want children to play on my grave. What could be better than spending eternity listening to the laughter of children? As for dogs, unless you are going to diaper all the pigeons, dogs are the least of my worries! — ALANSON IN NEW JERSEY

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Intermediate

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 44 Grassy

- 1 Colander's plant cousin
- 6 Be miserly
- 11 Big name in auto racing
- 12 Boredom
- 13 Track horse
- 14 Pigeon perch
- 15 Friend of Porthos
- 17 Cobbler's tool
- 19 Price part
- 20 Floor cover
- 23 Fight
- 25 Continental currency
- 26 Put into words
- 28 "Got it"
- 29 Eye part
- 30 Bush-ranger Kelly
- 31 Coat rack part
- 32 Place down
- 33 One of the Gorgons
- 35 Gem unit
- 38 "Cars" tow truck
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Yesterday's answer

- 17 Once more
- 18 More severe
- 20 Mangled
- 21 Bowl
- 22 Right now
- 24 Draw
- 25 Mother's order
- 27 Peanuts and lentils
- 31 Wendy's friend
- 33 Puzzle book
- 34 Be thrifty
- 35 Paint buy
- 36 Bordeaux buddy
- 37 Joplin tune
- 39 Work unit
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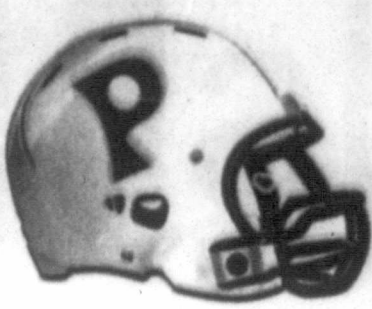
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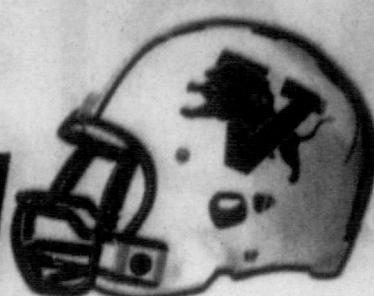
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## Harvesters seek first 3-2 start since 2003 vs. Lions

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The last time the Pampa Harvesters started a season 3-2 was in 2003. Head coach Heath Parker was in his first year succeeding the late Dennis Cavalier, Pampa was in the second of three straight seasons of advancing three rounds deep in the playoffs and the current senior class was in fourth grade.

This year, the Harvesters (2-2) are hoping to return to that success by beating the Vernon Lions on homecoming 7:30 p.m. Friday at Harvester Field.

Parker said a victory would help his team accomplish its goals.

"This year's seniors have lofty goals," Parker said. "They want to have a winning record and be district champions and all kinds of things we want to. But you have to take it one step at a time. Starting our first half 3-2, I think is something what would be a big deal for us because it hasn't happened in a long time."

Senior linebacker Daniel Hulsey, who was the leading tackler in last week's victory over Wichita Falls Hirschi, said a win would be special.

"It would be a good thing to happen," Hulsey said. "A winning record might change things around for us and get things rolling."

Junior offensive lineman Kyler Allen said last week's victory provided a confidence boost.

"We have most of our players back," Allen said. "We had some injuries, but we got them back and we should go out and do good."

The Lions (1-3) enter the game averaging 10 points per game. Parker said they like to run spread and will throw in some wildcat.

"They are a four wide receiver shotgun team," Parker said. "They are much better at it than last year. Their short screen game scares you. Their quarterback's ability to run scares you. The running back is a 200-pound kid that's a load to take down. We have our hands full."

Hulsey said the defense will have to contain the outside.

"They tried to run to the outside on us," Hulsey said. "Last year we had some trouble with it. This year we are working on it."

Defensively, Vernon is allowing an average of 23 points per game. Parker

said it has improved in the second year of its system.

"You could tell last year there was a lot of confusion," Parker said. "Their kids still played hard but made a lot of mistakes that hurt them in our game last year. We were able to run the ball because they were out of position. I don't see that this year. They know where they are supposed to be. It comes down to can you block them because they know where they are supposed to be."

Allen said the offense will have to watch out for Vernon's speed.

"We just have to have the right mentality," Allen said. "If you get your technique right you can always achieve what you want."

Senior offensive lineman Trevor Smith said communication will be key.

"We need to learn our assignments a little better," Smith said. "We were one tackle away from some big plays Friday night. We just need to try to get that lined out."

Parker said his players need to stay disciplined Friday.

"We have improved every week," Parker said. "I'm sure to the fans, the Randall game was embarrassing and didn't look like we made improvement, but we did. It's early in the year and we are still trying to experiment with things and lock down on what we want to go to battle with when district starts."



Allen



Parker

### Inside the matchup

Last week: Pampa beat W.F. Hirschi 35-14, Vernon lost to Sanger 57-14  
Series: tied 9-9  
Streak: Pampa won last two  
Last Meeting: Pampa won 25-14, 2010.  
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Keep an eye on:  
**LB Daniel Hulsey, Sr.**



Hulsey led the Harvesters in tackles last week with 18. Look for him to be involved in several plays.

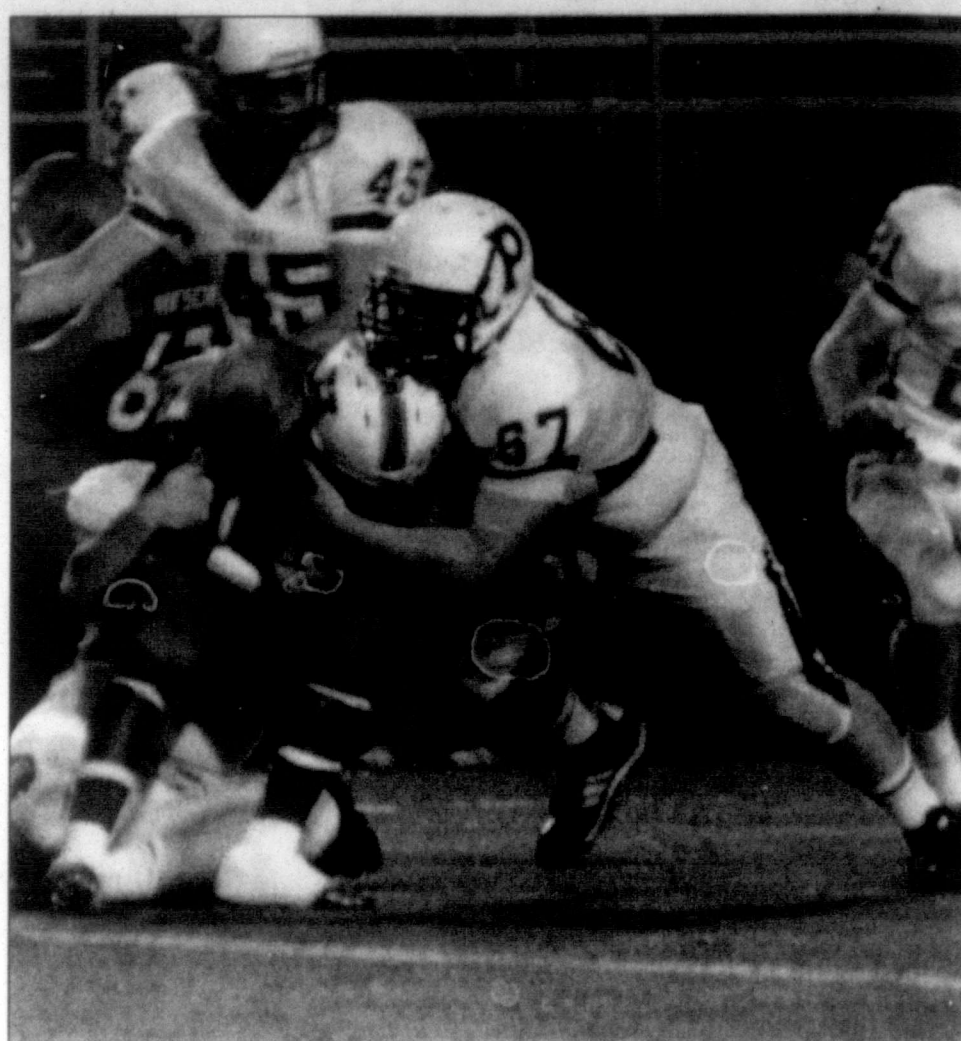


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Senior Cody Parks wraps a Hirschi player September 16 as Devin Coleman looks on. The Harvesters defense will try to keep the Vernon Lions inside.

## Pirates, Tigers resume rivalry

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Last season the Lefors Pirates saw their undefeated start ended in a 64-14 loss to the McLean Tigers. That loss hasn't sat well with No. 7 Lefors as it looks to avenge that loss when the Highway 273 rivalry continues 7:30 p.m. Friday at Shaw Field.

The Pirates (4-0) will be shorthanded as four starters were benched for violating team rules. Also, one player hasn't been cleared to return after a concussion and one is ineligible due to residency status.

Head coach Joey Czubinski said having those players out greatly affected his team.

"We had to make major adjustments on both sides of the ball, so we'll see on Friday night," Czubinski said.

Lefors entered the rankings for the first time last week. Czubinski said the rankings don't mean much.

"Who does them?" Czubinski asked. "Guys

on a computer, sitting in an office passing judgement? A lot of times on teams they haven't even see play."

The Tigers (0-3) are coming off a bye week and are still looking for their first win. McLean head coach David Jurado said it will be a challenge for his team to overcome its youthfulness.

"Experience goes a long way in this game," Jurado said. "We make several mistakes and are learning everyday and on every play. So to overcome our lack of experience and their experience is going to be a tough task."

Jurado said his team's

morale is fine despite its start.

"They are still motivated and wanting to get better," Jurado said. "So, I just push them as far as I can and they respond great and do everything that is asked of them."

Czubinski said his team will have to contain McLean's threats.

"McLean has a very capable leader in Jordan Herring, solid backing from Chase West and Ian McMordie," Czubinski said. "So that right there is enough to keep a coaching staff honest. We have to play through this bit of growing up as one unit."

## Modano retires after 21 seasons

One of the greatest American hockey players is hanging up his skates for good.

Mike Modano announced Wednesday that he is retiring after 21 seasons in the NHL, a career that includes a Stanley Cup championship along with 561 goals and 1,374 points -- both of which are records for U.S.-born players.

"It's just time," he said in a phone interview from Dallas, taking a break between playing 36 holes of golf. "I didn't get any

calls after July 1 and I figured that was it."

Only it wasn't. The 41-year-old Modano said Vancouver assistant general manager Lorne Henning offered him a chance last week to continue his career with the Canucks.

"I told him I had to pass because I hadn't touched a weight or unzipped my bag since we lost in San Jose," he said.

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