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## No immediate changes to local post office

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The U.S. Post Office may be considering decreasing services while under a staggering amount of debt, but for now, Pampa's post office plans to maintain the same level of service that it has for years. However, it does face certain challenges.

"Our mail volume continues to decline, same as it is nation-

wide," said Robert Schrock, who has been Postmaster with the Pampa Post Office for ten years.

During his years at the Post Office, Schrock has seen technology's effect on the "art of communication." People might text, tweet, e-mail or use Facebook to get in touch, rather than using traditional "snail mail."

"Electronic media has decreased first class mail volume, but it's also provided parcels

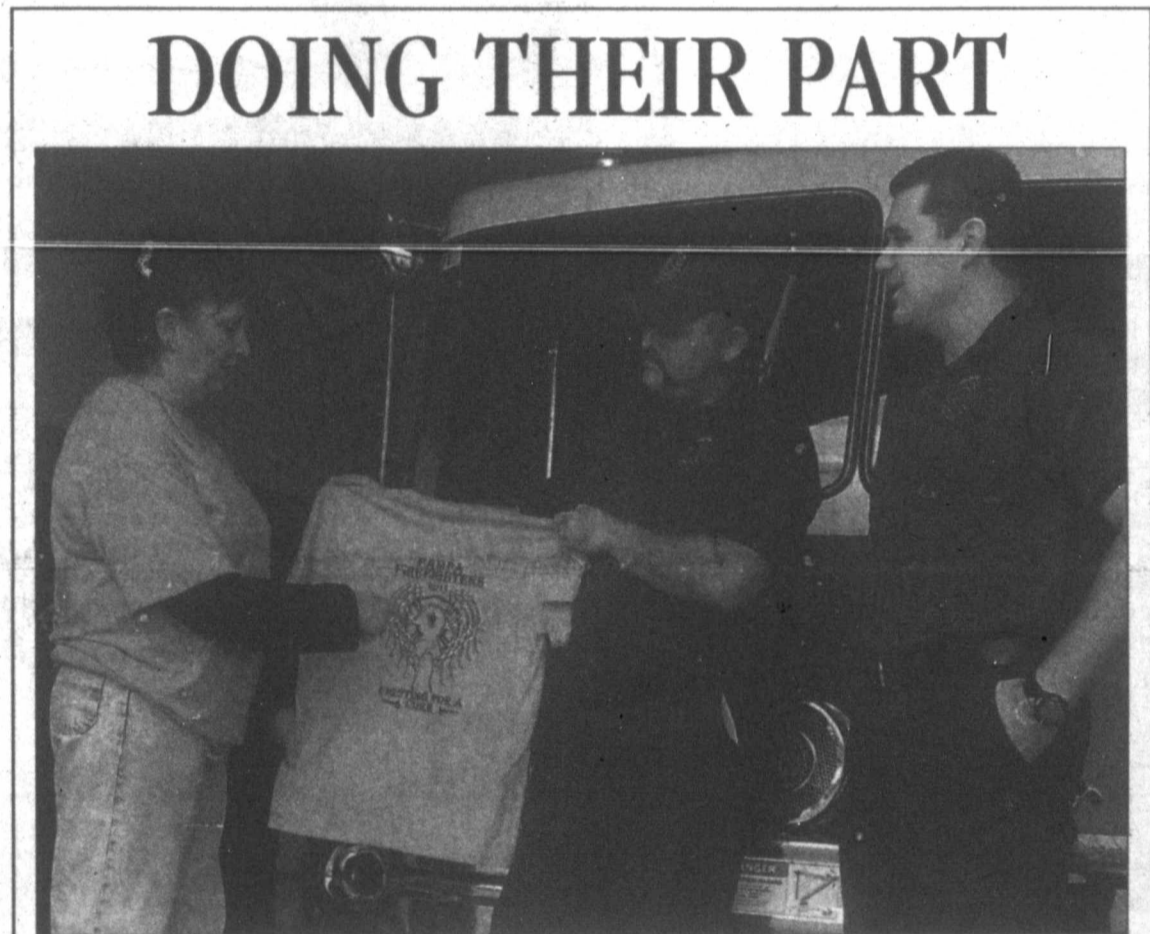
some growth, because people electronically order things online, and then we wind up making deliveries," said Schrock. "So there has been a shift in the type of work we do. It has a double-edged sword."

Pampa's Post Office routes have decreased from 21 to 17 in recent years, but Schrock doesn't anticipate certain changes, such as increased delivery times for local mail, which currently takes

one day.

"Day by day operations are really pretty stable. As mail volume's been declining, we've been reducing the size of our routes; and as a result, the number of employees through normal attrition and through retirement. We've been able to maintain the same level of service with a reduced number of employees," he added.

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staff photo by **Arnie Aurellano**

## Firefighters sell shirts to fight cancer

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The city's firefighters are encouraging Pampans to think pink again in October.

The Pampa Fire Department is selling its pink breast can-

cer awareness t-shirts for the third year in a row in 2011 in a bid to help the local branch of the American Cancer Society raise funds and awareness for the disease. This year's shirts, which were designed by C-shift driver Kasey Presson, will go

for \$15 apiece for all sizes from adult small to 5X.

Shirts can be bought by contacting any Pampa firefighter or placing an order at the Central Fire Station, the Cabot NOI Credit Union or Tangles

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## Lovett's fall book sale Sat., Sun.

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Lovett Memorial Library director Misty Guy wasn't quite sure offhand just how many books are going to be on sale this weekend at the library's Spring Paperback Sale, but she had a ballpark figure.

"Thousands," she said, smiling. "We'll say thousands."

Local bibliophiles will have the chance to bring a few of those thousands home when the library hosts the sale on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Guy said that there will be an array of reading choices to pick from, depending on your favorite literary flavor.

"We have a few Westerns, quite a bit of mysteries, quite a bit of romance," Guy said. "I think we will have some Spanish language paperbacks, too. We may have some self-help books. We'll have quite a bit of inspirational paperbacks. A little bit of everything."

The sale is an annual tradition and the library's second of the year following the spring hardback sale in March and April. Proceeds go towards the Friends of the Library, which supports the library by funding everything from furniture to landscaping to the many

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## District to discuss improvement plan

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With Pampa High School and Pampa Junior High School receiving less than satisfactory marks when the Texas Education Agency released its statewide school ratings earlier this year, the Pampa Independent School District is ready to reveal the steps it will take to improve its standing.

The PISD is holding a public meeting tonight to discuss its improvement plan, a step mandated by the state on schools that receive the "Academically Unacceptable" rating. Both secondary schools within the city were given the rating in 2011 — PHS for deficiencies in math, PJHS for science.

The meeting is set for 6 p.m. at the Carver Center board room, 321 W. Albert.

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## CONCERT AT THE CHAMBER PULLING SOME STRINGS



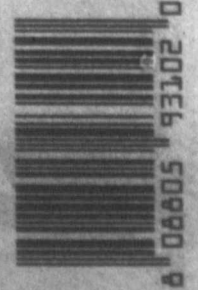
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**Richard Smith** (left) shows Jack McCarty some fingerpicking after performing Tuesday night at the Chamber of Commerce with his wife, cellist Julie Adams.

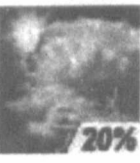
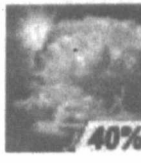

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## PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday
 20%	 40%	 50%
High 82 Low 59	High 83 Low 53	High 70 Low 43

**Today:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 82. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 45 mph.

**Tonight:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59. Very windy, with a south wind between 30 and 35 mph, with gusts as high as 45 mph.

**Friday:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 83. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Friday Night:** Showers and thunderstorms. Low around 53. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%.

**Saturday:** A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 70. Breezy, with a west northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

**Saturday Night:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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#### State Financial Accountability Rating

Pampa Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6pm on October 20, 2011 in the Carver Center Boardroom 321 West Albert, Pampa, TX

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Pampa Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system (FIRST).

## Shirts

Hair Studio. All of the proceeds from the sale will go towards the local chapter of the American Cancer Society and the Relay for Life.

The firefighters themselves will showcase the pink shirts on Oct. 25, 26 and 27.

Craig Harkcom, a fire truck driver for the Pampa FD and president of the local Firefighter's Association, said that it's a privilege for firefighters to be able to lend a hand in the fight against cancer.

"It's the right thing to do," he said. "Other than knowing we're doing the right thing, we don't benefit. It's the same reason we do the job... Tyler's firefighter's association, they're the ones that started it. We all just kind of talked about it and thought it was a good idea, and I brought it back to our guys and we picked up on it and now we're carrying it on doing it for our local (area)."

"Usually if we can find a way to help, we try to do it," added firefighter Tim Roberts, secretary of the

Firefighter's Association.

Harkcom said that the response from the public to the pink shirts has been terrific.

"It's gotten better every year," Harkcom said. "The first year we did it, we sold about 200 shirts. Last year, we sold about seven (hundred). We've actually been selling and delivering shirts for a little over a week now. We started out with a little over 400 shirts, and we've had to stop and get more shirts over at Holmes Sporting Goods."

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## Post

For now, post offices everywhere are playing a waiting game with the federal government.

"Much of what's going to happen the future really depends on Congress and what actions they take," said Schrock. "Currently, I don't foresee any layoffs specifically in

the Pampa Post Office."

Generally, he is optimistic.

"The prospect of the Post Office looks good for the future," he said. "We just have to learn to adjust to decreasing mail volumes and be more efficient with our resources, which we've shown a good effort

to do. With Congressional changes, we should be able to be solvent for many years to come. I would encourage customers to use the local Post Office. It's not only good for us as an entity, but we do provide a pretty good service to the community."

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## Obituaries

### Helen Russell, 90

Helen Russell, 90, died October 5, 2011, in Pampa.

Services will be at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, October 8, 2011, at Memory Gardens Mausoleum, with Pastor Paul Nachtigall, chaplain of Interim Hospice, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Russell was born March 23, 1921, in Oilton, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1940, moving from Oilton. She married J.Q. Russell on May 8, 1942. He preceded her in death in 1988. She was a member of First Baptist Church and a homemaker.

Survivors include a daughter, Charline Cox and husband Wendell of Pampa; three sons, Jay Russell and wife Jeanine of Dallas, Mike Russell and wife Sara of Pampa, and Kelly Russell and wife Thresa of Weatherford; her sister, Audrey Canady of Pasco, Wash.; sister-in-law, Robbie Chilton of Pampa; 13 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Interim Hospice, 2217 Peryton Pkwy, Pampa, TX 79065, or the Alzheimer's Asso-



Russell

ciation, 415 W. 8th Ave., Suite 300, Amarillo, TX 79101. Sign the online register at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

### Margie "Maw" Turner, 80

Margie "Maw" Turner, 80, died October 5, 2011, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Turner was born September 5, 1931, in Kingston, Okla. She married Marvin Turner on February 4, 1950, in Sherman. He preceded her on April 6, 1981. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1956. She worked for the Pampa Country Club as a bartender for 27 years, retiring in 1994. Margie was a member of the Salvation Army. She was known by everyone as "Maw" and she was loved by all.

Survivors include two sons, Toney Turner and Charles Turner, both of Pampa; four daughters, Opal Whittley, Sue Reynolds and Sheri Tice and husband Randell, all of Pampa, and Carol Brown and husband Steve of Clinton, Okla.; six sisters, Mary Counts of Pampa, Dorothy Morrison of Madill, Okla., Dora Nabors and Joyce Matney of Coalgate, Okla., Mae Biggs and Margaret Fountain, both of Shawnee, Okla.; 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, son-in-law, grandson and great-granddaughter.

Sign the online register at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

## For the record

### Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, October 5 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 31 traffic related incidents.

Pampa EMS and the Pampa Fire Department responded to 11 medical calls.

Animal Control agents responded to 11 animal related incidents.

**Tuesday, October 4**  
An assault occurred at the 100 block of West 30th.

An accident occurred at the 1700 block of North Hobart.

Sex offender registration was reported.

A theft was reported. Criminal mischief oc-

curred at the 1100 block of Sirroco.

An accident occurred at the 2800 block of North Charles.

Harassment occurred at the 1900 block of North Coffee.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 400 block of Doyle.

A structure fire occurred at Davis and Alcock.

A suspicious person was reported at the 400 block of Doyle.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1000 block of South Varnon.

A grass fire occurred at Varnon and Crawford.

A burglary occurred at the 500 block of North Le-fors.

A dumpster fire occurred at the 200 block of North Wells.

Endangerment of a child or elderly person occurred at the 300 block of East Brown.

Criminal mischief was reported.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1000 block of North Wells.

Police investigated an alarm at the 200 block of East Foster.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 700 block of North Banks.

A theft occurred at the 1000 block of South Varnon.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1100 block of North Duncan.

A stolen vehicle was reported at the 300 block of North Perry.

A prowler was reported at the 1700 block of North Chestnut.

A burglary occurred at the 1100 block of South Varnon.

An accident occurred at the 2200 block of North Nelson.

**Wednesday, October 5**  
A burglary occurred at the 600 block of North Banks.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 500 block of North Magnolia.

A prowler was reported at the 1000 block of East Browning.

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

A burglary was reported at the 1200 block of North Christine.

A hit and run occurred at the 2200 block of North Hamilton.

### Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, October 5 at 7 a.m.

**Tuesday, October 4**  
Weldon Tyrone Evans, 45, was arrested by police on charges of tampering with physical evidence with intent to impair, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear in court.


T.J. Jones, 31, was arrested by police on charges of possession of a controlled substance and tampering with physical evidence with intent to impair.

Jayson Dwight Williams, 38, was arrested by police on charges of possessor of a controlled substance and tampering with physical evidence with intent to impair.

**Wednesday, October 5**  
Bryce Daniel Hendricks, 19, was arrested by police for burglary of a habitation.

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## Dust storm causes pileup

PHOENIX (AP) - A man killed in a multi-vehicle pileup northwest of Tucson has been identified. The Department of Public Safety says 66-year-old William Joseph Tatsch of Austin, Texas, died Tuesday when a Honda sedan driven by his wife collided with a large freight-hauling truck in the westbound lanes of Interstate 10. DPS says the sedan went under the rearend of the commercial vehicle after impact.

DPS said Wednesday that all lanes of I-10 in the Picacho area are open after a string of crashes closed the busy roadway for several hours after a blinding dust storm rolled through causing a massive pileup Tuesday. The interstate was littered in both directions as semis, cars and trucks blocked the highway. Many vehicles are still off to the side.

At least 15 people were injured.

## Chemical plant fire cause cited

WAXAHACHIE (AP) - An official says an electrical spark may have started a large North Texas chemical plant fire that forced school evacuations and kept residents inside because of the risk of harmful gases.

Scott Pendery, CEO of plant owner Magnablend Inc., said at a news conference Tuesday it wasn't known what might have produced the spark and what chemicals were involved in Monday's blaze in Waxahachie, 30 miles south of Dallas.

Authorities reported no injuries, but Pendery said two workers were referred for treatment of stress-related symptoms as a precaution. Environmental officials have said they did not find elevated levels of toxic chemicals in the air.

Pendery said Magnablend manufactures custom chemicals for a variety of industries, mostly in oil and gas. Officials said workers were mixing chemicals when the fire started.

## Officers resign amid investigation

EL PASO (AP) - Three more El Paso police officers have resigned amid a U.S. Department of Transportation investigation into the use of federal grants to enforce traffic violations and detect drunken drivers.

El Paso officials said Tuesday a total of eight police officers have now resigned amid the investigation. Five officers resigned last month.

The Transportation Department is investigating the use of money given for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program and Impaired Driver Mobilization programs.

Last year, some of the grants for the Fort Worth Police Department were cut after a similar investigation. Officers had been paid overtime, some of it through STEP, by giving tickets during their normal duty hours but writing later times on them to appear as if they were working longer hours.

## State tax revenues bounce back

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas tax revenues have bounced back to levels nearly equal to pre-recession levels indicating that the economy is in recovery, the state's chief revenue estimator said Wednesday.

John Heleman said taxes on retail sales, motor vehicles and oil production are near 2008 levels, the last year before the recession. Only natural gas taxes are lagging, mostly due to low prices, he said during a quarterly briefing to the state House Ways and Means committee.

"The sales tax collection in 2008 was our all-time high and then it went down in 2009," Heleman told the committee. "It's back up in 2011, and we're essentially back to where we were in 2008 in terms of sales tax collections."

The state's Rainy Day Fund, which is financed with oil and gas revenues, is expected to reach roughly \$7 billion by the next legislative session in 2013, Heleman added.

The state's business tax, also known as the franchise tax, also is recovering, though not yet to 2008 levels. Heleman said the Legislature's decision to raise the exemption level to \$1 million from \$300,000 earlier this year means that more than 40,000 businesses will no longer have to pay the tax. That will cost the state about \$150 million in lost revenues over the next two years.

## Ex-wrestler nabbed in arson

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Police have arrested a former Mexican professional wrestler accused of being one of the four members of the Zetas drug cartel who planned the casino arson that killed 52 people.

Jose Alberto Loera is also known for his Lucha Libre name "El Voltaje" or "Voltage."

Federal police regional security official Luis Cardenas Palomino said 28-year-old Loera was captured with two other men Tuesday in northern Mexico and flown to Mexico City where he was shown to the news media.

He is the 12th suspect to be arrested in the case. Six others remain at large.

Gunmen entered the Casino Royale in Monterrey on Aug. 25, spread gasoline and set the building on fire, trapping and asphyxiating dozens in what is believed to be a case of extortion.

## Napolitano defends policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing critics on all sides, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano on Wednesday defended the Obama administration's new policy of deciding which illegal immigrants to send home first.

The government is deporting record numbers of illegal immigrants, she said, but putting at the top of the line those who pose a public safety or national security threat. That's a shift from the Bush administration's enforcement strategy, Napolitano said in a speech at American University, the latest public push to promote the new approach.

Republicans say making it a priority to deport those immigrants amounts to a back-door way of granting amnesty to other people who are living in the U.S. illegally but haven't committed crimes. Yet to immigration advocates, the administration is still deporting such illegal immigrants.

She said policies inherited from the Bush administration "allowed as many resources, if not more, to be spent tracking down and deporting the college student as were spent on apprehending criminal aliens and gang members."

# Ex-Texas official gets probation for retaliation

LUBBOCK (AP) - A former West Texas county attorney will spend four months in jail for retaliating against two nurses who made an anonymous complaint about a doctor to state medical regulators.

Judge Robert Moore sentenced former Winkler County attorney Scott Tidwell on Tuesday to 10 years of probation and ordered him to pay a \$6,000 fine. Tidwell must serve 120 days in the Crane County jail as a condition of his probation.

Tidwell was convicted Monday of retaliating against nurses Anne Mitchell and Vickilyn Galle, who told state regulators in 2009 that Dr. Rolando Arafiles Jr. used herbal remedies and had attempted to use hospital supplies to perform at-home procedures, among other things.

Arafiles asked a friend who was then the Winkler County sheriff to investigate the complaint. The nurses were fired from their jobs at a hospital in Kermit and charged with felonies.

Tidwell served as prosecutor at Mitchell's trial because the district attorney wasn't available. Mitchell was acquitted, and charges against Galle were later dropped.

Tidwell's attorney, David Zavoda, said

Tuesday that he and his client didn't "necessarily" agree with the conviction but accepted it.

He said he knew the judge "laid down a sentence that was substantiated by the evidence."

Prosecutor David Glickler said in an email Tuesday that even though Tidwell was appealing his conviction, he was out as the Winkler County attorney because he was found guilty.

The Texas Medical Board found that Arafiles improperly tried to intimidate Mitchell and Galle and placed him on four years probation in February. He must complete additional training, be monitored by another physician, who will report his or her findings back to the board, and submit patient medical and billing records for review.

The doctor has been charged with aggravated perjury for testimony he gave at Mitchell's trial and with two counts each of retaliation and misuse of official information. He has denied wrongdoing in the criminal case.

Former Winkler County Sheriff Robert Roberts lost his job, was sentenced to 100 days in jail and permanently surrendered his peace officer's license after being convicted

of retaliation and other charges for his role in the case.

Lawmakers passed a bill earlier this year that adds protections from retaliation when nurses advocate for patients. The bill provides immunity from criminal liability for reporting unsafe care and increases administrative

finances to up to \$25,000.

Mitchell and Galle sued the county, the hospital, Roberts and other officials alleging that their First Amendment rights had been violated and that the prosecutions had been vindictive. They won a \$750,000 settlement in August 2010.

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## Library

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programs the library hosts, including the Fall Festival later this month.

"We are coming up on our big Fall Festival, and proceeds from this book sale, they help with donating for candy, money, batteries, a lot of things for that," Guy said. "Then in the summertime, the money also goes to our Summer Reading Program. Any membership dues that they make besides the book sale, too — it all goes to help support the library."

Guy said that the spring book sale made upwards of \$4,700, and that she is hoping to have similar success with this weekend's sale.

Guy also mentioned that the Friends of the Library may be handing out new information at the sale regarding some possible discussed changes to the group's bylaws. Applications will be available to become a Friends member at the sale; fees are \$1 or more annually for an individual, \$10 or more annually for a business or club or \$100 for an individual lifetime membership.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Thursday, Oct. 6, the 279th day of 2011. There are 86 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 6, 1981, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was shot to death by extremists while reviewing a military parade.

### On this date:

In 1536, English theologian and scholar William Tyndale, who was the first to translate the Bible into Early Modern English, was executed for heresy.

In 1683, thirteen families from Krefeld, Germany, arrived in Philadelphia to begin Germantown, one of America's oldest settlements.

In 1884, the Naval War College was established in Newport, R.I.

In 1927, the era of talking pictures arrived with the opening of "The Jazz Singer," starring Al Jolson.

In 1939, as remaining military resistance in Poland crumbled, Adolf Hitler delivered a speech to the Reichstag blaming the Poles for the Nazi-Soviet invasion of their country.

In 1949, U.S.-born Iva Toguri D'Aquino, convicted of treason for being Japanese wartime broadcaster "Tokyo Rose," was sentenced in San Francisco to 10 years in prison (she ended up serving more than six).

In 1958, the nuclear submarine USS Seawolf surfaced after spending 60 days submerged.

In 1973, war erupted in the Middle East as Egypt and Syria attacked Israel during the Yom Kippur holiday.

In 1979, Pope John Paul II, on a week-long U.S. tour, became the first pontiff to visit the White House, where he was received by President Jimmy Carter.

In 1989, actress Bette Davis died in Neuilly-sur-Seine, France, at age 81.

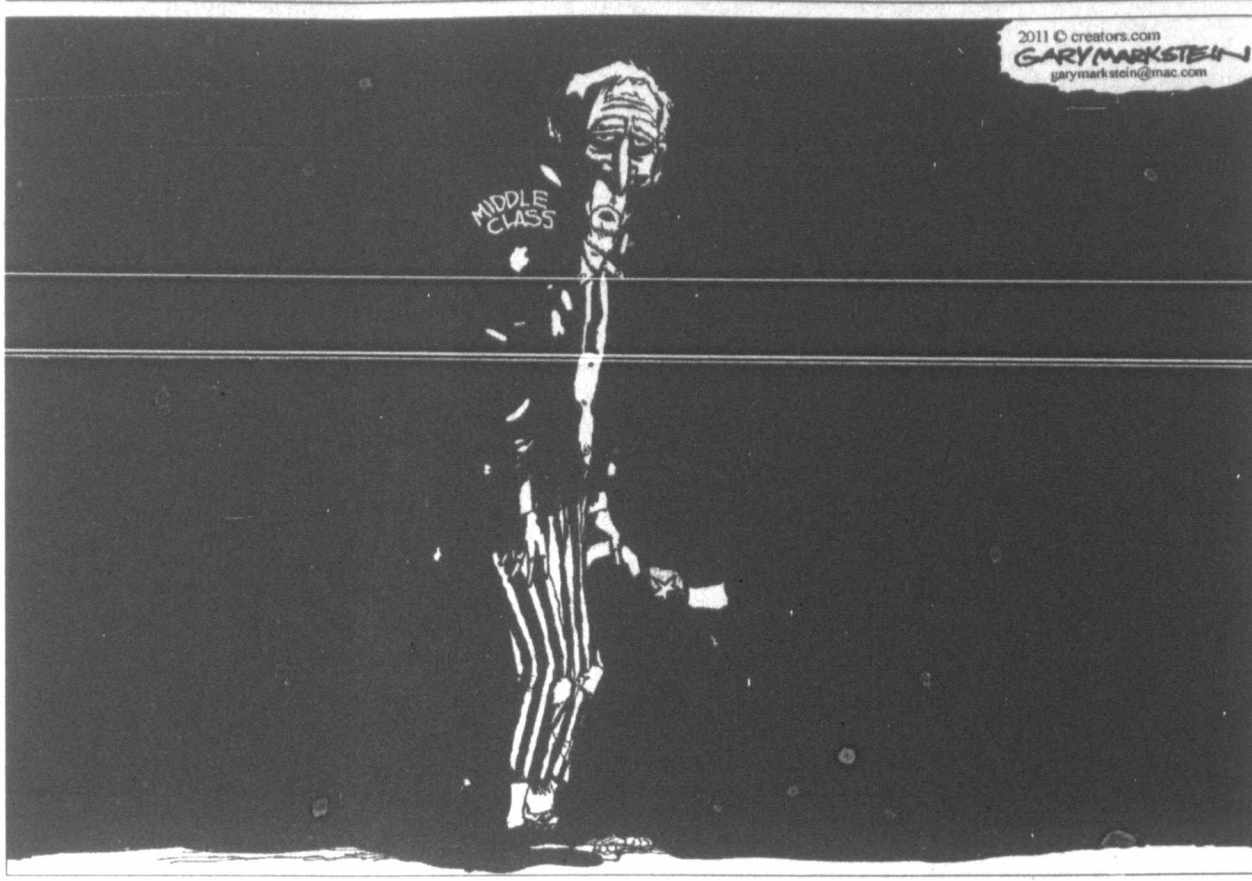
**Ten years ago:** Cal Ripken played his last game in the major leagues as his Baltimore Orioles lost to the visiting Boston Red Sox, 5-1.

**Five years ago:** The U.N. Security Council adopted a statement warning North Korea of unspecified consequences if it carried out a nuclear test.

**One year ago:** A presidential investigating commission said the Obama administration had blocked efforts by government scientists to tell the American public just how bad the Gulf oil spill could become and committed other missteps that raised questions about its competence and candor during the crisis.

**Today's Birthdays:** Broadcaster and writer Melvyn Bragg is 72. Actress Britt Ekland is 69. Singer Millie Small is 65. The president of Sinn Fein (shin fayn), Gerry Adams, is 63. Singer-musician Thomas McClary is 62. CBS chief executive officer Les Moonves is 62. Rock singer Kevin Cronin (REO Speedwagon) is 60. Rock singer-musician David Hidalgo (Los Lobos) is 57. Former NFL player and coach Tony Dungy is 56. Actress Elisabeth Shue is 48. Singer Matthew Sweet is 47. Actress Jacqueline Obradors is 45. Country singer Tim Rushlow is 45. Rock musician Tommy Stinson is 45. Actress Amy Jo Johnson is 41. Actress Emily Morimer is 40. Actor Lamman Rucker is 40. Actor Ioan Gruffudd is 38. Actor Jeremy Sisto is 37. Actor Wes Ramsey is 34.

**Thought for Today:** "Sin is too stupid to see beyond itself." - Alfred, Lord Tennyson, British poet laureate (born 1809, died this date in 1892)



## Something big is happening: Occupy together

To paraphrase one of Bob Dylan's songs of youthful protest, "Something's happening here, and you don't know what it is, do you Ms. Bellafante?"

A New York Times writer, Ginia Bellafante, is but one of many establishment reporters and pundits who've been covering the fledgling "Occupy Wall Street" movement -- but completely missing the story. Instead of really digging into what's "happening here," they've resorted to fuddy-duddy mockery of an important populist protest that has sprouted right in Wall Street's own neighborhood.

In a September article, Bellafante dismissed the young people's effort as "fractured and airy," calling it a "carnival" in an "intellectual vacuum." Their cause is so "diffuse and leaderless," she wrote, that its purpose is "virtually impossible to decipher." No wonder, she concluded, that participation in the movement is "dwindling."

Whew -- so snide! Yet, so wrong. While the establishment is befuddled by the plethora of issues and slogans within the protest, confused by the absence of hierarchical order and put off by its festive spirit, that's their problem. The 20- and 30-somethings who are driving this movement know what they're doing and are far more organized (but much differently organized) than their snarky critics seem able to comprehend.

It's silly to say that the protesters' purpose is indecipherable. Hello -- they're encamped next door to Wall Street. Isn't that a clue? Their cause is the same as the one boiling in the guts of America's workaday major-

ity: Stop the gross greed of financial and corporate elites, and expel a political class that's so corrupted by the money of those wealthy elites that it has turned its back on the middle class and the poor.

Such movements don't begin with a neat set of solutions pre-packaged for The New York Times, but with roiling outrage focused directly on the plutocratic perpetrators of an unjust economy and an unresponsive politics. The movement will find agreement in due time on specific ideas for stopping the injustice, but now is the time for the passion and creative, nonviolent confrontation that will energize others to stop moaning and join the rebellion.

Millions of people are mad as hell and yearning for some leadership to battle the bastards. They're experiencing the truth of the old Ray Charles song: "Them that's got is them that gets, and I ain't got nothin' yet."

A majority of folks now see that "them that's got" are not only getting theirs, but also getting ours. The wealthiest 1 percent of Americans possess more net worth today than the bottom 90 percent of us combined. Worse, these privileged few and their political henchmen have structured a new economic "normal" of long-term joblessness, low wages, no benefits or worker rights, miserly public services, and a steadily widening chasm between the rich and the rest of us.

This is the alienating reality that "Occupy Wall Street" has arisen to confront. This burgeoning move-



**JIM HIGHTOWER**

ment began in September, when fewer than a dozen college students pitched camp in Liberty Square, located in the heart of New York's financial district, and began daily peaceful marches down Wall Street.

This is not your grandfather's tightly organized protest. In fact, it's intentionally loose -- there is no "leader" or leadership council. Instead, group decisions are reached through a consensus-based democratic process. With no faith in traditional politics or conventional media, the mostly young protesters have taken to the streets to make their points, using their well-honed "culture of the web" to organize, strategize, harmonize and mobilize.

Their Liberty Square encampment might look chaotic at first, but look again. It includes a medical clinic, media center, cafeteria and library. Food? Their widely viewed website lets anyone in the world go online and have pizzas delivered to them, from a local shop. They even produce their own newspaper, appropriately named the Occupied Wall Street Journal.

Far from "dwindling" in numbers, the New York protest continues to grow. Moreover, the movement has now spread to more than 50 cities, from major hubs like Chicago to such smaller places as McAllen, Texas. All across the U.S.A., "something is happening here" -- something that might be big. Link into it at [www.OccupyTogether.com](http://www.OccupyTogether.com).

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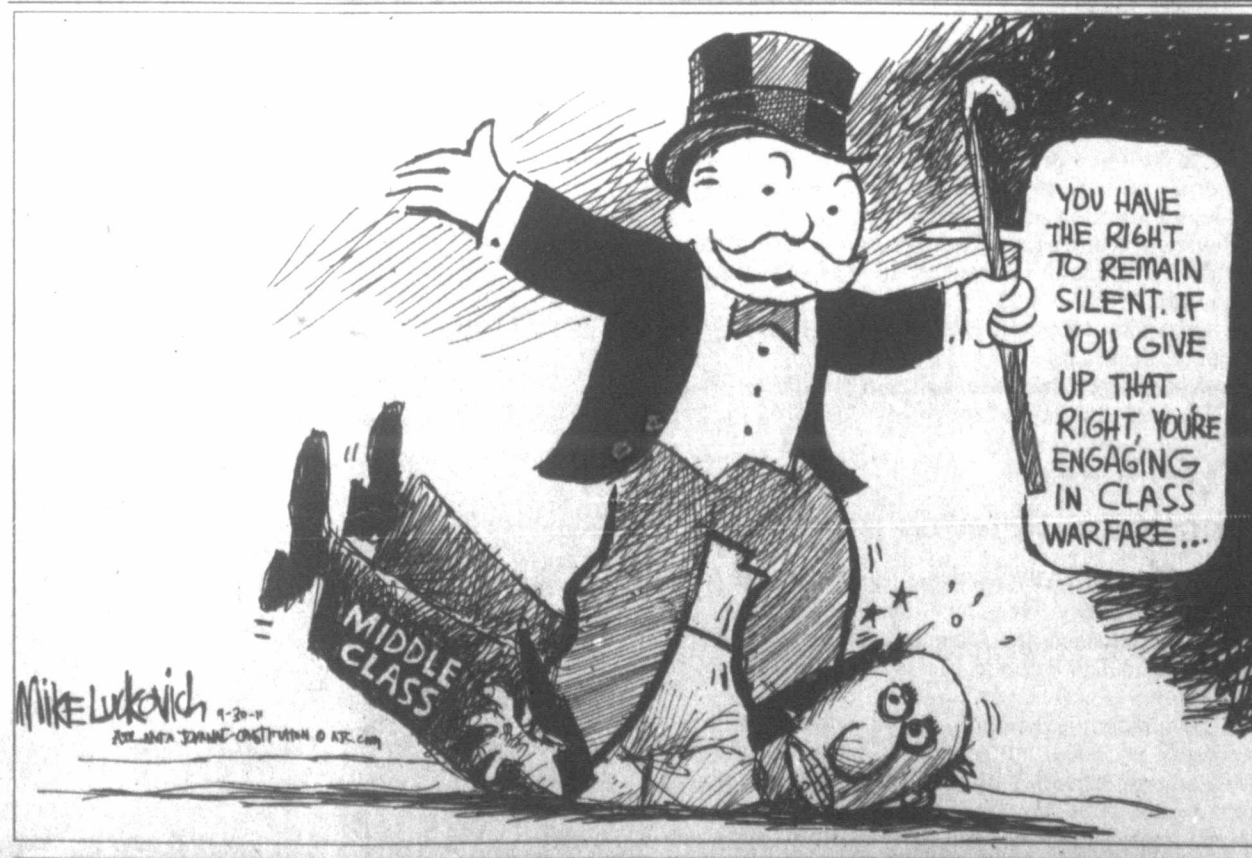
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# Portrait of Lucky, a pit bull

## Dog Talk with Uncle Matty

**MATTHEW "UNCLE MATTY" MARGOLIS**  
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Picture it: Blue sky, bright sun, cool breeze. A man strolls along the shady sidewalk that winds through his neighborhood and spots a man and his dog in the distance.

The pair approaches. The dog strikes a confident, peppy trot at his owner's side, and the owner holds the dog's leash with some slack. As the three convene, the dog grows visibly excited — tail wags, hind quarters sway, eyes shine wide and bright, jaws part to form that exuberant "dog smile" anyone reading this column is familiar with.

In passing, the man says, "Nice-looking dog." The dog's owner stops; the dog sits next to him. "Name's Little Bit. Go ahead; give her a rub. She'd love it."

The man offers the back of his hand to allow the dog a good sniff and then places his hand on her head, which prompts Little Bit to snuggle in until his fingers are behind her ears, exactly where she wants them. The man gives her a gentle scratch behind the ears and a couple of long strokes to the head as the two men exchange pleasantries.

They then go their separate ways. No bloodshed. No snarling. That's the end of the story — a story that would never make headline news or be given Hollywood screen time.

Little Bit could've been any of a number of breeds known for their sweet, smart, friendly, gentle and well-mannered disposition. And she is. She's an American Staffordshire terrier — commonly known as a pit bull.

The American Staffordshire terrier was once coined the "nanny dog" because of its good nature and way with children. But pit bulls have seen a decline in popularity since the days of "The Little Rascals," when "Pete, the Pup" — also a pit bull — kept an eye on the kids and his nose out of trouble.

Nowadays, judging by the news, these dogs can't seem to sate their appetite for trouble. But like all dogs, pit bulls are a product of their upbringing.

In a rare bout of good press, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution followed Lucky's story from Day One, when this sweet pit arrived at the Atlanta Humane Society (AHS) with a knife embedded in her skull, narrowly escaping her brain.

The knife was removed, and she was spayed and tested for signs of aggression, which she passed without so much as a blip on the radar. AHS staff commented, "You'd think she would have a fear, but all she wants is to be loved."

With an experience like that, it's a testament to her natural disposition that Lucky isn't terrified of people and fear-aggressive. Unfortunately, it's getting to where pit bulls are damned if you do, damned if you don't. Some suffer the consequences of poor upbringing, while others suffer from reputation alone. They're demonized in the press and abandoned to the streets. They now make up one-third of the canine population in shelters, where they languish because they are feared and misunderstood.

Sadie is one of the lucky ones. Her time at the Humane Society of Manatee County is over. Now she spends her days on the family boat — Outward Hound life jacket secured, goggles firmly in place.

Her rescuers? An unlikely couple in Clearwater, Fla., who couldn't believe their own decision. "If you would have told me I was going to pick a pit bull, I would've said, 'No way.' I believed all the media hype. There was no way I was going to adopt a pit bull."

And then they met Sadie. "We were looking for a dog with adaptive intelligence, a dog who could think for herself but was still a cuddler. Sadie loves everything and everybody, including the neighbors' dogs."

Woof!

*Dog trainer Matthew "Uncle Matty" Margolis is co-author of 18 books about dogs, a behaviorist, a popular radio and television guest, and host of the PBS series "WOOF! It's a Dog's Life!"*

# Low winds help control blaze

**BASTROP (AP) —** Firefighters continued making progress containing a small fire just a month after the state's most destructive wildfire hit the same Central Texas county, officials said Wednesday.

The 320-acre fire north of Bastrop was 50 percent contained, said Texas Forest Service spokesman John Nichols. Lower winds and cooler temperatures, as well as air resources, helped firefighters "get a handle" on the blaze quickly, he said.

Officials initially estimated the fire at 1,000 acres after it broke out Tuesday afternoon, but revised the total after doing more specific calculations on the ground, Nichols said. A cause has not yet been determined for the fire northwest of the massive Labor Day weekend blaze, he said.

While 28 homes were evacuated, the fire has not burned any houses, and none are in danger, Nichols said. Residents will not be allowed to return home until Thursday at the earliest, he said.

Although the blaze did not get close to any houses, Bastrop County officials decided to order evacuations early in case the fire spread as quickly as the Sept. 4 blaze, Nichols said. That fire burned out of control for several days amid high winds, blackened more than 50 square miles, destroyed more than 1,500 homes and left two people dead.

"These people have been through enough already, and we didn't want to have them in that area in case anything bad happened," Nichols said, referring to homeowners in the area of Tuesday's fire. "Luckily,

that wasn't the case." Kirk Obst told the Austin American-Statesman that he and his neighbors have been alerting the fire department any time they suspect a fire, even if it means "crying wolf."

"We're always on the alert since the last fire," Obst, who had to evacuate Tuesday, told the newspaper.

As of last week, Bastrop County residents and business owners had filed 1,500 insurance claims, with an estimate of \$250 million in insured losses, according to the Insurance Council of Texas.

A Texas Forest Service investigation into the Sept.

4 fire near Bastrop, about 25 miles east of Austin, determined that the blaze started after wind gusts caused limbs and a dead tree to topple onto power lines.

Several residents have filed a lawsuit against Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, but the utility has said the fire was a "terrible incident" beyond its control.

Historic drought conditions in Texas have led to a rash of wildfires scorching some 6,000 square miles and destroying more than 2,700 homes since the fire season started nearly a year ago.

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## PISD

Per state regulations, the PISD has been working with a TEA external campus improvement team member, Dr. Trinidad San Miguel out of Austin. San Miguel has been helping the district formulate an improvement plan to fix the two schools' issues in their respective subjects, and the district will now present that plan to the public and seek the PISD

Board of Trustees' approval to follow through with it.

"The campuses had to go back and identify all students at risk of failing math or science this year, depending on which school it was," Haenisch said. "We had to go in and track how many absences they had, what grades did they get, what their other TAKS scores were. We went back

and looked at all of that data to come up with a way to help those students improve and bring our ratings up."

Haenisch said that the plan, in a nutshell, will involve focusing on three or four core areas to focus on within the subjects for each school.

"It's a relatively small number of things, but they can have a big impact," said Haenisch.

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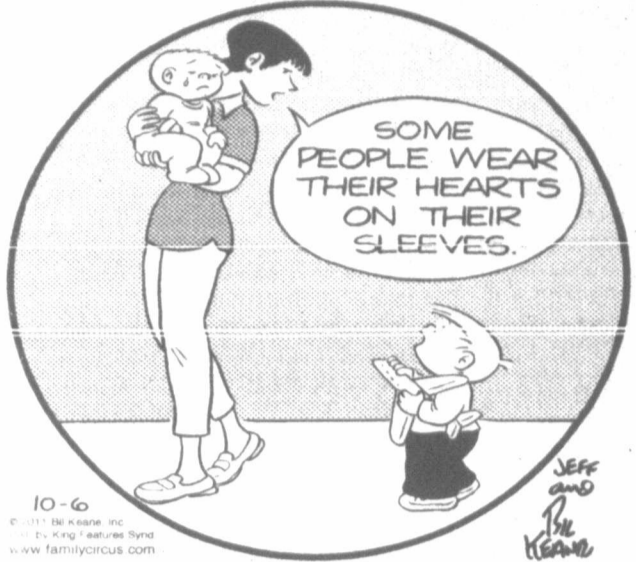
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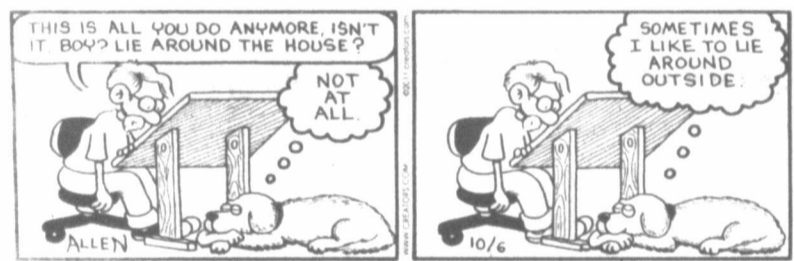
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## daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011:

You can be serious and creative at the same time. If you are aware of your objectives and don't lose sight of them, you will have little problem manifesting your goals. Allow your intellect and imagination to intertwine in order to draw success. If you are single, your determination could scare some people away. That characteristic is part of you. If someone reacts to it, this person might not be the right person for you. Trust that knowledge. If you are attached, encourage your sweetie to join you in making a long-term goal a reality. AQUARIUS can be provocative.

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)**  
 ★★★★★ Avoid being feisty at all costs. Words said are difficult to take back, don't you think? You will have a difficult time warming up the atmosphere if you don't keep yourself somewhat restrained. Not everyone has the bounce that you do. Tonight: Find your friends.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
 ★★★★★ Friends surround you left and right. You could be amazed by what you accomplish. Lighten up and worry less. A family member pushes you too hard for your taste, and you react. Giving this person the cold shoulder might not be most effective. Tonight: A must appearance.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
 ★★★★★ You might want to try empathizing with someone. Detach and imagine being this person; put yourself in his or her life. You discover that an effort to warm up your discussion might have been more stifled than you realized. Try again. Tonight: Choose the unusual.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
 ★★★★★ A partner makes an offer that could be too good to be true. Don't overthink the issue; simply leap into action and deal with a key associate directly. Listen to what a family member or roommate shares. Tonight: Follow another's lead.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
 ★★★★★ Stay anchored, knowing what is necessary in order to handle others who cannot help but test their limits. Your easygoing attitude but relatively

stem face lets them know this is a real boundary and you are being nice. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
 ★★★★★ You might want to rethink a decision that revolves around an important choice. Your finances might restrict you from doing what you want. Accept the fact that you might be holding back some intense feelings. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
 ★★★★★ You could be overly serious, and might get a strong reaction from others. If you can be a little less withdrawn, you might be able to draw stronger responses. A male or very assertive friend could be on a rampage. Tonight: Where the action is.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
 ★★★★★ You cannot avoid dealing with family issues. You could be overly tired or withdrawn. Assume a low profile rather than cause a problem. A boss or authority figure could be most touchy. Use your instincts. Tonight: Head on home.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
 ★★★★★ Phones ring. You experience considerable pressure to do something the way someone else does. You feel as if you have no choice. A friend works hard to make peace with several people. Could you be one of them? Tonight: Talk is free.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
 ★★★★★ Steer clear of making assumptions or tossing a sarcastic statement in the middle of a conversation. You want to get to the bottom of a problem. Do it in a kind and orderly manner. Tonight: Togetherness works.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
 ★★★★★ Your bounce counts more than you realize. You seem to mitigate someone's anger so it doesn't hit others so hard, yet at the same time you honor his or her feelings. If you so choose, you could clear the air. Tonight: As if there is no tomorrow.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
 ★★★★★ Take advantage of an offer that might be too difficult to say "no" to. Realize the ramifications. You also could be too busy for words. A touchy associate might have less time with you. How nice! Tonight: Get plenty of rest while you can.

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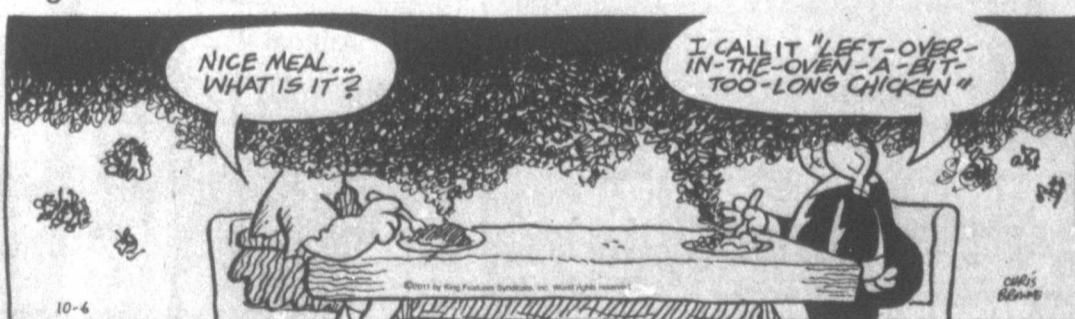
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# Agency mulls giving water to coal plant

HOUSTON (AP) — A private Texas landowner wants to sell some 391 million gallons of water annually to a proposed coal-fired power plant on the Texas Gulf Coast, a move that would help pave the way for the facility to be built.

Efforts to build the White Stallion Energy Center in Bay City — about 75 miles south of Houston — have stalled because the facility has failed to find a supplier for the vast quantities of water it needs to operate. Even if the Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District grants on Friday the landowner's request to sell White Stallion the water it still would only be a drop in the bucket of the trillions of gallons of water the facility needs to operate.

Still, the proposed plant has met with such fierce local opposition, that any move to grant it water — especially while Texas is suffering a historic drought — infuriates ranchers and farmers who may not have enough water next year for their fields and livestock.

"There's an application that's been made of a neighboring landowner to supply water to White Stallion," confirmed Neil Hudgins, the conservation district's general manager.

According to the application, the annual allotment of 1,199 acre-feet of water would initially be used for "environmental control" — largely dust control — during the construction phase, Hudgins said. Once the

facility would be completed, the water would then go toward the plant's industrial cooling needs, he said.

The board needs to decide whether this is a "beneficial use" of the water, he said. At a previous meeting, the board tabled the discussion, asking the landowner for more information, including a copy of the sales agreement with White Stallion, Hudgins added.

In Texas, groundwater is privately owned. Conservation districts grant permits to drill wells to produce the water, and ensure the aquifers aren't pumped dry by determining how much water can be used annually at any given location.

"Typically, in Matagorda County over 90 percent of our applications are for agricultural irrigation," Hudgins said. "We've never had an application for a landowner to sell water for industrial uses."

Matagorda County — home to nearly 37,000 people, many of them farmers and ranchers who have lived on the land for generations — is a rural part of Texas where several rivers spill into estuaries before pouring into the Gulf of Mexico. Today, bright yellow signs opposing the coal-fired power plant dot the pristine landscape.

White Stallion is one of nine such coal-fired power plants Texas wants to build to meet the increasing energy demands of its rapidly growing population. Already, with 19 coal plants, Texas has more such facilities

than any other state and is one of the few with plans to build more. Many places are turning to alternative, cleaner, less water-hungry energy sources.

Phone calls to a White Stallion office in Bay City went unanswered. A message said the voice mailbox was full.

Allison Sliva, a vocal opponent to the proposed plant, said she's concerned that if the conservation district grants this request, other farmers and ranchers — cash-strapped by the drought — may also want to sell water to White Stallion.

"I'm afraid dominos would fall with landowners desperate for money," Sliva said. "These guys should be ashamed, trying to get our groundwater."

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has already awarded an air permit to White Stallion. But in August, the Lower Colorado River Authority — the agency that controls water usage along the Colorado River and several Central Texas reservoirs — called off a crucial vote on whether to grant millions of gallons of water to White Stallion. The LCRA said the company changed the terms of the deal at the last minute.

Farmers, ranchers, shrimpers and other area residents strongly oppose the plant getting water from LCRA, insisting there is not enough water to facilitate the needs of both White Stallion and agriculture, especially in times of drought.

## BANANAGRAMS!

Change one letter in the top word to one of the letters that appears in the bottom word, then rearrange the tiles to form a new common word. Do the same with each new word until you arrive at the bottom word. For example, the path from BARK to PLUM is BARK, MARK, RAMP, RUMP, PLUM.

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Yesterday's Answer: RAGTAG LUXURY

# Conservationists sue to block oil pipeline

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — U.S. officials illegally allowed a Canadian company to begin preparing the route for its proposed 1,700-mile-long oil pipeline from western Canada to Texas, even though the project hasn't gained final government approval, three conservationist groups contend in a lawsuit filed Wednesday.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service should not have allowed TransCanada Corp. to begin clearing a 100-mile corridor through northern Nebraska grasslands because the State Department hasn't signed off on the Keystone XL pipeline project, the groups argue in their lawsuit filed in federal court in Omaha.

TransCanada was allowed to mow down delicate native grasses and to relocate an endangered species living there, the American burying beetle, they say.

"It's our contention

that that activity is illegal. They should not be constructing the pipeline, and they should not be out there," Noah Greenwald, the Center for Biological Diversity's endangered species director, said at a news conference in Omaha.

The plaintiffs, who also include the Western Nebraska Resources Council and Friends of the Earth, are seeking to stop the preparations for the proposed pipeline, which would carry an estimated 700,000 barrels of crude per day from the oil sands of Alberta, Canada, to Texas Gulf Coast refineries.

TransCanada spokesman Shawn Howard said the claims made in the lawsuit are false and that it mowed some grass as part of efforts to protect and move some of the protected beetles. In every case where mowing was done, the company received permission from landowners,

Howard said. "We respect the regulated review process currently under way and in no way would we impact that by beginning construction without a permit," Howard said in a written statement.

Howard stressed that mowing doesn't constitute construction.

Pipeline supporters, including some business groups and unions, say it would double the capacity of an existing pipeline from Canada and make the U.S. less reliant on Middle East oil. They also say it would create jobs in the states it would pass through — Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

In Nebraska, the pipeline has drawn opposition from an unlikely coalition of farmers, ranchers, landowners, environmental groups and other activists who fear it will leak and contaminate the Ogallala aquifer, which supplies

drinking and irrigation water to eight states.

Some climatologists have also argued that by increasing production from the tar sands, the U.S. would begin a dramatic increase in the burning of carbon-intensive fossil fuels at a time when it should be trying to reduce the release of gases that contribute to global warming.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Intermediate



## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: In response to your poll (Aug. 24), "If you had it to do over again, would you have children?" my answer is, "I SURE WOULD!" Being a parent made me a better, more tolerant, more patient person and more willing to take risks.

It wasn't always easy. My son's father left me when I was four months pregnant. With the help of my dear mother, I returned to work, completed my college degree and became a schoolteacher. I have so many wonderful memories. My son is grown now and works with special needs children, and I am proud of the man he has become. — MOM IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR MOM: Your feelings reflect the opinions of 78 percent of my readers, who voted yes to that question. The mail I received was profoundly touching. My newspaper readers comment:

DEAR ABBY: I'm sitting in my oncologist's office, waiting to be seen. Tomorrow is one year since I finished chemotherapy.

Would I have children again? Absolutely. My husband and three amazing sons have brought so much love, joy and happiness to my life. It would have been hard living through two bouts of

cancer 10 years apart, a mastectomy, chemo, radiation, surgery and hopelessness without these wonderful men in my life. They encouraged and supported me all along the way.

Childbirth was painful, but if I was told I had to go through it again every month to have my children, I'd do it. Knowing I helped to create them makes me feel incredibly blessed. — JEANNE IN BONITA SPRINGS, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 44-year-old black woman. I feel a deep gratitude and am privileged to be a mother to my two daughters. I get to help shape and mold them and see how they bloom.

My journey to my girls was through adoption. God gave me a wonderful gift when we were placed together. Parenting is challenging and hard. Anyone who thinks differently is mistaken. But it's something I'm proud of and love wholeheartedly.

My sister has asked me on two separate occasions if I regret my decision. Never! — EVA IN PHOENIX

DEAR ABBY: If I could go back, I would not do it again. My children are beautiful, smart, caring and funny. I loved doting on them when they were little. However, I never realized what was coming — that as teenagers they'd

be needy, selfish, costly and ungrateful. Nothing is ever good enough. I get the brunt of the bad moods, the hateful words and the cold shoulders.

Had I known how hard this was going to be and the sacrifices I'd have to make, I would have said no. If I had any idea that I'd love them so much that their pain is my pain, I would have said no. — ANONYMOUS IN TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: My answer is an emphatic NO! I love my son and care for my stepchildren, but for the few joys that I have received it wasn't worth the heartaches.

I have spoken to many parents about this. They all seem to feel the same. These adult children have a sense of entitlement and no respect. Frankly, I should have raised dogs!!! — NO NAME IN GEORGIA

DEAR ABBY: Would I have children again? Absolutely, every one of them from my first, who is a special needs child who may never be able to live independently, to the youngest, who was only 4 when his dad left. The only change I'd make is I would have them with someone other than their dad, who just wasn't up to the job of being a parent. — WISER NOW IN MINNESOTA

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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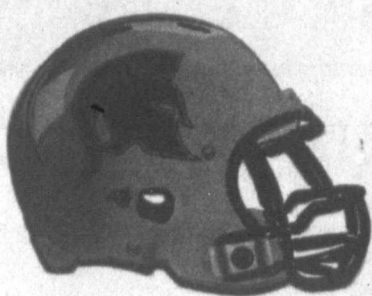




# Sports

THURSDAY

**BURLESON CENTENNIAL Spartans**



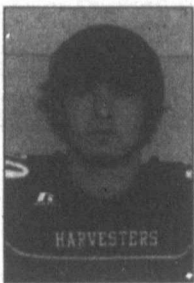
**PAMPA Harvesters**

## Harvesters seek to conclude non-district above .500

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The second half of last Friday's game against the Snyder Tigers gave the Harvesters a confidence boost.

"The second half was good for us," Senior linebacker Dallon Poole said. "It would have been nice to execute better in the first. Second half was good and got us going for the next game."



**Poole**

Pampa (3-3) hopes to continue that momentum when it plays the Burlison Centennial Spartans 7:30 p.m. at Burelson ISD Stadium.

This will be the Harvesters' final non-district game. Senior linebacker Devin Coleman said the defense feels good about how it played last week.

"We played pretty good in the second half," Coleman said. "We just got to get the bugs out in the first half."

Linebackers coach Tad Smith said he hopes that conference carries over this week.



**Smith**

"You don't know from week to week," Smith said. "They are working hard and doing things right. I'm hopeful that confidence will continue to keep growing all the way through district."

The Spartans (3-2-1) are a first-year program and are currently independent. They don't have any seniors. Offensively, Burlison Centennial runs the ball about two-thirds of the game. Junior defensive back Sheldon Reeve said the defense has to focus on shutting down the running game.

"If we can shut down the running game, we can shut down the passing game," Reeve said. "The main goal is to contain their running so they can't get outside."

Coleman said the Spartans have a good running quarterback in Tanner Hodges, adding the team has done well with some but struggled with others.

"We are going to have to watch that," and play and improve."

Coleman said. "We let a few (quarterbacks) get away. We got to stop them all. If (Hodges) gets good runs we will be done."

Burlison Centennial is paying for Pampa's travel and two meals. The Harvesters will have a bus ride over five hours, the longest trip this season. Poole said the team can't let the long trip affect them.

"It's good to have a nice trip and try to execute on gameday," Poole said.

Coleman said the key for a victory is stopping the run.

"If we stop the run, I think we will stop the team," Coleman said.

Poole said the offense has to play well and the defense needs to execute.

"Our offense needs to go out and score," Poole said. "Our defense just has to go out and stop them."

Smith said the team needs to handle the trip well.

"We got to be smart on how we handle a long road trip," Smith said. "It's the first one that we've had. When we get there don't assume they are going to roll over for us because we are the Pampa Harvesters. We've got to go down there



**Coleman**

### Inside the matchup

Last week: Pampa lost to Snyder 39-21, Burlison Centennial tied Dallas Spruce 20-20

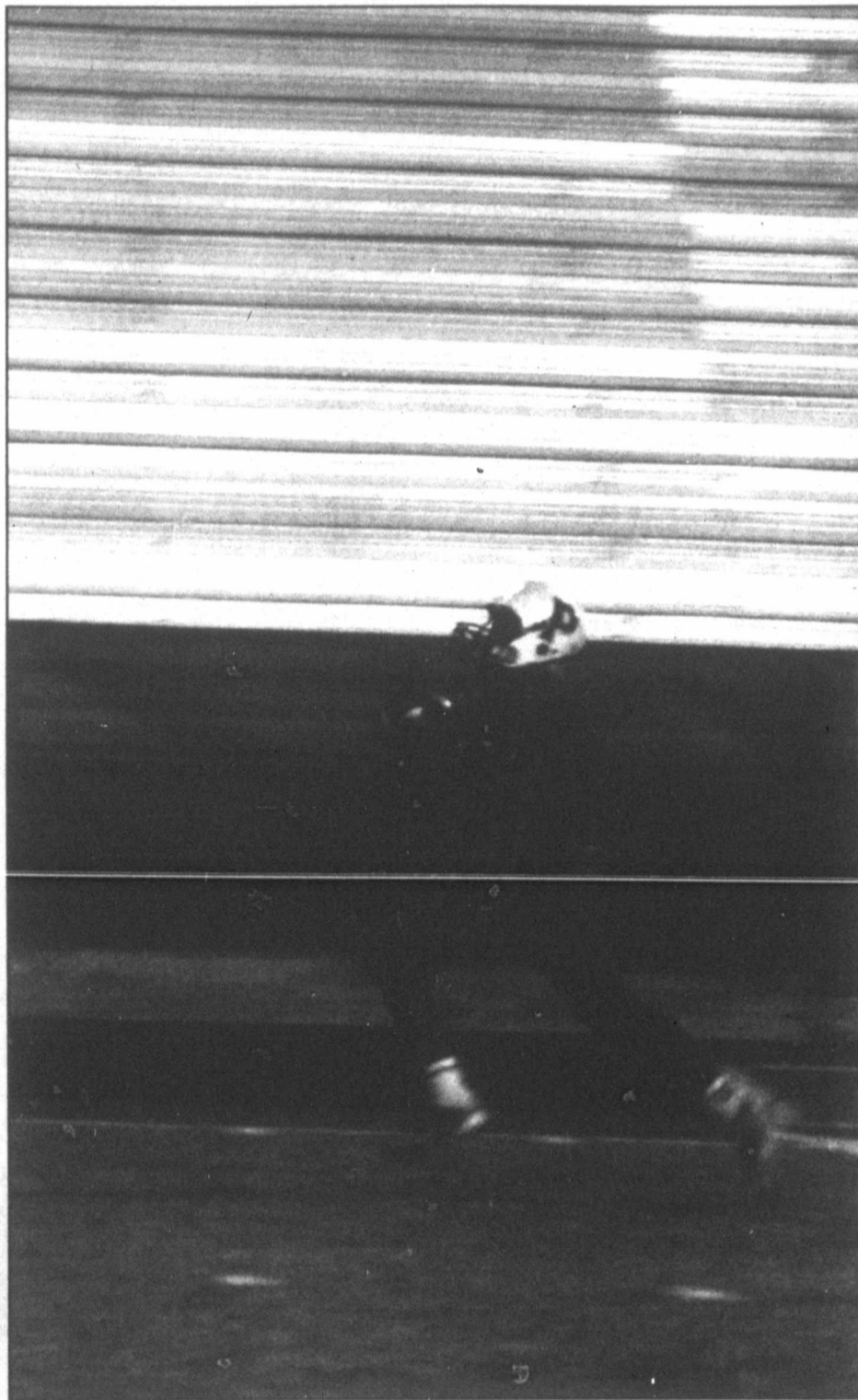
Series: First meeting

Source: Lone Star Football Network

### Keep an eye on:

**LB Daniel Hulsey, Sr.**

The Spartans run the ball most of the time. Look for Hulsey to help keep Burlison inside.



staff photo by **Ryan Frazier**

Junior running back Samuel Smith runs for a touchdown Friday against Snyder. The Harvesters close out non-district against Burlison Centennial

## Pirates look to regroup, knock off No. 4 Groom

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After seeing their undefeated season end, thanks to an unranked opponent, the Lefors Pirates find themselves in the opposite situation.

Unranked Lefors now hopes to knock off the No. 4 Groom Tigers 7:30 p.m. Friday at Shaw Field on Senior Night.

The Pirates (5-1), who were ranked seventh, lost to Anton 42-27. Head coach Joey Czubinski said his team has responded well in practice.

"These young men practice hard every week," Czubinski said. "No matter what the distractions are or if any dilemmas are going on, they work very hard for this program."

The Tigers (5-1) lost their only game to Follett, who is ranked tenth in Division I. Last season, Groom beat Lefors 60-15. The Pirates were 45'ed four times last season and avenged one of those losses against McLean September 23. Czubinski said the Tigers still have some of their



**Czubinski**

offensive weapons from last season.

"We know who is getting the ball, what they run," Czubinski said. "We have to show up and play."

Senior running back Jacob Fields was one of the key members of Groom's offensive attack, as he rushed for three touchdowns in last season's game.

Czubinski said Groom hasn't changed much defensively.

"Defensively, they are running the same formations and adjustments they were at the beginning of the year because they're 5-1," Czubinski said. "They see no reason to change. We have to capitalize on that."

This is the second to last non-district game. Lefors visits Higgins October 28 to conclude its non-district slate. The Pirates district opener is October 21 at Miami.

### Inside the matchup

Last week: Lefors lost to Anton 42-27, Groom beat Lorenzo 62-0

Series: Groom leads 26-15

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Last Meeting: Groom won 60-15, 2010

Last Lefors win: 103-77, 2009

Source: Lone Star Football Network

## PHS boys golf finishes 2nd

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The Pampa High School boys golf team finished second in the Amarillo Triangular Saturday.

Pampa competed against Randall and Hereford. The Harvesters were 93 strokes behind Randall and seven ahead

of Hereford. Senior Logan Reagan led the team, shooting a 81. Sophomores Kyler Payne shot a 106, Tre Diddy shot a 107 and Dentry Batten shot a 120.

The girls were supposed to compete in Dumas but the meet was canceled. The Lady Harvesters play in Amarillo Friday and Saturday.



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**

Senior Dennis Sprouse kicks an extra point August 27 against Hedley. Lefors faces Groom Friday for its final home game.

# Sports

## Tigers seek first victory against visiting Longhorns

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The McLean Tigers haven't won a game yet this season, but that's something you can't tell in the team's practices.

"The team is doing just fine," Head coach David Jurado said. "Everyone is working hard and understand that district is right around the corner and that we must get better everyday."

The Tigers (0-5) hope to erase their goose egg in the win column when the Darrouzett Longhorns visit 7:30 p.m. Friday.

McLean's closest game this season was the season-opening loss to Amarillo Holy Cross on August 26. Jurado said the team has dealt with injuries the past few weeks but will get some players back.

"Zach Sargent has been cleared to play," Jurado said. "So we are bringing

him back slowly."

Sargent was life-flighted September 2 with a severe concussion in a game against Motley County.

The Longhorns (3-2) are coming off a bye week. Darrouzett is a run oriented team. Jurado said his defense has to be aggressive.

"We have been in the right spot to make tackles, just haven't finished the play," Jurado said.

Offensively, Jurado said his team will rely on its young backfield.

"We have a freshman and a sophomore carrying the load," Jurado said. "So they must hit the hole hard and not turn the ball over. We need to take care of the ball and have long successful drives, eat up the clock and maintain ball control in order to be successful."

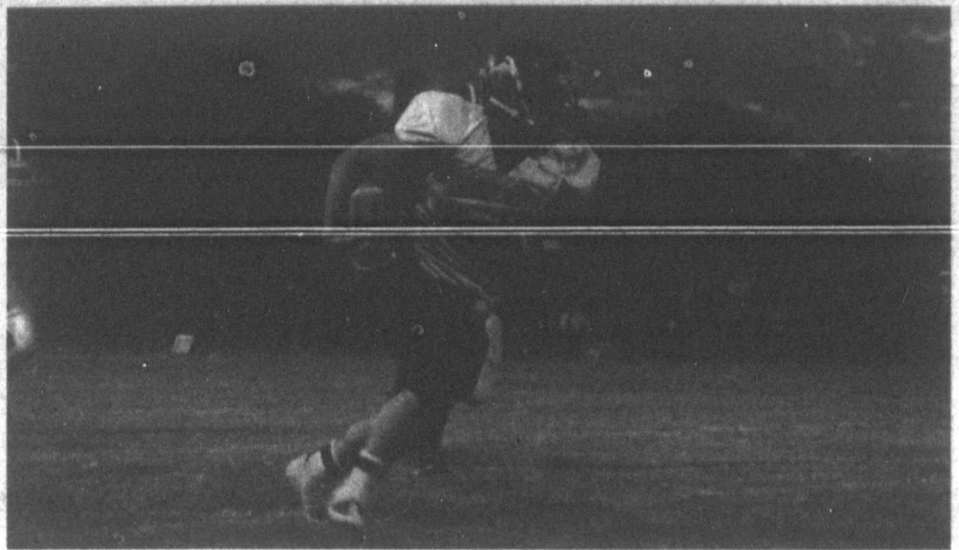


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Senior Chase West runs for a touchdown against Hedley on September 9. The Tigers are hoping to get their first win against Darrouzett Friday.

## Clarendon College golf ranked second

CLARENDON — The Clarendon College Golf team has been ranked #2 in the nation by Golfstat in head-to-head standings for NJCAA men's teams.

"I am extremely proud of the #2 ranking. I feel we have a strong team and have only competed in one tournament to date," John Green, CC Athletic Director and golf coach, said.

The team is leaving for the NJCAA National Golf Preview at Swan Lake Golf Resort in Plymouth, Ind., tomorrow. This preview puts the Top 20 teams in the nation against each other in fall competition.

"I felt we were Top 20 material, but did not expect to be so highly ranked this early," Green said.

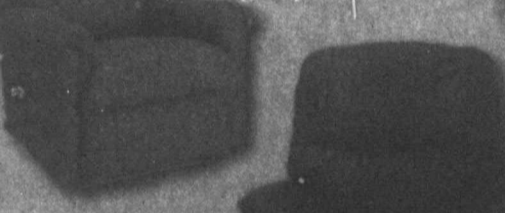
The National Preview Team includes Steve Evans, Louis Laviscount, Chris Fletcher, Jake Bond and Alex Palomeque.

"These are not only outstanding athletes, but they have tremendous character," Green said. "This team has great potential and I look forward to the coming year."

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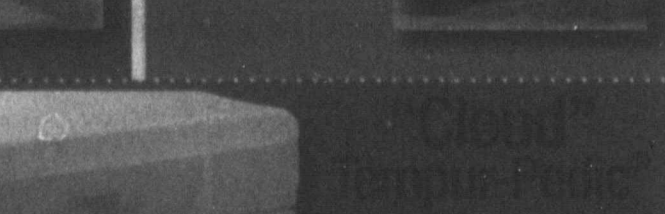
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