






# For the record

## Obituaries

### PAMPA FORECAST

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
		
High 55 Low 49	High 77 Low 52	High 69 Low 50

**Tonight:** A 30 percent chance of rain, mainly after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Tuesday:** A 30 percent chance of rain. Cloudy, with a high near 55. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Tuesday Night:** A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 49. South southwest wind around 10 mph.

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 77. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 52. East wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 69. North northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 50. North northeast wind around 5 mph becoming south.

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### EMERGENCY SERVICES

#### SHERIFF

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

Friday, Oct. 9.

- Steve Edmond Smith, 48, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of possession of marijuana.
- Rhonda Gail Duke, 33, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of failure to identify herself to law enforcement officers.
- David Price Farrar, 47, was arrested by Pampa police on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Saturday, Oct. 10.

- Johnny Dale Aufleger, 33, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of public intoxication.
- Kaler Logan Hart, 20, was arrested by Pampa police officers on four municipal warrants.

Sunday, Oct. 11.

- James Michael Brown, 35, was arrested by Pampa police officers on warrants charging him with insufficient bond and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Katina Ann Atchley, 31, was arrested by Pampa police officers on possession of a dangerous drug.
- Dillon Thomas Downs, 33, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and reckless driving.

Monday, Oct. 12.

- Jeremy Wayne Barnes, 32, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of possession of a dangerous drug, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving while intoxicated.
- Zachary Lee Mears, 29, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Patricia Vargas Perez Ramirez, 31, was arrested

by Pampa police officers on possession of drug paraphernalia, and not having a valid driver's license.

#### PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls over the weekend.

There were 44 traffic stops and four accidents reported. Five arrests were reported in connection with traffic stops.

There were 12 animal-related calls.

There were 12 medical calls.

Friday, Oct. 9.

- There was one attempt to serve in the 800 block of East Francis.
- A burglary was reported in the 800 block of East Denver.
- There was a fire prevention call made in the 200 block of North West.
- A cabinet valued at \$250 was reported stolen in the 1100 block of Cinderella.
- A welfare check was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner.
- A civil matter was reported in the 2300 block of North Rosewood Lane.
- Officers performed an escort in the 500 block of East Francis.
- An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 2200 block of North Hobart.
- Fraud was reported in the 900 block of Sierra Drive.
- A fire prevention call was made in the 2300 block of North Primrose.
- An alarm was reported in the 1900 block of grass.
- Officers assisted another agency in the 1000 block of North Sumner.
- A theft was reported in the 300 block of North Brown.
- Officers assisted a motorist at Hobart and Kentucky.
- The rear window of a vehicle was shot out in the 1000 block of West Wilks.
- Disorderly conduct was

**Pampa—** Billye J. Pate Gordon, 81, died Friday, Oct. 9, 2009 in Pampa.

At Mrs. Gordon's request, her body was donated to Texas Tech School of Medicine and there are no services scheduled. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Gordon was born March 3, 1928 in Perico, Texas to Hayes and Era Pate, and she was an only child. She spent many years in California and returned to the Texas Panhandle in 1976, and she has resided in Pampa since that time. She enjoyed making beautiful things such as drawing, painting, arts and crafts, and she was especially proud of her garden.

Her great grandchildren

### Billye J. Pate Gordon, 81

were the joy of her life. Billye was a true individualist.

The family would like to express their sincere thanks to Debbie Douglas of BSA Hospice and her special gardening pal, and to Julia Garcia, her daily helper, for the care of their mother.

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia White of Amarillo and Amy Cole and husband Jeremy of Pampa; two sons, Douglas Gordon of Plainview and Jimmy Blair of Fayetteville, Arkansas; four grandchildren: Floyd White and wife Andria of Austin, Jared White and wife Mindy and Constance Williams and husband Jamaal, all of Amarillo, and Michael Blair and wife Jennifer of Prairie



Gordon



Gordon

Grove, Arkansas; and seven great grandchildren, Michael Blair, Jr., Jacob Blair, Karolyn Blair, and Kristen Blair, all of Prairie Grove, AR, Lincoln White of Amarillo, Korbin Cole and Spencer Cole, both of Pampa. She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, D'Laine Whisenhunt in 1988, a

son, Rocky Blair in 1968, and a great grandson, J. M. White.

MEMORIALS: Disabled American Veterans, P. O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301 or American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065.

**White Deer—** Winona Sue "Poochie" Gordzelik, 71, died Friday, Oct. 9, 2009 in Amarillo.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 12, 2009, at Sacred Heart Cemetery in White Deer with Rev. Mieczyslaw Przepiora, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in White Deer, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Poochie was born on Oct. 13, 1937 in Pampa

### Winona Sue Gordzelik, 71

and had lived in White Deer all of her life. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in White Deer. Poochie was loved by her family and friends, and all young children adored her. She was not supposed to survive her childhood years, but she outlived most of her family and friends. She will be greatly missed, but we know she is at peace now with those that have gone before her.

Survivors include one sister, Janie Stevens and hus-

band Jerry of White Deer; one niece, Selena Lenz and husband Michael of White Deer; one nephew, Rhett Stevens of Amarillo; one great niece, Mary Catherine Lenz; one great nephew, John Paul Lenz; and by several cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Nelda Gordzelik, and by a brother, Joe Gordzelik, Jr.

MEMORIALS: White Deer EMS, 317 S. Main, White Deer, TX 79097 or BSA Hospice, P. O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105.



Gordzelik

**Colten Shane Leslie Johnson** was born October 9, 2009 in Elk City, Oklahoma to Dawn Leeann Leslie and Roy Lee Johnson. He passed away October 10, 2009 at Elk City, Oklahoma.

Colten was a fighter and was greatly anti-

### Colten Shane Leslie Johnson

ated by his parents, Roy Johnson and Dawn Leslie, of the home; three half-brothers, Trevor Johnson, and Brendn Johnson, and Tristin Johnson, one half-sister, Paige Johnson, maternal grandmother, Kimberly Leslie, Sayre, OK; paternal grandpar-

ents, Geneva and Chuck Tollison, Sayre, OK; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Robert Lee Leslie, great grandfather, B.E. Tollison.

Colten was a gift from

God.

Services will be held Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 2 pm at Rose Chapel officiated by Shane Coleman. Condolences can be made online at [www.whineryfs.com](http://www.whineryfs.com)

### EMERGENCY SERVICES

reported in the 1600 block of North Sumner.

- Officers performed a welfare check in the 2200 block of North Christine.
- Criminal trespass was reported in the 1500 block of North Wells.
- A suspicious person was reported in the 400 block of East 30th.
- A welfare check was reported in the 1000 block of South Sumner.
- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1500 block of North Wells.
- A runaway was reported in the 1500 block of Williston.
- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of North Dwight.
- Saturday, Oct. 10.
- Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of North Bradley Drive.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart.
- A wallet was stolen in the 2200 block of Williston.
- Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of North Lefors.
- Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2800 block of North Rosemont Lane.
- Officers assisted another agency at U.S. Highway 60 and Price Road.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported at Francis and Ballard.
- A stolen vehicle was reported in the 700 block of North Deane Drive.
- A vehicle was broken into in the 1900 block of North Nelson.
- Officers performed an escort in the 600 block of North Ward.
- Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of North Dwight.
- Disorder conduct was reported in the 1500 block of North Wells.
- Clothing was reported stolen in the 2300 block of

North Charles.

- Medicine was reported stolen in the 1400 block of North Hobart.
- A domestic dispute was reported in the 800 block of North Dwight.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 600 block East Craven.
- Sunday, Oct. 11.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported at Francis and Starkweather.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 2500 block of North Perryton Parkway.
- An alarm was reported in the 600 block of north Hobart.
- Officer conducted a fire investigation in the 700 block of East Kentucky.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported at Short and Carr.
- An alarm was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart.
- An assault was reported

in the 100 block of West 30th.

- Identity theft was reported in the 2100 block of North Faulkner.
- A window was reported broken out of a vehicle in the 1200 block of North Hamilton.
- A burglary was reported in the 400 block of East Browning.
- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.
- Medicine was reported stolen in the 1400 block of North Hobart.
- Officers assisted another agency at 23rd and Lynn.
- A civil matter was reported in the 1100 block of North Garland.
- A suspicious person was reported in the 1300 block of East Kingsmill.
- Monday, Oct. 12.

A suspicious person was reported in the 900 block of South Hobart.

- A suspicious person was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.
- Two 911 hangup calls was reported in the 400 block of Graham.
- A burglary was reported in the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

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## Fans line up for Oprah taping at Texas fair

DALLAS (AP) — Fans braved light rain as they lined up before dawn to get into the State Fair of Texas for the taping of Oprah Winfrey's TV show.

Drizzle early Monday greeted fans of the Chicago-based talk show host. Winfrey and her friend Gayle King on

Sunday afternoon checked out the fair in Dallas. Both wore cowboy hats as they made their way through the crowds, amid tight security by police.

The State Fair of Texas runs through Sunday.

## Report

Office ruled it an arson started by an accelerant. The report sent to Perry by Austin-based arson expert Gerald Hurst, who holds a doctorate in chemistry from Cambridge University, said investigators "made errors" and relied on discredited techniques.

Willingham's attorney, Walter M. Reaves Jr., first

alerted Perry about the new arson analysis three days before the execution and requested more time to develop it.

"There is nothing more I would like than to be able to present you with evidence of actual innocence," Reaves wrote Perry, according to a document released to the Chronicle.

"I think we are close ... The death penalty whether you agree with it or not, should be reserved for the most serious crimes. More importantly, it should be reserved for those crimes about which there is no doubt about the guilt of the person."

Reaves later got word that Perry would not stop the

## Perry

to watch; the Perry campaign says it was the work of a politically motivated computer hacker and the FBI is investigating.

And Perry's apparent attempts to keep his appointees in line during the campaign has been seen as heavy-handed. Perry drew criticism for replacing university regents who supported Hutchison and for replacing members of a forensic science commission who were about to examine evidence that suggests Texas may have executed an innocent man on Perry's watch.

In a glaring slap at Perry, the Texas Farm Bureau last week toured the state with Hutchison endorsing her and chiding Perry, the former agriculture commissioner, for his Trans-Texas Corridor toll road network and for failing to protect property rights.

Perry's campaign denies he's lost any ground.

"If this is a football game, 32-1 would be a blowout," said Perry spokesman Mark Miner, referring to Perry's endorsements from business groups and social conservatives.

Miner said Hutchison had disappointing months in the spring and summer when she didn't offer "one new policy initiative."

Now, he said, "you have a campaign, the senator's campaign, demonstrating that they'll do anything at any cost to try to win the election."

Hutchison's campaign said the governor has only himself to blame. "I think he is an unbelievably arrogant person. And when you are as arrogant as Rick Perry is, you are prone to say and do very flippant things," said Hutchison campaign manager Terry Sullivan. "Now they're being held accountable for what they say and what they do."

At least in public, Perry doesn't appear to let a setback get him down for long. He is known to sometimes chew out an aide over a mistake, but he also gives pep talks to staffers and says he views the race as a lengthy process that will turn his way in the end.

Perry has never lost an election since he first ran for the Legislature in 1984. As lieutenant governor, he ascended to the governor's office when Gov. George W. Bush was elected president in 2000. He was re-elected in 2002 and 2006, but captured only 39 percent of the vote in the most recent, four-way race.

He has been known for occasional verbal gaffes.

He was ridiculed nationally for suggesting that Texans might get so fed up they might want to secede from the union and once tried to paraphrase a vulgar expression after a radio interview, saying "Adios, mo' fo'."

The Texas Farm Bureau endorsement of Hutchison was a blow that Perry likely long knew was coming. He and the organization have had their disagreements before, dating back to when the farm bureau endorsed Democrat John Sharp over Perry for lieutenant governor in 1998. But the group backed Perry for governor in 2002 and 2006.

The 421,000-member bureau had criticized Perry since his veto of a 2007 eminent domain bill the bureau wanted signed into law.

Perry might have had a chance to win the farmers back, but more eminent domain legislation the bureau wanted died in the Legislature's spring session and Perry didn't include it in a summer special session as the bureau wanted, said Farm Bureau legislative director Steve Pringle.

"If the governor had put the issue of eminent domain on the call of the

## CPS

and less experienced CPS caseworkers.

"Police officers are pretty hard-nosed about things," said Steven Ray Rogers, 68, of Weatherford, who worked as a special investigator for 19 months before leaving last summer.

"It just wasn't the job I was led to believe," said Thomas Davidson, a 40-year veteran of law enforcement who was a special investigator for two months in 2007. "It's more

of a caseworker than an investigator. ... You had to go say 'Mother, may I?' to four different supervisors."

Some special investigators said there were positive aspects.

Gary Hopper, 53, who worked as a CPS investigator from 2006-2008 in Seguin, praised his supervisors and said the experience would help all law enforcement workers.

"It will benefit you when you deal with families as a

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police officer," he said. State Sen. Jane Nelson, a Lewisville Republican whose CPS reform bill created the special investigator position, said the state has been monitoring the turnover rate and that it's actually been falling.

"We will be studying those issues as we continue to look for ways to improve the system for children and families," she said.

## Suspicious devices found along RR tracks in Oklahoma City

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Authorities are investigating the discovery of three suspicious devices along railroad tracks in southeastern Oklahoma City.

Police were called about 5 p.m. Sunday by a man who said he saw another man throw the devices

onto the tracks. Police say the witness indicated the devices looked like pipe bombs.

The Oklahoma City Police Department's bomb

squad detonated the devices.

The area was evacuated for a time and at least four trains were delayed.

## Trooper

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the training academy. You are joining the finest state law enforcement agency in our nation," said keynote speaker State Rep. Tommy Merritt, R-Longview.

The troopers began the 28-week training academy in March. Instruction covered more than 100 subjects, including counter-terrorism, traffic and criminal law, arrest and control procedures, accident reconstruction, first aid and Spanish. They also received extensive use of force, communication skills, firearms, driving, criminal interdiction, cultural diversity and physical fitness training.

Steven C. McCraw, director of the DPS, told the graduates that he has high expectations for their performance.

"You are joining an elite group today, and I expect you to conduct yourself with the utmost integrity.

Welcome to the best law enforcement agency in the United States."

In about three weeks, the troopers will move to their new duty stations. They will spend the first six months in on-the-job training with a senior trooper.

Public Safety Commission Chairman Allan B. Polunsky congratulated the graduates. "Thank each and every one of you for your commitment to serve in law enforcement. Be safe, be vigilant and full of pride during your service with this distinguished Department," he said.

Twenty-eight of the graduates have previous military experience. Anyone interested in becoming a state trooper can call the toll-free line, 1-866-TXTROOP (898-7667), or visit the DPS Web site, www.txdps.state.tx.us, for more information.

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execution and Willingham went to his death, at 6:20 p.m., proclaiming his innocence.

Summaries of gubernatorial reviews of execution cases previously were released as public records in Texas, most recently under former Gov. George W. Bush.

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special session this summer, it would have made our endorsement process a lot more complicated," Pringle said.

The Perry campaign didn't take the blow lightly. It suggested the Texas Farm Bureau backed Hutchison because she voted a year ago for a federal bailout of the financial and insurance industry. The farm bureau, which has a business arm that offers insurance to members, did not receive any bailout money.

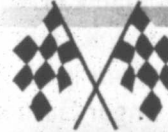
To farm bureau officials, that remark just widened the schism between them and the governor.

"We feel like our members will be interested in this race," Pringle said.

Miner said the governor's endorsements from industry groups like the Texas Association of Realtors and social conservatives give him support from likely primary voters and their activist networks. Perry's confidence remains high, he said.

"We believe we continue to have the momentum," Miner said.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Monday, Oct. 12, the 285th day of 2009. There are 80 days left in the year. This is Columbus Day in the United States, as well as Thanksgiving Day in Canada.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 12, 1492, Christopher Columbus arrived with his expedition in the present-day Bahamas.

On this date:

In 1870, Gen. Robert E. Lee died in Lexington, Va., at age 63.

In 1915, English nurse Edith Cavell was executed by the Germans in occupied Belgium during World War I.

**'If Columbus had an advisory committee, he would still probably be at the dock.'**

— Arthur J. Goldberg, American jurist

In 1918, the Cloquet Fire erupted in Minnesota, claiming some 450 lives. In 1933, bank robber John Dillinger escaped from a jail in Allen County, Ohio, with the help of his gang, who

killed the sheriff, Jess Sarber.

In 1949, Eugenie Anderson was nominated by President Harry S. Truman to be the U.S. ambassador to Denmark; she became the first American woman to hold an ambassadorship.

In 1960, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev disrupted a U.N. General Assembly session by pounding his desk with a shoe when a speaker criticized his country.

In 1984, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher escaped an attempt on her life when an Irish Republican Army bomb exploded at a hotel in Brighton, England.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Antonia Rey is 82. Comedian-activist Dick Gregory is 77. Former Sen. Jake Garn, R-Utah, is 77. Singer Sam Moore (formerly of Sam and Dave) is 74. Broadcast journalist Chris Wallace is 62. Actress-singer Susan Anton is 59. Actor Carlos Bernard is 47. Jazz musician Chris Botti is 47. R&B singer Claude McKnight (Take 6) is 47. Actor Hugh Jackman is 41. Actor Adam Rich is 41. R&B singer Garfield Bright (Shai) is 40. Country musician Martie Maguire (The Dixie Chicks) is 40. Actor Kirk Cameron is 39. Champion skier Bode Miller is 32. Arizona Cardinals safety Adrian Wilson is 30. Actor Marcus T. Paulk ("Moesha") is 23. Actor Josh Hutcherson is 17.



## Opinion from across Texas

**The Austin Statesman**  
**on President Barack Obama winning the Nobel Peace Prize:**

Winning the Nobel Peace Prize is not just a personal honor for President Barack Obama, but one for the whole country.

Hundreds are nominated, but just one is chosen. The Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded the 2009 prize to Obama for his efforts and leadership in international affairs -- and for the promise of accomplishments yet to come. Obama has been in office almost nine months, but in that time he signaled a more inclusive leadership role for the U.S. and a multilateral vision regarding international affairs.

"Only very rarely has a person to the same extent as Obama captured the world's attention and given its people hope for a better future," said the Nobel committee.

It cited Obama's efforts in creating a "new climate in international politics," which has advanced the goal of nuclear disarmament and arms control as well as confronting global warming.

Critics say Obama didn't earn the prize. But it often has gone to influential leaders who show promise in solving conflicts, inspiring hope and unifying countries. By that measure, Obama is a clear winner.

**Fort Worth Star-Telegram**  
**on health care reform:**

Get ready for health care reform, whatever that will mean.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimated last week that the Senate Finance Committee's \$829 billion proposal would cover 29 million more Americans and lower the deficit \$81 billion because of offsetting cost savings, industry fees and targeted tax increases.

The share of nonelderly Americans with health insurance would grow from 83 percent to 94 percent by 2019. An estimated 25 million -- a third of whom would be illegal immigrants -- would remain uninsured. The bill would require millions to buy insurance by 2013 or face an escalating penalty of up to \$750 per family by 2017.

Moderate Democrats and a few Republicans said they were waiting for the CBO report before taking sides. For the bill's supporters, led by Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., the CBO scoring was a resounding victory. A committee vote will likely come next week and a Senate floor debate this month.

Opinion polls have consistently shown that a majority of Americans want expanded health care access for their uninsured fellow citizens, but they are concerned about whether they could pay for it. The CBO report answered that question.

Barring unforeseen developments, there is no longer a question of whether there will be reform. The question is what it will look like.

While committee passage appears inevitable, this is just the beginning. The Baucus-led effort is one of five bills winding their way through the federal legislative process. But this one, in its current form, hits all the important marks and will be the blueprint for reform.

President Barack Obama said he wanted a bill that would not add "one dime to the deficit." He also requested that it cost less than \$900 billion. The chief goal of liberals was to expand insurance access significantly. Conservatives wanted to reduce the deficit and protect the private insurance system. The Senate Finance bill does all of that.

However, the bill will have to withstand a difficult legislative gantlet.

Health-industry lobbyists, who include some of the most powerful in Washington, will be jockeying to emerge in the best possible position. For example, the hospital industry originally pledged \$155 billion in savings toward the reform effort, but a spokesman for the Federation of American Hospitals said the proposed legislation needs to cover 97 percent of Americans for the group to stick to its pledge.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., insists that the ultimate House version would contain a public insurance option, and that may be the biggest upcoming battle. The

Senate Finance version creates nonprofit cooperatives in an attempt to bring about a competitive marketplace for buying health insurance. The CBO report shrugged off this effort as ineffective.

Republicans, who have chosen not to offer their own reform plan, will continue to play defense and allege that all the Democrat-generated proposals go too far.

We have previously predicted that Obama health care reform will be incremental, rather than transformational, because of uncertain economic conditions and political tradition. The current legislation falls in line with that prediction.

Those with employer-supplied health insurance and traditional Medicare coverage will be unaffected. Because reform is aimed at the uninsured and those seeking insurance on their own, the effects will go largely unnoticed by most Americans.

None of the competing legislation addresses the root causes of runaway health care inflation: over-application of medical technology and reimbursement for quantity, rather than quality, of care. It merely expands access to a deeply flawed system.

The time for town hall and talk-show hysteria and conspiracy theories has passed. It is time to pay attention to the details. Strap on your seat belts because it will be a months-long bumpy ride. The health care legislative process has finally taken flight.

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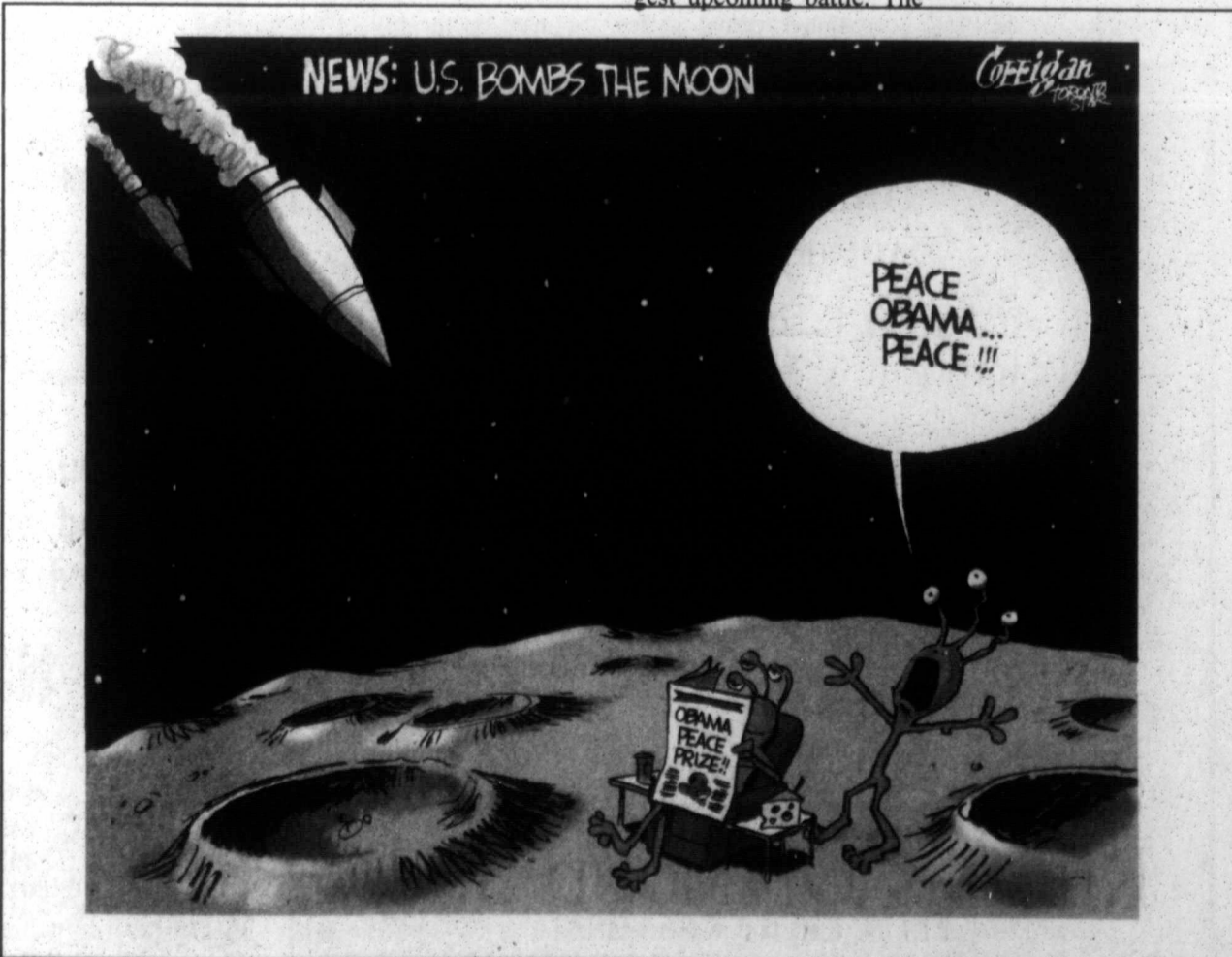
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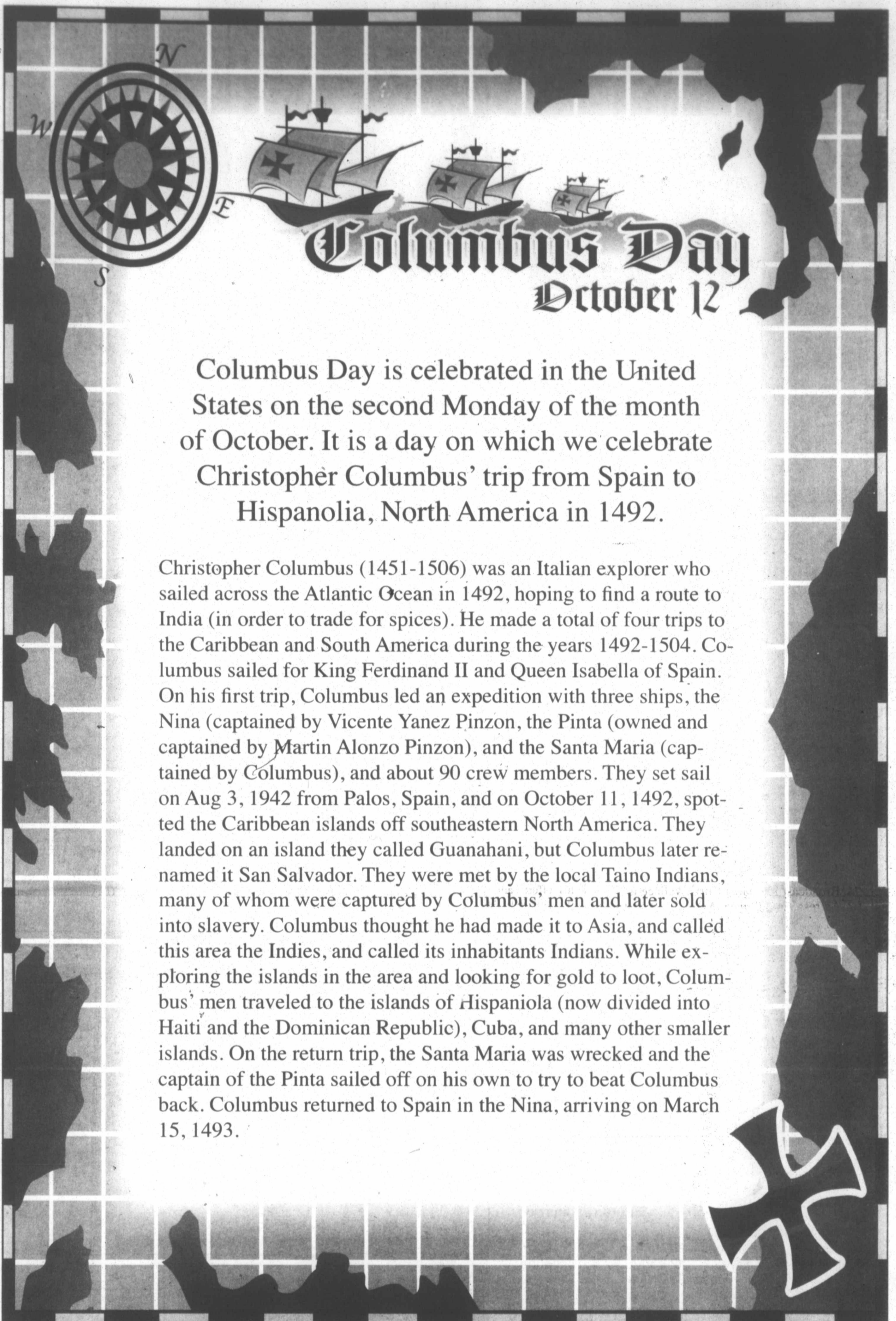
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Columbus Day is celebrated in the United States on the second Monday of the month of October. It is a day on which we celebrate Christopher Columbus' trip from Spain to Hispanolia, North America in 1492.

Christopher Columbus (1451-1506) was an Italian explorer who sailed across the Atlantic Ocean in 1492, hoping to find a route to India (in order to trade for spices). He made a total of four trips to the Caribbean and South America during the years 1492-1504. Columbus sailed for King Ferdinand II and Queen Isabella of Spain. On his first trip, Columbus led an expedition with three ships, the Nina (captained by Vicente Yanez Pinzon, the Pinta (owned and captained by Martin Alonzo Pinzon), and the Santa Maria (captained by Columbus), and about 90 crew members. They set sail on Aug 3, 1492 from Palos, Spain, and on October 11, 1492, spotted the Caribbean islands off southeastern North America. They landed on an island they called Guanahani, but Columbus later renamed it San Salvador. They were met by the local Taino Indians, many of whom were captured by Columbus' men and later sold into slavery. Columbus thought he had made it to Asia, and called this area the Indies, and called its inhabitants Indians. While exploring the islands in the area and looking for gold to loot, Columbus' men traveled to the islands of Hispaniola (now divided into Haiti and the Dominican Republic), Cuba, and many other smaller islands. On the return trip, the Santa Maria was wrecked and the captain of the Pinta sailed off on his own to try to beat Columbus back. Columbus returned to Spain in the Nina, arriving on March 15, 1493.



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# Comics

## Marmaduke



"You can stop recruiting, Marmaduke. We have enough players now."

## For Better Or Worse



## Zits



## Garfield



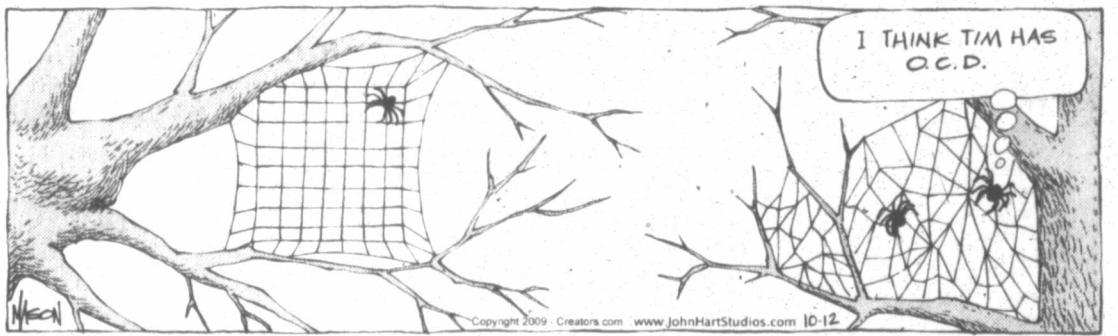
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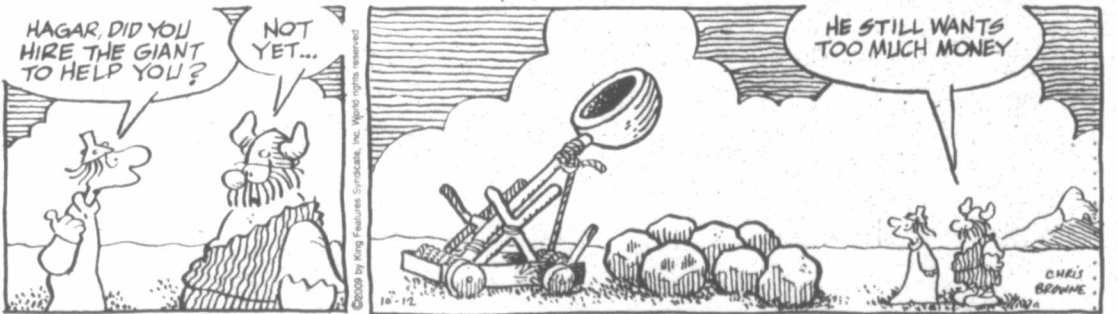
## Marvin



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## Hagar The Horrible



## Peanuts



## Blondie

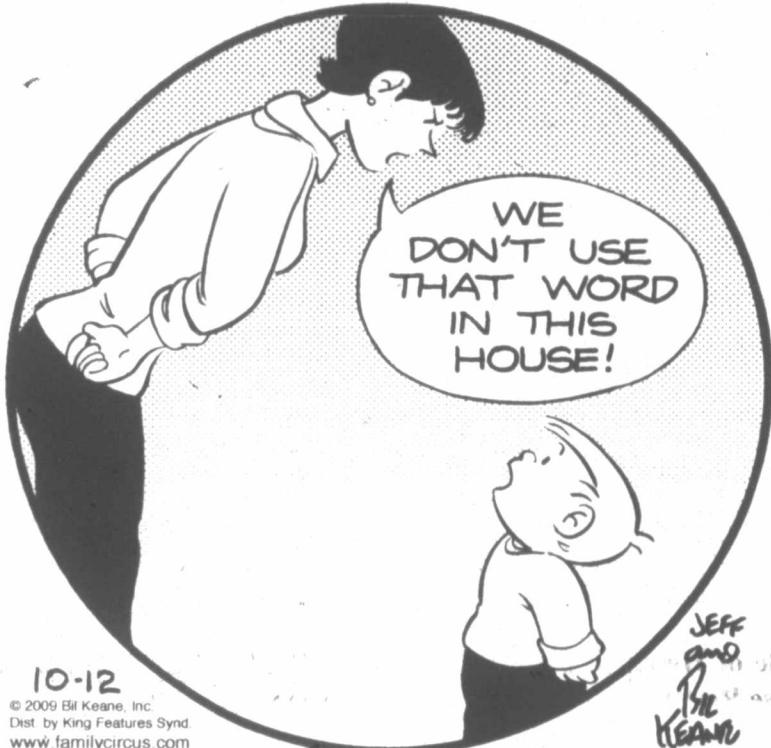


## Flo & Friends



## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Do I hafta go outside to use it?"

## Daily Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Certain dorms
  - 5 Not quite closed
  - 9 Fenway Park team, for short
  - 10 Trimmed the lawn
  - 12 Battery end
  - 13 Humble
  - 14 Subjects
  - 16 Use the track
  - 17 Foreboding sign
  - 18 Grand
  - 21 One of the Bobbsey Twins
  - 22 Kelly or Regis
  - 23 Namely
  - 24 New Mexico native
  - 26 Filming site
  - 29 Cinco de Mayo event
  - 30 Nothing
  - 31 Nest item
  - 32 Milk maker, to kids
  - 34 Arab leader
  - 37 Puritanical person
  - 38 Fixed look
  - 39 Made mistakes
  - 40 Unexpected problem
- DOWN**
- 1 California wine center.
  - 2 Annual golf event
  - 3 "The Thinker" sculptor
  - 4 Business bigwig
  - 5 "I — Rock"
  - 6 Chore
  - 7 Prizes
  - 8 Outcome
  - 9 Conductor's need
  - 11 Turn down
  - 15 R&B love song
  - 19 Toledo's state
  - 20 Go bad
  - 22 Parka
  - 23 DVRs connect to them
  - 24 Dark times
  - 25 Sea off Greece
  - 26 Fasten down
  - 27 Wore away
  - 28 Took to impound
  - 29 Parker of "Daniel Boone"
  - 30 Hero with a sword
  - 33 Oil org.
  - 35 Writer Levin
  - 36 Beer dispenser

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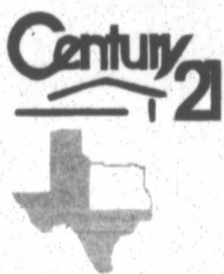
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HFWWO GNW FW RTTK

**WDTX JIIC** — **XPCR WHPFB**  
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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009:

This year, your strong personality and drive win over many new friends. Your networking skills allow greater understanding. Just be sure to allow others to have the right space to express their talents, needs and personality. Basically, you could steal the show. Your creativity abounds. If you are single, you could meet someone quite special or have a former "special someone" return to your life. If you are attached, you could have a surprise — be it a new addition or that you suddenly enter an intense, torrid period of romance between you and your sweetie. LEO makes a loyal friend.

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)

\*\*\* If you have felt resistance from a friend or when manifesting a long-term desire, you might note that with the next attempt everything will fall into place. You find that energy and authenticity become a handy combination, close to impossible to say so to. Tonight: Fire up all engines. Do what you want.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\* You often get caught between responsibilities and demands. You need a firm, secure base to work from. Don't sell yourself short when dealing with a boss or when making an appearance. Tonight: Know that you are hard to say no to.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\* Communication flourishes, especially with those at a distance. You are encouraged to tune in to your depth and find what you ultimately want. Detach if you feel that you are in a maze.

It always helps to pull back and take another look. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\* Curb a need to be possessive, and honor certain key priorities. A partner you see as tight might not be if you take another gender. This person is far more generous than you suspect. Listen and don't judge. Tonight: Treat yourself on the way home.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\* Your energy attracts many people. How you deal with the many interactions that come with that type of magnetism and personality amazes many of your friends. Do be aware that someone could be pulling the wool over your eyes. It is nice to always think the best of people, but realism has a role in life too. Tonight: Do only what you want.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\* Know when you have hit the end of the road. You can only go forward, even if you might not be up for the trek. It will prove worthy. Someone in your daily life is full of suggestions. Listen — one of them just might work. Tonight: Just make it relaxing.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\* How you deal with a long-term project could change radically. A brainstorming session or a creative moment illuminates an option that was believed to be impossible. Finally, everything is falling into place. Tonight: Where the action is.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\* You might want to try another path when others back off. You have the strength and sturdiness to make this quest and come out victorious. Don't pretend that something is OK when it really isn't. Cut the game-playing. Tonight: A must appearance.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\* Illuminate what has been dark or hidden in the recesses of your mind. If you detach or pull back, you'll get strong, relevant responses. You might be quite startled by what comes up for you personally. Listen to your inner voice. Tonight: Try something totally new. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\* Read between the lines, and gather more information and feedback. You cannot always be sure that a person is revealing his or her true self, as this person might not be connected to his or her more authentic self. Tonight: Dinner for two.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\* Let go of restraints and drop a boundary or two: You could be surprised by what moseys along if you relax a little more. Understand why others might feel pushed away by your attitude. Think positively. Tonight: Sort through your invitations.

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

\*\*\* Be sensitive to the immediate conditions around you. If you have been having trouble clearing the air, realize that not everyone understands your innate ability to forget and forgive. Give others the space they might need. Tonight: Do what is best for you.

### BORN TODAY

Outdoorsman, inventor designer Leon Leonwood Bean (1872), comedian Lenny Bruce (1925), football player Jerry Rice (1962)

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# Sports

## Raiders rush past JV

BY ANDREW GLOVER  
aglover@thepampanews.com

There are some games when nothing works as it should on offense and defense. For the Pampa Harvesters junior varsity football team, Saturday was one of those days as they lost 28-6 to the Randall Raiders.

Coach Byron May said his team was just outplayed by Randall.

"We had an instance that we were probably over matched physically," May said. "We had a hard time executing in any portion of our game plan."

The Raiders took an early first quarter lead scoring the first two touchdowns of the game. Randall added to their lead in the second quarter with a two-yard touchdown run. The Raiders converted the two-point conversion to expand their lead to 22-0.

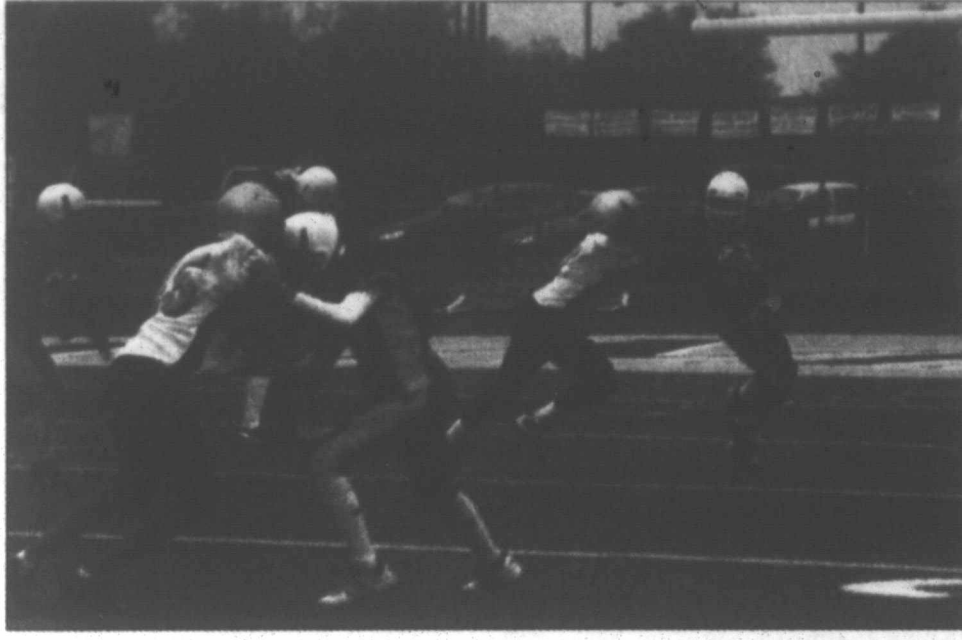
Pampa got their only score of the game when Jessie Cruz scored on a six-yard run. Reid Miller's two-point conversion pass was incomplete. Randall led 22-6 at halftime. Both teams were held scoreless in the third quarter.

Randall scored one more touchdown in the fourth on a three-yard run by their running back. May said he was pleased with the improved play of his defensive line.

"I thought we had some really good signs of some defensive lineman who grew up a little bit in the second half," May said. "They've had some games where they had easy success and some they had to fight through adversity. I was very happy with that."

The loss was the junior varsity's second in a row, dropping their record to 2-3-1. Pampa will visit Canyon on Thursday. May said his team will take practice one day at a time.

"So we are going to go out and have the best Monday that we can," May said. "After that go out and have the best Tuesday that we can. Hopefully it adds up to a complete performance."



staff photo by Andrew Glover  
Jessie Cruz (3) throws a stiff arm on a Randall defender Saturday. Pampa lost 28-6.

## PHS tennis downs Hereford

BY ANDREW GLOVER  
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The Pampa Harvesters tennis team wins their second in a row overall and end their five game losing streak in district with a 13-6 win over Hereford Saturday in Hereford.

Head Coach Sarah Corse said it was a good match for her team.

"Everyone came out strong and was ready to play," Corse said. "We had a 5-2 lead after doubles."

The Harvesters beat Hereford 11-8 in Pampa September 15 with the match being won in the last matches. Corse said she challenged her players to repeat that result.

"I told the ones that won, to go out and

win more convincing and the ones that lost to get a win," Corse said. "They did that."

Holly Gage and Sammi Finney won their doubles with a pair of 6-0 set victories. Aaron Silva and David Moore won their doubles. Logan Karbo and Nick Nelson also won their doubles match. Myles Foreman, Karbo and Nelson won their singles.

Kayla Ware and Hilary Acker won their girls doubles. Finney, Alyssa Hoelting, Robin Fernuik and Ware won their singles. Landon Karbo and Kaitlyn Winegeart won the mixed doubles match.

The Harvesters (5-11, 2-6) will

re-match with the Canyon Eagles Tuesday at the Harvesters Tennis Courts. Corse said it will be a tough match for her team.

"Canyon is going to be the district champions," Corse said. "We'll have to see if we can do better and take some little steps. If we can take some matches from them then you can tell we improved."

Canyon beat Pampa 19-0 September 19 in Canyon.

## Coming this week

**Tuesday**  
Pampa High School Tennis vs. Canyon 4 p.m.  
Pampa Junior High Football vs. Dumas 5 p.m.  
**Thursday**  
Pampa Junior High volleyball: 7th grade tournament at Dumas  
Pampa High School Football: Freshman vs. Canyon

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

4	8	5	1	7	3	9	6	2
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**Sudoku**

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: The other day my kids asked me why I'm always so angry. I didn't know how to respond. I'm angry that they think their dad is "wonderful" because he plays with them all day (he's not working), takes them to get fast food (instead of cooking something healthy), and because he's their coach (he is having an emotional affair with one of the parents).

I assign chores to the kids because things never get done when I ask my husband to do them. If I remind them "It's trash day" or "Don't forget to vacuum the living room," my husband steps in and says, "I'll do it for you, Billy/Jane," which makes me the bad guy. I know if I ask for a divorce, the kids will want to live with him.

How do I explain this to them? And what do I tell my friends when they ask what a pretty, fit, successful woman like me is doing with an overweight, unemployed, lazy man like him? He's more personable than I am, but the stress of being the sole breadwinner has taken its toll on me. -- NEEDING ANSWERS, LEVITTOWN, PA.

DEAR NEEDING ANSWERS: You're overwhelmed right now, and with the load you're carrying, it's no wonder. You, your husband and the children are overdue for a frank sit-down chat.

It would not be out of line to tell them that the reason you appear to be angry is you are doing it all -- carrying the load financially and being the responsible parent. It would also not be out of line to let them know that every member of the family is expected to do their part, which is why you have assigned them chores -- because Dad is too busy coaching to remember to do it.

As to the fast-food diet, your husband is doing the children -- and himself -- no favors, and he is setting a terrible example.

Now, about your friends: Be honest. Tell them that you married your husband because you loved him at the time, and you are sticking with it because if you dump him, you may wind up supporting him anyway.

DEAR ABBY: I am 14 and have just started high school. I have been told I'm beautiful. Most times I feel that way, except for one thing -- I hate my nose! I don't want to sound ungrateful for my looks. I know I'm not the only girl who has a flaw and wants to change it. I just want your opinion.

From the front you can't tell my nose is messed up. But viewed from the side, there's a bump in the middle. It's also sort of crooked and just too big.

I'm starting to be self-conscious about it. I don't like people looking at me from the side, but it's hard to prevent.

I have been researching plastic surgery online. At my age, my parents won't let me get a nose job, but I don't want to wait until I'm 18. Some kids have commented about my nose, but mainly I want to do this for me. It would make me feel better about myself. What am I supposed to do? -- SELF-CONSCIOUS IN MINNESOTA

DEAR SELF-CONSCIOUS: For now, stop looking at yourself in a magnifying mirror and obsessing about your "flaws." You may -- or may not -- want to consider plastic surgery in a few years. I say in a few years because at 14 your features are not yet fully developed. A nose that seems "too big" now may be exactly the right size in a couple of years. If you are still displeased about the bump, there is time to have it smoothed out.

But for now you should wait and develop your personality and your intellect so that people notice you for more than your looks. I'm sure you have many qualities that make you special -- and remember, what makes us unique is sometimes what we mistake as our "flaws."

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