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BY DAVID BOWSER

dbowser@thepampanews.com The Gray County Commissioners Court voted to set a proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year 2010 of 0.48103.

County Judge Richard Peet noted during Friday morning's special called meeting of the commission that this tax rate is in only

proposed and is not binding on a final rate.

Peet said the proposed rate could always be lowered, but it can't be raised. He said it can always go down, but it can't go up.

For that reason, Peet recommended the proposed rate be at the rollback rate level.

"When we finally vote on the

budget, vote on the tax and discussed it," he said, "can always lower that rate."

Peet said that 48 cents per \$100 valuation would be the highest the county could go without having the potential for a rollback election.

The proposed tax rate is based on a tax rate of 0.43274 for the

General Fund, 0.0404 for the Road and Bridge Fund and 0.00784 for Debt Service.

County Auditor Elaine Morris indicated that the money is kept in the General Fund until it is needed. Putting it in the Road and Bride Fund, she said, would limit the uses for the money to specific purposes. COUNTY cont. on page 4

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A Texas State Trooper mans a roadblock near Eldorado, Texas. The Texas Department of Public Safety is struggling to hire hundreds of state troopers to fill vacancies across the state. (AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez)

Oil prices hit 10-month high

NEW YORK (AP) Oil prices jumped Friday to a new high for the year after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said that the U.S. economy is nearing a recovery and other economic data backed him up.

Benchmark crude for October delivery rose 98 cents to settle at \$73,89. After Bernanke spoke at an annual Fed conference in Jackson Hole, Wyo., prices briefly neared \$75.

The price for natural gas plummeted to a new seven-year low, which suggests some skepticism about an economic rebound. Natural gas is used

by major industries, including utilities, for power.

Energy experts had a hard time explaining how natural gas can plunge while prices for other energy futures, including heating oil and gasoline, continue

"If there's a recovery, people would be using electricity first before they buy gasoline," said Peter Beutel at Cameron Hanover. "Yet oil prices are going up and natural gas prices are down."

Oil started climbing early in the morning after financial informa-

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Six Flags lays out Ch. 11 restructuring

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — Creditors of amusement park company Six Flags Inc. may own a majority stake in the company when it emerges from Ch. 11 bankruptcy protection, according court documents filed Friday.

A debt-to-equity swap would allow select lenders - mostly banks that loaned the company money, led by JPMorgan Chase Bank — to wind up with 92 percent of the company's common stock. They'll also issue Six Flags, which sought federal bankruptcy protection in June, a new \$600 million loan.

Meanwhile, top executives at the New Yorkbased company including CEO Mark Shapiro, could receive emergence bonuses totaling more than \$5

Executives also stand to get 10 percent of the new stock in stock options and restricted stock, a perk that's potentially worth tens of millions of dollars.

Shapiro, who is on tap to get a \$3 million emergence bonus, is set to get a base salary of \$1.3 million and up to \$2.6 million in bonuses each year, according to the filings.

The documents were filed Friday in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Delaware.

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Pilot pleaded to evacuate stranded passengers

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Continental Express Flight 2816 smelled like diapers. It had no food and a full toilet. Its 47 passengers had been stranded on a tarmac in southern Minnesota since after midnight.

"They are getting really upset - you know, with the plane," the captain told her dispatcher just before 3 a.m.

Recordings released Friday of conversations among the captain, dispatcher and staff for another airline at the Rochester, Minn., airport expose a breakdown that kept the plane sitting on the tarmac for almost six hours for no clear reason — and triggered a Department of Transportation investiga-

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood released the recordings along with conclusions from his department's investigation exonerating ExpressJet, the regional carrier that operated the flight for Continental Airlines.

Instead, he criticized Mesaba Airlines — which was in charge because it had the only employees left at the airport - for refusing to let the passengers inside the terminal because all security personnel had left for the night.

"There was a complete lack of common sense here," LaHood added. "It's no wonder the flying public is so angry and frustrated."

The plane left Houston at 9:23 p.m. Friday and was scheduled to arrive in Minneapolis by midnight. Instead, severe thunderstorms forced air controllers to divert the plane south to Rochester, where it landed about 12:30 a.m.

It received clearance to take off at 2 a.m., but the storms started again.

The captain called dis-

patchers in Houston 45 minutes later.

"Well, the weather is moving in here now," she said. "So I mean this is getting to be ridiculous. We can see lightning off - I mean, the weather is moving southeast. It's moving here right down on top of

When dispatch called back 12 minutes later, she asked if a bus was coming to take passengers to Minneapolis, about 85 miles away. Dispatch said flash flooding had made the roads impassable.

The recordings show dispatchers trying to persuade officials for Mesaba, a unit of Delta Air Lines of Atlanta, to allow passengers inside. Passengers from an earlier flight diverted to Rochester had been allowed to deplane and were driven by bus to

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Freedom Museum names five to Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honor

BY JOHN TRIPLEHORN President, Freedom Museum

On August 22, 2009 we will

join together to honor five individuals who have distinguished themselves not only in the defense of this country, but who have also been positive influences on their respective home

Although we will be recognizing specific individuals, this occasion is in fact dedicated to remembering all the veterans from the Texas Panhandle who have never failed to answer their country's call to arms.

Sadly, we are all guilty of taking for granted the many free-

doms so many men and women have fought and died for. It is most appropriate that we take just a few brief moments to reflect on the lives, and in some cases the deaths, of the individuals who truly love this country and what it stands for. That they were willing to give that last full measure gives us crystal

clear insight into their innermost feelings toward this country and what it means to them.

As in the past, their names will dim from our memories, but their sacrifices and deeds will never be forgotten as long as there are people willing to take a

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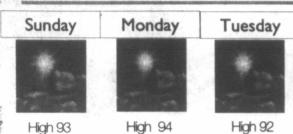


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Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. South southeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 94. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 70. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 92. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Lawmakers Ellis, Hunter receive FOI awards

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) State Sens. Rodney Ellis and Todd Hunter suctess in passing the first \$hield law for Texas jourpalists earned them honors from the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas.

Austin-based The foundation has awarded the lawmakers its highest accolade: the James Madison Award, named for the author of the U.S. Bill of Rights.

Ellis, a Houston Democrat, and Hunter, a Corpus Christi Republican,

were instrumental in the passage of the "Free Flow of Information Act" by this year's Texas Legislature.

The law gives journalists partial immunity from prosecution compulsion to reveal confidential sources. Under the new law, prosecutors must convince a judge that the source of information must be disclosed.

The awards were presented at the John Henry Faulk Awards Luncheon held in Austin on Friday by the foundation and the State Bar of Texas.

Dbituaries

Joe Ray Johnson, 80, of Snook, passed away August

Wednesday, 19, 2009, at St. Joseph Regional Health Center. Arrangements are under the care of Callaway-Jones Funeral Home and Crematory. No memorial services are scheduled at

Shane Walker, 43, died August 20, 2009.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 on Monday, August 24 at Hollywood Road Community Church. Dr. Charles Jones will officiate. Burial will be held at 4:30 at the Fairview Cemetery in Pampa. Arrangements are by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 South Georgia.

Shane was born August 9, 1966 in Pascagoula, Mississippi. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1984. He was employed by Swifty Communigraphics for more than 20 years. When he was younger,

church member of Lefors Baptist Church. Joe worked in the oil fields, ter and son-in-law, Carrie Shane Walker, 43

He is preceded in death by his grandfather, Floyd E. Walker, and his grandparents Troy and Matti Lou Maness, and his cous-

Shane is survived by his mother, Linda Autry and husband Dave of Amarillo; his father Danny

was a Scottish Rite Mason of Waco, and he was a Burkburnett, Texas, on member of the Grand Lodge of Texas Stamford 853 for 50 years.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Tommie Wayne, of Arlington, TX; daugh-

Joe and Bill Sihock, of San Bernardino, CA; four grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

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Joe Ray Johnson, 80

he spent much of his time sailing. He loved the outdoors, especially while flying, drag racing and riding on a four-wheeler. He had a passion for all types of music, from the oldies to the most current band. Shane was loved and cherished by his entire family, both locally and far away.

Joe was born in

August 16, 1929, to Martin

and Vivian Moody. He

graduated from Lefors

High School and was a

in Keitha Davis.

Walker and wife Sonia of Amarillo; his grandmother, Marge Walker of Pampa; his grandparents, Raymond Davis and wife Susan of Henderson, TN; his sisters, Cassie Matoba and husband Tim of Placerville, CA, Elizabeth Kerr and husband Michael of Amarillo; his brothers, Cody Walker and wife Cynthia of Amarillo and David T. Autry and wife Brooke of Amarillo, Brian Autry of Santa Clara, CA and Brandon Ty Walker of Amarillo, along with numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the



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family requests memorials be sent to ACADA, 202 S Louisiana, Amarillo, Texas 79106.

Barbara R. Whitten, 79

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Barbara R. Whitten, 79, went to be with our heavenly father on Thursday, August 20, 2009 in Brandon, Florida. A celebration of Barbara's life will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, August 24, 2009 at The First United Methodist Church in Pampa with John Curry officiating.

Mrs. Whitten was born September 29, 1929 in Pampa, Teas to Milford and Bessie Stockton. She married the love of her life, Beorge A. Whitten on August 28, 1954 in Pampa. Mrs. Whitten was a lifetime member of The First United Methodist Church. Barbara was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother who adored her family and loved music. She was a member of the Chancel Choir and The Glory Singers of The First United Methodist Church. Barbara touched many lives through her love of God and her genuine kindness.

Mrs. Whitten was preceded in death y her husband George Whitten in 1998, her parents Milford and Bessie Stockton, sisters Francine Duggan, Bessie (Tillie) Stephens and Betty

Derryberry. Survivors include two sons, Alan Whitten of Terrell, Texas, Clyde Whitten of Pampa, Texas, two daughters, Marilyn Conley of Brandon, Florida and Julia Wood of Pampa, Texas. Nine grandchildren, Ilisa Whitten, Anique Whitten, Dawn lowry, Benjamin Whitten, Bryan Fields, Mark Wood, Dylan Whitten, Cody Wood and Alora Whitten

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Southwest Airlines says it will expand Wi-Fi

Southwest Airlines Co. says it's finished testing Wi-Fi Internet access on four aircraft and plans to expand the service to all its planes beginning early next year.

The airline said Friday that the test has generated raves among passengers.

Southwest said it would continue testing prices for the service through the end of the year.

Dave Ridley, the discount carrier's senior vice president of marketing, said the company is happy with the technical performance of the in-flight serwice and the response of customers.

During the test, passengers have used the service for e-mail, streaming video

and other content using laptop computers and smart phones.

Southwest uses satellitebased broadband access provided by Row 44. Other

carriers, including Delta and American, that are farther along in outfitting planes with Wi-Fi service use another service from Aircell.





Freedom Museum names five to Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honor

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stand against tyranny and injustice.

As we remember the treacherous attack on Pearl Harbor, and now New York and 9/11, let us never forget that only through strength and commitment to freedom can we as a nation look forward to a peaceful and prosperous future for ourselves and our children. Only through properly remembering the past can we hope to avoid those costly mistakes that have taken us to the brink of disaster too many times in our history. As has been stated so many times, "freedom is most definitely not free", but unfortunately, far too many have forgotten just how expensive freedom really is. Let us, in our Veterans Hall of Honor, keep those memories vivid and keep the watch fires of freedom ever burning brightly.

Honorees

Alfred N. "Knute" Dowers, Jr.

Alfred N. "Knute" Dowers, Jr. was born in Oklahoma on Boyd, December 10, 1921. His family moved to Perryton early in his childhood. While playing football at Perryton High School he acquired the name Knute (Rockne) and used this name the rest of his life.

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Perryton High in 1938. After graduating from high school he enrolled in college at Canyon. Soon after, this adventurous young man left his family, hometown and schooling and made his way to California. After running out of funds, he joined the Army in 1939 at Fort MacArthur, California. He was assigned to the Coast Artillery section and sent to Corregidor. There he was wounded in battle, eventually taken prisoner by the Japanese and forced to participate in the "death march". In 1943 his family was notified that he had been transferred from a Philippine prison to Osaka, Japan aboard one of the "hell-ships". He remained at the Osaka prison until after the bomb was dropped and then he and the others simply walked out of the prison, eventually boarding the hospital ship, Benevolence, at

Yokohama. He had been a prisoner for three years and three months and he weighed 98 pounds. After three months in Manila hospitals, he was flown to Brooks General Hospital in San Antonio and reunited with his fam-

He was discharged from the Army in 1946, returning to Perryton weighing 198 pounds, where he met and married his wife Sue in April of 1946. They had



Dowers

County Herald newspaper of 1953. and later entered the insurance business.

In 1952 the Dowers' family moved to Amarillo later had his own used car

Knute died of a heart School GED. attack in December of 1962 he was 42.

His medals and honors received include: Asiatic-Pacific with two battle stars; American Defense with one star; Philippine Defense with one star; Presidential Unit Citation with two Oak Leaf Clusters; Combat Badge; Infantryman Victory Medal and Good Conduct Medal; and, the Purple Heart for wounds received when captured at Corregidor. He qualified as a expert rifleman and expert Coast Artilleryman.

Clayton A. Lock

Clayton A. Lock was born in Deering, Missouri on September 15, 1926. He was drafted into the Navy on December 28, 1944. In May of 1945 he was sent to Hawaii Beach for Landing Stevedore Training. Upon completion of this three month training he was shipped to Guam and remained there until May of 1946. He was discharged in July of that

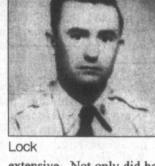
Clayton enlisted in the Army on February 3, 1949 at Amarillo, Texas and was sent to Camp Gordan, Georgia for Engineer He served as Training. a construction engineer at Edwards Air Force Base in California, at Eielson Air Force Base in Alaska and in 1951 he was sent to the Arctic as Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge (NCOIC) to construct a road to the top of a mountain for a radar station. This was the Northern most radar station at that time. In 1952 he returned one son and one daughter. to Mineral Wells, Texas He worked for the Ochiltree and was discharged in July

In July of 1954 Clayton once again enlisted in the Army and was stationed at Fort Brag, North Carolina. where Knute continued in He was deployed to Guam the insurance business and and while there he was able to complete his schooling and receive his High

> As you can see, his career military history is long and

James Henry "Jimmy" Ayers

James Henry "Jimmy" Ayers was born in Pampa, Texas on June 30, 1937. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1955 and after graduation from Texas Tech University he was commissioned into the United States Air Force on January 25, 1960. He became a flight instructor and because of his excellence of service was placed in a position of testing other flight instructors. Jimmy's



extensive. Not only did he serve in the Navy, but two enlistments in the Army as well. He served in Guam, Alaska, the Arctic, Korea and Vietnam, finally retiring in August 1968.

Clayton's medals include American Campaign Medal, WWII Victory Medal, Asiatic Pacific Medal, Good Conduct Medal Bronze w/4loops, National Defense Service Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal w/Device 60, New Korean Degfense Service Medal Army Meritorious Unit Citation and the **RVN** Gallantry Cross Unit

Clayton currently resides in Lefors, Texas where he is a member of the First Baptist Church, a lifetime member of the VFW, a lifetime member of the ASUS Army, a member of the Lefors Senior Citizen's Board, a member of the Lefors Cemetery Board and served as a Lefors City Councilman in 1980.

performance as a pilot, his excellence in his duties as an officer, and his integrity were outstanding and he progressed in rank quickly.

Lt. Colonel Ayres flew his first tour of duty in Vietnam in 1964 flying a C123 transport plane. "He averaged over 90 flying hours a month under adverse flying conditions, requiring airlift into for-

ward assault strips that were short and insecure, and flying for long periods in mountainous terrain in support of the U.S. Army Special Forces units while under a constant threat of hostile ground fire."

Lt. Colonel Ayres flew his second tour of duty in Vietnam in 1970-71 flying the F4E Phantom. He led a flight of fighter aircraft in an attack on a highly strategic troop concentration and supply storage area. In spite of intense small arms fire and in complete disregard for his own safety, he led his flight in making numerous low angle bombing passes, which resulted in numerous troop bunkers, military structures and trenches destroyed as well as several cubic yards of supplies in bunkers destroyed or damaged. He unhesitatingly made repeated dive bombing passes on these



Ayers

weather conditions, in areas of rugged mountain terrain often in the night strike environment while receiving intense hostile anti-aircraft fire.

Lt. Colonel Ayers died along with his crew mate Lt. Colonel Charles W. "Chuck" Stratton as they crewed an F4E Phantom on January 3, 1971 on a night time strike mission in Laos. They were MIA until found and remains missions under marginal HONOR cont. on page 7

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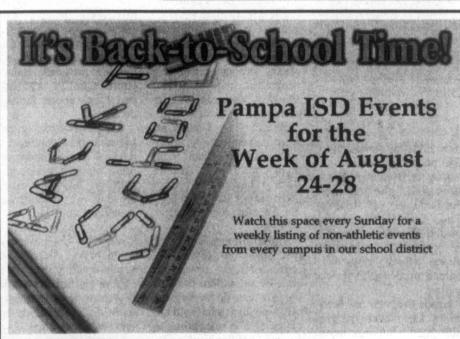
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Brad Harrub currently serves as the co-founder of Focus Press. In addition, he is the co-editor of Think magazine. He earned a doctorate in Anatomy and Neurobiology. He is the author or co-author of the books, Dissecting the Truth, Diamonds in the Rough, The Truth about Human Origins, Matters of Life and Death, & Investigating Christian Evidences. He was an invited speaker to the international conference on Creationism, and he has appeared on the television show "Origins."





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Go to the school website at HYPERLINK "http://www.pampaisd.net" From the parent connection drop-down menu, click on the District Event Calendar

Today in History

Today is Saturday, August 22, the 234th day of 2007. There are 131 days left in the year. Highlights in history on this date:

1485 - England's King Richard III is killed fighting against overwhelming odds at the Battle of Bosworth, ending War of the Roses.

1567 - Spanish Duke of Alba establishes "Council of Blood" and begins reign of terror as military governor in the Netherlands.

1642 - English Civil War begins when King Charles I brands parliament and its soldiers as trai-

1654 - Jacob Barsimson, said to be first Jewish immigrant to America, lands at New Amsterdam. 1717 - Spain attacks Sardinia under pretext that some Spanish subjects have been arrested in Italy. 1775 - England's King George III proclaims the

American colonies in a state of open rebellion. 1784 - Vincent Lunardi makes England's first hotair balloon flight, accompanied by a cat and dog. 1788 - British found settlement in Sierra Leone,

Africa, as asylum for freed slaves. 1799 - Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte abandons the Egyptian campaign and slips past blockading British ships to return to France.

'Men make counterfeit money; in many more cases, money makes counterfeit men.

> Sydney J. Harris, American journalist

1911 - Leonardo da Vinci painting "Mona Lisa" is stolen from Louvre Museum in Paris, France. It is recovered in Italy in 1913.

1941 - Nazi troops reach of Soviet city of Leningrad in World War II.

army kills seven rebellious officers and men who were planning to lead an attack on the Russian-garrisoned

city of Meshed. 1955 - A U.S. Navy patrol plane with 16 men aboard is shot down off mainland China, by Chinese

Communist aircraft. 1958 - U.S. President Dwight Eisenhower offers to halt U.S. nuclear tests for one year on condition

that the Soviet Union refrains from further testing and agrees to open negotiations for an international nuclear test control system. 1990 - Scores of angry smokers block street near

Moscow's Red Square for hours in protest of summer-long cigarette shortage in the Russian capital. 1996 - Monsoon rains and a snowstorm sweep

across the Himalayas during a Hindu pilgrimage to a mountain temple, killing more than 200. Tens of thousands are stranded.

2002 - About 45 kilograms (100 pounds) of weapons-grade uranium is transferred from Belgrade, Yugoslavia to Russia, to be converted for use in commercial power generation. The uranium is considered a potential target for terrorist groups or rogue states seeking to develop nuclear weapons.

2003 - The Nigerian Red Cross report 100 people have been killed and 1,000 others injured in five days of ethnic clashes in the southern port city of warri.

Today's Birthdays:

Claude Debussy, French composer (1862-1918); Dorothy Parker, U.S. writer/poet (1893-1967); Leni Riefenshtal, German filmmaker (1902-2003); Deng Xiaoping, Chinese leader (1904-1997); Henri Cartier-Bresson, French photographer (1908-2004); Arthur Sackler, U.S. physician (1913-1987); Karlheinz Stockhausen, German composer (1928--2007); Tori Amos, U.S. singer (1963--).

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OPINION Cap and Trade: A Job Killer for Texas

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

As the summer winds down and the fall picks up, the Senate will return to a legislative agenda marked with more massive and misguided proposals being pushed by the Administration and Democratic Leadership. One that all Texans should pay close attention to is "Cap and Trade" legislation. The proposal could level a deeper impact on our state's economy and the financial well-being of Texas families than any

Trade is based on the idea that total national emissions are capped at a predetermined amount, thereby limiting the amount of greenhouse gases that companies can emit. Emitting companies are provided a set of allowances on an annual basis for every ton of carbon dioxide they plan to release into the atmosphere. Over time, the total greenhouse gas emissions allowed are reduced until the ultimate pollution-reduction goal is met. Businesses whose emissions will exceed their cap in any given year must purchase emission allowances from those who are releasing less carbon and are not utilizing their full

I am concerned about the impact this bill would have on Texas, which would be disproportionately impacted by Cap and Trade legislation because it is an energy and manufacturing state. In fact, Texas provides the nation with more energy than any other state. It is the leading crude oil-producing state in the nation, as well as the nation's leading natural gas producer. Texas's 26 petroleum refineries account for more than onefourth of all U.S. refining capacity. Because energy and manufacturing is prevalent in Texas, we have a disproportionately high level of greenhouse gas emissions compared to states that utilize our energy production rather than producing their own. By its nature, the cap and trade system is designed to raise the cost of conventional energy by requiring emission allowances for its

When manufacturers are face excessive costs for the right to produce their goods (ie. run their plants), they will have to pass those costs down to consumers. Every time a consumer switches on a light, turns on the air conditioner, or runs a load of dishes, they will feel the residual effects of taxes on the energy industry for producing this power. If Cap and Trade becomes law, it is estimated that the average Texas house-

year the legislation would take effect, due to increases in utility bills, groceries, transportation costs, and more. This could result in a total potential cost of nearly \$7 billion for Texas families. The legislation is also a job killer, because some American companies will not be able to maintain

hold income will shrink by

\$1,136 a year in 2012, the

operations under the Cap and Trade system's cost burdens and stringent regulations. Studies show that Cap and Trade would result in the loss of 2 million U.S. jobs. The jobs will move to other countries, thereby increasing our dependence on foreign energy supplies (which already is 60 percent of all the energy America needs). In our state, up to 277,000 Texans could lose their jobs in 2012. By 2030, the number of lost jobs in Texas could rise to 400,000.

While reducing greenhouse gases is an important goal, a better approach is to reduce carbon emissions while simultaneously creating jobs and growing the economy. One way is

to expand emission-free nuclear energy. Nuclear energy is clean, safe, reliable, and cost-effective. Today, we have 17 applications at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for 26 new nuclear reactors. Congress must work to get these reactors online and in production.

These are just a few examples of how we can do something positive for the environment without hurting the economy. We can put America at the forefront of technology development, while creating jobs and stimulating the economy. Moreover, we can move America forward rather than subject it to a competitive disadvantage to countries such as China and India that do not impose pollution mandates on their businesses and manufacturers, thereby making their products cheaper on the global

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I believe the goal of carbon reduction through the development of technology is one that we can achieve. But we must be wise in how we choose to meet the challenge.

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Six Flags sought Chapter 11 protection in mid-June hoping to reorganize under a prepackaged plan and shed \$1.8 billion in debt.

The company, which had \$2.42 billion in debt at the end of June, operates 20 In other business, the amusement parks around commissioner's court dis- the country. But despite cussed the county's FY record revenue in 2008 and visits from 25 million "What areas do you want people, a souring economy, to cut," Judge Peet asked rising unemployment, concerns about swine flu and He noted that Celanese, other forces made staying once a foundation of the afloat and compliant with

The company has said it

As part of Friday's tentative deal, other unsecured creditors will receive payments of their loans along a sliding scale. Some will split the remaining shares of the company, while others won't get any money returned to them through

the restructuring process. The plan still must be approved by the court.

Six Flags operates three attractions in Texas: Six Flags Over Texas and Six Flags Hurricane Harbor in Arlington and Six Flags Fiesta Texas in San Antonio.

County

She said that she generally draws up a conservative budget.

Morris said the budget she is drawing up will probably have \$250,000 more than is shown because of her conservative approach to showing revenues. Morris said she used high estimates for expenditures and low estimates for revenues.

She said she would always prefer to come out \$400,000 ahead rather than have the county commissioners want to know why they're \$400,000 in the hole.

The commission also set the retired rate at 7.85 percent plus 0.48 percent for a

death benefits. Last year, the rate was 6.77 percent, Judge Peet noted.

There will be public hearings on the proposed tax rate in the commissioner's courtroom at 9 a.m. on Sept. 1 and Sept. 8.

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2010 proposed budget.

the other commissioners.

Pampa economy, has various debt obligations closed its Gray County nearly impossible.

Another concern is the has no plans to sell any Levi King murder trial now unfolding in Lubbock on a change of venue. King, 26, is accused of killing a rural Gray County family south of Pampa in September,

"We've already paid about \$550,000," Morris said.

"And that's on the defense side at this point," Peet noted

Peet noted that jury selection is still progressing and the trial itself has even started yet.

Minneapolis.

However, Mesaba officials said there were no more buses available. "I can't get her a bus, I

can't do anything," said a Mesaba representative. "You can't do anything

for her? OK," said the ExpressJet dispatcher. "No."

"Because she was saying nobody was letting her off the airplane, letting the people off the airplane and all that," the dispatcher continued.

"We can't - I mean we were just able to let these guys off. We can't get them a bus. If I can't secure them a bus, I can't have them in a closed airport," the Mesaba representative replied.

Eight minutes later: "I just spoke to (Mesaba's representative) out there and she says there is nothing she can do to help us out," the dispatcher told the captain. "She's not going to let them off the airplane."

The exasperated captain replied: "That's ridiculous."

Just after 4 a.m., about four hours into the ordeal, passenger Eleanor Thatcher said she remembered one of her husband's former high school students was Steven Leque, manager of the Rochester airport. She said she called his home. "I wanted him to know what was going on," she said, adding that Leque agreed to come to the airport.

At 5 a.m., the flight got clearance again. But by then, its crew had worked more than the legal limit of hours. Another crew had to be flown in.

Passengers were kept waiting until 6 a.m. before they could enter the terminal. It took another 21/2 hours for the passengers to re-board the same

plane — still with a full, smelly toilet — to head to Minneapolis. They landed at 9:15 a.m., almost half a

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day after leaving Houston. Mesaba CEO John Spanjers said he disagreed with the department's conclusions, which do not match his airline's understanding of the event. In a statement, Delta CEO Richard Anderson said he has reached out to Continental's chairman and CEO about the incident.

"Delta is working with Mesaba to conduct an internal investigation, continue our full cooperation with the DOT and share all the facts with Continental," Anderson said.

Leque reiterated on Friday that the passengers could have come into the terminal at any time. 'The aircraft did eventu-

ally come to the building,' he said. "And the passengers were offloaded."

ExpressJet spokeswoman Kristy Nicholas said the airline will now keep contact information on file for airport administrators.

That is one of our lessons learned," she said in an e-mail.

Continental has issued each passenger a refund for the flight, a \$200 travel voucher and a \$50 American Express Gift Card, said Link Christin, who was also on the flight.

Christin said the incident was a clear example of why more safeguards are necessary for passengers.

"To me, the critical issue is not who's to blame, but to figure out what happened and how it could be prevented in the future,' said Christin, a lecturer at William Mitchell College of Law.

tion company Markit said its composite purchasing managers' index

"If Europe's coming out of recession, the euro could get even stronger," analyst Phil Flynn said.

And the dollar did fall

Gasoline prices have flattened and few expect a major run on prices as the driving season winds

Retail gas prices were almost unchanged, rising a hundredth of a cent to a new national average of \$2.625 a gallon, according to auto club AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service. A gallon of regular unleaded is 16.4 cents more expensive than it was a month

In addition to the falling dollar and other upward pressures on energy prices,

er than last year.

showed the European economy was stabilizing.

"That means more demand for oil.'

against the euro to end the week, effectively making dollar-based oil cheaper across the globe. That created its own momentum and drew a lot of investor money into crude, meaning the price for gasoline and other fuels will likely move up as well.

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that people are buying. Just as Bernanke began to speak, the National

The question is when.

In other Nymex trading, gasoline for September delivery added 1.34 cents to settle at \$1.9956 a gallon and heating oil for September delivery added 1.97 cents to settle at \$1.9049 a gallon. Natural gas for September delivery tumbled another 14.1 cents to settle at \$2.804 per 1,000 cubic feet.

new housing data showed

Association of Realtors said that home resales posted the largest monthly increase in at least 10 years, which may have helped push energy prices higher.

Crude this year has tended to jump even marginally good economic news. It has been slightly more than a year since a barrel of crude soared close to \$150 per barrel and few people believe that at some point, demand for energy will not rebound strongly.

Earlier this week, the U.S. government reported that crude in storage, which had been building for weeks, fell by a surprising 8.4 million barrels as refiners cut back on petroleum imports. Crude prices jumped sharply.

Around town

Corrik Michael Brunson



Brunson are proud to announce the birth of their baby boy, Corrik Michael Brunson.

He was born on July 6, 2009 At 01:01 a.m. at BSA Hospital in Amarillo. His birth weight was 8 lbs. 3 oz. and he was 20 1/4 inches long. He was welcomed by his grandparents Michael and Joan Brunson and Dennis and Jan Edmondson, all of Pampa.

John Kristian West

Kurt and Jill West are proud to announce the birth of their baby boy John Kristian West. He was born on July 25, 2009 at 12:31 a.m. at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

His birth weight was 8 lbs. 4 oz and he was 21 inches long. He was welcomed home by his grandparents, Dale and Bobbie West of Pampa and Clovis and Barbara Miller of Cheyenne.



Specialty pediatric dentist office opens

Doctors Shane Moore and Eric DeVries announce the first ever specialty pediatric dental practice in Pampa.

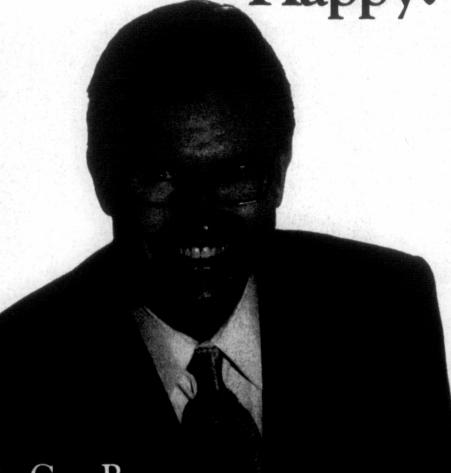
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A grand opening will be held from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, August 29, in the

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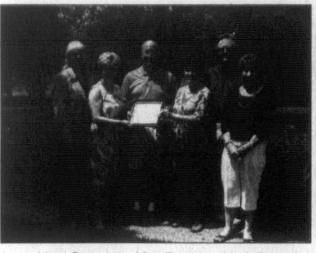
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Realtors sponsor yard contest

The Pampa Board of REALTORS®, Inc. recently sponsored a Most Attractive Yard Contest with the following winners: 1st Place in Large Yard Category: The Wesley Green residence at 2319 Chateau Rue, Honorable Mention--1710 Mary Ellen, the Tommy Bowers residence; 1st Place in Small Yard Category: The Paulette Hinkle residence at 916 N. Somerville, Honorable Mention-2401 Duncan, the Kenneth Gerber residence, and 1st Place in Apartment Category: The Rose Marie Burklow residence at 1200 N. Wells Apt. 61.



Small Yard Category: Director Irvine Riphahn, Paulette Hinkle, President Joan Mabry, Director Judi Edwards, Back row--Director Gail Sanders and Vice President Linda Lapacka



Large Yard Category-- Vice President Linda Lapacka, Kathryn Green, Wesley Green, President Joan Mabry, Director Gail Sanders and Director Irvine Riphahn



Apartment Category: Rose Marie Burklow, President Joan Mabry, Director Judi Edwards, back row-Director Irvine Riphahn, Vice President Linda Lapacka and Director Gail Sanders.

Country singer hopes to break interview record

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Jack Ingram better be in a chatty mood come Tuesday.

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The country singer will try to break the world record for most radio interviews in 24 hours as part of a promotional blitz for his new album, "Big Dreams & High Hopes."

Communications gurus TJ Walker and Jess Todtfeld hold the current record after speaking to 96 different radio stations in 24 hours last June, said Guinness World Records spokeswoman Jamie Panas.

The previous record was 72 by Pete Wentz and Patrick Stump of the rock group Fall Out Boy. Ingram is shooting for 225 interviews in 24 hours

starting 8 a.m. Tuesday. "When I first went to No. 1 with 'Wherever You Are,' I spent a week on the phone every morning for four or five hours at a time talking to radio stations," Ingram said recently. "It's a fantastic way to travel the country without going anywhere."





Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have an infant son by a man who has told me repeatedly that he does not love our child. He says he loves me and wants to be with me, and he claims our child will split us up and spoil our relationship. He said he never wanted our baby in the first place.

He refuses to do anything for our son. He just wants to do for me -- and all he wants is sex. I have just learned that he is married with two other chil-

Please tell me what to do because I don't like the way he treats our son. -- TORMENTED IN MARYLAND

DEAR TORMENTED: As much as you may care about this man, you must recognize that as a mother your first responsibility has to be to your son. If your child's father was honest and had character, you would have known before now that he was already married.

I am concerned that because he views the baby as a rival, he might possibly be a danger to your son. At the very least he should be financially supporting that child, because it is his legal responsibility to do so.

If you are living with him, for your child's sake, you should move. And until you do, never, ever leave him alone with the baby.

DEAR ABBY: I am a divorced mother of three grown children who is in the process of making out my will. I'm not ill, but I would like to ensure that my assets -- which are modest -- will be divided equally among them. My two daughters are upset that I want to include their brother, "Ricky."

As a teen, Ricky stole from his sisters. For most of his adult life he has been in trouble with the law and has served time in prison. My son is also an alcoholic and has been in treatment several times. He has never asked me for money, and I haven't given him any. I know he wants to lead a straight life after he serves his current term.

I can't see any good reason for disinheriting my

son. He already has VA my third. I applied to a and SSI disability income, so it isn't like I'll be giving him something he doesn't

have. Leaving him out of the will would be hurtful to him. Can you tell me how to smooth the waters? -- KENTUCKY MOM DEAR MOM: Yes.

Remind your daughters that you love them and their troubled brother equally, and that the assets you have accrued (modest though they may be) are yours to do with as you wish. Be pleasant about it, and under no circumstances allow them to push you into doing anything you don't want to do.

DEAR ABBY: I am a college student and recently I was faced with a huge

I have been attending junior college for two years and am about to start

four-year university, and they have accepted all my credits. I play soccer for the junior college, and I had already promised my team I would be here to play in the fall.

My problem is I am over the maximum number of credits I can transfer from one college to another. I have chosen to remain at junior college because I gave my word I would stay with the team. I don't want to regret this decision. Was it right to put the team before my academics? --LOST IN COLLEGE

DEAR LOST COLLEGE: Not in my opinion. Academics trump athletics. And you should not have made any promises to your team while applying to a different school.

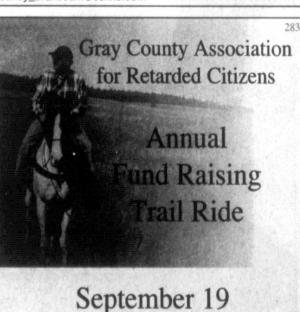
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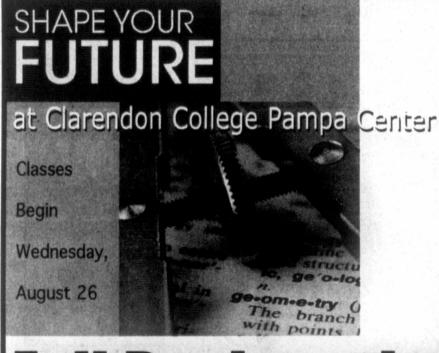
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Around town

Freedom Museum names five to Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honor

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Lt. Colonel Ayers received a total of eighteen Air Medals, two Distinguished Crosses, The Air Force pilot.

Commendation Medal, awards.

Pampa's own, Lt. Colonel Ayres was a hero of the type of which legends are Flying born and he was a pilot's

Richard Bird was born in Holliday, Texas on June 20, 1924. He graduated from Crowell High School in Crowell, Texas as Salutatorian in May 1941 at 16 years of age. Prior to his military service he hitch-hiked to Austin to attended college at the University of Texas, waiting tables in the girls' dorm to earn money.

He enlisted in the Army in 1942. The classifying officer told him that he would not serve in combat due to a problem with his eyesight, yet after much coxing; he convinced the officer that he needed to be in the infantry because his dad had served in the infantry in WWI. officer drew a line through Special Service and wrote in infantry. He was sent to Camp Maxey in Paris, Texas for his basic training, and then transferred to the European Theater and landed at LaHarve, France. He served with the 99th Infantry Division in Germany. This division was made up largely of college students who had not yet seen battle.

On December 19, 1944 Bird was taken prisoner during a bloody battle waged in Belgium's Ardennes Forest – the battle we now know as the Battle of the

Purple Heart and other

James Henry "Jimmy"

Richard Bird



of the others had been wounded, but because the Germans were in no better shape than the prisoners, no treatment was available. After a few weeks, they were loaded in boxcars and taken to Stalag 4-B a camp somewhere between the German cities of Dresden and Leipzig. Here he was able to obtain care for his wound from a German civilian doctor. After some four and a half months, the Russian Cossacks liberated the prison camp on April 23, 1945. Richard and two of his American buddies walked out of the camp and immediately headed toward the American troops. He received the purple heart with two clusters for wounds received and was honorably discharged in 1945.

He returned to the

ishing his law degree in 1948. Upon completion, he moved to Childress, Texas where he married his wife Laverne and later had three children.

He has served as City Attorney, County Judge, President of the School Board, Chairman of the Public Housing Authority, Member of the Board of the Childress Chamber, Childress "Man of the Year'

Committee,

Joe Cook

Joe Cooke was born in McLean, Texas on February 6, 1939. His family moved to Pampa where he graduated from Pampa High School in 1957. He attended Texas Tech University and joined the Navy as a Naval Aviation Cadet on August 17, 1960. He received his Navy "Wings of Gold" on February 2, 1962. On December 26. 1962 Lt.jg Joe Cooke became a Golden Dragon of Attack Squadron 192.

On May 21, 1964 Lt. Cooke was flying in his A4C Skyhawk from the carrier USS Bon Homme Richard when he went down and was never found. The carrier and his Squadron VA-192 had been assigned to their 1st combat cruise to the Western Pacific Vietnam War Theater from January 28, 1964 through November 21, 1964 when he disappeared. The United States had not yet officially let the world know that we were involved in Vietnam. President Kennedy made the decision to conduct covert air, ground and sea missions in 1961 and the United States did not officially recognize our entry into the war until the Gulf of Tonkin incident

in 1966, Chairman of the and those of us who live tive that we speak for him Administration Board of because of heroes such as the First United Methodist Lt. Cooke must remember Church, Chairman of the Childress Industrial fice. of the Lions Club and President of the Childress Regional Hospital Board. He currently continues to practice law and to work for the good of the City of Childress.

files are still not available

to the public and will not

likely be made available

for seventy-five years, the

records from the Carrier

and Squadron show that

Lt. Cooke was flying photo

reconnaissance and combat

missions. His family and

friends may never know

Lt. Cooke well under-

stood that in order to have

peace one had to prepare

for war and he believed in

duty, honor and country.

While he paid the ultimate

sacrifice for his beliefs,

his family still suffers his

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President

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Lt. Cooke did lose his life while flying for the United States Navy assigned to Vietnam and it is imperaand honor him. According to information obtained from his squadron, "All Officers and Men of Attack Squadron 192 had the highest regard for this fine, respected Naval Officer."





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Stacianne Novian and Donny Snow

Snow, Novian engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Novian of Pampa are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacianne Novian to Cody Lane Snow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donny Snow, also of Pampa. Ms. Novian is a 2006 graduate of Pampa High School and is currently a student at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. The bride to be is pursuing a degree in Elementary Education and will graduate in December 2009. Ms. Novian is currently employed by Canyon After School Program and is student teaching in Pampa. Mr. Snow is a 2007 graduate of Pampa High School and is also a student at West Texas University. The groom to be will graduate in May 2010 with a degree in Sports and Exercise Sciences with plans to attend physical therapy school in the fall of 2010.

Mr. Snow is currently employed by BSA Hospital as a Physical Therapy Technician. The couple plan to wed in the summer of 2010 in Pampa.

menus

Monday-August 24th

Mini corn dogs or pizza Green beans Sliced carrots Applesauce Breakfast Biscuit and gravy

Tuesday-August 25th

Ravioli or chicken nug-Sliced potatoes Vegetarian beans Peach cup Garlic toast

Breakfast Cinnamon Toast Wednesday- August

26th

Bean & cheese burrito or chef salad Broccoli florets Pineapple tidbits Breakfast Breakfast Pizza

Thursday-August 27th

Popcorn chicken or steak fingers

Whipped potatoes English peas Fresh fruit Hot roll Breakfast

Mini pancakes

Friday-August 28th Mini twin cheeseburgers

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Wilson Kids Cafe Tuesday-August 25th Hamburger stew

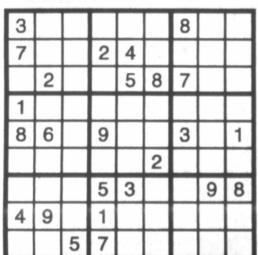
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Jacobs, Bruner exchange vows

Theresa Julynn Jacobs and Robert Paul Bruner both of Mt. Home, ID were married July 26, 2009 at Katherine Albertson Park in Boise, Idaho. Officiating the ceremony was Erin Copeland. Robert is the son of Denver and Diana Bruner of Levelland, and grandson of Billie Bruner of Pampa and the late Roberts S. Bruner and Margie Dennis of Skellytown and the late Paul Sangster. He graduated from Pampa High School in May 1997 and graduated from Community College of the Air Force with a degree in Applied Science and is currently pursuing a degree in Professional Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with an expected graduation date of May 2010. He is a Staff Sergeant in the US Air Force as an Aircraft Armament Technician Team Chief. Since his enlistment in 1998 he has served during Operation Enduring Freedom and will deploy to Kunsan Air Force base in August. Theresa is the daughter of Daniel and Pairin Jacobs of Mt. Home, ID and granddaughter of Ronald and Maggie Jacobs of Billings, MT and Toop and Suan Jung Muan of Pistanlok, Thailand. Theresa graduated from Mt. Home High School in May 1997 and College of Southern Idaho in May 2008. She currently is enrolled at Idaho State University with an expected graduation date of May 2010 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She is employed at the Mt. Home Hospital. Attends at the wedding were bridesmaids Dawnyl Mason, Jessica Halcolm, Alisha Coarsey, and Michelle Wu.

Groomsmen were SSGT. Wesley Daniels, SSGT. Chadwick Smith, SSGT. Charles Frasier and Daniel Jacobs

Ring Bearer was Bo-Dean Copeland and flower girls were Jacquelyn Copeland and Abagail Copeland.



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Sports

Harvesters test turf, skills against Golden Wolves

BY ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

The Pampa Harvester football teams got to test their new turf for the first time against the Dalhart Golden Wolves.

Head coach Heath Parker said the turf is a beautiful product.

"It's such a benefit to the community," Parker said. "I know it will be something probably everyone in the community uses in some way or another. It's

a fantastic thing."

For the Harvesters the scrimmage didn't go their way. Parker said it was tough for him to see his

runer

team struggle.

"Not going to make any excuses for any area of the struggle," Parker said.

"We got to go to work and get that fixed before next week."

Parker said his team did fine in the scrimmage, and the two quarters.

"With our ones (first teams) vs. their ones, they didn't move the ball against us and we didn't really move the ball against them," Parker said.

"Of course they got a little momentum with our second teams, when our second teams went against each other. A lot of it was I went for it on fourth and two, right there at the

beginning of the scrimmage, down deep in our own territory. They got it and got some momentum, and we really never got it back."

Parker said the offense was inconsistent and beat themselves with pre-snap penalties.

"I apologize to the fans for those," coach said. "We just had miscommunication. I don't think Dalhart ever stopped us. I think we did a pretty good job of stopping ourselves."

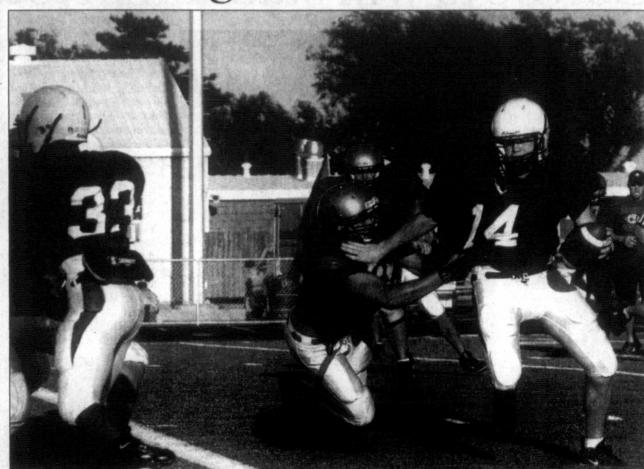
Defensively, Parker said his team needs to work on stopping the run.

"They were able to run the ball a little more consistently than they should against us," Parker said. "We got to get that ironed out this week. It's a point of emphasis for us, we don't want people to run the ball against us."

Parker said he was pleased with how his players handle themselves when they were down.

"I don't think it's easy to play under those circumstances," Parker said. "It's easy to get your dobber down. We kept trying for the whole game."

The Harvesters will have their first home game 7:30 on Friday against the Borger Bulldogs.



staff photo by **Betsy Phillips**Senior quarterback Alex
Clendening (14) tries to
escape the grasp of a Dalhart defender in Pampa's
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Below, Kendrick Alexander gets a feel of the new turf as he is taken down by a Dalhart defender.

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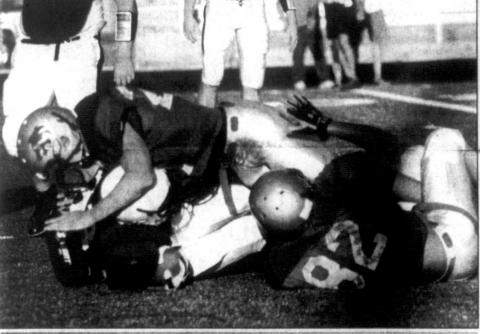
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Cowboys win stadium preseason opener

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Dallas Cowboys fans got a glimpse of everything they were hoping to see Friday night.

Their new stadium dazzled. Tony Romo was darn good. And the Cowboys won, pretty easily.

In the first football game at the nearly \$1.2 billion Cowboys Stadium, Romo looked right at home, going 18 of 24 for 192 yards and sending Dallas on its way to a 30-10 victory over the Tennessee Titans in a preseason game.

"It was incredible," Romo said, comparing the atmosphere to a regularseason game. "It's really exciting to be a part of something this special. It's only going to continue and get better as the year goes

Thousands of fans rushed in when the doors opened two hours before kickoff, many eager to see just how humongous the overhead video boards are and some simply in a hurry to claim the best standing-room spots. By the time players walked through a club packed with fans to get to the field, they were all smiles about finally getting to play in this place they've heard so much about for so long.

"The electricity that we felt just prior to the opening kickoff was really special," said Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, who spent more than \$825 million on the building, the rest of the \$1.15 billion tab picked up by city taxpayers. "A great night. A great crowd. And an event we will remember for a long, long time."

The Cowboys (1-1) played up to the mood, for the most part.

After losing a long kickoff return to a penalty then going three-and-out n their first drive, Romo Controlled a 15-play, **90**-yard drive that ended with a 1-yard touchdown in from Marion Barber. Although it technically was the first TD here, it won't go down that way Since this game doesn't ount — but Barber sure seemed excited to score it

Dallas Cowboys center Andre Gurode (65) celebrates a touchdown by running back Felix Jones (28) against the Tennessee Titans during the first half a preseason NFL football game, Friday, Aug. 21, 2009, in Arlington, Texas. (AP Photo/Matt Slocum)

anyway.

(2-1)Tennessee answered with a field goal and a 17-yard touchdown pass from Kerry Collins to Justin Gage, giving the Titans a 10-7 lead with 59 seconds left in the half. Then Romo used all but one of those seconds to move the Cowboys 79 yards for the go-ahead score. It came on another 1-yard run, this time by Felix Jones, who got the drive going by turning a short pass into a 42-yard gain. Dallas gained 249 yards in the first half, piling up 17 first downs.

'We didn't tackle the way we're capable of doing the first half with our starting defense," Titans coach Jeff Fisher said. "There were too many third-and-shorts

and fourth-and-shorts."

In the second half, Dallas backup quarterback Jon Kitna threw a 2-yard touchdown pass to undrafted rookie Kevin Ogletree, who tipped it to himself and made a one-handed catch while also being interfered with by the defender. The Cowboys got a safety when Tennessee's thirdstring quarterback Patrick Ramsey was flagged for intentional grounding in the end zone, then thirdstringer Stephen McGee threw a 22-yard touchdown pass to Rodney Hannah with 1:53 left.

Collins played the entire first half and was 8 of 11 for 55 yards and a touchdown, but the offense gained only 78 yards.

Tennessee went three

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and out on its first three drives, including the one that ended in a field goal; the Titans started at the Dallas 32 but had to settle for a 46-yarder by Rob Bironas. They finally got moving on their last series of the half, going 69 yards in eight plays.

"It was really important to get that touchdown," Collins said. "It was good to finish on a strong note."

Vince Young started the second half for Tennessee and was 3 of 9 for 33 yards with a batted ball getting intercepted on his final attempt. He also ran twice for just 2 yards. Rookie Javon Ringer gained 33 yards on five carries.

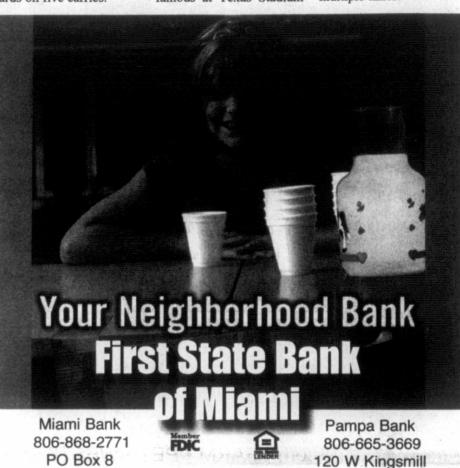
Instead of announcing attendance, the Cowboys said there were 75,720 tickets distributed. The place looked mostly full, although there were some unfilled seats in the topdollar areas. Most suites seemed in use, with folks even hanging out on the patios outside the fieldlevel suites.

Customers didn't get to see all the bells and whistles, though, because Jones kept the retractable roof and retractable endzone doors closed, and the Ring of Honor had yet to be installed. There's also no giant star on the 50-yard line, like the one made famous at Texas Stadium

when Terrell Owens celebrated on it while playing for the San Francisco 49ers. Gotta save something for the home opener against the Giants on Sept.

Perhaps the most notable stadium nugget Friday night was that Tennessee's rookie punter A.J. Trapasso kicked the ball into the bottom of the massive video boards, forcing a do-over. He almost hit it on that kick, too.

The screen — which is 60 yards wide and 25 yards high - was an inviting target for Trapasso and starter Craig Hentrich during pregame warmups. Both hit it multiple times.



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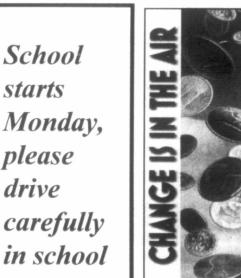
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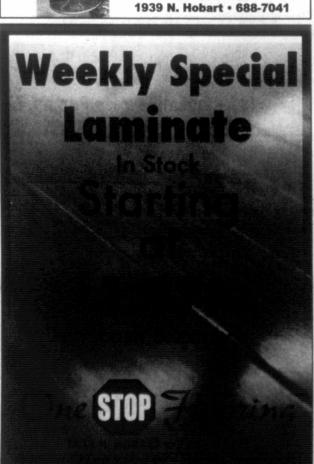
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AFS exchange students to Pampa High School are Simone Wallschleger of Switzerland and Ruut Hanhikorpi of Finland. Over 90 AFSS exchange stu-

Exchange students from Finland, Switzerland studying here

BY DARLENE BIRKES

The two AFS exchange students new to Pampa High School this school year like horses and horseback riding and plan to take horseback riding lessons.

They are in a double placement with the Al Williams family who have the horses; and the girls' first experience in Texas was helping in the concession stands at the

Simone Wallschleger is from Stengelbach, Switzerland, a town of 4,500 in the north part of the country. Ruut Hanhikorpi is from Tefvalampi, a town of 16,000 near Helsinki, Finland. They are both from cold winter countries with snow, so their homes have thick walls.

Both girls take their shoes off at the door in their home countries; they both play the piano and speak English and German. Simone explained that her Swiss town is four hours from Italy, one hour from Germany, two hours from Austria, and two hours from France. She speaks Swiss German at home, German at school, and knows French and Italian. The second language in Finland is Swedish, which Ruut also speaks. Languages offered in Ruut's school also include French, Russian, and Spanish.

In listing products from their countries, Ruut stated that Finland is famous for the Nokia camera, Fiskars scissors, and for knives. Simone added that Swiss chocolate, pocket knives and watches were top products of

Simone likes hot weather, and her favoite Swiss city

is Tessin in the south near the Italian border. The Swiss booklet she made for her host parents included pictures of mountains, lakes, a hiker who had climbed the Matterhorn 371 times, as well as Albert Einstein who was born in Bern.

"A common drink at a meal in Finland is milk," said Ruut, while Simone said her friends like a fruit drink. Potatoes are basic in both countries, with pasta popular in Switzerland and brown bread and of course fish in Finland, the land with 200,000 lakes.

Active in church in their home countries, both girls said the contemporary church is increasing youth attendance. "We go at 6 p.m. for Sunday night youth service in Helsinki that begins at 8 p.m. to get a seat, with 1,000 attending. We 'hang out' until the serivce," said Ruut. A lot of the churches in Switzerland follow the International Christian Fellowship which includes contemporary music.







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Archaeologists search for Texas plantation remains

HEMPSTEAD, Texas (AP) — Archaeologists are combing through a site about 50 miles northwest of Houston that nearly two centuries ago became Texas' largest plantation and then a staging area for Gen. Sam Houston's troops before the decisive Battle of San Jacinto.

The project that started this summer seeks to detail and preserve remains of Bernardo, a plantation established along the Brazos River in 1822 by Jared Ellison Groce II, one of the "Old Three Hundred" settlers of Stephen F. Austin's colony who received land grants from Spain.

"If you read any of the early documents about the fight for Texas independence, this plantation site figured prominently in that," said Jim Bruseth, director of the Texas Historical Commission's archaeology division. "Anybody of any importance came through here."

Archaeologists from the commission last week brought in supersensitive ground radar and magnetic detection devices that resemble high-tech baby strollers to scan the property and make electronic underground pictures of

what now is a pasture used primarily for grazing horses and cattle.

buildings The Bernardo have long disappeared. An old cistern out of which a tree has grown for years — is the only visible evidence of long-ago generations.

findings Preliminary from the electronic tests show signs of what's believed to be building foundations.

"So far, the remote sensing work is indicating there's some really good intact deposits," Bruseth

The original structures included a 1½-story log house known as the "Big House," quarters for travelers, a detached kitchen and dairy, and a home for an on-site physician who may have been the first doctor in Texas. The Groce family also had a schoolhouse, stables and other structures. Slave quarters included multiple cabins, a kitchen and nursery, a cotton gin and blacksmith shop, and a home for their overseer.

Groce, a native Virginian, had moved to Georgia and then Alabama when Austin's plans for a new colony in Texas — and maybe some angry creditors — persuaded him to relocate his family, livestock, 100 slaves and some 50 wagons to the east bank of the Brazos, just south of Hempstead in Waller County.

He arrived in January 1822 and selected a site that for centuries had been a river crossing, a kind of interstate roadway of the time. During low water periods, a sandstone ledge allowed people to walk across the river or cross easily on horseback.

Evidence of even prehistoric inhabitants dots the riverbank.

Greg Brown, who about nine years ago bought the 1,500-acre ranch that includes the plantation site, has a meatloaf-size tooth from a woolly mammoth one of two he's found along the river.

"I think the interest in Texas history is important for everybody, and if we find something here significant that contributes to that and we know there are some historical things that happened here — I think it's very important to citizens of Texas and historians of Texas," said Brown, publisher of Cowboys & Indians, a magazine about the American West, and owner of a Houston television station.

"This is where plantation history began in Texas," said Light Cummins, the state historian. "This is the first major plantation and, in number of slaves, remains the largest plantation in the Republic of Texas.'

It also became the last major cotton plantation established in the South and marked the old planting South's farthest expansion to the West, he said. "In terms of early history

of Texas, this is where the South became the West," Cummins said. Bernardo is credited as

the site of the first cotton production in Texas, and for historians is significant

Archaeologist Tiffany Osburn uses ground penetrating radar to survey a site Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2009 in Hempstead, Texas, about 50 miles northwest of Houston. Nearly two centuries ago it was Texas' largest plantation, Bernardo, and a staging area for Gen. Sam Houston's troops before the decisive Battle of San Jacinto. (AP Photo/Pat Sullivan)

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War. In 1866, the main

building was dismantled

and the timbers were used

to build another home else-

"From an archaeological

standpoint, that's wonder-

ful," Bruseth said, explain-

ing that abandonment of

the site makes identifying

artifacts easier. "What we

have here is like a time cap-

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Once the electronic scan-

ning is completed, other

researchers headed by the

nonprofit Houston-based

plantation Bernardo."

for its role in the battle that gave Texas independence from Mexico.

By April 1836, Groce had turned over day-to-day running of Bernardo to his son, Leonard, who allowed Houston to camp with his army in the days preceding the battle just outside the city that now bears his

Bernardo also was home to some refugees of what became known as the Runaway Scrape, colonists who fled after the Mexican army led by Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna prevailed in the siege at the Alamo in San Antonio and then marched east, setting up the pivotal San Jacinto battle.

According to the Texas State Historical Association's Handbook of Texas, while Houston was at Bernardo, he took possession of the Twin Sisters, a pair of cannons — made in Cincinnati and paid for by Ohioans sympathetic to the Texans' cause — used at San Jacinto. It was the only artillery in Houston's

Bernardo was inhabited through the end of the Civil

Research Institute will begin painstaking digging based on the electronic maps. Depending on what's found, Bruseth speculated the dig could go on for years. Researchers also have

Community Archaeology

maps drawn around 1930 by Sarah Ann Groce Berlet based on information she remembered from her father, who was Leonard Groce's son. Her greatgrandfather, plantation founder Jared Groce, died in late 1836. Originally buried on the property, his remains and those of other family members later were removed to a cemetery in nearby Hempstead when ownership of the place changed hands.

But the property still includes a cemetery with tombstones marking deaths in the 1840s, making them among the oldest identified gravesites in Texas.

"The artifacts of significance, I certainly don't want to keep them in boxes," said Brown, who legally would own whatever is found. "Anything they think is suitable for the public to see, we probably can make a deal with a museum. We certainly want people interested in this type of artifacts to view them somewhere where it's appropriate."

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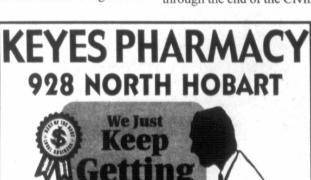
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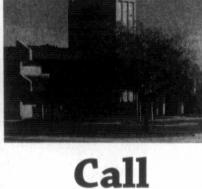




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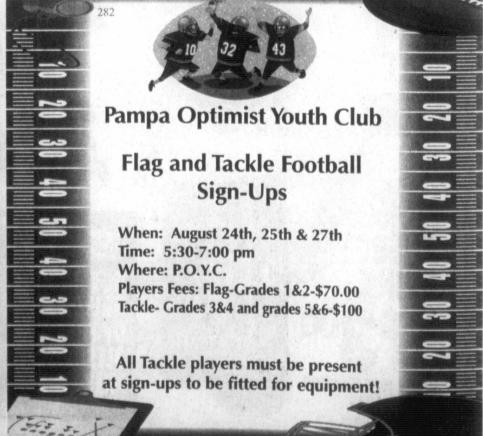
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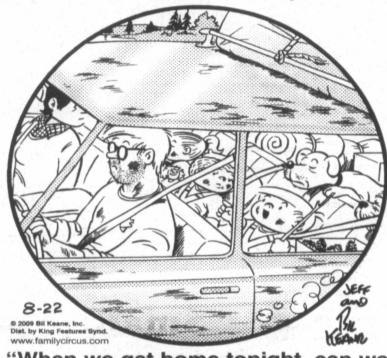
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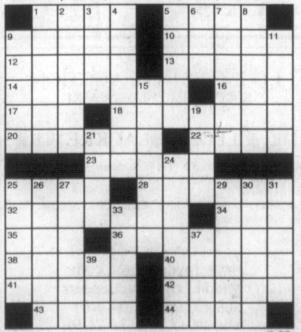
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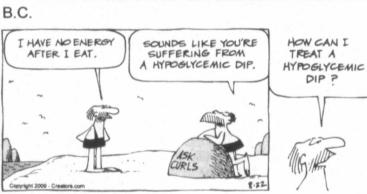


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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Use the first half of the day to

carry a project to fruition. Assume a

strong role in a morning meeting. In the

afternoon, assume a more quiet, obser-

vant stance. You might want to revise

some of your financial thinking. A

change could be in order. Tonight: Vanish

*** Take a much needed stance. If

new information or a different insight

evolves, then by all means, revise your

stance. Your willingness to grow and

spread your wings impresses many.

Listen to information coming in from out

of left field. You might think, "Now

what?" A meeting might be more impor-

tant than you originally thought. Tonight

**** Take in new vistas. You see

what others don't. Step into the

unknown, and accept risk. You'll become

a role model. Others want the end results.

Assume your place in the limelight.
Tonight Working late: (2)
Places (red. 49-March 20)

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

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become a spendthrift.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Aug. 24, 2009 This year, you frequently give off mixed messages. Another area of attention will

be communication. This awareness will encourage more clarity and potential risk-taking. Create the type of security you want. If you are single, someone new will light up your life. Don't try to define this relationship or restrict it; freedom is intrinsic to the joy it gives. If you are attached, the two of you will be happier if you are in sync with each other's goals. Honor your sweetie's, too. SCOR-

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** Work with others and honor

PIO challenges your opinions.

their perspectives and needs. Allow someone else to assume responsibility. A vibrant discussion creates feedback. Follow through on a turning over of responsibility. Tonight: Talk over dinner. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Water St ★★★ You will accomplish a lot more if your mind is focused. Expenditures could be extensive; review costs. Kick

back and consider another way to the

boulder or two. Tonight: Just don't be GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Your imagination bubbles forth and presents another perspective. You can sit on a need for only so long. You seem to have a great time no matter where you are or with whom. A partner or key associate points you in a new

direction. Tonight: Get some extra R and

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

** If you can work from home, do You could be too exhausted for your own good. Frustration might be accumulating. Discard your feelings in an appropriate manner before they become bigger. Others might be provocative and force a new solution. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Tackle a problem head-on. You might have overdone it recently and have to juggle key matters. Be careful with a friend who continually pressures you. Others are unusually provocative, forcing you to go past the normal bar. You do whatever is necessary. Close your door in order to complete some overdue work.

Tonight: Order in. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Balance your budget with your normal sureness and ease. You simply need to know that your house is in order A boss pushes you beyond the boiling point. How are you going to handle the pressure? Tonight: Have a long-overdue

You might have a different opinion but might not be as confident as the person expressing his or her views. Push beyond in order to make time for an important could open new doors. Your budget is

the first at the finish line describes your energy. You will accomplish what you

isn't being said. **BORN TODAY**

focus. Someone throws a tantrum in the background. Did you ignore this person's efforts to engage you in a conversation?

This discussion is meaningful to him of her, if not to you. Tonight: Note what Basketball player Reggie Miller (1965),

actor Steve Guttenberg (1958), musician, composer Ken Hensley (1945)

always a concern. Tonight: Head home. Pay bills. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Slow to start but most definitely

must. Stay centered and keep certain

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Aug. This year, you will become more fiscally conscious, provided you control a need to take risks. You will have a strong, grounded sense of what works - follow it. Some of you might hold two jobs or keep a very hectic pace. Curb a sweet tooth. If you are single, a relationship could open up your life. What you think you want might not be what you want later — be careful with commitments. If

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

LIBRA can cost you a lot of money! Learn to say "no The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll 4-Positive;

you are attached, the two of you connect

on a deep level. Re-create a first date or

another romantic event in your history.

Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-13-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** Others express an unusual intensity. Whether with an older friend or relative or just tackling work, you become convinced that a change in your style is a must. Accept an invitation that puts you with favorite people. Tonight: Just say

This Week: Others continue to dominate Let them

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Opt to complete a project or visit with a child. Detach from the situation

and see what a recent decision brought on. You are encouraged to continue a grounded adjustment between you and others. Kick rigid thinking goodbye. Tonight: Easy works This Week: You will become much more

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ** A roommate or partner needs extra attention. Discussions prove to be animated, but help ground both of you. A sudden decision could pay off, be it to buy a lottery ticket or make a purchase for your home. Tonight: Flip the burgers;

time to barbecue. This Week: A sudden surge of energy might be hard to contain. Use it well. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Make calls to loved ones you don't speak with often. They appreciate your actions. A loved one comes in clos-

er than he or she has in a while. Tonight:

Join friends for dinner. This Week: If you feel frustrated or your anger is bottling up, learn to express it in a way that others can hear. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Weigh the pros and cons of a purchase. You might want to take another look at the necessity or the true use of this item. Invite friends along to go

swimming or play ball. Exercise before

an early dinner. Tonight: Talks could go

till the wee hours. This Week: The time has come to zero in on what you want LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Your smiling personality dis-arms a family member who as of late has been very difficult. Make time for a child or loved one; share a favorite mutual pastime or hobby. Let go of the constraints

of time, and just enjoy the person you are with. Tonight: Whatever makes you This Week: Pressure builds, and fuses short-circuit (possibly yours). Try to express yourself sooner

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** You don't need to share or say anything. If you want to play the recluse, just hide behind the Sunday paper. You could rethink a situation because of a friend's input. You have an opportunity to make amends. Tonight: Be sponta-

This Week: Use Monday for hands-on work. Your mind wants to wander as of SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Get together with friends and loved ones. The more people, the happier you will be. Opportunities come out of conversations. You might be surprised when you kick back and look at the new people you have met today. Tonight Live for now, not for tomorrow This Week: Work with others quietly

while assessing a situation. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** What you have been dealing with could change anyone. Others note a transformation going on. Some might pull back and observe. Let your judgments be sleeping dogs. Check in with an older relative. Tonight: Out and about. This Week: Move important projects

through Wednesday. Meetings could be AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Keep pulling away from situations that don't work for you Opportunities open up when you get what doesn't work out of your life. Don't kid yourself about the importance of a key loved one in your life. Be aware of and be caring to this individual. Tonight:

This Week: Responsibilities demand a lot of attention. Just the same, you accomplish a lot. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Relate to a favorite person on an individual level. You might not want to discuss a situation or get down to the

Follow the music

BORN TODAY

nitty-gritty just yet. Relax and enjoy the loved ones you care about. Tonight Keep that intimate feeling. This Week: Your creativity comes ou this week. It is like a geyser, impossible

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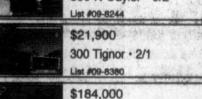


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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — He toiled in California's farm fields alongside his Mexican migrant worker parents and didn't learn English until he was 12. Now Jose Hernandez, NASA astronaut, is about to rocket into orbit.

His parents will be in Florida next week for space shuttle Discovery's launch, as will his two older brothers and sister, who also worked the cucumber, sugar beet and tomato fields back in the 1960s and 1970s.

"A lot of kids loved summer vacation," Hernandez said in a recent interview. "We dreaded it because we knew what that meant. That meant we were going to be working seven days a week in the fields.'

Hernandez, 47, vividly recalls being dusty, sweaty and tired in the back seat of the family's car after a hard day of labor. Before starting the engine, his father would look back at his children and tell them, "Remember this feeling because if you guys don't do well in school, this is your future.'

"That was pretty powerful," Hernandez recalled.

All four took it to heart. Each graduated from high school, "a moral victory" for third-grade educated Salvador and Julia Hernandez, now 71 and 67 years old, respectively. Each went to college, "the icing on the cake," according to their youngest child.

'And of course now being an astronaut, to them that's just unbelievable," said the soon-to-be spaceman. "I think they're higher in orbit than we're going to be in.'

Discovery is scheduled to blast off in the wee hours of Tuesday. Seven astronauts will be on board for the space station supply run, including two Mexican-Americans, as it turns out, and a Swede.

Those who deal with migrant farm workers also are soaring.

"When we see an example like Jose, we are so happy," said Matthew Sheaff, a spokesman for the Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs in Washington. "It's an example that anybody can break the cycle of poverty that they live in."

"It's a great model for these farm worker kids" just now heading home after picking crops this summer, Sheaff added.

Children are, in fact, Hernandez's focus.

He's formed a "Reaching for the Stars" foundation in Stockton, Calif., his hometown, to inspire local youngsters to excel in math, science, engineering and technology.

Whenever he gives motivational talks, "I say, 'Look, I can trade poor stories with the best of you here, and I'll tell you that I'll probably be coming out on the shorter end of the stick than you will."

Each year, the Hernandez family would make the two-day car trip from La Piedad de Cavadas in the central Mexican state of Michoacan to California in March, working their way northward with the crops, until November. Then it was back to Mexico until the next March. The parents insisted their children always attend school.

Hernandez, who was born in French Camp, Calif., remembers asking his second-grade teacher for a couple months' worth of homework when it came time for the family's annual pilgrimage back to Mexico. The teacher urged his parents to set down roots; his father eventually started a trucking business in Stockton.

Two things pointed Hernandez toward space.

During the Apollo moon landings, Hernandez would hold the rabbit ears steady on the family's old black and white TV for good reception. He likes to kid "it's through osmosis that I got to become an astronaut."

Then, during his senior year, he learned of NASA's first Hispanic astronaut, Franklin Chang-Diaz, who was born in Costa Rica.

"I said, 'Hey, if he came from poor, humble beginnings and he became an astronaut, if he can do it, why can't I do it?' " Hernandez said. He gravitated toward math and science because of his English limitations.

Hernandez ended up getting bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering and, in 1987, went to work for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California. He became an expert in X-ray physics, helping to develop the first full-field digital mammography system. And during a stint at the Department of Energy, he helped with the disposal of Russian nuclear materi-

He moved to Houston in 2001 to work at Johnson Space Center as an engineer, working his way up to branch chief. He was selected as an astronaut in 2004, after 12 years of try-

Hernandez now has five children of his own, ages 6 to 14. Wife Adela runs a Mexican restaurant just outside the Johnson gates, aptly called Tierra Luna Grill, Spanish for Earth Moon Grill.

By coincidence, another Mexican-American will be aboard Discovery, thirdgeneration Danny Olivas, who grew up in El Paso,



Jose M. Hernandez, one of six mission specialist candidates in NASA's 2004 astronaut class, poses with a T-38 jet trainer aircraft at Ellington Field. (AP Photo/ NASA)

Texas. It will be the first time two Hispanics fly together in space.

NASA's first bilingual Twittering astronaut, Hernandez — Astro Jose plans to file tweets from space. During the 13-day flight, he will help three of his crewmates suit up for spacewalks and haul thousands of pounds of supplies over from the shuttle.

His space shuttle commander, Rick Sturckow, is as inspired as anybody by Hernandez's story. He, too, grew up in California, on a

turkey and cattle farm.

With his language skills and personal history, Sturckow said, Hernandez is "attracting a new audience to NASA that we might not normally reach otherwise."



Texas Industries, Disney investor group clash

NEW YORK (AP) — Shares of Texas Industries Inc. rose Friday as it clashed publicly with a private equity fund founded by a nephew of Walt Disney.

Roy Disney, noted for his 2005 role in ousting Michael Eisner as head of the Walt Disney Co., founded Shamrock Holdings Inc., a private equity fund that holds a 10.2 percent stake in Dallas-based Texas Industries, a large cement and gravel supplier.

Texas On Oct. 22, Industries shareholders will vote on candidates for three board seats.

Through its Shamrock Activist Value Fund, the Disney group nominated three of its own candidates to the board, as well as proposed three corporate governance changes: yearly elections of all directors; majority voting in all uncontested elections of directors and a referendum on the company's "poison pill" provision.

Currently, Texas Industries staggers elections for its directors and permits the election of an uncontested director nominee without a majority of shareholder votes.

On Thursday, Texas Industries sent a letter to shareholders urging them to not vote for Shamrock's three director nominees or its three proposals.

The letter said Shamrock has not been "constructively responsive" to the company's overtures, made "confusing accusations" and distorted facts around meetings between the two parties.

"We can only conclude that Shamrock is agitating for change of control of the company, which we believe will not serve the purpose of creating additional value for all shareholders," the letter said.

In a Friday telephone call, Clifford Miller, managing director of Shamrock Holdings, characterized the company's letter as "pure fantasy."

Earlier, in regulatory filings, Shamrock said Texas Industries underperforms its peers and characterized the board as "insular and dominated by its current chairman of the board and former chief executive officer, Robert D. Rogers."

In afternoon trading, Texas Industries shares rose \$1.60, or 3.7 percent, to \$44.43. Since June 29, when Shamrock filed its intent to nominate directors, shares have risen more than a third.

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