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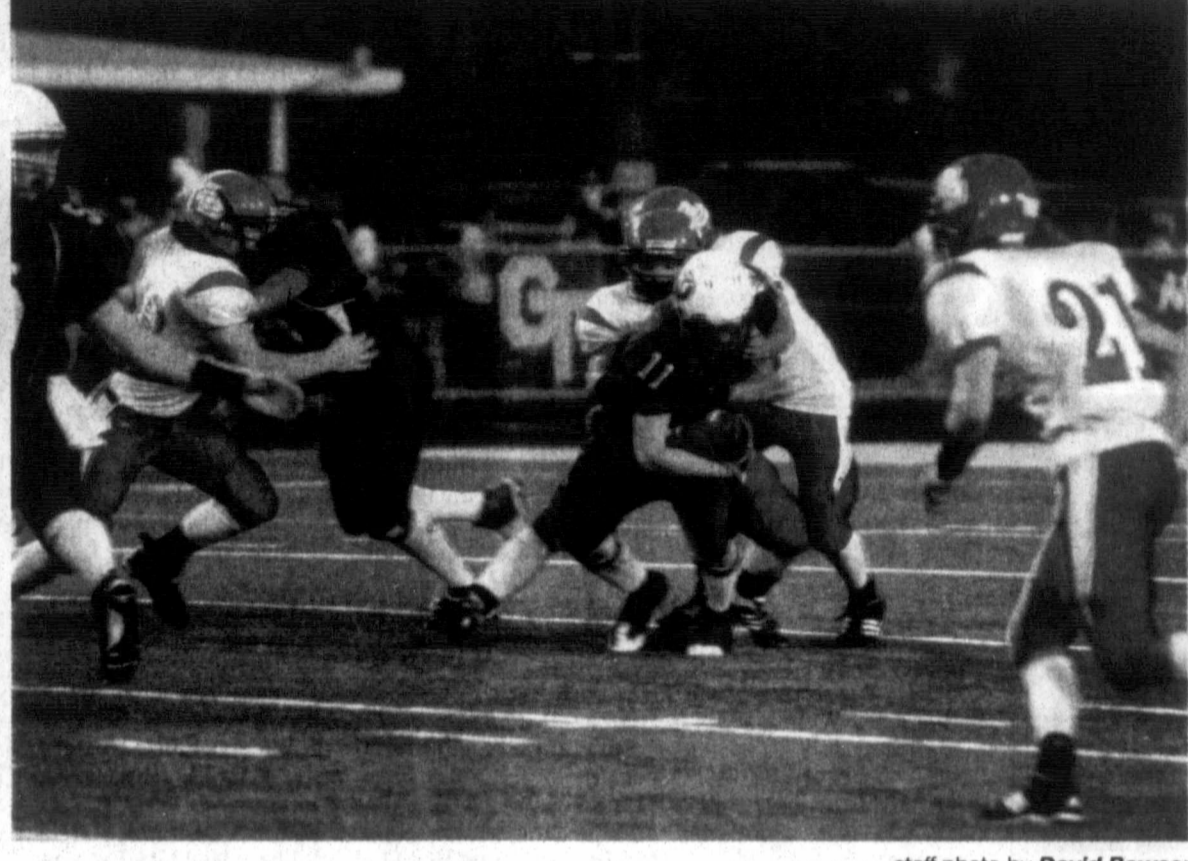
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BULLDOGS BITE



Harvester Nathan Webb (11) tries to find an opening in the line during the Pampa-Borger game at Harvester Field Friday night. Borger won 45-43. For complete game coverage, see page 1B.

Public hearings set for city, county

BY BETSY PHILLIPS
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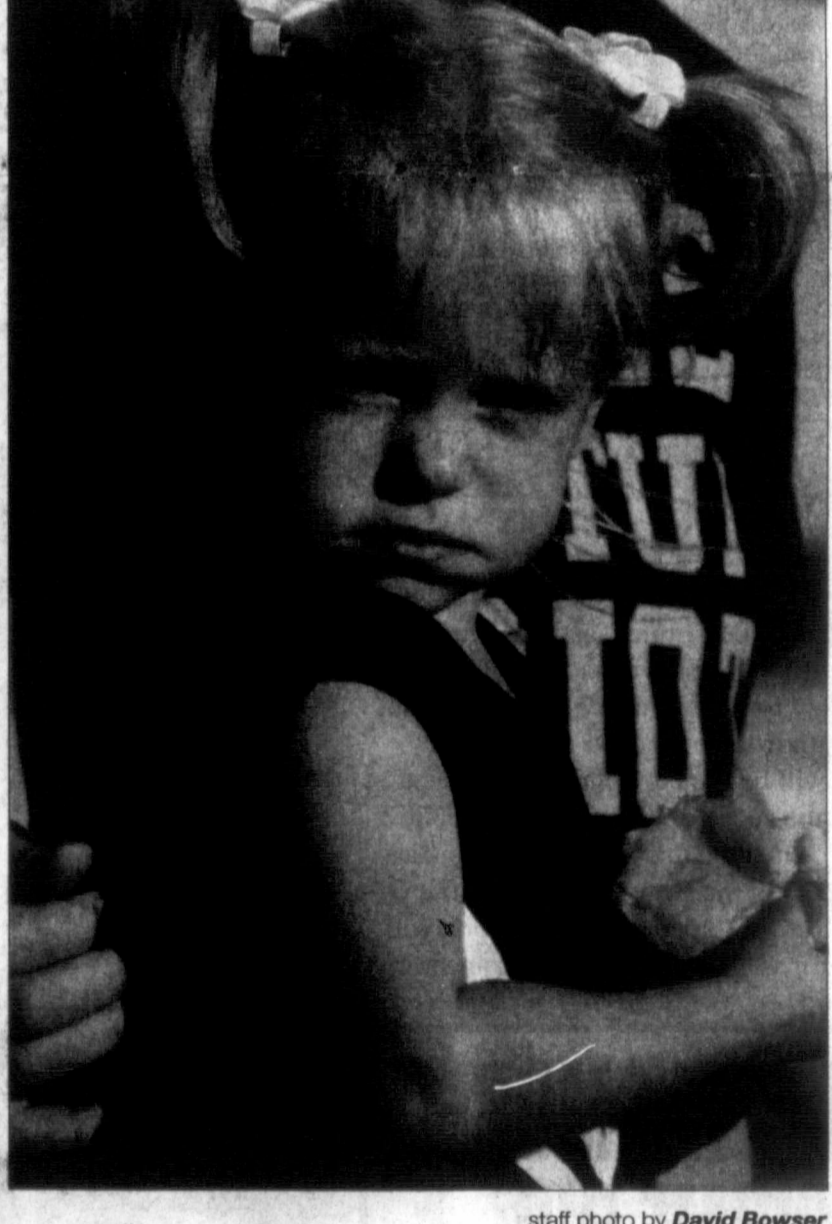
The City of Pampa and Gray County commissions will both hold special meetings that will include public hearings Tuesday, September 1, on their proposed tax rates for the coming fiscal year.

The special session of the Gray County Commissioner's court will begin at 9 a.m. in the county courtroom, 205 N. Russell.

The court will also consider authorizing the issuance of bonds to provide financing for a branch campus facility for Clarendon College.

Pampa City Commissioners will also hear public comment on the proposed 2009-2010 city budget. On the agenda is consideration of a motion to proceed with construction of a new outdoor family aquatic center to be located at Inez Carter Park.

FRIDAY NIGHT TRADITION



Addison Appier, 23 months old, finishes a roll at the Lion's Club dinner in the Pampa High School Parking lot prior to Friday night's game at Harvester Stadium. More photos of opening night events see pages 3 and 6.

Bevy of new laws take effect Tuesday

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Driving the kiddos to school everyday is about to get more complicated in Texas.

That's because a bevy of new state laws that take effect Tuesday target on-the-road safety, particularly for children.

Starting this week, more children will be required to ride in a booster seat. Multitasking parents who handle calls on their way to school will need to use a hands-free device to legally talk on the phone in a school zone. And for those who carpool, everyone in the vehicle will soon be required to wear a seat belt, no matter their age.

They're among hundreds of new state laws that lawmakers adopted during this year's legislative session that take effect Tuesday, the first day of the state's 2010 fiscal year.

New safety requirements "will make people safer," said Tela Mange, spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Public Safety. "I would rather listen to my child complain about sitting in a booster seat than face the consequences if they weren't."

The new booster seat law changes the requirement for children to be secured in a booster seat to those under eight years old or shorter than 4-feet-9 inches. Current law requires booster seats for children under five and shorter

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Hope fades for health care bill compromise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Signaling a fading chance for compromise, a leading Republican negotiator on legislation for a major overhaul of U.S. health care on Saturday criticized Democratic legislative proposals as budget-busters that would reroute spending for the elderly and restrict medical choices.

The criticism from Sen. Michael Enzi echoed that of many opponents of the Democratic plans under consideration in the U.S. Congress. But Enzi's judgment was especially noteworthy

because he is one of only three Republicans who have been willing to consider a bipartisan bill in the Senate.

Unlike most developed nations, the United States does not have universal health care.

Delivering the Republicans' weekly radio and Internet address, Enzi said any health care legislation must lower medical costs for Americans without increasing deficits and the national debt.

"The bills introduced by congressional Democrats fail to meet

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Pair of Texas officials go after Exxon

DALLAS (AP) — A pair of elected officials in Texas is going after Exxon Mobil, a name synonymous with the state, for allegedly stuffing abandoned oil wells with piles of junk, sludge and tools so other companies could not drill in the same places.

The Texas Supreme Court recently reversed a jury's finding that the world's largest publicly traded oil company intentionally wrecked the wells nearly 20 years ago.

The state land commissioner and comptroller, however, don't want Texas to drop the case.

"They sabotaged the wells," said Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, who began a campaign against Exxon in July. "If they're allowed to get away with that, that puts the world on notice: They can do what they want. It's bad public policy."

State Comptroller Susan Combs filed a brief asking the supreme court to rehear the case.

Texas is a huge beneficiary of Exxon's success in the oil patch. The company says it paid nearly \$900 million in taxes and royalties to the state in 2008 and has more than 38,000 employees and retirees living in Texas.

But Combs says future revenue from other energy companies could be endangered if they fear wells are being damaged.

Irving-based Exxon Mobil said it followed standard procedures and denies any sabotage at sites outside of Corpus Christi.

"The allegations are groundless and paint a false and misleading picture," Exxon Mobil spokeswoman Margaret Ross said.

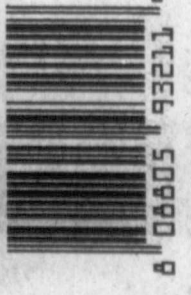
The Texas Railroad Commission, which regulates the oil and gas industry

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		
High 78 Low 59	High 78 Low 59	High 88 Low 65

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 78. South southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 83. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. South southeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 65.

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Parents: Make seasonal flu vaccination a priority

HOUSTON — (Aug. 28, 2009) — While the vaccine for H1N1 (swine) influenza is in the works, parents should get their children vaccinated for the seasonal flu, said an expert at Baylor College of Medicine. "It's logical to get this vaccine out of the way before the H1N1 vaccine is available since school children have the highest rate of spreading the seasonal influenza virus," said Dr. Paul Glezen, professor of molecular virology and microbiology at BCM. Because children are the most likely to introduce the virus into a household, it's important for them to be given the flu shot first. This gives the rest of the population more time to be vaccinated, said Glezen. Despite preparation, some kids might still catch a bug, so it's also important that parents not let their children go to school with

a fever. Teachers should also be alert and send any children with a fever to the nurse. "It's important to isolate the child as soon as possible," said Glezen. "Keeping them at home will prevent the spread of germs to their peers." If the child has flu-like symptoms, parents should seek antiviral treatment for the child to reduce the chance of spread the virus to vulnerable contacts, said Glezen. This is especially important when older adults and those with chronic conditions are in the household. Emphasizing respiratory etiquette is also important. Good respiratory etiquette should include covering nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing - preferably with a disposable tissue and then throwing away the tissue and washing hands.

Obituaries

Margareta "Greta" Miller Arrington, 73

Pampa— Margareta "Greta" Miller Arrington, 73, died August 26, 2009, in Pampa, Texas.

Celebration of Life services will be held at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church at 3 p.m. Tuesday, September 1, 2009, with The Reverend Linda Kelly, rector, officiating, assisted by The Right Reverend Sam B. Hulsey, retired Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas, and The Reverend William Hethcock of Sewanee, Tennessee. Inurnment of ashes will be in St. Matthew's Episcopal Church columbarium. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors. Mrs. Arrington was born December 3, 1935 in Amarillo to the late Bernice Schafer Miller and Lee Roy Miller.

She attended public schools in Pampa until her junior/senior high school years at which time she

attended Ferry Hall in Lake Forest, Illinois, graduating in 1954. She attended the University of Oklahoma and was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority.

On December 27, 1955 she married William Lake "Bill" Arrington of Canadian. They were the first couple to be married in the new St. Matthew's Episcopal Church building at 727 W. Browning in Pampa.

Greta was active in civic affairs and was very involved in St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. She held many positions at St. Matthew's through the years: past chairman and member of St. Matthew's Day School Board, Altar Guild directress, Sr. Warden, Chairman of the Memorial Committee, and served on the vestry. She was a charter member and past president of the Pampa Junior Service League. She served as chairman of the

White Deer Land Museum Foundation and was a member of the Community Concert Board.

She was known for her cooking, entertaining and being the perfect hostess. Greta was a very loving grandmother and was particularly proud of all four of her grandchildren receiving their university degrees.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years: William Lake "Bill" Arrington; a son, William Miller "Buck" Arrington and wife Alexia Reynolds Arrington of Pampa; a daughter, Melanie Lake Arrington Smith and husband Flavious J. Smith, Jr., of Fort Worth; four grandchildren, William Lake Arrington, II, Elizabeth Aston Arrington, William Hulsey Smith, and Peyton Miller Smith; and one sister: Patricia Miller Lively and husband J. Robert Lively of Midland; many cousins, nieces and neph-



Arrington

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to St. Matthew's Memorial Fund, 727 W. Browning, Pampa, Texas 79065, or to the charity of your choice.

Immediately following the services, a celebration and reception honoring Greta's life will be held at 5 p.m. at the Pampa Country Club.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whately.com

Janet Lynn (Bright) Scheller, 42

Janet Lynn Bright Scheller, 42, formerly of Pampa, of Wichita Falls died Friday, July 10 in her home.

Graveside services were held at the Poolville Cemetery on July 15, in

Poolville, Texas. Janet was born June 23, 1967 in Pampa.

Survivors include her mother, Nola Jane Matthews, of Wichita Falls; her father Dale Bright of Fairview Heights,

IL; daughter Elizabeth Thomas of Wichita Falls; son Alexander Scheller of Wichita Falls; two sisters, Angelia Kirkland of Decatur and Donna Bolt of Wichita Falls; three grandchildren, Nicholet Thomas,

William Scheller and Abigail Scheller; one half-sister, Belinda McDonald of Spur; one half-brother, Ronald Bright of Fairview Heights, IL.; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Judge sets date to settle Bush library land clash

DALLAS (AP) — A judge on Friday set a date next month to settle a property dispute between a former condominium owner and Southern Methodist University involving the site of George W. Bush's presidential library.

District Judge Martin Hoffman will hold a Sept. 18 hearing on motions for summary judgment in the case of Robert Tafel, one of two condo owners in the fight with the school. Tafel and Gary Vodicka

reached separate confidential agreements last month with the university to end the dispute. But both men backed out this week, saying SMU tried to expand the deal beyond its original terms. SMU attorneys say Vodicka and Tafel tried to squeeze more money from the university.

"We had a deal and now the interveners are trying to extort more money from SMU," said Lisa Blue, an attorney representing the school. "SMU's position

has always been this is a totally frivolous lawsuit." A date has not yet been set to settle Vodicka's case. He said he expected to file a motion for summary judgment next week.

Tafel's attorney, Larry Friedman, said the judge will rule next month on what the "ingredients" of the deal should be. Then either party can appeal if it disagrees, he said.

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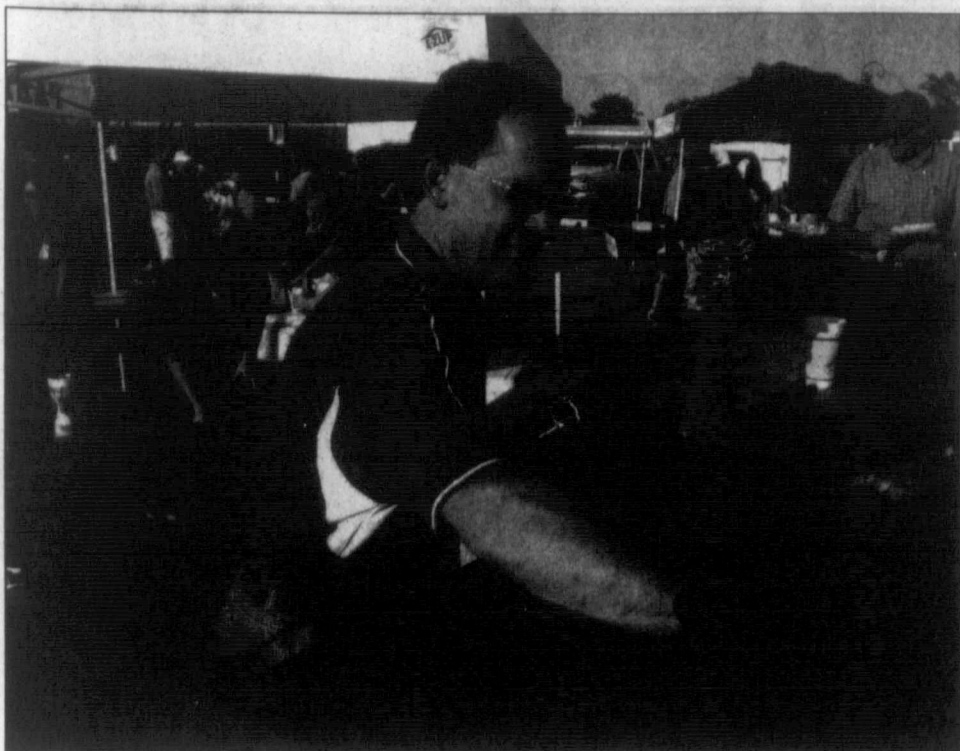
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Kevin Sieck was grilling fresh corn at the basketball booth Friday night at Harvester Stadium. *staff photo by David Bowser*

Laws

than 3 feet tall. Supporters of the bill argued that seat belts do not fit children properly and can injure or kill them in an accident.

Initially, parents will just get a warning for not complying with the law. But starting next June, people who don't follow the law will face a \$25 fine. Subsequent violations could result in fines up to

\$250.

Despite legislative attempts to require hands-free devices for any cell phone use while driving, the law that takes effect Tuesday will only apply to driving in school zones. Local authorities can only enforce the new restriction if signs announcing the ban are posted at the beginning of each school zone.

Teenagers trying to get their first driver's license are going to have a tougher time, too.

Starting Tuesday, the behind-the-wheel driving instruction requirement increases from 14 hours to 34. And they'll once again have to take a driving skills test in addition to the written test.

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Health

these standards," he said. "I heard a lot of frustration and anger as I traveled across my home state this last few weeks," said Enzi, who has been targeted by critics for seeking to negotiate on legislation. "This is big. This is personal.

This is one of the most important debates of our lifetime."

He called for more competition among health insurers, for the ability of small businesses to band together across state lines to negotiate for lower-cost

insurance plans, for tax breaks to help people buy insurance and for reducing malpractice lawsuits.

The debate over health care will resume in Washington after Labor Day.

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Exxon

try, said it's reviewing Patterson's request and will rule soon.

According to state laws governing oilfield procedures, Patterson said, fines against Exxon could reach into the millions of dollars.

The case stems from a dispute between Exxon and land owners over royalties paid for decreasingly productive wells, according to court documents. Negotiations broke down in 1989, and two years later Exxon had plugged the last of the wells.

Smaller drilling companies routinely follow major producers and reopen oil wells that have been plugged after signing new leases with the land owners.

Usually the metal casings near the surface are removed when a well is abandoned. Cement plugs are then inserted to close off the hole.

But when workers with the much smaller company Emerald Oil & Gas tried to re-enter sites in 1994, they found numerous obstructions, including a tool known used to break up well casings that was still loaded with explosives, upside down drill bits, other random tools, steel debris and the gooey remnants of oil tank bottoms, according to lawyers and court records.

"There's only one reason to do that, and that's to make it hard if not impossible to re-enter the well," Patterson said.

Emerald and the land-owners sued, and jurors found Exxon guilty in 1999 of waste, negligence, misrepresentation, breach of lease and fraud. Exxon

was ordered to pay \$18.6 million. An appeals court agreed, but the supreme court overturned all but the fraud charges in March, finding that, not only did Emerald not have proper legal standing in the case because the original lease was between Exxon and the land owners, but the statute of limitations had expired.

The fraud case relating to documents that show how the wells were plugged has been sent back to a lower court.

Some energy experts have a hard time believing that a company like Exxon would maliciously damage wells.

"The public relations damage would cost more than to buy the whole well or the whole land," said Fadel Gheit, an analyst with Oppenheimer & Co. "To me it doesn't make any sense. I'm not saying Exxon's perfect, but they have a procedure. You can't just abandon a well in the middle of the night and run away."

Exxon Mobil said the problem was Emerald's inexperience in re-entering wells.

William Joseph, an attorney for Emerald and some land owners, said he's

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never seen such extensive damage at a well in more than 30 years of energy law. He said the only possible reason a well would be plugged in such a way was to intentionally damage it.

Emerald tried to re-enter more than 30 wells, but many had to be abandoned, Joseph said.

"There was some production that occurred, but it was far less than was anticipated," he said.

Both Patterson and Exxon have fired off terse letters to the Railroad Commission as the case progresses.

In one letter, Exxon said Patterson was "gravely misinformed" and said his comments before the commission were "rife with false statements, exaggerations, misrepresentations about court actions."

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Adult ESL Orientation- September 10th 5:30 pm Clarendon College



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Today in History

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- Highlights in history on this date:
- 1533 - Spanish conqueror Francisco Pizarro gives Atahualpa, last Incan king, a choice of being burned at the stake or converting to Christianity. He converts and is strangled the same day.
 - 1756 - Frederick II of Prussia invades Saxony, marking start of Seven Years' War.
 - 1945 - U.S. General Douglas MacArthur leaves Manila for Japan to accept Japanese surrender.
 - 1957 - U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond from South Carolina then a Democrat, ends a filibuster against a civil rights bill by talking for more than 24 hours.
 - 1960 - Jordan's Premier Hazza el-Majali is assassinated.
 - 1965 - U.S. astronauts L. Gordon Cooper and Charles Conrad make safe landing after a record eight days of orbiting around Earth in Gemini 5.

'Whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad.'

— Euripides, Greek poet

of them force their way onto a jet and demand to go to Miami. They surrender the next day.

1983 - U.S. Veterans Administration announces tests of 85,000 Vietnam vets reveal no adverse health effects related to Agent Orange exposure.

1991 - Soviet lawmakers suspend Communist Party activities nationwide and freeze its bank accounts because of party's role in failed coup attempt.

1992 - The last Russian diplomats pull out of Kabul, ending a decade of involvement in Afghanistan.

1994 - Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization sign an early empowerment accord under which Israel agrees to transfer administrative powers throughout the West Bank to the Palestinian National Authority.

2000 - Six former hostages released after months in captivity in the Philippines arrive in Libya, which had taken the lead in negotiations to win their freedom from their Muslim rebel captors.

2003 - A large car bomb explodes outside the Imam Ali Mosque in Najaf, Iraq. The explosion killed at least 80 people, including Ayatollah Mohammed Bakir al-Hakim, a top Shiite Muslim cleric.

2005 - Hurricane Katrina flows into the below-sea-level U.S. city of New Orleans with 145-mph winds and rain that submerges neighborhoods up to the rooftops as it moves into the state of Mississippi.

Today's Birthdays:
 Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres, French painter (1780-1867); John Locke, English philosopher (1632-1704); Maurice Maeterlinck, Belgian author (1862-1949); Ingrid Bergman, Swedish actress (1917-1982); Charlie Parker, U.S. jazz musician (1920-1955); Slobodan Milosevic, Yugoslav president and war crimes suspect (1941-2006); Michael Jackson, American pop star (1958-2009); Rebecca DeMornay, U.S. actress (1962--).



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Stand against federal land grab

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and Nolan Ryan

Baseball is a game of inches. If the placement of a pitch is even slightly off, it could mean the difference between a home run and a strikeout. Similarly, writing laws requires precision. The smallest modification in the wording of a bill can alter the entire meaning of the legislation and change its impact on communities and taxpayers.

The Clean Water Restoration Act is a critical piece of legislation that hinges entirely on one word: "navigable." In 1985, this sweeping law was enacted to keep our nation's navigable waters — those used for commerce or transportation — free from pollution and safe for use. To date, waters falling under Environmental Protection Agency jurisdiction as prescribed by the original Clean Water Act have included permanent, standing or continuously flowing waters, such as oceans, rivers and lakes.

However, Congress is debating a bill that would strike that key word, "navigable," from the law. Of the 2,308 words in the legislation, "navigable" is the most consequential one. If the bill governs navigable waters, then we have good policy that protects

the clean water that we all value and is critical to the livelihood of millions of America's farms and ranches. But taking out that word turns good policy into the largest federal land grab in our nation's history.

By striking the limitation to navigable waters, virtually all water would fall under government control. That means streams, creek beds and drainage ditches on the Ryan family ranch — and every other ranch or farm in the country — would be regulated by the government.

This is an egregious infringement of private-property rights, and it interferes with the property management and business operations of our thriving agriculture industry.

It defies common sense for farmers and ranchers to have to apply for a permit with the EPA to access their own water, on their own land for their own personal use.

Farmers and ranchers must be good stewards of the environment because they strive to produce a more abundant and affordable supply of food for Americans and consumers around the world. They must preserve the land, while simultaneously dealing with unpredictable weather patterns, such as the dangerous drought

conditions currently facing much of Texas.

Furthermore, expanding the reach of the government compromises the strong partnership that currently exists between federal, state and local entities. For nearly 25 years, all levels of government have efficiently worked together to protect millions of miles of rivers, streams, lakes, wetlands, ponds and estuaries.

But if the federal government seizes control of "intrastate waters," rather than "navigable waters," as some in Congress aim to do, local communities will also find themselves under the thumb of bureaucracy. This will remove the flexibility of states, cities and counties for efficient planning. They will be forced to answer to the federal government for land- and water-use decisions that are best made at the state and local level.

Texans have always taken great pride in cultivating and preserving our land. We are committed to the conservation of our nation's rich resources, including every precious drop of water on every farm and ranch in Texas. After all, water is the lifeblood of these industries.

Americans will not take kindly to the government exerting control over that land. The proposed expansion



Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

sion of the Clean Water Restoration Act is just another form of abusing private-property rights, and we intend to do everything in our power to prevent this bill from becoming law.

For the agriculture industry, the removal of that one word, "navigable," will change the game in a devastating way. Just like that unfortunate pitch to Daryl Strawberry at the bottom of the fifth inning of Game 5 of the 1986 National League Championship Series was just an inch off.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. senator from Texas. Nolan Ryan is a Hall of Fame pitcher and cattle rancher from Georgetown.

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Letters to the editor

To the editor,
 I am disturbed that we have a good man with good intentions in the White House, doing what any President would attempt to do to help millions of suffering people and being accused of treason while he works.

The high percentage of people that are buying into the propaganda that "he is leading the country to a dictatorship or worse," overwhelms me.

I doesn't bother me that

these people want their "Pay Yourself Insurance" programs and care nothing about the fateless children; what bothers me is that they believe in their delusional minds that helping the poor with free insurance in Unamerican. They see doing the things President Roosevelt and President Johnson did as evil and against American freedom.

Roosevelt and Johnson set up "free" programs to feed, clothe, heal and

provide jobs for millions of Americans. This was insurance against sickness and death. Whatever arguments people use against the President's agenda, he is doing nothing more or less.

The country will not be taken over by facism, communism or Nazism, by the U.S. government ahndling the health care system.

That reasoning is sick and should be discouraged. Hopefully this widespread delusion will come

to a halt.

My comments are addressing what I have heard here locally in the last six months. People here slam this president with absolutely nothing but propaganda to base it on. Again, view this as paranoia and propaganda of sick minds.

Edgar R. Barton
Pampa

We welcome your letters

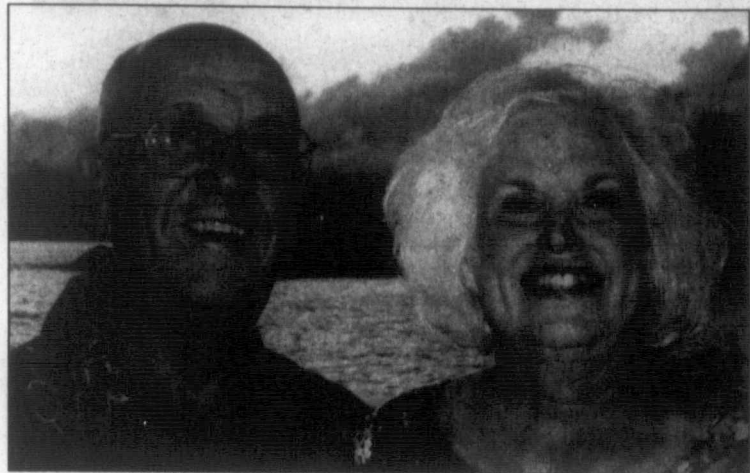
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Around town

Howard's celebrate 50th anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Howard of Pampa recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Maui, Hawaii. The Howard's son and daughter, along with their families went with the couple to celebrate. Leslie Howard and the former Patricia Weatherly were married August 27, 1959 at the First United Methodist Chapel in Pampa. The couple have resided in Pampa for 40 plus years. They have a son, Blake Howard and wife Toni of Pampa and a daughter, Karie James and husband Richie of Lubbock. They also have four grandchildren, Ryan and Kelsi James of Lubbock and Logan and Jaden Howard of Pampa. Les and his son Blake are co-owners of Howard Construction of Pampa. Patricia is a retired medical receptionist.

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Beets
Beans
Slaw
Tossed Salad
Jello Salad
Black Forrest Cake or Apple Cobbler
Hot Rolls or Cornbread

Tuesday

Ham Salad or Chili Rellenos/Cheese Sauce
Scalloped Potatoes
Yams
Cheese Hominy
Pinto Beans
Slaw, Tossed Salad, Jello Salad
Ugly Duckling Cake or Coconut Creme Pie
Hot Rolls or Cornbread

Wednesday

Roast Beef Brisket/ Brown Gravy or Cook's Choice
Mashed Potatoes
Peas
Carrots
Butter Beans,
Slaw, Tossed Salad,
Jello Salad
Butter Pecan Cake or Cherry Creme Pie
Hot Rolls or Cornbread

Thursday

Chicken Strips or Liver N' Onions
Sour Creme Potatoes
California Blend
Fried Okra
Beans
Slaw, Tossed Salad, Jello Salad
Angel Food Cake or Fruit topping or Vanilla Pudding
Cups
Hot Rolls or Cornbread

Friday

Catfish & Hushpuppies or Cabbage Roll Casserole
Potato Wedges
Green Bean Casserole,
Beans,
Slaw,
Tossed Salad, Jello Salad
Turtle Brownies or Tapioca Cups
Garlic Breadsticks, Hot Rolls, Cornbread

Pampa Meals on

Wheels

Regular

Monday August 31

Chicken Sandwich
Tator Tots
Lettuce/Tomatoes
Applesauce

Tuesday Sept. 1

Stew
Peaches
Cornbread

Wednesday Sept. 2

Roast
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Corn

Thursday Sept. 3

Banana Bread
Chicken Chow Mein
Egg Roll
Rice/ Oriental Veg.
Jello

Friday Sept. 4

Salmon
Macaroni/Cheese
Pickled Beets
Apricots

PISD

Monday-August 31

PBJ or (Grilled Cheese Travis only) or Pizza
Sliced potatoes
Sliced carrots
Mixed fruit
Breakfast
Oatmeal toast

Tuesday-September 1

Spaghetti or chicken Nuggets
Green beans
Tossed salad
Pineapple tidbits
Garlic toast
Breakfast
French toast sticks

Wednesday-September 2

Popcorn Shrimp or Cheese Nachos
Corn
English peas
Applesauce
Breakfast
Breakfast Pizza

Thursday-Sept. 3rd

Mini twin cheeseburgers or

steak fingers
Pinto beans
Broccoli florets
Fresh fruit
Gelatin
Breakfast
Biscuit, sausage patty

Friday-Sept. 4th

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Breakfast
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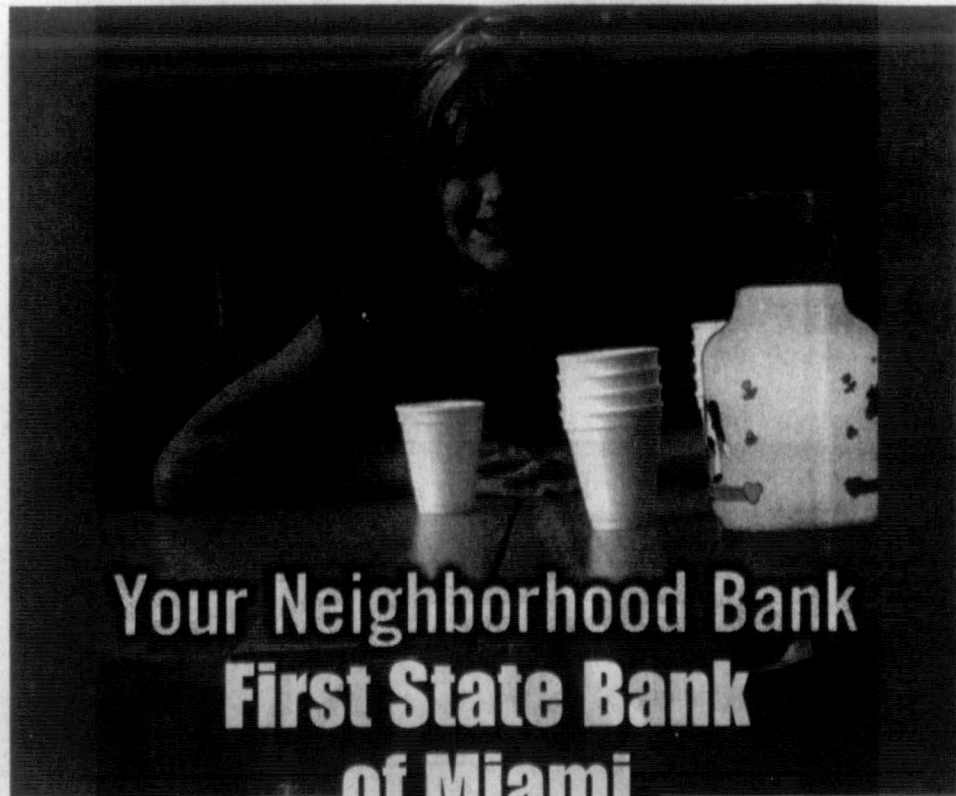
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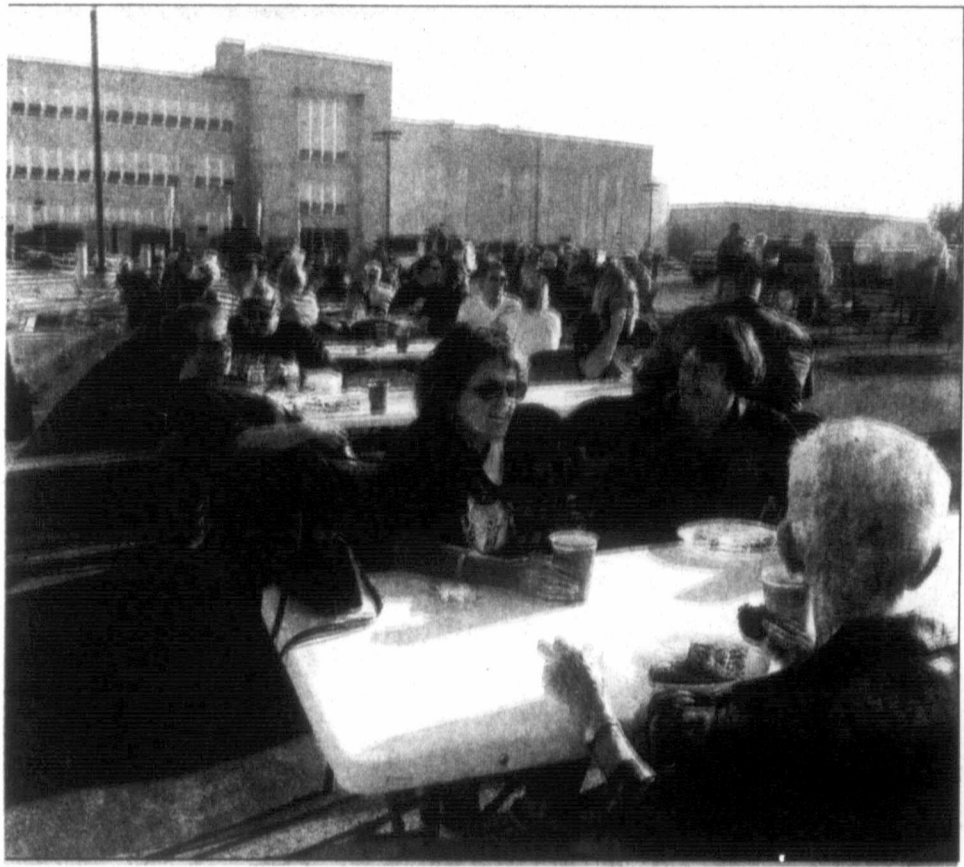
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The stands were full at Harvester Stadium Friday night for the opening game of the season against Borger.



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Shannon Loer, Ann Loter and Maxcine Chase in the foreground enjoy a picnic dinner courtesy of the Pampa Lion's Club in the New Pampa High School parking lot before Friday night's football game against Borger.

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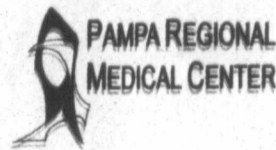
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Sports

Pampa loses close season opener 45-43

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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Before the season started, Pampa head coach Heath Parker said he anticipated an electric atmosphere in the season opener.

Parker anticipated correctly. The Pampa side of the stands was packed, a lot of people from Borger turned out for an exciting game.

However, the game did not go Coach Parker's and the Harvesters way, losing 45-43 to the Borger Bulldogs.

Parker said he felt bad for his players having to experience a loss, but knows his team can learn from it.

"I do know you learn more from a loss than a win," Parker said. So hopefully we will learn from this and chose to improve and get better for Friday."

Borger's head coach Rusty Purser said the game was really fun and was impressed with Pampa's competitiveness.

"They did a really good job of coming back and making us play in a new game," Purser said.

Borger (1-0) scored first in the game. After both team's opening drives stalled, Shevoe Clement put the Bulldogs on the board with a nine-yard run. Albert Gutierrez missed the extra point, keeping Borger's lead at 6-0.

The Bulldogs added to their lead at the end of the first quarter. Trent Kirklín completed a 75-yard pass

to Andrew Murga. Borger tried for two-points but their run failed.

Borger scored on another long yardage play, when Kirklín broke an 85-yard run. Gutierrez missed the extra point, giving Borger an 18-0 lead 25 seconds into the second quarter.

Purser said his team wanted to force the ball down the field.

"We wanted to spread the field whether that was a big pass or run," Purser said

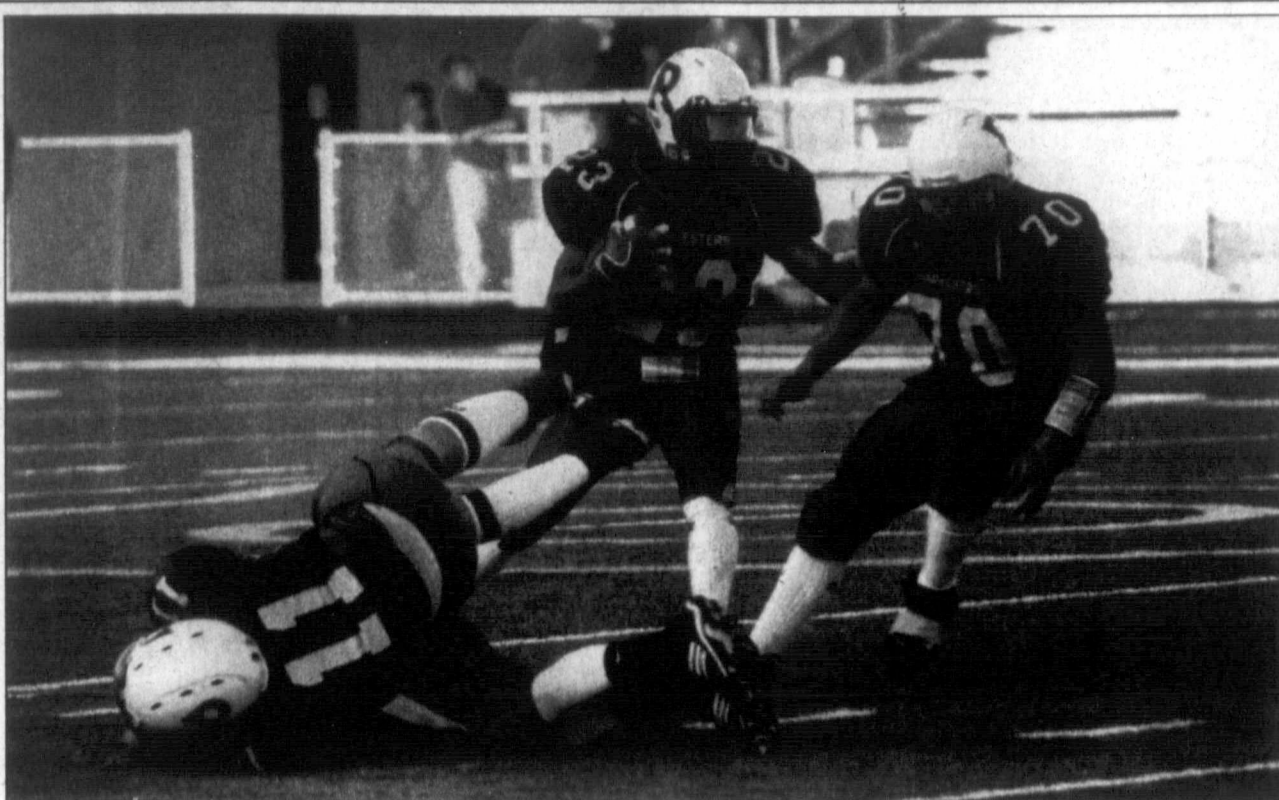
The Harvesters (0-1) got on the board, with 3:39 left in the second. Alex Clendening completed a screen pass to Kendrick Alexander, that Alexander took for a 65-yard touchdown. Adams made the extra point pulling the Harvesters within 11.

Clendening said the coach knew Borger was going to the strong side.

"So we were just running away from them. The line got good blocks. Kendrick ran the ball pretty good. He ran a long way, he did a good job."

Just as quickly as Pampa got back in the game, Borger took the momentum again. Ty Brown received the kickoff and reversed it to Jeremiah Jones, Jones kept his balance along the sideline and ran for a 75-yard touchdown. Gutierrez made the extra point to put Borger ahead 25-7.

Parker said the big plays were the result of



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Harvesters Nathan Webb (11) and Jonathan Romo (70) open a hole for Ryan Jimenez (23) early in the Pampa-Borger game at Harvester Field Friday night.

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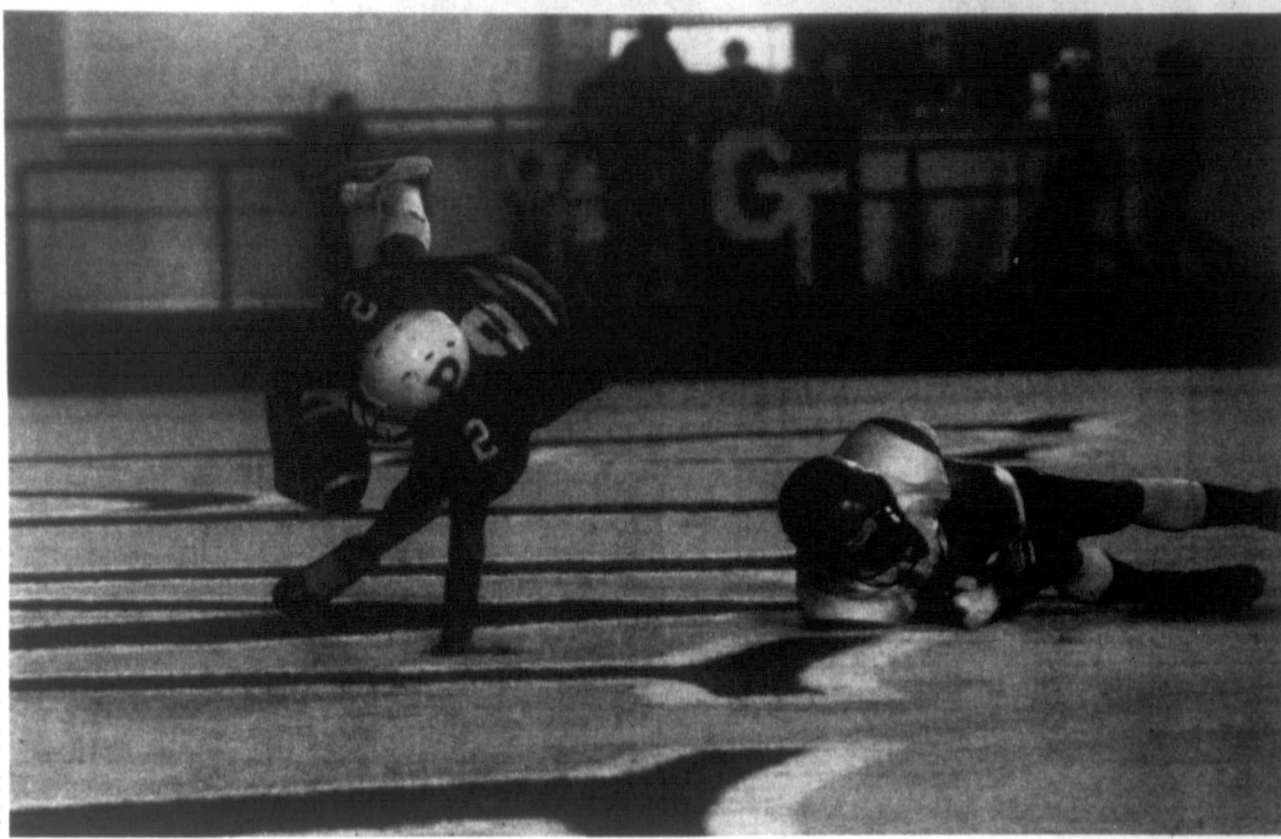
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Harvesters



Harvester Garrett Ericson (2) puts Pampa on the scoreboard with a reception of a pass during Friday night's game against Borger. The final score was Borger 45, Pampa 43.

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Game

his defense over-pursuing and not protecting cut-back lanes.

"We have given up more big plays in the last three weeks than any defensive unit I've been a part of," Parker said. "Almost all of it is cutback. That's not a negative thing to the kids. The kids are trying to play hard, trying to run fast."

After Borger's last touchdown momentum started shifting to the Harvesters. Pampa's passing game got going, and Clendening found Garrett Ericson in the end zone for 23-yard touchdown. With 20 seconds left in the half, Clendening completed a 21-yard touchdown pass to Michael Fisher. Clendening ran the ball in for the two-point conversion. The Harvesters trailed 25-22 at half time.

Clendening said the team knew they had to put points on the board.

"We ended up doing that," Clendening said. The defense made some stops, so that was really good for us. We were able to get close in the first half and even in the second half."

Erik Ramirez said the defense played harder and faster after Borger got the early lead.

"We started making plays," Ramirez said. "We stopped the run and the pass."

In the second half,

Pampa didn't take any time to score. With only a minute and a half gone in the third, Clendening completed a 13-yard touchdown pass to Corbin Clifton. Colten Adams made the extra point giving Pampa a 29-25 lead.

Borger answered right back. Kirklín completed a 20-yard pass to Dylan McKinney to give Borger a 32-29 lead.

The Harvesters got the lead one more time. Clendening ran for a six-yard touchdown giving Pampa a 36-32 lead.

Pampa didn't have the lead for long. On the kick-off, Pampa received a personal foul, giving the Bulldogs the ball at the Harvester 41. Clement immediately ran the ball 41 yards to put the Bulldogs ahead for good, 39-36.

In the fourth quarter, both teams scored touchdowns and Borger was ahead 45-43 with a little over five minutes left. After the Harvesters allowed a couple of first downs, they had a great opportunity to get the ball back with two minutes left in the game. But Kirklín gained 19 yards on third down and 15 to extend the Bulldogs drive. Pampa eventually stopped them getting the ball back at their own 31 with 19 seconds left in the game. Clendening threw an incomplete pass and was

sacked to end the game. Borger students rushed the field and celebrated with their team after the game.

Parker was pleased with the way his team responded in the game especially after the first half.

"I felt we weren't playing with enough passion in the first half and challenged them to do that," Parker said. "I felt that we absolutely did that in the second half, giving themselves a chance to take over that game."

Parker said his team had a couple of opportunities in the second half to put the game away.

"We had two opportunities offensively to put the game away in the second half, with an opponent that was fully motivated at the time. "And we ended up having to punt on both of those possessions that was really disappointing"

Clendening completed a 23 of 39 passes for 386 yards, five touchdowns and one interception. Parker said he was pleased with his quarterbacks perfor-

mance but said the rest of the offense needs to work on their timing.

"Alex has such a good arm," Parker said. "Our timing is not good yet with our passing game. Our spatial patterns are not good yet with our passing game. I probably need to be a little bit more patient with these kids. At the same time the scoreboard is on, the popcorn machine is plugged in and we are playing football. So we got to grow up in a hurry and get our timing down."

Pampa travels to Lubbock Friday, to take on the Matadors. Parker said his team needs to correct things and improve on the things they did well.

"We go to work on correcting everything we need to correct that's really hurting us," Parker said. "But more importantly than that the things that we emerged to be good at tonight, we really need to improve on those things this week. So we can give something difficult for our opponent to handle."



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 22-year-old male who has never been in a serious relationship. About six months ago, I went away to grad school and met a girl. We have become good friends. We talk a lot and I flirt, but I'm not sure if she's flirting back.

She laughs at my stupid jokes and touches me when we joke around, but I think she may regard me as just a friend. I enjoy having her as a friend, but I can't stop thinking about how I'd like to be more than just friends. Should I take the chance and tell her how I feel and risk our friendship -- or let things remain the way they are? -- WANTS MORE IN NEW JERSEY DEAR WANTS MORE: Take the chance and tell her. Faint heart never won fair lady. A clue that she might be mutually attracted to you is the fact that she touches you.

If she isn't attracted to you, you can still be friends -- but you'll be psychologically free to look elsewhere for romance. Please write back and tell me what happens -- I'm dying to know.

me sick. She's getting a free ride at my parents' expense.

I promised Lindy I'd keep her secret, but I think what she's doing is wrong and has the potential to hurt my parents financially and emotionally. I am tempted to tell them anyway. How do you think I should handle this? -- I'VE GOT A SECRET IN UTAH DEAR GOT A SECRET: You should strongly encourage your sister to level with your parents for the reasons you stated. But do not betray her confidence because if you do, she will never confide in you again. It's not as though Lindy is on drugs, unmarried and pregnant or in a life-threatening situation. Your parents will find out eventually, and she'll face the music then.

DEAR ABBY: Whenever my brother sees a family member eat something unhealthy (salty chips, ice cream, etc.), he thinks it's OK to comment on what we're eating and what it will do to our bodies. I think it is rude.

We know that not everything we eat is perfectly healthy, but we know to eat these things in moderation. (None of us is overweight, by the way.)

My brother claims he makes these comments because he "cares about us," but I think it's rude to do it while we're eating. What do you think? -- CHRISTINA IN FAIRFIELD, OHIO

DEAR CHRISTINA: I agree. There is nothing so hard to swallow as unasked-for advice, particularly when you're eating. Your brother may mean well, or he may be a know-it-all, but his timing is off. Ignore him, and when he sees he doesn't get a rise out of you, he'll stop.

Notice

Gray County Indigent Health Care will use the following rules to comply with its responsibility under the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act.

Application can be requested at 205 N. Russell, Pampa. Assistance in completing the application will be provided if needed. Contact Sandra Martin for assistance.

Gray County Indigent Health Care will use rules and procedures found in the County Indigent Health Care Program Handbook published by the Texas Department of Health. In summary, these rules are:

1. Application forms must be completely filled out, signed and dated.
2. Verification of income is required. Verification of residence, household composition, and resources is required, if questionable.
3. Maximum countable income cannot exceed:

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8	\$648	\$1,543
9	\$714	\$1,698
10	\$779	\$1,854
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12	\$910	\$2,166

4. Total countable resources and assets cannot exceed \$2,000 or \$3,000 if the household contains a relative who is aged or disabled. The value of a car greater than \$4,650 is counted against the \$2,000 limit. Personal possessions and homestead are exempt assets.

5. Eligible persons must be a resident of Gray County.

6. Applicants must provide all information and documentation that is requested.

7. Applicants must apply for any other program for which they are potentially eligible. The county program is payer of last resort.

8. Applicants have the right to appeal denials.

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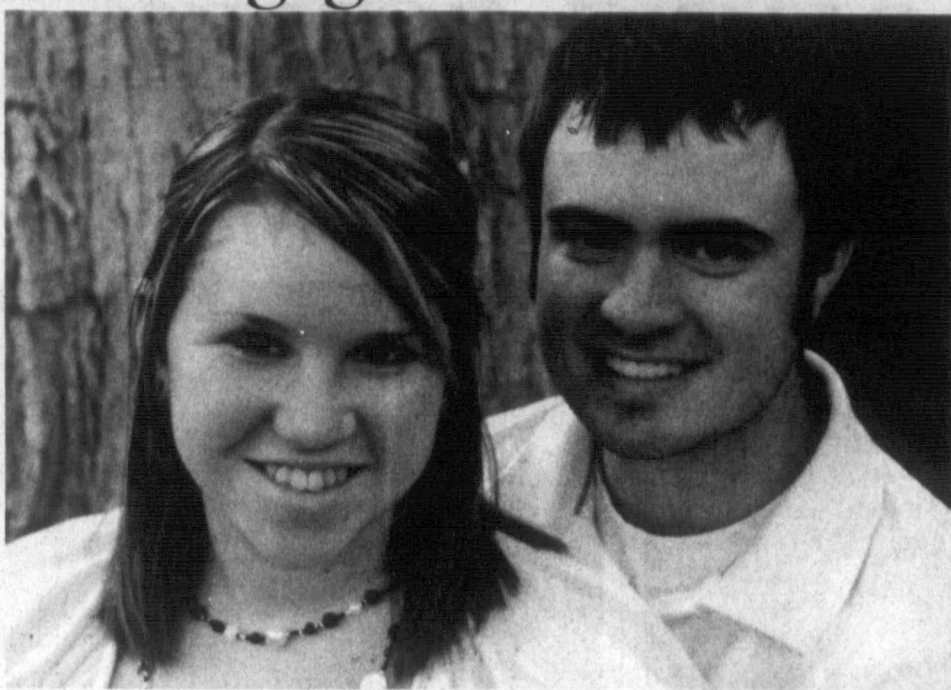
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Snow, Novian engagement announced

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 A&M University. The



Stacianne Novian and Cody Snow

groom to be will graduate in May 2010 with a degree in Sports and Exercise Sciences with the 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.

Robert and Ruby Adcock celebrate 50th anniversary

On August 20th Robert and Ruby Adcock recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They were married in the Broadway Church of Christ chapel in Lubbock in 1959.

The couple were honored with a barbecue luncheon at the Trinity Fellowship Church on August 15, hosted by their four chil-

dren. Only family members including their children, four grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews attended the luncheon. Two of Ruby's sisters presented the couple with 50 golden roses.

During the luncheon their oldest son presented a slide show of the family. After the luncheon the fam-

ily returned to the couple's home for a few hours of fellowship and an evening meal of soup and cobblers prepared by Ruby's sister and niece. The day concluded with the family gathering in the back yard for a singing session. It was a day that Robert and Ruby will cherish for the rest of their lives.



Texas liquor board fires 3 over raid on gay bar

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Texas' liquor board fired two agents and a supervisor, disciplined two other supervisors and changed several policies in the wake of a raid at a gay bar that left a customer seriously injured and led to protests, officials announced Friday.

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission said agent Christopher Aller and agent trainee Jason Chapman, who participated in the June 28 raid at the Rainbow Lounge, were fired Friday. Their supervisor, Sgt. Terry Parsons, was not at the Fort Worth bar that night but also was fired, effective Sept. 2.

Aller and Chapman failed to report that they used force when arresting the customer or that he was seriously injured, according to a report on the agency's investigation released earlier this month. They also were accused of participating in the raid without their supervisor's approval, disrupting the business during the

raid and wearing improper attire, the report states.

Parsons failed to ensure that the agents submitted a report on using force during the arrest, did not take appropriate action after learning they didn't wear proper attire and did not notify supervisors that multiple arrests had been made that night, the report states.

The commission said Parsons' direct supervisor, Lt. Gene Anderson, would

be suspended without pay for three days and be on probation for six months, and Capt. Robert "Charlie" Cloud, who oversees the Dallas and Fort Worth TABC offices, has received a written reprimand. Both inadequately monitored new agents' training and inadequately supervised Fort Worth employees and their activities, the agency said.

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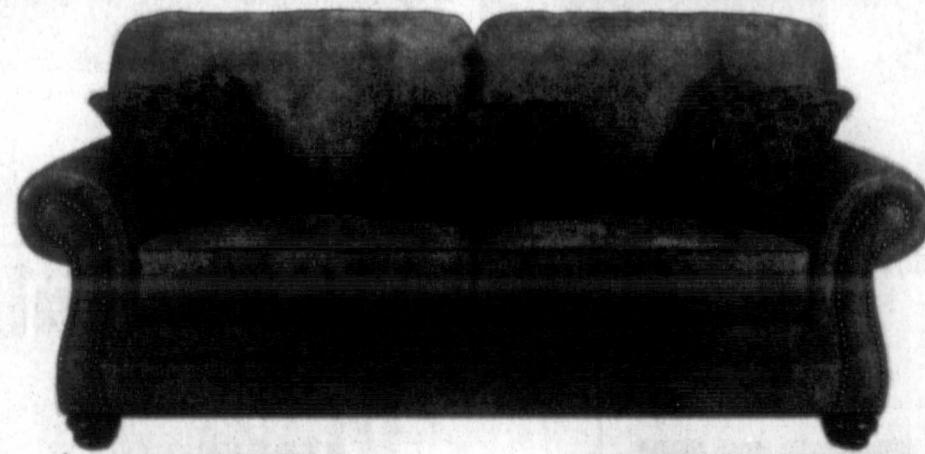
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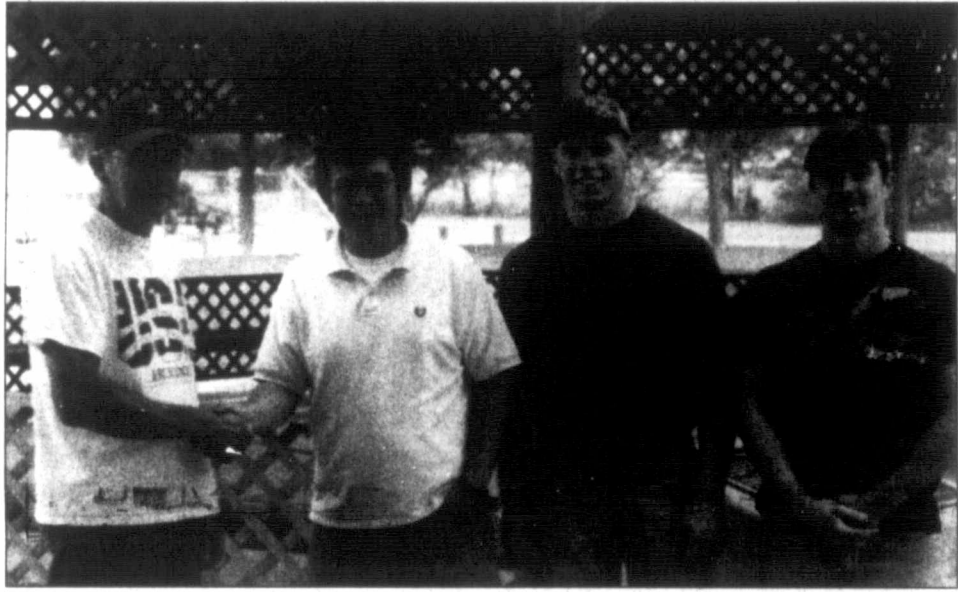


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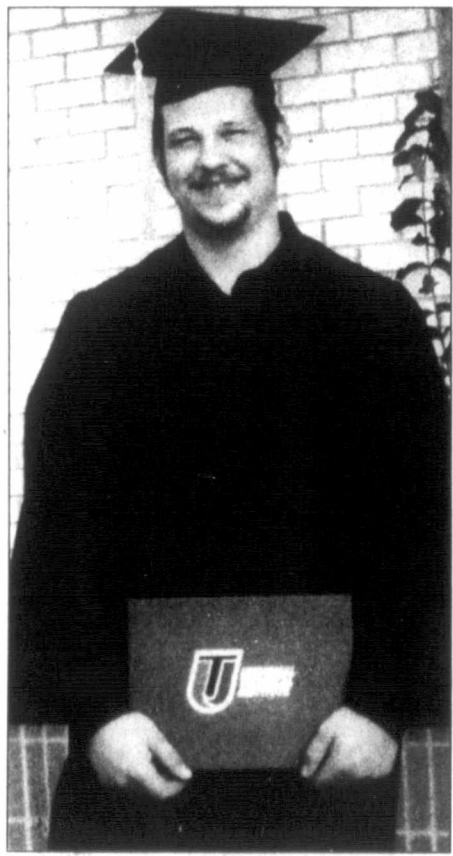
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The High Plains Cruisers, a committee of eight couples who bring us the Burnin' of the Bricks in June car show and drag races, have announced the winners of scholarships provided from the proceeds

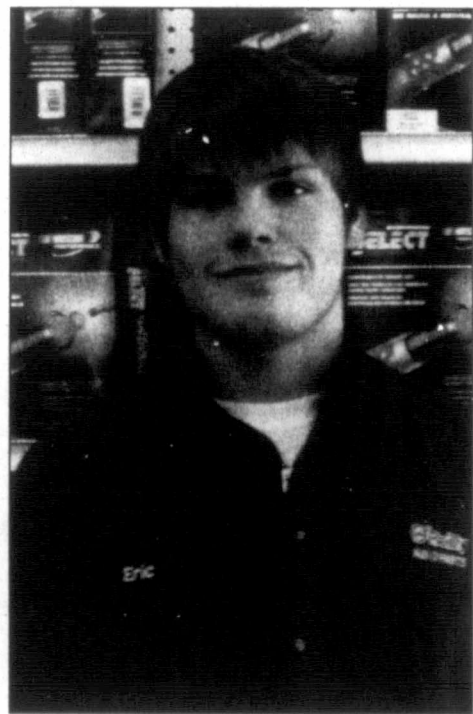
of these events. In the last six years, the cruisers have awarded a total of \$18,000 to area youths who are graduating Pampa High seniors enrolled in an automotive vo-tech school.



Winfred Simmons congratulates HPC scholarship winners Conrad Mungia, Tanner Cochran and Austin Bruner.

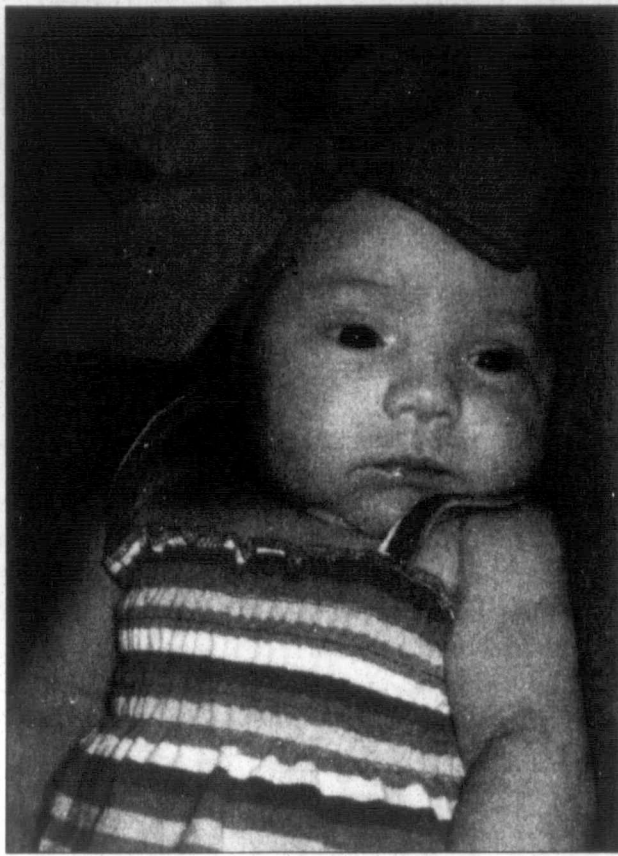


Daniel Gatlin was awarded an HPC scholarship.



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Circle of Friends fundraiser

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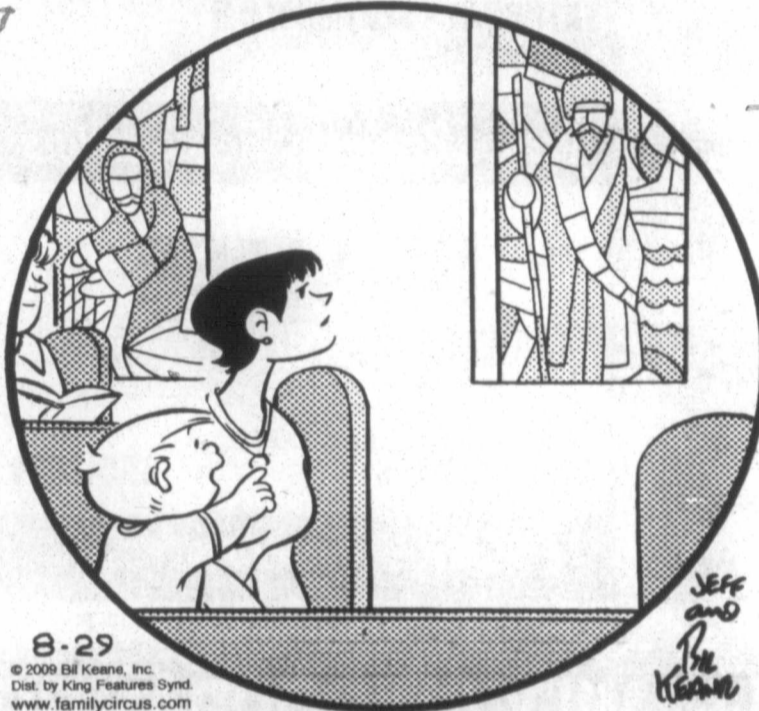
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 - 19 Literary plantation
 - 21 Big Apple opera house
 - 22 Fitzgerald hero
 - 25 Coat rack part
 - 26 Not to mention
 - 27 Friend of Porthos
 - 29 Survive
 - 33 Compare
 - 34 Conductor Georg
 - 35 Ibuprofen target
 - 36 Tar
 - 37 Talk
 - 38 Sneaker part
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 - 4 Royal address
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 - 16 Rotten kids
 - 18 Russian range
 - 20 Once more
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 - 23 Ismaili leader
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Ogletree gets another chance to impress Cowboys

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Roy Williams is fresh off a hard hit to his shoulder that probably will cost him some valuable time with Tony Romo. His backup, Sam Hurd, is waiting for a leg bruise to heal. Boy, things sure are working out well for Kevin Ogletree.

An undrafted rookie from Virginia, Ogletree already had impressed teammates and coaches on the Dallas Cowboys during training camp, then turned more heads by making a one-handed-while-getting-interfered-with touchdown catch in the preseason home opener. Now, with Williams and Hurd likely to miss the preseason game against the San Francisco 49ers on Saturday night, Ogletree should get his best chance yet to prove how wrong teams were by skipping him on draft day.

"Oh man, that's my little candle I'm keeping lit, and it's burning inside," Ogletree said.

He gave up his final year of college eligibility because he thought he was ready for the NFL, only to watch 34 other receivers get taken.

"That was a tough period

for me, but I'm not even looking at that now," he said. "Being here with the Cowboys and playing for this team means the most to me. ... I couldn't have asked to be in a better place and a better position on a better team."

Even before the injuries, the Cowboys were a perfect place for Ogletree to try snagging a roster spot, and not merely because they need to replace Terrell Owens.

Dallas opened training camp with four receivers likely to make the squad. Teams usually have five, or even six, so Ogletree knew there probably was a job available, especially for a receiver who could prove himself on special teams, too.

Then there was the team's recent history of loading up on bargain-bin receivers.

Other than Williams, who was acquired for a bundle of draft picks and a \$45 million contract extension, consider the pedigree of the rest of Dallas' mainstays: Patrick Crayton, seventh-round pick; Hurd, undrafted; Miles Austin, undrafted.

"That's something I look

at," Ogletree said.

Another thing in Ogletree's favor is the presence of tight ends coach John Garrett, the brother of offensive coordinator Jason Garrett. John coached Ogletree for two years at Virginia and promised him a fair shake; that was a big reason he signed with Dallas instead of the other 20-plus teams that offered him the chance to try earning a job.

"I trusted that he had my best interest in mind when he told me that I would have a good chance to play here," Ogletree said.

Ogletree caught 117 passes for 1,332 yards and nine touchdowns at Virginia. A knee injury cost him a season, but rather than use that medical redshirt he decided to turn pro. Of the 46 underclass-

men who entered the draft, he was among nine who weren't selected.

Once he was in camp, none of that mattered.

The 6-foot, 192-pound receiver has found a way to stand out in a crowd of seven receivers fighting for that No. 5 spot. The group includes Manny Johnson, a seventh-round pick from Oklahoma, and Isaiiah Stanback, a college quarterback projected as a receiver who was taken in the fourth round in 2007 and has struggled to stay healthy.

Through two preseason games, Ogletree has three catches for 37 yards and the touchdown. Although that might not sound like much, none of the other receiver candidates has more than a single catch.

"I could see from day

one that the kid has some ability," Romo said. "His approach has been good. I think he's got a good head on his shoulders, and he wants to get better. That's probably the No. 1 thing you look for out of a young kid. Does he want to improve and continue to grow and get better? And he does. I thought he did a good job in the last game. He's coming along."

Ogletree also is proving himself on special teams.

In the preseason opener against the Raiders, he didn't have a catch but he returned four kickoffs for 107 yards, including a 39-yarder. He had a 21-yard return in the second game, against Tennessee. His average of 26.8 yards is best on the team, topping Stanback, presumably his top competition for a fifth

receiver's job, and Austin, the kickoff returner the last three years.

Of course, he also has that dazzling touchdown on his resume. It was only a 2-yarder, but it's one he could watch over and over.

"It was another chance to try to put a stamp on me being around and trying to help this team win," he said. "It was a nice experience. Hopefully there will be more to come."

Cowboys' kick-off is scheduled for 7 p.m. Texas time, Saturday

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Big screen evolves to compete

CHICAGO (AP) — Today, young movie-watchers look increasingly like Molly O'Connor. A junior at the University of Dallas, she still goes to the cinema occasionally, but is often just as happy to hunker down on a bed or a couch with friends to watch a downloaded movie on a laptop that's perched on a nearby desk or a chair. "Sometimes, it's nice to have a wider screen, but I don't think I gain that much by going to a movie theater anymore," the 20-year-old student says. "Now, it's more about convenience." Or as 26-year-old Michael Brody puts it: "I watch movies the way many people listen to music — anytime, anywhere, any way." A freelance writer in New York who blogs about film, he used to go to the movie theater every week. Now he's there once or twice a month, partly to save money and also because he doesn't think most movies are worth the effort.

Sounds like bad news for movie theaters. But we're talking about an industry that not only survived, but ended up thriving amid the arrival of television in the 1950s, videotapes in the 1980s, and DVDs in the '90s. The reason? An ability to continually remake themselves and find new ways to generate revenue, by introducing everything from the multiplex and more elaborate concessions to lengthy pre-show advertising.

Now they're doing it again.

Step into some of the more modern cinemas these days, and you'll see increasingly common enticements aimed at keeping the lucrative youth market, even as online video becomes more accessible on sites such as YouTube, Netflix or Hulu — or from movie pirates who steal and distribute movies illegally.

These upgraded theaters' offerings begin with the super-comfortable seating, even lounge chairs and bean bags in some auditoriums. Add 3-D effects and larger-than-life IMAX blockbusters, made possible by new digital projectors. And then come the midnight movie premieres and opening-night parties.

To boost revenues and appeal, many theaters also are broadcasting live sporting events, operas and symphony performances and hosting in-theater video game competitions on the big screen. Still others are opening in-house restaurants and bars for those old enough to drink alcohol.

It is this century's answer to the movie palace of old — or the "Broadwayfication" of the movie-going experience, as Charles Acland, professor of communications studies at Concordia University in Montreal, calls it.

"In a nutshell, what you're going to see is cinema-

going aimed at people who go less frequently," says Acland, author of "Screen Traffic: Movies, Megaplexes and Global Culture."

It might cost a bit more, he says. "But it will be much more of a special event. People will expect some sort of an experience that you can't get anywhere else."

In Europe, cinemas are taking it a step farther by remaking themselves as entertainment destinations — with bowling alleys, karaoke bars, comedy clubs and children's play areas. Expect that here, too, as well as interior design schemes that appeal to the 18-to-24 set, and that might "dismay" the older crowd, says Toronto-based theater architect David Mesbur.

Still, experts who track the movie industry say that, so far, all these kinds of efforts appear to be paying off, even in a recession.

Though domestic movie admissions had flattened or dipped slightly in the past couple of years, ticket sales this year are up, whether some of the most popular movies have been Academy Award material or not.

"A bad or poorly received film can go down a bit easier if one is sitting in a comfortable reclining seat and has the chance to occasionally stretch their legs. In this sense, cinema-going has as much to do today with the hospitality industry as it does with the film industry, per se," says Jeffrey Klenotic, associate professor of communication arts at the University of New Hampshire.

That's why more theaters are focusing on movies with monster special effects that don't show well on a computer screen or in-home theater and that are all but impossible for movie pirates to steal — and why major filmmakers such as Jeffrey Katzenberg and James Cameron are banking on 3-D and IMAX technology as the future of cinema. (Panasonic Corp. also announced that they're going to start selling 3-D televisions next year.)

So far, movie-goers have been more than willing to pay more to see movies in these special formats.

Acland, at Concordia University, predicts that will translate to more blockbuster action films geared toward the theaters, while character-driven films might open at theaters to create buzz, but ultimately get more play online.

Foster, at IMAX, agrees and envisions fewer "mid-range" films, those with some action but weaker plots or little character depth. "I think those movies are going by the wayside," he says.

Of course, there will always be those surprise hits, such as "The Hangover," a character-driven comedy that caught on by word of mouth

— some of it by Twitter and Facebook, which is increasingly the case — and ended up doing well at the box office.

And even when a movie is leaked online, that doesn't necessarily stop moviegoers from seeing it at the theater. That was the case when "X-Men Origins: Wolverine" brought in \$87 million at the box office its opening weekend last spring, even though a version of it had been making the rounds on the Internet.

Still, there's no doubt the landscape is shifting. Some filmmakers — Michael Moore, Wayne Wang and Johnny Knoxville among them — have taken some of their work directly to the Internet on YouTube and elsewhere. And more films also are being released in theaters at the same time they've played on cable or online.

The Internet also has provided new opportunities for young filmmakers, like 24-year-old Philip Wang, who are looking to break into the business.

He and his buddies started making short films in 2003 when they were students at the University of California, San Diego. Now their Wong Fu Productions Web site gets 5,000 hits a day from loyal fans who come to view their frequently updated collection of free short films. They make money by selling T-shirts and other merchandise related to their "brand" and from speaking on college campuses across the country.

"I don't think movie theaters will ever be obsolete," Wang says. "Sooner than later, success online will translate to success in the mainstream."

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- Traveling to and from school. Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop. Choose the most direct way with the

fewest street crossings and, if possible, with intersections that have crossing guards. Walk the route with your children beforehand. Tell him or her to stay away from parks, vacant lots, fields and other places where there aren't many people around. Before crossing the street, stop at the curb, edge of the road, or corner before proceeding. Look left-right-left and, if it's clear, begin crossing, looking over your shoulder for turning vehicles. Continue to check for traffic while crossing.

- Teach your child never to talk to strangers or accept rides or gifts from strangers. Remember, a stranger is anyone you or your children don't know well or don't trust.
- Be sure your child walks to and from school with a sibling, friend, or neighbor.
- When driving kids, deliver or pick

them up as close to the school as possible. Don't leave until they are in schoolyard or building.

- if your child bikes to school make sure he wears a helmet that meets the safety standards. Research indicates that a helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by up to 85 percent.
- Be sure that your child knows his or her home phone number and address, your work number, the number of another trusted adult, and how to call 911 for emergencies.
- Make sure your child's teacher knows about any allergies or other health problems that your child may have.

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SPIN METER: College aid bill may fall short

WASHINGTON (AP)— President Barack Obama says a bill in Congress would help him send millions more Americans to college. But the measure may fall short of Obama's goal.

The bill would boost Pell Grants for needy students. But it does nothing to curb college costs, which rise much faster than Pell Grants do.

And it spends precious federal dollars on things that don't help pay for college, such as construction at K-12 schools and new preschool programs. Lawmakers have an estimated \$87 billion to spend on the legislation, but less than half of the money would go to Pell Grants.

The bill would do some things to help college students. It would ensure lower interest rates for need-based college loans. It would shorten the labyrinthine college aid form. It would provide money for states and schools to improve college access and graduation rates. And it would provide more college aid to veterans.

As a result, it has widespread support and is expected to win approval in the House when lawmakers return from their

August break. Then it begins the trek through the Senate.

But even supporters agree that to reach Obama's goal, Congress would have to go much further.

"I think it's a big step, but I don't think it's enough," said Sandy Baum of the College Board, the non-profit devoted to college access that owns the SAT and AP tests.

A look at what Obama and other Democrats are promising, and at what their bill would actually do:

THE SPIN:
— "This legislation will also help us reach the goal I set out in Michigan this week to graduate 5 million more Americans from community colleges by 2020." — Obama.

— "It will help us reach President Obama's goal of once again leading the world in college graduates by making college more affordable and accessible." — Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., House Education and Labor Committee chairman.

— "The bill 'will make college dramatically more affordable for millions of Americans.'" — House Education and Labor Committee news release.

THE FACTS:
College in the United States is only getting more expensive, with the cost growing faster than the cost of health care.

The foundation for federal college aid is the Pell Grant, which is for low-income students and, unlike a loan, does not have to be repaid.

When Pell Grants began in 1973, they provided more than enough to cover tuition and fees at a public four-year college, where most students are enrolled. The maximum grant then was \$452; tuition and fees were about \$438.

That's no longer the case. The maximum Pell Grant last year was \$4,731; public college tuition and fees were \$6,585. Not every grant recipient receives the maximum.

Community colleges still charge less, about \$2,400 on average. Private schools charge a lot more, about \$25,000.

Regardless, tuition at every type of college has risen faster than Pell Grants have, and the disparity would worsen under the bill.

That might actually work against Obama's goal.

If college tuition is increasing faster than grants, students may be forced to take on more loan debt, which could have a negative impact on their access to college, industry analyst Mark Kantrowitz said. Kantrowitz argues for doubling the Pell Grant and then indexing it so it grows along with inflation.

Under the bill, Pell Grants would rise slightly more than inflation over the next decade, increasing on average by about 2.6 percent yearly, according to the bill's sponsors. It's the first time lawmakers have ever agreed to a long-term annual increase in the program. Pell Grants have always depended on annu-

al spending bills and on occasion have stayed flat or been cut when lawmakers came under pressure to cut spending.

But the increase Congress is prescribing is less than half the 5.6 percent average yearly increase of Pell Grants over the life of the program. During that time, college tuition has risen more than 7 percent annually.

And the bill's increases may be illusory. They would still depend on whether Congress provides the money to fund them in its annual spending bills.

"It still opens up the possibility of a false promise," said Kantrowitz, publisher of the FinAid.org Web site and the FastWeb.com scholarship search engine.

Experts say that to truly make a difference, lawmakers would need to make Pell Grants an entitlement, like Social Security and Medicaid, to end the program's dependence on the annual spending process. In fact, that's what Obama asked Congress to do in his budget proposal.

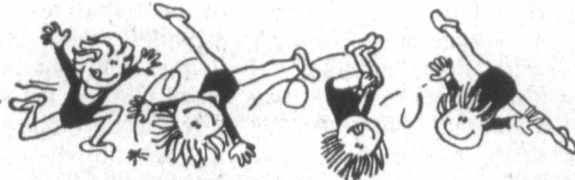
Doing so would make Pell Grants a lot more predictable. And if grants were very predictable — if a student knew in middle school that a certain amount would be waiting for her — it could have a significant impact on college enrollment, said Baum, a senior policy analyst for the College Board.

But it also would be costly and very difficult to pass amid exploding federal deficits. The White House budget office estimated the cost of an entitlement to be \$117 billion over the next decade. On Tuesday, the office said the cost would actually rise much higher, by an additional \$27 billion, because more people than anticipated are going back to school and demand for Pell Grants is soaring amid the crippled job mar-

ket. Lawmakers don't have that much to spend. They have \$87 billion, an amount they came up with by proposing to have the government take over all federal student loans and end subsidies for private lenders.

That amount is not enough to pay for an entitlement. But it would be more than enough to tie Pell Grants to inflation. That carries a \$40 billion price tag, leaving Congress with an extra \$47 billion to spend.

Miller has spread the extra money across an array of programs that are attractive to members of Congress and will attract support for the bill, including many that have nothing to do with higher education. New preschool programs, for example, would get \$8 billion. An additional \$5 billion would go for construction at elementary, middle and high schools and community colleges. The bill would also send \$10 billion back to the federal Treasury.



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Elder Bush will not attend Kennedy funeral

BOSTON (AP) — The elder President George Bush of Houston will not be attending Sen. Edward Kennedy's funeral.

A spokesman for Bush said Friday that he and his wife, Barbara, decided not to attend Kennedy's funeral after learning their son, former President George W. Bush of Dallas, would attend.

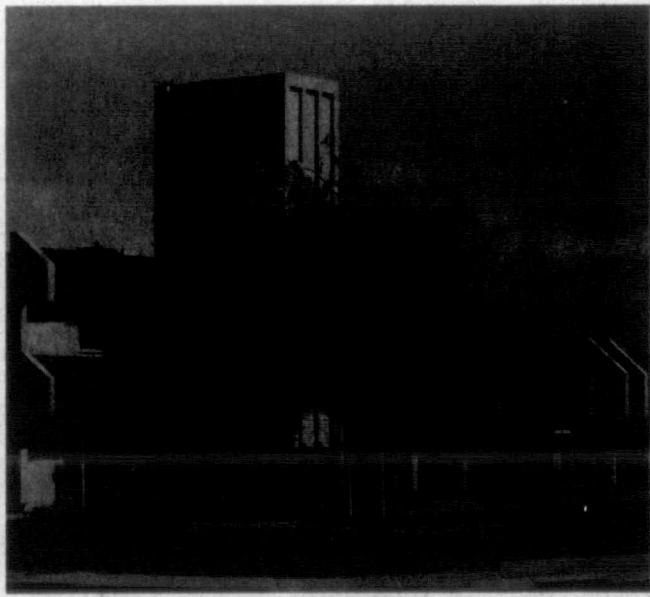
Jim McGrath says the 85-year-old Bush feels his son's presence would "amply and well represent"

the family Saturday.

Bush released a condolence statement on behalf of him and his son immediately after Kennedy's death. It was part of a stream of fond remembrances issued by Republicans.

The other remaining former presidents — Democrats Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton — will join the younger Bush at the service. President Barack Obama will give the eulogy.

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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

STUDENT HOPES FRIENDSHIP GRADUATES INTO RELATIONSHIP

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 22-year-old male who has never been in a serious relationship. About six months ago, I went away to grad school and met a girl. We have become good friends. We talk a lot and I flirt, but I'm not sure if she's flirting back.

She laughs at my stupid jokes and touches me when we joke around, but I think she may regard me as just a friend. I enjoy having her as a friend, but I can't stop thinking about how I'd like to be more than just friends. Should I take the chance and tell her how I feel and risk our friendship -- or let things remain the way they are? -- WANTS MORE IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR WANTS MORE:

Take the chance and tell her. Faint heart never won fair lady. A clue that she might be mutually attracted to you is the fact that she touches you.

If she isn't attracted to you, you can still be friends -- but you'll be psychologically free to look elsewhere for romance. Please write back and tell me what happens -- I'm dying to know.

DEAR ABBY: I have just learned that my older sister, "Lindy" (who is currently living with our parents), has been married for two months. I'm the only one who knows. Lindy's husband moved out of state to take a temporary job.

I know if my parents knew, they'd be upset and would no longer allow her to live with them. Their position is if

you're old enough to get married, you should be financially independent. As it stands, she is currently on their medical insurance, pays no rent and is attending school on their dollar.

She and her husband had planned to keep this a secret from everyone. I just found out, and it makes me sick. She's getting a free ride at my parents' expense.

I promised Lindy I'd keep her secret, but I think what she's doing is wrong and has the potential to hurt my parents financially and emotionally. I am tempted to tell them anyway. How do you think I should handle this? -- I'VE GOT A SECRET IN UTAH

DEAR GOT A SECRET: You should strongly encourage your sister to level with your parents for the reasons you stated. But do not betray her

confidence because if you do, she will never confide in you again. It's not as though Lindy is on drugs, unmarried and pregnant or in a life-threatening situation. Your parents will find out eventually, and she'll face the music then.

DEAR ABBY: Whenever my brother sees a family member eat something unhealthy (salty chips, ice cream, etc.), he thinks it's OK to comment on what we're eating and what it will do to our bodies. I think it is rude.

We know that not everything we eat is perfectly healthy, but we know to eat these things in moderation. (None of us is overweight, by the way.)

My brother claims he makes these comments because he

"cares about us," but I think it's rude to do it while we're eating. What do you think? -- CHRISTINA IN FAIRFIELD, OHIO

DEAR CHRISTINA: I agree. There is nothing so hard to swallow as unasked-for advice, particularly when you're eating. Your brother may mean well, or he may be a know-it-all, but his timing is off. Ignore him, and when he sees he doesn't get a rise out of you, he'll stop.

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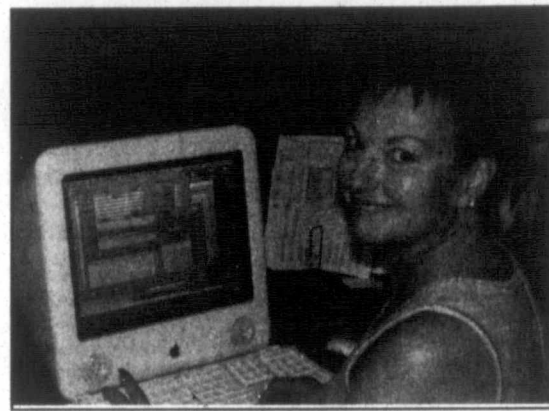
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
**** Others want you to join them. Handle obligations first. Once you free yourself up, you can kick back and make the most of the moment. Join friends for a late brunch. Tonight: In the thick of things, a force to be dealt with.
This Week: Assume your natural role at work, with an eye to bringing completion and success to your menu.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** Make morning calls, and don't forget someone at a distance. You'll feel more centered. Opt for an escape, perhaps to the mountains or a local waterfront. The movies might suit some of you. Tonight: Let your imagination choose.
This Week: Settling in to work, and only work, could be close to impossible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Relate on a one-on-one level. You are getting past a huge barrier by making time for a talk. Listen to news more openly, and don't react. You will be much happier and learn more as a result. Remain upbeat. Tonight: Chat over dinner.
This Week: Take in new insights by looking at your thought process.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Others ask: You don't have to

go along with each request. In fact, being able to say "no" might be more important than you realize. Your sense of humor emerges when you visit with each other. Think positively about a conversation. Tonight: Don't think "tomorrow." Stay in the present.
This Week: Others prove to be challenging. Know when to let someone else drive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Know what is going on behind the scenes. You are able to make a substantial difference by listening and understanding. Realize that you don't need to make a financial decision just yet. Tonight: Easy does it.
This Week: Keep on message Monday, as networking takes over midweek.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Find your friends, and you can only smile. Be around people, and make special time for a child or loved one. Include this person in your plans. Understand what is going on with him or her; it will make your life easier. Tonight: Where the gang is.
This Week: Plug your creativity into your work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Family becomes your highest priority. Make calls and bring others together later in the day. You might want some time for reflection. Once centered, you'll see a lot of what has occurred recently in a new light. Share a favorite hobby. Tonight: Happy at home.
This Week: Center, then tap into your creativity. You could impress yourself with what you come up with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** If you want to quietly read the paper, then screen your calls. You might be considering a trip or change in plans. You look for new perspectives. Share over a game of checkers or another hobby this afternoon. Tonight: Hang out with a loved one.
This Week: Listen to news, and then make decisions. Work from home, if possible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Expenses could tax your mind, when you might be happiest letting go of what you cannot change for now. Check in with an older friend or relative. Making time for this person means more than you realize. Tonight: Fun doesn't have to cost.
This Week: Expenses surge. Schedule meetings Tuesday on. Communication flourishes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** You are noticed wherever you go. If you are at home, people seek you out. You have that invisible "it" factor for the day. With this knowledge, realize how much you have going for you. This might be the right time to start a key conversation. Tonight: Living it up.
This Week: Beam in what you want Monday. Be aware of your expenses.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** Assume a naturally low profile, using the moment to clear out some projects or to curl up with a good book. Make this your day off, and visit with only those you want to. Once relaxed, you'll look at your words far differently. Tonight: A must appearance.
This Week: Timing works with you. Tune in to your intuition.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** Do what you want for a change, and surround yourself with people you enjoy. Honor the extra time, enjoying and feeling a little more free. You have assumed a lot of responsibilities. Refresh your spirit and worry less. Tonight: Sort through suggestions. Choose the one you want.
This Week: Monday and Thursday are your power days. Lie low in between.

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Actress Cameron Diaz (1972), singer John Phillips (1935), actress Peggy Lipton (1946)

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Cowboys don't have to hike video boards — yet

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Jerry Jones can keep his video boards right where they are, at least for this season.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell on Friday clarified rules on punts that ricochet off the high-definition monitors hanging over most of the field at the new Cowboys Stadium. Perhaps the key part of his announcement is that the guidelines cover only this season, an indication the league may force Jones to raise the boards before the 2010 season, which ends with the Super Bowl in his building.

The league clearly wouldn't want even the remote possibility of a championship decided by a ball hitting a TV screen within a punter's reach.

"We will continue to address the particular circumstances in Dallas, giving full consideration to the competitive, safety and fan experience issues involved," Goodell said in a statement. "The Cowboys have been fully cooperative as we have addressed this subject, and we will continue to work closely with the club on a longer term resolution."

Long-term changes can be made only at the annual rules meeting. However, Goodell noted that Rule 3, Section 1 of the league rule book allows for changes new policy to be enacted for the current season only.

Jones was not immediately available for comment.

The video boards are the signature item of the \$1.15 billion stadium because of their clarity and size: 60



An image of Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo is projected on the large video screen as the team, below on field, prepares to run a play during NFL football practice at the Cowboys' stadium Thursday, Aug. 27, 2009, in Arlington, Texas. (AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez)

yards long, stretching from 20-yard line to 20-yard line. The problem is they are 90 feet above the field.

While that is 5 feet above the league's standard, the ease Tennessee punters had kicking balls into the boards before — and once during — last Saturday night's debut game indi-

cates that standard might need revision.

It happens that Titans coach Jeff Fisher is head of the NFL's competition committee, which is the group that worked with the league office to figure out how to handle balls conking off the boards.

Fisher's complaint went

beyond the height. He realized officials didn't even see the ball hitting the boards because they were all watching the action on the field; he threw his challenge flag to make sure they realized what had happened. The ruling was a do-over, but time was not put back on the clock.

The new rules — which apply to all stadiums even though it's only an issue at this one — address those concerns.

Downs will still be replayed "if a ball in play strikes a video board, guide wire, sky cam, or any other object," but now the game clock will be reset to the time when the first play was snapped. Any penalties during the wiped-out play won't count, except for personal fouls.

Also, if officials on the field don't see the ball hitting the board, the replay assistant can now initiate a

booth review at any time. If the replay assistant doesn't ask for a review, coaches can challenge under normal challenge rules.

Jones has been a staunch defender of the height of his boards for various reasons, including how much time and money it could cost to hike them. (They cost about \$40 million to install.)

The boards are going higher to fit the stage for a U2 concert in October, but the screens will have to be disconnected. To lift the boards and keep them operable will require engineering and architectural adjustments.

Besides, Jones is adamant that he set this height for a reason: He doesn't think they are in the way when punters kick toward the sideline like they're supposed to do. Jones and Cowboys punter Mat McBriar say this has

become a big issue because Titans punters intentionally kicked high and down the middle to try hitting the boards.

McBriar has yet to hit the boards and he insists "no one has told me not to hit it." He definitely has the leg to reach it — he topped 100 feet during a trial two years ago when Jones was deciding the height — but always aims his kicks away from the center of the field.

"It looks lower than it is just because of the size of it," McBriar said.

Former Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson was in the stadium Thursday and said he didn't see any reason to raise the boards.

"If there's anything wrong, it's that people are going to watch the video board and not the game," he said. "It is so dominating, but I think it's so cool. I think it's great."

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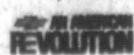


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