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a measure of growth

New Census data reflects increasing Hispanic presence

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Following the United States at large, Pampa's scene is changing. While the population has grown by about 100 people, the Hispanic and Latino population has doubled.

The 2000 Census reported that Hispanics and Latinos made up only about 13 percent of the town's population, but by 2010, it had grown to 26 percent, with 4,681 people identifying as Hispanic or Latino in Pampa.

This data meshes with a nationwide trend, as more than half of the growth in the United States has been attributed to an increase in the Hispanic population during the 10-year term between the two most recent censuses. This boom has been especially striking in Texas, California and Florida, where 75 percent of the United States' Hispanics and Latinos reside.

Daniel Silva, owner of Vision Computer Services and a Pampa resident for 41 years, has observed this change since attending Pampa High in the 70s.

"When I was in high school, I was the only Hispanic in all of my classes," he said. "Now, there are a lot more in schools and in sports, especially."

Enrique Cabrales, another PHS graduate and a 14-year Pampa resident, has observed a growth in Hispanic-owned businesses.

"I grew up in Los Angeles, and basically anywhere you go there, you're going to find Spanish-speaking people," he said. "People can get around pretty easily there and do business pretty easily. Obviously, it's a lot different here in Texas, but things have changed since '97 when we moved here. There are more restaurants and mom and pop shops where Spanish-speaking people can go in and communicate."

Delma Gonzalez, the secretary at St. Francis de Paul Catholic Church, has seen a similar trend during her nearly 30 years in Pampa, especially as it relates to the church.

"The phone calls are 80 percent Spanish," she said. "Our Spanish Mass is full every Sunday."



staff photo by David Bowser

Ariana Ramirez shares a smile with Louis Hernandez during this year's Cinco de Mayo festivities at Pampa High School. The district's yearly celebration looks to gain more significance with the growth of the city's Latino population.

"When I was in high school, I was the only in Hispanic in all of my classes... Now, there are a lot more in schools and in sports."

— Daniel Silva

Gonzalez noted that there has been an increase in Hispanic youth as well.

"Our confirmation classes are full. We have over 300 students a year, and the majority of them are Hispanic," she said. "I know the high school had Cinco de Mayo. I thought it was sort of unusual for a high school to do that."

Silva believes that growth in numbers has gone hand-in-hand with a growth in expectations for the Hispanic community.

"When I was growing up, Hispanics were typically the workers, so there weren't a lot of high educational, personal, or business goals," said Silva. "Now, I'm starting to see in the advanced classes that there are a lot of Hispanics who are getting scholarships."
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By The Numbers

Pampa Hispanic population/percent

2010: 4,681 / 26.0 percent
2000: 2,454 / 13.7 percent
1990: 1,784 / 8.9 percent

Breakdown by ethnicity

Mexican: 4,227 / 23.5 percent
 Puerto Rican: 19 / 0.1 percent
 Cuban: 6 / < 0.1 percent
 Other: 429 / 2.4 percent

Across America



Pampa isn't alone in witnessing Hispanic growth. This map shows the increase in Hispanic and Latino populations nationwide, with green areas showing increases in Hispanic numbers (the darker the green, the bigger the increase).

source: U.S. Census Bureau

Pampa PD to join regional information exchange

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The Pampa Police Department will soon join 39 other law enforcement agencies in a data sharing initiative created to make officers' jobs run more smoothly.

Called the Panhandle Regional Information and Data Exchange, or PRIDE, this plan allows agencies from 26 counties across the Panhandle to access helpful agency and criminal justice information easily. Grants from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the Department of Homeland Security funded the project.

"It basically is a statewide and national



Brown

network," said Lt. Colby Brown of the Pampa police force. "People who run it will use information from participating agencies to look at trends from suspects in other areas."

Officers can either access the network through the mobile computers already used in patrol cars or through Panasonic Toughbooks purchased by the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission. The Pampa Police Department has a handful of the GPS equipped Toughbooks, which

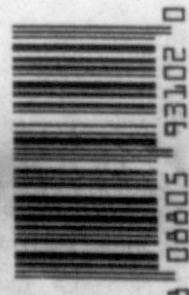
help law enforcement officials access the locations of fellow officers and inform them of assistance requests.

PRIDE also facilitates officer access to a Class C warrant database, which has been available since March. Officers can find additional data on missing and wanted persons, stolen property, and other criminal justice information available through the Texas Crime Information Center and the National Crime Information Center.




According to Lt. Brown, a typical name search returns criminal history, including arrests and convictions. With the new system, officers can also see previous traffic stops
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday
		
High 97 Low 71	High 99 Low 73	High 100 Low 71

Today: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. South southeast wind around 10 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 99. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 73. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 100. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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OUTRACE, LOCATER, CALORIE, DECRIAL, MEDICAL

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Gunman unloads on Texas roller rink

GRAND PRAIRIE (AP) — The owner of a Texas skating rink said Sunday that he pushed children out of harm's way when a parent suddenly opened fire on his estranged wife and her relatives at their son's birthday party.

The Saturday night shootings that left six dead, including the gunman, lasted just moments, said Forum Roller World owner Walt Hedrick.

"Kids were having fun and all of a sudden: 'Bang! Bang! Bang!'" Hedrick said. "It was out of the clear blue. ... I didn't know what was going on."

The gunman, whose son was celebrating his 11th birthday, ordered the children to leave the snack area before he began shooting, said Grand Prairie detective John Brimmer. No children were killed, but four people were wounded in addition to the adults who died, he said.

Police said Tan Do, 35, of Grand

Prairie and his wife were having ongoing marriage problems that investigators believe led to the shootings about 7 p.m. Saturday at the skating rink in Grand Prairie, about 20 miles west of Dallas. Some people at nearby businesses said they watched as some adults and children spilled from the rink in horror, some wearing roller skates.

"They just looked terrified," Cody Poston, a witness, told WFAA-TV, outside the rink that was festooned with birthday decorations inside. "There's several people crying. The kids were just kind of oblivious."

Do's son and his other child are safe and with other relatives, Brimmer said.

Police identified those killed as Do's estranged wife Trini Do, 29, of Grand Prairie; her sisters Lynn Ta, 16, and Michelle Ta, 28; her brother, Hien Ta, 21; and her sister-in-law, Thuy Nguyen, 25.

Brimmer said about 30 friends and relatives were attending the birthday party, some from out of town. It's unclear if the four wounded are relatives or friends of the family. They were taken to hospitals Saturday night with non-life threatening injuries, but information about them was not being released Sunday.

Hedrick said he decided to reopen his business Sunday afternoon because although he's shaken and mourns the loss of the victims, he knows the shooting was random.

"Roller skating for years and years has been the only place that an adult or parent would drop their little girl off on a Friday night and feel safe that we were going to take care of them, and that's exactly what we all do," Hedrick said. "... I'm not going to run from this. We're going to be open and we're going to be doing the same thing."

Fate of Canadian pipeline still uncertain

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas leg of a 2,000-mile pipeline from Canada remains the subject of a tug-of-war between proponents and environmentalists.

If approved by federal regulators, the Keystone XL pipeline being laid by TransCanada will bring so-called tar sand oil from Alberta, Canada, to refineries on the Gulf Coast. The first two phases of the project carry the product as far as Cushing, Okla., with the third phase planned to complete the Canadian connection.

The proposed line cuts through northeast Wood, southwest Upshur, east Smith and southwest Rusk counties.

"It strengthens energy security for Americans," said Jim Prescott, a professional spokesman contracted by TransCanada. "This project is ready to go. We are ready to start construction as soon as possible and put 20,000 people to work over the next three years."

"We will add \$20 billion in economic activity. We'll generate \$585 million in tax revenues for local and state taxing entities."

But the company faces flak from Texas landowners who say concerns about potential harm to their property have not been addressed. The group, Stop Tar Sands Oil Pipelines, also questions the environmental safety record of the company, which has had a dozen spills in the past year along another pipeline already in use.

"The problems had nothing to do with the product," Prescott said after describing tar sands as comparable to other petroleum products moving through pipelines. "It had to do with valves and fittings (that failed)."

Stop Tar Sands Texas founder David Daniel said he also suspects the naturally forming sand or clay and oil mixture holds more corrosive properties than sweet crude.

Running from oilfields in Canada to Cushing, Okla., the line carries 600,000 barrels of oil a day. Prescott said completing the route to the refineries on the Gulf, plus another leg in Montana, would allow the company to roughly double that flow. TransCanada sells the crude to major gasoline outlets.

"We're not here to say that nothing will ever go wrong," Prescott said. "The bigger issue is, what are you doing to prevent that and, if something does happen, how are you going to handle that?"

The U.S. State Department is the permitting agency, because the pipeline crosses an international border.

An Environmental Impact Study that is required before the State Department will recommend a presidential permit is expected by the first week of August.

However, Bloomberg News reported in June the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency let the State Department know its environmental review lacked sufficient information for the EPA to assess potential effects on air and groundwater.

"We have always felt the assessment by the State Department had a lot of holes in it and it needed more study," said Bill Walker, spokesman for a coalition of Keystone opponents up and down the route, including Daniel's group. "This one is going to carry a huge amount of very volatile product across some very, very sensitive environmental areas."

Walker added that pro-pipeline legislators are advancing a bill in the House of Representatives that would compel President Barack Obama to decide the line's fate by Nov. 1.

"We expect it to pass the House," he said, adding that senators are saying it will founder in that chamber.

The Northeast Texas congressman, Republican Louie Gohmert of Tyler, serves on the House Natural Resources Committee.

"I've got mixed emotions about it," Gohmert said Thursday. "We continue to need oil and gas from places other than the Middle East or Venezuela. But, also, I want sufficient evidence and safeguards it is going to be properly placed, properly established and properly run."

Prescott said at least one public hearing in Texas could be scheduled once the impact study is finalized.

"We have not received an official word from the State Department," he said. "I just sort of anticipate, based on history, that there will be at least one public meeting in Texas. I don't know where, don't know when."

Daniel, who lives in the pipeline's proposed path south of Winnsboro, cited a State Department analysis that he says acknowledges the company's leak detection system has a high threshold.

As many as 1.7 million gallons could spill before TransCanada's detection system prompts a re-

sponse, Daniel said. He said the company has denied his request for information regarding leak detection.

A landowner in North Dakota reported a May 7 spill that spewed 21,000 gallons in a 60-foot geyser before the company acted, Daniel said.

That inaction drew a June 3 Corrective Action Order to TransCanada from the U.S. Department of Transportation. The order, from the department's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, cites the May 7 spill and a May 29 incident in Kansas.

The North Dakota spill accounted for 400 barrels of oil, or roughly 2,100 gallons. The second incident spilled 10 barrels of crude.

Both May spills were blamed on connections at pump stations.

"They're saying the leaks don't count because they happened at a pump station," Daniel said. "The pump station is part of the pipeline."

The Corrective Action Order requires the company to compile data on similar spills, review its procedures and submit a remedial work plan.

Prescott said high petroleum prices make the tar sands economically feasible to drill, adding the time is ideal for America to import more Canadian oil.

That country already is America's top oil importer, at 1.9 million barrels a day, followed by Mexico, Venezuela and Saudi Arabia, according to Waco-based The Perryman Group, which was hired by TransCanada to conduct an economic study.

Perryman's report estimates construction spending in the U.S. over the life of the project to be about \$20.9 billion, adding \$9.6 billion to the Gross National Product. The pipeline also is expected to create nearly 119,000 job-years — economists' term for one person working one year.

The report estimates the Texas portion would generate \$2.3 billion in spending, add \$2 billion to GDP and about 50,400 job-years.

"Over the life of the pipeline, it will pay about \$1.1 billion, discounted to today's dollars, in local property taxes in Texas," Perryman said in an email. "The biggest benefit comes from the fact that it provides the U.S. with a stable oil supply from a nearby and friendly country, thus reducing volatility and vulnerability to global instability."

Obituaries

Ellen Jeanette Kennedy, 81

Ellen Jeanette Kennedy, 81, died on July 23, 2011 in Pampa.

Mrs. Kennedy was born June 30, 1930 to Jim and Edna Simpson in McLean where she attended school. She was the youngest of 8 brothers and 1 sister. Jeanette married W. C. "Bud" Kennedy on November 7, 1947 in Pampa. They made their home in McLean for 40 years where they raised their 3 children. She has been a resident of Pampa since 1989. Jeanette was a homemaker and she always focused on caring for her family. Jeanette is a member of the Central Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, W. C. "Bud" Kennedy, of the home; two sons, Ricky Kennedy and wife Bobbie of White Deer and Randy Kennedy and

wife Jamie of Clarendon; a daughter, Judy Green and husband Huey of Pampa; two grandchildren, Brent Green and Brittney Green, both of Pampa; two brothers, Flea Simpson and wife Rae of Perryton and Kenneth Simpson and wife Bonnie of Hobbs, N.M.; and a sister-in-law, Bettye Ferguson of Avinger.

Jeanette is preceded in death by her parents, a sister: Ruth Howard; six brothers, Bill Simpson, Floyd Simpson, Lloyd Simpson, Cecil Simpson, Edward Simpson and Frank Simpson; and one grandson: Garrett Kennedy. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Memorials can be made to Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Please sign the online register at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

For the record

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour

period ending Friday, July 22 at 7 a.m.

Raymond Dale Shell, Jr., 26, was arrested by deputies for the Texas Department of

Criminal Justice.

Brandi Carol Brewer, 38, was arrested by police on charges of no driver's license. Possession of a con-

trolled substance, and possession of marijuana.

Jason Lee Davis, 37, was arrested by deputies on charges of criminal trespassing.

AFTERNOON RUSH

Tropical storm Dora weakening

MIAMI (AP) — Forecasters say Tropical Storm Dora has weakened on its trek over cold Pacific waters off Mexico, and it will likely become a tropical depression later in the day.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said Sunday that Dora's top sustained winds were 40 mph (65 kph).

Dora was moving northwest at 9 mph (15 kph) off the west coast of southern Baja, Calif. It was expected to slow down as it weakened.

Dora's center was about 150 miles (241 kilometers) southwest of Cabo San Lazaro, Mexico.

Heat wave tough on water lines

DALLAS (AP) — If North Texans have had more heat than they can stand this summer, the same can be said for their water lines.

Water lines across North Texas are snapping from the blistering weather. Dallas crews are repairing 10 to 12 water line breaks a day, about five more than normal for this time of year.

In North Texas, temperatures hit triple digits for the 22nd consecutive day on Saturday.

The contracting clay soil in the region swells during periods of rain and shrinks and cracks during a drought.

The twisting motion is particularly difficult on old cast-iron pipes in neighborhoods such as east Oak Cliff in Dallas. The result can be spectacular geysers.

Dallas has more than 5,000 miles of water mains. About half are more than 50 years old.

Drought contributing to rabies?

FORT WORTH (AP) — Veterinarians and state health officials say an increase in rabies cases, particularly in parts of North Texas, may be due to the drought forcing wild rabid animals into more populated areas to find water.

The animals then have contact with family pets.

For the first six months of the year, preliminary state records show 591 cases of rabies compared with 387 over the same period a year ago.

Reports show 51 were reported in Denton, Johnson, Parker, Tarrant and Wise counties during the first six months of 2011 compared with 25 in the same period last year.

State officials suspect the drought is a contributing factor in the reporting of rabies, along with an increased skunk population and better public awareness of the disease.

State settles with gay bar patrons

FORT WORTH (AP) — Two men who were injured during a bar check at a gay lounge have settled with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

The state agreed to pay \$210,000 to Chad Gibson, who suffered a head injury, and \$15,000 to George Armstrong, who suffered a torn rotator cuff, during their arrests at the Rainbow Lounge in June 2009.

As part of the settlement, the men agreed not to sue the agency.

In an earlier settlement with the city of Fort Worth, Gibson was awarded \$400,000 and Armstrong \$40,000.

The raid sparked numerous protests and rallies in the gay community.

Three Fort Worth police officers were suspended after the raid, and two agents and a supervisor with the state's liquor board were fired.

Girl dies in microwave

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio police say a 6-year-old girl has died after getting trapped in a large, old-fashioned microwave in the backyard of a home.

Police say the child was reported missing about 7 p.m. Saturday and police, neighbors and volunteers searched for her before she was found about 10 p.m. It wasn't immediately clear whose yard the microwave was in.

Relatives told the *San Antonio Express-News* the child was Rebecca Maria Herrera of San Antonio. Police are investigating her death as an accident. They say they believe she climbed into the microwave and then somehow got trapped.

Grand jury indicts police officer

EL PASO (AP) — A grand jury has indicted an El Paso police officer for shooting a man in the neck following a 2010 car crash.

The El Paso Police Department said Friday that officer Jorge Gonzalez was indicted on two counts of assault.

The officer was off duty when he shot Andres Elias Cortez because Cortez struck a female officer with his car while trying to flee, after crashing into Gonzalez's car.

Cortez survived the shooting. Gonzalez was subsequently indicted, even though an internal investigation at the time cleared him of wrongdoing.

Gonzalez was involved in a strangely similar incident in March when he shot at a man who he claimed tried to run him over after crashing during a high-speed pursuit.

That man turned out to be a well-known former FBI informant.

Oklahoma counties get warning

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Twenty-four counties in eastern Oklahoma are under an excessive heat warning issued by the National Weather Service.

The warning will remain in effect until 10 p.m. Saturday for Cherokee, Creek, Okfuskee, Okmulgee, Wagoner, Tulsa, Rogers, Mayes, Delaware, Pawnee, Ottawa, Pushmataha, Choctaw, Washington, Osage, Craig, Nowata, Pittsburg, Sequoyah, McIntosh, Muskogee, Le Flore, Latimer and Haskell counties.

Forecasters say extremely hot weather and high humidity will continue for at least the next week in the region, with afternoon heat indexes climbing into the 105-to-115-degree range each day. Overnight lows will drop only into the mid 70s to lower 80s.

People are advised to take extra precautions if working outside in the heat and to reschedule strenuous activities to the early morning or evening hours.

'Temporary' death benefit lasted 76 years

TOM MARGENAU
Creator's Syndicate

Q: My friends and I have a Social Security round-table discussion once a month at a local coffee shop. At our last get-together, the subject of the Social Security \$255 death benefit came up. I was surprised to learn that it is only paid when the deceased was married.

So, why does Social Security discriminate against single people? Don't they realize that we have also burial costs after we die?

A: The so-called "death benefit" has an interesting history. It didn't start out as a death benefit, per se — at least not in the context it is thought of today. It certainly was never meant to be a "burial benefit" as many people call it.

As part of the thinking that went into the original Social Security Act passed in 1935, Congress realized that many of the new Social Security taxpayers would die before they ever had a chance to collect benefits. Or they would die without having earned enough "quarters of coverage" to be insured for survivor benefits for any dependents. Therefore, they decided to compensate the families of the deceased with some form of reimbursement for the Social Security taxes that they had paid into the system. They set up a one-time benefit they called the "lump sum death payment," and it was originally intended to reimburse the family with an amount equal to 3.5 percent of the money the deceased had paid into the system.

It was supposed to be a temporary benefit, because Congress knew that as time passed, most workers would be paying a sufficient amount of money into Social Security and they would be insured for survivor benefits. In other words, when a taxpayer died, the widow or widower (and any minor children) would get monthly benefits — so this lump sum payout would no longer be needed.

But as often happens with government programs, once you start paying a benefit, it's hard to take

Social Security and you

it away. Over the years, there have been any number of proposals to eliminate the lump sum death payment. But as miserly as the benefit is, it's a popular feature of the Social Security program. And politicians soon learned that to tamper with it meant an automatic loss in the next election. So the "temporary benefit" never went away.

But over the years, there have been some relatively minor adjustments to the original law. In 1954, they capped the benefit at \$255 — and it's remained at that level ever since. And in 1983, when Congress was looking for ways to save money in the Social Security system, they restricted the payment of the one-time death payment only to a "spouse who was living with the deceased at the time of death."

And that's where we are today. We have an essentially meaningless "death benefit" paid only to a widow or widower. Perhaps 50 years ago, \$255 paid the cost of a funeral. Of course today, it barely covers the price of the flowers. Personally, I think the benefit should simply be eliminated. But your own email suggests why it's so hard to get rid of a Social Security benefit. In fact, you call for an expansion of the benefit. You feel it is "discriminatory" and should be paid in all cases.

But maybe after reading my little history lesson, you and your round-table pals will have a different view? Let me know.

Q: My mom died several years ago at the age of 75, and my dad never received any widower's benefits on her record, although he got the little pittance of a death benefit. Now my 82-year-old dad has died, and we were shocked to learn that no one is due any kind of Social Security benefit on his record. If

Social Security were run like a real insurance program, my dad would have been able to name his children as beneficiaries, and we all would have benefited from his many years of forced tax payments.

Is it any wonder that so many people think of Social Security and the rest of government as nothing but a big rip-off?

A: Social Security was never meant to be, and never will be, "run like a real insurance program." As its name implies, Social Security is a social insurance program. It was set up 75 years ago to make sure that workers had a basic income they could rely on in retirement. And Social Security also makes sure that "dependent" spouses and "minor" children would have some income in the event of the worker's death.

The answer to the first question in this column explains why you or your siblings are not eligible for the one-time death benefit. And I can't really imagine that you and your brothers and sisters (you all must be in your 50s and 60s, I presume) were expecting to get monthly benefits on your dad's Social Security record.

People have always been able to buy "real insurance." And if your dad had wanted to provide some form of income for his grown (and if you ask me, greedy) children after he died, he would have purchased life insurance and named you and your siblings as beneficiaries.

Your use of the terms "forced tax payments" and "big rip-off" when referring to Social Security makes me think you are part of the anti-government crowd. And assuming you do want smaller government, I find it puzzling that you seem to be demanding nothing but more and greater benefits from a system you want to see shrunk in size.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.

Perry: Gay marriage under state's rights

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry, a potential Republican presidential candidate, said Friday he supports state rights so much that he's fine with New York's approval of gay marriage but still called himself an "unapologetic social conservative."

Perry, who has been weighing a presidential run, said he opposes gay marriage — but that he's also a firm believer of the 10th Amendment.

"Our friends in New York six weeks ago passed a statute that said marriage can be between two people of the same sex. And you know what? That's New York, and that's their business, and that's fine with me," he said to applause from several hundred GOP donors in Aspen, Colo. "That is their call. If you believe in the

10th Amendment, stay out of their business."

It's not the first time Perry has expressed strong feelings on state rights. He said he didn't think Arizona's divisive immigration law would be the best course for Texas but supported Arizona's right to push for its law.

His comments may further stoke tea party groups that have criticized Perry's record on issues like immigration and public health and his ties to the Democratic party before he became a Republican in 1989, around the same time as other conservative Democrats.

Perry was speaking Friday at a forum held by the Aspen Institute as the Republican Governors Association held a fundraiser and convention in Aspen.

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and several types of suspect reports.

The system will be particularly useful in pinning down suspects who follow certain patterns that are searchable in the database. The network will also simplify the

identification process, as mugshots from other agencies become available.

"As it grows, this will be a useful tool to use," said Brown.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I live down the street from the town cemetery. It contains some old stones from the 1800s that are starting to crumble. This cemetery has become a favorite place for many to walk their dogs or ride their bikes. One woman lets her dog run off-leash and her young daughters play tag around the stones. Another neighbor allowed her children to set off fireworks.

I was taught that in a cemetery, people should behave as if they are in a church. It upsets me to see this place used as a playground. This is a final resting place!

Can you comment on proper etiquette in the cemetery? — RESPECTFUL IN OHIO

DEAR RESPECTFUL: Who is in charge of the upkeep of the cemetery? That individual should be informed about what's happening, so decorum can be re-established and activities that can cause it to deteriorate can be stopped. The idea that people have been using it as a dog park, where the animals can urinate and defecate on the graves, is appalling.

Cemetery etiquette is simple: Treat the graves as you would the graves of your parents, or as you would like your own to be treated.

This includes no loud chatter, in case there are people in mourning there, not walking on the graves, not leaving chewing gum on the gravestones, keeping pets leashed (if they are brought there at all), and teaching children the difference between a cemetery and a playground.

DEAR ABBY: Why do men's pants come in sizes by waist and length and women's don't? I'm tall, and I'd like to find a pair of slacks that fit me off the rack instead of having to rip out seams. Most stores have pants with the same inseam and waist measurements, with the exception of petites. Why can't women's pants come in waist and length sizes as well? — MITZI IN BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WASH.

DEAR MITZI: Good question. I discussed it with fashion designer Bradley Bayou, who said:

"Historically, women's fashion has always measured women only at the bust, hip and waist. It was considered improper (and unnecessary) to measure an inseam since women were only supposed to wear skirts and dresses. It wasn't until the 1930s and '40s, with Katharine Hepburn and Marlene Dietrich, that it became OK for women to wear pants

— but only when measured by skilled tailors.

"Again, for the dignity of women, 'universal sizing' (short, average or tall) was created as the solution for not measuring a woman's inseam. It also costs less to manufacture women's pants in universal sizing for mass production. Pants with an inseam measurement were kept for higher-end slacks or couture.

"While it won't be in the main sanctuary, we will be having a church wedding in one of the church halls followed by a reception in the same hall. Would it be correct to invite the religious official and/or their partner to stay for the reception? — CONFUSED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ABBY: My partner and I are being married. We plan a small wedding with just family and a few friends. While it won't be in the main sanctuary, we will be having a church wedding in one of the church halls followed by a reception in the same hall. Would it be correct to invite the religious official and/or their partner to stay for the reception? — CONFUSED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CONFUSED: It would not only be correct, it would also be thoughtful and gracious to extend an invitation to your officiant and his or her partner to attend your reception.

Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Monday, July 25, the 206th day of 2011. There are 159 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 25, 1961, in a televised address on the Berlin Crisis, President John F. Kennedy announced a series of steps aimed at bolstering the military in the face of Soviet demands that Western powers withdraw from the German city's western sector.

On this date:

In 1866, Ulysses S. Grant was named General of the Army of the United States, the first officer to hold the rank.

In 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt froze Japanese assets in the United States in retaliation for Japan's occupation of southern Indochina.

In 1946, the United States detonated an atomic bomb near Bikini Atoll in the Pacific in the first underwater test of the device.

In 1956, the Italian liner Andrea Doria collided with the Swedish passenger ship Stockholm off the New England coast late at night and began sinking; at least 51 people were killed.

In 1960, a Woolworth's store in Greensboro, N.C., that had been the scene of a sit-in protest against its whites-only lunch counter dropped its segregation policy.

In 1963, the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain initialed a treaty in Moscow prohibiting the testing of nuclear weapons in the atmosphere, in space or underwater.

In 2000, a New York-bound Air France Concorde crashed outside Paris shortly after takeoff, killing all 109 people on board and four people on the ground; it was the first-ever crash of the supersonic jet.

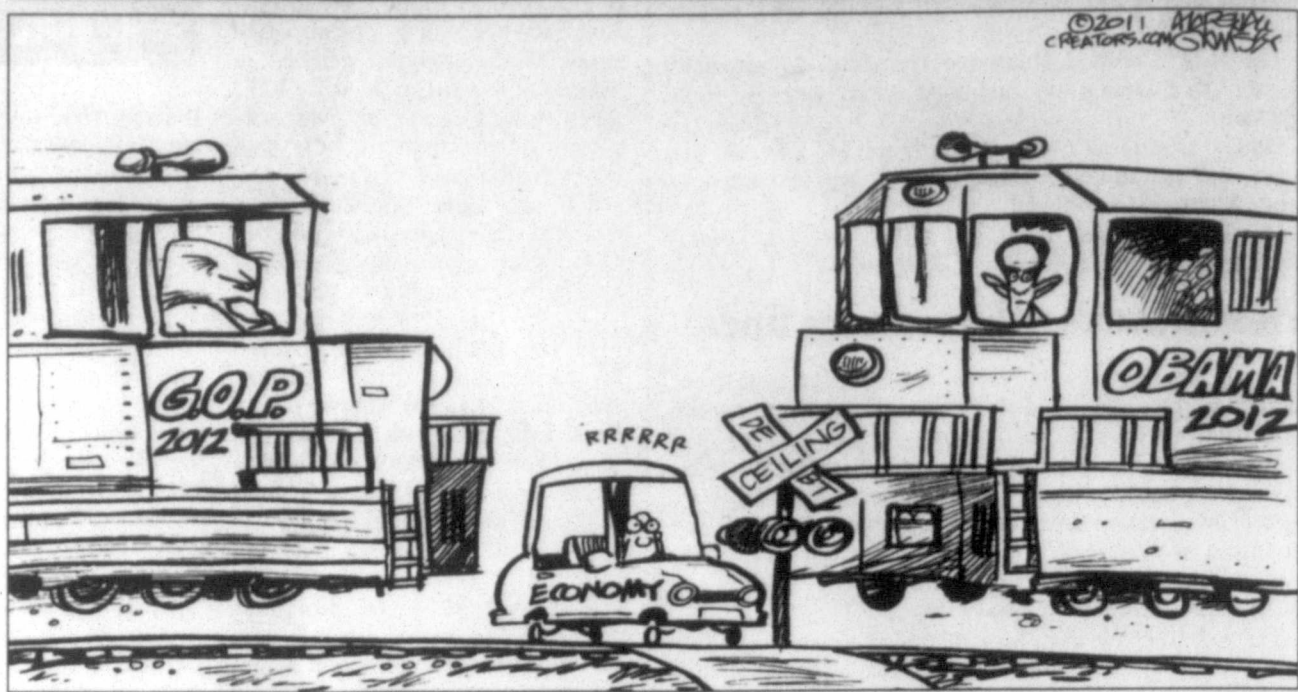
Ten years ago: Three masked men gunned down Phoolan Devi, India's onetime "Bandit Queen," killing the outlaw-turned-legislator who was idolized by the poor as a champion of the lower castes.

Five years ago: Israeli troops sealed off a Hezbollah stronghold and widened their control of southern Lebanon; an Israeli airstrike hit a U.N. border outpost, killing four observers.

One year ago: The online whistleblower Wikileaks posted some 90,000 leaked U.S. military records that amounted to a blow-by-blow account of the Afghanistan war, including unreported incidents of Afghan civilian killings as well as covert operations against Taliban figures.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Barbara Harris is 76. Rock musician Jim McCarty (The Yardbirds) is 68. Rock musician Verdine White (Earth, Wind & Fire) is 60. Singer-musician Jem Finer (The Pogues) is 56. Model-actress Iman is 56. Cartoonist Ray Billingsley ("Curtis") is 54. Rock musician Thurston Moore (Sonic Youth) is 53. Actress-singer Bobbie Eakes is 50. Actress Katherine Kelly Lang is 50. Actress Illeana Douglas is 46. Country singer Marty Brown is 46. Actor Matt LeBlanc is 44. Actress Wendy Raquel Robinson is 44. Rock musician Paavo Lotjonen (PAH'-woh LAHT'-joh-neh) (Apocalyptica) is 43. Actor D.B. Woodside is 42. Actress Miriam Shor is 40. Actor James Lafferty ("One Tree Hill") is 26. Actress Shantel VanSanten is 26. Actor Michael Welch is 24. Classical singer Faryl Smith is 16.

Thought for Today: "Advertising is a valuable economic factor because it is the cheapest way of selling goods, particularly if the goods are worthless." — Sinclair Lewis, American author (1885-1951).



Will sanctuary cities issue galvanize Latinos?

JULIAN AGUILAR
Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) — The contentious sanctuary cities legislation debate left a bitter aftertaste for some Latinos, but whether it translates into change at the ballot box next year may depend on how much they remember about one of the state's most controversial bills.

The legislation, which many critics saw as a watered-down version of Arizona's more draconian anti-immigrant law, Senate Bill 1070, failed to make it to Gov. Rick Perry's desk despite his designation that it was an emergency item. Latinos' reactions to the fact that it was even considered, however, was expected. Many Latino opponents of the measure vowed, will be back. We will vote. And you will be gone during marathon committee hearings.

But political analysts question whether the debate will move the Latino community past marches and protests and toward the ballot box instead.

"I think first folks become offended. And then they start educating themselves," said Maria Teresa Kumar, the executive director of Voto Latino, a nonpartisan outfit dedicated to increasing Latino voter turnout, a catalyst. "What I've seen on the ground is that fourth and fifth generation of Latino Americans may have not realized that they are Latino until someone started questioning their American-ness. And that instigates them."

Some Latinos and Democrats argue the bill could spark what they dubbed Texas Proposition 187 movement. In 1994, Proposition 187 was introduced in California as a ballot initiative to eliminate illegal immigrants' access to health care, education and other services. Many consider it the precursor to Arizona's controversial bill, which in turn led to similar proposals in other states, including Texas. The bill, though approved by voters, created a backlash that many say led to waning support for the GOP in California. It is credited with the party's failure to win a statewide seat for several election cycles after it was introduced. The legislation subsequently faced several challenges in court and was never implemented.

"California was very much a purple state, and it was solidly more on the red side than it was on the blue side," Kumar said. "(Former California Gov. Pete Wilson) politicized the Latino community in a way that we had never seen. California now is a solidly blue state close to 20 years later, and that is not insignificant."

Texas is a different matter altogether, however. On paper, at least, the Latino electorate looks like a consid-

erable political force. A study by the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials revealed that the country will have an estimated 12.2 million Latino voters in 2012, an increase of about 26 percent from 2008. Texas is home to about 2 million of them. But Texas voters in general are more apathetic than most during an election year. The state ranks 43rd in the percentage of the voting-age population that votes and 45th in voter turnout, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, something Kumar says can be overlooked.

Texans, they are 8 percentage points below the national average in participation, she said — significant, especially when you see historic highs.

Democratic strategist Harold Cook says it is too soon to tell what the failed immigration legislation will mean next year and whether it will increase voter turnout among Latinos. But there's a chance, he said, if politicians and candidates are able to craft the right message.

"I think it is going to be the thing that sticks in people's craws the most is that when you had civil rights groups of all kinds, you had religious groups of all kinds showing up in the Capitol and saying, do not do this to us, (but) they were completely ignored," he said. "It was only after a couple of rich white guys who aren't even necessarily Democrats showed up to oppose it that suddenly the legislation was dead."

It was Houston-based homebuilder and major Republican donor Bob Perry and grocery store magnate Charles Butt who intervened late in the special session to help thwart the bill's final passage. Cook said that signaled to opinion leaders in Hispanic communities how little Republicans respected their voices.

"Will this count for some big sea change in Texas politics immediately? I kind of doubt it," Cook said. "It sure doesn't help Republicans with the most important emerging demographic in future politics in Texas."

That message is not lost on Latino Republicans, at least not in Texas. Lauro Garza, the Texas director of Somos Republicans, acknowledged the debate damaged Republicans. As similar efforts across the country have also done, he said Texas proposed immigration legislation has eroded the gains made by President George W. Bush to recruit more Latino Republicans.

"The Republican Party had commanded a stronger Latino presence than ever before," he said. "Damaging rhetoric from interlopers has deteriorated both the image of the Republican Party and especially of Latinos who are Republican."

A quick glance at the Somos Republicans' website reveals that Latino Republicans are not a monolithic voting bloc. The group opposes mass deportations, supports the DREAM Act and openly criticizes Republicans who advocate draconian immigration measures. Proving that there is room for dialogue and compromise, Garza said, is the fact that the same Texas Republicans who supported the measure during the regular session ended up rejecting it in the final days of the special session.

"I am glad that some Republicans had the cojones to stand up against the current Republican anti-immigration fervor. It's coming in and some day it will go out," Garza said. "It's wrong. Somos Republicans is standing up against it."

Add to the mix the growing movement known as the Tequila Party, founded by Somos Republicans president DeeDee Garcia Blase. A former longtime Republican, Blase said she now an independent, a reaction to the extremist stance she says some Hispanic Republicans have taken.

The party, she said, is composed of Latinos tired of being treated as a political football.

"GOP branding across the U.S. is just bad. Those kinds of (extreme) Republicans are very damaging," she said of enforcement-only immigration policies. But she also took a swipe at Democrats for playing politics and damaging immigration reform under Bush.

Democrats don't want Republicans passing that kind of reform because it would create a generation of Latino Republicans, she said.

Meanwhile, the Tea Party is quietly ratcheting up its base in hopes that it will create a wave of change next year that includes the ousting of some Republicans.

The conservative populist movement was as furious at the demise of the sanctuary cities bill as the Democrats were elated.

"We are 100 percent focused on the primary. We are going to put out our own scorecard and we are going to hit the road and travel all across the state telling the story about what happened," said Katrina Pearson, the executive director of Watchthevote.org and a member of the Texas Tea Party caucus advisory board.

Part of that story, she said, is that Republican state Reps. Burt Solomons, R-Carrollton, and Byron Cook, R-Corsicana, the author of the House cities bill and the chairman of the House State Affairs Committee, respectively, failed to move the legislation forward.

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New Mexico sees record revenue numbers from drilling

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico is seeing record amounts of revenue from drilling leases.

The increase comes as improved drilling techniques and the consent of potash miners persuaded the State Land Office this year to open previously off-limits tracts of land in New Mexico's southeastern counties to oil companies.

The State Land Office in June recorded unprecedented bid levels at its monthly oil and natural gas lease sale in by auctioning off leases on nearly 8,400 acres, mostly in Eddy

and Lea Counties, for \$17.2 million. That record lasted only one month.

Last week, the state accepted bids from oil companies totaling \$19.5 million for an additional 9,600 acres of drilling rights.

All newly available oil leases will be expected to be gobbled up by August.

Much of the state's money from the leases is earmarked for a state fund that pays out a prescribed amount of money

every year to public schools, universities and other beneficiaries.

"It's been a nice shot in the arm for education right when we need it," Public Lands Commissioner Ray Powell told The Albuquerque Journal.

Although the boom isn't expected to last, it's the latest sign of an uptick in New Mexico oil production despite ongoing debate over the state's environmental regulations. Oil production in New Mexico during the just-ended fiscal year had increased by more than 4 percent.

Every \$1 increase in crude oil prices generates \$4 million in revenue for state coffers over the course of a year.

Many of the tracts of land recently opened up to oil drilling were off-limits because southeastern New Mexico is home to the country's only major deposits of potash, which is primarily used to make fertilizer.

The potash lies directly above significant oil and natural gas deposits. The potash industry has long objected to oil and gas drilling taking place below its operations, claiming that such drilling spoils the potash and presents a potential hazard to miners who work more than 1,000 feet underground.

Powell said the potash industry has dropped its concerns due to improvements in oil drilling techniques that allow deposits to be reached by horizontal drilling.

Growth

There are a lot of Hispanics who are business owners and who are in management now.

"And I think that's a good sign, because diversity always makes things better, because you have a lot of different views, a lot of different talents."

Cabrales has witnessed this growing diversity in his job as Recreation Superintendent for the City of Pampa. "I think that people being in positions like the one that I'm fortunate to be in, I think that helps," he said. "I think that people who maybe aren't comfortable speaking English in public might hesitate to come to a facility like M.K. Brown and try to rent it out, because they might be intimidated. But with me being here, and because they know that I speak the language, I feel that we get more customers like that, because now they feel comfortable to come up here, and they know that someone's going to understand them and be able to communicate with them."

In recent years, Cabrales has seen the growth of businesses with bilingual employees.

"When I first moved here, I was 17 and I spoke

the language, but for my parents, anywhere they went, it was a struggle," he said. "They would do their best, but it would be tough for them. I think now there are a lot of business owners who speak the language in town, and there are a lot of businesses in town that people are comfortable to go to."

"My mom is one of them, actually," Cabrales continued. "She has a little retail business here in town, and people know that they can go there and at least someone can speak the language that they're more comfortable with and they feel like they can go there and not be intimidated."

Gonzalez agreed. "I do see a lot more shops in Spanish and Mexican restaurants," she said. "We even have a meat market that's in Spanish. I see a lot more Hispanic [business] owners."

Silva said that for businesses and other places around town that would like to reach out to the Hispanic community, while hiring bilingual employees is helpful, fostering a long-term relationship is even more important.

"The Latin community is a more family-like envi-

ronment, so everything is more on a handshake," he said. "If you want to crack the Hispanic community, you're going to have to build more personal relationships. Not just with the businesses, but with the schools and so forth, they're going to have to develop a more personal relationship. They need to get to know them in more than just a name, and actually get to know them as a person. Take an interest in them and make it a long-term deal instead of a short-term promotion, with some incentive to gain their trust."

Silva believes that developing a mutually-beneficial relationship is crucial.

"I think the best way to get the Hispanic community involved is to involve them in your purchases as well," he said. "If we

want the Hispanic community to come into our businesses, then we have to go into their businesses and buy from them. We have to not only encourage but support the businesses that are Hispanic owned. If we want them to support us, we need to support them."

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Sports

Lefors graduate Czubinski adjusts to 11-man football

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catching up with

LHS grad Trever Czubinski



When Trever Czubinski played at Lefors High School in 2009, he played offense, defense and special teams. After football, Czubinski played basketball then ran track. Last year at Oklahoma Panhandle State, Czubinski is now settling in at the defensive back position and is focusing on football year-round.

Czubinski said it was different not being a starter, but added he didn't expect anything different.

"It's like the start of high school," Czubinski said. "You are trying to get attention and grab the coach's eye. I go 110 percent on the fundamentals."

Czubinski, who was redshirted last year, said it was a big adjustment from six-man football to 11-man.

"I had to be a lot more focused," Czubinski said. "There's five more people on both sides of the ball. I have to watch two more receivers than in high school."

The Lefors graduate said when he first signed they were going to have him work out with the receivers and defensive backs, but that changed when he got on campus.

"The defensive coordinator tapped me on the shoulder and asked for my name," Czubinski said. "He told me that I was going to be a free safety. I kept working with the defense. I haven't played offense since the Motley County game (with Lefors)."

Czubinski said focusing on one position has been a lot easier for him.

"All I'm working on is defensive drills," Czubinski said. "I'm not having to go from blocking to tackling to catching to kicking."

Being focused on just football has been nice for Czubinski.

"We can stay with it," Czubinski said. "We aren't going to lose that ability."

Czubinski signed with Oklahoma Panhandle State around the same time as his Lefors teammate, Wakely Pairsh. The two have been able to help each other out, Czubinski said.

"We both know how to pump each other up," Czubinski said. "When he gets down, I encourage him. He's there to encourage me when I get down. When we do something well we tell each other good job."

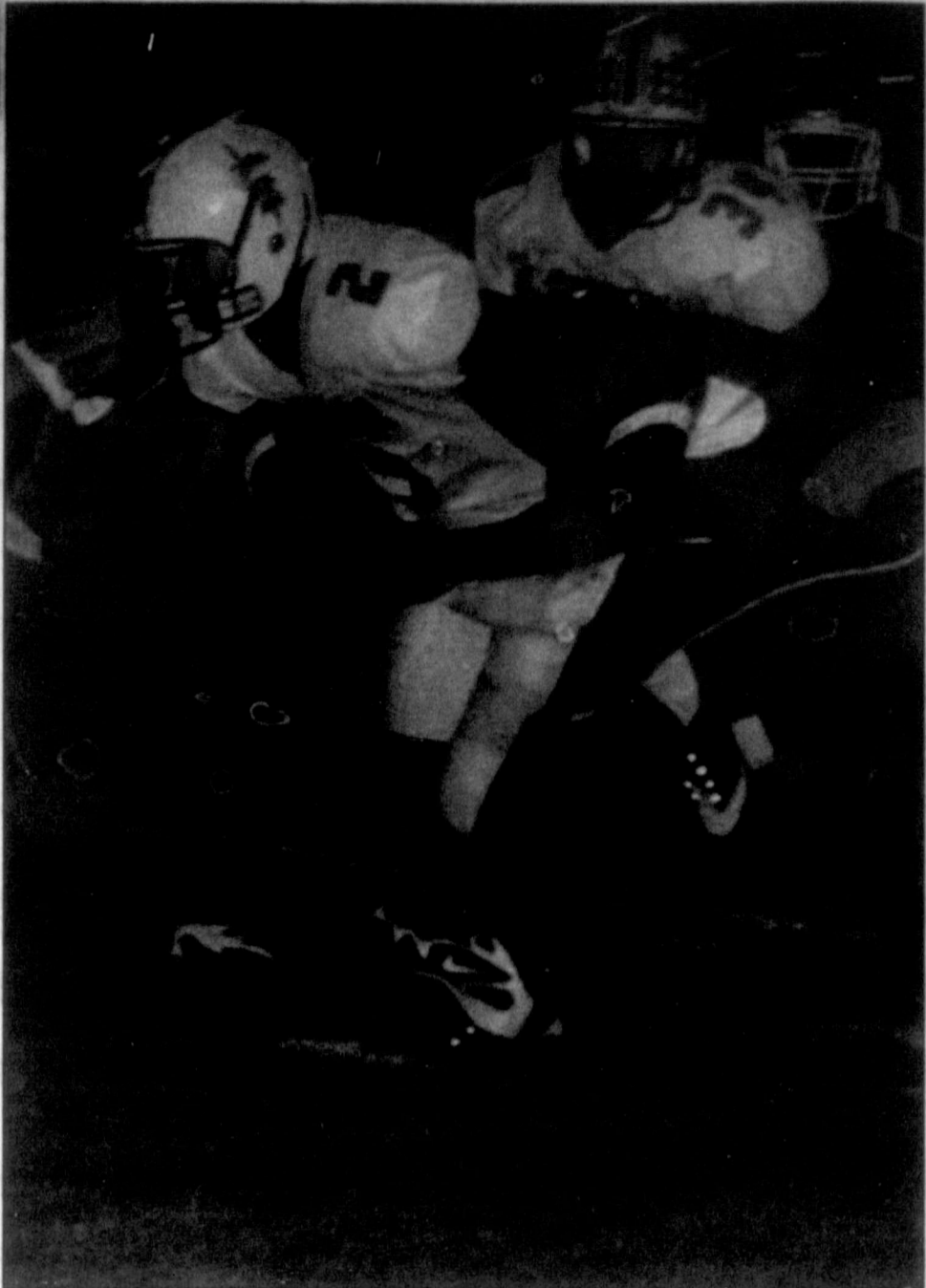
Recently, Czubinski and his Aggie teammates had to deal with the death of their head coach, Mike Wyatt, who died of a heart attack in December.

Czubinski said he didn't know him as well as some of his older teammates but coach did impact him.

"It made me want to work harder," Czubinski said.

This past spring, Czubinski got some action in the spring game, recording three tackles and an interception. Czubinski said he isn't sure if he will get to play next year.

"We have about 20 more recruits coming in at defensive back," Czubinski said. "I just have to keep it. I'm already smarter than I was last year. Maybe there's a chance I could see playing time. If it's only on special teams I'm OK with that. I'm going to strive and work harder."



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Trever Czubinski attempts to break a tackle in a game against Samnorwood in 2009. At OPSU, Czubinski is playing free safety and adjusting to 11-man football.

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