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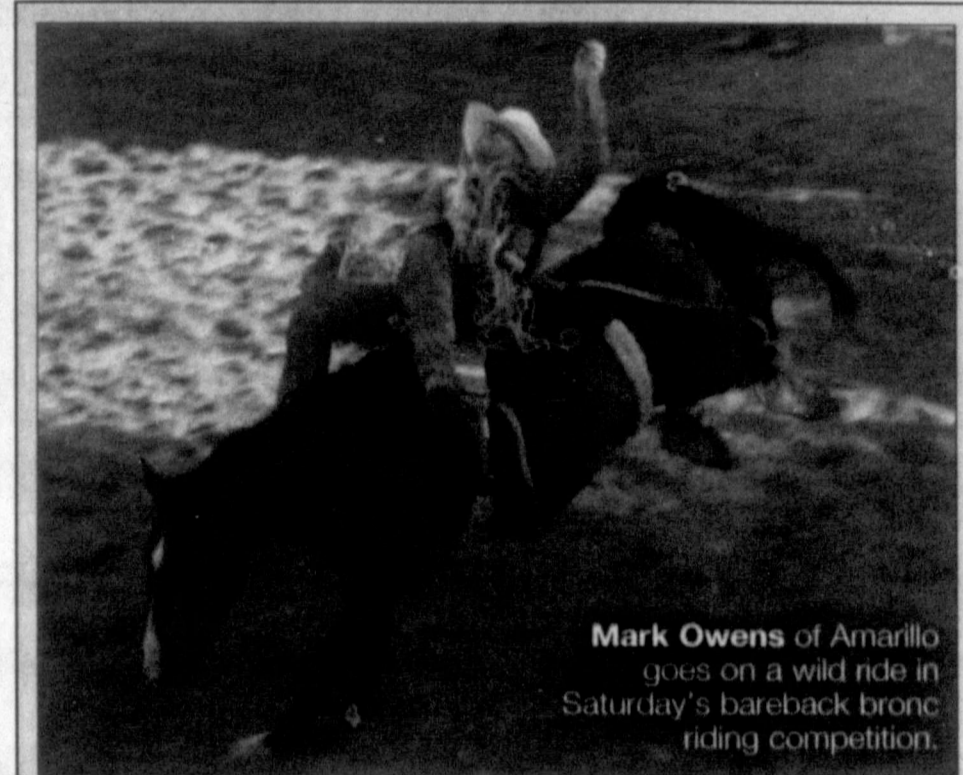
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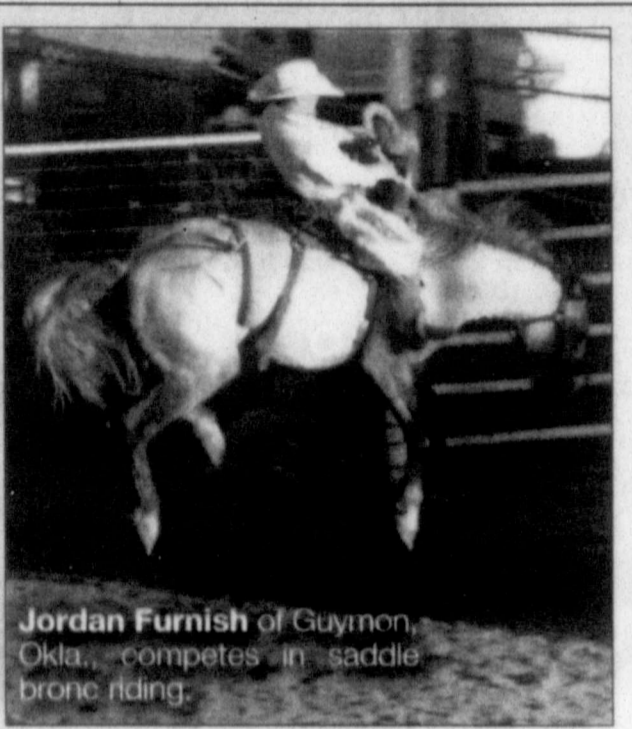
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Mark Owens of Amarillo goes on a wild ride in Saturday's bareback bronc riding competition.
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Jordan Furnish of Guymon, Okla., competes in saddle bronc riding.
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Shayley Morriss (right), the newly crowned Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas 2011, stands with Megan Pirtle, last year's winner.
 photo courtesy of Top O' Texas Rodeo Association

'Another great year'
 After 65 years, rodeo still a draw

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You could hear the smile in Cindy Kempf's face when she was asked about the 65th Top O' Texas Rodeo, which ended with an all-day slate of events this past Saturday.

"It went great," said Kempf, office manager of the Top O' Texas Rodeo. "We had another great year. I don't think we could have asked for anything better."

Not even Friday evening's showers could dampen Kempf's spirits — or, evidently, hold back attendance at the gate.

"The stands were packed, the dance was filled up, even the rain didn't hurt us," Kempf said. "The gate wasn't hurt at all, or very little, at least from what I could tell. The rain came and went, and the people who were there waited it out and the ones that weren't showed up after it went away."

Rodeo officials were still tallying the final attendance numbers as of Sunday, but Kempf was confident that the returns would be positive.

"I haven't seen the final count yet, but looking at the stands, that was great to see," she said. "I think we did good."

The full bleachers at the rodeo grounds combined with the record number of participants in this year's events were encouraging signs that, even after over six decades, the Top O' Texas Rodeo continues to grow.

"We set a record for people that signed up (to compete) last year, and we surpassed it this year," Kempf said. "I think we had around 385 (participants) this year, which is a lot. That's just **RODEO** cont. on page 2

Chisum to speak at Chamber luncheon

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Tomorrow's Chamber of Commerce luncheon will have a special speaker: Pampa's own Warren Chisum, who will be vacating his post as Texas State Representative for District 88 at the end of this term.

Chisum, who is reportedly seeking a seat on the Texas Railroad Commission, will reminisce about his time serving in the state legislature, a job he's done since 1989.

Chamber of Commerce Director Joe Weaver said the Chamber was honored to host someone who has meant so much to Pampa for so long.

"Warren was the Chamber's board president (at one time), so I know the Chamber's been important to him," Weaver said. "But he's already been important to the community and the district at large, having served (in Austin) for 22 years."

"We've asked him to speak on what (the House) was like when he first got there and how it's changed since then," Weaver continued. "I believe he's going to share his thoughts on his time, on the future of Texas and on the future of the district."



Chisum

PHS VOLLEYBALL AT CANYON TROPHY TEAM



The Lady Harvesters hold the Randall Tournament Silver Bracket trophy after sweeping Lubbock Cooper Saturday at Canyon High School. Pampa defeated Palo Duro and Amarillo Highland Park to get to the title match.
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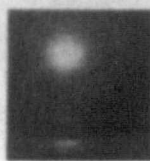


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Monday Tuesday Wednesday



High 98
Low 70



High 98
Low 69



High 96
Low 69

Today: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98. South southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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

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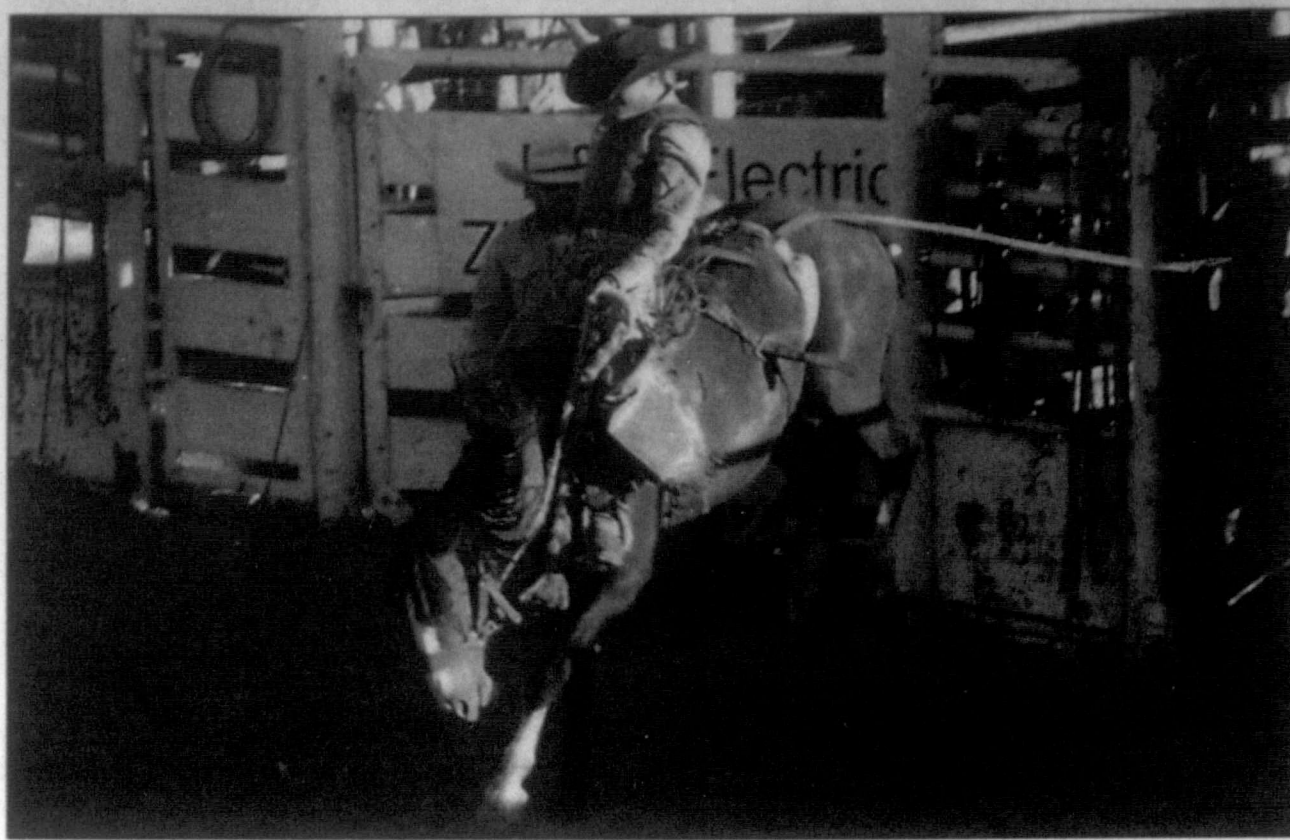
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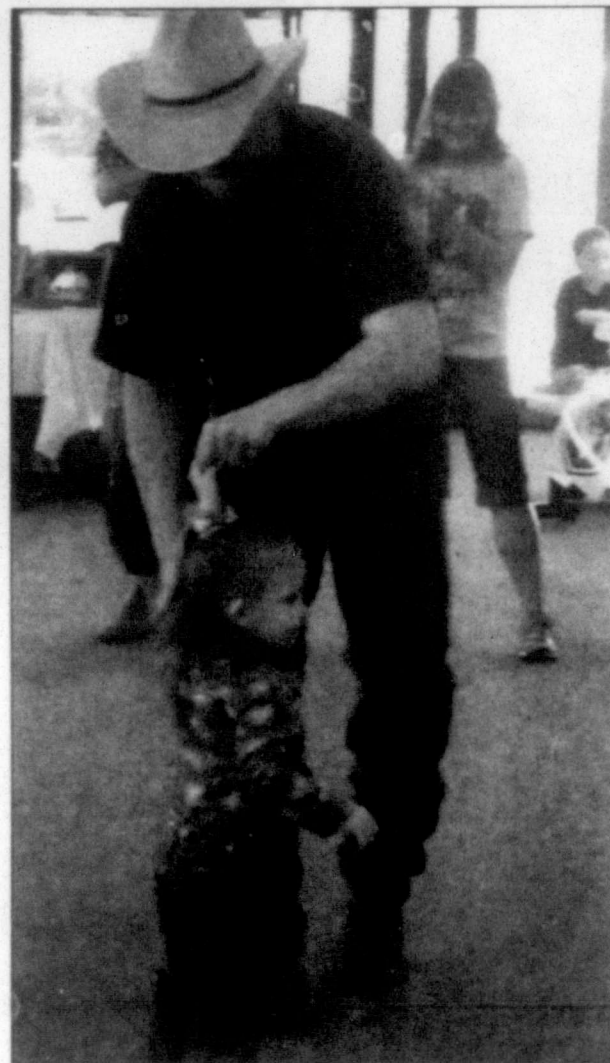
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Peter White of Amarillo hangs on during the saddle bronc riding competition.



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Elijah Dyer, Bradey King and C.J. Taylor bust a move for the Rodeo Clown competition at Fenton Motors.



staff photo by Mollie Bryant

Michael Shelton twirls his cowgirl, Julia Shelton, during the Little Princess contest at Fenton Dodge on Saturday.

Rodeo

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great. We couldn't be happier. We've already started planning for next year."

The 2012 Top O' Texas Rodeo, according to Kempf, is tentatively set for Thursday through Friday, Aug. 9 to 11.

One person who has already punched her ticket to next year's show is 18-year-old Shayley Morriss of Lefors, who was crowned Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas 2011 on Saturday. Morriss, a sophomore at Clarendon College Pampa Center, won the Ticket Sales, Horsemanship, Personality and Appearance categories of the pageant.

"She's going to do us proud," said Kempf. "She's going to represent us at a lot of activities over the next year. We're excited to have her."

Friday and Saturday rodeo results

FRIDAY

Saddle Bronc Riding
Cody Groves, Lubbock - 69 points
Wyatt Barstow, Lubbock - 69 points

Steer Wrestling
Trevor Cox, Gruver - 5.3 seconds
Bray Armes, Gruver - 5.3 seconds

Jacob Gernentz, Portales, N.M. - 6.3 seconds
Dax Grunewald, Woodward, Okla. - 7.4 seconds
Jace Lane, Morse - 7.8 seconds
Shade Etbauer, Goodwell, Okla. - 10.5 seconds
Hayden Moore, Clovis, N.M. - 17.1 seconds

Mutton Bustin'
Participants were Mac Cochran, Pampa; Christian Silva, Pampa; and Hunter Atwood, Pampa.

Calf Roping
Marty Yates, Stephenville - 8.5 seconds
Chad Plumlee - 8.8 seconds
Bradley Bynum, Sterling City - 9.1 seconds
Reese Riemer, Stinnett - 9.2 seconds
Charley Russell, Shamrock - 9.5 seconds
Cliff Kirkpatrick, Post - 10.1 seconds

Breakaway Roping
Cassidy Boggs, Cyril, Okla. - 2.2 seconds
Kate Hansen, Alva, Okla. - 2.6 seconds
Tanya Gold, Reydon, Okla. - 2.6 seconds
Molly Bates, Alva, Okla. - 2.8 seconds
J J Hampton, Stephenville - 2.9 seconds
Robbie Sterns, Freedom, Okla. - 3.1 seconds
Kellie Colter, Hereford - 5.1 seconds

Ranch Bronc Riding

Hagen Lamb, Borger - 77 points
Zach Seymour, McLean - 74 points
Callan Rice, Stamford - 73 points
Conner Rice, Stamford - 70 points

Team Roping

Rusty Slavin/Travis Goad - 10.5 seconds
Rusty Slavin/Shane Goad - 10.7 seconds
Jace Lane/Tyler Lane - 12.3 seconds
Billy Barnes/Justin Russell - 14.8 seconds

Double Muggin'

Travis Reedy/Tanner Cochran/Travis Chester - 20.7 seconds
Travis Reedy/Tanner Cochran/Levi Sailor - 65.5 seconds

Barrel Race

Kellie Collier, Hereford - 17.167 seconds
Karen Little, San Saba - 17.282 seconds
Dena Kirkpatrick, Post - 17.475 seconds
Kirsten Pohnert, Canyon - 17.482 seconds
Kelsey Graf, Vernon - 17.800 seconds
Patty Mccullar, Canyon - 18.023 seconds
Billie Ann Sexton, Stephenville - 22.463 seconds
Rickki Moyer, Woodward, Okla. - 23.399 seconds
Neeley Armes, Gruver - 23.586 seconds
Cacee Miller, Scott City, Kan. - 33.003 seconds

Bull Riding

Cordale Martin, Panhandle - 74 points

SATURDAY

Saddle Bronc Riding
Jordan Furnish, Guymon, Okla. - 75 points
Nathan Burum, Dover, Okla. - 70 points

Steer Wrestling

Zach Cobb, Pampa - 4.8 seconds
David Clements, Panhandle - 5.0 seconds
Loper Mccune, Goodwell, Okla. - 5.5 seconds
Weston Taylor, Perryton - 5.7 seconds
Billy Billingsley, McLean - 6.7 seconds
Pistol McCune, Goodwell, Okla. - 7.1 seconds
Mitchell Gardner, Dover, Okla. - 14.2 seconds
Dusty Mansfield, Groom - 14.4 seconds

Mutton Bustin'

Participants were Colton Bolton, White Deer; Mason Childress, Pampa; Celton Duff, Pampa.

Calf Roping

Cody Waldrop, San Angelo - 8.0 seconds
Garrett Hale, Snyder - 9.0 seconds
Zane Waldrop, San Angelo - 9.2 seconds
Logan Dee Harkey, Vernon - 10.0 seconds
Craig Leonard, Lubbock - 10.2 seconds
Guy Miller, Lamesa - 14.3 seconds
Forrest Elder, Lubbock - 14.7 seconds

Breakaway Roping

Kirsten Stubbs, Clint - 2.6 seconds
Tina Grote, Sherman - 2.8 seconds
Brooke Boulware, Alva, Okla. - 3.0 seconds
Jenna Lee Hays, Weatherford, Okla. - 4.2 seconds
Dixie Shettel, Claude - 4.4 seconds
Kelcey Pinkert, Lubbock - 12.1 seconds
Tamara Miller, Lamesa - 15.5 seconds

Ranch Bronc Riding

John Kelly Walden, Amarillo - 76 point

Team Roping

Jered Jewkes/Jody Pinkert - 5.6 seconds
Josh Morris/Lee Walker - 10.4 seconds

Double Muggin'

Whitney Oxley/Jeremy Winkler/Shawn Whatley - 19.2 seconds
Q.B. Cobb/Jeremy Pritchett/Austin Pritchett - 34.3 seconds
Brice Bennett/Joel Britten/Skyler Mitchell - 36.9 seconds
Cody Douglas/Robert Douglas/Joe Thomas - 47.7 seconds
Levi Sailor/Matt Bowen/Stephen McCarley - 50.1 seconds
Q.B. Cobb/Jeremy Pritchett/Payton Terry - 66.2 seconds

Barrel Race

Rachel Miller, Cimarron, Kan. - 17.482 seconds
Dixie Bell, Canyon - 17.668 seconds
Romni Gordon, Coffman - 17.693 seconds
Kaily Richardson, Midland - 17.789 seconds
Joy Mcdaniels, Slaton - 18.244 seconds
Katrina Winkler, Pampa - 20.769 seconds
Kelly Garrison, Channing - 22.243 seconds
Carley Richardson, Pampa - 22.757 seconds
Debbie Pate, Hugoton, Kan. - 22.781 seconds

Bull Riding

Wendall Haggerman, Pampa - 76 points
Kyler Cator, Spearman, Tx - 76 points
Milo Medlock, Amarillo - 76 points
Colter White, Tyrone, Okla. - 73 points
Cody Hessman, Beaver, Okla. - 71 points

MORNINGRUSH

Perry: Time to cut government

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry on Friday delivered a conservative message to Alabama Republicans on the eve of his expected presidential announcement, stressing the need to defeat President Barack Obama and reduce the size of government to make the country friendlier to job-creating businesses.

Speaking at a fundraising dinner for the Alabama GOP, Perry didn't refer directly to his presidential plans, but he did ask audience members to send him a text message so that he could get their phone numbers in his databank.

Perry called the federal government a "sprawling mess" that needs to be returned to the limited sized envisioned by the nation's founders in the Constitution.

"There is still a whole world of work to be done in Washington, D.C., and we need to send truly fiscal conservatives to Washington to get it done," said Perry, whose address was repeatedly interrupted by applause and cheers.

Judge asked to keep cameras on

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston's red-light camera vendor has asked a federal judge to stop the mayor from turning the cameras off again.

City Attorney David Feldman confirmed to the *Houston Chronicle* on Friday that Mayor Annise Parker is considering turning off the cameras as she prepares a resolution for a City Council vote on Wednesday. He said Parker has not decided what the resolution will say.

American Traffic Solutions attorney Andy Taylor called the move "an unprecedented and colossal flip-flop."

A federal judge on July 22 ruled that Houston may not appeal his June decision invalidating the 2010 election when voters said the cameras should be turned off. The judge decided camera opponents waited too long to put the matter on the ballot.

Texas fugitive nabbed

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — Authorities in Delaware say a man wanted in Texas has been arrested.

Wilmington police told *The News Journal* that 68-year-old John B. Kennedy was arrested without incident on Friday at the Motel 6 on Del. 9 in New Castle and has been booked on fugitive warrants.

Police Lt. Scott Jones says they received information from the prosecutor's office in Harris County, Texas, that Kennedy fled Texas before going on trial and could be in a Wilmington-area hotel.

Authorities found \$12,000 in Kennedy's car. Another \$838,000 was found with two firearms in a recently rented storage facility in Brandywine Hundred.

Jones says he could not release what Kennedy was accused of doing in Texas or where the money was from.

Bachmann wins straw poll

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann won a test vote of Iowans on Saturday, a show of popularity and organizational strength for the tea party favorite five months before the state's caucuses kick off the GOP presidential nominating season.

The result is the first indication of what Iowans think of the field of Republicans competing for the chance to challenge President Barack Obama next fall. But it's hardly predictive of who will win the winter Iowa contest, much less the party nod or the White House.

Rather, Saturday's outcome suggests that Bachmann has a certain level of support and, perhaps even more important, the strongest get-out-the-vote operation and widest volunteer base in a state whose caucuses require those elements.

Texas Rep. Ron Paul finished a close second while former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty placed a distant third.

Pawlenty bows out

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty dropped out of the race for the GOP presidential nomination on Sunday, hours after finishing a disappointing third in the Iowa straw poll.

"I wish it would have been different. But obviously the pathway forward for me doesn't really exist so we are going to end the campaign," Pawlenty said on ABC's "This Week" from Iowa shortly after disclosing his plans in a private conference call with supporters.

The low-key Midwesterner and two-term governor had struggled to gain traction in a state he had said he must win and never caught fire nationally with a Republican electorate seemingly craving a charismatic, nonestablishment, rabble-rouser to go up against President Barack Obama.

Pawlenty tried to turn up the heat on Obama and his GOP rivals. But it often came across unnatural and he never was able to stoke the passions of voters.

"What I brought forward, I thought, was a rational, established, credible, strong record of results, based on experience governing — a two-term governor of a blue state. But I think the audience, so to speak, was looking for something different," he said.

In recent weeks, he withered under the rise of tea party favorite Michele Bachmann, whose rallying cry is a sure-fire applause line about making Obama a one-term president, and libertarian-leaning Ron Paul, as well as the promise of Texas Gov. Rick Perry, the sharp-tongued Texan who entered the race Saturday.

Ex-TABC agent gets 20 years

BASTROP (AP) — A former agent with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission was sentenced to 20 years in prison Friday for sexually assaulting a 16-year-old girl who was participating in a commission sting operation.

A jury determined the sentence for Joe Chavez, 42, after a weeklong trial in which the agent pleaded guilty to one sexual assault charge and was acquitted of another. Chavez entered the guilty plea during jury selection.

The jury also sentenced Chavez to 10 years in prison for online solicitation of a minor. The trial judge, Christopher Duggan, will determine whether the sentences will run concurrently or be stacked on top of each other at a hearing on Aug. 24.

In a statement issued after the sentencing, TABC administrator Alan Steen called the case "a sad reminder of how there will always be situations where an employee gains our confidence but makes poor personal choices."

Bogus Social Security history lesson

TOM MARGENAU
Creator's Syndicate

Social Security and you



Last week, I resurrected a column from about a year ago that refuted some allegations from a diatribe foolishly called a "Social Security History Lesson" that has been polluting the Internet for years. Even though it's full of lies that should be apparent to anyone who reads it, it seems to gain legitimacy the more time it spends in cyberspace. Billed as offering some bipartisan insight into Social Security's past, the silly document rewrites history in a partisan attempt to portray Democrats as the political party out to ruin Social Security.

I covered about half of the attacks last week. This week, more misleading allegations and more hard facts.

Allegation: The Internet document asks, "Which political party started taxing Social Security annuities?" And it answers the question this way: "The Democratic Party, with Al Gore casting the tie-breaking vote."

Fact: My conservative friends are going to be shocked to hear this, but I'm afraid it was their hero, President Reagan, who first started taxing Social Security benefits. Yes, the poster boy for the anti-government tea party crowd instituted one of the largest tax increases in the history of this country when he signed the Social Security Reform Act of 1983.

But actually, the guy deserves credit for doing so. At the time, Social Security was in dire straits. There were only enough reserves left in the Social Security trust funds to keep the system running for another five years or so. So he created the National Commission on Social Security Reform and named Alan Greenspan to head the panel. They produced a series of proposals that Reagan signed into law — some of which cut benefits (e.g., dependent benefits to college students were eliminated) and some of which raised revenues (the aforementioned taxation of Social Security benefits). Their actions, and frankly, Reagan's courage to take on the naysayers and anti-tax zealots of his own Republican Party, are in large part responsible for keeping the Social Security system solvent to this day.

The whackos who put out the "Social Security History Lesson" can

at least claim a sliver of truth to their allegation that the Democrats were involved in taxing Social Security. It was the Clinton administration that modified the tax rules in 1993 by raising the portion of benefits subject to taxation for wealthier people from 50 percent to 85 percent. (I have no idea if Al Gore cast the tie-breaking vote, but let's say he did so that the people who put out this partisan puffery can take credit for getting one thing right!)

By the way, with all the hoopla over the taxation of Social Security benefits, it's interesting to note that the vast majority of Americans don't pay any taxes on their benefits. In order to have your benefits taxed, your overall income has to exceed certain thresholds that depend on whether or not you are married and on your tax filing status. And again, most people do not exceed those income limits.

Allegation: The Internet history lesson asks this question: "Which political party decided to start giving Social Security payments to immigrants, including illegals?" And it answers, "That's right! Jimmy Carter and the Democratic Party. Immigrants and illegal aliens move into this country and at age 65 begin to receive Social Security payments. The Democratic Party gave these payments to them, even though they never paid a dime into it!"

Fact: This is absolute hogwash. But it's an example of how misinformation spreads in today's wired world. If you repeat something often enough, no matter how preposterous, people will believe it — especially if they are inclined to believe anti-government propaganda in the first place.

How do I begin to set the facts straight on this one? Let's start with this basic premise: no one can get Social Security retirement benefits unless he or she has worked and paid enough in Social Security taxes to become insured. And that usually means a minimum of 10 years of work.

Also, from the time the original Social Security Act was passed in 1935, the law has never set a citizenship test for benefit eligibility.

As long as you had worked long enough to be insured, you could receive retirement benefits at age 62. And a small fraction of those benefits are paid to immigrants (set it) who are living in this country legally (end it). As I've pointed out countless times in this column, people living in this country illegally (set it) do not (end it) collect Social Security benefits.

So how did these guys tie Jimmy Carter into the immigrants-and-Social-Security story? It's an example of how they can take a tiny kernel of truth and twist it and tweak it until they've come up with a whopper of a lie. What did happen while Jimmy Carter was president is that the first international Social Security treaty agreements were signed. Recognizing as early as the 1970s that we really were developing a global economy, Social Security program managers around the world realized they needed to establish agreements among themselves.

Often, citizens of one country were working in another country. Sometimes they worked for a corporation headquartered in their native land. And sometimes they worked for a company in the country in which they were residing. But this led to all kinds of issues with respect to Social Security taxes and eventual Social Security benefits: For example, should you pay Social Security taxes to your native country or to the country in which you are working? Or should you get Social Security benefits from your native country, or from the country where you were working? These are the kinds of issues these Social Security treaty agreements are designed to deal with. And President Carter signed the first of these treaties in the late 1970s with Italy and Germany.

Today, we have such agreements with about 25 countries around the world.

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

Mobeetie cemetery gets 'historic' label

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MOBEETIE — The Texas Historical Commission recently designated Mobeetie Cemetery as a Historic Texas Cemetery on May 26, 2011. The distinction means the cemetery has been legally recorded through the THC's Historic Texas Cemetery Program, an important step in ensuring its preservation.

This designation is reserved for cemeteries that are at least 50 years old and documented through the Historic Texas Cemeteries process to record their historic association and significance.

"This designation is a tool that will increase public awareness of these important cultural resources," said Mark Wolfe, executive director of the THC. "Knowledge and education are among the best ways to guarantee the preservation of a historic cemetery."

Ada Lester, chairperson of the Wheeler County Historical Commission, stated, "The CHC Board is very pleased to have the Mobeetie Cemetery designated as a Historical Site. Mobeetie Cemetery, the first known public burial site in the Panhandle of Texas, is very special and its preservation is of utmost importance."

While the Historic Texas Cemetery designation encourages cemetery preservation, it cannot guarantee that a historic cemetery will avoid destruction. Threats to historic cemeteries include urban expansion and development, vandalism, grazing animals and long-term

deterioration from weather and uncontrolled vegetation.

The THC developed the Historic Texas Cemetery designation to address the destruction of historic cemeteries and the illegal removal of cemetery fixtures. Any individual or organization is eligible to submit an application for this designation.

For additional information regarding Historic Texas Cemetery designation, or to receive an application, contact Annette Bethke of the THC's History Programs Division at 512/463-1305 or annette.bethke@thc.state.tx.us. To find out more about historic cemetery preservation visit the THC's web site at www.thc.state.tx.us.

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Today in History

Today is Monday, Aug. 15, the 227th day of 2011. There are 138 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 15, 1961, as workers began constructing a Berlin Wall made of concrete, East German soldier Conrad Schumann leapt to freedom over a tangle of barbed wire in a scene captured in a famous photograph.

On this date: In 1057, Macbeth, King of Scots, was killed in battle by Malcolm, the eldest son of King Duncan, whom Macbeth had slain.

In 1769, Napoleon Bonaparte was born on the island of Corsica.

In 1914, the Panama Canal opened to traffic.

In 1935, humorist Will Rogers and aviator Wiley Post were killed when their airplane crashed near Point Barrow in the Alaska Territory.

In 1945, in a radio address, Japan's Emperor Hirohito announced that his country had accepted terms of surrender for ending World War II.

In 1947, India became independent after some 200 years of British rule.

In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair opened in upstate New York.

In 1971, President Richard Nixon announced a 90-day freeze on wages, prices and rents. Bahrain declared its independence from Britain.

In 1974, a gunman attempted to shoot South Korean President Park Chung-hee during a speech; although Park was unhurt, his wife was struck and killed, along with a teenage girl. (The gunman was later executed.) In 1998, 29 people were killed by a car bomb that tore apart the center of Omagh (OH'-mah), Northern Ireland; a splinter group calling itself the Real IRA claimed responsibility.

Ten years ago: A Texas appeals court halted the execution of Napoleon Beazley just hours before he was scheduled to die for a murder he'd committed as a teenager. (Beazley was executed in May 2002.) The Air Force gave the go-ahead to build its new F-22 fighter.

Five years ago: Israel began withdrawing its forces from southern Lebanon.

One year ago: Former medical student Philip Markoff, charged with killing Julissa Brisman, a masseuse he'd met through Craigslist, was found dead in his Boston jail cell, a suicide.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Rose Marie is 88. Political activist Phyllis Schlafly is 87. Actor Mike Connors is 86. Game show host Jim Lange is 79. Actress Lori Nelson is 78. Civil rights activist Vernon Jordan is 76. Actor Jim Dale is 76. Actress Pat Priest is 75. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer is 73. U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., is 73. Musician Pete York (Spencer Davis Group) is 69. Author-journalist Linda Ellerbee is 67. Songwriter Jimmy Webb is 65. Rock singer-musician Tom Johnston (The Doobie Brothers) is 63. Actress Phyllis Smith ("The Office") is 62. Britain's Princess Anne is 61. Actor-comedian Rondell Sheridan is 53. Rock singer-musician Matt Johnson (The The) is 50. Actor Peter Hermann is 44. Actress Debra Messing is 43. Actor Anthony Anderson is 41. Actor Ben Affleck is 39. Singer Mikey Graham (Boyzone) is 39. Actress Natasha Henstridge is 37. Actress Nicole Paggi is 34. Figure skater Jennifer Kirk is 27. Rock singer Joe Jonas (The Jonas Brothers) is 22. Actor-singer Carlos Pena is 22. Actress Jennifer Lawrence is 21.

Thought For Today:

"We must not read either law or history backward." — Helen M. Cam, English historian and educator (1885-1968).

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Perry may pose biggest threat to Romney

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AMES, Iowa (AP) — The biggest rumblings in the Republican presidential campaign are coming from Austin, Texas - 1,000 miles from the leadoff caucus state where front-runner Mitt Romney and seven opponents squared off ahead of an important test vote this weekend.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry sent word that he would join the race, casting a shadow over the debate Thursday night and threatening to upend the race.

Back in Iowa, Romney emerged unscathed with his leader-of-the-pack status intact after two feisty hours; his two Minnesota rivals - Rep. Michele Bachmann and former Gov. Tim Pawlenty - sparred repeatedly as each sought advantage ahead of Saturday's Iowa straw poll.

Overall, the dynamics of the campaign did not change with a single debate. And they may not change when Saturday's straw poll results are announced.

But the race could well change in the coming days as Perry dives in.

The Texan may pose the biggest threat yet to Romney.

Conservatives who make up the core of the GOP primary base view Romney skeptically on cultural issues, and he hasn't been able to establish himself as the heavy favorite for the nomination even though he's spent months promoting his background as a businessman and claiming that he alone has the know-how to create jobs to pull the country out of a period of high unemployment, rampant foreclosures and tumultuous financial markets.

Democrats are already taking aim at Perry.

"His record will get scrutinized," David Axelrod, senior political adviser to President Barack Obama, said Friday. Axelrod suggested Perry was taking too much credit for Texas' relatively healthy economy and job creation.

"He's been the beneficiary down there of the boom in oil prices and increased military spending because of the wars," Axelrod said on CBS' "Early Show." "I don't think many people would attribute it to the leadership of the governor down there."

Perry could benefit from GOP suspicion about Romney.

The Republican establishment has a lackluster view of Romney's candidacy, leading deep-pocketed donors across the country to look for more candidates to draft into the race who could bridge the historical tension between the party's social and economic wings. They couldn't convince former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush to run. New Jersey Gov. Chris

Christie repeatedly refused, too. And Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels declined overtures as well.

Enter Perry.

He is credible on issues social conservatives care about and sent a strong message to evangelicals last weekend by hosting a national prayer rally in Houston that drew roughly 30,000 Christians. He also has overseen a period of job growth in his state, making Texas one of the few states in the country that have posted economic gains and giving him the opportunity to challenge Romney's pitch as the jobs candidate.

Iowa, with its strong base of evangelical voters, may be tailor-made for Perry. He was making his first trip to the state Sunday, a day after formally announcing his candidacy in South Carolina and New Hampshire - just as Iowa straw poll votes are being cast.

A caucus campaign by the Texan could force Romney to retool his strategy of downplaying the state - which he lost during his first run in 2008 after investing heavily - in favor of friendlier ground elsewhere.

"Perry hasn't shown up in the rodeo yet, but it looks like a Romney-Perry race," Republican strategist Jim Dyke said.

That may be a bit premature.

Perry is entering the race months after other candidates and Romney has a multimillion-dollar head start in fundraising.

Also, there still are at least five months before Iowa's precinct caucuses that kick off the winter-to-summer GOP nomination season, and there still are several unknowns, including whether former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin ends up running. She was making a last-minute visit to the Iowa State Fair for Friday, reviving talk of a potential candidacy on the eve of the straw poll at Iowa State University. The straw poll could winnow the GOP field and indicate which candidate has the strongest get-out-the-vote operation.

This is turning out to be the most consequential week yet in the 2012 Republican presidential nomination fight - but not because of anything that happened at the debate.

Romney largely kept his criticism on Obama and the incumbent Democrat's handling of the economy, an issue that has blossomed anew as the GOP's top campaign concern in the wake of a tumultuous week on Wall Street and continuing high unemployment.

"I understand how the economy works," Romney said during the debate, noting the lessons of both successes and failures as a venture

capital firm chief executive officer. "Our president doesn't understand how to lead or grow an economy."

He wouldn't bite when asked to comment on his rivals' economic positions.

And Romney's rivals gave him a pass on a potentially problematic comment he made earlier in the day at the Iowa State Fair when confronted by hecklers, who suggested corporations should pay more taxes. That prompted Romney to respond, "corporations are people."

Democrats quickly jumped on the exchange, though his GOP rivals did not.

Those who tried to knock him down a rung didn't even nick him.

Struggling to find traction, Pawlenty poked at Romney on several issues, including how much land he owns as well as his support for a Massachusetts health care bill similar to the national one Obama signed into law.

But Pawlenty ended up getting pulled into a family fight with Bachmann, who has outshone him in Iowa despite his 18 months of laying groundwork for a campaign.

"It's an undisputable fact that her record of accomplishment, and results has been nonexistent," Pawlenty said, adding: "She's got a record of misstating and making false statements."

Bachmann, who has eclipsed Pawlenty since entering the race, quickly responded with a list of what she called Pawlenty's liberal policies when he was Minnesota's governor, including his support for legislation to curb industrial emissions and his backing of an individual health care mandate in Minnesota, both unpopular positions with GOP activists.

"You said the era of small government is over," she told Pawlenty. "That sounds a lot like Barack Obama if you ask me."

Former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman - making his first debate appearance - also tried to claim the space as the economic-focused candidate, by championing his state's job gains during his tenure and noting his time as an executive in his family's chemical company. But Obama's former ambassador to China also defended his work under the Democratic president as well as his support for civil unions - both issues that are problematic in a GOP primary campaign.

Lesser-known candidates tussled for position, including former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, Texas Rep. Ron Paul, businessman Herman Cain and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

Perry was absent from the stage. But not for long.

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Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce Calendar of Events

August 16
Chamber Luncheon — Noon in the MK Brown Room, \$10.00 per person. Speaker will be Rep. Warren Chisum, caterer Dyers BBQ.

August 20
"Evening Under the Stars" Sponsored by Altrusa International, Inc. of Pampa and Pampa Rotary Club, benefiting Make a Wish Foundation.

September 5
Chamber will be closed for Labor Day.

September 5
Chautauqua Celebration at Central Park. Sponsored by the Pampa Fine Arts Association. Food, games, live music.

September 20
Chamber Luncheon — Noon in the MK Brown Room, \$10.00 per person. (please RSVP by Sept. 16)

September 30
Deadline for the "Name the Christmas Events Theme Contest" Win \$20 in Pampa Bucks. Email — harvest@pampachamber.com

Looking ahead

October 15
Pampa Chamber of Commerce 27th Annual "Country Fair" -- "Oktoberfest Texas Style" Dinner, Auctions, Dance.

the chamber around town



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Carquest joins Chamber

Goldcoats at the Carquest ribbon-cutting included: (from left) Ronnie Wood, Lyndon Field, Loyd Waters, Joe Weaver, Charles Henry, Owner Daniel Galloway, Jerry Foote, Monica Galloway, Pat Montoya, Claire Hall, Krissa Hall, Roy Morriss, Conner Hall, Jason Hall, Sheila Webb and Randy Pribble.

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Twice the Ice joins Chamber

Goldcoats at the Carquest ribbon-cutting included: (from left) Charles Henry, Roy Morriss, Loyd Waters, Joe Weaver, Owner Kevin Karr, Jerry Foote, Lyndon Field, Ronnie Wood, Shiela Webb, Randy Pribble and Pat Montoya.

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Wealthy Mexicans fly, not drive, to Texas

McALLEN (AP) — As drug violence rises, Mexicans with means accustomed to making weekend jaunts to Texas are increasingly taking to the skies to bypass one of their country's deadliest states.

Less than two years ago, trips from the industrial hub of Monterrey to visit family or shop here were so common that they had their own Spanish verb: "vamos a McAllen." But as the drug cartels battled for control of lucrative routes into the U.S., those straightforward 2½-hour sprints along an empty highway became white-knuckled affairs that weighed lives against entertainment. For Mexicans with resources, flying has become a popular option.

"Security in Mexico is out of control," said Francisco Garcia, owner of GID Express, a McAllen-based charter company whose two 12-passenger planes connect wealthy families from Monterrey, Tampico and Ciudad Victoria with U.S. border cities. "We just arrived at the right time at the right place."

According to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the number of passengers arriving from across the border on private planes was up 93 percent at McAllen Miller International Airport in the first six months of 2011 when compared with the first six months of 2009, when north-east Mexico remained relatively peaceful. At Brownsville South Padre Island International Airport, the number is up 63 percent. More than 10,500 passengers came to McAllen on private planes from outside the U.S. during all of last year and more than 8,300

to Brownsville, increases of nearly 50 percent for both airports from the previous year.

Those increases have coincided with a rise in drug violence in Tamaulipas state in Mexico's northeast corner that has spread to Monterrey and surrounding Nuevo Leon state.

For charter air taxi companies such as Garcia's, business has boomed. His cross-border business more than doubled in the past year from an average of 380 per month to 780 passengers per month, even though his planes rent for \$1,300 per hour.

The country's largest commercial airline, AeroMexico, started a new route between Monterrey and Brownsville in July that has kept its 50-seat plane near 100 percent capacity this summer. Aeromar, another Mexican carrier, began a new route between Tamaulipas's capital Ciudad Victoria and Reynosa, an important industrial city on the border in June.

The AeroMexico route makes Brownsville the only Texas border city with a direct commercial flight to Mexico. Brownsville's economic development arm recently approved an incentive package aimed at extending the flights another year.

"Their target would be the tourists coming into South Padre Island from Monterrey," said Gilberto Salinas, vice president of the Brownsville Economic Development Council. "Easily half of the investment in South Padre Island is coming from northern Mexico."

Those who fly are trying to avoid drug violence that, according to official figures, has killed at least 35,000 in

Mexico since late 2006, when President Felipe Calderon launched his crackdown on organized crime. Other sources, including local media, say the number is closer to 40,000. The government has not released updated numbers since December.

In Tamaulipas, which stretches along the Texas border from Laredo to Brownsville, deaths related to drug violence reached 1,209 in 2010, far surpassing 76 a year earlier, according to the government's official count. The jump was attributed to a territorial battle between the Zetas and their former sponsor the Gulf Cartel.

Sergio Narvaez, a 30-year-old from Monterrey who was headed to McAllen for the weekend, was one of several passengers on an AeroMexico flight to Brownsville on Friday who said he flew for safety. Asked if he used to drive the route, he said in Spanish, "Yes, we always came on the highway. We never flew."

The flight's biggest drawback: He had to arrive at the airport two hours early because it's an international flight. Nonetheless, he said, demand was high.

Many passengers who were interviewed didn't want to give their names because of concerns about security. Garcia said his customers are extremely private for fear of attracting the attention of extortionists.

One woman who lives in Mission, Texas, but asked not to be identified because her parents remain in Mexico, said she used GID Express in December for a flight home to Tampico, about a 5½-hour drive south of Brownsville.

For a while she and

her parents made visits by bus. But then mass graves were discovered near San Fernando, along the route from Tampico to the border. Word spread that many of the victims had been pulled from buses.

"We stopped driving maybe a year ago," she said.

As demand for charter flights has risen, so has the cost. Her parents now fly from Tampico to Reynosa, then cross the border.

The airlines' prices fluctuate. But for a long weekend in September, AeroMexico's round-trip flight from Monterrey to Brownsville recently listed at \$377. Aeromar quoted a price of \$236 for a round-trip flight from Ciudad Victoria to Reynosa.

GID Express averages 10 flights per week between the U.S. and Mexico, Garcia said. While a big chunk of his new charter business has come from Tampico, his bread and butter are the very wealthy from Monterrey who rent his planes and pack them with extended family and friends for weddings or even just serious shopping.

"When the ladies come shopping they want six ladies in the plane because if not there's no room on the plane for what they buy," Garcia said. Some have their drivers bring the SUV from Monterrey to the U.S., pick them up at the airport and return to the city with their shopping bags. "We fly like crazy with people who want to shop."

BANANAGRAMS!

Each set of letters below is arranged alphabetically, and the ? is in the correct alphabetical position. Figure out what letter the ? represents and rearrange the letters to spell a six-letter word. For example, in A?ENTV the ? could be an A, B, C, D or E. Here it represents a D, which can be combined with the other letters to spell ADVENT. The first letter is placed to get you started.

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Yesterday's Answer: CLOONEY, PITT (Ocean's 11); GERE, ROBERTS (Pretty Woman); DOUGLAS, CLOSE (Fatal Attraction); ASTAIRE, ROGERS (The Gay Divorcee) 8.15

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Beginner



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My friend "Sarah" is married to "Karl," who emotionally abuses her. My husband and I used to spend a lot of time with them, but we have gradually dropped Karl from our circle because we can't tolerate the way he treats her.

Sarah has asked me not to drop her because she has very few friends left. She stays with Karl because she's afraid she'll lose too much financially if they divorce. I have tried to tell her that her happiness should outweigh her desire for material things, but she likes living in her fancy home.

Karl hasn't worked in almost 10 years and does nothing but drink and belittle Sarah. He's also hostile to her adult children, who are fabulous people. If Sarah wants to see her grandchildren, she goes to their home because he doesn't want them around. Abby, this is a career woman who could retire in a few years but probably won't because her work is her escape.

I think Sarah is living a miserable existence. She deserves so much more. I know I'm not being as good a friend as I can be -- and I feel guilty -- but I have lost respect for her. I'm sick of hearing how "he's trying to be better." It's hard to watch someone who chooses to live her one life this way. How can we support her

when we can't stand her spouse or understand her reason for staying in a loveless marriage? — **RUNNING SHORT ON SYMPATHY IN TEXAS**

DEAR RUNNING SHORT: Much as you might like to, you can't run your friend's life or use your personal yardstick to measure what is important to her. After years of verbal abuse, Sarah's self-esteem may be shaky, and she doesn't feel prepared to take the financial hit that a divorce would cause.

Your friend could use both counseling and legal advice, and if you care about her, you should suggest it. But other than that, if you want to remain friends, my advice is to stop judging her.

DEAR ABBY: I suffered from severe depression and low self-esteem when I was younger. Because I didn't have the coping mechanisms to deal with what I was going through, I starved and cut myself.

I got treatment, gained weight and stopped cutting. I'm 30 now, married and much happier. I'm at a healthy weight, so my past eating disorder is no longer obvious. But the scars I bear from the self-injury can be seen from across a room. I dress modestly to cover them most of the time, but I don't want to wear long

sleeves and pants for the rest of my life out of fear of what people might say.

I'd like to wear a swimsuit or tank tops in the summer, but I have no idea how to address the stares and questions that would go along with that. How do you advise me to deal with the reaction of others to my scars? I don't necessarily want to discuss my past depression. — **WAY BEYOND IT NOW IN OREGON**

DEAR WAY BEYOND IT: Because your scars are so noticeable, my advice is to be honest. An alternative might be to wear sun-protective jackets when you're not in the water, which more and more smart people do these days to avoid sun damage.

However, because you do not wish to cover up, you will have to deal with the inevitable questions. How much you choose to reveal would depend upon who is asking. You don't have to share intimate details with a stranger. A way to deflect it would be to respond, "That's very personal and I'd rather not discuss it." However, if someone you know is asking out of concern, you might handle it by saying: "When I was a teenager I became depressed and cut myself. But that was a long time ago."

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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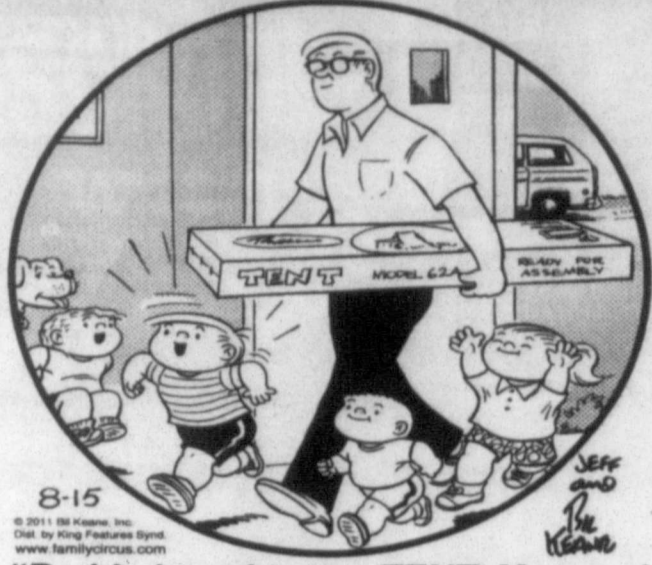
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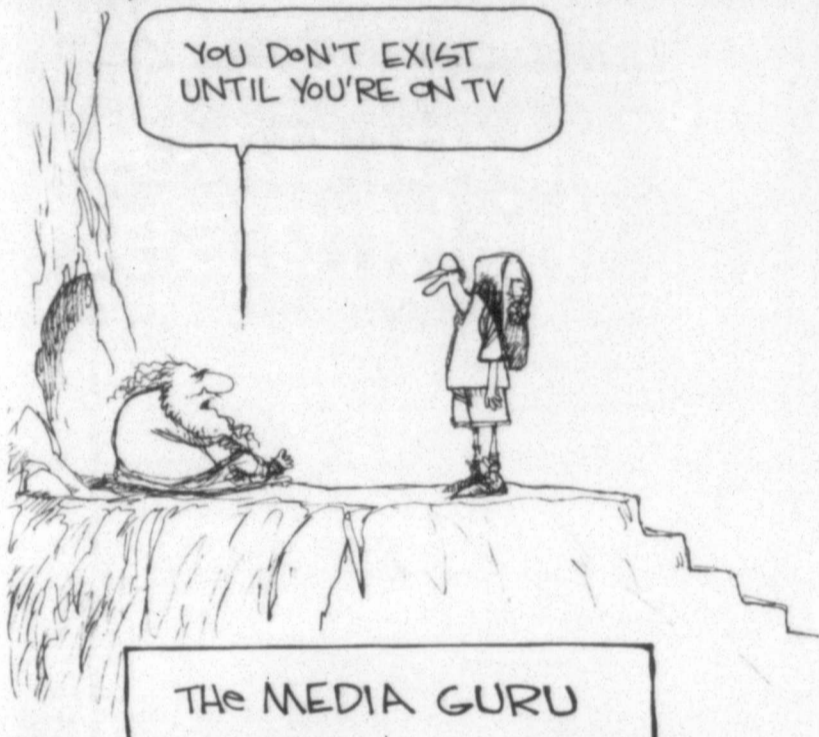
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Aug. 15, 2011:

This year, you work well with others, especially individually. You often take the lead at meetings or in groups. Others easily go along with your ideas. Other people need to take the lead more often as well. Build a stronger financial situation. If you are single, the person you choose to be with might want to commit faster than you do. If you are attached, the two of you become more visible as a couple than in the past. PISCES understands you well.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Take your time internalizing what many people think is obvious. Your way of dealing with information might be challenged, but it works for you. Take your time and don't feel pressured to express your thoughts and feelings. Tonight: Get some much-needed rest.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Lady Luck decides to ride on your shoulder, should you be interested. Listen to your inner voice, and you could move past a roadblock without any effort. A meeting opens up a world of alternatives and opportunities. Tonight: Continuing the weekend spirit.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

A boss, parent or some other authority figure has very strong feelings. You might question where this person is coming from, but remember where the power is. Your instincts could cut through a situation. Tonight: Up late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Take an overview of a situation instead of being a player. Realize what you need to do, and resolve this issue within. Then you might want to step back into that arena. Be aware of the financial implications. Tonight: Join a friend. Make sure there is music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Rethink a situation more carefully, especially if it could impact your community image or professional status. In all likelihood, you will gain. But this development could be presented in perhaps a far too favorable light. Tonight: Get a key loved one's or friend's feedback.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Keep reaching out to someone more knowledgeable if you're trying to make a decision. Once you understand that you have been locked in the parameters of your thinking, you'll try many different ways of looking at an issue. Tonight: How about a movie?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

One person or several people demand your complete attention. There are no shortcuts. Though you might not have been prepared to lose this much time, in the long run, this type of attention and thought is key. Tonight: Continue the trend. Dinner for two.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Many people want to tap into your energy and share more of what is on their mind. Your creativity is piqued by an ironic or weird situation or statement. On some level, others are delightful and can be amusing. Tonight: Say "yes" to the right invitation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

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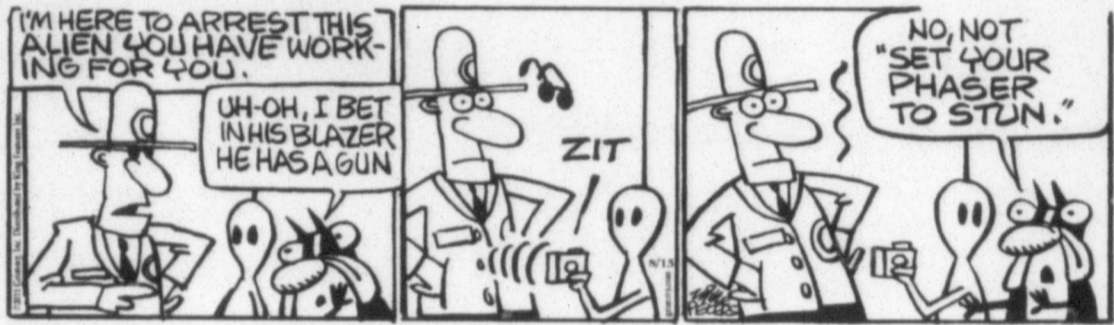
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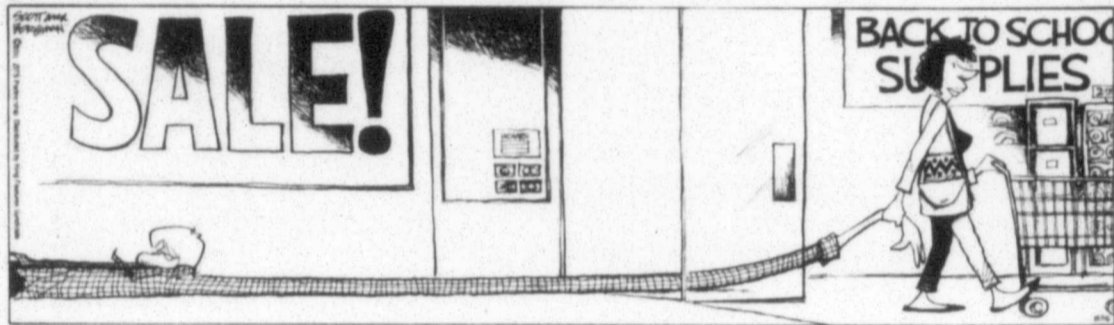
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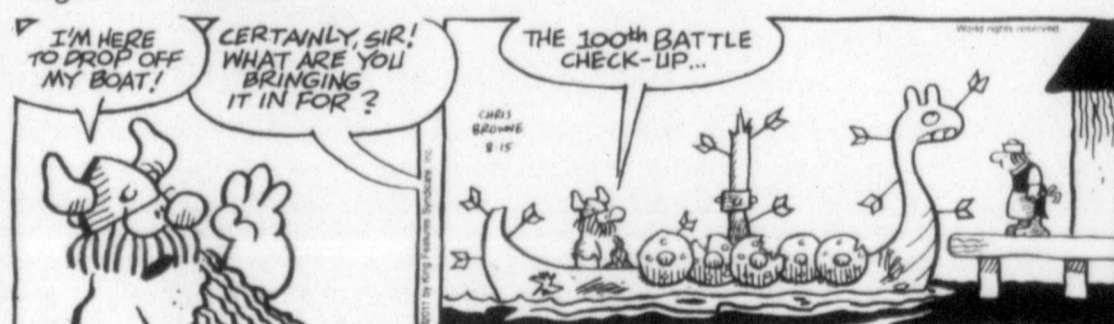
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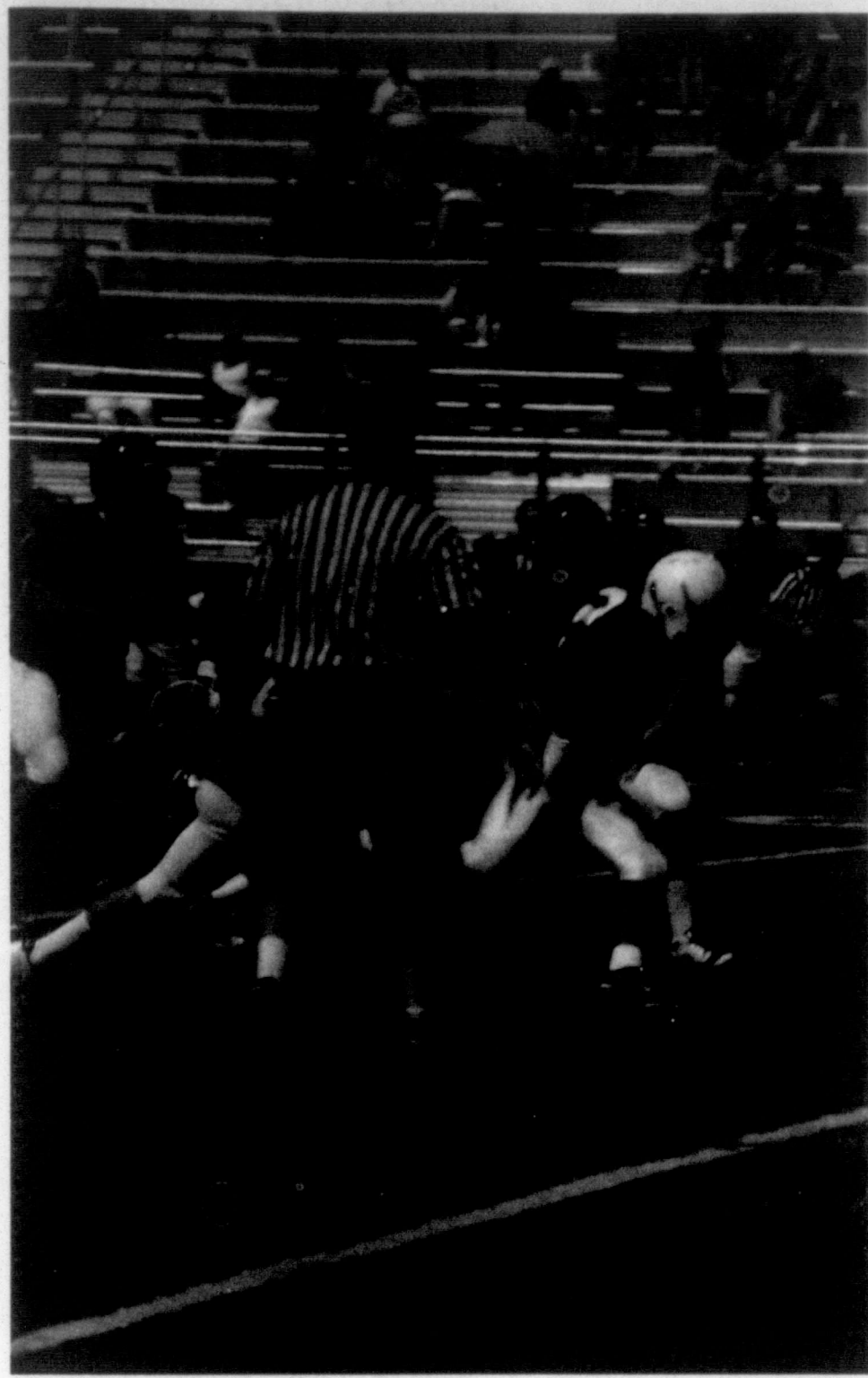
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Sports

Harvesters running game, defense highlight scrimmage



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Sophomore Freddy Jackson rushes through a hole against Bushland Saturday. Jackson scored a 50-yard rushing touchdown in the live quarters.

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Last year, the Pampa Harvesters struggled to stop opponent's running games and have a consistent one on offense. Saturday in their scrimmage against the Bushland Falcons the teams goals were to reverse those struggles. After an hour and a half, head coach Heath Parker thought his team did well in achieving those goals.

"When you play a team like Bushland, they are going to use long-fast throws and outside run," Parker said. "We wanted to run the football offensively. Those were the two things we wanted to work on. So from that standpoint, we accomplished those goals."

The scrimmage was divided into two portions: One where both teams ran a set number of plays and two live quarters of football. In the set plays portion, the first team offense got off to a shaky start as they lost six yards on the first possession. Things improved on the second possession. Senior quarterback Reid Miller completed two passes to junior Tyler Powell for 31 yards. Junior running back Samuel Smith ran for an 11-yard gain.

The defense allowed a couple of big plays at the beginning of the possession but tightened up at the end and kept the Falcons from scoring. Junior Ryan Smith led the second team offense on a scoring drive to end the set plays portion. Ryan completed a 14-yard pass to junior Taylor Woods. Sophomore Freddy Jackson ran for a 12-yard gain. Ryan finished the drive with a 16-yard pass to junior Chris Howard.

In the two live quarters, both defenses got stops on the first possession. After giving up a first down, the Harvesters only gave up a yard and forced Bushland to turn it over on downs. Miller opened Pampa's possession with a 12-yard completion to senior Trace Carter but the drive stalled.

Pampa got on the board during their second possession. Miller completed a seven-yard pass to Samuel. Jackson ran for a 16-yard gain. Miller finished the drive with a 35-yard touchdown pass to senior Latigo Collins, who rejoined the team this week.

On Bushland's first play the center

snapped the ball past the quarterback resulting in a 24-yard loss. The Harvesters defense was able to force the Falcons into a three-and-out. On Pampa's next possession the Harvesters got the run game going. Samuel ran for 27 yards on three carries. Jackson bursted to the outside for a 50-yard touchdown run.

Samuel said it took a little bit to get the running game going.

"We were just getting the feel of it," He said. "Once we got the feel of it we just got it going."

Parker said he thought the offense started well but relaxed after going up by two scores.

"All of a sudden offensively we went to sleep," Parker said. "We kind of left our defense in a bind four times."

Bushland responded to the Harvesters second score with a 48-yard touchdown pass for their only score of the scrimmage. The next two drives, the Harvesters didn't gain a yard and Miller threw an interception to end the second drive giving the Falcons the ball inside the Harvester 20.

After giving up a first down, the Harvesters defense kept the Falcons out of the endzone. Bushland had a shot to score their second touchdown but Ryan intercepted a pass to close out the scrimmage.

Ryan said the secondary made plays when they needed to.

"We definitely needed work," Ryan said. "We saw some things we needed to improve on but we saw some things that were good. I'm excited about this year."

Senior linebacker Daniel Hulsey said the defense did well in containing the outside run but still has work to do.

"We had a pretty good day out there having fun and working hard," Hulsey said. "We did pretty good on the edge... We have a lot to work on. The season is just starting."

Parker said the team needs to work on conditioning and consistency.

"I know our conditioning is not where it needs to be," Parker said. "But that can be expected...The second thing I saw was consistency issues. A missed assignment or block, or a holding penalty or something like that."

The Harvesters scrimmage Palo Duro 6:30 p.m. at Harvester Field.

No. 16 Lady Harvesters take three to win silver bracket

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The Randall volleyball tournament got off to a rough start for the No. 16 Pampa Lady Harvesters as they lost two out of three games Friday and the first game of their first match Saturday against Palo Duro. That's when the team turned it around and won three games to claim the silver bracket at Canyon High School.

Senior Caitlin Sieck said they had to adjust their goal after Friday.

"We wanted to finish in the top two of our pool," Sieck said. "Since we weren't able to do that we changed our goal to winning the silver bracket and we did a good job of doing that."

Senior Stephanie Allen said they had to pick up the intensity.

"We weren't excited (Friday)," Allen said.

Coach Stephanie Cameron, who was filling in for head coach Libby Garza who was out of town, said she wished they would have made the gold bracket but thought overall the tournament went well.

"(Friday) we were trying to work off the rust and get back into our groove," Cameron said. "I think finally today it was clicking for us. We were fortunate to come out on top."

After losing the first game to Palo Duro 25-18, Pampa regrouped and won the next two 25-12 and 25-13. The Lady Harvesters continued by knocking off Amarillo Highland Park to reach the bracket championship against the Lubbock Cooper Lady Pirates. Pampa got off to a fast start jumping out to a 17-5 lead. The Lady Pirates didn't get closer than nine as the Lady Harvesters cruised to a 12-point win.

The second game would be more competitive. Lubbock Cooper took a two-

point lead, prompting Cameron to call a timeout. Pampa responded immediately. Sieck scored a kill to put Pampa ahead 7-6. Senior Ramie Hutto followed with two aces to put the Lady Harvesters ahead 9-6 and forced a Lubbock Cooper timeout. Just like Pampa, the Lady Pirates immediately responded tying the game. The Lady Harvesters regained the lead with three straight kills by junior Maddie Fatheree. Pampa maintained their lead until Lubbock Cooper went on a 5-0 run to take a 17-16 lead.

Both teams exchanged the lead until Sieck scored a service ace to give Pampa the lead for good. Senior Alanna Stephens and Kailyn Troxell each scored kills to increase the lead to three. The Lady Harvesters won the match when Lubbock Cooper's serve went out-of-bounds.

Sieck said the second game was the best they played in the tournament.

"We came out and had a lot of intensity," Sieck said.

Cameron said she couldn't be more proud of how her girls played in the final game.

"It's tough competition," Cameron said. "Lubbock Cooper is a really really strong team. They are scrappy, they don't let balls hit the floor and they are good on the attack. We just did a very nice job of being where we needed to be and running plays we needed to do."

During pool play on Friday, Pampa lost their opening game to Randall, who is ranked fifth in class 4A (17-25 and 17-25). In their second game the Lady Harvesters lost to El Paso High in three games (16-25, 25-20, 22-25). Pampa closed pool play with a sweep of River Road (25-21, 25-15).

The Lady Harvesters (6-2) will play a triad with Palo Duro and Dimmitt at Palo Duro Tuesday.

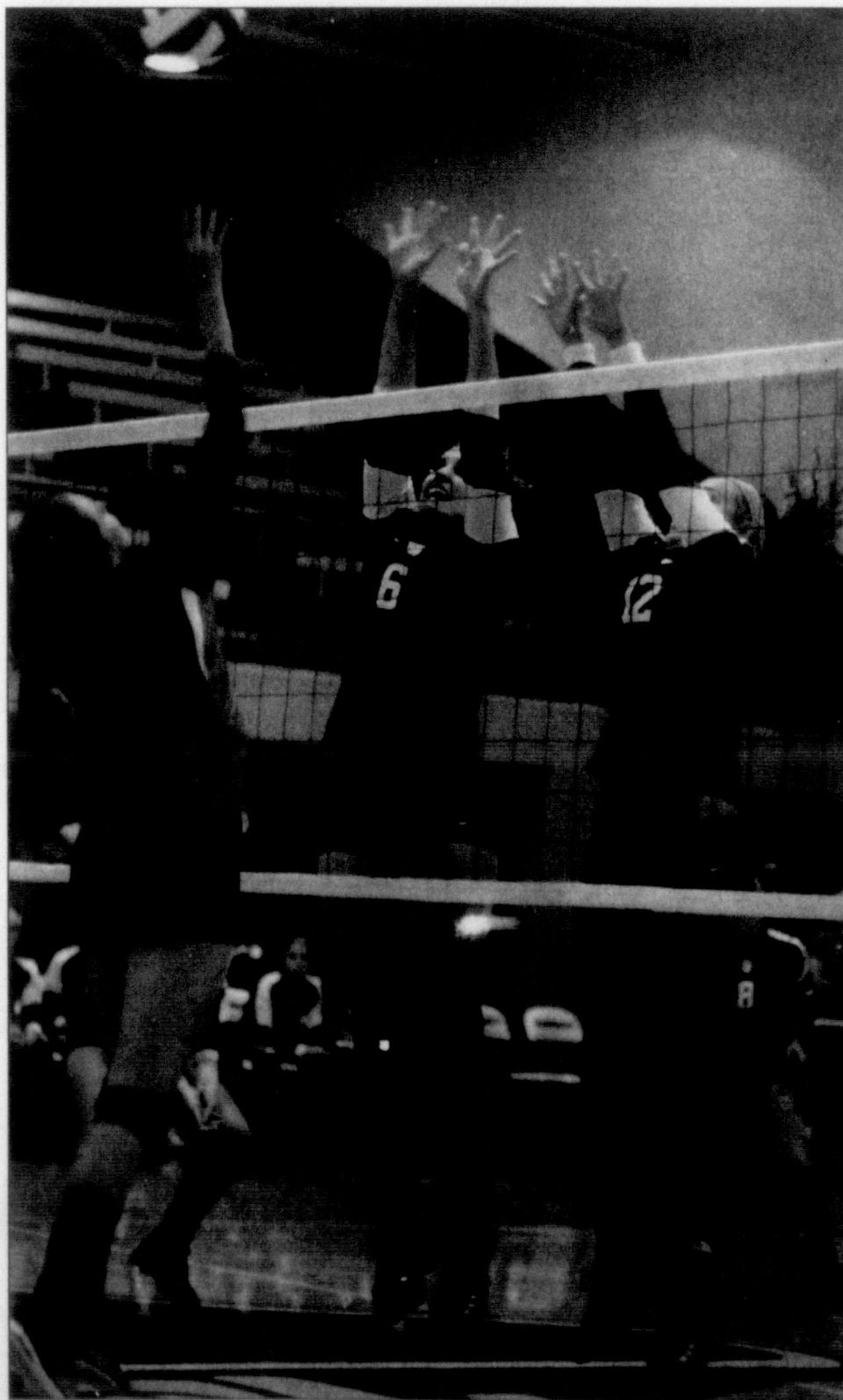


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Seniors Stephanie Allen and Caitlin Sieck jump to block a hit by El Paso High Friday in the Randall Tournament at Randall High School. The Lady Harvesters won three games to clinch the silver bracket.

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Sports

Pampa alumni team polished in Highland Park win

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In August 2010, when the Pampa alumni team played Borger, they didn't know what to expect and some of them hadn't played football in almost a decade.

Saturday night at Amarillo Highland Park, the Pampa Alumni team looked like an experienced team as they defeated Highland Park Hornets Alumni 33-15.

Jason Burklow, who coached the team, said his team executed what they had practiced.

"I thought everyone played great," Burklow said. "We couldn't ask for a better night. The weather is beautiful. We executed. We only had five penalties offensively. The offensive linemen pulling people off the ball. Marques (Long) is a beast. He is a freaking train wreck just waiting to happen."

Defensive end Taylor Busse said it was fun to play again, adding the team played well.

"That's what it boils down to," Busse said. "I haven't played football since last year. I just wanted to come out here and have fun."

The Harvesters defense stopped the Hornets on their first possession and looked like they had a blocked punt. A personal foul penalty gave Highland Park a first down continuing their drive. It didn't take long for Pampa to get the ball, as a fumble recovery by Marcell Brown on third down put the Harvesters at Highland Park's 31.

Marques Long carried the load for Pampa gaining all 31 yards finishing with a two-yard touchdown run. The Hornets immediately got on the board as Brian Kelly returned a blocked extra point 90 yards for two points.

Towards the end of the first quarter, Pampa would lose one their men when Tristan Perry went down with a broken arm during a running play. He had to be carried off the field by EMS and some of his teammates.

Pampa led 6-2 after the first. Highland Park took the lead on their next possession. Quarterback Zach Young converted two third downs with a 11-yard

pass to Lanny Strubs and ran for 12 yards to convert another. Young finished the drive with a one-yard run and put Highland Park ahead 9-6 with 8:26 left in the game.

The Harvesters' next possession would stall, but the defense quickly got the ball back. Busse recovered a fumble that set up Pampa on the Hornets 20. Quarterback Jason Roark completed two passes, including a nine-yard pass to Jesse Tarango for a touchdown. Roark's sneak for a two-point conversion failed but the Harvesters took a 12-9 lead into halftime.

Pampa distanced itself in the third. Jarred Bowles picked off a pass from Young, giving Pampa the ball at its own 25. With less than two minutes into the quarter, Roark connected with Quinn Evans for a 44-yard touchdown.

Long gave Pampa its largest lead of the game with a 17-yard touchdown run, his second of the game. Long said he was just having fun and gave credit to his teammates.

"I just worked really hard this time and we all did," Long said. "It paid off and you could see it on the field...I'm proud of everyone and proud to share the field with these guys."

Roark said opening up the running game early helped the offense get going.

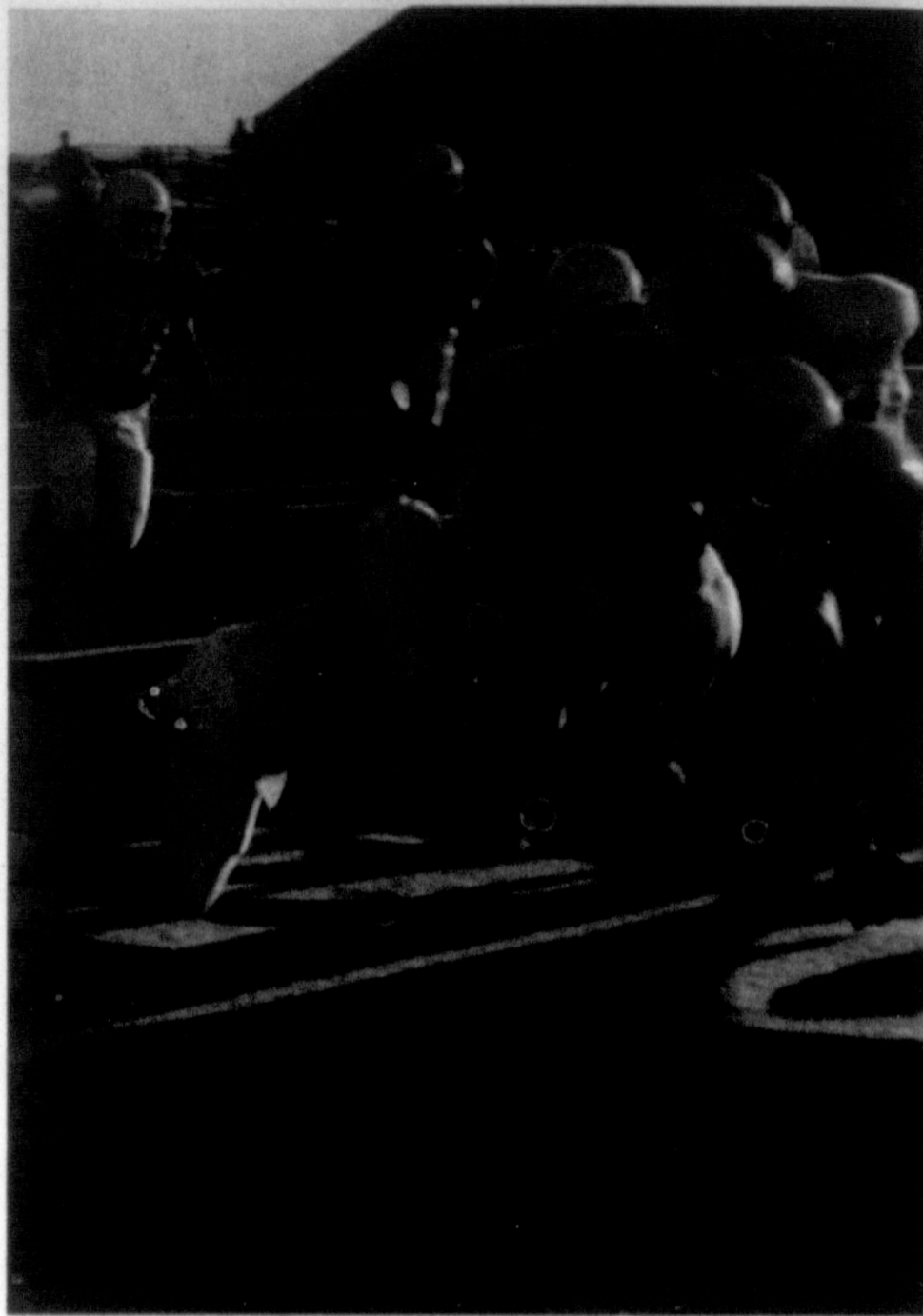
"We had a good balanced attack," Roark said. "We struggled throwing the ball at first. Once we got Marques going, we got the passing game going."

The Hornets scored their last touchdown on a one-yard run by Shane Littlejohn. Pampa ended the third quarter with a 24-15 lead.

In the fourth quarter, Roark threw his second touchdown pass to Charles Calloway from 36 yards. Pampa scored its last points when Young fumbled out of the end zone.

The Pampa alumni team will play one more game against Borger October 15. Burklow said he is looking forward to the rematch.

"I'm really looking forward to that," Burklow said. "I hope Pampa supports us. I want Pampa to support us so bad right now. The Borger game, I really want to feel the stands."



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Roderick Greer makes a tackle against the Highland Park Alumni team Saturday at Amarillo Highland Park. The Pampa Alumni won 33-15.

Pirates pleased with scrimmage



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Senior Dennis Sprouse hauls in a touchdown in Lefors scrimmage against Happy Friday. The Pirates scrimmaged Groom, Follett and Happy.

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At this time last year, Lefors head coach Joey Czubinski wasn't feeling good about the first scrimmage.

"I was sort of quizzical," Czubinski said. "Sort of an enigma floating around."

This year, Czubinski felt differently after Thursday's scrimmage and thinks the team is going in the right direction.

The Pirates scrimmaged Darrouzett, Groom, Follett and Happy. Chambers said the defense was strong against every team.

"Our defense was solid throughout," Chambers said. "We only had a couple of bad plays."

Senior Seth Scully agreed. "We had some bad plays," Scully said. "We had two or three times better plays than the bad plays."

Junior Colten Helfer said the team played really well against Follett.

Senior Dennis Sprouse said the team was excited about going against someone else.

"It was nice to get to hit someone else besides teammates," Sprouse said.

Helfer said the offense needs some work.

"The line needed to do better," Helfer said.

Czubinski said they executed well on both sides of the ball against their first opponents but struggled against Follett.

"Against Groom, we looked pretty sharp offensively and defensively," Czubinski said. "Against a team like Follett, you got to bring it. They brought and our offense struggled. Defense I thought played well. They were more aggressive. There was better hitting and tackling than last year."

Czubinski said the offense needs to work on timing and defense needs to keep improving their aggression.

"The guys we had before were such established vets the timing was always there," Czubinski said. "Defensively we need to work on aggression and attacking the hole but I thought we did that tonight."

The Pirates host Miami, Groom and Higgins 5 p.m. Thursday for their final scrimmages.

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