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## **Program will** enforce disabled parking space law

by Marilyn Powers mpowers@thepampanews.com

is offering a Volunteer the number of complaints Disabled Enforcement Program to per- start the program." sons who are interested in volunteering to check dis- reimbursed for their time or abled parking spaces around fuel. Participants in the prothe city for violators.

must first complete an appli- violations, but will not have being accepted into the pro- laws. gram, said Pampa PD Sgt. Donny Brown.

and spend two to four hours Municipal Court. riding with a uniformed offivolunteer duties.

Commission approved the Brown at 669-5700.

utilization of citizen volunteers to enforce laws related to disabled parking viola-Pampa Police Department tions," Brown said. "With Parking we've had, it was decided to

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Volunteers will not be gram will be able to issue Volunteers in the program citations for disabled parking cation and pass an extensive any power to enforce or issue background check prior to citations for any other traffic

A disabled parking violation is a Class C misde-Participants must also meanor, punishable by a complete a four-hour training \$257 fine, according to a repclass, scheduled for Sept. 15, resentative of Pampa

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#### Preparing for the Little Red Schoolhouse show

Lois Minnick makes concrete leaves in various colors which she shows and sells at the annual Little Red Schoolhouse Arts and Crafts Show and Sale. This year will be the 21st year for the annual event, which is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 7 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 8 at the Little Red Schoolhouse, located on Highway 70 about four miles north of the highway's intersection with Loop 171. A variety of local artisans show and sell their handmade creations at the event.

## Second county budget hearing set for 9 a.m. Tuesday

by Marilyn Powers mpowers@thepampanews.com

The second of two public hearings on Gray County's proposed fiscal year 2009 budget and property tax rate will be held during their 9 a.m. meeting Tuesday in the second-floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

The first hearing was held commissioners which answered.

rate for 2009 is .44673 cents per \$100 valuation of taxable

property. The 2008 tax rate is .47326 cents per \$100 valuation.

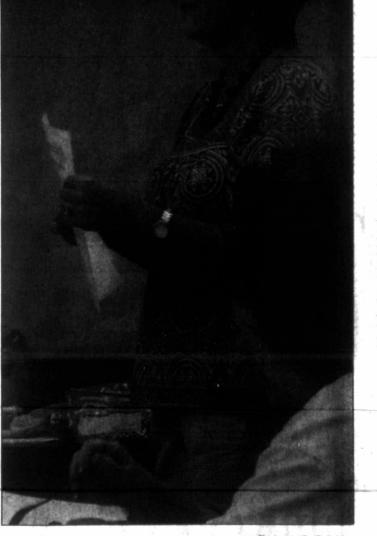
budget, which is available Judge Richard Peet. Some for public inspection at the requests by department county clerk's office on the second floor of the courthouse, totals \$11,679,129 before changes made during Wednesday. Two residents recent budget talks. The attended and asked questions majority of the changes which have been made have resulted in a reduced amount

The proposed county tax allocated to a department or fund.

The fiscal 2008 budget is \$11,004,455.

Part of the increase in the 2009 budget is a result of ris-The proposed county ing fuel costs, said County heads for personnel and/or equipment have been turned down, and some entities' budgets are lower than for 2008 due to completion of projects such as building

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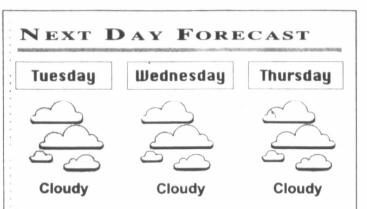


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Sharon Andrews, a graduate student at Southern Methodist University, promoted awareness of dyslexia at Altrusa which met at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center on Tuesday, Aug. 26. Andrews is pursuing her master's degree in academic language therapy and volunteers as a parent advocate for dyslexic children in area schools.



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Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 84. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

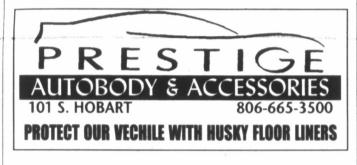
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Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 56. North-northeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 81. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59

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### Services tomorrow

**HAYES**, Vicki Lynn – 10 a.m., First Christian Church, Pampa.

# Handling Rabies **DSHS offers several tips**

## on avoiding exposure

AUSTIN Texans continue to enjoy are things that you can do outdoor activities into the to keep from being late summer and early fall days. But Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) health that officials warn September and October often have the highest number of laboratory-confirmed rabies cases.

Last year, 114 rabies cases were reported in September, 93 of those in bats. The only month with a higher total was March with 116 cases out of 969 cases for the year. In 2006, 120 rabies cases were reported in September and another 109 cases in October, most in bats.

While these numbers can be eye-opening, DSHS



Many health officials say there exposed to the rabies virus. "The most important thing that people can do is to have their animals vaccinated against rabies and keep those vaccinations up to date," said Dr. Tom Sidwa, DSHS veterinarian who heads the department's Zoonosis Control Branch. "State law requires that you have your dogs

> and cats vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian." DSHS also offers this advice: Keep cats and ferrets

indoors and keep dogs indoors or in a fenced yard. -Spay or neuter pets to prevent unwanted animals that may not receive proper

care. -Teach children not to play with any animal that they do not know, even if the animal seems friendly.

-Avoid animals, both domestic and wild, that appear disoriented, fearless or aggressive. Nighttime

-If you find a bat in a room with an unattended child, a sleeping person or anyone who cannot reliably say what happened, leave the room, close the door and call your local rabies control or local health department to capture the bat and have it tested for rabies. Do not touch the bat yourself.

-Have domestic ferrets, wolf-dog hybrids and livestock, especially those that are in frequent contact with humans, vaccinated against rabies.

Rabies is a viral illness that affects the central nervous system. Once symptoms of rabies occur, it is almost always fatal. However, a series of postexposure shots, if given in time, can prevent rabies from developing.

Humans and all warmblooded animals can get rabies. You can be infected with the rabies virus through the bite of an infected animal. Though rare, you also can get

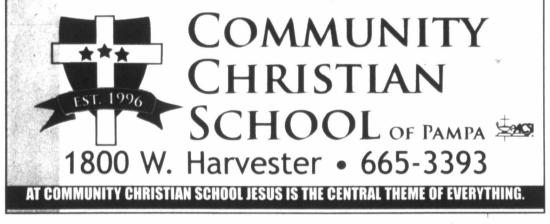
needed. Report all animal bites to your local rabies control authority as soon as possible so the animal can be quarantined or tested if needed. Be able to describe the kind of animal, its size and color as completely as possible if it has not already been captured.

High-risk animals for rabies in Texas are skunks, bats, raccoons, foxes and coyotes.

Rabbits, hares and small rodents such as squirrels, rats, mice, hamsters. guinea pigs, gerbils and chipmunks are rarely found to be infected with rabies and have not been known to cause rabies in humans in the United States. Dogs, cats, horses and cattle are the most frequently reported rabid domestic animals in Texas.

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animals such as bats, raccoons and skunks that are active in the davtime may be sick.

-Do not touch any wild animal that appears ill or dead. Call your local animal control or local health department for help.

-Don't attract wild animals to your yard. Avoid leaving pet food outdoors, and keep garbage in closed containers.

-Stay away from wild animals, and never keep a wild animal as a pet.

-Prevent bats from entering the home where they might come in contact with people or pets. You cannot, however, get rabies just from seeing a bat from a distance.

rabies if the saliva from an infected animal gets directly into your nose, eyes, mouth or a fresh wound.

Rabies is a medical urgency not an emergency, but decisions must not be delayed. If you or someone in your family is bitten, DSHS recommends that you:

-Wash the wound immediately and thoroughly with soap and warm water. Apply an antiseptic if available.

-Seek prompt medical care if an animal bites you or you believe that you Worker Wanted, working may have been exposed to rabies.

health Your provider will determine if a Banks. Tues-Fri 9:30-2:30. No series of rabies shots is Phone Calls Please.

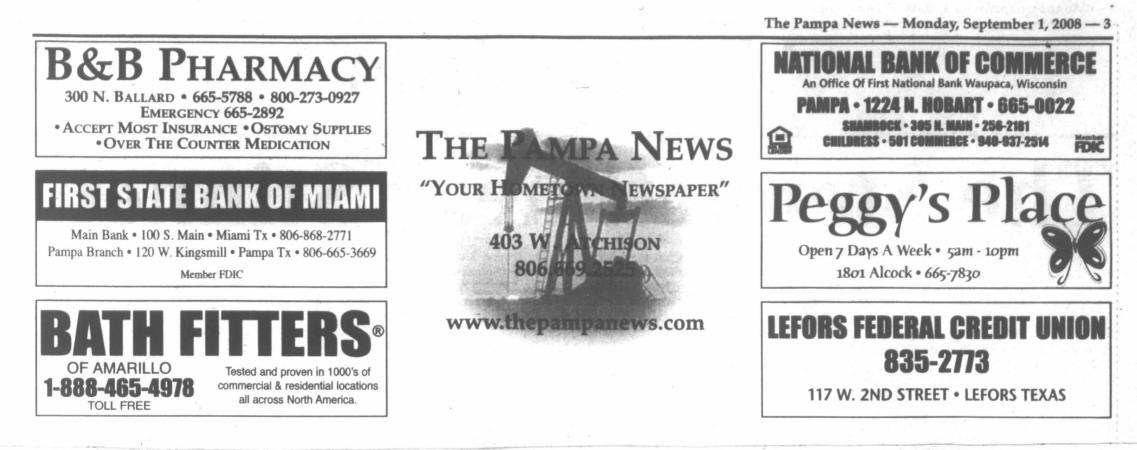
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As the Industrial Revolution took hold of the nation, the average American in the late 1800s worked 12-hour days, seven days a week in order to make a basic living. Children were also working, as they provided cheap labor to employers and laws against child labor were not strongly enforced.

With the long hours and terrible working conditions, American unions became more prominent and voiced their demands for a better way of life. On Tuesday September 5, 1882, 10,000 workers marched from city hall to Union Square in New York City, holding the first-ever Labor Day parade. Participants took an upaid day-off to honor the workers of America, as well as vocalize issues they had with employers. As years passed, more states began to hold these parades, but Congress would not legalize the holiday



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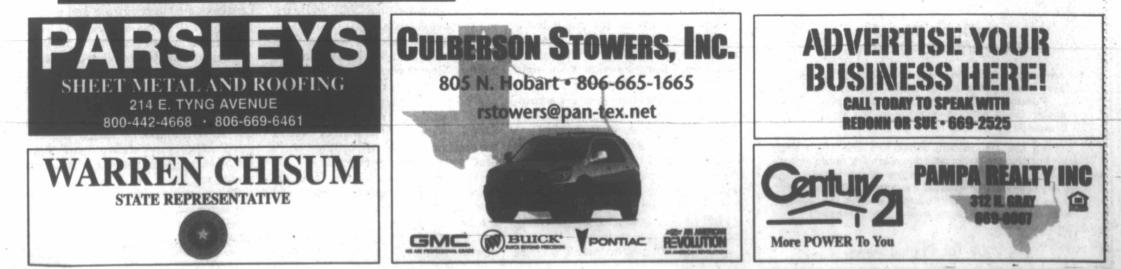
until 12 years later.

On May 11, 1894, workers of the Pullman Palace Car Company in Chicago struck to protest wage cuts and the firing of union representatives. They sought support from their union led by Eugene V. Debs and on June 26 the American Railroad Union called a boycott of all Pullman railway cars. Within days, 50,000 rail workers complied and railroad traffic out of Chicago came to a halt. On July 4, President Grover Cleveland dispatched troops to Chicago. Much rioting and bloodshed ensued, but the government's actions broke the strike and the boycott soon collapsed. Debs and three other union officials were jailed for disobeying the injunction. The strike brought worker's rights to the public eye and Congress declared, in 1894, that the first Monday in September would be the holiday for workers, known as Labor Day.

The founder of Labor Day remains unclear, but some credit either Peter McGuire, co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, or Matthew Maguire, a secretary of the Central Labor Union, for proposing the holiday.

Although Labor Day is meant as a celebration of the labor movement and its achievements, it has come to be celebrated as the last, long summer weekend before Autumn.

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# Viewpoints

# **The Stennett near Stinnett**

I was looking at my trusty Rand McNally atlas trying determine the distance between Colorado Springs and Pampa when my hand accidentally crossed over the town of Stinnett.

I was flabbergasted that such a town existed, and that it was located very close to where I was moving.

Immediately, I started dreaming of taking pictures of myself, Rachel C. Stennett, in Stinnett. I pictured myself with arms spread open hugging the granite/concrete-ish sign that says "Welcome to Stinnett."

My parents were both born and raised in Amarillo, and it has been a long-standing rumor that we are directly related to any Stennett on the face of earth (there aren't that many), even Stennetts who spell the family name "Stinnett." I envisioned myself going to Stinnett and finding my long lost twin.

I haven't had a chance to travel to Stinnett but already I can feel the impact the town is having on my life.

Anyone who doesn't carry the last name

of Anderson, Smith, or McCain is probably acquainted with having their last name spelled incorrectly. I'm used to it. In my name, people normally leave out an "n" or "e" or "t" because there are an abundance of them. I can handle that. Give me Stennet, Stenet, Stent and I can cope,

but I am having to get use to Rachel Stinnett. Stennett Something important to know is that Stennett is not Staff Writer pronounced the way that the town of Stinnett is. The

town, from what I have

been told, is said like (s -sound) (tin) (net). The tin and net both have a strong emphasis. My name is similar but instead of the tin sound, there is a ten sound, and no emphasis. You just spit out Stennett all in one breath.

I can handle mispronunciation, but what I have learned is that there is an assumption that someone so close to the town of Stinnett, with the last name of Stennett, is strange. People think I should be Stinnett, as if the



I read over it and saw to my heartbreak: "Rachel Stinnett: Reporter". If the Parhpa Police think I should be Rachel Stinnett, maybe they are right.

child in the Stennett heritage line. So, instead

of people telling me to my face that my ver-

sion of Stennett is strange and perverse, they

simply are starting to spell my name

I wasn't set on it though, that is until Stinnett starting popping up everywhere. Stinnett reared it's head when I least expected it. While filling up my gas tank I heard "Stennett...huh, haven't seen it like that before" or even when I was telling someone

"e" difference is making me an illegitimate my e-mail address.

The conversation went like this.

"My e-mail is rstennett, like Stinnett with an e."

"With a what?

"E, as in Edward."

"Well...(insert awkward pause full of malice) I've never heard it like that ... (more malice here)"

If you would have heard the tone, you too would have felt like you had just committed a felony, or robbed Poky the clown, or shot a possum. I had done something, or been named something, that defies nature - but not in a cool way like the mangrove killfish who spends several months a year out of the water living in trees.

The point here is, next time you come across a Stennett, or even a Stinnett, show some love. At least it's not John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt; a name like that is fair game.

## The neoconservative ideology is flawed

The basic flaw in the neoconservative ideology is that democracy cannot be imposed on other people at the point of a gun.

Furthermore, if neoconservatives came from an American tradition rather than a Trotskyite tradition, they would understand that America itself is not a democracy. Benjamin Franklin emerged from the Constitutional Convention and a lady asked him, "Well, Mr. Franklin, what kind of government have you given us?'

He did not say democracy. He replied, "Madam, we have given you a republic if you can keep it."

A republic and a democracy are two different animals. A democracy, which can

Charley Reese Columnist



Carta. It placed limits on the king's powers and defined certain rights not only for the aristocracy but for the common folk, too. And the barons were there with their swords to make sure the king understood that it was not negotiable.

A great deal of blood was shed and words written and spoken before the concept matured. Today it's found mainly in what in politically incorrect days were called the Anglo-Saxon countries the United Kingdom,

more than 30 students, only

For God's sake, if you're going to claim to be an American, at least read the Declaration Independence, Constitution and the Federalist Papers. A good history of England and America certainly wouldn't

#### hurt.

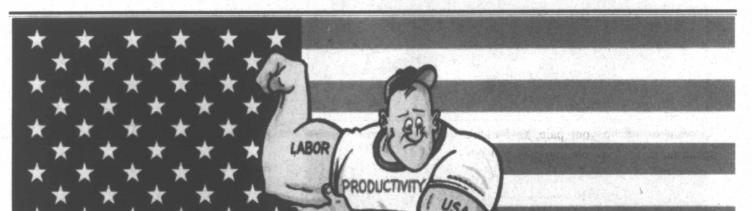
Our concepts of a free society are as foreign to the Arabs (and the rest of the non-Anglo-Saxon world) as Arabic and Chinese are to us. If Allah wills, they might evolve their own version of a more or less free society, but it will not be like ours. And they darn sure are not going

to accept anything imposed on them at the point of a gun by "infidels."

George W. Bush is deadwrong to believe he's been anointed by God to spread democracy. He was merely barely elected to serve the in accordance with our Constitution. Even that

appears to be more than he can handle. But if he tries to lead a crusade against the Muslim world, he will meet the same fate as the earlier Crusaders - defeat and disgrace.

-Write to Charley Reese people of the United States at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.



four of us said "Yes."

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actually work only in a very small country, allows eitizens to vote on every issue. A republic allows citizens to elect representatives, who then use their own judgment to decide issues. If the citizens disagree with the representatives' decisions, they can replace them at the next election.

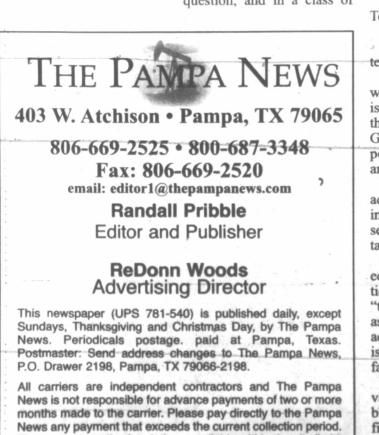
Furthermore, mere elections are not what define America's unique form of freedom. Today, practically every country in the world has elections, most of dubious validity. What most countries lack is a commitment on the part of their individual citizens to the concept of human rights, which cannot be legitimately abrogated by government.

For us, that concept took centuries of thought and conflicts to mature. It began at Runnymede when some barons presented a British king with demands that became known as the Magna

Canada, the United States. Australia and New Zealand. Our form of freedom is a gift from our English-speaking ancestors. In other parts of the world, government went off in different directions, even those we consider more or less free. But their concept of freedom is not the same as ours.

Ours is best summed up in Declaration of the Independence. All men are given unalienable rights by God. The sole purpose of government is to protect those rights. When a government instead abuses those rights, then the people have the right and the duty to overthrow it and create a new government.

Some Americans today are so stupid and/or ignorant of their country's history that if you asked them if people have the right to overthrow a government, they would reply in the negative. I had a professor who asked that question, and in a class of



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## Texas Thoughts

#### By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Aug. 25

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on the sentence of Salim Ahmed Hamdan:

Salim Ahmed Hamdan, who once worked as Osama bin Ladens driver, isn't the worst of the accused terrorists the United States is holding at the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, military compound. Even the Pentagon doesn't argue that he is.

So, why does it appear that the Bush administration intends to hold Hamdan interminably, even after he's served the sentence that a panel of six senior military officers decided is appropriate?

Could be a way of claiming unlimited presidential powers in an unconventional war; of sending a message of "toughness" toward anyone who might associate with terrorists; of refusing to acknowledge that a process the administration fought to curtail produced a fair result despite its shortcomings.

Whatever the administration's motivation, it would be unjust and another blow to U.S. credibility to subvert the findings of the military commission that tried and convicted Hamdan.

And he was convicted of providing material support to terrorism.

But the officers acquitted him of

more serious conspiracy charges, concluding that government prosecutors hadn't proved he plotted with al Qaeda members to commit terrorist attacks.

The panel determined that Hamdan should serve 66 months for that offense. And Navy Capt. Keith J. Allred, the trial judge, decided that Hamdan should get 61 months' credit for time already spent at Guantanamo, leaving him only five months to serve.

According to news accounts of the trial, the officers heard testimony that Hamdan swore an oath to bin Laden, but Hamdan said he had not. They also heard secret testimony, including an assertion that he had cooperated with interrogators from early on after being captured in November 2001 while trying to leave Afghanistan.

Evidence included a written statement from Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, another Guantanamo captive who has called himself the "executive director of 9-11." Mohammed's testimony called Hamdan, a Yemeni who earned \$200 a month, unfit to plan or execute terrorist activity, according to a McClatchy Newspapers report.

Hamdan was among the first captives designated "enemy combatants" to challenge his detention, and his case resulted in the Supreme Court ruling that the military commissions system that the administration initially set up to try "enemy combatants" such as Hamdan was illegal.

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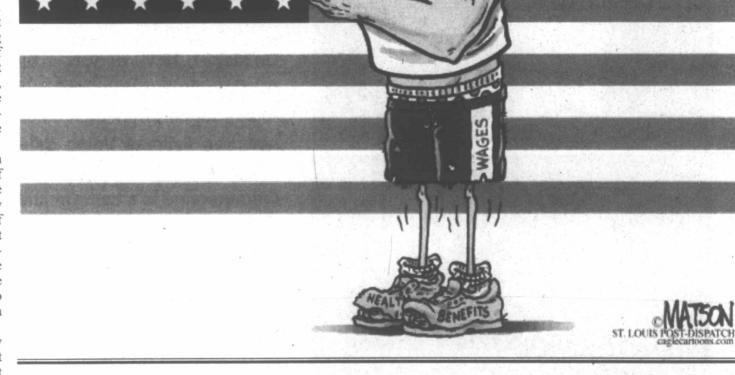
In the revised system under which Hamdan was tried, his conviction and sentence will be reviewed by a Pentagon official and then can be appealed to a military court, a federal appellate court and the Supreme Court.»

But even if the sentence stands as is, the administration has indicated that it considers Hamdan a continuing threat who should not be released.

If the American justice system stands for anything, it is that those who are accused of crimes receive due process and, if convicted, are punished in proportion to their wrongdoing. In Hamdan's case, a panel of military officers evaluated the evidence and passed judgment. It seems a reasonable one, considering what's been made public.

There certainly are highly dangerous terrorists being held at Guantanamo Bay. And there might be cases in which the president must use extraordinary measures to keep them from carrying out other horrendous deeds. But the government hasn't shown justification for holding Hamdan longer than his sentence.

There are more sinister men to focus the nation's resources on punishing and putting out of business. URL: http://www.star-telegram.com





#### **By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips**

**DEAR ABBY:** When my wife sees lingerie she likes in a store, she asks me to buy it for her birthday or our anniversary. The problem is, she'll wear the item only once and never wear it again. She has a fortune in lingerie in her dresser drawer just taking up space. I hate wasting money. Do you have any advice for me? -- FREDER-ICK, BUT NOT IN HOLLYWOOD

DEAR FRED: I see your point and do have a few thoughts on the subject. First, you are a sweet and generous husband to give your wife the lingerie she's requesting. Now: Allow me to share a feminine secret. When women spy a display of "fabulous" lingerie, we often fantasize that we'll look like Giselle Bundchen when we put it on. Sadly, when there's no one to airbrush the image, that often doesn't turn out to be the case. Also, lingerie displayed in a shop window isn't always practical for everyday wear. It may not offer enough support, look lumpy under outerwear, or worse, turn out to be scratchy. Before the next special occasion, suggest to your wife that you go shopping together. That way, perhaps you and she can select something wearable, practical and pretty -- and you won't feel so frustrated.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am writing this letter to make amends to a former co-worker. This incident happened years ago. I have no idea where this lady is, or I would say it directly, but I am hoping she will see it in your column. "Dear Former Co-Worker: Many years ago, your husband sexually molested your daughter. It was in the paper and on the news. You came to work every day looking distraught, and I did and said nothing. I didn't know what to say and didn't want to add to your pain, so I didn't speak up. I have always regretted it. I felt your sorrow and respected your courage. I want you to know that I cared about you

courage to say a kind or sympathetic word. "I still think of you and wish I hadn't held back. I know what a hard time this was for you on many levels. I sincerely apologize and hope you and your daughter are OK. I also hope you can forgive me for being a coward." -- YOUR FORMER CO-WORKER, LESLIE

**DEAR LESLIE:** I, too, hope your former co-worker sees your letter. However, whether she does or not, it sets an example for others who see someone in distress and don't know how to reach out. When someone is in pain, knowing that someone cares can be of great comfort.

**DEAR ABBY:** I grew up in a family of girls. Our parents always told us we could do anything a boy could do, and we did. However, when our brother was born, everything changed. He is now 40 and has never been able to hold a job longer than a month. He has a college degree, a wife who works and three wonderful little girls. Our parents are in their 80s and continue to pay his bills! Mom even takes his clothes to the cleaners. How can we get our brother to stop taking advantage of our parents? -- **BIG SISTER IN TEXAS** 

**DEAR BIG SISTER**: I think you have it backward. By turning your brother into an object of worship and failing to teach him responsibility and independence, your parents have done all they could to allow themselves to be taken advantage of.







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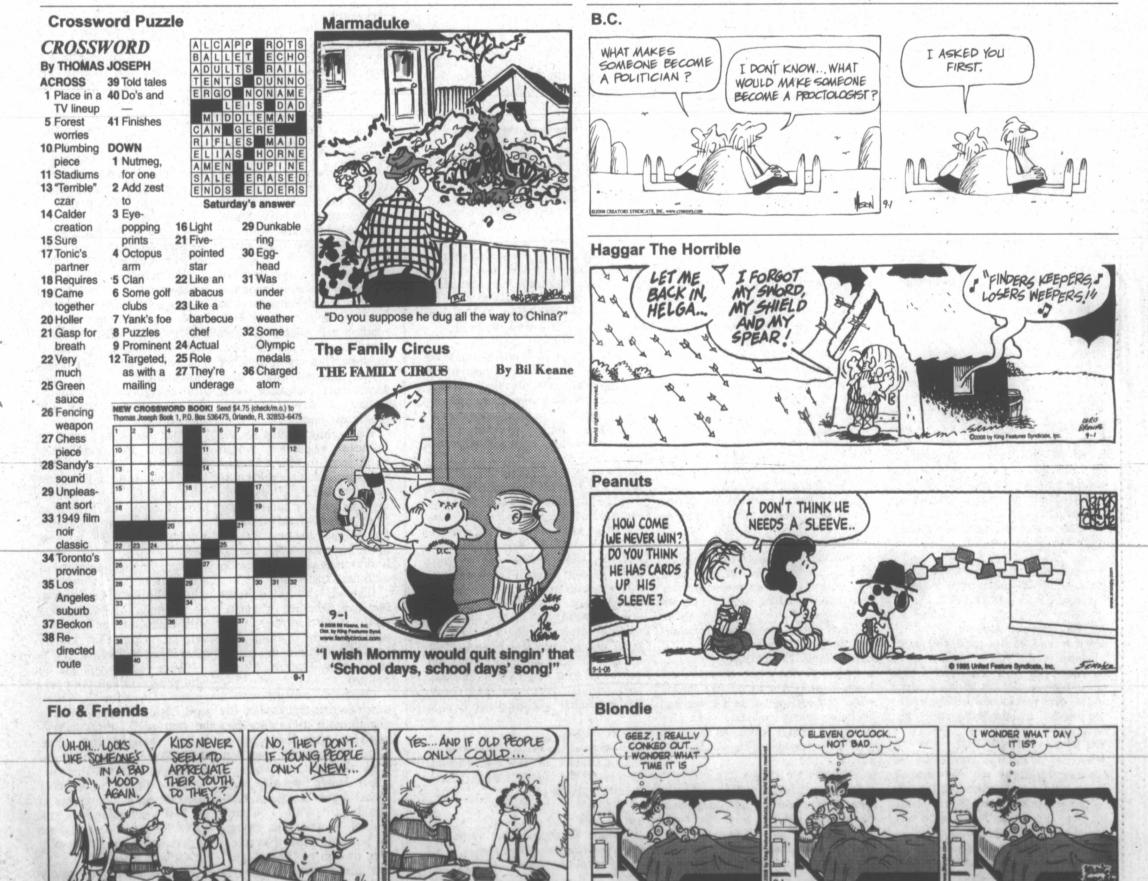
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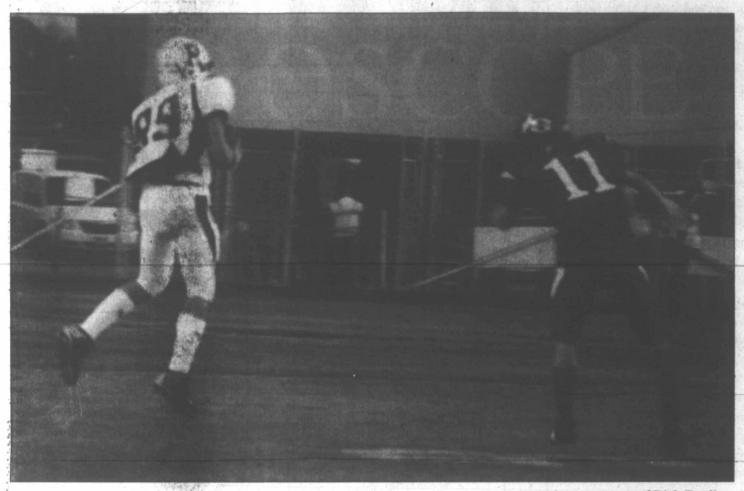
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Skinner hauls in a TD pass during the Borger rout 48-13.

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## Harvesters pound Pups 48-13

#### by Bob Ericson Special to The News

the Borger Bulldogs 48 - 13 at Borger's field.

- After trading several pos- Bulldog zone each time. **yard** line. After several penal- yard TD scamper. second quarter, reception. Jeremy Maxwell TD. converted the extra point and Brett Powell intercepted a to 28-0. Bulldog pass and Pampa took

20 yard gain and then con- runs by Madison Wilson and nected with Heath Skinner a TD run by Carter, the with a monster victory over point making the score 14-0. On the ensuing kickoff,

Garrett Ericson recovered a second half resulted in a fumble sessions in the first quarter, Clendening found Skinner all Bulldogs took over at the the score was tied 0 - 0. The alone in the end zone again Pampa 25 yard line They Harvester defense spent the for a Harvester TD, scored with 8:12 remaining majority of the first quarter. Maxwell's extra point was to cut the lead to 35-6. deep in their territory. The good for a 21 -0 lead with defense proved to be more 10:11 left in the first half." than Borger could handle. The Harvesters began the line. After several key recep- next two possessions and holding them out of the end next drive on their own 38 tions, Carter scored on a 6 closed the game with a 48

found Ryan Funderburg for a Skinner again and with key Borger gained possession but The Pampa Harvesters for a 25 yard TD pass. Harvester lead had ballooned Clendening completed a 39 began their 2008 campaign Maxwell added the extra to 35-0 with just 51 seconds yard TD pass and Maxwell left in the half.

The opening kickoff of the the score 48-6.

The Harvesters missed the 3rd

got nowhere against the swarming Harvester defense. added the extra point to make

Borger started the next and Harvester fumble. The possession at their own 9 vard line. The Pups were forced to punt, but after a fumbled snap the punter ran 90 yards to pay dirt trimming Pampa began the next the Pampa lead to 48-13. The drive at their own 25 yard defense held Borger on the -13 victory.

## **Calm before the season** for Dallas Cowboys

While Romo spent much

of the offseason working on

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doesn't talk about, helps him

keep things in perspective. "People's perceptions, they roll with that stuff over

and over and you just have to

try and keep a level head about it all," Romo said.

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whatever happened in Adam

Jones' past or critique his

lifestyle, or Terrell Owens

and what he's wearing, even

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is how to make up for the

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son, when after matching a

team record with 13 victories

and earning the NFC's top

seed, Dallas didn't win a

playoff game. The Cowboys

have now gone 12 seasons

since their last Super Bowl

championship, 11 without

winning a game in the post-

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The sometimes sensation-

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IRVING, Texas (AP) — him 25 touchdown passes the With Super Bowl expecta- past two seasons since tions, big-name players replacing Drew Bledsoe at sporting matching egos and a quarterback. lot cameras filming almost everything for a reality TV show, there was plenty of different throwing techpotential for the Dallas niques, the two-time Pro Cowboys' preseason to turn Bowler still has become as into a circus.

Remember, it all started ment magazines and Web with training camp not far sites as in sports ones Hollywood, celebrities dropping by to watch "America's Team" and five-time NBA champion Magic Johnson providing a pep talk for the life, which Romo generally season in the middle of a practice.

Imagine then the surprising comment by Stephen Jones, the team's vice president and owner's son, "It's been uneventful, hasn't it?" For all the drama that "But for us, we don't add to could have been, the focus remained on the field instead of the possible distractions:

-Adam "Pacman" Jones, who was fully reinstated Thursday from his NFL suspension to play in the regular season.

-The spotlight-loving enjoy it," Romo said. "We and popcorn-munching Terrell Owens.

-The ongoing romance between Tony Romo and Jessica Simpson.

-Any number of other potential sideshows.

Coming off a 13-win season that ended again without playoff victory, the Cowboys appear to be putting all their energy into taking care of that unfinished business. "That's just the mentality

season. of this team this year," Owens said. "We obviously didn't finish the season the ing training camp, but even

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This is another opportunity, another year, to erase those negative thoughts."

Tight end Jason Witten, with Owens among the 13 Pro Bowl players back from last season, said coach Wade Phillips set the tone by what he told players when they reported to California for training camp last month.

"He said it the first day, 'It's going to be a little bit of a circus with a lot going on. But check your egos at the door, come in here and come to work,' "Witten said. "I've been pleasantly surprised with how well it has gone. ... For the most part, everybody knows what we have going, the perception of who we are: We're eager to get out on the field."

Jones has stayed out of Dallas from Tennessee in April. The cornerback-kick returner was allowed to start practicing with the Cowboys in June, but commissioner Roger Goodell didn't give Jones full clearance until Friday, the day of the final preseason game.

Even while waiting for the ruling on whether he would be allowed to play this season, some of the biggest suspense surrounding Jones during camp really had nothing to the suspension that caused pads. him to miss all of last season with the Titans.

Instead, the uncertainty was over whether "Pacman" could field another punt while already cradling five footballs. (He did, though he said he's caught eight before).

Owens is content with a new contract that pushed his deal through 2011 rather than be first and I think everyexpiring after this season. The 34-year-old receiver We've got something to who desperately wants a prove. Super Bowl title also talks often about his good relationships with "Coach by his name rather than referring to him as "the player" like the previous coach and Romo, who has thrown calm one.

minor tremor. The lack of drama and

intrigue among the players probably isn't exactly what HBO executives had in mind when they decided to highlight the Cowboys again on their "Hard Knocks" series. Those cameras will be gone and the final episode of the series will air before the Sept. 7 season opener at Cleveland.

"Everybody has done a great job as far as interacting when they need to with the cameras, but at the same time, when it's time to focus on football, then we're playing football," Owens said.

They have done an even better job of maintaining a determined calm about what they need to do on the field.

"We handled things well trouble since being traded to when we had a lot of odd games and Dallas Cowboystype games last year," Phillips said. "They handled that well and going into it last year we had a lot of high expectations, maybe not from everybody, but from us. We're going through the same thing.'

After breaking camp in California and spending a week in Denver, the Cowboys returned home, where nearly 25,000 people showed up at Texas Stadium to do with off-field problems to watch the team go through that plagued his past and led a midweek practice without

> There is always plenty of attention on the Cowboys, whom Phillips often refers to as a bunch of "characters with character." It is also a veteran group that knows what it has to do now.

"Wade wants you go be who you are, wants your per-sonality to show," Witten said. "But the team's got to body's bought into that.

"The most impressive thing for me is being able to put last year behind us and Wade" - who calls Owens move forward because none of that matters now," he said. "It's a new season."

And so far, a surprisingly

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Sept.

2, 2008:

You are unusually dynamic and creative this year. Others respond to you and want to become closer. In the recent past, you might have felt held back, but at this time, you get the universe's green light. What you might need to deal with are an excess of choices. You also are more willing to risk than in the past, although you should pick and choose your battles. Still, be the smart Virgo, and be very practical in your choices. Your libido bubbles up in nearly any situation. If you are single, you could meet that significant person this year. In any case, you could have a very dynamic relationship if you so choose. If you are attached, the two of you need to revisit your old romantic days. Date again. LIBRA helps you make money.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\* You easily could feel overwhelmed by everything that is dropped on your plate. You might feel a little crazy, but you can handle the intensity and the busy pace. Know when you have had enough. Tonight: Differ rather than disagree.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Easy is the right way to go. You could be very busy and overwhelmed. Try to kick back and check out a source of information and where all this is coming from. Reach out for someone else. Tonight: Organize tomorrow's work. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\* Use your imagination. Others note the unusual creativity that flows you hesitate, use the moment to find a better idea or solution. Right now there is always something better, if you are willing to wait. Tonight: Let down your hair. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

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 $\star \star \star$  Pressure builds around the home front --- so much so that you might wonder which direction to head in. Do not make any decisions right now, especially ones involving property or investments. Check out suggestions. Tonight: Happy close to home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Keep communication flowing even though you easily could feel overwhelmed, be it with work or your feelings. By evening, you could see a situation a lot more clearly. A key person plays a role. Tonight: Get caught up on news

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Expenses could feel sorely out of whack. Take your time making a decision, even if others are pressuring you. Your mind could be running with yet another option or in another potential direction. Trust your mental meanderings. Tonight: Experiment. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

 $\star$   $\star$   $\star$  You are overly expansive and direct. You might be a touch over the top when dealing with a family member. Feelings might inundate you. By evening, a child or loved one helps you to relax and imagine. Tonight: As you like.

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

 $\star \star \star$  Know when to say less and listen more. Today could be a prime example of this need to pull back a bit. You could understand a lot more if you do not put in your two cents. Imagine what it could be like to be a certain person. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

★★★★ Meetings, friends and just networking mean much more than you realize presently. Someone you meet could cost you a bit, but also could open you up to more positive thinking. Follow your instincts. Tonight: Follow the music. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

 $\star$   $\star$   $\star$  To some, you could seem to be all over the place, racing around, trying to complete this or that project. Opportunities keep popping up, and you are not about to lose them under any circumstances. Tonight: Maintain a firm hand on spending, no matter what you

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

★★★★★ Take off for yonder lands, if not literally then figuratively. There could be no better time to handle a situation or get past a problem. Your creativity, imagination and empathy all come into play when dealing with someone quite different! Tonight: Let your imagination rock and roll.

 $\star$   $\star$   $\star$  Work with a key associate, friend or loved one. You will get much better results when you listen to your instincts. Others want to understand and be a lot closer to you. Ease up and relax with friends. They want your time. Tonight: Follow your instincts.

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Clint Allen, a teacher at Pampa Junior High, passes out pizza to 6th graders at the 6th grade orientation.

## Budget

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This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$393,562, which is a 6.38 percent increase, and of that amount, \$47,232 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year," Peet said.

Budget-related items on Tuesday's 'agenda include budget amendments, the county's retirement rate for fiscal 2009 and approval of a parttime employee in the Election Administrator's office as recommended by the joint elections commission, comprised of representatives of each taxing entity in the county.

Contracts and leases which will be considered in Tuesday's meeting are a contract for tax assessment and collection services for various taxing entities, renewal of a contract for Fiscal 2009-2010 with the state attorney general's office for child support payments, a copier lease for the county clerk's office, a lease agreement with RDS Aviation for a new hangar at the north end of the current hangar locations at Perry LeFors Airport, and a lease agreement with Bourland and Leverich for a new hangar at the south end of the current hangar locations at Perry. LeFors Airport.

Bids on tax-delinquent property will be presented for approval. A proposal to change the name of Main Street in Alanreed to Alanreed Main will be heard.

Commissioners will consider an engagement letter from Doshier, Pickens and Francis for an external audit for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30.

Also on Tuesday's agenda is a memorandum of understanding between the county and the Supreme Court of Texas for support of continuity of court operations in the event of an emergency, along with payment of bills and salaries.

## As summer ends, flyers brace for airline changes

wallets is about to get tighter as carriers go ahead with plans to trim their domestic schedules due to the high cost of fuel.

Executives acknowledge that despite the economic downturn, fares will rise, discounts currently available will be scarce, and ferent this time, analysts said. routes and frequencies of flights will be reduced as domestic capacity is cut through the end of the year. The changes starting in September come on top of a litany of new charges — for luggage, drinks, pillows and other amenities — announced by some airlines earlier this year.

"Airline travel is airline travel it's been bad for a long time," Chris Bardasian, an American Airlines frequent flyer, said recently at Dallas-Fort Worth small cities are up roughly 37 per-International Airport, "I suspect prices will go up, fewer people will travel, and if you're willing to research site FareCompare.com.

ATLANTA (AP) — The grip went down as discount carriers excluding government and airport offering more competition, analysts said. But the high price of Jan. 2 for a similar advance puroil, airlines' limited ability to fur- chase. ther cut certain costs and the fact FareCompare.com. The cheapest that many of the discount carriers are facing the same difficulties as the big carriers make things dif-

"Despite this sluggish U.S. economy, the general demand picture is better than it was post-9/11," said Standard & Poor's analyst Philip Baggaley. "In addition, you have this consistent response across the board of airlines raising fares and adding fees.

On average, domestic fares between large metro cities are already up roughly 16 percent since Jan. 2, while fares between cent year-to-date, according to AirTran Airways. Rick Seaney, head of airfare

pay the price it will be fine." The cheapest roundtrip ticket generally can get you a cheaper There were sharp capacity cuts with a 10-day advance purchase, ticket than waiting until the last during prior weak economic peri- for example, on an American minute. But, airlines usually do ods in the early 1990s and Airlines flight from Chicago to not offer fare sales for travel over though, are all the new fees. between 2001 and 2003, but fares New York cost \$258 on Aug. 26. the holidays

according to roundtrip ticket with a 21-day try is going to have to cover its advance purchase on a United Airlines flight from Denver to Washington cost \$382 on Aug. 26, excluding government and airport fees. That was a 37 percent increase from the \$278 it cost on Jan. 2, Seaney said.

Recently announced airfare sales for travel during the traditionally slow fall season will be harder to come by as more capacity comes out of the system in the last four months of the year.

"If somebody sees a good fare, they should grab it," said Kevin Healy, senior vice president of marketing and planning for

Booking early for travel during peak times like the holiday season

U.S. airlines have on travelers' moved in and filled the void, fees. That was an 87 percent means planes that remain will be passengers. In American's case, ers would be limited to routes they increase from the \$138 it cost on fuller, which gives airlines pricing power to raise fares.

"The reality is — and I don't want to diminish this — the induscosts," American Airlines chief Gerard Arpey said in an interview. Travelers are bracing for the

impact of higher fares. On a recent day at DFW Airport, passenger Vicki Wichita Falls, Texas, said she in Los Angeles quite so often this fall

"If I can find a \$200 ticket, I'll flights, that won't bother me, but if flights are really expensive, I just won't go or I'll go by myself instead of bringing my son and husband."

At Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, passenger Melinda Larson, a retired municipal worker, said she can afford the fare increases. What bugs her,

Fewer overall seats in the air later, airlines provide remedies for any fare decreases by major carrithe airline would put the passenger on another American flight, accommodate them on another airline or refund their money.

As for frequent fliers, capacity cuts could mean fewer award seats available at the lowest level of award travel. Wagner said that in American's case, people could pony up more of their frequent flier miles to guarantee they get a Schweiss, a classic rock DJ in reward ticket for any available seat on a flight. Atlanta-based might not be visiting her parents Delta recently announced a similar guarantee.

While the price of a barrel of oil has fallen from a high of go," she said. "If there are fewer \$147.27 in July to about \$115 recently, that is not likely to slow the upward spike in fares, according to fare researcher Seaney. The current price of oil is still more than five times what it was in mid-August 1992, and it is more than four times what it was in mid-August 2002.

"I think if oil prices continue to go down, you will hear calls for relaxation of fuel surcharges, but that doesn't mean they won't hike

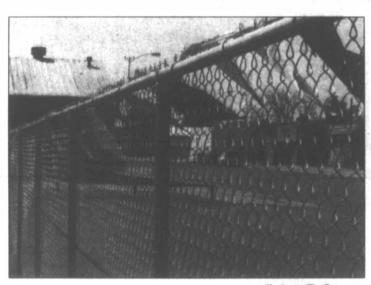
compete on against Southwest. And Parsons said he believes other airlines will probably again charge higher fares for travel after March of next year.

Healy said that while fewer discounted seats may be available in the fall, he is confident AirTran will continue to provide value to its customers

"I don't think most people in every aspect of their trip will notice a difference," Healy said. "If there is a silver lining, it may be that as a result of fewer overall operations, they may see better on-time performance.

The question on a lot of travelers' minds is how long will airlines be able to continue to raise fares. Airline analyst Ray Neidl of Calyon Securities said in the short-term that depends largely on the economy.

"That's the thing that will be tested this fall," Neidl said.



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The Pampa Salvation Army unit recently put up a new fence around its property to provide a safer environment for kids and students participating in summer camps and the new after-school tutoring program. The fence will help keep people and animals from wandering onto the property and keeps the children from wandering off the property near the highway.

American Airlines, United Airlines, Delta Air Lines, baggage fees some airlines are Airways, AirTran and Alaska Airlines plan to cut domestic capacity during the third and fourth quarters by single- to double-digit margins.

JetBlue, for instance, in tickets. US Airways is even charg-September will end service ing for soda. between several cities, including Boston to San Francisco and Washington to Las Vegas. Southwest Airlines Co., which had resisted the kinds of capacity cuts being made by other carriers, will end service in November between Kansas City and Sacramento, Calif., and between Oakland, Calif., and Tucson, Ariz. Some airlines, including JetBlue and Southwest, are adding or expanding service to states where other carriers are reducing service, like Florida. However, Southwest said recently that it will

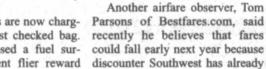
'I'd just rather they incorporate that in the fare," Larson said of base airfares," Seaney said. Northwest Airlines, Continental charging. "And then you're good reach 90 percent, "There will be Airlines, US Airways, JetBlue to go. You don't have to worry no reason to discount." about that.'

Several airlines are now charging fees for a first checked bag. Some have imposed a fuel surcharge on frequent flier reward

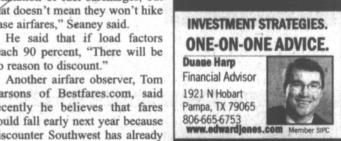
Cuts in the number of flights in the U.S. also could mean people who booked flights far in advance for travel after September might have to fly at a different time or, if a route has been eliminated by their carrier, they might have to find another airline to get them to their destination. But airlines don't expect that to be a big issue.

"A very, very small number of people would have purchased tickets for travel in September or thereafter before the flights were taken out of the fall schedule in May and June of this year," American spokesman Tim Wagner said.

If someone had purchased a ticket for a flight that is canceled



Parsons of Bestfares.com, said recently he believes that fares could fall early next year because discounter Southwest has already published its schedule and fares for that period. But Seaney said



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