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Fire damages southside home

BY BETSY PHILLIPS
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Pampa firefighters fought a smoky blaze Saturday evening believed to have been caused by discarded or misplaced smoking material.

"We could see the smoke from Cuyler and Brown," said Fire Department Capt. Mike Day. The fire was five to six blocks away.

Five units and nine personnel responded at 6:30 p.m. to 1037 S Schneider.

When firefighters arrived on scene, thick black smoke was rolling from the house. Moments later, Day said, fire broke through the door and front window of that part of the home, which appears to be a perpendicular addition to the original brick home.

According to Day, an occupant of the home, Paula Johnson, was in the rear of the structure, discovered the fire and tried unsuccessfully to put it out with a garden hose.

The home owner, Ignacio Vargas, Jr., was in the front portion of the house, smelled smoke and called 911.

Fire officials estimate that about \$16,000 was done to the structure and another \$6,000 to its contents. The Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross provided lodging, clothing and help with replacement of medications.

A fire believed to have been caused by improperly discarded smoking material, caused over \$20,000 damage Saturday to home at 1037 S. Schneider. No one was injured in the blaze.

Despite deaths, schools resist changing practice plans

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A leading researcher says at least three teenage football players died as school practices started up this summer, fatalities which followed new health warnings to coaches about the risks of heat stroke.

Autopsy results are not complete yet, and three deaths is about average for the sport in most years. But athletic trainers who urged high school coaches in June to adopt tougher safety guidelines for football practice were deeply concerned nonetheless.

Several coaches at top prep programs contacted by The Associated Press said they hadn't heard of the recommendations or followed them.

Some called the guidelines, which included no two-a-days during the first week of practice, too restrictive.

"What about all those who get to the ER and are lucky enough to get saved? We want to stop it before it gets to that point," said David

Csillan, a New Jersey high school trainer who co-authored the June report by the National Athletic Trainers' Association.

As this football season gets into full swing, a former Kentucky high school coach is standing trial in a player's on-field death. David Jason Stinson is charged with reckless homicide in the death of a 15-year-old Pleasure Ridge Park High School student who collapsed last year at practice. Stinson has pleaded not guilty.

Players in Maryland and Texas, along with another Kentucky student, have died following football practices this year, said Dr. Fred Mueller, director of the National Center for Catastrophic Sports Injury Research at the University of North Carolina.

None of the deaths have been confirmed as heat-related, but each has heightened awareness about heat illness. The first was a 16-year-old in Germantown, Md., who died four days after collaps-

ing during voluntary workouts in July.

A Kentucky player later that month became disoriented during practice and later died, though school officials have said heat was not a factor. Temperatures were in the 70s at the time.

Most recent was a 13-year-old found dead in Vernon, Texas, the morning after his middle school's first football practice last month. Area temperatures during the Aug. 24 practice soared high as 105 degrees.

Brent Shinn McGhee had epilepsy, but his father has said he believes the sweltering heat played a role in his son's death. School officials in Vernon, a small town along the Oklahoma state line, have defended the safety measures used by their coaches.

"Putting kids through this to win a football game," Brock McGhee said. "It makes no sense."

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President touts Wall Street changes on Lehman anniversary

NEW YORK (AP) — President Barack Obama sternly warned Wall Street Monday against returning to the sort of reckless and unchecked behavior that threatened the nation with a second Great Depression.

Even as he noted the U.S. economy and financial system were pulling out of a downward spiral, Obama warned financial titans on Monday — the first anniversary of the Lehman Brothers collapse — they could not count on any more bailouts.

He credited his administration and the \$787 billion stimulus package rammed through Congress in the first days of his taking office for pulling the country back from the brink.

"We can be confident that the storms of the past two years are beginning to break," he said.

And even as the economy begins a "return to normalcy," Obama said, "normalcy cannot lead to complacency."

Nevertheless, Obama said, "Instead of learning the lessons of Lehman and the crisis from which we are still recovering, they are choosing to ignore them."

His tough message warned the financial community to "hear my words: We will not go back to the days of reckless behavior and unchecked excess at the heart of this crisis, where too many were motivated only by the appetite for quick kills and bloated bonuses."

Obama spoke at Federal Hall in the heart of Wall Street before an audience that included members of the financial community, lawmakers, and top administration officials. He planned lunch

with former President Bill Clinton after the speech, before returning to Washington. Administration officials would not disclose any details of the luncheon discussion.

In marking his determination to prevent a repeat of the crisis that nearly brought down the global financial system last fall, Obama said he was attacking the problem on several broad fronts, including new rules to protect consumers and a new Consumer Financial Protection Agency to enforce those rules and closure of regulator loopholes and overlap that "were at the heart of the crisis" because it left key officials without "the authority to take action."

At the Pittsburgh G-20 economic meeting later this month, the U.S.

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County leaders to meet Tuesday

BY DAVID BOWSER
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The Gray County Commissioners Court will consider their budget and tax rate for Fiscal Year 2010 when they meet this week.

The commissioners court will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, in the commission's courtroom on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

The commission will also consider the county treasurer's request to take credit cancellations on juror checks.

In other business, the commissioners court will consider the dates for their meetings in Fiscal Year 2010.

They will also consider a contract with the Emergency Services Foundation of Texas for ambulance service, a grant for Meals on Wheels and a routine airport maintenance grant at Perry Lefors Airport.

The county commission will consider advertising for comprehensive general liability insurance, property insurance, public official and employees liability insurance, airport insurance, business auto insurance, county law enforcement liability coverage and workers comp insurance.

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
		
High 77 Low 58	High 71 Low 57	High 77 Low 57
Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.		
Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 77. Calm wind becoming east northeast between 5 and 10 mph.		
Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. East northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.		
Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 71. North northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.		
Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57. North northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.		
Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 77. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.		
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.		

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported following arrests during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Sept. 12
 Tracy Michelle Sherman, 23, was arrested by Gray County deputies on warrants charging her with failure to stop, failure to change address and failure to appear.

Michael Douglas Crocker, 29, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of burglary of a habitat.

Rick Lynn Callaway, 54, of Lefors, was arrested by the Lefors Marshall on charges of driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Billy Bob Blair, 50, of Shamrock, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of public intoxication.

Ricky Lynn Burris, 53, of Sayre, Okla., was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

Jessie Darlene Mabry, 42, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram, and driving while intoxicated.

Sunday, Sept. 13
 Shirley Wilson, 51, Abilene, Kan., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated, second offense, and a fugitive warrant charging her failure to appear in connection with driving while intoxicated out of Johnson City, Kan., and displaying the wrong license plate and unsafe speeding.

Jason Lee McKinney, 23, was arrested by Gray County deputies on a Lefors municipal warrant charging him with failure to appear and speeding in a school zone.

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents in the 36-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

There were 24 traffic stops and associated traffic violations.

There were 24 animal related calls.

There were 10 ambulance calls.

There were 166 reports over the weekend.

Friday, Sept. 11
 Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of North Dwight.

An accident was reported at Duncan and Kentucky.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1800 block of South Hamilton.

Harassment was reported in the 1100 block of South Neel.

An alarm was reported in the 2200 block of North Charles.

A counterfeit \$20 bill was reported to police.

The rear window of a vehicle was broken out the 700 block of North Davis.

A gas drive off was reported in the 1000 block of West Wilks.

An open door was reported in the 1100 block of North Duncan.

Property was reported found in the 600 block of North Somerville.

A fire investigation was reported in the 500 block of North Lefors.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1300 block of North Coffee.

An accident was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Two Social Security checks were reported stolen in the 2200 block of North Williston.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1700 block of North Hobart.

A lawnmower was reported stolen in the 1000 block of South Farley.

A theft was reported in the 900 block of South

Wells.

A runaway was reported in the 700 block of East Browning.

There was a hazmat call in the 11000 block of West U.S. Highway 60.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1500 block of North Somerville.

An assault was reported in the 1100 block of S. Nelson.

A theft was reported to police.

A 2003 Dodge pickup was reported stolen in the 100 block of East Randy Matson.

A runaway was reported in the 400 block of North Ward.

A man was arrested for public intoxication in the 700 block of East Locust.

Two windows were broken on a vehicle in the 100 block of East Craven.

Saturday, Sept. 12
 A suspicious person was reported at Starkweather and Atchison.

A suspicious person was reported at 19th and Hobart.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Perry.

A suspicious person was reported in the 600 block of North Naida.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of North Hobart.

An alarm was reported in the 600 block of East Frederic.

A missing person was reported in the 600 block of South Plains.

An alarm was reported in the 700 block of West Wilks.

A runaway was reported in the 400 block of North Ward.

A burglary was reported in the 900 block of South Love.

A firearm was reported stolen.

A structure fire was reported in the 1400 block of North Russell.

A burglary was reported.

An alarm was reported in the 2300 block of North Evergreen.

Money was reported stolen in the 2800 block of North Charles.

A welfare check was performed in the 300 block of East Brown.

Police received a report of a possible stalking incident in the 1100 block of Sirroco.

A structure fire was reported in the 1000 block of South Schneider.

A burglary was reported in the 400 block of Hill.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1500 block of East Francis.

An assault was reported in the 500 block of South Schneider.

A domestic disturbance was reported at Darby and Fraser.

A refrigerator was reported stolen in the 200 block of Henry.

A welfare check was performed in the 800 block of North Wells.

Sunday, Sept. 13
 A woman was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

An alarm was reported in the 600 block of East Frederic.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 200 block of East Tyng.

A suicide attempt was reported in the 500 block of Lowry.

The windshield of a vehicle was cracked in the 100 block of South Faulkner.

A warrant was served in the 1100 block of North Garland.

A burglary was reported in the 800 block of East Browning.

Theft was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart.

Harassment was reported in the 600 block of Plains.

Officers assisted a motorist in the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway.

A burglary was reported in the 100 block of North

Naida.

An alarm was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Phone harassment was reported in the 400 block of West Browning.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of South Christy.

Narcotics violation was reported in the 700 block of Deane.

A laptop computer was reported stolen from a vehicle in the 1600 block of North Somerville.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 2300 block of North Duncan.

A welfare check was reported in the 300 block of South Jean.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of East Browning.

A fire alarm was reported in the 2200 block of North Williston.

Monday, Sept. 14
 A suspicious person was reported at Reid and Frederic.

Police checked a building in the 800 block of West Frederic.

A suspicious person was

reported in the 100 block of North Frasier.

A fire was investigated in the 1900 block of North Sumner.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 900 block of East 23rd.

AMBULANCE

Guardian EMS Transport reported the following medical calls over the weekend.

Saturday, Sept. 12.
 7:30 a.m. — A Mobile ICU transported one person from Pampa Regional Medical Center to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

2:28 p.m. — A Mobile ICU responded to a call in the 500 block of Lowry.

Sunday, Sept. 13
 4:48 a.m. — A Mobile ICU transported one person from the 2300 block of Evergreen to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Obituaries

Retha Oler, 83

Pampa— Retha Oler, 83, died September 11, 2009, in Amarillo, Texas. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 15, 2009, at First United Methodist Church, with John Curry, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors. Mrs. Oler was born December 22, 1925 in Drumright, Oklahoma where she attended school and graduated from

Drumright High School. She married Bill Oler on July 4, 1943 in Drumright. After Bill's retirement, they enjoyed traveling in their RV. He preceded her in death on June 2, 2004. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1952. When her children were young, she was an active volunteer with the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts troops. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church. Retha was a homemaker and enjoyed working in her

garden. Survivors include two sons, Ronnie Oler and wife Julie of Perryton and Steve Oler of Richwood; one daughter, Sandy Huddleston and husband Ernie of Pampa; eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Retha was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters. MEMORIALS: to a favorite charity. Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com



Oler

Wallace G. Ehmann, 80

Miami, Texas— Wallace G. Ehmann, 80, died September 13, 2009, in Pampa, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mr. Ehmann was born June 23, 1929 in Tremont, Utah. He had been a resident of Miami since 1931. Wallace married Bobbie Burns on July 31, 1948 in Pampa. He was a farmer and rancher in

Miami and in Gettysburg, SD. Wallace was a member of the Miami Masonic Lodge #805 AF & AM and the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints. Survivors include Wife: Bobbie Ehmann of the home; one son, Fred Ehmann; two daughters, Katie Krienke and husband Daniel of Perryton and Susie Spurlock and husband Wesley of Stratford; seven grandchildren, Shawn Ehmann of

Miami, Christina Flowers of Canyon, Amber Dawn Ehmann of San Antonio, Chad Githens of Perryton, Brad Githens of Booker, Walter Spurlock and Jennie Spurlock both of Lubbock. 16 great-grandchildren, one nephew, Ronald Rush of Enid, OK; one niece, Trixie Arnold of Kansas, OK. Wallace was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Ora Ehmann; one sister, Jo Ann Melsa; one son-

in-law, Bob Githens; and three grandchildren, Todd Githens, Billie Russell and Cory Dudley. MEMORIALS: Miami Volunteer EMS, 214 N Main St., Miami, TX 79059; Miami Roberts County Volunteer Fire Department, 214 N Main St., Miami, TX 79059; or the Miami Masonic Lodge #805. Please sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Harry John Dulaney, 84

Pampa— Harry John Dulaney, 84, died September 13, 2009, in Pampa, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors. Mr. Dulaney was born December 25, 1924 in Stroud, Oklahoma. He had been a resident of Pampa most of his life. He and his wife farmed and ranched in Jericho and in Little Chief, Oklahoma. He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy,

serving during World War II. Harry married Clea Fern Phillips in 1947 in Clovis, New Mexico. She preceded him in death on February 10, 1999. He was a Baptist. He enjoyed traveling to horse cutting shows with his friends, and he also raised and trained border collies. Harry always captivated his audience with his stories. Survivors include his daughter, Harriet Smiley of Pampa; son, John Harry

Dulaney and wife Jerri of Houston; seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; and a special friend, D. L. Hale of Pampa. Harry was preceded in death by his parents: Harry and Elizabeth Dulaney; a sister, Betty Lee Rushing; and a grandson: John Wayne Dulaney. Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com



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School bus driver killed in wreck

BELTON, Texas (AP) — A collision between an 18-wheeler and a Belton Independent School District bus left the bus driver dead at the scene and a bus passenger hurt.

Belton County Justice of the Peace Ted Duffield said no students were on board when the accident happened Monday morning on Farm-to-Market Road 439, just west of Belton.

The name of the bus driver was not immediately released, pending notification of next of kin.

A statement from Belton ISD says a monitor who was riding the bus was injured and was transported to a hospital. Further information on him was not released.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Tom Vinger said the cause of the collision is under investigation. Vinger had no information indicating the trucker was hurt.

Belton is about 55 miles north of Austin.

Natural gas prices jump 12 percent

Natural gas demonstrated again how much it has split from the direction of crude, as prices spiked more than 11 percent despite an enormous glut in supply.

Crude prices fell for the second straight trading day.

Analysts at Goldman Sachs said prices for natural gas may even triple over the winter, though most energy experts believe there is a far greater chance that prices will plunge again.

There are two big factors that support the latter view, which would mean extremely cheap heating bills for a lot of people over the next few months.

The first is that natural gas in storage is 17 percent greater than it was last year

and has even neared the maximum storage capacity in some places. And the U.S. Energy Information Administration said in its short-term energy outlook that it expects another 12 percent buildup through October.

At the same time most meteorologists predict a very mild winter for large parts of the country. With demand already way down from industrial utility customers, the U.S. has an enormous amount of unused natural gas.

Meanwhile, managers of the United States Natural Gas fund, an exchange-traded fund that tracks natural gas prices, said it will again offer shares before the end of the month. The fund allows any investor to buy shares, which UNG uses to buy natural gas contracts on Nymex and the ICE Futures exchange.

The fund had run out of shares and in June, filed documents with the Securities and Exchange Commission seeking permission to offer another

billion units. Oil and natural gas have historically tracked one another as far as prices go, but this year has been a different story.

Benchmark crude for October delivery fell 61 cents to \$68.68 a barrel. On Friday, the contract tumbled \$2.65 to settle at \$69.29.

A lot of pressure has been placed on the dollar-based crude because the dollar has rebounded in recent days. Oil prices have fallen about \$4 during the last two trading days. Still, prices have doubled from earlier this year during what may have been the depth of the recession.

A lot of experts believe that optimism is premature because crude in storage, like natural gas, remains at very high levels.

There have been some signs of an economic recover, yet some warn that it will take some time for energy demand to return.

"At some point hope has to become a reality or prices will have to adjust accord-

ingly," said PFGBest analyst Phil Flynn.

At the pump, the average price for a gallon of regular gasoline fell a tenth of a cent to \$2.572, according to auto club AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service. That's 7.3 cents more than a month ago, but \$1.22 less than at this time last year.

Gasoline for October delivery on the Nymex fell 2 cents to \$1.7321 a gallon. Prices have most certainly peaked for most motorists this year, barring some disruption in the Gulf of Mexico.

"The 'driving season' is over ... and supplies are greater today than in May," analyst and trader Stephen Schork wrote in his morning report.

In other Nymex trading, heating oil for October delivery was essentially flat at \$1.7321 a gallon. Natural gas jumped 36.4 cents to \$3.324 per 1,000 cubic feet.

In London, Brent crude fell 13 cents to \$67.56 on the ICE Futures exchange.

Lehman

will focus on ways "to spur global demand but also to address the underlying problems that caused such a deep and lasting global recession," Obama said.

Obama and others seeking ways to better monitor the financial system and to police the products banks sell to consumers have been opposed by lobbyists, lawmakers and turf-protecting regulators. Mergers and sales of banks have consolidated lending power in even fewer hands. And those large firms still bet far more than the capital they have on hand.

Yet regulations have not moved. Much of the legislative motivation in Washington has been consumed by the contentious debate over changes to the health care system. Government intervention into private automakers such as General Motors have left lawmakers skittish to move further into corporate board rooms. And it's not as if another collapse is obviously imminent.

Five of the biggest banks — Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan Chase, Wells Fargo, Citigroup and Bank of America — posted second-quarter profits totaling

\$13 billion. That's more than double what they made in the second quarter of 2008 and nearly two-thirds as much as the \$20.7 billion they earned in the second quarter of 2007 — when the economy was considered strong.

The failure of Lehman Brothers — the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history — and the panicky sales of Bear Stearns to JPMorgan Chase and Merrill Lynch to Bank of America transformed Wall Street and gave fewer competitors increased market power.

As of June 30, three banks — JPMorgan Chase, Wells Fargo and Bank of America — held \$2.3 trillion in domestic deposits, or \$3 out of every \$10 in deposit in the United States. Three years ago those three institutions held about 20 percent of the industry total.

Obama has sought tougher capital requirements for banks, arguing that banks' buying of exotic financial products without keeping enough cash on reserve was a key cause of the crisis. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner has urged the Group of 20 nations to agree on new capital levels by the end of

2010 and put them in place two years later.

The administration also has proposed increased transparency of markets in which banks trade the most complex — and potentially risky — financial products. Obama's broad plan also would give the Fed new oversight powers and impose conditions designed to discourage companies from getting too big.

Sen. Chris Dodd, the Democratic chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, is leading the push for those new rules and his aides hope to have legislation together before the year's end. Already they have conducted hearings on the source of the problem and how best to prevent another.

But a key component of the Obama plan — creating an agency to oversee marketing financial products to consumers — faces a tough road to become a law. Industry lobbying against it and other proposed financial rules has been fierce and the president's fellow Democrats have been slow to take up the cause.

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Deaths

At least 39 players have died from heat-related causes since 1995, not counting the three deaths this year, according to Mueller. Most of those cases happened in early August.

Heat safety is preached every preseason by sports medicine experts. But many high school coaches remain reluctant to change how they practice, and bristle at the inference that their players are in danger.

"Sometimes people think coaches are totally stupid when it comes to this stuff," Katy (Texas) High School coach Gary Joseph last month. "We're not going to do anything to endanger these kids."

In Peoria, Ariz., Centennial High School coach Richard Taylor said he hadn't seen the NATA recommendations before his team began practicing but was interested. Taylor

said he wanted to make sure the school was doing the right thing, and added that most of his players get acclimated to the heat during informal summer workouts.

NATA seized on the Stinson's criminal charges in Kentucky this summer when it recommended that high school football teams take longer breaks, along with the prohibition on two-a-days during the first week of workouts.

The report focused on the first two weeks of practice in August, and the guidelines are similar to what the NCAA already enforces.

Some high school coaches dismissed the proposals as unnecessarily restrictive. Others stood by their safeguards.

"Our training staff is

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constantly looking at the best methods to make sure our players are taken care of the best way possible," said George Smith, football coach and athletic director at St. Thomas Aquinas in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Resisting change is common, said Dr. Michael Bergeron, director of the National Institute for Athletic Health & Performance. His survey of 540 high school programs in 2005 found that very few coaches were willing to make major adjustments to their practice regimens.

"They say, quite frankly, 'We're going to do what we're going to do,'" Bergeron said. "It's really tough changing their minds."



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My toddler and I were rear-ended a few days ago. Thankfully, neither of us was hurt. The other driver's insurance is paying for the car repairs. They will also reimburse me for a new car seat if I buy one and submit the receipt.

My husband, the sole wage earner in our family, insists that we don't need to replace the car seat. Money is tight, but I think we could come up with it, and besides, we'd be reimbursed. He also thinks the accident was so minor that the seat should protect our child in another collision, and I'm "just a gullible consumer buying into marketing propaganda." (For the record, he's a loving husband and father, just tight with money.)

Should I replace the car seat knowing it will upset him, or should I continue feeling guilty about placing our child in a possibly compromised car seat? -- SAFETY-FIRST MOM IN TENNESSEE

DEAR SAFETY-FIRST MOM: Far be it from me to imply that insurance companies aren't the epitome of generosity, but when an insurance company offers reimbursement for a child safety device that has been through an accident, I think you should take the hint. As to your husband's fiscal conservatism, tell him that he won't be fronting the money because you are gullible. He'll be doing it to give you something worth more than money -- and that's peace of mind.

DEAR ABBY: I have been living with a very nice man for 28 years, and at one point we were married. He lives in my house and drives my car. I do the cooking, cleaning, laundry and household chores. He does small repairs around the house, keeps the irrigation system in good repair and contributes \$600 a month for expenses.

He goes to visit his family and friends in the West every summer for two weeks or more. This year he told me he was not coming back because he's broke. I was upset to say the least. He did come back, and now at 75, I think I will end up supporting him for the rest of my life.

Abby, should I bite the bullet, say "It's only money" and support him, or should I kiss him goodbye and wish him well? -- UNDECIDED IN FLORIDA

DEAR UNDECIDED: Have you kept him in your house all these years because of his handyman skills and the \$7,200 a year he gave you? If the answer is yes, then out he goes.

However, if you cooked for him, cleaned for him, washed his dirty underwear and socks and slept with him because you LOVED him -- then I think the pain of separation would make your life misery and you should continue accepting him for who he is and let him stay.

DEAR ABBY: I recently had my teenage daughter vaccinated against HPV. Since then, my mother-in-law has been sending me e-mails regarding the "dangers" associated with these vaccines. The vacci-

nation was recommended by my daughter's pediatrician and she handled it fine.

Regardless, it was a done deal -- so why try to horrify me and scare her granddaughter? Any ideas on how to handle this? -- TIRED OF MEDDLING MOTHER-IN-LAW

DEAR TIRED: Just this: Did you seek your mother-in-law's input when making the decision? No? Then don't take the bait and don't react, but do delete her e-mails.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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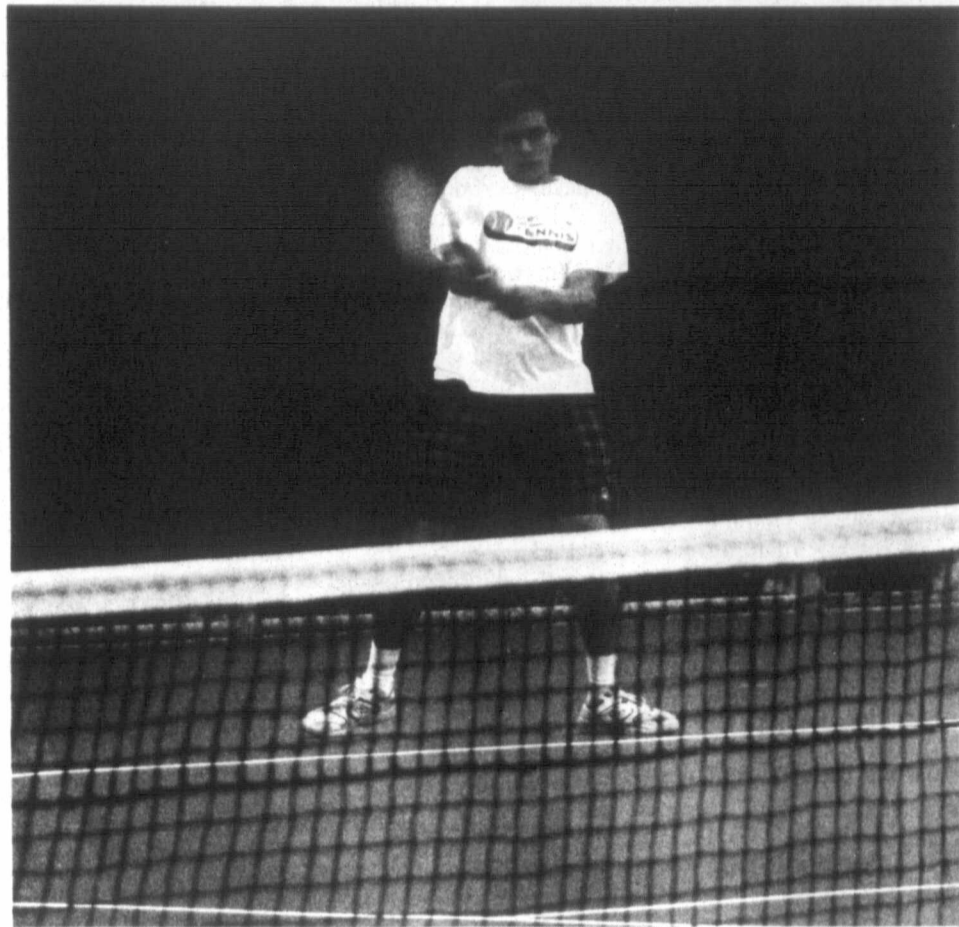
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Sports

Harvester Tennis dominates Andrews 15-4



David Moore returns a ball in his doubles match with Aaron Silva (not pictured). Moore and Silva won their doubles match against Andrews. Pampa won 15-4 over Andrews Saturday at Lubbock. Photos contributed by Synda Foreman.

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa Harvester Tennis team won 15-4 over Andrews (Lubbock) on Saturday in a match that was delayed because of weather.

Head Coach Sarah Corse said they started the first match and it began raining.

"We waited until it stopped," Corse said. "We didn't finish the first match until 4 o'clock."

Pampa was also supposed to play Frenship but since the first match went long, they didn't get to play them. Corse said everyone played great last Saturday.

"It was nice against Andrews to get back on track," Corse said. "Things just clicked."

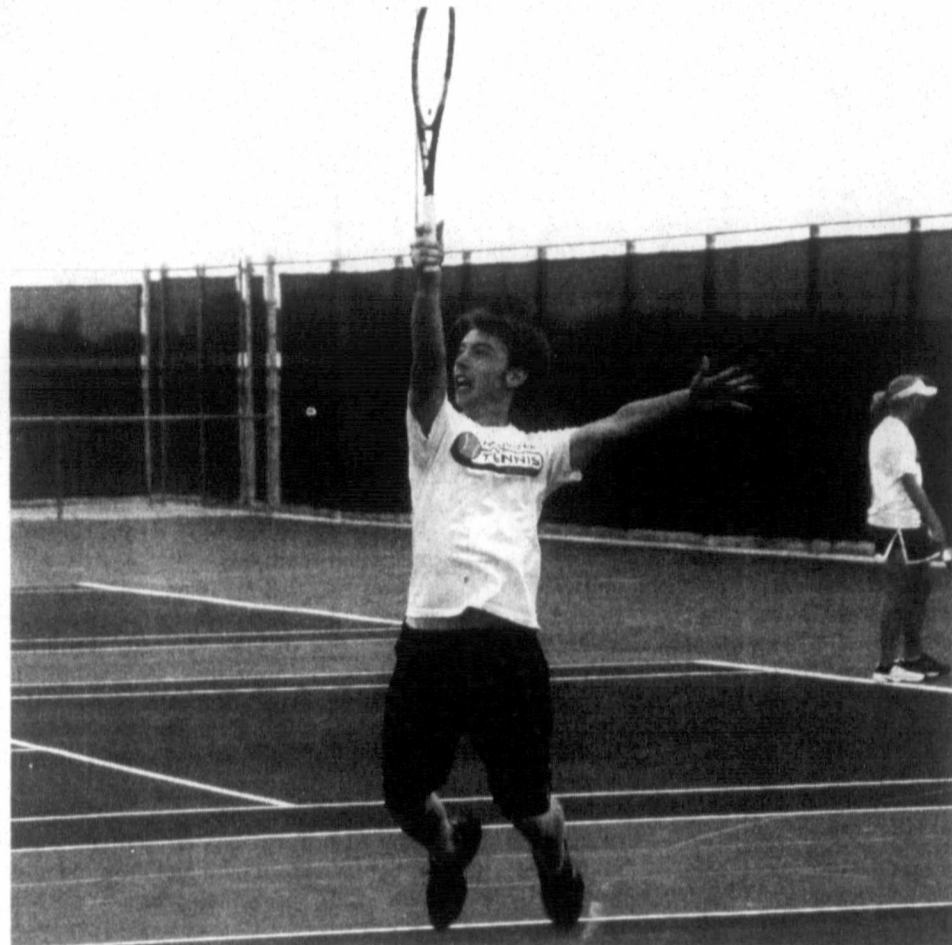
Corse said if they play like they did Saturday they can beat Hereford.

"We just need to close out matches when we get

the lead," Corse said.

Nick Nelson, Myles Foreman, Aaron Silva and Colin McClendon won both their singles and doubles. For the girls, Holly Gage, Sammie Finney, Alissa Hoelting, Robin Fernuik and Kayla Ware won all their matches.

The Harvesters host district opponent Hereford, at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Harvester Tennis Courts.



Myles Foreman jumps for an overhead shot in his doubles match with Garrett Coutts against Frenship. Pampa and Frenship did not officially play because of the weather.

No. 1 Lady Pirates sweep Lady Harvesters

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters volleyball team was swept by the No. 1 Randall Lady Pirates (8-25, 7-25, 14-25) on Saturday at Randall.

Pampa (12-8, 0-1) never had the lead in the match. Head Coach Libby Garza said she was disappointed in how her team handled the number one team in the state.

"Randall is very good," Garza said. "We just didn't play up to our ability. We could have played better defense and talked a lot more. I expected us to compete much better than we did."

Garza said Emilie Troxell and Kara Stephens stepped up against Randall.

"I think this was Emilie's best offensive games this year and one of Kara's best

defensive games," Garza said.

Troxell had six kills and five digs. Stephens had three kills, one block and 14 digs. Taryn Eubank had one kill, one block, 10 digs and 16 assists. Garza said one of the reasons her team lost was because they were intimidated by Randall.

"They are good, but we are better than what we played," Garza said.

The head volleyball coach said her team will need to come out strong on Tuesday to beat Palo Duro.

"We need to play our game and just be ready for anything and everything to come over the net," Garza said. "We will need to work hard and communicate well. If we take care of our side we will be successful."

The junior varsity was also swept by Randall (18-25, 14-25). Coach Matt

Embry said he is pleased with how his team played and looks forward to the rematch against Randall.

"We played great. Our freshmen stepped up and played our best game all year," Embry said. "Randall is a great team. We are looking forward to seeing them on our court, to show them what we are capable of when we are together and confident."

Randall swept the freshman team (8-25, 6-25). Coach Deanna Polasek said the score did not show how hard they played against them.

"We had several good volleys back and forth throughout the game," Polasek said. "We had 92 percent of our serves in, we just didn't get many points to defend our serve."

The Lady Harvesters host Palo Duro on Tuesday at McNeely. The freshman play at 5 p.m., the junior varsity plays at 6 p.m. and the varsity plays at 7 p.m. The new entrance to McNeely is through the new commons at the high school.

8th grade v-ball splits, 7th grade swept by Westover

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa Junior High eighth grade volleyball teams split and the seventh grade volleyball teams were swept by Westover Junior High Thursday night at Westover.

The eighth grade A team defeated Westover 14-25, 28-26, and 25-21. Coach Kristi Petty said her team got off to a slow start in the first game but picked it up the rest of the match.

"The team really came together and started to fight for every point," Petty said. "We made some changes, and Kelly Silva as set-

ter and Bailey Dixon on defense made a big impact to help the team come up with a win."

Petty said Kylee Metts, Silva and Madison Joyce were leading servers. Alexa O'Brien, Taylor Giles and Bailey Dixon were solid in receiving serves. Metts and O'Brien were the team's best hitters.

The eighth grade B team lost to Westover 26-24, 17-25, and 22-25. Coach Janice Miner praised

Savanna Mertz, Krysten Miller and Lacey Dodson for solid serving. Miner said Ashlyn Paronto had solid passing. Miller and Jesse Dixon led the team

in hitting.

The seventh grade A team lost to Westover 13-25 and 19-25. Petty said Taylor Eubank led the team in hitting and receiving serves. Brittney Green helped the team with solid passing and Bennett Cambern was solid in serving.

The seventh grade B team lost 20-25 and 13-25 to Westover. Petty said Genevieve Zavala, Cheyenne Williams and Quila Martinez had solid serving. Elizabeth Gill was solid in receiving serves. Miner said the team is gaining confidence and continues to progress.

Foiling feral hogs

OVERTON — Farmers and ranchers may be inadvertently aiding and abetting one of their worst enemies, the feral hog, by providing supplemental feed for white-tailed deer and other wildlife, said a "http://agriflifeextension.tamu.edu/Texas AgriLife Extension Service wildlife expert.

But a new study conducted at the "http://www.welderwildlife.org/Welder Wildlife Foundation near Sinton showed that is it possible to design fencing that allows deer access to feeders while excluding feral hogs, said Dr. Billy Higginbotham, AgriLife Extension fisheries and wildlife specialist.

In Texas alone, feral hogs cause \$52 million of damage to crops and pastures annually, he said.

"And that does not include damage to wildlife food plots, wildlife feeds and feeders, or to recreational areas like parks, golf courses and landscapes," Higginbotham said.

In an attempt to curtail the damage, landowners hunt and trap feral hogs, he said. But at the same time, Texas hunters and land-

owners put out approximately 300 million pounds of shelled corn annually, primarily for white-tailed deer, spending an estimated \$50 million. Feral hogs crash the party by raiding the feeding sites and eating the corn, often preventing deer and other wildlife from visiting at all.

The party crashing does more than just deny supplemental feed to white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Better-fed feral hog sows are more likely to produce more piglets per litter, and those piglets have a higher survival rate, Higginbotham said.

Fencing seemed the answer to the problem, he said, but how high was high enough to stop hogs and low enough to admit deer?

To answer this question

Higginbotham devised a cooperative study with Dr. Tyler Campbell, wildlife biologist and station leader at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services-National Wildlife Research Center near Kingsville.

Higginbotham and Campbell enclosed deer-feeder sites with fences of three heights: 20 inches,



Feral hog

28 inches and 34 inches. All fences used six 16-foot long panels, staked with steel T-posts and arranged in a circular pattern around feeders. During July and August, remote sensing cameras, which are tripped by motion, were used to record deer and feral hog traffic. The cameras recorded traffic before the fencing was erected and then for two weeks after in late July and early August.

Before the fencing, the automatic cameras recorded 5.3, 3.1 and 4.7 hog visits per hour for sites no. 1 (34-inch fence), no. 2 (28-inch fence) and no. 3 (20-inch fence), respectively. Deer visits per hour were 0.8, 1.4 and 0.1 respectively for sites 1, 2 and 3.

Once the fencing was installed, all three heights limited feral-hog access, but the two highest fences excluded them completely. To a small degree, the 34-inch fencing and the 28-inch fencing limited some deer access as well, but the overall effect on deer traffic was minimal as they could easily jump the fences, Higginbotham said.

With the fencing, hog visits per hour were reduced to 0.0, 0.0 and 1.8 for sites 1, 2 and 3 respectively. Deer visits per hour were negligibly reduced to 0.66 from 0.8 for the 34-inch fencing, but actually doubled for the 24-inch fencing and more than quadrupled for the 20-inch fencing, he said.

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Chamber

Break Out!!

BY JOE WEAVER
CHAMBER
DIRECTOR

It's funny how perceptions change over time.

I was raised in the Panhandle and have spent most of my time in towns just a little smaller than Pampa, with a couple of notable exceptions.

Shortly after I was married, my wife and I lived in Fort Worth for several years, and I can state that for a city, it wasn't bad.

When I moved back to the Panhandle, I had to re-educate myself regarding traffic. One day on my lunch hour I was following behind a fellow driving about 20 mph and I kept thinking "Get outta my way!"

It finally occurred to me that if I relaxed and had to follow the guy clear across town, the trip might take me an extra thirty seconds!

Then I moved to a town of 5,000 people that had two blinking lights and one traffic signal. Getting anywhere was a breeze. I would find myself in Amarillo, sitting at an intersec-

tion next to the interstate, waiting for the full cycle of lights so I could go again. "Man, life is sure faster in the big city, isn't it?"

I'd catch myself saying, "Waiting at a light for fifteen minutes!" So now here I am back in a community of about 18,000.

I have no idea how many traffic signals there are in town, but I know it really doesn't take long to get from one side of town to the other.

"What's he getting at?" you're asking. If you're like most of us, you probably run pretty much the same beat whenever you go shopping.

The point of my little observation is this: take a little time to get out of your normal circle and see what's there. Chances are you'll see some things you haven't—some places that might have just what you're looking for...or maybe some things you never knew existed, but now you can't live without.

If you usually



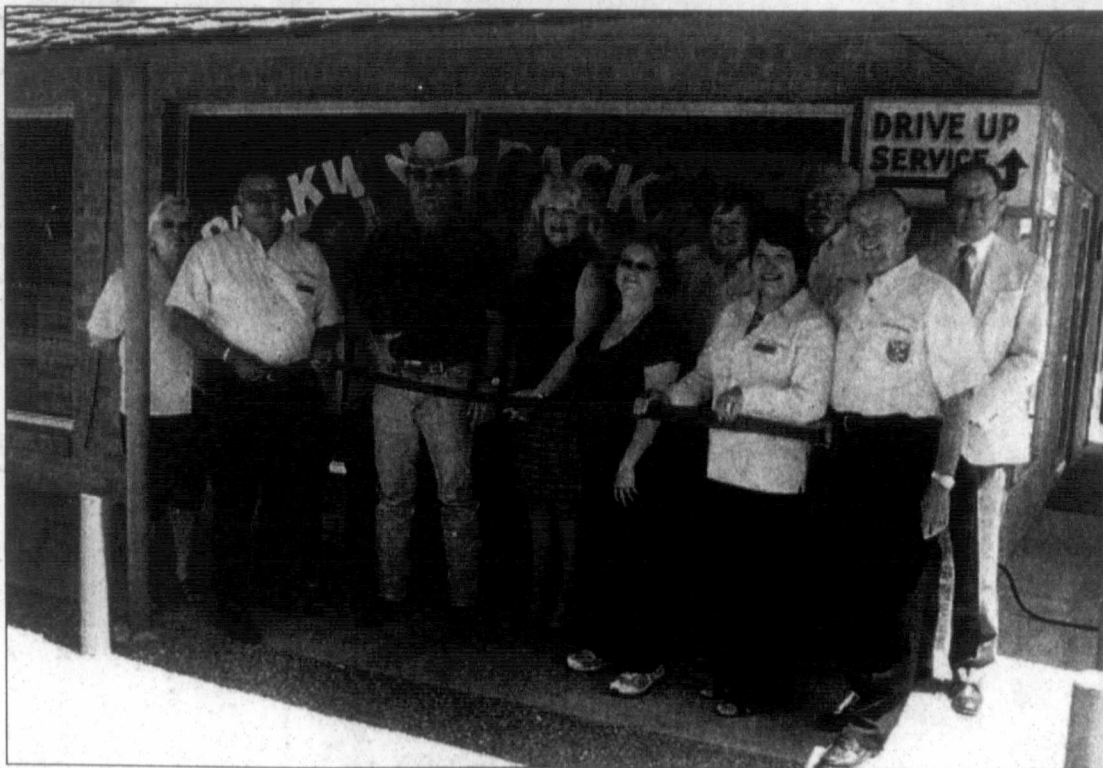
Joe Weaver

shop N. Hobart and Perryton Parkway, drive downtown, or Wilks-Brown-Frederic (Hwy 60), or maybe S. Hobart, just to see what's there. And don't be limited by what the name of the store says. (Heard-Jones is way more than pharmaceuticals, and Pampa Office Supply carries a great line of gifts.) You may even find a new place to eat, or a pastry to sample (my favorite is fresh marantitos!)

Break out in the next couple of weeks and see what's there!

The Retail Committee has begun planning for the Christmas season, so be watching for future announcements.

Welcome



The Top O' Texans Goldcoats welcomed Doug and Teresa Davis owners of Parkway Package to the Chamber on August 20, 2009.



The Top O' Texans Goldcoats welcomed Luon and Lindita Vukatana owners of Verona Italian Bistro on August 20, 2009.

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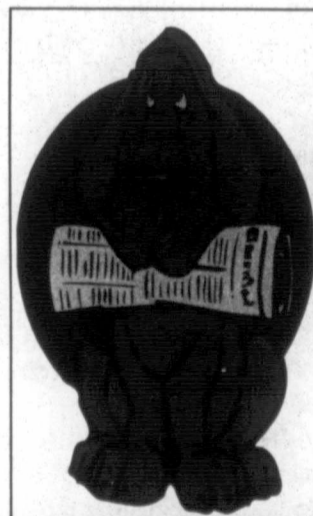
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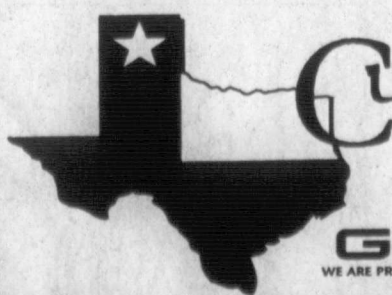
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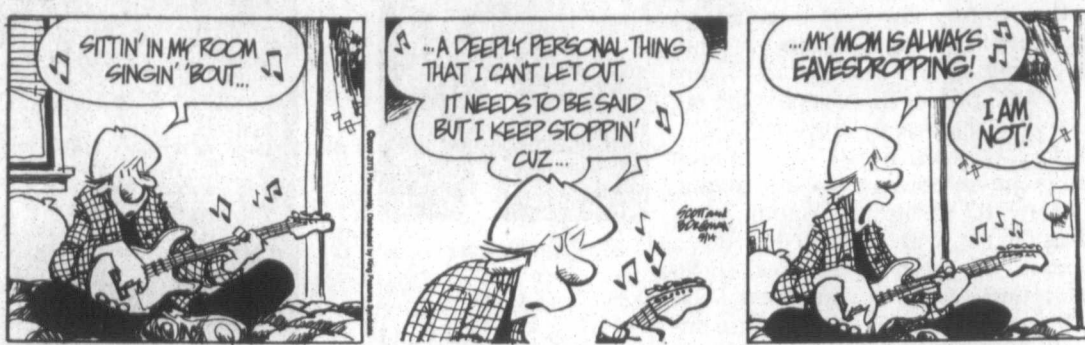


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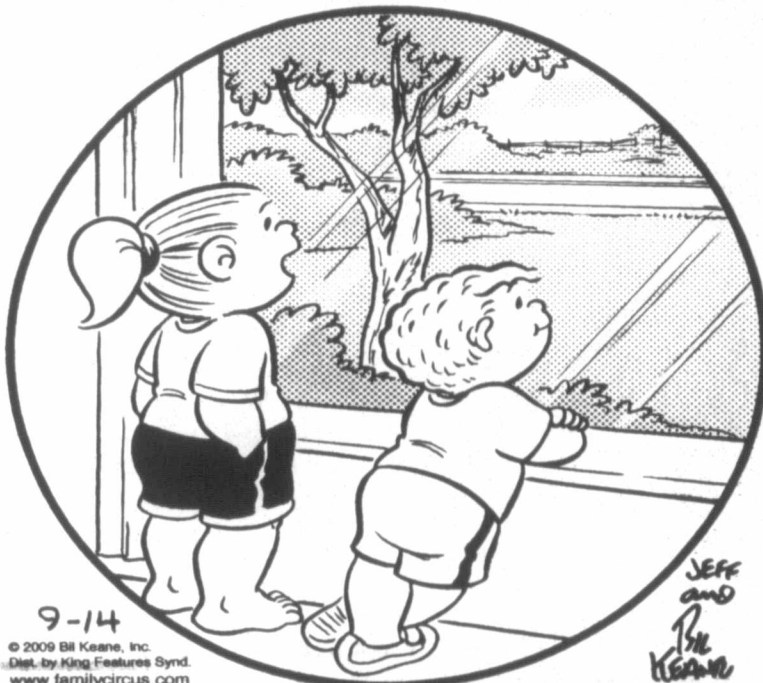


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Sports

Romo throws 3 TDs to lead Cowboys past Bucs

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Roy Williams, Patrick Crayton and Miles Austin aren't Terrell Owens, which is not a bad thing as far as the Dallas Cowboys are concerned.

Each scored a long touchdown Sunday, helping Tony Romo have a career passing day and christen the team's post-T.O. era with a 34-21 victory that spoiled the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' debut under coach Raheem Morris.

"We're the most talented offensive team in this league," Williams said. "We've got guys that can do multiple things. It showed today."

The Cowboys released Owens in March, thrusting Williams into the role of lead receiver and asking others such as Crayton, Austin and Romo's favorite target, tight end Jason Witten, to help take up the slack.

They couldn't have asked for much more in the opener.

Romo threw for a career-best 353 yards, giving him a franchise-best 17 300-yard performances and improving to 8-1 in September starts since becoming the Cowboys' regular quarterback 2 1/2 years ago.

He's been practically unstoppable in two games

against the Bucs, throwing for eight touchdowns and no interceptions.

"They're an aggressive defense. You're not just going to come out and check the ball down against this team," said Romo, who was 16 of 27, including TDs covering 42 yards to Austin, 66 to Williams and a career-long 80 to Crayton.

The Bucs had 450 yards total offense. Byron Leftwich was not sacked and threw for 276 yards, one TD and no interceptions while completing passes to 10 different receivers.



Lefors Pirate Keenan Lott (7) evades a Longhorn defender on his way down the field. Lefors won 56-8 in Happy. Photo contributed by Lendi Jackson

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Jello
Boston Creme Pie or cherry cheesecake
hot rolls or cornbread

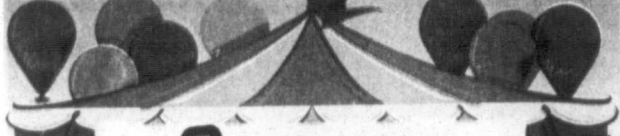
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California Blend
breaded tomatoes
beans slaw
tossed salad
Jello
dump cake or blackberry cobbler
hot rolls or cornbread

Thursday—Chicken Strips or Sausages & Kraut
mashed potatoes

turnip greens
cream corn
blackeyed peas
slaw
tossed salad
Jello
pistachio chocolate bundt cake or butterscotch pie
hot rolls or cornbread
Friday—Catfish & Hushpuppies or Tamale Pie

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