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New riding club to meet at Rodeo Grounds

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Two Pampa women are starting a new riding club. Tina Anderson Shawn and Ruthie Hartman are starting the Angels and Outlaws Riding Club. The new group will meet weekly at 6:30 p.m. on Fridays at the Top of Texas Rodeo Grounds.

"Our goal is to teach all the riders through clinics and various other methods, as well as general help, how to care for and train their horse, learn horsemanship, sportsmanship, citizenship, and fellowship through riding clinics and practice," Shawn said.

"We would like to invite anyone that is interested to join our group of fun-loving, team-oriented, horse enthusiasts," they said they hope to form

a drill team in the near future. "We will set pivots for the area rodeos," said Hartman, "and bring people from outside the Pampa area to join us."

All skill levels from beginner to pro are welcome at the group's weekly meetings, Hartman added.

"We look forward to new ideas," she said, "and proposals to make our riding club better with every meeting."

The club will have high point play days with year-end totals and awards. Anyone can enter the play days, but they have to be a member to qualify for the high points and year-end awards.

"It is our goal to provide a safe and learning environment for all ages so that everyone can enjoy the time they spend with the group and their horse to the **ANGELS** cont. on page 3

CLEAR AND PRESENT

staff photo by Andrew Glover

Stanley Gray of West Texas Landscapes moves snow out of the driveway at First Bank Southwest on Wednesday. Private and city crews worked through the day and night to clear Pampa's streets and businesses.

New young professionals' group to meet

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An organizational meeting for a new young professionals group in Pampa will meet at noon Tuesday at Dixie Cafe.

The group, tentatively monikerred "Pampa Young Professionals," falls under the Chamber's umbrella and is currently being spearheaded by Bryan J. Guymon of the Underwood Law Firm. The group is aimed towards local professionals under the age of 40.

Guymon said that the organization aims to be a resource for both its members and the community.

"I think we're trying to accomplish a couple of things," Guymon said. "We're looking at doing some power lunches on a variety of topics that are relevant to young professionals. For example, I can speak about some common legal issues that young people need to know about, that sort of thing. We'd like to be a networking tool for Pampa's young professionals, so that we know who is here."

"At the same time, we also want to be here for Pampa," Guymon added. "We're not going to be a service group, exactly, but there are some things that we'd be able to provide."

Chamber Director Joe Weaver said that the group will be able **PROFESSIONALS** cont. on page 2

Spring enrollment spikes at Clarendon College

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Spring enrollment at Clarendon College is on the upswing, and Pampa Center is playing a big part of the surge.

According to the school's numbers, there is a 9.4 percent increase in the spring head count over last year. Total enrollment settled at 1,485 following the 12th class day of the semester this past Wednesday. That figure continues a four-year upward trend, up from 1,358 in spring 2010, 1,150 in spring 2009 and 1,042 in spring 2008.

"For the spring, we're up over 29

percent compared to two years ago," said Clarendon Dean of Students Tex Buckhaults. "We're extremely pleased with this growth."

Clarendon College Pampa Center makes up a large part of the increase with enrollment at 454, up considerably from 335 last year. Ray Jaramillo, vice president of Clarendon College's Pampa Center, credited much of the increase in Pampa's student population to the new programs and expansion of the facilities here.

"That's a big jump we had," Jaramillo said, "and it's because of all the progress we've made in Pampa."

He said those numbers do not **CLARENDON** cont. on page 3



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The nursing program at Clarendon College's Pampa campus is one of the reasons for the school's growth. Students here are practicing their skills with syringes.

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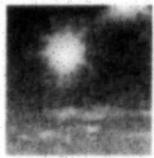
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High 53
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High 64
Low 28

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Friday: Sunny, with a high near 42. Wind chill values between -5 and 5. West northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 21. Wind chill values between 13 and 18. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 53. Breezy, with a west wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 28. West wind around 10 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 64. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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For the record

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests.

Tuesday, Feb. 8
Austin Kyle Morton, 24, was arrested by deputies on charges of theft.

Brandy Michelle Peden, 35, was arrested by deputies on charges of driving without a license.

Wednesday, Feb. 9
Tyson Lee Waycaster, 27, was arrested by police on charges of public intoxication and failure to appear.

Teresa Ann Organ, 38, was arrested by police on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of dangerous drugs.

Obituaries

Dave Alan Butts, 55

HOWARDWICK—Dave Alan Butts, 55, died Sunday, February 6, 2011, in Amarillo.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, February 11, 2011, in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon with Rev. Dave Stout, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Howardwick, officiating.

Interment will be in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon. Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mr. Butts was born April 29, 1955, in Amarillo to Oscar Albert Butts Jr. and Theda "Penny" Featherston Butts. He had been a resident of Howardwick since 1993. He had worked in construction and as a farmer and rancher as well as working for the Department of Defense. He was a member of the Clarendon Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents in 2009.

Survivors include a daughter, Alissa Atkinson and husband Grant of Amarillo; a sister, Patricia Beach and husband Ronnie of Olathe, Kan.; three grandchildren, Audrey Hatcher, Ethan and Emma Atkinson all of Amarillo; and two nieces, Sarah Kershner of Nagshead, N.C. and Jessie Beach of Sherman Oak, Calif.

The family suggests memorials to BSA Hospice in Amarillo.

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James Arthur "Red" Herring, Jr., 84

STINNETT—James Arthur "Red" Herring, Jr., 84, died Tuesday, February 8th, 2011, in Amarillo.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 12, at Stinnett Cemetery with Mr. Matthew Benefield, Minister of the Stinnett Church of Christ officiating, under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mr. Herring had been a Stinnett resident since 1996. He had lived in Bugbee Heights for seven years before moving to Stinnett and had lived in Pampa prior to that. He served in the US Navy during WWII and had numerous jobs in the oil field, working for Sharp Drilling Co. He married Virginia Bell on October 20, 1943, in Pampa, and she preceded him in death on April 14, 1991. He was also preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Violet "Lou" Dawson and five grandsons.

He loved spending time with his family and grandkids, was an avid bowler and enjoyed fishing.

He is survived by two sons, Jim Bob Herring of Stinnett, Dale Ray Herring of Amarillo; three daughters, Andre Louise Roberson and O'Nita Robinson both of Pampa, and Gayla Faye Mulholland of Evanston, Wyo., nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

The family will be staying at 328 Sara Dr., in Scotts Acres, Stinnett.

Walter "Ray" Deaver, 66

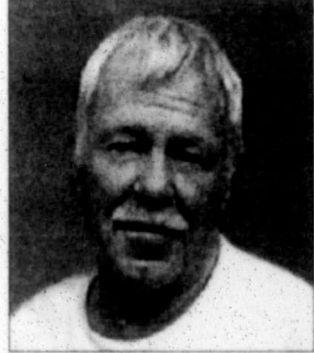
MINEOLA—Walter "Ray" Deaver, 66, died February 6, 2011, in Mineola.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, February 11, 2011, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, with Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor of First United Methodist Church of McLean, officiating. Masonic rites will be courtesy of Miami Masonic Lodge # 805 AF&AM.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Ray was born February 3, 1945, in Bakersfield, Calif. He had been a resident of Miami and Pampa most of his life, but resided in Mineola at the time of his death. Ray was a master carpenter and his professional workmanship can be admired all over the Panhandle. He was proud to be a 32nd degree Mason of the Miami Lodge. He enjoyed many hobbies, including bowling, fishing, traveling and classic cars. Ray never met a stranger and opened his heart and his home to many over the years. He is well-known for his generosity, sense-of-humor and playing practical jokes on his numerous friends, but his true devotion was to his beloved family. He married his soul-mate, Carol, when he was 17 years old and she was but 15 years old. In recent years, they traveled all over the country for his work as an insurance adjuster. He was a loving husband and father, and doting "Poppy" to his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Deaver of the home; son and daughter Shawn and Sarah Deaver of Pampa; daughter, Tawny Johnson of Lefors; four grandchildren, Erika Mauricio, Payton Johnson and Joey Johnson, all of Lefors, and Paige Cook of Pampa; five great-grandchildren, Carmen Vela of Lefors, Cecil Cook, Zain Cook, Lilly Cook and Rosaline Cook, all of Pampa; sister and brother, Shirley and Rich Parent of Shreveport, La., brother and sister, Dan and Josie Deaver of California; sister, Pat Candrey and brother, Gary Deaver both of Oklahoma; brother and sister, Junior and Vickie Slate of



Deaver

Pampa; six nieces, Lisa Nelson of Corsicana, Stephanie Slate of Pampa, Kelly Griffith of Amarillo, Stephanie Davis of California, Peggy Coleman of Oklahoma, and Sue Ann Rogers; one nephew, Dean Deaver of California; special friends, Jack and Donna Hamel of Flippin, Ark.; and faithful dogs, Blu and Doc. Ray was preceded in death by a daughter, Cindy Deaver; his parents, Walt and Juanita Deaver; his loving mother-in-law, Hazel Robinson; and father-in-law, Elijah Slate of Miami.

The family will receive friends at 2631 Seminole in Pampa.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Flo Lockett, 83

Flo Lockett, 83, died February 9, 2011, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Friday, February 11, 2011, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Glen Walton, minister of Bell Ave. Church of Christ of Amarillo, officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Lockett was born November 10, 1927, in Oklahoma City. She attended schools in Oklahoma. She married Ray Lockett on November 10, 1948, and he preceded her in death in 1999. Flo had been a resident of Pampa since 1960. She worked at Pampa Communications for 13 years. She was a member of Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ. She loved her family and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include two daughters, Melissa Martinez of Amarillo, and Cristy Shouse and husband Bill of Pampa; a son, Steve Lockett and wife Christine of Amarillo; six grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Anna Wiggins; and a great-grandson, Jeremiah Villegas.

Memorials may be made to Craig Methodist Alzheimer's Unit, 5500 W. 9th Ave., Amarillo, Texas 79106, or Hospice of the Southwest, 1301 S. Coulter, Suite 404, Amarillo, Texas 79106.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Lockett

Doréne Null Young, 79

Dorene Null-Young, 79, died February 8, 2011, in Wylie.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 12, 2011, at Central Baptist Church, with Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor, officiating. Private burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Young was born September 30, 1931, in Wellington. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1976. She married J. D. "Jay" Young on June 19, 1947, in Vernon. He preceded her in death on May 20, 2000. She and her husband operated Young's Cleaning Service from 1976 until 2000. Dorene was a member of Central Baptist Church. She and her husband taught the Adult Covenant Sunday School Class for many years.

Survivors include two daughters, Sandra Minatrea and husband Kenneth of Princeton, and Patricia Wright and husband Dr. Charles Wright of Amarillo; three grandsons, Kameron Minatrea of Rockwall, Keenan Minatrea of Princeton, and Charles Wright and wife Megan of Somerville, Mass.; a granddaughter, Dianna Wright of Grapevine; two great-grandchildren, Laura Minatrea and Ian Minatrea, both of Rockwall. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Peggie Hawley in 2003; five sisters, three brothers, a granddaughter-in-law, Judith Minatrea; nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Memorials may be made to Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065, or a favorite charity.

The family will receive friends from 5-6:30 p.m. Friday, February 11, 2011, at the funeral home.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Royce Darwin Phillips, 70

HASKELL—Royce Darwin Phillips, 70, of Pampa, passed away February 9, 2011, in Knox City.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, February 11, at Howard Cemetery. Arrangements are by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Haskell.

Royce was born April 23, 1941, in Plainview, to the late Grady Lee Phillips and Daisy Schafer Phillips. He lived in Pampa most of his life and was a pipeliner.

He is survived by his brother, Dewey Lee Phillips and several nieces and nephews. Roger's close friends were Bill McGill, David Potter, Larry Holmes, Bunky Wright, Darrell Luster, and Pat Nash. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Joyce Murphy and Loretta Duniven.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Howard Cemetery Fund.

Professionals

to provide a novel, untapped perspective to Pampa's existing business community.

"We want (Pampa's young professionals) to know that they are an important part of the community and that they have a voice," Weaver said. "I think that they can help move us forward and help make this a better place. If we don't look to them, we're only going to become less and less relevant."

"My goal, if I had to put a term on it, is to harken back to the Jaycees," continued Weaver, referring to

the U.S. Junior Chamber civic organization. "We're not calling it that, and it's not going to be part of a national organization. But it's kind of the same idea: A group of young people who have something to contribute."

Weaver cited the changing face of communications as a field where a young person's perspective can be immediately beneficial.

"That's an area where we can really tap into the resources of younger minds," he said. "People that really get Facebook, Twitter, smart phones — that bit."

"I think our generation communicates differently than the older generation," echoed Guymon. "It's something that has changed with technology. It's something young professionals understand."

For more information, call the Chamber at 806-669-3241.

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Fatal shooting leads to lockdown

FRISCO (AP) — A fatal shooting in a Dallas suburb led to the lockdown of three nearby schools, as a precaution, as police searched for a suspect.

Frisco police Sgt. Adam Henderson says the shooting happened Thursday in an alley of a residential area. The suspect ran away.

Henderson says the fleeing suspect did not appear to have a weapon.

Henderson says the victim was transported to a hospital where he was declared dead. His name wasn't immediately released.

The Frisco Independent School District locked down Gunstream, Wester and Centennial schools, but lifted the lockdown after an hour. District officials say the shooting was not related to the schools and no students were in danger.

Frisco is 15 miles north of Dallas.

Texas recycles electronics

AUSTIN (AP) — Twice as much trash is a good thing for Texas.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on Thursday announced the state's recycling and reuse program, in its second year, generated more than 24 million pounds of computer equipment. That's twice the amount of computer items recycled in the initial year of the project.

TCEQ says the program requires computer manufacturers that sell items in Texas to offer consumers convenient, free recycling for their brands of equipment.

TCEQ says 78 manufacturers representing 123 brands took part.

More power conservation urged

AUSTIN (AP) — The operator of the Texas electric power distribution grid has asked for more conservation during lingering cold weather.

An advisory Thursday from the Electric Reliability Council of Texas urged conservation during peak demand times.

Oncor (ON-kor) utility crews worked to restore electricity to about 2,500 customers, mainly in the Fort Worth area.

ERCOT says additional reserves have been lined up and the agency is not planning more statewide rotating outages. ERCOT-affiliated utilities last week were required to do controlled power outages, lasting about 15 minutes, to keep up with increased electrical demand during a winter storm.

Ex-principal gets 18 years

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A former elementary school principal in San Antonio has been sentenced to 18 years in prison for sexually abusing an 11-year-old student.

Michael Alcoser last month pleaded guilty to aggravated sexual assault of a child. The 45-year-old ex-administrator at Carrillo Elementary School was convicted Monday on two counts of indecency with a child for incidents with the same boy.

Jurors on Wednesday night sentenced Alcoser to prison on the aggravated sexual assault count. Probation was recommended on the indecency charges.

The allegations surfaced in 2008 when Alcoser was principal at Carrillo Elementary School. He was fired.

Investigators say the boy met Alcoser when he was a vice principal at Price Elementary School. The victim, who's now 16, testified he was assaulted at school and at Alcoser's home.

Suit continued over fight club

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A lawsuit over staged fights by mentally challenged residents at a Texas facility will continue.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Wednesday affirmed a ruling that allows the lawsuit over a so-called "fight club" at the Corpus Christi State Supporting Living Center to proceed.

U.S. District Judge Janis Graham Jack last year declined to dismiss the lawsuit against four current and ex-state officials brought by some former residents and their families.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals last month declined to allow cell phone video of fights in the trial of an ex-school employee accused of shooting it. Timothy Dixon faces trial on four counts of felony injury to a disabled person.

The video was used to convict four other former workers.

Staffordshire teapot steeped in history

ANNE MCCOLLAM

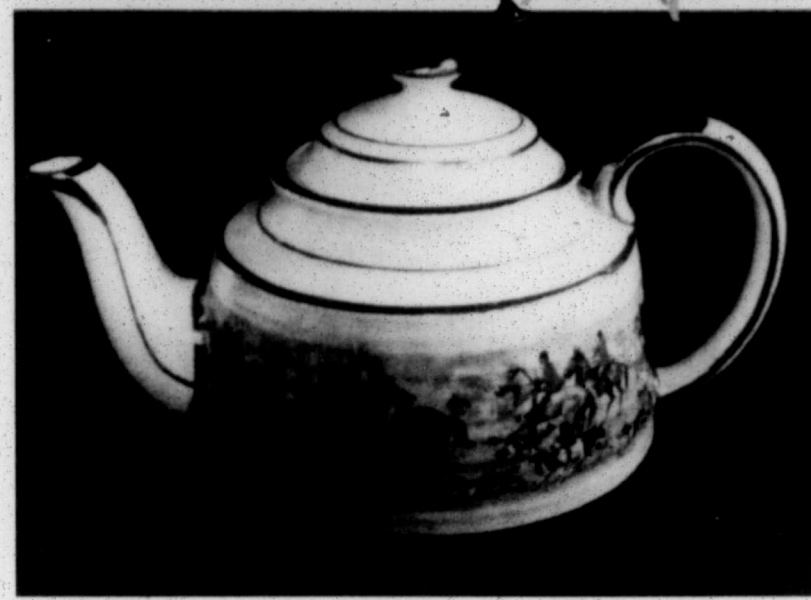
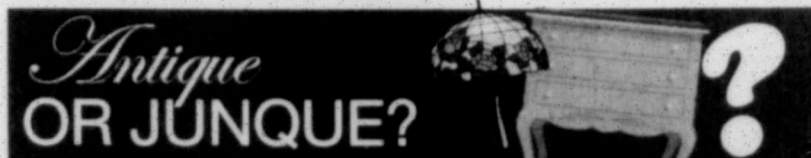
Q: Enclosed is a photo of a clay teapot that has been in our family for a long time. Decorated with a fox hunting scene, it is cream colored with gold trim. The bottom of the pot says: "Sadler — England" and "3491."

Can you tell me the history of my teapot and its age and value?

A: James Sadler founded his pottery in Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England, in 1882. His first teapots were known as "Brown Betty." They were made of red clay and finished with a dark brown glaze, thus the name.

Sadler went into receivership in 2000, and the rights to the name and designs were purchased by Churchill China. The number "3491" refers to the design number.

Your teapot was made in the mid 20th-century and would probably be worth \$25 to \$35.



James Sadler founded his pottery in Staffordshire, England, in 1882.

A: George Zoltan Lefton Co., importers of decorative objects from Europe and Japan, used this mark. George Zoltan Lefton, a Hungarian immigrant, arrived in the United States in 1939. His love of fine porcelain inspired him to establish his company in 1941 in Chicago, and it's still in business.

You have an example of one of Lefton's pineapple vases. The flowers and leaves were applied and hand-painted. The number refers to a design number. They also made matching pineapple salt and pepper shakers.

Your vase is circa 1950 and has been selling on the Internet for around \$35.

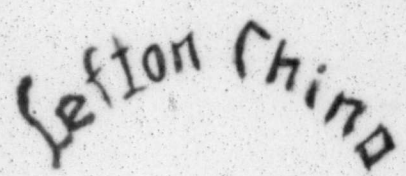
Q: I still have the book "The Torch is Passed," which was pub-

lished after President Kennedy's assassination. It is "The Associated Press Story of the Death of a President." The book includes both the events and photos that occurred from Nov. 22 to Nov. 25, 1963. It has been stored away for years, but it's in excellent condition.

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George Zoltan Lefton Co. has been located in Chicago since 1941.

Q: This mark is on the bottom of my old small vase. Decorated with pink roses and gold leaves all in relief, the vase stands about 5 inches tall. It is hand-painted, and the number "KW7283" is also included with the mark.

What can you tell me about my vase?

Clarendon

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reflect students at the prison east of Pampa, nor do they reflect students earning double credit at Pampa High School.

Enrollment at the home campus in Clarendon is at 398, up seven from last spring. The Childress satellite campus has almost doubled, with 69 current students compared to 37 in 2010.

Dual credit programs at area high schools add another 411 students, and the remaining 153 are enrolled through the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Contact hours (the number of hours actually students spend in classrooms) are also up at the school. The figure, on which college funding is based, is up 11.3 percent over last spring.

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fullest," Shawn said.

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Today is Thursday, Feb. 10, the 41st day of 2011. There are 324 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 10, 1949, Arthur Miller's play "Death of a Salesman" opened at Broadway's Morosco Theater with Lee J. Cobb as Willy Loman.

On this date:

In 1763, Britain, Spain and France signed the Treaty of Paris, ending the Seven Years' War.

In 1840, Britain's Queen Victoria married Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

In 1841, Upper Canada and Lower Canada were proclaimed united under an Act of Union passed by the British Parliament.

In 1942, the former French liner Normandie capsized in New York Harbor a day after it caught fire while being refitted for the U.S. Navy.

In 1959, a major tornado tore through the St. Louis, Mo., area, killing 21 people and causing heavy damage.

In 1962, the Soviet Union exchanged captured American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers for Rudolf Abel, a Soviet spy held by the United States.

In 1967, the 25th Amendment to the Constitution, dealing with presidential disability and succession, was ratified as Minnesota and Nevada adopted it.

In 1968, U.S. figure skater Peggy Fleming won America's only gold medal of the Winter Olympic Games, in Grenoble, France.

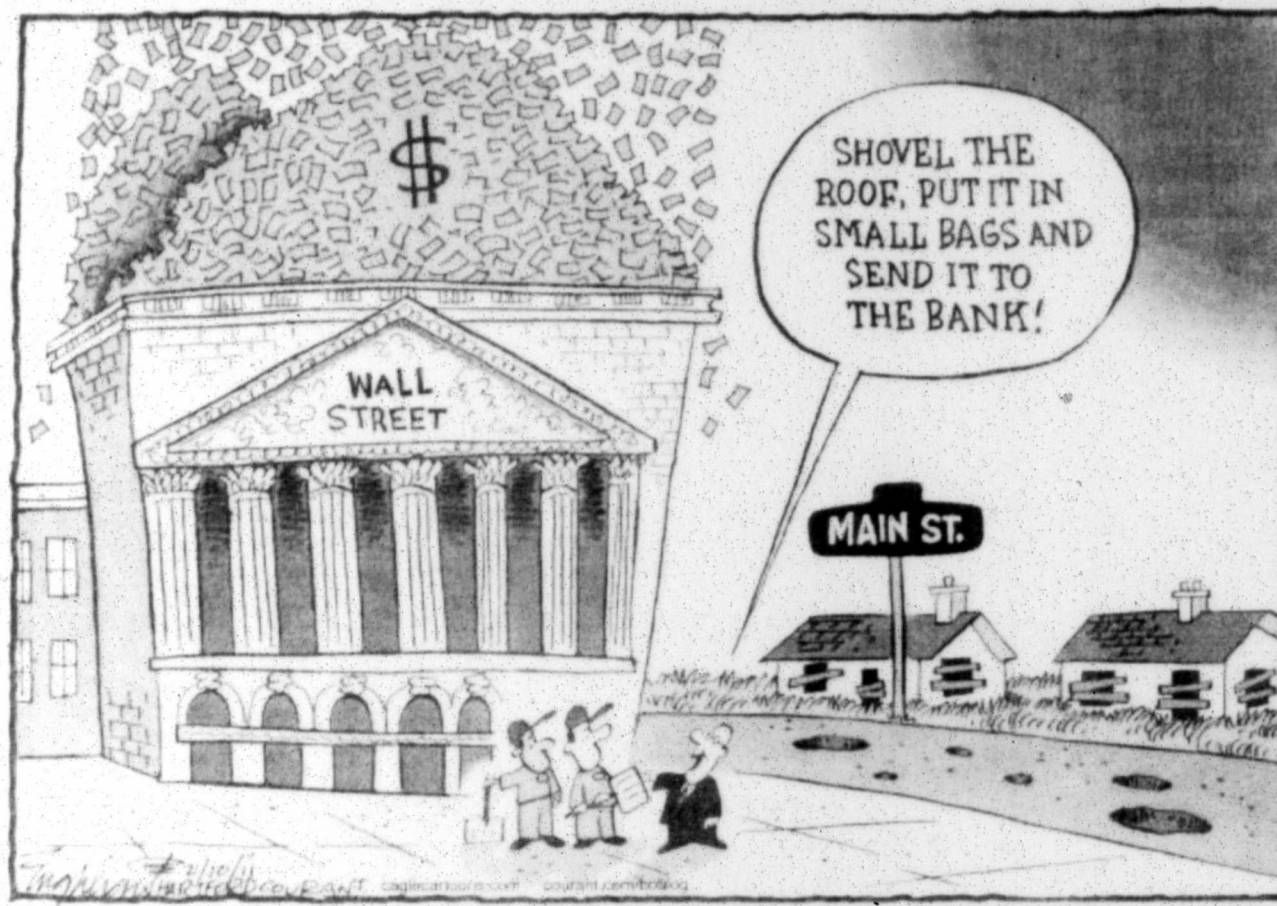
Ten years ago: The space shuttle Atlantis' astronauts installed the \$1.4-billion Destiny laboratory on the international space station. Former New York City Mayor Abraham D. Beame died at age 94.

Five years ago: Former federal disaster chief Michael Brown told a Senate committee he had alerted the White House to how bad things were in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, and agreed with senators who said he'd been made a scapegoat for government failures.

One year ago: Shuttle Endeavour arrived to a warm welcome at the International Space Station, delivering a new room and observation deck.

Today's Birthdays: Opera singer Leontyne Price is 84. Actor Robert Wagner is 81. Rock musician Don Wilson (The Ventures) is 78. Singer Roberta Flack is 74. Singer Jimmy Merchant (Frankie Lymon and the Teenagers) is 71. Rock musician Bob Spalding (The Ventures) is 64. Olympic gold-medal swimmer Mark Spitz is 61. Walt Disney Co. president and chief executive Robert Iger is 60. World Golf Hall of Famer Greg Norman is 56. Country singer Lionel Cartwright is 51. Movie director Alexander Payne is 50. ABC News correspondent George Stephanopoulos is 50. Political commentator Glenn Beck is 47. Actress Laura Dern is 44. Country singer Dede Foyt is 39. Actress Elizabeth Banks is 37. Pop singer Rosanna Lavarez (Eider's Girlfriend) is 34. Country musician Jeremy Beckett (Coalminer's Ram) is 31. Rock singer Eric Burdon is 29. Rock musician Ben Romans (The Chick Liver) is 29. Actress Emma Roberts is 20. Actress Makenzie Vega is 17. Actress Chloe Moretz is 14.

Thought for Today: "Morality is moral only when it is voluntary." — Lincoln Steffens, American journalist (1866-1936).



Spontaneous order always replicates

You are our Ruler. An entrepreneur tells you he wants to create something he calls a "skating rink." Young and old will strap blades to their feet and speed through an oval arena, weaving patterns as moods strike them.

You'd probably say, "We need regulation -- skating stoplights, speed limits, turn signals -- and a rink director to police the skaters. You can't expect skaters to navigate the rink on their own."

And yet they do. They spontaneously create their own order.

At last month's State of the Union, President Obama said America needs more passenger trains. How does he know? For years, politicians promised that more of us will want to commute by train, but it doesn't happen. People like their cars. Some subsidized trains cost so much per commuter that it would be cheaper to buy them taxi rides.

The grand schemes of the politicians fail and fail again.

By contrast, the private sector, despite harassment from government, gives us better stuff for less money -- without central planning. It's called a spontaneous order.

Lawrence Reed, of the Foundation for Economic Education, explains it this way:

"Spontaneous order is what happens when you leave people alone -- when entrepreneurs ... see the desires of people ... and then provide for them.

"They respond to market signals, to prices. Prices tell them what's needed and how urgently and where. And it's infinitely better and more productive than relying on a handful of elites in some distant bureaucracy."



JOHN STOSSEL

This idea is not intuitive. Good things will happen if we leave people alone? Some of us are stupid -- Obama and his advisers are smart. It's intuitive to think they should make decisions for the wider group.

"No," Reed responded. "In a market society, the bits of information that are needed to make things work -- to result in the production of things that people want -- are interspersed throughout the economy. What brings them together are forces of supply and demand, of changing prices."

Prices are information. The personal-computer revolution is a great example of spontaneous order.

"No politician, no bureaucrat, no central planner, no academic sat behind a desk before that happened, before Silicon Valley emerged and planned it," Reed added. "It happened because of private entrepreneurs responding to market opportunities. And one of the great virtues of that is if they don't get it right, they lose their shirts. The market sends a signal to do something else. When politicians get it wrong, you and I pay the price."

"We have this engrained habit of thinking that if somebody plans it, if somebody lays down the law and writes the rules, order will follow," he continued. "And the absence of those things will somehow lead to chaos. But what you often get when

you try to enforce mandates and restrictions from a distant bureaucracy is planned chaos, as the great economist Ludwig von Mises once said. We have to rely more upon what emerges spontaneously because it represents individuals' personal tastes and choices, not those of distant politicians."

Another way to understand spontaneous order is to think about the simple pencil. Leonard Read, who established the Foundation for Economic Education, wrote an essay titled, "I, Pencil," which began, "(N) o single person on the face of this earth knows how to make (a pencil)."

"That sounds absurd -- but think about it. No one person can make a pencil. Vast numbers of people participate in making the materials that become a pencil: the wood, the brass, the graphite, the rubber for the eraser, the paint and so on. Then go back another step, to the people who make the saws and machinery that are used to make the materials that go into a pencil: And before that, people mine iron to make the steel that makes the machines that make the materials that go into a pencil. It's all without central direction, without these people even knowing they are all working ultimately to make pencils. Thousands of people mining, melting, cutting, assembling, packing, selling, shipping -- and yet you can buy pencils for a few pennies each.

That's spontaneous order, and it's replicated with every product we buy, no matter how complex.

The mind boggles.

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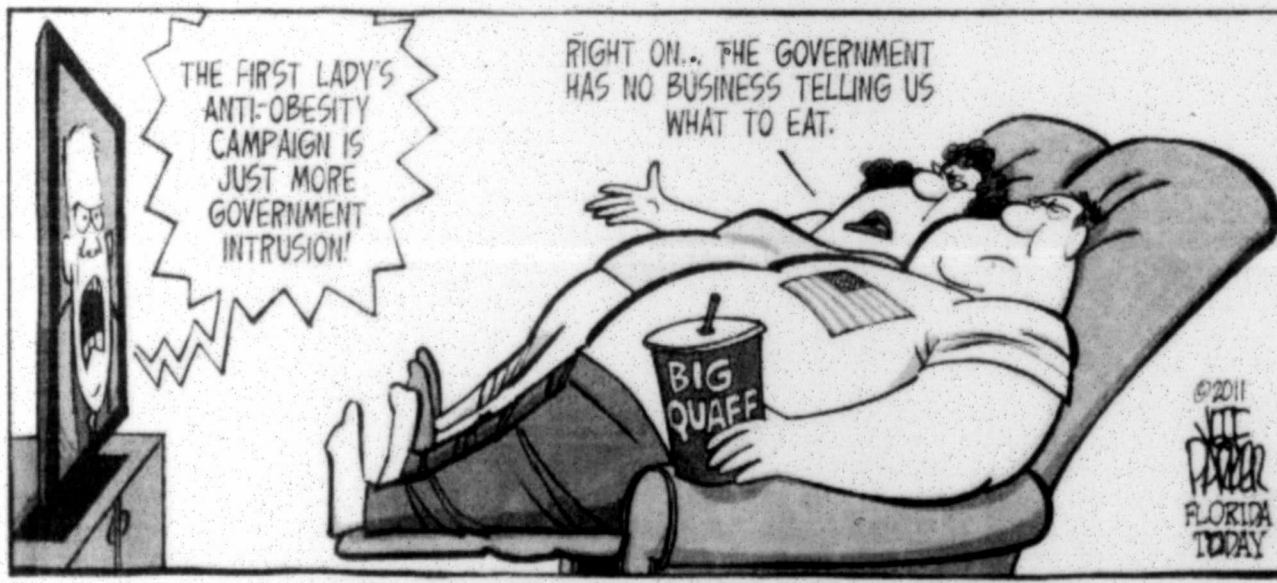
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Feds investigate fatal refinery blaze

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal and state officials are investigating what caused a fire at a refinery east of Houston that killed one worker and whether the sprawling plant violated safety, environmental or labor regulations, officials said Thursday.

The blaze erupted midday Tuesday from what appears to have been a ruptured pipeline that carried natural gas. The remains of Rick Shaw were found late Wednesday, more than 24 hours after the fire began at the Enterprise Products plant in Mont Belvieu.

The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration opened its investigation Tuesday, shortly after the fire started, spokeswoman Elizabeth Todd said. Details of the probe will be made public once it is complete, she added.

The Texas Commission on

Environmental Quality will also investigate whether the plant violated air emissions standards due to the accident. Once it is able to access the facility, the Railroad Commission of Texas, which regulates the oil and gas industry, will investigate the safety of the pipelines in the area of the fire.

Enterprise spokesman Rick Rainey has said the company is also probing the cause of the accident, including possible pipeline failure.

About one-third of the nation's oil is refined along the Texas Gulf Coast, an area covered with massive plants, mazes of pipes and towering industrial stacks. The economy is reliant on the oil and gas industry, and fires, accidents and explosions are not uncommon. Residents sometimes joke that the sweet stench of petroleum is the

smell of money and are accustomed to "shelter in place" orders, when they are forced to rush inside and shut all their windows and doors until a danger — including toxic chemical releases — passes.

In September, two workers at BP's Texas City refinery — the site of a 2005 explosion that killed 15 workers and injured 170 others — were rushed to the hospital with steam burns. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is also investigating the facility for an apparent 41-day benzene release that coincided with BP's involvement in the Gulf of Mexico oil spill. In May, thick, black smoke could be seen for miles when a fire erupted at a 700-acre facility owned by LyondellBasell Industries. No one was injured in that incident.

Cuban militant talks bombings at trial

EL PASO (AP) — A top investigator from Cuba has been detailing a string of 1997 bombings at some of the island's most luxurious hotels as part of the U.S. trial against a former CIA operative accused of lying about his role in the attacks when he later sought American citizenship.

Lt. Col. Roberto Hernandez Caballero, was expected to retake the witness stand Thursday in the trial in West Texas of Cuba-born Luis Posada Carriles, who faces 11 counts of perjury, obstruction and immigration fraud.

Hernandez, assigned to the state security division of the powerful Interior Ministry, headed a task force that investigated bombings in Havana and the beach resort of Varadero between April and October 1997.

Prosecutors accuse Posada, 82, of lying during citizenship hearings in El Paso about how he sneaked into the U.S. in March 2005, and of failing to acknowledge planning the 1997 bombings. Italian tourist Fabio Di Celmo was killed when a bomb tore through the lobby bar at the Hotel Copacabana on Sept. 4, 1997, and about a dozen others were wounded in other attacks.

Posada spent a lifetime using violence to destabilize communist political systems throughout Latin America before seeking U.S. citizenship in 2005.

On Wednesday, Hernandez described how the bomb at the

Copacabana destroyed an ashtray, sending shards of glass flying that killed Di Celmo. One photograph Hernandez presented showed how the explosion reduced part of the lobby's bar into a charred pile of boards, another focused on a blood stain on the floor.

Posada, who is public enemy No. 1 in Cuba, is not on trial for the bombings, only for lying about them at immigration hearings in El Paso.

A Cuban medical examiner is also set to testify at Posada's trial, and a police official from that country may do so as well.

Hernandez recounted two explosions at the Melia Cohiba Hotel in Havana, and a bomb that detonated in a hallway of a resort in Varadero. He said that on July 12, 1997, bombs exploded within minutes of each other at the iconic Hotel Nacional and the nearby Hotel Capri in Havana's Vedado neighborhood. After the explosion that killed Di Celmo, another bomb went off a short time later at the nearby Chateau Miramar.

Posada participated indirectly in the Bay of Pigs invasion and later moved to Venezuela, where he served as head of that country's intelligence service. He was arrested for planning the 1976 bombing of a Cuban airliner that killed 73 people. A Venezuelan military court dismissed the charges.

BANANAGRAMS!

For each bunch below, rearrange the letters to form two intersecting words that fit into the corresponding grid.

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Yesterday's Answer: PANDA, FINCH, HYENA

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Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Intermediate

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: You assured "Overwhelmed in Ohio" (Dec. 18) that fellow student "Dan" will "move on and start building a life" after high school is over. On what base might he build? Because "Overwhelmed" says Dan is an "outcast" whom everyone treats as invisible, and he has attached himself to the one person who has befriended him, it appears he has completely missed the normal teen social-learning process. How, then, is he supposed to have acquired the social skills necessary for building connections later in life?

There's a difference between being unpopular and being ostracized. An unpopular kid can participate in social situations with similar kids. A kid who is shunned cannot. Unfortunately, Dan may be on a path toward lifelong social illiteracy and isolation.

What needs to happen before "Overwhelmed" pulls away is for the adults in charge of this school to figure out why Dan has been ostracized, and develop an effective remedy

for the situation -- one that gets Dan into normal relationships with other people. And there should also be lessons about empathy provided to the students who are shunning him. — KNOWS FROM EXPERIENCE

DEAR KNOWS: Thank you for your insight. You are by no means the only reader who felt compelled to chime in on this sad situation. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: High school can be a cruel time for many young people, especially those deemed "outcasts" by their peers. I had a friend in high school who truly suffered. I made it my mission to make sure he felt he had a friend and wasn't completely alone. I hung out with him at lunch, at the library on weekends, and tried to include him in activities I was involved in. I defended him to those who called him names, and although I was younger than he, I felt like his protector.

Now, eight years later and living in different states, we are still friends.

He told me recently that I was the only reason he didn't attempt suicide in high school. He said I had saved his life by just taking a few moments out of my day to say hello or hang out with him. At the time I didn't realize the lifeline I was extending. — LUCY IN OAKLAND, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: My teenage son was similarly "invisible" to most of his classmates and it led to deep depression and anxiety. He is now at a school with other kids who have social learning disorders — a broad class that includes Asperger's syndrome and a general failure to observe and respond to social cues.

If Dan falls into this category, he needs the help of both the adults and teens in his life. There is also effective therapy available for social learning disorders, and a decent school counselor should be able to help Dan and his parents find it. — MOM OF A FORMERLY INVISIBLE TEEN

DEAR ABBY: Dan might be autistic, which could explain his behavior. I have an autistic son who

is high functioning. His social skills seem immature and he appears "geeky." People have shunned and teased him because of it.

After managing to develop some friendships in band (which, by the way, has some of the best geeky kids who accept others) and a church high school group, his social skills improved. But he needs those kids who overlook his quirkiness and befriend him to help him build confidence. They do exist; you just have to sometimes search for them. If Dan starts feeling more accepted by others, it may lessen his dependence on "Overwhelmed." — JANN IN TEXAS

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Ex-juvenile prison inmate testifies on sexual abuse

LUBBOCK (AP) — A young man once held at a West Texas juvenile prison testified Wednesday that he was sexually abused by the facility's school principal, whom he said offered him snacks and soda after their first encounter in a closet.

The alleged victim, who is now 23, appeared nervous as he spoke during the sexual abuse trial of John Paul Hernandez.

He told jurors that his pants were pulled down by Hernandez, and after he told the principal he was nervous, he told him to do him a favor and he'd bring him a sandwich.

Hernandez again asked if the teen was uncomfortable. "I said 'no,' and he reached over and pulled down my pants again," the alleged victim testified.

He said Hernandez then began fondling him and gave him oral sex.

Hernandez, 45, is on trial in Lubbock on 11 counts, including one count of sexual assault, for alleged incidents that occurred in 2004 and 2005 at the West Texas State School in Pyote.

Prosecutors said Hernandez and another former school administrator promised special treatment, candy and promises of financial aid before

sexually abusing them in closets and classrooms. Authorities allege more than a dozen boys were abused.

Hernandez's defense attorney contends the boys made up allegations of assault so they would be moved from the school.

The Associated Press isn't naming Hernandez's accusers because it generally doesn't identify alleged victims of sexual abuse.

The school was closed last summer in the wake of the sex abuse scandal that led to accusations of a cover-up and to reports exposing lax medical care and beatings.

Lawmakers eventually ordered an overhaul of the system.

The young man who testified Wednesday said his situation at the prison improved after the first alleged encounter with Hernandez, who began giving the teen sodas and snacks.

The alleged victim said Hernandez abused him about four times, including in women's restrooms or lounges at the prison.

When asked by Prosecutor Lisa Lanner why he didn't tell Hernandez to stop, the young man said: "I didn't want it to affect me going home."

He said he didn't tell anyone at

the prison about the alleged abuse because he was embarrassed. After leaving the prison in November 2004, the teen told a Texas Ranger who was investigating sexual abuse at the prison.

Earlier Wednesday, a former teacher at the prison's school, Bobby Jarrett, told jurors that Hernandez would stroll into his classroom daily for months, get a student and leave for the entire class period.

Jarrett said other students grew aggravated by what they thought was preferential treatment.

Jarrett said it was "very unusual" for Hernandez or any administrator to regularly remove a student from class.

"He was being pulled by the principal almost every day," Jarrett said. "He would just walk in and get him and leave."

Mary Helen Urias, who formerly gave tests to students at the prison, also testified for prosecutors Wednesday, saying she thought Hernandez and one student did not have a principal-student relationship. She said the student walked up to Hernandez during his graduation and straightened the principal's tie.

"I thought that was very strange

because none of us even approach him in that manner," Urias said. "I was concerned they were too close."

On cross examination, defense attorney Albert Valadez asked Urias if the student was just practicing "an act of kindness" toward Hernandez because the principal had helped him study and graduate.

"No," she answered. "It was very inappropriate."

The case, which was first investigated by the Texas Rangers in 2005, has prompted the resignations or firings over the past six years of several top state officials responsible for jailing the state's juvenile criminals.

Former assistant Superintendent Ray Edward Brookins, the only other official at the youth prison charged in the case, was sentenced last April to 10 years in prison.

A report from Texas Rangers investigators in 2005 found that Brookins and Hernandez summoned young male inmates from their dorms late at night.

The report stated that for at least two years the teens went with the men to ball fields, darkened conference rooms and offices for sexual encounters.

New legislation would protect property rights of landowners

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas landowners would get stronger protections against government seizure of their land if approved by the state legislature.

The bill would be seized by the state, called eminent domain, only if the government can't buy the property.

The bill would force the government to deal fairly with landowners and require compensation for lost property.

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of the eminent domain bill a legislative emergency.

Perry vetoed a similar bill in 2007, a move that angered farmers and private property rights advocates. In 2009, he supported a state constitutional amendment to ban governments from taking land for private development.

The Senate unanimously approved the bill, which was supported by a broad range of interest groups including the Texas Farm Bureau, pipeline companies, utility companies and private landowner groups.

Sen. Eddie Lucio,

D-Brownsville, supported the bill but expressed concern that it doesn't help landowners along the Mexico border whose property has been encroached upon by the border wall running through their fields and orchards.

"This is land they've held in their families since before Texas was founded as a republic," Lucio said. "I hope this body can do something for those border family members."

The bill now goes to the House for consideration.



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Sports

Lady Harvesters set for season deciding matchup

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The Lady Harvesters have a mix of emotions as they fight for their season 5 p.m. today against the Dalhart Lady Golden Wolves.

Pampa needs a victory and a Borger loss to Perryton to create a three-way tie for second. Junior center Kailyn Troxell said she's excited about today's game.

"We're going to come out and play hard," Troxell said. "We really want this."

Dalhart won the first two games. Junior forward Delaney Clendening said the pressure of the game makes her nervous.

"I'm feeling the pressure," Clendening said. "I hope we come out on top."

Head coach Gene Valentine said his

team is confident because they've played with Dalhart.

"Last game we let them get ahead early," Valentine said. "Of course it was our first game without Kirsten Kuhn. We feel a lot better about this one."

The game originally was supposed to be played Tuesday but was postponed because of snow. Both players think the extra time helped.

"It gave us more time to review plays and get mentally focused," Clendening said.

"We got another day of practice and shooting the ball around," Troxell said.



Valentine



Troxell

Valentine said he thinks his team will be ok.

"We were ready to play them Tuesday," Valentine said. "The extra days helped us get comfortable with what we are doing."

Clendening said the fact that the Borger-Perryton game could determine their season hasn't really been talked about.

"Our season is kind of dependent on that game," Clendening said. "We just hope Perryton can beat them."

Troxell said the key for them is to play as a team.

"We need to come out and play hard," Troxell said.



Clendening

Clendening said the key will be stopping their center. Dalhart's starting post Jeana Sybisma scored 21 and 18 points respectively.

"We have to play good post defense," Clendening said.

Valentine said his team has to get off to a good start.

"We have to hit shots early," Valentine said. "We have to keep our nerves in check."

If Pampa wins and Borger loses, the two teams would have a three-way playoff with Dalhart. A coin flip will determine who plays who first.

DIAMOND DOLLS



photo courtesy of Charla Shults

Alanna Stephens tags out a Canyon baserunner at the plate during Saturday's scrimmage at Lady Harvester Field. Pampa seeks to build off a 25-11 season and an eighth consecutive regional quarterfinal appearance. Head coach Bobbi Gill's comments were unavailable as of press time.

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SCHEDULE CHANGES

- Pampa varsity and JV softball scrimmage at Canyon is canceled.
- Makeup dates for Pampa varsity boys and girls soccer at Randall tentatively scheduled for Friday.
- Girls Golf at Plainview is tentatively scheduled for Friday and Saturday depending on field conditions.
- JV Boys and Girls Soccer vs. Dumas at Harvester Field is tentatively scheduled for Friday depending on field conditions.
- Varsity baseball scrimmage at Hereford is tentatively scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday depending on field conditions.
- Varsity softball scrimmage at Randall is tentatively scheduled for Saturday depending on field conditions.
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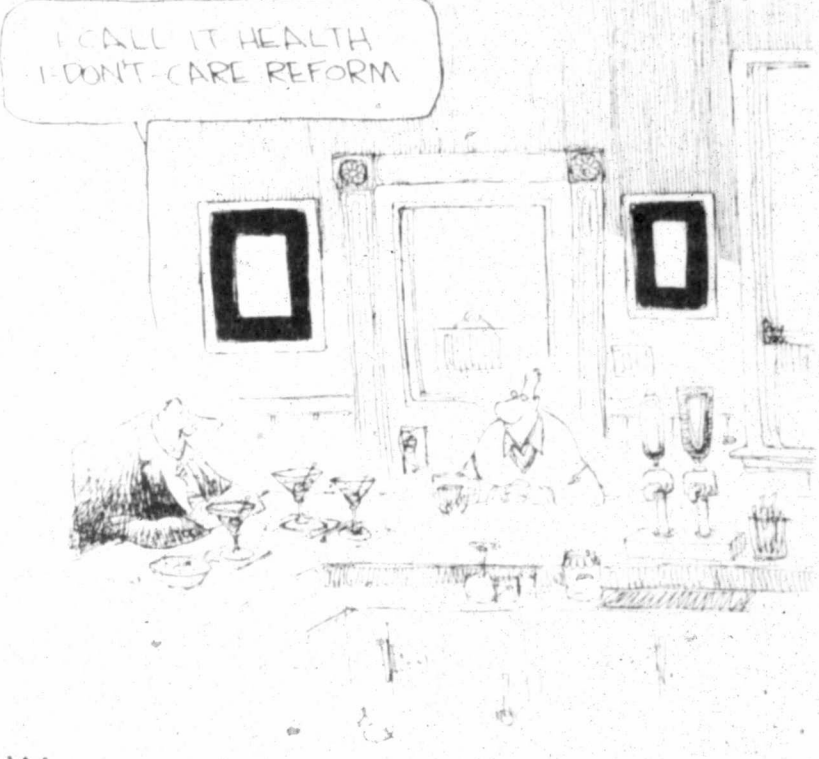
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Feb. 11, 2011:

This year, you cannot confirm plans and conversations enough. A haze surrounds you, sometimes making it difficult to communicate. You will recharge well at home, you often want to stay home or work from home. Make sure to include some type of stress-buster in your routine. Toward the later half of 2011, you might become more amorous, delighting a significant other. If you are single, others will sense your intensity and interest. Expect to date a lot. In any case, you will enjoy yourself during this period. Your creativity flourishes all year. GEMINI brings out the best in you.

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

ARIES (March 21 - April 19)

**** Pressure builds, as at the last minute there are unanticipated changes. You could be deceiving yourself about a money matter. Understand that you could be giving someone an excuse. Communication flourishes later. You can and will clear out a problem. Tonight: Hang with a pal or loved one.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)

*** Although you believe you are on the correct course, you do hit obstacles, especially with a boss, parent or someone you must answer to. You keep running into the same brick wall. Try walking around it or jumping over it. A new approach will work. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)

*** Don't distort a situation by overthinking it. You could have yourself convinced that your way is the only way, even if the perceived result is far from good. Stop with this story and center yourself. Go for a walk. Late afternoon, you re-energize and lighten up. Tonight: On top of the world.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22)

**** Zero in on your priorities, as uncomfortable as it might be. Listen to what is being shared. Know what you want. A meeting proves to be more supportive than a loved one. Clearly, this person is insecure and frightened. Help him or her feel better. Tonight: Take some personal time.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)

*** Pressure builds with a respected person in your life. Whether there is a distortion in your perceptions of each other doesn't make a difference. You can take off your rose-colored glasses, but you cannot force another person to do the same. Tonight: Surrounded by fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

**** You will be challenged to grow past the obvious and understand what is happening behind the scenes. Pressure from a daily associate or another issue keeps building. Clearly there is an element of confusion or distortion. Tonight: In the limelight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

**** Your ability to relate emerges, though you might not be seeing certain facts clearly. Your imagination plays out and can be a great source of happiness. The problem is the lack of realism in the long run. Try to be more grounded with close loved ones, friends and associates. Tonight: Take off quickly.

SCORPIO (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)

**** Let others take the lead, rather than have a conflict. You cannot talk someone out of his or her idea; therefore, step back. A family matter or domestic issue might be distracting you more than you realize. A discussion late today clears the air. Tonight: With a favorite friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

**** Pressure builds around you. You might have difficulty accomplishing everything that you want. Perhaps you need to clear out some confusion through a conversation. Don't corner anyone. Just get his or her take on what happened. Tonight: TGIF.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

**** Let your creativity flourish and come forward. Your way of handling a matter could change radically as a result of opening up to some experimenting. You eye success, but be careful as to how much you choose to spend. Tonight: Choose something relaxing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

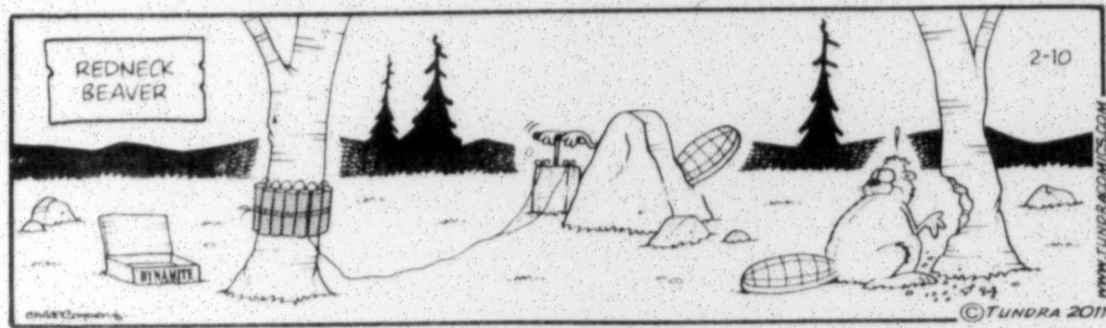
**** You might want to stay close to home if possible. You have a lot on your mind. Though you are clear in your mind, you might sound confusing to others. Take some time for yourself as soon as possible. Break from your routine. Tonight: Allow your sense of humor to bubble up.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20)

**** Keep expressing your concerns in a meaningful way. You have a sense of confusion or perhaps a slant on a situation that really doesn't work. Center yourself and try to clear out any judgments. Talk to a friend who thinks differently from you but who you respect. Tonight: Homeward bound.

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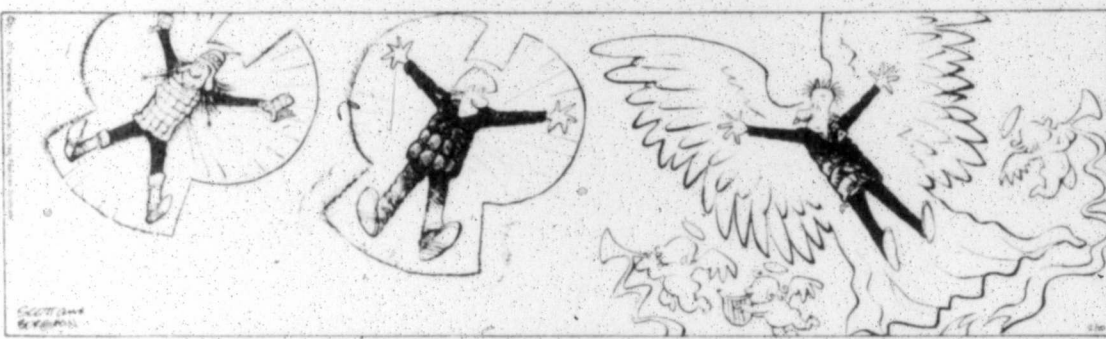
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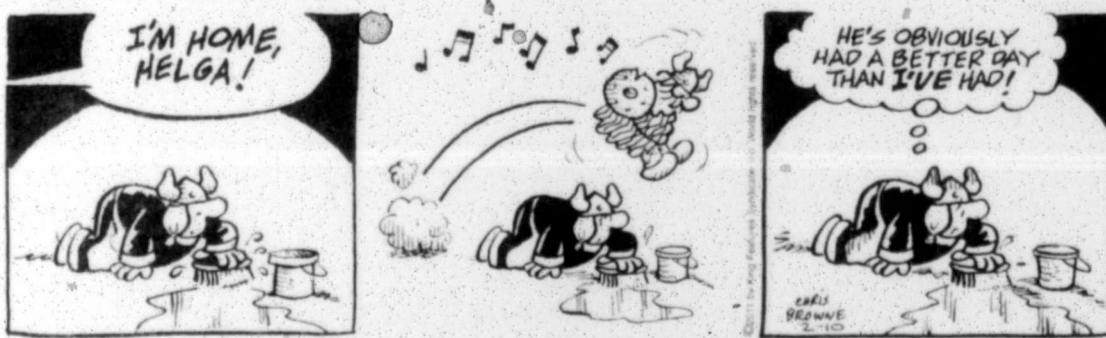
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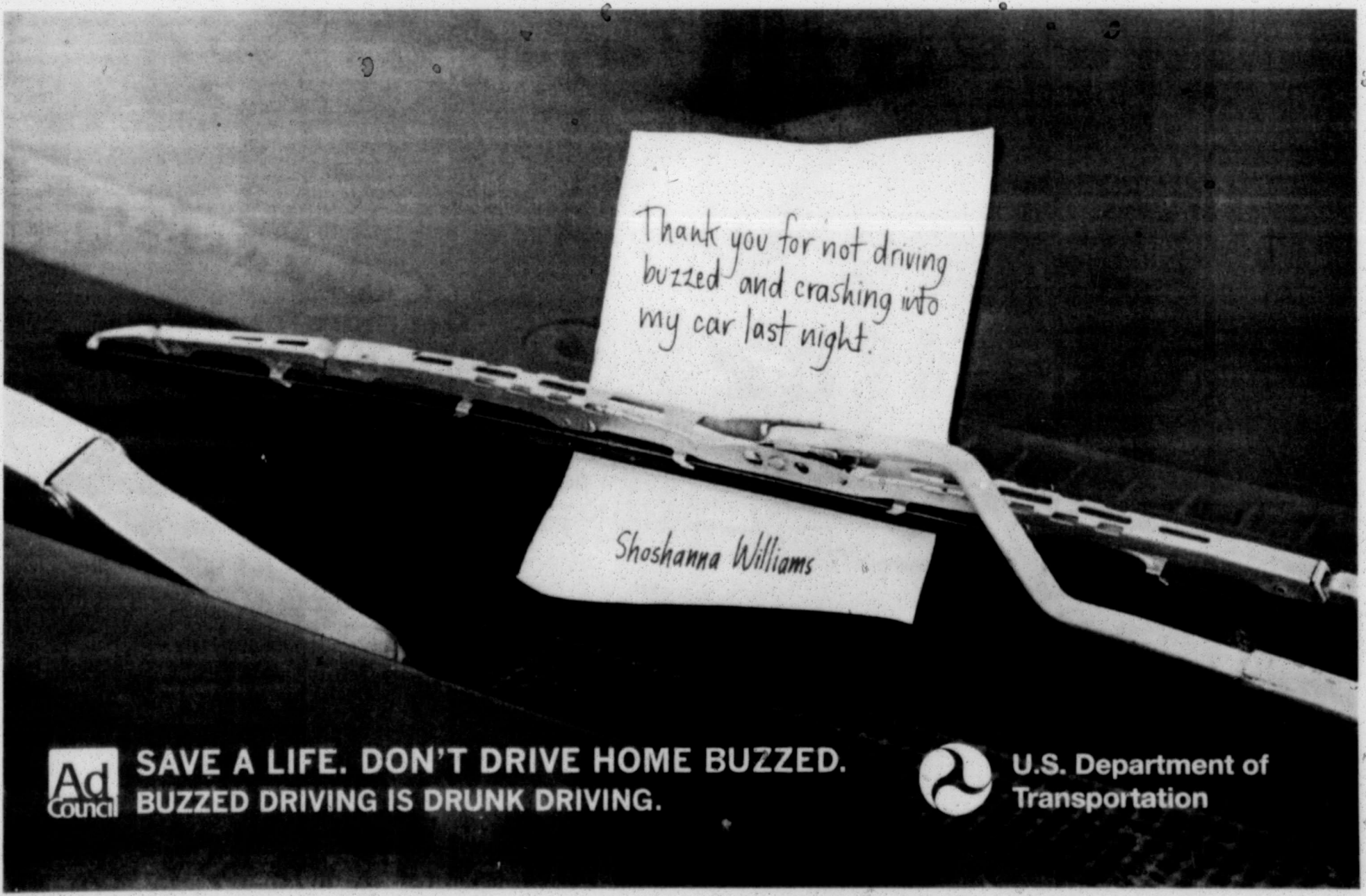
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Sheer greed is root cause of Super Bowl seating debacle

Negotiations toward a new NFL labor contract resumed Wednesday in the nation's capital in what had to be a good sign for players fearful of losing their fat paychecks.

There was no immediate word on how much progress was made in the second bargaining session in five days. But the players' union might have been tempted to lock the doors, order takeout, and refuse to leave until a new deal is done.

Because the NFL is suddenly in a giving mood, OK, so far its generosity is limited to quelling a public relations debacle sparked by the all-consuming greed exhibited at the Jerry Jones Super Bowl. Imagine, though, if the league bargained with players as it did with the 400 fans whose seats were pulled out from under them at the game.

No more looming lockout. No uncertainty over whether Green Bay's win over Pittsburgh will be the last NFL game we'll see this year.

Instead, in a bid to make players happy, the NFL will guarantee their contracts. There will be no mandatory offseason workouts, no 18-game schedule.

Did I mention triple salaries for all?

Won't happen, of course, because the NFL is determined to snatch back some of the money it pays its players, not give them more. It's the same tactic the league uses with its fans, who are subjected to never-ending demands for cash in the form of higher ticket prices, personal seat licenses and exorbitant parking fees.

A microcosm of that was on display in Arlington, Texas, where Jones aimed to break the Super Bowl attendance record while asking the most expensive Super Bowl ticket prices to date. With the blessing of



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his fellow owners, he crammed temporary seats into Cowboys Stadium and the league collected \$800 apiece from the rubes who were delighted to sit there.

Problem was, the hastily installed seats were determined to be unsafe. They were erected so late the fire marshal didn't have time to inspect them and, rather than risk injuries or even deaths that could have really ruined America's unofficial holiday, they weren't allowed to be occupied.

That hardly mattered to the estimated 111 million people who made the Super Bowl the most watched American television program ever. It didn't even matter to the 100,000 or so other people who were perfectly happy with their seating arrangements.

And it certainly didn't matter to the only people who really mattered — the 31 other NFL owners who will be voting when Jones tries to land, say, Super Bowl 50 for his personal shrine. They partied away in their suites while anger grew among the 1,250 fans who were displaced — 400 of whom never got seats at all.

The league started out by offering fans \$2,400, or triple the face value of the ticket, for their trouble. When that didn't work, it upped the ante to include a ticket to next year's Super Bowl. Finally, two days later, the league said it would give the fans a ticket to any future Super Bowl, along with round-trip airfare and hotel accommodations.

Generous, indeed. But even that didn't satisfy some ticket holders, who filed suit Wednesday in Dallas

against Jones, the NFL and the Dallas Cowboys, alleging breach of contract, fraud and deceptive sales practices.

They're not just asking for future Super Bowl tickets. They want \$5 million for their troubles.

If it sounds like too much, it is. But don't forget that some of these fans traveled a long way to get to Texas only to miss what, for some, may have been the game of their lives.

The box score will reflect that Jones never got his record, with the announced attendance of 103,219 falling just short of the record 103,985 who watched the title game at the Rose Bowl in 1980. Even adding 15,000 temporary seats and counting everyone from ticket takers to popcorn makers in the crowd couldn't push the game over the top.

It capped a week of disappointments for Jones, who brought the Super Bowl to the Dallas area only to have it vexed by some of the worst winter weather in the city's history. The game itself was great but everything else seemed to turn sour, from people being injured by melting snow falling from the roof of the stadium, to Christina Aguilera's mangling of the national anthem, to an unimpressive halftime show by the Black Eyed Peas.

True, Jones can't control the weather, and Cowboys fans will tell you he's not much of a judge of talent — the player kind.

But it was sheer greed that cost hundreds of fans their seats at the game.

And Jones and the NFL can share the blame for that.

Tim Dahlberg is a national sports columnist for the Associated Press.

Indianapolis Super Bowl planners look to learn from Texas

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The next Super Bowl host city some 900 miles northwest of Dallas, is well prepared for the type of back-to-back storms that snarled traffic and the best-laid Super Bowl plans in North Texas in the days leading up to Sunday's game, Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard said Monday.

Ballard, who went to Dallas with a committee of Indianapolis Super Bowl planners, said the Dallas area staged a good event despite its troubles clearing snow and ice and fans' woes dealing with flight cancellations, traffic backups, slick sidewalks and some canceled pregame festivities.

A lot of things went right down there. They just had that extremely odd variable with the weather, it was just bad luck. They

handled that the best they could," Ballard told reporters at Indianapolis International Airport.

The next Super Bowl will be held Feb. 5, 2012, at Lucas Oil Stadium in downtown Indianapolis. Ballard said Indiana's capital city is "really prepared for any type of weather" even as he acknowledged that the same massive storm system that dumped on Dallas early last week also created problems in Indianapolis, where residents are still battling to chip away at a thick layer of ice and sleet.

"I don't expect this to repeat next year, but if it does we'll handle it," he said.

Indianapolis Super Bowl committee chairman Mark Miles said one advantage Indianapolis has over Dallas is that the Indianapolis events will all be held

downtown. In Dallas, organizers intentionally put major NFL events as many as 30 miles apart to emphasize the Super Bowl's regional efforts.

Miles also noted Indianapolis has a unified city and county government structure that should simplify communications between jurisdictions and law enforcement.

Ballard, Miles and others planning next year's Super Bowl shadowed their Dallas counterparts in the days leading up to the game between Green Bay and Pittsburgh and on game day.

Ballard said Dallas city planners also will brief Indianapolis Super Bowl officials in a few weeks on the successes and failures of this year's game, including the last-minute shortage of seating at Cowboys

Stadium. From that briefing, Miles said he's most interested in how the Dallas area did financially from the Super Bowl and areas where unexpected costs arose.

"We've got our budget planners planning for the unexpected," he said. "We've got to have a plan for every imaginable contingency — plans that don't work out the way you'd expect."

Although there are lingering concerns that an NFL work stoppage could force postponement or cancellation of next year's Super Bowl, Indianapolis is forging ahead with its plans to stage the game in its cold-weather climate. That includes an \$11 million facelift of a downtown street that organizers boast will treat fans with an Olympic-style village with a Super Bowl theme.

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