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Republican Women to host candidate forum

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With the May elections fast approaching, Pampa residents will get a chance to meet this year's crop of candidates when the Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club hosts a Pampa City Candidates' Forum next week.

Set for 7 p.m. on Monday at the M.K. Brown Auditorium's Heritage Room, the forum presents an opportunity for voters to get to know the candidates on an in-depth level, said Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club President Jana Vinson.

"It gives the public a chance, for one, to learn who the candidates are," Vinson said. "A lot of voters might not even know who these

This is a good chance for them to actually come out and be able to talk to (the candidates) and hear what they think they can contribute to this office.

"We want to make sure the people are informed before they

go to the polls."

While the forum will be hosted by a Republican club, Vinson said that the forum is nonpartisan and will accommodate all voters. She added that the club has spoken to all the city candidates and confirmed that they will all be in attendance. The candidates include mayoral hopefuls Brad Pingel and Joy Combs; Ward One Commissioner candidates Gary Winton, John Studebaker and Cleo Meaker; Ward Two Commissioner candidates Mike Price, Ed Copeland and Rebecca Holmes; and unopposed Ward Three Commissioner incumbent Robert Dixon.

Vinson added that Richard Qualls, who will succeed Derrell FORUM cont. on page 10

Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club **Pampa City Candidates'** Forum

When: Monday, 7 p.m.

Where: Heritage Room, M.K. Brown Auditorium

Who: All city candidates will be in attendance for a moderated forum and to meet the voting public.

Bill to ease burden for polluters?

JAY ROOT Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas House passed legislation Tuesday that would make it harder for citizens and activists to block permits for industrial plants that



Vinson

people are.



Holy Week

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staff photo by David Bowser

Two-year-old Emery Lowenstein shows off the spoils of her efforts in the First Baptist Church Child Development Center's Easter egg hunt this morning. More Easter egg hunts are planned for the bigger kids this afternoon.

emit pollutants into the air and water. Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, was one of the bill's biggest proponents.



Texas already leads the nation in industrial pollution, and environmentalists say the legislation would make the state even dirtier. the

Chisum

Under bill that continues the functions

of the Texas Commission on-Environmental Quality, people who complain in "contested hearings" about waste from power plants, feed lots, cement makers and other industrial facilities would have to prove the pollution controls are inadequate or that emissions exceed accepted standards.

Under current law, the burden of proof is on the companies applying for the permit.

Chisum said the change is needed so that power plants and other facilities don't run into so much opposition that they don't build needed industrial infrastructure.

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The Pampa News office to close early Friday

The Pampa News office at 403 W. Atchison will close at noon tomorrow in observance of the Good Friday holiday.

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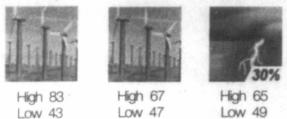
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Sunday

PAMPA FORECAST Friday Saturday



Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 55. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 83. Breezy, with a west southwest wind around 15 mph becoming north northwest. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 43. Breezy, with a north northwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

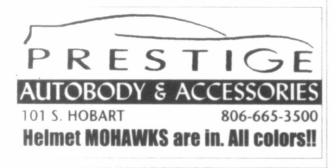
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 67. Windy, with a northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 47. Breezy, with a east wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65. Breezy, with a east southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 49. Breezy, with a southeast wind around 15 mph becoming southwest. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

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"It kind of levels the playing field," Chisum said. "Too many times these contested case hearings have just been to not do anything else but extend the permit process until people just virtually have rolled up their stuff and left."

Rep. Lon Burnam, D-Fort Worth, called the bill a "major victory" for polluters.

"This bill is one small step for the Texas House, and one giant leap for Texas polluters," he said. Texans will feel the effects of this bill - literally."

The amendment was tucked into legislation that would keep the TCEQ as the state's environmental

Dbituaries

Patsy "Pat" Miller Hart, 82

TULSA, Okla .-- Patsy "Pat" Miller Hart, 82, of Tulsa, Okla., died April 18, 2011, at Tulsa Jewish Retirement and Health Care Center surrounded by family and friends.

Local services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday, April 22, 2011, at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Pampa, with Rev. Linda Kelly, rector, officiating

Burial will follow in

Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Following the burial, a reception will be held at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

Hart

Pat was born in Maud, Okla., on August 17, 1928, to Harold and Mary (True) Miller. Her family moved to Pampa when she was a small child. Her mother died in 1945 when Pat was just 17 years old.

She was a 1946 graduate of Pampa High School and married James W. Hart of Pampa in 1953

Pat was a long-time member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Pampa and formed many dear friendships through her church family.

Bridge was almost as important to Pat as St. Matthew's and it was fortunate that most of these lifelong friends were also bridge players.

Pat and James moved their family to Stillwater, Okla., in 1967 where they formed another group of cherished friends. If these friends weren't bridge players before meeting Pat and James, they quickly became bridge players.

In 1991 Pat and James moved to Tulsa, Okla., to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

Pat worked as a bookkeeper and administrative assistant for a number of diverse businesses including Cabot Corporation and the National Bank of Commerce in Pampa, and Stillwater Nursing Center and the School of Industrial Engineering at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

Her family knows she will have heaven organized in a matter of days upon her arrival. Pat was an exfent care of Pat and Pat's family during her four-year" residency, including the staff of Miller Hospice who so compassionately managed her care during her last** days.

protection agency for another 12 years. The bill is

required as part of the "sunset" process that phases

out agencies unless the Legislature specifically re-;

industrial polluters but were shot down on a variety

of amendments trying to give the agency more teeth.

withdrew a proposal that would have allowed pol-

luters to pay a single fine for violations for which

regulators currently can assess multiple sanctions.

Environmentalists did score one victory: Chisum-

hurdle before moving to the state Senate.

authorizes them. The bill faces a final procedural

Democrats portrayed the TCEQ as the lapdog of ...

Pat died after extended ill health due to COPD, congestive heart failure and Type II Diabetes. In lieu of^C flowers, memorials may be made to the The Neuropathy Association®, Inc., 60 E. 42nd St. Ste # 942, New York, N.Y. 10165, 212-692-0662 or 800-247-6968:"3 To donate online go to: www.neuropathy.org/Support Us/Tribute Gifts.

The family will receive friends from 6-7:30 p.m." Thursday, April 21, 2011, at Carmichael-Whatley Fu-147 neral Home in Pampa.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-what-" ley.com. 100

Minnie Olive Jackson, 97

Minnie Olive Jackson, 97, died Tuesday, April 19, 2011, in Amarillo

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 23, 2011, in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with John Curry, officiating.

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

Mrs. Jackson was born

July 14, 1913, in Roberts County and was a lifelong resident of Gray and Roberts Counties. She graduard ated from Canyon High School and attended what is now West Texas A & M University.

She worked for what is now the Farm Service Agency which is a part of the U.S. Dept. of Agricul-'s ture. Minnie Olive married W. B. Jackson on Decine 2, 1944, in Pampa. He preceded her in death on June' 20, 1987.

Following her husband's death, Minnie Olive farmed and ranched their land in Gray and Roberts-Counties.

She was a member of First Baptist Church and member of the Wayside Club.



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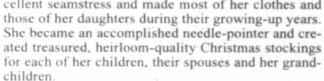
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She was preceded in death by her father, mother and brother, Richard Miller.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, James Hart, of Tulsa, Okla.; two daughters, Chris Matthies and husband Les of Bixby, Okla., and Beth Kerley and husband Greg of The Woodlands; one son, Dan Hart and wife Kim of Tulsa, Okla.; her four beloved grandchildren, Katie (Kerley) Henson and husband Jimmy, Leigh Anne Hart, Lauren Hart and Paige Kerley; two great-grandchildren, Jack Henson and Tate Henson; her sister, Carole Herzberg and husband Jerry of Tulsa, Okla.; and her brother, Mike Miller and wife Jacquetta of Amarillo; her sister-in-law, Sue Derington of Pampa; countless nieces and nephews and her devoted caregiver of six years, Pam Campbell, who ministered to her every emotional and physical need throughout the end of her life.

The family would also like to thank all the caregivers, staff and administrators at the Tulsa Jewish Retirement and Healthcare Center who took excel-

Survivors include her daughter, Georganna Briggs and husband Ronald of Amarillo; a grandson, Cliff". Briggs and wife Melanie of Amarillo; two greatgrandchildren, Chase Briggs and Shayne Briggs of Amarillo; two nieces, Nita Jo Tomlinson and hus203 band Mart of Marble Falls and Janet Kampschroedet and husband David of Amarillo; a nephew, Wyeth J. Osborne and wife Sandy of Pampa; four great nieces, Cara Tomlinson of Austin, Katrina Taylor and husband Trent of Amarillo, Kindi Jo Fiscus and husband Bryan of Wichita, Kan., and Leigh Ellen, Lafferty and husband Ladd of Watonga, Okla.; two great-nephews, Kerry Kampschroeder and wife Michelle of Clugerville and Barry Osborne of Amarillo Minnie Olive was preceded in death by her parents George and Carrie Talley Montgomery, and by two-in sisters, Juanita "Sis" Massengale and Roberta Pugh. The family will receive friends from 4-7 p.m. on

Thursday and Friday at the home of Wyeth and Sandy Osborne at 1700 N. Russell in Pampa. Memorials may be made to Downtown Women's"

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Police Department

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The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Police reported 34 trafficrelated calls. Animal Control reported

14 animal-related calls. Pampa EMS reported

five ambulance calls. The Pampa Police Department reported one medical call. The Pampa Fire Department reported two medical calls. The Lefors Volunteer Fire Department reported one medical call.

Wednesday, April 20 Two burglaries were reported in the 2100 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported at Maple and Gray. Officers delivered a message in the 900 block of

North Mary Ellen. A suspicious person was

reported in the 1700 block of North Hobart.

A narcotics violation was following arrests during the reported in the 1100 block of Varnon.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of North Christy.

reported in the 900 block of North Frost.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of Carter.

Thursday, April 21

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1600 block of North Sumner. An alarm was reported

in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

An intoxicated driver was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of North Russell.

An alarm was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office 1er orted the

a period ending at 8 a.m." today.

Tuesday, April 19 204 Amber Sky Bradford, 20,14 was arrested by deputies on A suspicious vehicle was charges of theft under \$501 and failure to appear.

Tiffney Maynard, 18, of Sherwood, Ark., and De---marcus Qwendale Duhart, 20, of Little Rock, Ark !! were arrested by Texas Der partment of Public Safety'is troopers on charges of pos-

session of marijuana. 151 Wednesday, April 20. Michael Dean Williams 46, was arrested by deputies after being sentenced to the Texas Department of 't

Criminal Justice. Dennis Scott Price, 35? was arrested by police on' charges of assault causing bodily injury on a family member.

Thursday, April 21 Crystal Elizabeth Cun-29 ningham, 25, of Miami; was arrested by deputies on " charges of public intoxica-" tion. 345

Easter Sunday Service April 24

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NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Federal officials say BP has agreed to provide \$1 billion for projects that will restore natural resources in the Gulf of Mexico damaged by last year's oil spill.

The Justice Department said Thursday that the money will be for rebuilding coastal marshes, replenishing beaches, conservation of ocean habitat for injured wildlife and restoration of barrier islands

The program will be administered by a group of trustees including the states of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, along with federal officials.

The Justice Department says the agreement does not affect potential legal liability for BP and other companies that may face lawsuits for damages resulting from the spill, which began after the April 20, 2010, explosion of the rig Deepwater Horizon off the Louisiana coast.

... and file lawsuits against partners

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - BP marked the first anniversary of the massive Gulf of Mexico oil spill by filing lawsuits claiming its business partners caused the disaster, as Gulf residents held somber vigils and relatives flew over the waters where 11 oil rig workers died.

A year after the rig explosion that triggered the worst offshore oil spill in American history, President Barack Obama vowed to hold BP and others accountable for "the painful losses that they've caused."

For its part, BP filed lawsuits alleging negligence by the rig owner, Transocean, and the maker of the device that failed to stop the spill, Cameron International. It also sought at least \$40 billion in damages from Transocean. Both of those companies filed their own claims, a reminder that lengthy court battles lie ahead.

The disaster began on the night of April 20, 2010, when the Deepwater Horizon rig burst into flames and killed the 11 men. The rest of the crew evacuated, but two days later the rig toppled into the Gulf and sank to the sea floor. Over the next 85 days, 206 million gallons of oil - 19 times more than the Exxon Valdez spilled - spewed from the well.

Ex-minister re-sentenced

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A former youth minister formerly on death row for killing his 17-year-old girlfriend and their unborn child has been re-sentenced to life in prison.

Adrian Estrada accepted the plea Thursday in a San Antonio courtroom. A jury convicted Estrada in 2007 and sentenced him to death, but a Texas appeals court threw out the sentence last year because jurors heard incorrect testimony during the punishment phase.

A prosecution witness had wrongly testified that capital murder convicts serving life can eventually become eligible for fewer restrictions on things like housing and jobs. Jurors raised that issue in a note sent to the judge during deliberations.

At the time of his conviction, prosecutors believed Estrada's case was the first in Texas where someone was sentenced to die for killing an unborn child.

Women veterans' plates proposed

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - While solemn commemorations marked the first anniversary of the calamitous BP oil spill, legal claims filed by the oil giant and other companies involved in the disaster show that lengthy court battles lay ahead

Around the Gulf Coast Wednesday, residents said prayers on the beach and lit candles in the heart of New Orleans, while relatives flew over the sea where 11 rig workers died a year ago. In New Orleans courts, BP filed lawsuits alleging negligence by the rig owner and the maker of the device that failed to stop the spill. The blowout preventer maker and rig owner filed their own claims.

BP said in its lawsuit filed in federal court in New Orleans that Cameron International provided a blowout preventer with a faulty design, alleging that negligence by the manufacturer helped cause the disaster. The lawsuit seeks damages to help BP pay for the tens of billions of dollars in liabilities it has incurred from the disaster.

It also was seeking \$40 billion from rig owner Transocean, accusing it of causing last year's deadly blowout in the Gulf of Mexico that led to the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history. BP says every single safety system and device and well control procedure on the Deepwater Horizon rig failed.

The lawsuit against Cameron said the blowout preventer 'was unreasonably dangerous, and has caused and continues to cause harm, loss, injuries, and damages."

Houston-based Cameron noted in a statement emailed to AP that Wednesday was the deadline under the relevant statute for all parties to file claims against each other. It said it has filed claims of its own to protect itself.

Also Wednesday, Transocean filed court papers demanding that judgments be made against BP, Cameron and other companies in its favor.

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Relatives of the workers boarded a helicopter Wednesday to see the waters where their loved ones perished. The helicopter took them from New Orleans out to the well site, circled around so people on both sides of the aircraft could see and then returned to shore, said Arleen Weise, whose son, Adam, was killed on the rig. Seventeen family members, one Transocean official and two pilots were aboard the chopper.

'It was just a little emotional, seeing where they were," Weise said by phone from Houston, where rig owner Transocean planned an evening memorial service.

Asked what went through her mind when she saw where the rig went down, Weise said, "Just rise up. I wanted them to come up, but it didn't happen."

In a statement, President Barack Obama paid tribute to those killed and said that despite significant progress toward mitigating the spill's worst impacts, "the job isn't done."

"We continue to hold BP and other responsible parties fully accountable for the damage they've done and the painful losses that they've caused," he said.

A presidential commission has concluded that a cascade of technical and managerial failures - including a faulty cement job --- caused the disaster.

BP, the oil giant which owns the blown-out well, has paid billions in cleanup costs and to compensate victims. The company has estimated its total liability at \$40.9 billion, but it might have to pay many billions more, especially if its' officials were to be found criminally negligent in pending

John Williams spent the oil spill anniversary trying to catch mackerel on the fishing pier at Gulf State Park in Gulf Shores, Ala. Hundreds lined the pier.

The state banned anglers from keeping their catch off the pier last year because of the oil, but coolers were full of big redfish and king mackerel Wednesday.

"People will be back. It's pretty down here, and it's good to be out here," said Williams, of Daphne.

Members of 10 Alabama churches gathered on a public beach in Orange Beach, Ala., during a daylong prayer vigil. As families played in the surf and BP cleanup workers scoured the beach a few miles west for tarballs, Abe Feingold sat under an awning with friends and said a prayer.

"It's for BP not to forget us," said Feingold, of Orange Beach. "If they keep reimbursing people, we'll recover."

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal said more than 300 miles of his state's coastline continues to see some BP oil. He was joined by the presidents of six coastal parishes for a commemoration on Grand Isle, a coastal barrier island that took major impact from the oil. Playing on a theme in BP's advertising during the spill, Jindal urged the company to continue to fund coastal restoration and to speed up claims payments to those affected by the oil. "We continue to call on BP to fulfill the promises of their ads. We continue to call on BP to truly make it right.'

Harry Cheramie, a shrimp boat captain in Grand Isle, is pleased with the state of the Gulf shrimping industry. His boat, the "Ace of Trade," is hauling in shrimp at a healthy clip, with no obvious effects from the spill that disrupted his business a year ago.

"As far as I'm concerned, everything is back to normal," he said.

But he worries about the future, fearing that BP's oil and its dispersants pose a hidden threat and could jeopardize the next generation of shrimp.

That's why he refused to settle his claim with the Gulf Coast Claims Facility for \$25,000, an offer he called "a joke.'

"Things are normal right now, but we don't know what's going to happen next year," he said. "I want to believe that we won't see any effects.



AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - Women veterans could buy specialty license plates under a bill that has won House approval.

The license plate bill was passed without debate or controversy in the House Thursday. The legislation would direct the state to issue the plates to female active or former members of the United States armed forces, Texas National Guard, or Texas State Guard. The plates would include the words "Women Veterans" in red. The bill is expected to move to the state Senate.

Fire suspect: Sorry 'not enough'

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston woman charged with murder after a fire at her home day care killed four children has said she hasn't spoken with the parents of any victims and is struggling to express her remorse.

"I would love to talk to them, but can't," Jessica Tata told Houston television station KTRK in a jailhouse interview Wednesday. "I've been instructed not to talk to anyone involved in the case.

Authorities believe Tata, 22, left seven children alone while she went shopping on Feb. 24, and that the fire was ignited by a stove-top burner that was left on at her Houston home.

Three other children were also injured in the blaze. "Sorry is not enough," Tata said. "You can only say sorry so many times.

Bill to help cut school budgets?

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - School districts in cashstrapped Texas could have bigger classes, cut employee pay and wait until the end of the academic year to notify teachers that contracts won't be renewed under legislation being pushed by Republican state House members. GOP House leaders are calling the bill by Rep. Rob Eissler a way to save Texas schools facing huge financial

burdens. Some teacher groups are calling it an attack that will

result in severe pay cuts and make it easier to fire teachers.

In addition to salary cuts, the bill would allow for unpaid furlough days for teachers. It would also repeal the state-mandated teacher salary schedule.

Currently, districts must notify teachers about contract renewal 45 days before the end of the school year.

Sheriff's felony trial moved

KERMIT (AP) — A court clerk says a judge has ruled to move the felony trial of a longtime West Texas sheriff accused of retaliating against two whistle-blowing nurses.

Winkler County district clerk Sherry Terry said Thursday that Judge Robert H. Moore ruled on the prosecution's motion that said the trial should be moved because of "a combination and influence in favor" of Sheriff Robert Roberts.

The trial is set for June 6 will be held in Midland, in a nearby county about 65 miles west of Kermit.

Roberts faces felony charges including misuse of information and retaliation stemming from the prosecution of two nurses fired from r hospital in 2009.

The nurses were prosecuted after complaining anonymously to state regulators about Dr. Rolando Arafiles.

investigations and trials.

BP said in a statement that it wants Transocean to pay its 'proportionate" share of those damages and liabilities.

Transocean called BP's lawsuit "desperate," "specious," and "unconscionable."

"The Deepwater Horizon was a world-class drilling rig manned by a top-flight crew that was put in jeopardy by BP, the operator of the Macondo well, thorough a series of cost-saving decisions that increased risk --- in some cases, severely," Transocean said in a statement.

BP also is suing cement contractor Halliburton alleging fraud, negligence and concealing material facts in connection with its work on the rig.

Along the coast, some signs point toward normalcy returning.





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Today in History

Today is Thursday, April 21, the 111th day of 2011. There are 254 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On April 21, 1910, author Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, died in Redding, Conn., at age 74.

On this date:

In 1509, England's King Henry VII died; he was succeeded by his 17-year-old son, Henry VIII.

In 1649, the Maryland Toleration Act, which provided for freedom of worship for all Christians, was passed by the Maryland assembly.

In 1789, John Adams was sworn in as the first vice president of the United States.

In 1836, an army of Texans led by Sam Houston defeated the Mexicans at San Jacinto, assuring Texas independence.

In 1918, Baron Manfred von Richthofen, the German ace known as the "Red Baron," was killed in action during World War I.

In 1930, a fire broke out inside the overcrowded Ohio Penitentiary in Columbus, killing 332 inmates.

In 1940, the quiz show that asked the "\$64 question," "Take It or Leave It," premiered on CBS Radio.

In 1960, Brazil inaugurated its new capital, Brasilia, transferring the seat of national government from Rio de Janeiro.

In 1971, Haitian President Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier died at age 64; he was succeeded by his son, Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier.

Ten years ago: Western Hemisphere leaders meeting in Quebec ratified a plan barring undemocratic nations from a massive free trade zone they hoped would expand prosperity across their 34 nations.

Five years ago: Nouri al-Maliki was nominated by the Shiites as Iraq's prime minister after outgoing.Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari gave up his bid for another term. Chinese President Hu Jintao wrapped up his U.S. tour with a visit to Yale University in New Haven, Conn.

One year ago: Pope Benedict XVI promised "church action" to confront the clerical abuse scandal. Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger was suspended for six games for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy. (Commissioner Roger Goodell handed down the punishment after prosecutors decided not to bring charges in a case involving a 20-year-old college student who'd accused Roethlisberger of sexually assaulting her.)

Today's Birthdays: Britain's Queen Elizabeth 11 is 85. Actress-comedian-writer Elaine May is 79. Actor Charles Grodin is 76. Singer-musician Iggy Pop is 64. Actress Patti LuPone is 62. Actor Tony Danza is 60. Actress Andie MacDowell is 53. Rock singer Robert Smith (The Cure) is 52. Rock musician Michael Timmins (Cowboy Junkies) is 52. Actor John Cameron Mitchell is 48. Rapper Michael Franti (Spearhead) is 45. Rock singer-musician Glen Hansard (The Frames) is 41. Comedian Nicole Sullivan is 41. Actor James McAvoy is 32. for financial support. And most feel that their family's financial situation has held them back, especially those whose families earn less than \$50,000 per year, according to the survey conducted in partnership with Stanford University.

Three-fourths of those who bypassed college cite cost as a reason. More than half — 56 percent — say money was "very" or "extremely" important to their decision.

They still believe in the power of higher education. Nearly threefourths say they aspire to return to the classroom someday, either for trade school or college.

"I just feel like I've got enough drive and I'm not going to quit," said high school senior Jonathan McDaniel, who's made plans to join the Navy when he graduates from high school in Pittsburg, Okla., this spring. "If you work hard enough, you will get where you want to be." she graduated from high school in 2009. She later worked as a hostess at an assisted living facility but quit that job after becoming pregnant. Godfrey, who lives with her boyfriend's family and relies on his paycheck, says she feels confident she'll find job happiness after her baby is born. dec Me

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"I have to make a life for my little baby girl and I'm willing to do whatever I have to do," she said.

Young people whose education stopped at high school don't report as much certainty about the future as those in college, but they're still strikingly optimistic — 8 in 10 are at least somewhat confident they'll find a career that will make them happy.

Most of those with jobs don't feel they've found their calling, however. Six in 10 say their job



In down economy, education key to jobs

STACY A. ANDERSON Associated Press

Christopher Cadaret's been fixing TVs and stereos for fun since he was 10 years old and thinks he'd like to work in electronics or auto repair. But four months after he dropped out of high school, he can't find a job of any kind.

He's tried a local electronics company, the hardware store, the dollar store, the minimart. Nothing.

"I'm seeking work, anything that is put in front of me," said Cadaret, 18, who lives with his father in Burkesville, Ky., a small town amid the hills and farmland along the Tennessee border. He started looking for a job at 16. Without that first toehold on work, his dream of earning enough to save up for technical training seems far away The nation's economic upheaval has been especially hard on young people trying to start their working lives with a high school education or less. In a new Associated Press-Viacom survey, only about a third of the 18- to 24-year-olds who aren't in school said they have full-time jobs. · Less than a quarter of them work part-time, leaving 4 in 10 unemployed. Young adults who skipped higher education are willing to work and have some experience; the vast majority have held a paying job at some point. About twothirds have a high school diploma. But a majority - almost 6 in 10 --- say the high school they attended did only a fair to poor job in helping them prepare for work. About three-fourths worry at least a little about just having enough money to get by from week to week. Almost 4 in 10 still lean on their parents or relatives

Thought for Today: "I am a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it." - Stephen Leacock, Canadian economist and humorist (1869-1944)



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McDaniel, 18, is interested in pursuing a college degree and maybe a career as a police officer or airplane mechanic.

He figures starting out serving on an aircraft carrier "will give me a solid foundation to build my life on."

Almost half say getting realworld experience before going through more school was a key factor in their decision not to start college. And almost as many said they were influenced by their ability to find a job right after high school.

"I kind of always knew college wasn't for me," said Ayla Godfrey, 19, of Charlotte, N.C. "I was ready to get out and work, and I really didn't want to go back to school anymore."

Godfrey said it took her months and more than 100 applications to find work in a clothing store after is just something to get them by, not a career or a stepping stone to one.

And the dismal job market leaves many feeling shut out. The Labor Department's overall unemployment rate for the youngest workers — 16- to 19-yearolds — is 24.5 percent, and that counts only those considered to be actively looking for jobs.

"It's going to take time for the economy to work itself back up for people to find jobs," said Cadaret, who keeps looking. Meanwhile, he said, "I'm worried about money all the time."

The AP-Viacom telephone surof 1,104 adults ages 18-24 was conducted Feb. 18-March 6 by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Corporate Communications.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

Stanford University's participation in this project was made possible by a grant from The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.



Mexico authorities find 26 dead bodies

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Investigators found 26 badly decomposed bodies at a vacant lot in the northern Mexico state of Durango on Wednesday and said they were looking for more.

The grisly Holy Week discovery came just days after police found 10 complete bodies, three headless bodies and four severed heads in a pit in Durango, a state that has become a battleground between the Zetas and Sinaloa drug cartels.

Acting on information that there were skeletal remains at the lot, state and federal authorities launched a joint operation to search the site in the state capital, also known as Durango.

The search uncovered 26 bodies, but they were too badly decomposed to immediately identify them or their cause of death, the Durango state prosecutor's office said in a statement.

Prosecutors did not answer phone calls seeking to determine whether the bodies were found in multipleburial pits, like the 145 bodies that have been pulled from mass graves in the border state of Tamaulipas.

While Mexican drug cartels frequently use such pits to dispose of the remains of executed rivals, many of those buried in the Tamaulipas mass-graves are believed to have been passengers kidnapped from passing buses.

In Tamaulipas on Wednesday, authorities reported they had rescued 68 people, including 12 Central American migrants, allegedly kidnapped by a drug cartel.

Some were allegedly pulled off buses or abducted from bus stations by the Gulf cartel.

Previous mass kidnap-killings in the area — like the case of the 145 bodies, and the August massacre of 72 migrants — have been blamed on the Gulf's main rivals, the Zetas.

The Tamaulipas state Public Safety Department said the group was rescued Tuesday after federal agents went to a neighborhood in the border city of Reynosa, across from McAllen, Texas, to check on a tip and ran into two armed men.

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A statement from the department said the gunmen ducked into a house where the kidnap victims were being held.

It said there were eight Guatemalans, two Hondurans, a Salvadoran and a Panamanian among those freed.

Some of the victims told police they were taken by members of the Gulf drug cartel from buses heading to Reynosa's bus station or from the station itself. The route is frequently used by Central Americans seeking to enter the United States without documents.

While Mexico's drug cartels have been known to kidnap migrants to demand ransom from their relatives, authorities believe the Zetas may have staged some kidnappirigs as part of forced-recruitment efforts.

Last August, police in Tamaulipas found the bodies of 72 Central American migrants who had been shot to death while heading to the U.S. border. Authorities said two survivors reported that Zetas gunmen killed the migrants after they refused to work for the cartel.

Antique tray serves up family memories

ANNE MCCOLLAM

Q: The pictured porcelain serving tray belonged to my greatgrandmother. My dad inherited it years ago and wanted me to have it. He told me it is special to him and brings back many memories of family dinners. He remembers it always being in a china cabinet and only used for very special occasions.

Measuring 12 inches long by 8 inches wide, it is in perfect condition. Marked on the back is a crown and the letter "B" is in a shield with the words, "Royal Rudolstad."

I would never part with it, but I would like to learn more about its history.

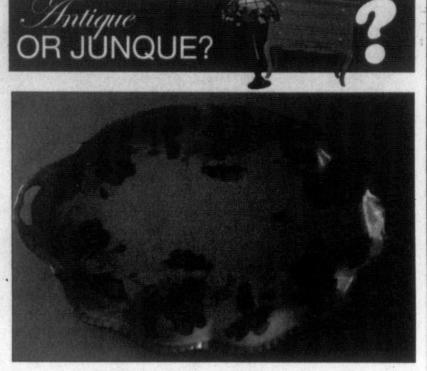
A: From 1853 to 1960, Beyer and Bock Co. was located in Thuringia, Germany. Many pieces of their high quality porcelain were exported to the United States.

Your serving tray was made around 1905 and would fetch \$75 to \$125 in an antiques shop.

Q: I found this mark on the bottom of an ironstone-covered tureen, which has been handed down in my family from generation to generation. My mother always said it was a wedding present to our great-great-great Aunt Sally in the mid-1800s. Decorated with a tan floral



A British Registry mark reveals the history of a tureen.



Beyer and Bock Co. exported china pieces to the United States.

design, it is in very good condition.

What can you tell me about this mark and my tureen?

A: This mark is a British Registry mark, which shows the design was registered with the British government. Starting at the top and going clockwise, the Roman numeral "IV" means ceramic was the material used to make the piece. "T" represents 1867 or the year it was made, "2" is the day of the month, "1" is the parcel, and "B" represents the month of October. "RD" means registered.

Produced on Oct. 2, 1867, your tureen was the first parcel/ production lot to be finished. Many similar tureens were made in Staffordshire, England, and are collectible.

Similar tureens are in the range of \$195 to \$250.

Q: Approximately 30 years ago, I was given a pedestal lamp table. The top has an inset of black stone that's decorated with spade-shaped designs. The pedestal is flanked by metal scrolls. Burned into the wood on the underside, there's the name of the manufacturer: "Gordon's Johnson City — Tennessee."

Any information you can provide will be appreciated.

A: Charles Gordon established his furniture factory in Johnson City, Tenn., in 1947. Many of his pieces were reproductions of earlier design periods and were sold in large department stores, such as Macy's.

Your table was made around 1960 and would probably be worth \$75 to \$125.

If you have any antique inquiries, address your questions to Anne McCollam, P.O. Box 247, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Items of a general interest will be answered in this column. Due to the volume of inquiries, she cannot answer individual letters.

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Japan seals off no-go zone around crippled nuclear plant

FUTABA, Japan (AP) — Japan officially sealed off a wide area around a crippled nuclear power plant early Friday to stop tens of thousands of residents from sneaking back to the homes they quickly fled and are enduring a long, uncertain wait to return.

Fearing they might not see their homes and belongings again for at least six months, evacuees raced into the deserted towns Thursday before the ban took effect to grab whatever belongings they could cram into their cars.

"This is our last chance, but we aren't going to stay long. We are just getting what we need and getting out," said Kiyoshi Kitajima, an X-ray technician, who dashed to his hospital in Futaba, a town next-door to the plant, to collect equipment before the order took effect at midnight.

Nearly 80,000 people were hurriedly evacuated from a 12-mile (20-kilometer) zone around the Fukushima Daiichi plant on March 12, after an earthquake and a tsunami destroyed its power and cooling systems. The evacuation order had no teeth, and people began increasingly returning to check on the remains of their lives. Some had stayed all along.

With ongoing concerns about radiation exposure — as well as theft in the mainly deserted zone — the government said as of midnight Thursday the residents would be formally barred from entering the area.

Under a special nuclear emergency law, people who enter the zone will be subject to fines of up to 100,000 yen (\$1,200) or possible detention of up to 30 days. Up to now, defiance of the evacuation order was not punishable by law, and the police manning the roadblocks had no authority to stop people from entering.

"We beg the understanding or residents. We really want residents not to enter the areas," Chief Cabinet Secretary Yukio Edano told reporters.

The order angered some residents who had fled nearly empty-handed when told to evacuate.

"I initially thought we would be able to return within a few days. So I brought nothing except a bank card," said Kazuko Suzuki, 49, of Futaba.

"I really want to go back. I want to check if our house is still there," said Suzuki, who fled with her teenage son and daughter. "My patience has run out. I just want to go home."

With the deadline approaching, evacuees ventured into the no-go zone, some in white protective suits and others in face masks and rain gear they hoped would protect against radiation. Most raced through the zone with car windows closed, their vehicles stuffed with clothing and valuables.

While the levels of radioactivity in the evacuated area have been quite low, the government wants to keep people away out of concerns that long-term exposure can be dangerous.

As of Thursday night, about 40 people stayed, many of them dairy farmers refusing to leave their cattle and elderly people who cannot move, the government said. Local officials were working to persuade them to leave, rather than punishing them, according to Kenji Kawasaki of Japan's Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency. About 3,400 cows, 31,000 pigs and 630,000 chickens

About 3,400 cows, 31,000 pigs and 630,000 chickens were left in the zone, according to government figures, though most were assumed to have died by now.

The no-go order was not issued because of any particular change in plant conditions, which appear to have

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somewhat stabilized. Even under the best-case scenario, however, the plant's operator says it will take six to nine months to bring its reactors safely into a cold shutdown.

Equipment damage and glitches, high radiation inside the facility and powerful aftershocks have frequently stymied the work. The latest strong aftershock Thursday registered 6.1 magnitude, but Kyodo News Agency reported no apparent damage.

In a visit to the region, Prime Minister Naoto Kan said the government would do everything possible to speed up the timetable of shutting down the reactors. Kan also gave a pep talk to workers at a nuclear crisis management center in Fukushima.

Edano said one person per household would be allowed to return by bus for a maximum of two hours to collect necessary belongings and would be screened for radiation afterward.

Residents chafed at the one-person limit.

Details were still being worked out, and Edano said he hoped each family would be able to make the trip within the next month or two. When the situation stabilizes, families will be allowed further visits, he said.

No visits will be allowed in the two-mile (three-kilometer) area closest to the plant, said Hidehiko Nishiyama of NISA.

Katsunobu Sakurai, mayor of Minami Soma, where about half the 71,000 residents lived in areas that will now be off-limits, questioned the rationale for how the evacuation zone was decided.

"It feels like some outsider who doesn't know anything

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about our geography sat at a desk and drew these circles," Sakurai said. "The zones have zero scientific basis. Radiation doesn't travel in neat circles. Just putting up circles around the plant is unreasonable."

Fukushima's governor, who has been critical of the government's performance, said he urged Kan to ensure the disaster and related compensation issues are handled properly.

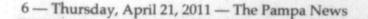
"I told the prime minister that I strongly hope that evacuees can return home as early as possible," said the governor, Yuhei Sato.

Meanwhile, new police data Thursday showed that at least 65 percent of the 11,108 identified victims from the earthquake and tsunami were aged 60 or older and almost all of them had drowned. Another 1,899 victims were of unknown age.





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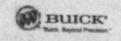
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Entertainmentextra; Catch up on Doctor Who

This Saturday on BBC America, "Doctor Who" will premiere its 2nd Season (or 6th or 32nd, but we'll explain that in a bit) at 9 p.m./8 p.m. Central.

In case you haven't the faintest clue as to what a Doctor Who is, I've come up with this short, handy guide to catch you up on 47 years of history so that you too can check out the new season.

"Doctor Who" is the longest running science fiction series in television history. The British series began in 1963 with William Hartnell playing a mysterious character known only as The Doctor who traveled through time and space in his TARDIS (Time And Relative Dimension In Space), a small blue British police box which was much larger on the inside than the outside. (The TARDIS is supposed to be able to change its appearance to fit into any period, but this function doesn't work, originally because of budget issues.)

Over time, it was revealed that The Doctor was a member of the alien race known The Time as Lords, beings that had control over time and space, but were not allowed to interfere in any TIDMORE events The Doctor, who

is over 900 years

old, grew tired of simply watching and began interfering in events, saving lives, and eventually growing quite attached to the human race. This lead to numerous run ins with the other Time Lords until a war with their greatest enemy, the vile Daleks, led to the death of every Time Lord except for The Doctor.

TRAVIS

One aspect of Time Lords came about when Hartnell decided to leave the series after three years. Because

producers didn't want the series to end it was decided that Time Lords regenerate when their current body is dying, thus saving their memories, but creating a new body and personality, allowing multiple actors to play the role.

The original series, which ran from 1963 to 1989, featured seven actors in the role. The Eighth Doctor appeared in a made-for-TV movie which ran on Fox in 1996, and the new series, which began in 2005, has seen 3 actors take on the role.

From the very beginning The Doctor has always had one or more companions --- usually human so that the audience would have someone to relate to --- who would accompany him on his various adventures throughout history. Over time, The Doctor has met several Prime Ministers and Queens, saved the world with the help of William Shakespeare and, in one of last season's most touching episodes, showed Vincent Van

Gough the impact his art would have on the world.

Obviously, I can't teach you everything about a series which has run for 32 seasons in the small amount of space I have here. Fortunately, the season airing this Saturday, which is the sixth season of the new series and the second to feature the 11th Doctor played by Matt Smith, is preceded by last season.

Beginning at 6 a.m./5 a.m. Central and running until 7 p.m./6 p.m. Central, the first season of the 11th Doctor is an excellent place for new viewers to hope on board.

Honestly, "Doctor Who" is one of the best television series out there and something I hope more and more Americans will find and love.

Local attorney Travis Tidmore is the entertainment correspondent for The Pampa News. His movie reviews can be seen on the Entertainment page every Saturday, as well as on his blog, www.thecinemaniac.com

Rainstorm brings moisture to fire-ravaged north Texas

DALLAS (AP) — A nighttime storm brought cooler temperatures and a bit of badly needed rain and humidity to an area west of Fort Worth where firefighters have been battling one of several wildfires burning in Texas.

Only a slight drizzle fell in the Possum Kingdom Reservoir area about 70 miles west of Fort Worth, where crews have been trying to contain a week-old blaze that has blackened nearly 150 square miles of fields and woods and destroyed at least 160 homes. But any rain is welcome with nearly 70 percent of Texas in extreme drought.

Haven Cook, a spokeswoman for the federal incident management team coordinating the Possum Kingdom firefight, said the overnight weather was damp enough in the nearby town of Mineral Wells that she had to use windshield wipers on her way into work Thursday morning

"I've seen a nice steady drizzle," Cook said.

Ted Ryan, a National Weather Service meteorologist, said that while the storm system didn't bring significant rain to the affected area, it pushed overnight temperatures into the 50s and brought high humidity that would help the firefight. The forecast for the area called for a 20 to 30 percent chance of rain, winds of 10 to 15 mph and high temperatures in the 70s. Wildfires, including several still burning, have scorched more than 1.4 million acres, or 2,100 square miles, in Texas since Jan. 1, according to the Texas Forest Service. More than 340 people, including firefighters from local departments and federal agencies and troops from the Texas Army National Guard, have battled the blaze that started in the Possum Kingdom Reservoir area.

tion less flammable, said Matt Mosier, a weather service meteorologist based in Fort Worth. However, a prolonged period of precipitation and an end to the drought would be needed to end the wildfire threat, he said.

The improved weather conditions that rolled in Wednesday were expected to remain through the weekend, said David Boyd, spokesman for the federal incident management team coordinating the Possum Kingdom firefight.

"Right now, it looks like Monday before it's hot and windy again," he said.

The prolonged firefighting efforts in cash-strapped Texas have led to a big bill that's only growing.

Since Sept. 1, the beginning of the state's fiscal year, the Texas Forest Service owes \$36.3 million for firefighting costs, according to Robby DeWitt, the agency's associate director for finance and administration. Of that, \$23.8 million is due the federal government for air support, he said.

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The lower temperatures and overcast skies should help make trees and vegeta-

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"More of a federal effort is coming into the state now because of the severity of the fires and the number," said Bridget Litten, a spokeswoman for that team, adding that fire crews have made progress in containing that fire.

Federal team helping fight blazes

DALLAS (AP) - Weary firefighters finally got a handle on a massive wildfire spanning three northern Texas counties Wednesday, aided by federal reinforcements and a weather change that brought cooler temperatures and calmer winds.

But some officials cautioned that the improved weather conditions will last for only a few more days, and the biggest help from Mother Nature still has not arrived.

"We really need some rainfall," said Dan Byrd, a National Weather Service meteorologist working with the Texas Forest Service. "We expect rain in the next few days, but we don't know if it'll get on the fires or not."

Also Wednesday, as a firefighter who died last week after battling a blaze was laid to rest, another died from injuries suffered while battling a wildfire earlier this month in the Texas Panhandle.

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Possum Kingdom Lake area, about 70 miles west of Fort Worth, and joined with several blazes in two other counties.

An inventory conducted Wednesday showed about 160 homes have been destroyed since the fire started a week ago, team spokesman David Boyd said Wednesday night.

Haven Cook, a spokeswoman for the team, said officials at the lake were encouraged because interior areas of the fire were burning out and no longer posed a danger. By mid-afternoon, an evacuation order issued Tuesday night for the nearby city of Palo Pinto was lifted, she said.

Byrd said that the moister air makes containing the fires easier because trees and bushes become less flammable.

Texas Forest Service spokesman Marq Webb said weather conditions Wednesday allowed firefighters to make "great progress" in building containment lines in the North Texas fire because the wind was down and humidity was up. He said the next couple of days are expected to offer similar conditions before hot and dry weather reappears.

We're going to have a

two- or three-day reprieve and then things start ramping up again," Webb said. Wildfires have scorched

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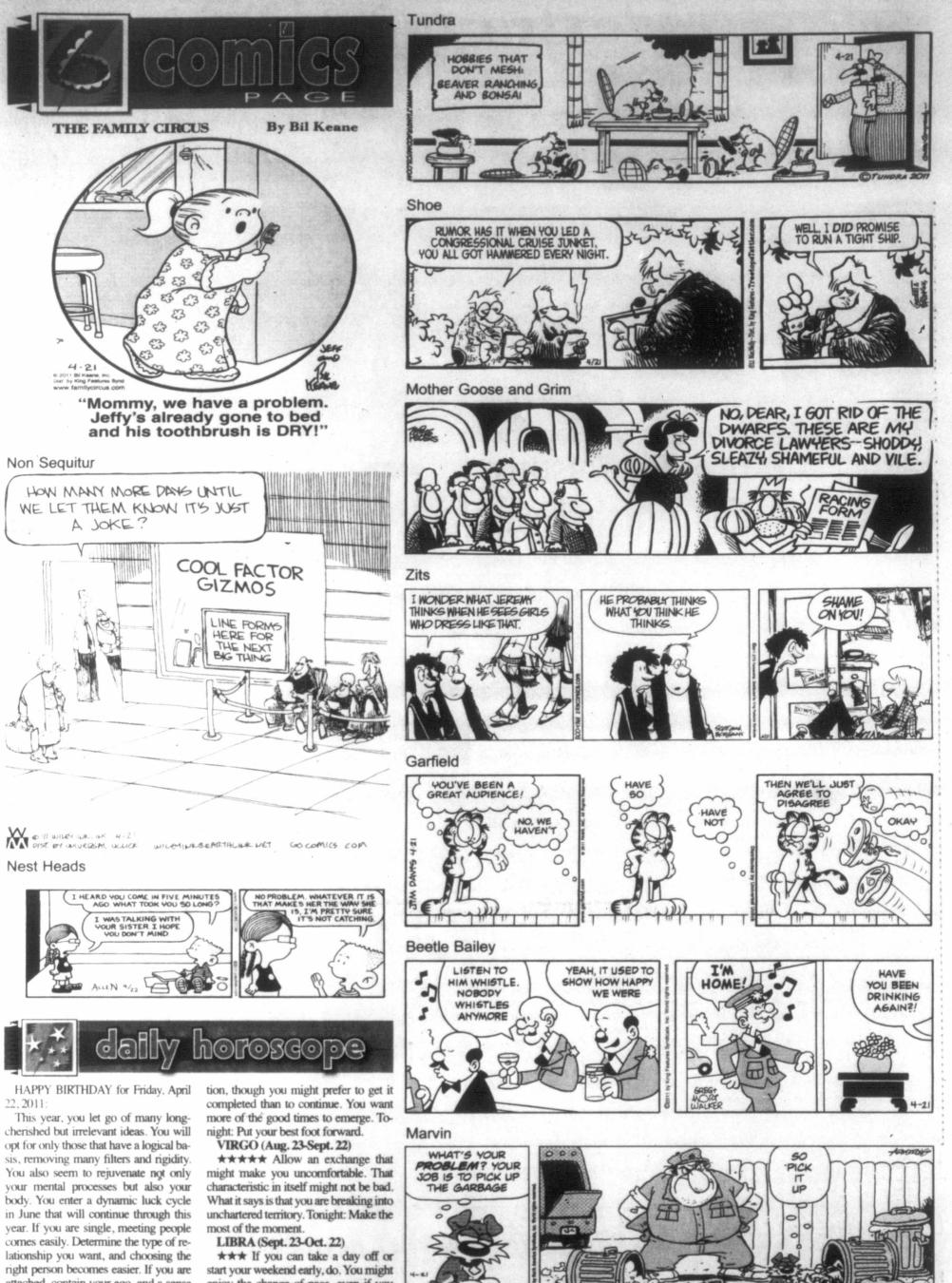
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attached, contain your ego, and a sense of direction and health will emanate from your relationship, making all parties happy. CAPRICORN helps you see past the obvious.

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)

**** Step up to the plate. Your community, immediate circle or associates want and need your attention. Evaluate what is happening within your immediate circle. Think in terms of taking the lead on weekend plans. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Your mind travels to other lands and different people. Others keep reaching out to you with different ideas, unique feedback and perhaps a special invitation or two. Your instincts remain on target. Tonight: As you like it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** You get another person's endorsement, allowing greater giveand-take. Question new possibilities with more openness. You might need to let go of some rigid ideas. Tonight: See life from a renewed perspective.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Your way of approaching a situation could be challenged by others. If you feel as if you are the only person fighting for your idea, the smart move is to let it go. Let others discover the validity of their suggestions. To-night: So many invitations to choose from.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

** Give a 100 percent effort to get the job done. You are on top of a situa-

enjoy the change of pace, even if you need to work a little from home. Everyone needs time off. You are no different. Tonight: Favorite spot to relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Your ability to have a con-

versation or get past a grudge marks you and separates you from many. Renew a relationship, if you both have this ability. You don't want to get into the same old stuff. Tonight: Talking up a storm.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** You could be more demanding and possessive than you realize. Though a new friendship could be flowering right in front of you, know that longevity is a very important quality. There is no quick way to achieve that! Tonight: TGIF.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Finally, you are beaming, and others certainly enjoy seeing you so upbeat and positive. It could be difficult to realize how important your attitude is. The door opens up between you and another. Tonight: Make it easy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

** Sometimes being withdrawn is OK for the friendly Aquarius. Right now, you might feel as if there is a lot to handle and get past. Honor your needs, and you will gain. Move forward when an unexpected opportunity appears. Tonight: Follow your sixth sense

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Others seem to want to

be coaxed into thinking like you. You really want authentic agreements, not games. You recognize that you are on the other side of a power play. Let go, and all will fall into place. Tonight: Where friends are.

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Large scale immigration reform doomed?

WASHINGTON (AP) President Barack Obama revisited a key campaign promise when he hosted a White House meeting of elected officials and experts on immigration. But if a major overhaul of the nation's immigration policy is his goal, Republicans in Congress say he shouldn't hold his breath.

They say any bill that even hints at amnesty or legalization for millions of illegal immigrants already living and working in the United States is dead before it ever makes an appearance in a congressional committee.

A path to citizenship is "what has doomed all immigration legislation in the last two administrations," California Republican Dan Lungren said during a recent House hearing on immigrant agricultural workers.

The agricultural workers' bill discussed during that hearing, which first was proposed in the last Congress, isn't likely to be revived.

"It's not going to pass," Lungren said matter-of-factly while taking testimony on the visa program that helps supply temporary workers to agricultural businesses. "And it's not going to pass because it has, frankly ... a path to citizenship.

Rep. Lamar Smith, a Texas Republican who chairs the House Judiciary Committee, said immigration reform proposals that offer a path to legal status are tantamount to amnesty

"I think most members of Congress and most Americans don't want to reward lawbreakers and don't want to give them amnesty," Smith said Tuesday as Obama held his White House meeting

The failure of the DREAM Act is a key example. The bill would have provided a path to legal status for law-abiding young people brought to the United States as children who either plan to attend college or join the military.

"Remember; in the last immigrants."

Congress, the Democrats had large majorities and weren't able to pass the comprehensive amnesty bill," Smith said. "I don't think that bipartisan resistance to mass amnesty has (abated)."

Obama also promised to continue working to build a bipartisan consensus around immigration and said he would lead a "civil debate" on the issue

in the months ahead, the White House said. But he also said he will not succeed if he alone is leading the debate.

"The president asked the group to commit to moving forward to keep the debate about this issue alive, to keep it alive in the sense that it can get before Congress, where the ultimate resolution of it will have to be obtained," said Bill Bratton, the former police chief in Los Angeles and New York City. "The idea being to go out into our various communities and to speak about the issue."

According to a statement from the White House, "The president urged meeting participants to take a public and active role to lead a constructive and civil debate on the need to fix the broken immigration system. He stressed that in order to tackle the issue successfully they must bring the debate to communities around the country and involve many sectors of American society in insisting that Congress act to create a system that meets our nation's needs for the 21st century and that upholds America's history as a nation of laws and a nation of

For his part, Smith said he thinks the Obama administration should first secure the U.S.-Mexican border and put a greater emphasis on rooting out illegal workers and the businesses that hire them.

"There are 7 million illegal workers in this country," Smith said. "I'd like to see those jobs go to American citizens and legal workers."

He also criticized the Obama administration for what he sees as a substantial reduction in workplace enforcement.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which is responsible for finding and removing illegal immigrants and enforcing bans on employing them, has greatly reduced the volume of highly public raids that became an enforcement staple of the Bush administration. ICE has been relying instead on audits of paperwork employers are required to maintain that proves their workers are legal.

"It's premature to talk about anything other than enforcing the law and protecting jobs for American citizens and legal immigrants," Smith said.

Lungren and Smith said they do see a relatively promising future for a bill that would require all employers to use the government's employee verification program, E-Verify, and perhaps an improved guest worker program.

Despite what appears to be solid opposition to immigration overhaul bills, Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif., said she still sees hope for changes to what she describes as a broken system.

"Ultimately, the system will be reformed and the question is when and how much damage is the country going to have to go through," Lofgren said Tuesday.

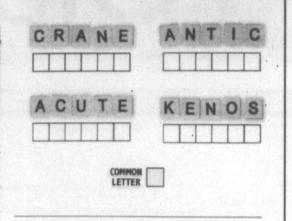
Lofgren said she sees "big steps forward" in the future in the form of changes to immigration laws that affect immigrants married to U.S. citizens and a revamped DREAM Act, among others.

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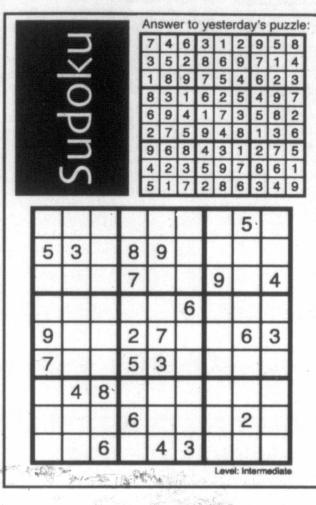
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was also invited and agreed to be at the forum.

"I spoke to the candidates and most are very excited to be there," Vinson said. "They all thought it was a good idea."

The evening will begin with a moderated forum emceed by District Attorney Lynn Switzer. Vinson said that people will get a chance to write down a question to be asked to the candidates during this forum, with questions being screened beforehand. Each candidate will be introduced and be given a chance

before the question and answer segment begins.

Afterwards, Vinson said that the public will get a chance to mingle and speak with the candidates personally.

It's a format, Vinson said, that she hopes will leave local voters confident in their choices for key public positions.

'What I hope (forum guests) get is that they feel informed enough to vote responsibly and make the right decision," Vinson said. "We just feel that the public needs to meet the candidates and hear what they have to say.'



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: "Heart- I hope the following re- the children. I always keep broken in New York" (March 8) expressed his portant reminders to pet neighbors visit. It's my job concerns about his dog owners. Read on: "Layla's" injuries after his son's friend "Isaac" tried broken" should invite Isaac to ride on the dog's back. and his parents over to see He asked you whether he Layla with their own eyes and his wife should inform so they can understand the Isaac's parents. You re- extent of the dog's injusponded in the affirmative ries. Isaac needs to learn IN JOHNSTOWN, PA. and stated Isaac's parents that if he hurts another livshould be responsible for ing creature, there will be the damages to the dog.

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being kept on pain medication for "three weeks and is growing progressively "Heartbroken" was at worse." That family needs

to protect my pet. If "Heartbroken" had taken the time to set boundaries about playing with the dog, this might have been avoided. What's sad is that Layla is suffering for it. - MARY

DEAR ABBY: You suggested Layla's owners tell Because Isaac's parents to explain I disagree. Dog own- his parents missed teach- the mistake he made and the damages. There is another important reason for this lesson to be explained. If Isaac tried to ride on the back of a less tolerant dog, he could have been bitten and seriously injured. DEAR ABBY: I found it Even an otherwise gentle dog could interpret a "ride" as a threat and respond aggressively. Pet ownership requires accepting responsibility, and that includes SAFETY FIRST FOR DOGS AND KIDS

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Sports

Srs. Gage and Silva advance to mixed doubles finals

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Pampa Harvester senior tennis players Aaron Silva and Holly Gage competed in today's 9 a.m. mixed doubles regional championship match at the McLeod Tennis Complex in Lubbock.

Silva and Gage will face one of their district foes in Josh Madden and Abbie Madden from Borger, who are the topseed. The winner advances to the state championship.

The two seniors were seeded third in the tournament and won their first round match 6-0 and 6-3 over Skyler Flaska and Bralee Flaska of Mineral Wells. In the quarterfinals, Silva and Gage defeated a pair from Monahans 6-4 and 6-3. To advance to the championship, Silva and Gage defeated a pair from Graham in three sets (6-4, 3-6, 6-2).

Junior David Moore advanced to the quarterfinals in boys singles defeating Jacob Velasquez of Mineral Wells 6-1

and 6-3. In the quarterfinals, Moore fell to Weston Ueckert of Abilene Wylie 0-6 and 3-6. Sophomore Nick Nelson and junior Logan Karbo lost in the first round of boys doubles to Miller Davis and Matt Price from Abilene Wylie 0-6

and 1-6. Junior Camila advanced Vallejo to the quarterfinals in girls singles. In the first round she defeated Murphy Graham from Decatur 6-1 and 6-3. Vallejo lost to Paula Bonfy of Vernon in

Gage the quarterfinals 7-5, -4-6 and 4-6:

Silva



Boys regional golf tourney begins, PHS girls finish eighth

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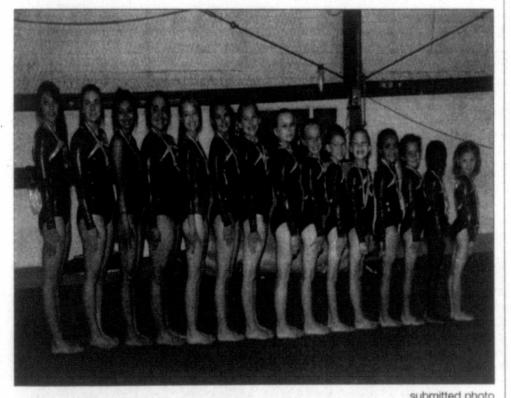
The Pampa Lady Harvesters finished eighth at the regional golf tournament Tuesday in Lubbock.

Pampa shot 782 and was well behind the tournament champion Andrews who shot 645. Burkburnett finished second with 667 and Snyder finished third with 675

Senior Liz Hoelting shot 98 and led the Lady Harvesters with an overall score of 184. Samantha Kelly shot 94 to finish with a 194. Alison Alexander shot 99 to finish with 201. Junior Lindsey Brown shot 102 and finished with 203. Senior Cori Cook shot 106 and finished with 209

The boy's tournament started Wednesday. Pampa's Logan Reagan shot an 81.

2011 State Gymnastics Results



Pampa Special Olympics track team competes in Dumas meet

HELEN ROBINSON Special to The Pampa News

Pampa Special Olympics Texas track team traveled to Dumas this past Saturday for Special Olympics area track meet. The team had 17 track athletes in competition with Dumas, Amarillo, Canyon, Stinnett, Stratford, Perryton teams and athletes. Ashley Abbe won the gold in 100meter dash, 4x100 metereter relay, running long jump.

Rachel Holland won gold in 25-meter walk, silver in softball throw. Tollie Jinks won gold in 50-meter walk and mens softball throw.

Eric Knott won gold in 100-meter dash, 4x100 meter relay, bronze in running long jump. Joann Morehart won gold in 50-meter dash and softball throw. Linda Lou Pierce won gold in 100-

photo courtesy of Cody Moore

Senior Aaron Silva is set to forehand a ball in a tournament at Wichita Falls earlier in the season. Silva and his partner Holly Gage played in the mixed doubles regional championship against Borger's Josh Madden and Abbie Madden. The winner will advance to the state championship.

The Pampa Gymnastics Team poses. From left: Millie Borunda, Kelsey Henry, Dakota Etheredge, Misti Bowers, Ally Roberson, D.J. Ford, Taylor Lindley, Lindsey Thompson, Allison Pooley, McKenna Etheredge, Chandler Petty, Mariah Fulton, Hallie Sieck, Jayden Perez, and Olivia Reagan.

Results:

Tumbling - Kelsey Henry - 1st place, Level 6, Taylor Lindley - 1st place, Level 3, Millie Borunda -1st place, Level 4, Jayden Perez - 1st place, Level 3, Olivia Reagan - 1st place, Lev. 2, Lindsey Thompson - 2nd place, Lev. 4, Dakota Etheredge - 2nd place, Lev. 3-1, Chandler Petty - 2nd place, Lev. 3, Mariah Fulton 3rd, Level 3, Misti Bowers - 3rd place, Level 4. McKenna Etheredge -3rd, Lev. 3-1, D.J. Ford - 4th place, Level 4, and Allison Pooley - 7th place, Level 3-1

Trampoline - Kelsey Henry - 1st place, Level 6, Dakota Etheredge - 1st place, Level 5, Mariah Fulton - 1st place, Level 3, Hallie Sieck - 1st place, Level 3, Olivia Reagan -1st place, Level 3, Ally Roberson - 2nd place, Level 5, Allison Pooley -2nd place, Level 4, Jayden Perez - 2nd place, Level 3, D.J. Ford - 3rd place, Level 5, Chandler Petty - 3rd, Level 4, Lindsey Thompson - 4th place, Level 5, Taylor Lindley - 5th place, Level 4, Misti Bowers - 6th place, Level 6, and Millie Borunda -7th place, Level 6

Mini-Double Trampoline Dakota Etheredge - 1st place, Level McKenna Etheredge -5. 1st place, Level 4, Jayden Perez - 1st place, Level 3, April 18 Monday Nite Kelsey Henry - 2nd place, Scramble Level 6, Misti Bowers 2nd place, Level 5, D.J. Ford - 3rd place, Level 5, M. Stevens Taylor Lindley - 4th place, M. Allison Lev. 5, Ally Roberson -4th place, Lev. 5, Lindsey Thompson - 5th place, Second- 31 Lev. 6, Mariah Fulton -5th place, Lev. 3, Hallie Sieck - 5th place, Lev. 3, Millie Borunda - 6th place, Level 6, Olivia Reagan - April 20 Senior 6th place, Level 2

Michelle Blodgett won the bronze in 100-meter dash and standing long jump.

Liberty Bloxum won gold in 4x100 metereter relay, silver in 100-meter dash and shot put.

Chase Cook won gold in 100-meter dash, 4x100 metereter relay andrunning long jump.

Cody Dyer won gold in 4x100 metereter relay, running long jump, fourth in 100-meter dash.

Debbie Ellis won bronze in 100-meter walk and softball throw.

Hector Estrada won gold in 4x100 meter relay, standing long jump and silver 100-meter dash.

meter walk and silver in softball throw. Alma Portillo won silver in softball throw and fourth place in 100-meter.

walk Wauneta Reece won silver in 100meter walk and bronze in softball throw. Justin Strickland won silver medal in

50-meter dash. Randy Swires won gold in 4x100 meter relay, bronze in 100-meter dash,

fourth in shot put. Aries Villarreal won gold in 100-meter dash and 4x100 meter relay, silver in running long jump.

Track coaches that traveled with team were Gloria and David Swires, Janet Abbe, Mary Green, Gary Turley, Shannon Loter, Helen Robinson and school volunteer Lynsie Guyer.

Hidden Hills senior results

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Sports

Seniors Ericson and Murray play in Golden Spread game

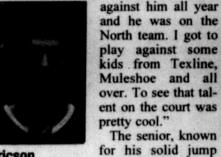
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After the Pampa Harvesters lost to Burkburnett in the regional finals March 5, senior Garrett Ericson wanted to play one more competitive high school basketball game. Senior Zach Murray wanted to close his high school basketball career with a win. On April 14 and 16, both got their wish as they played in the Golden Spread All-Star Game in Canyon.

Ericson played on the East Team and said it was fun playing his last game against and with some of the area best players.

"I liked playing against Noah Jesko (Dalhart)," Ericson said. "We played

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for his solid jump shot, scored 12

92-71 loss. Ericson said his shooting was a little rusty. With the number of open looks I had, I

should have had more than that," Ericson said.

Murray played on the West and said the event was a fun chal-

lenge. "Everyone had their chances at playing," Murray said. "We all tried our best and hopefully some of us get scholarships."

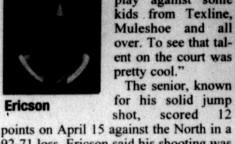
Murray said it was a big challenge playing against the area's

"We thought it was going to be a more high scoring game than what it was," Murray said. "Our defenses all stepped up. It was a big challenge to score.'

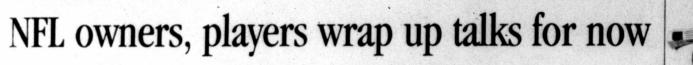
The senior point guard scored two points in the April 14 game, which his team lost 87-62 to the South. On April 16. Murray scored two in the West's 72-71 win over the East.. Murray's team played Ericson's team in the consolation game. Ericson didn't play because he was with the baseball team in Borger. Murray said though he didn't get to oppose his former teammate, the game was still fun.

"It was fun playing his team," Murray said. "I got to end it on a win. Not many people get to end their high school careers on wins.

Ericson and Murray helped the Harvesters to a 20-13 record and a regional finals appearance.



Murray best.



MINNEAPOLIS -- After four long and intense mediation sessions between the NFL and its locked-out players, the judge decided to give both parties an extended break

By the time they reconvene in mid-May, the landscape of their discussions could be completely different.

Executive vice president Jeff Pash, the NFL's lead negotiator, said Wednesday that U.S. Judge Magistrate Arthur Boylan told both sides they likely won't convene again until May 16 because he has a few other matters on his judicial calendar.

In the interim, U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson is expected to decide well before then on the players' request to immediately lift the now 40-day-old lockout.

Also coming: U.S. District Judge David Doty has scheduled a hearing for May 12 on the players' request for damages after he ruled in March that the NFL did not maximize revenues for both sides when it renegotiated \$4 billion in TV contracts with the labor dispute looming

Finally, there could be a fourth set of lawyers and players at the mediation table, with a Philadelphia law firm talking with another group of players about joining the fight

We've had discussions about representing some additional players who want to have a voice in the matter," said Bryan Clobes of Cafferty Faucher.

Those discussions are ongoing, but all of those elements combined could swing the leverage to one side or the other in a case where there has been little of it, perhaps increasing the chances the court-ordered mediation will produce some much-needed progress with the first preseason game just 3 1/2 months away

house in Minneapolis.

Later, he reiterated that commitment during a forum with 49ers fans, saying there are "a number of pressing issues that need to be addressed responsibly."

"It has a negative impact on everybody, especially our fans," Goodell said of the lockout. "We need to get these things addressed immediately. We feel there's plenty of time to get that done. On behalf of the 32 clubs, we're going to do everything we can to make sure we play our full season this year.

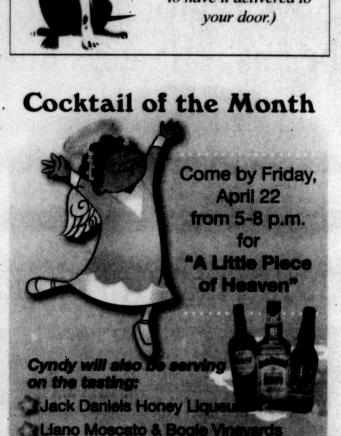
Goodell, Packers CEO Mark Murphy, Falcons President Rich McKay and owners Pat Bowlen of Denver, Jerry Jones from Dallas and Jerry Richardson from Carolina attended Wednesday's session. Players Ben Leber and Mike Vrabel were joined by Eller and attorneys for the players.

Goodell said all parties involved remain committed to ending the NFL's first work stoppage since 1987 before games are lost. The preseason starts on Aug. 7 and the first regular season game is scheduled for Sept. 8, less than five months from now.

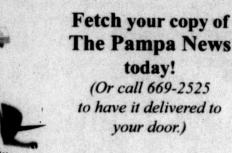
"I think fans want solutions. I want solutions," he said. "I think the players want solutions and I think the teams want solutions. That's why we have to be working at it in negotiations and figuring out how to get to that point."

Players including MVP quarterbacks Tom Brady and Peyton Manning filed the injunction request along with a class-action antitrust lawsuit against the NFL. The lawsuit has been combined with two other similar claims from retirees, former players and rookies-to-be, with Eller the lead plaintiff in that group.

Nelson ordered the two sides into mediation while she considered the request and they met with Boylan following 16 days of failed talks in front of a federal mediator in Washington.



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"There's a lot of uncertainties right now," Pash said. "I think when we're back together we'll know more. People's legal positions will be clearer."

Both sides said the sessions with Boylan were positive and productive.

"I think everybody believes it was helpful and that's really where we are," said Jim Quinn, an attorney for the players.

Hall of Fame player Carl Eller agreed.

"I do feel very positive about the 2011 season," Eller said. "I think everybody has come here with the idea to have a 2011 season and it's just not been easy to get to that point. So I think everybody's been working hard toward that goal. Seeing them work to that end makes me much more optimistic. I would certainly say we're going to have a 2011 season."

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said the league is planning to start the season on time despite the lengthy process of navigating the legal system.

"We're planning to play a full season and we're going to negotiate as hard as we can to get that done," Goodell told Giants season-ticket holders in a conference call during a break in mediation session at the federal court-

"I think you can't sort of measure this like a stock table in what's going up or down on any given day but it's always a positive to be able to talk to people," Pash said.

Pash said he felt the talks were particularly productive between the league and retired players, and that the owners remain committed to improving benefits and taking care of their former players.

The league and players disagree sharply on how to divide more than \$9 billion in annual revenue.

The owners initially wanted to double the money they get off the top for expenses from about \$1 billion to about \$2 billion, but that number dropped during the first round of mediation. The players have insisted on full financial disclosure from all 32 teams, and so far the league has not opened the books to their liking.

Other major issues include benefits for retired players and the NFL's desire to stretch the regular season from 16 to 18 games. The NFL also wants to cut almost 60 percent of guaranteed pay for first-round draft picks, lock them in for five years and divert the savings to veterans' salaries and benefits.

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