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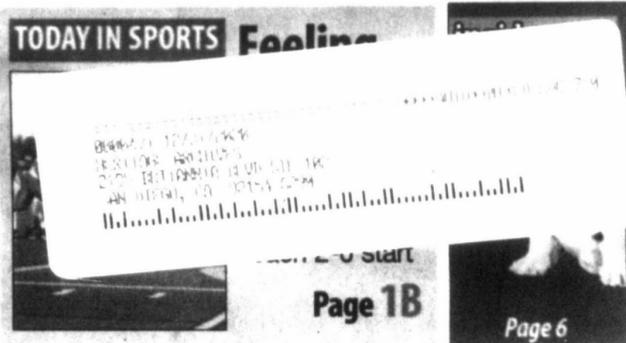
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Home sales up in Texas, reflects locally

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If you're in the mood for some good news, look no further. According to the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M, residential home sales were up 18 percent in Texas for the month of July.

Local realtors are seeing this upwards trend reflected in Pampa home sales. "Sales are up from what they were this time last year," said Jim Davidson of Pampa Realty, Inc. "They've been up in July and August, and all year they've been

coming up each month." Judi Edwards, co-owner of Quentin Williams Realty, has watched home sales slowly improve since the housing bubble burst in 2008. "2009 and 2010 were extremely slow, so for this year, we're definitely better than the last two,"

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This house on the 700 block of Somerville is one of many for sale around Pampa. Local realtors are seeing home sales on the upturn. >



staff photo by Mollie Bryant

ONE HOUSE AT A TIME



photo courtesy of PTTR

Zach Stephenson of Paint This Town Red scrapes paint off the latticework on the house at 724 N. Dwight on Tuesday. The house was the first of the ministry's "Mini Project Red" undertakings that accompany its bigger weekend projects. "Sometimes, we encounter situations where there isn't as much needed to make someone's life a little better," said Ryan Frazier of PTTR. "We are going to start doing more of these during the weekdays after work."

Fatherhood gives Reeves perspective

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After undergoing training in Kansas this fall, Troyce Reeves became Pampa Police Department's newest School Resource Officer.

It helps that he is a father himself, with three girls and one boy. "I range from 14 to 4 at my house, so I deal with a whole variety of hormones," he joked.

But his experience with fatherhood makes school safety a big priority for him. "I guess I'm where I need to be, because kids have a soft spot with me," he said. "Hopefully I can help some of them."

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vider's plan. "In the next few weeks, we intend to offer breaking news and obituary notices via the texts," said The Pampa News Publisher Randy Pribble. "We are also signing up local businesses interested in mobile marketing."

Eventually, we will add special coupons and offers through the text messaging service.

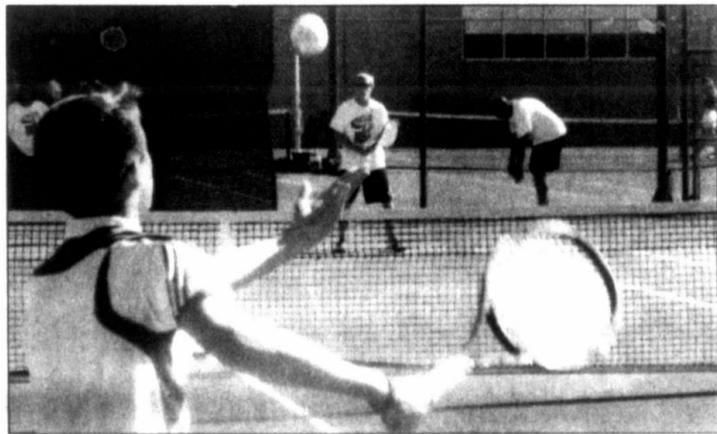
He added that readers may sign up also through The Pampa News' Facebook page and

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Junior Nick Nelson prepares for a serve from a Randall opponent. Karbo and Nelson won their match but the team lost 14-5.

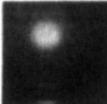
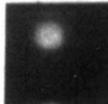
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday
		
High 102 Low 72	High 99 Low 68	High 95 Low 64

Today: Sunny and hot, with a high near 102. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 99. South southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 95. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64. East wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south.

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Neb. gov. urges denial of pipeline permit

WASHINGTON (AP) - Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman urged President Barack Obama and U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on Wednesday to deny a federal permit for a pipeline that would carry Canadian oil over an aquifer that supplies drinking and irrigation water to parts of several states.

Heineman said he supports pipeline projects but opposes the proposed TransCanada's Keystone XL route that would cross the vast Ogallala aquifer.

In a letter to Obama and Clinton, the Republican governor said he was concerned about the potential threat to the crucial water source for Nebraska's farmers and ranchers. The aquifer also supplies drinking water to about 2 million people in Nebraska and seven other states.

"This resource is the lifeblood of Nebraska's agricultural economy," Heineman said in the letter. "Cash receipts from farm markets contribute over \$17 billion to Nebraska's economy annually. I am concerned that the proposed pipeline will have potentially detrimental effects on this valuable natural resource and Nebraska's economy."

The pipeline project is designed to carry oil from Canada across Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma on its way to refineries on Texas' Gulf Coast.

Calgary-based TransCanada submitted its Keystone XL project in late 2008 to the State Department, which has authority over the pipeline because it crosses an international boundary.

Heineman released the letter in the midst of ongoing pipeline protests in Washington, D.C. On Tuesday, actress Daryl Hannah was arrested along with other environmental protesters who ignored orders to move away from the White House.

Environmental groups fear the

pipeline could foul underground and surface water supplies, increase air pollution around refineries and harm wildlife. They have criticized what they consider inadequate pipeline safety and emergency spill responses.

Supporters say the environmental concerns are overblown, and argue that the pipeline will create jobs and reduce the nation's dependence on Middle East oil.

TransCanada spokesman Terry Cunha said the company disagreed with the governor, but was open to any questions he might have about the route. Cunha said moving the route would disrupt even more land, including wetlands and more developed areas. He said the plan has won support from several other state executives, including Texas Gov. Rick Perry and Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer.

"We believe we're building the safest pipeline in North America," Cunha said. "As we've tried to articulate during the three-year review process, we've been very open and transparent" with more than 90 public hearings in the affected states.

The pipeline also has won support from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which launched a campaign this week to highlight the estimated 20,000 jobs the line would create during the two-year construction period, as well as its potential national security benefits.

Pipeline critics praised Wednesday's letter as a step forward, but said the governor still needs to call for a special legislative session or sign an executive order to address pipeline concerns.

Jane Kleebe, the executive director of the left-leaning group Bold Nebraska, said she was surprised by the announcement and hailed it as sign of growing opposition to the pipeline. But Kleebe said the governor

also is trying to divert attention from the state's power to determine the pipeline route.

"We obviously are very happy that he's decided to side with Nebraska farmers and ranchers, rather than a foreign oil company," Kleebe said. "But there's an important distinction that needs to be made here. What he's leaving out is that the route of the pipeline is up to him."

Congressional lawmakers from both parties have written to the State Department for and against the pipeline, but some of the strongest opposition has come from Nebraska, where the state's two U.S. senators have raised sharp questions.

U.S. Rep. Jeff Fortenberry, a Nebraska Republican, said he is urging a comprehensive government review to address the line's potential impact on the aquifer and the ecologically diverse Sandhills.

"Our state's unique natural resources deserve the highest levels of protection," Fortenberry said. "An alternative route should be considered."

Nebraska State Sen. Ken Haar, a Democrat in the officially nonpartisan Legislature, said the governor's letter "accurately reflects the opinion of most Nebraskans" who support the pipeline but oppose the proposed route. Haar has called for a special session and said he is exploring options to prompt state action. Nebraska law allows senators to initiate a special session if two-thirds of them agree, although the procedure has not been used in recent history.

Heineman urged pipeline critics to lobby federal regulators and U.S. Sen. Ben Nelson, a conservative Democrat considered vulnerable in the 2012 election. But Nelson and pipeline critics have said responsibility for the pipe's route falls squarely on the state.

Texas hemmed in by wildfire make boat escape

POSSUM KINGDOM LAKE (AP) - Residents of a subdivision in a parched North Texas wilderness area didn't hesitate when ordered to flee an advancing wildfire, and dozens who were hemmed in by flames, blocking the road out escaped by boat without a single major injury, authorities said Wednesday.

The wildfire that swept through the Possum Kingdom Lake neighborhood on Tuesday - one of several burning in Texas and Oklahoma - destroyed 25 homes in the upscale subdivision and turned the normally lush landscape into a blackened mess. Some streets were virtually untouched, with homes fronted by lawns that could double as putting greens, but others were reduced to rows of scorched stone fireplaces and twisted metal frames.

"It's devastating, of course, and it's going to take a while to get over, but we're going to carry on," Palo Pinto County Sheriff Ira Mercer said.

Only hotspots remained Wednesday in the subdivision, which was the only one not affected by wildfires that roared through the Possum Kingdom Lake area in the spring, scorching hundreds of thousands of acres and destroying 160 homes. The most recent fire had burned some 5,100 acres, further devastating the popular vacation spot about 75 miles west of Fort Worth.

Texas and Oklahoma are in the grips of a record-setting drought, and a summer of soaring temperatures

and little rain has meant the wildfire season, which usually ends in spring, didn't end this year.

Mercer said that unlike April, when residents had to be told three or four times before they'd leave the area, those whose homes were threatened Tuesday left as soon as they were told.

Flames blocked the road leading out of the subdivision and hemmed in a group of several dozen residents and law enforcement officers, so they turned back and escaped by boat on Possum Kingdom Lake, Mercer said. It took about six or seven trips, but everyone escaped safely, even if some of them left with frayed nerves, he said.

"A little old lady was just shaking. These people were leaving with just the clothes on their backs, and they don't know what's going to happen to their homes and their stuff," Mercer said.

Kathy Lanpher, whose home in Gaines Bend burned down in April, told The Fort Worth Star-Telegram that she grabbed her dog and laptop, left her new condo behind and drove to the lake, where she made it to safety on a pontoon boat. She said she was among some 50 residents who decamped to The Harbor Restaurant for the night.

"We're watching the smoke. We're right around the corner from the fire, so we can't look straight at it," she said. "We're all in good spirits, keep-

ing our fingers crossed and saying our prayers. It's tough to go through this twice in one year."

In Oklahoma City, Deputy Fire Chief Marc Woodard said that a fly-over Wednesday showed that a wildfire burned some 3,000 acres and destroyed 21 homes on the city's outskirts. He said four homes appeared to have been damaged but were salvageable.

"We're just kind of in the mop up stages. We'll be here the rest of the afternoon, probably into the night."

Fire Chief Keith Bryant said he was concerned that Wednesday's windy dry weather could re-ignite hot spots.

"The conditions are similar to what they were yesterday. The winds are going to get up, they're already gusting. That'll be our concern on the fires that are still smoldering."

Red Cross spokesman Rust Surette said several hundred homes had been evacuated.

Blowing embers likely started the blaze, which was largely under control by late Tuesday night. Battalion Chief Felton Morgan said.

Emergency Medical Services Authority spokeswoman Lara O'Leary said four people, including two firefighters, were treated for minor injuries in the Oklahoma City blaze. John Nichols, a spokesman for the Texas Forest Service, said at least three people were slightly hurt, including two firefighters fighting the blaze in the Possum Kingdom Lake area.

For the record

continued from Weds.

Police Department

A violation of city ordinance was reported at the 400 block of South Graham.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrest for the 24 hour period ending Tuesday, August 30 at 7 a.m.

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Monday, August 29
Rustin Lee Horton, 21, was arrested by deputies on a warrant for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

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Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, August 31 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 43 traffic related incidents.

Animal Control agents responded to 19 animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS and the Pampa Fire Department responded to 5 medical calls.

Tuesday, August 30
Police reported a suspicious vehicle at the 1800 block of North Hamilton.

An accident occurred at McCullough and Hobart. Found property was reported.

Thefts were reported at the 700 block of North Doucette, the 2200 block of North Hobart, the 500 block of East Foster, the 1700 block of North Grape and the 100 block of North Hobart.

Police investigated two alarms at the 1000 block of Fisher.

A narcotics violation was reported at the 1200 block of North Wells.

An assault occurred at the 600 block of East Craven.

A vehicle fire occurred on Loop 171.

Police investigated an alarm at the 1000 block of South Farley.

A violation of a protective order occurred at the 1300 block of North Coffee.

A narcotics violation was reported.

Wednesday, August 31
Suspicious vehicles were reported at the 1600 block of East Highway 60 and the 100 block of South Russell.

A domestic disturbance was reported at the 300 block of East Browning.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 600 block of North Lefors.

Sheriff's Office

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Wednesday, August 31
Devin Oneal Session, 27, was arrested by police on charges of failure to appear, theft by check and possession of marijuana in Taylor County.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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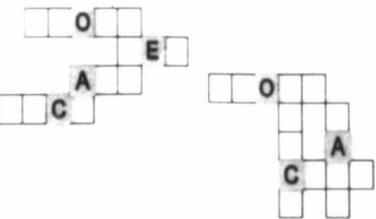
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Use this bunch of 15 tiles to fill in each of the two grids below. To get you started, a few tiles from the bunch have been placed. Reuse the 15 tiles in the bunch for each grid.

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2.2M Texas travelers expected

HOUSTON (AP) - An industry group has predicted that more than 2.2 million Texans will hit the road this Labor Day weekend and travel 50 miles or more.

AAA Texas on Tuesday reported nearly 1.9 million Texans plan to drive during the holiday period, which begins Thursday and runs through Monday. Recent AAA surveys found that auto travel is expected to be up 1.3 percent, compared to last year.

The association says nearly 208,000 Texans are expected to fly, while the rest of the travelers will likely go by bus, train or ship.

AAA Texas says the average distance traveled by Texans during the Labor Day holiday weekend is expected to be 482 miles.

The average retail price for gasoline across Texas was \$3.46 a gallon on Tuesday.

Austin makes Grand Prix cut

PARIS (AP) - The Formula One schedule is expanding to 20 races next year, growing by one event after adding a stop in the United States, returning to Bahrain and dropping the Turkish Grand Prix.

The World Motor Sport Council ratified by unanimous decision the schedule proposed in July by F1 boss Bernie Ecclestone.

The United States will host a race in Austin, Texas, next November. The last U.S. GP was held in Indianapolis in 2007.

Turkey did not make the cut, despite complaints from some racing teams, but Bahrain is back on the schedule.

This year's Bahrain GP was delayed, reinstated and then finally canceled in the wake of political unrest in the Gulf country in which at least 32 people have been killed in a crackdown on anti-government protests.

Fried faves of the State Fair

DALLAS (AP) - The State Fair of Texas has offered fried bubblegum and seven other lip-smacking delights as finalists for the Big Tex Choice Awards.

A panel of judges Monday will pick the winners for Best Taste and Most Creative foods for sale during the annual expo in Dallas.

Fair officials on Wednesday described one offering as a bubblegum-flavored marshmallow dipped in batter and fried, then topped with icing and powdered sugar.

Other finalists are a sausage and sauerkraut ball, a puff pastry stuffed with pumpkin and cream cheese, a buffalo chicken strip coated in flapjack batter and fried, a bagged taco, deep fried pineapple upside-down cake, deep fried salsa and a fried banana rolled in a flour tortilla.

The State Fair of Texas runs Sept. 30 through Oct. 23.

NM farmer to pay \$18M to feds

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - A southern New Mexico farmer has been sentenced to five years in prison and must pay more than \$18 million in restitution to the federal government for evading taxes and fraudulently collecting farm subsidies.

Federal prosecutors say Bill Melot had opened a Swiss bank account, used false Social Security Numbers and notarized forged deeds to hide his assets.

The U.S. attorney's office in Albuquerque announced Melot's sentence Wednesday.

Melot must also serve three years of supervised release for tax evasion, program fraud and other crimes.

His attorney, Gregory Acton, did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment.

Court documents say Melot hasn't filed a personal income tax return since 1986 and owes more than \$25 million in federal taxes and more than \$7 million in taxes in Texas.

OK water study resumed

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) - Water officials say demand for water in Oklahoma will increase by more than 30 percent over the next 50 years, driven in large part by a growing need of cities and the agriculture, oil and gas industries.

The director of planning for the Oklahoma Water Resources Board briefed lawmakers Wednesday on some of the technical data included in a statewide water plan that will be released in October.

The Joint Legislative Water Committee, which includes lawmakers from the House and Senate, are charged with developing long-term water policies for Oklahoma. Among the issues they will study is whether water from southeast Oklahoma could be sold to other communities, including some in north Texas.

The idea of selling water faces bitter opposition, particularly from lawmakers in southeast Oklahoma.

Texas gang leader gets 20 years

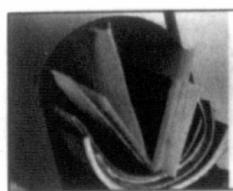
MCALLEN (AP) - The Rio Grande Valley head of the Texas Syndicate prison gang has been sentenced to 20 years in prison on racketeering charges nearly 4 years after he was indicted.

U.S. District Judge Ricardo Hinojosa sentenced Jose Ismael Salas on Monday along with five other gang members and associates.

Salas pleaded guilty in April 2009 to two drug trafficking counts in the racketeering case for possession with intent to distribute cocaine and marijuana.

The 40-year-old Edinburg man had initially faced additional charges including murder. This batch of sentences was the last for the 13 people included in the indictment.

Also sentenced Monday were Fidel Valle, 45, of Donna; Romeo Rosales, 41, of Raymondville; Noel De Los Santos, 33, of Donna; and Cristobal Hernandez, 31 and Arturo Rodriguez, 28, both of Brownsville.



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Shooting feral hogs by air among new TX laws

FORT WORTH (AP) - Want to catch a catfish by hand or shoot a feral hog from a helicopter? Want to keep driving the daytime speed limit after the sun goes down?

You can do so legally in Texas starting Thursday, when about 700 new state laws take effect.

Those are about half the bills passed by state lawmakers in Austin during the regular legislative session and a 30-day special session, which combined lasted the first six months of the year. Some have already become laws, and others will take effect by the first of 2012.

On Thursday, the first day of the state's fiscal year, Texans will be able to "noodle" - catch catfish using only their bare hands - and hunters can shoot feral hogs and coyotes from helicopters.

Drivers in Texas will no longer have to slow down to 65 mph at night on most highways but can keep driving the daytime speed limit. The 65 mph night and truck speed limit signs are to be removed from roads by year's end, according to the Texas Department of Transportation.

And the Texas Transportation Commission can set highway speeds at 75 mph, up from the current 70 mph limit on most non-urban state highways - as long as a safety study deems it to be reasonable. The department says it will evaluate 50,000 miles of state highways over the

Investment firm co-founder gets prison term

DALLAS (AP) - A Dallas-area man who co-founded an investment firm has been sentenced to seven years in prison and ordered to pay \$1.9 million in restitution to 62 investors who lost money.

U.S. Attorney James T. Jacks says that 61-year-old James A. Testa of Carrollton was sentenced Friday.

Testa pleaded guilty in 2009 to engaging in monetary transactions in criminally derived property.

Michael R. Rouse, also a Golden Gate Real Estate Investment Trust co-founder, remains a fugitive.

He was sentenced in absentia last month to 17 years in prison and also ordered to pay restitution after being convicted of charges relating to his operation of the company.

Prosecutors say the two told victims that they were investing in real estate, but most of the money was never invested in real estate.

next two years.

Aimed at keeping public school athletes safe, a new law requires school districts to recondition football helmets every two years once they have been used a decade. Helmets that are 16 and older must be sidelined permanently.

Another law lets governments use eminent domain to seize private property only if it's necessary for highways, schools or other public uses. The government then must make a "bona fide" offer to buy the property and pay landowners' relocation expenses. A new law bans property seizure for private use, which was already prohibited by a 2009 constitutional amendment.

On election day, voters will be required to show photo identification before casting ballots.

Another new Texas law makes it a crime to impersonate someone online without obtaining his or her permission with the intent to harm, defraud,

threaten or intimidate.

New legislation cracks down on drunken driving. If a suspected inebriated motorist refuses to give a blood sample, a police officer will be allowed to apply for a warrant to take a sample to determine if the blood-alcohol level is higher than the Texas legal limit of .08.

Also, a driver whose blood-alcohol level is .15 or higher will automatically face a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to a year in jail. The previous charge was a Class B misdemeanor, which carries a six-month jail penalty.

And now in Texas, if someone is charged with killing a child age 10 or younger - expanded from age 6 or younger - he or she might be charged with capital murder and face the death penalty. Also, some repeat offenders convicted of certain sex offenses will be sentenced to life without parole.

One law, the \$172 bil-

lion two-year budget, didn't raise taxes but cut spending by \$15 billion, including \$4 billion from public education.

A Texas bill requiring pre-abortion sonograms was to become law Thursday. The Center for Reproductive Rights had sued to block the law and a federal judge in Austin granted a temporary injunction Tuesday, ruling that the main portions violate the First Amendment. State Attorney General Greg Abbott said he plans to appeal the ruling.

The bill requires women seeking an abortion to have a sonogram and mandates that doctors describe the fetus' features and let the women hear the fetal heartbeat. Then women must wait 24 hours before having the abortion ICD or two hours if they live more than 100 miles away from the nearest clinic. Women can opt out of the sonogram only in cases of rape, incest or fatal abnormalities of the fetus.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am 19 and have a 10-month-old daughter. Her dad and I broke up five months ago because we were fighting a lot, most of it caused by him. I have been dating a new guy, "Ron," for three months.

Lately, my baby's dad has been trying to convince me he has changed, and he wants me to take him back. I still have feelings for him, but I'm in love with Ron. I don't want to lose what I have for a shot in the dark, but what if my ex really HAS changed? Plus, the relationship I have with Ron is a long-distance one. As much as I'd love it to work, I don't know how to deal with the distance. Do you have any advice on how to make it less heartbreaking when we are apart? -- YOUNG MOM IN FLORIDA

DEAR YOUNG MOM: If you were in love with your baby's father, you wouldn't have fallen in love with Ron so fast. If you were in love with Ron, you wouldn't be debating whether to reunite with your argumentative ex because he's geographically closer.

The way adults deal with extended separations from the people they love is to stay busy. They work, take classes, volunteer their extra time to causes they believe in. They do not bounce like tennis balls from romance to romance. And if they have a 10-month-old, they devote their attention to helping their little one go from a crawl to a walk.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, 13, and son, 11, have been taking piano lessons for six years. My 5-year-old has just started. They are all bright children, and the lessons were at their request. I told them they would not be able to quit until they were "older," but now the two older kids are fighting me to quit. I tell them I have never met anyone who was glad he or she stopped taking piano lessons. I say the lessons are good for their brains, teach them discipline, and it sure beats surfing the computer or playing video games. Not only are they making me miserable, but their attitude is rubbing off on the little one.

My husband is deceased, and he always thought it was a good idea for them to take lessons. The kids are now involving my mother, who is taking their side. What should I do? -- DISCORDANT FAMILY, NEW CASTLE, PA.

DEAR DISCORDANT: Your older children have had many years to learn to love the piano. If it hasn't happened by now, forcing them to continue won't improve the situation. Children are more cooperative when they have choices and ownership of the outcome.

Because you would prefer your daughter practice the piano rather than surf the Net or play video games, ask your 13-year-old what constructive activity she

plans to substitute in its place. You might be pleasantly surprised by her answer.

Tell your 11-year-old and 5-year-old that they WILL be taking lessons until they are 13, at which point they, too, will be given the choice of what they would like to substitute -- subject to your approval. If you do, there will be less conflict, and your youngest child will no longer be surrounded by the same level of negativity.

DEAR ABBY: In years past, I have lost three friends. Because we lived many miles apart, I learned the sad news when their widows informed me by letter of their deaths.

In each case, the widow had blackened out the name of her spouse on the return address labels. My mother-in-law did the same thing when her husband died.

What prompts these women to eliminate evidence of their loved one so quickly? -- GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

DEAR GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN: Pragmatism.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Thursday, Sept. 1, the 244th day of 2011. There are 121 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 1, 1939, World War II began as Nazi Germany invaded Poland.

On this date:

In 1715, following a reign of 72 years, King Louis XIV of France died four days before his 77th birthday.

In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr was found not guilty of treason. (Burr was then tried on a misdemeanor charge, but was again acquitted.)

In 1923, the Japanese cities of Tokyo and Yokohama were devastated by an earthquake that claimed some 140,000 lives.

In 1941, the first municipally owned parking building in the United States opened in Welch, W. Va.

In 1951, the United States, Australia and New Zealand signed a mutual defense pact, the ANZUS treaty.

In 1961, the Soviet Union ended a moratorium on atomic testing with an above-ground nuclear explosion in central Asia. A TWA Lockheed Constellation crashed shortly after takeoff from Chicago's Midway Airport, killing all 78 people on board.

In 1972, American Bobby Fischer won the international chess crown in Reykjavik, Iceland, as Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union resigned before the resumption of game 21.

In 1981, Albert Speer, a close associate of Adolf Hitler who ran the Nazi war machine, died at a London hospital at age 76.

In 1983, 269 people were killed when a Korean Air Lines Boeing 747 was shot down by a Soviet jet fighter after the airliner entered Soviet airspace.

In 1995, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland. (The hall opened to the public the next day.)

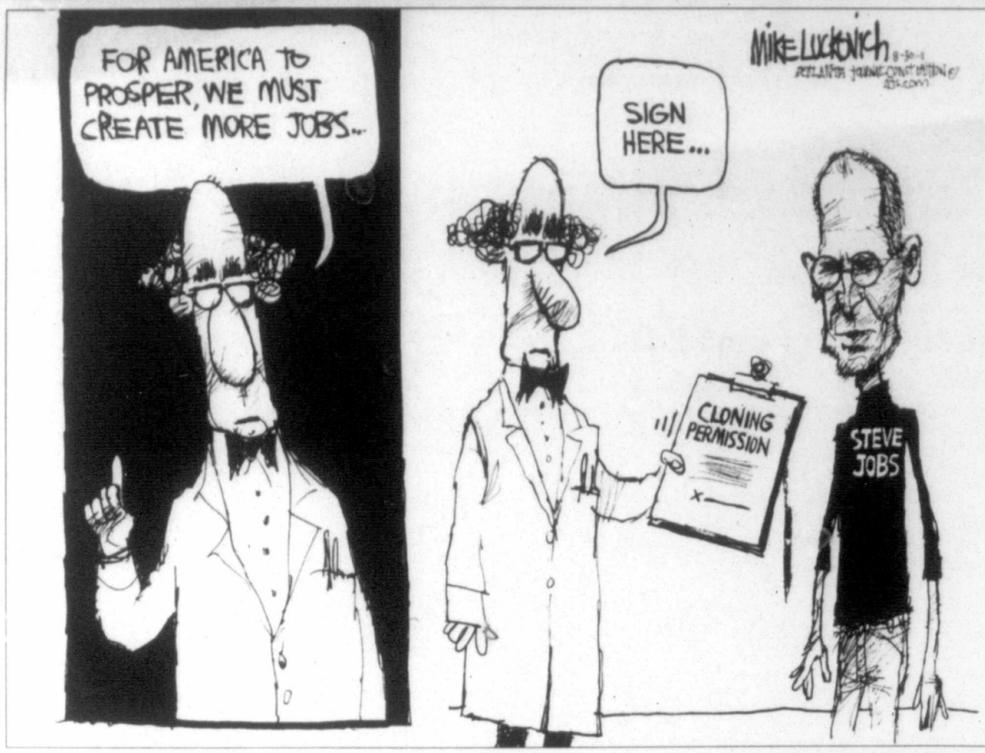
Ten years ago: An explosion and fire at a gambling parlor in Tokyo killed 44 people.

Five years ago: Mexican President Vicente Fox was forced to forego his final state-of-the-nation address after leftist lawmakers stormed the stage of Congress to protest disputed July elections; Fox instead gave his speech on television.

One year ago: President Barack Obama convened a new round of ambitious Mideast peace talks at the White House as he hosted Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in the first face-to-face negotiations in nearly two years.

Today's Birthdays: Actor George Maharis is 83. Conductor Seiji Ozawa is 76. Comedian-actress Lily Tomlin is 72. Actor Don Stroud is 68. Conductor Leonard Slatkin is 67. Singer Archie Bell is 67. Singer Barry Gibb is 65. Rock musician Greg Errico is 63. Talk show host Dr. Phil McGraw is 61. Singer Gloria Estefan is 54. Former White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers is 50. Singer-musician Grant Lee Phillips (Grant Lee Buffalo) is 48. Country singer-songwriter Charlie Robison is 47. Retired NBA All-Star Tim Hardaway is 45. Actor Ricardo Antonio Chavira ("Desperate Housewives") is 40. Rock singer JD Fortune is 38. Actor Scott Speedman is 36. Rock musician Joe Trohman is 27.

Thought for Today: "There is little that can withstand a man who can conquer himself." King Louis XIV (1638-1715)



Letter to the Editor

In praise of PAWS

To the Editor:

First of all, I want to thank The Pampa News for all the coverage you give to PAWS. (Pampa Animal Welfare Society). We really appreciate it.

I read Andrew's (Glover) journal of some of his trips to sports activities and enjoy them and have been impressed to share some of my experiences as a volunteer with PAWS with the people of Pampa, as we need others who are willing to help with PAWS.

We have a meeting at the Lovett Library the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm, and if you are interested in helping, please come to the meeting.

I usually volunteer two hours at the animal shelter each week. I help with filing in the office, if needed, and if not, I go to the building where the male dogs are kept. (Someone

does the same thing I do only with the female dogs and cats.) I pet them, talk with them and make sure they have water and food and their cage is cleaned out.

I take some out for a walk since there are usually more than one dog in each cage. Sometimes more than that. There is an area where we can let them off their leash and they can run (which they love to do); however, the last two weeks that area has been occupied by a goat the shelter picked up and we can't walk the dogs there. So we walk on a leash in a small confined area. I also purchase (as others do) and put up fly strips in the building where the male dogs, bathroom and kitchen are located. I play with the puppies and little dogs and clean out their cages, if needed. Also, apply flea and tick spray. I just try to love them and let them have a little human companionship. It's hard going there, its not a glitter and glamour job, but I feel

we need to take care of these little animals as God told Adam to, and I believe it means to care about them. When I leave, I know several will be adopted, which is great; however about the same amount will be put to sleep because of irresponsible people who think these animals are "throwaways." If you have a dog or cat, please be responsible and have them spayed or neutered so we can stop the flow of unwanted pets.

Also, if you haven't been to Pampa's animal shelter, I invite you to go and look around and if you think Pampa could use a larger and more up to date facility, please let the mayor, city manager and city commissioners know.

Our city officials perhaps could seek diligently a way where this would happen.

Until next time,
Helen (Mrs. Bill) Allison
Pampa

Corporate elites still doing a job on American workers

On this Labor Day weekend, our country is engulfed in deep economic anxiety, and no doubt you share my heartfelt concern for those Americans who're suffering the worst of these uncertain times.

I refer, of course, to millionaire corporate chieftains and big bankers.

What? You thought maybe I was referring to our 25 million fellow citizens who can't get the jobs they need, or the millions more who're soon to be out of work due to both corporate and governmental cutbacks in the American workforce?

No, no, bucko -- according to the corporate establishment (top executives, media barons and political elites), the number one economic problem is not the ongoing elimination of middle class jobs and the subsequent destruction of consumer spending.

Rather it's some terrible "uncertainty" that has swept through the executive suites, immobilizing once-proud risk takers, who now wait that Washington's priority must be to relieve their anxiety. "To create jobs," implored a senior vice president of strategy at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, "we need pro-growth policies and the certainty necessary to invest and hire."

Certainty? Aren't these the same corporate honchos who've proclaimed (and imposed) a "new normal" of intentional economic uncertainty on America's workaday majority?

Yes, they are. Forget job security and middle-class expectations, they bark at us. Instead, the future for working families will be one of low wages, long periods of unemployment, no health coverage or pen-

sions, a tattered safety net and practically no worker rights -- get used to it.

What are the "pro-growth policies" these economic elites are demanding from Washington?

Deregulation of corporate power, de-unionization, reduction of taxes on corporations, the rich, cutting "entitlement" benefits (Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid), and the privatization of everything from education to transportation -- to name a few. Guess who grows under these policies and who shrinks?

Bizarrely, the biggest banks are moaning the most insistently about their financial situation.

"They've been battered by a weak economy," reported a sympathetic New York Times article on Aug. 29, failing to mention the crucial fact that it was the narcissism and reckless greed of bankers themselves that weakened the economy.

Far from suffering for their disastrous overreach, they've kept their gilded positions and have been given trillions of dollars in federal funds to bail out their businesses -- with no requirement that they start investing in job-creating enterprises.

Having battered us as taxpayers, here they come again to batter us as consumers and employees.

Dissatisfied with a 38 percent increase in profits this year over last, such industry leaders as Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase and Wells Fargo are imposing new fees and service charges on their depositors. They've also been aggressively shipping jobs to low-wage coun-

tries -- and now a new wave of layoffs was recently announced by Bank of America, Barclays, Goldman Sachs, HSBC, State Street, Wells Fargo and others, sucking thousands more jobs out of our economy.

By a glaring two-to-one margin, the American people have consistently been telling pollsters that the economic crisis is not deflation spending by the government, but jobs, jobs, jobs.

Yet our political leaders and media have focused on Washington's ideological imbroglio over slashing trillions of dollars in spending, rather than dealing with the brutal reality that there are now four jobless Americans for each job opening.

Meanwhile, the national presidential debate has turned into a right-wing clown show, with the likes of Gov. Rick Perry and Congresswoman Michele Bachmann suggesting we should eliminate the minimum wage as a way to create the "certainty" that corporations claim they must have before they start hiring again.

The only certainty these so-called leaders are creating is more riches for the few at the expense of the many -- further heightening the injustice that is an affront to our nation's fundamental egalitarian values and a threat to our social unity.

As John F. Kennedy put it years ago, "If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich."

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Texas appealing judge's ruling on anti-abortion measure

AUSTIN (AP) — A new law aimed at reducing the number of abortions in Texas is set to go into effect this fall, but some of the toughest provisions will likely be tied up in litigation for months.

The state is appealing a judge's ruling that it's unconstitutional to require doctors to display an ultrasound image of the fetus or embryo, make the heartbeat audible and describe its organs and size to a woman before performing an abortion.

The remainder of the law, which applies to abortions starting Oct. 1, requires women to undergo an invasive vaginal sonogram at least 24 hours before an abortion is performed.

"Very experienced Ob/Gyns were already doing ultrasounds well before this law," said Julie Rikelman, a senior staff attorney for the Center for Reproductive Rights, which sued to block portions of the law. "The focus of the lawsuit is that it was basically requiring doctors to act as a political agent ... just to do it because it was the government's political agenda."

The law is one of dozens of anti-abortion measures

that advanced through state capitals across the U.S. this year.

While it's tangled up in court, women seeking an abortion will still be required to have a sonogram at least 24 hours before the procedure. If the patient lives 100 miles or more from the nearest provider, the wait would be shortened to two hours.

"It'll require more women to make two visits to the doctor, which is obviously burdensome to some women," Rikelman said.

She said the appeal filed Tuesday could take up to a year.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry, who is running for president, signed the law in May, saying it would save countless lives by discouraging women from getting abortions. About 81,000 abortions are performed every year in Texas. Perry and other conservatives called the ruling tragic and said it would result in the loss of hundreds of innocent lives.

The law made exceptions for women who were willing to sign statements saying they were pregnant as a

result of rape or incest or that their fetus had an irreversible abnormality.

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks questioned whether the Republican-controlled Texas Legislature was trying to "permanently brand" women who are victims of sexual assault.

The law's supporters claim some women have regretted having abortions and the law ensures they understand what's involved before they do.

Sparks wrote that forcing doctors to discuss the results with a patient who may not want to listen "compels physicians to advance an ideological agenda with which they may not agree, regardless of any medical necessity and irrespective of whether the pregnant women wish to listen."

Sparks also struck down several penalties. Doctors could have faced losing their medical license and possible criminal misdemeanor prosecution if they did not comply.

A similar Oklahoma measure, passed in 2010, has been put on hold there pending legal challenges.

UNITED WINNERS



staff photo by David Bowser

Jowannah Powers (top) recently won \$1,000 free gas or groceries through United Supermarket's summer game. Brandon Fisher (pictured holding Xander Fisher) brought home \$2,500, also through the United game. Pictured with Powers and Fisher is Troy Newton, general manager of the Pampa United store.

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Correct the unwanted behavior

Dog Talk with Uncle Matty

MATTHEW "UNCLE MATTY" MARGOLIS
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Everybody loves a puppy. Not everybody loves the work that comes with. For all their cute cuddliness, puppies pose a serious challenge: How do you correct the unwanted behavior without destroying the bond?

My 7-month-old Labrador retriever, "Molly," is chewing up everything I own. I work full time, and I have to pay someone to come in the middle of the day to let her and my other dog outside for a walk and potty break. She has been especially destructive lately, chewing nearly a dozen books and photo albums, which is extremely upsetting to me.

I don't know what I am doing wrong. She has a plethora of chew toys, ready access to food and water, regular potty breaks during the day, and plenty of attention and affection. I know she is still a puppy, but I cannot afford to lose anything else to her destructive behavior. I have been extremely frustrated by this, and I have yelled and hit the dog. Now they are both terribly frightened of me, and I feel guilty. I try to board up and block off anything that could be of interest to her, but somehow she still finds something to destroy. I could use some help.

First things first: Teach your dog what you want and don't want before the concept of punishment even enters your mind.

Second things second: When the concept of punishment enters your mind, rule it out. Replace it with a two-fold plan for correction and positive reinforcement. This is the key to teaching your dog while strengthening your bond.

Finally, understand that the process of replacing unwanted behaviors with

desired alternatives demands the following of the dog owner:

- Presence. Punishment hours after the fact has zero impact on the unwanted behavior. Correction in the moment is the goal.
- Patience. Learning takes time. Don't let your frustration get the better of you.
- Persistence. Calm, consistent correction of unwanted behavior will prevail.

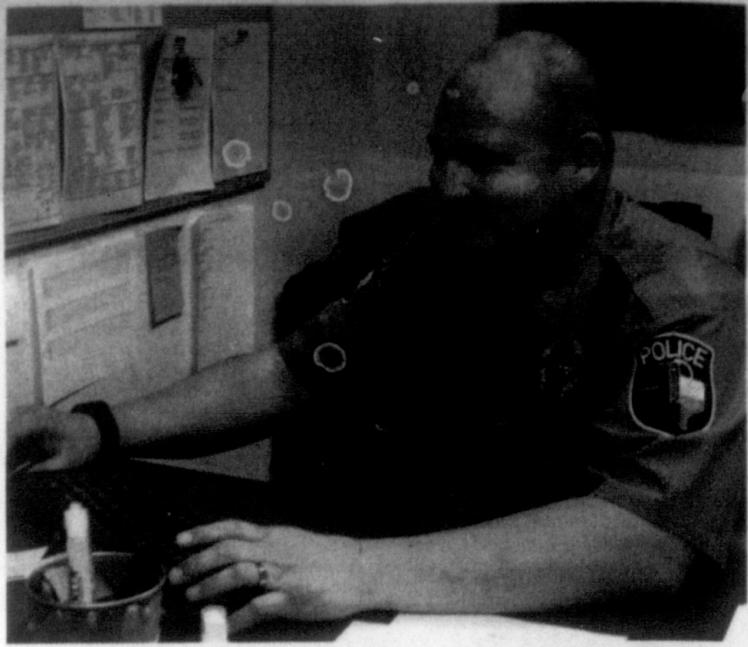
My advice to Molly's owner: Buy a wire crate, and turn it into a den. Molly's crate should offer good panoramic visibility, should be roomy enough for her to lie down, stand up and stretch out, and should be decked out in the creature comforts that make her feel safe and secure -- cushion, soft blanket, favorite chew toys. This is where Molly should spend her unsupervised hours until she proves herself trustworthy.

A crate is not a place of punishment. Do not feel "mean" for crating your puppy. No mother in her right mind would leave a toddler alone in a house for eight hours. Imagine the public outcry if a child were injured under those circumstances. Why should it be any different for a puppy?

The next step for Molly is training, and this can be accomplished any number of ways. Professional training is so effective because it does double-duty: teaching the dog and the dog owner how to communicate. People tend to skip it because they don't want to spend the money, but when your pup is chewing you out of house and home, the cost of training is a steal. And you can't beat it as a long-term investment in your bond.

Woof!

Dog trainer Matthew "Uncle Matty" Margolis is co-author of 18 books about dogs, a behaviorist, a popular radio and television guest, and host of the PBS series "WOOF! It's a Dog's Life!"



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Troyce Reeves smiles as he works behind his desk at the Pampa Police Department. Reeves, the department's new School Resource Officer, said that he is up to the challenge of the job.

Reeves

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Being an SRO is like being your own one-man law enforcement team, and Reeves is up to the challenge.

"There are some discipline issues you take care of with the students. I haven't gotten into it fully yet, but I'm sure there will be investigations that I conduct on my own there," he said. "Being an SRO, you get more of the side of law enforcement than just working patrol. Not only will I be patrol, but I'll be investigator as well."

His day begins and ends with campus patrol and traffic control. "Before school, during lunch and after school, I run traffic, and then I'm there during class change. They call it passing," he said. "I walk the halls, make sure everyone's where they're supposed to be."

Reeves also plans to go to Pampa High School varsity and junior varsity sporting events. "I'm an old Harvester myself," he said.

"The main goal is to keep the students safe, keep everyone there safe," he said.

Reeves thinks mutual respect is an important component for building a successful relationship with the students. "For the most part, respect them, and hopefully they'll respect you back," he said.

Reeves' first brush with law enforcement work was when he worked as a correctional officer at the Clemens Unit. "That was just a stepping stone, because this is what I've always wanted to do," he said. "And it's not about the pay. It's not about anything like that. It's just what I want to do."

Becoming a patrol officer in March of 2010 was a welcome change for Reeves. "It's not just telling people what

to do. It's actually hopefully benefiting people," he said.

"You deal with the same types of people. But in this job, you deal with the good and the bad," he added. "In this job, you deal with the general public, so you see both sides of the law."

Reeves' kids are getting a kick out of their dad's new job. "Oh they're excited, especially since I'm in the school," he said with a smile.

He thinks that they may be interested in following in their dad's footsteps. "Possibly. My oldest daughter has talked about the Army or something in that line," he said. And Reeves actually comes from a military family, with a father who served as a marine in Vietnam, and a grandfather who served in World War II.

In his spare time, Reeves is mostly enjoying the duties of a family man. "My kids like being outside, so we spend a lot of time outside. They're into sports, so we go to a lot of sporting events. My oldest daughter plays volleyball and my youngest daughter's in soccer, so we're pretty busy with their schedule as well," he said.

Reeves also loves to hunt. "I'm actually trying to get my oldest daughter an antelope this year," he said. "She's been wanting to get a deer, but I figure an antelope will be good for her to start with."

Reeves is pleased with his new position, and ready to get started as SRO. And even though his office is on campus, he'll still be a member of the force.

"There's a good group of guys working here, and they're all fun to be around. They make the job interesting," he said.

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because those two years were tough," she said.

Patti Hudson, owner of RE/MAX Hometown, said her company has had a great summer, and she attributes increased sales to people coming into Pampa for work. "Because we've had an influx of people, we've had an upswing in sales," she said. "We have Halliburton people coming in. We know Turner Trucking is coming, and we've seen a couple of them so far. And a few teachers have come through."

Davidson noticed a similar pattern of the oil and gas industry drawing people into town. "Oil fields are growing, and oil field related business is coming into Pampa," he said, adding that he has sold homes to folks from Borger, Odessa and even Oklahoma.

"There's a good mix of people upgrading in town or moving into town," said Gail Sanders, broker at One Plus Realty, who has also noticed buyers moving into town with businesses. "It's not as good as it was before the meltdown, but sales are up," he said.

Home prices are another matter. "Prices have declined a bit, but they didn't decline like the national averages," said Hudson, who found that most of the homes Re/Max sold were around \$125,000.

"Locally, our sales are up, but prices aren't up," said Edwards. Her company sold homes from every price range, but prices remain generally lower.

"The main thing Pampa needs is rental properties," she added. "People call us every day looking for them."

As the housing market improves here, cautious optimism seems to be the watchword.

"The market's steady, but it's got a ways to go," said Sanders.

Edwards agreed, saying, "I'm optimistic and think it's looking up, but I worry we won't have it like it used to be."

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Sports

THURSDAY

LUBBOCK ESTACADO
Matadors



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PAMPA
Harvesters

Harvesters hope to slow down Matadors for 2-0 start

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Fresh from their opening victory, Pampa (1-0) seeks to adjust to the Lubbock Estacado Matadors' speed as the Harvesters go for a 2-0 start 4 p.m. Friday at Lubbock's Lowery Field.

Senior defensive lineman Cody Parks said last week's win motivated the team in practice.

"We're improving every day," Parks said.

Defensive coordinator Stacey Alexander said the players were excited about last week's victory.

"It gives them something to build on," Alexander said. "I think it gives them confidence. The more of that they can get the better off we all will be."

Junior running back Samuel Smith said the running backs will have to look to the inside.

"They have good sprinters in track," Smith said. "I think they will be pretty fast on the outside, but not much protection on the inside."

Sophomore running back Daymon Flores said he thinks the team can be successful with the inside run.

"We've been doing well in practice," Flores said. "We've added some new plays."

The Matadors (1-0) have several new faces on both sides of the ball as most of their players had minor roles in last season's game. Shaquille Bogus completed a pass and ran for two yards in mop-up duty. Jalen Moore, Jhavante Toliver and Ti Russell each caught a pass. Alexander said they will have to look out for their sophomore running back, Robert Johnson.

"He moved there last year and played in the game against Lubbock Cooper for district," Alexander said. "He's as good of a sophomore running back as I've ever seen. We will definitely have our work cut out for us."

Parks said despite the lack of experience, Estacado's offense will still be a challenge.

"They're pretty good," Parks said. "I think we can handle them."

Sophomore running back Freddy Jackson said the key will be keeping up with Estacado's speed.

"We are going to have to push ourselves with that," Jackson said. "We are probably going to be tired but our conditioning will help us."

Alexander said it will be key for the defense to be in the right position.

"(Estacado) brings more speed to the table than a lot of people," Alexander said. "It's going to be pretty critical that we fit where we are supposed to fit on defense. Make the ball go sideways as long as we can."



Alexander

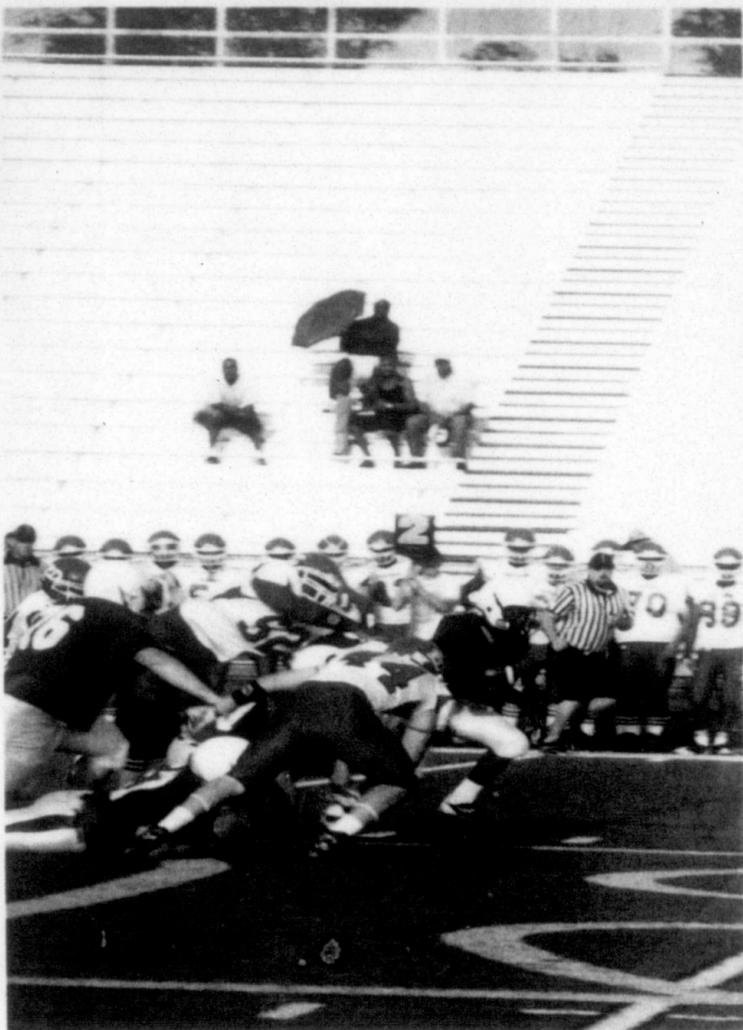
Inside the matchup

Last week: Pampa beat Iowa Park 20-0, Estacado beat Plainview 40-0
Series: Estacado leads 12-9
Streak: Estacado won last two
Last Meeting: Estacado won 55-13.
Last Pampa win: 35-14, 2008

Keep an eye on:

RB Samuel Smith, Jr.

Smith returns to the lineup after sitting out with an ankle injury last week. Look for him to lead an inside rushing attack and tire out Estacado's linemen.



Junior Samuel Smith breaks an inside run in an August 19 scrimmage against Palo Duro. Smith returns to the lineup after sitting out with an ankle injury he suffered during that scrimmage.

staff photo by Andrew Glover

Country Club to host 76th Top O' Texas tournament, Patriot Golf Day Saturday

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The Pampa Country Club is getting prepared to welcome about 150 golfers as it hosts the Top O' Texas Tournament Saturday through Monday.

Country club golf pro Tim Stadler said this is one of the biggest tournaments the club hosts.

"We have people from several different states that participate," Stadler said. "We usually average

140 to 150 golfers."

In conjunction with the tournament, the country club is hosting Patriot Day, where it will take donations for the Folds of Honor.

According to a press release the mission of Folds of Honor is to make sure no family is left behind in the field of battle by honoring their sacrifice and educating their legacy.

"We will have people pass buckets at hole seven," Stadler said. "Participants can donate any dollar amount to the Fold of Honor

which provides post-secondary educational scholarships for children and spouses of military service men and women killed or disabled while serving our great nation."

With the donations the foundation receives it's able to distribute more than 2,000 scholarships internationally included all of the United States and 41 Professional Golf Association sections

Anyone adult age can play. Tee times are 7:30 p.m. each day. Flight winners will be announced Monday.

A&M to depart Big 12 after 2011-12

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas A&M dealt a blow to the Big 12 Conference on Wednesday, saying it plans to leave by July 2012 if it is accepted by the SEC or another league.

The move, which had been expected, may set off another round of conference realignment in college sports. The Aggies have made it clear they want to join the 12-member Southeastern Conference and the Big 12 said again after the announcement that it will move swiftly to find at least one replacement for the Aggies.

University President R. Bowen Loftin notified the Big 12 in a letter and said departing the league "is in the best interest of Texas A&M." He said he hopes the move can be amicable and presumably hopes to negotiate a reasonable exit fee.

Texas A&M, which has been in the Big 12 since its founding in 1996, said it will submit an application to join another, unspecified

conference. If it is accepted, Texas A&M will leave the Big 12, effective June 30, 2012.

"We are seeking to generate greater visibility nationwide for Texas A&M and our championship-caliber student-athletes, as well as secure the necessary and stable financial resources to support our athletic and academic programs," Loftin said in a statement. "This is a 100-year decision that we have addressed carefully and methodically. Texas A&M is an extraordinary institution, and we look forward to what the future may hold for Aggies worldwide."

The SEC said Wednesday that it had not received an application from Texas A&M to join the league and that it would have no further comment.

The move by Texas A&M leaves questions about the future of the Big 12, which is down to 10 teams after Nebraska

(Big Ten) and Colorado (Pac-12) left the league in July a year after a wild round of realignment that also affected teams in the Mountain West, Big East and WAC.

"The presidents and chancellors of the nine remaining member institu-

tions are steadfast in their commitment to the Big 12," Big 12 Commissioner Dan Beebe said in a statement. "As previously stated, the conference will move forward aggressively exploring its membership options."

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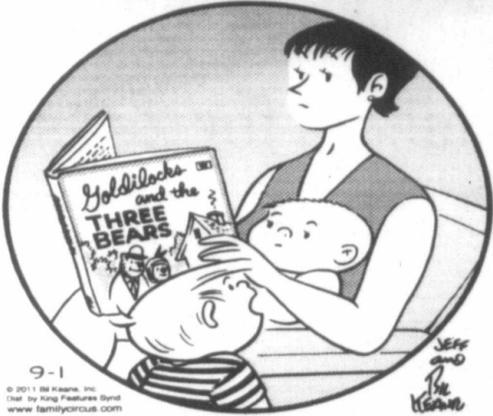
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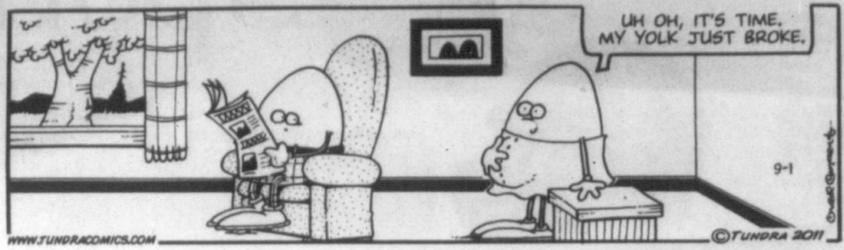
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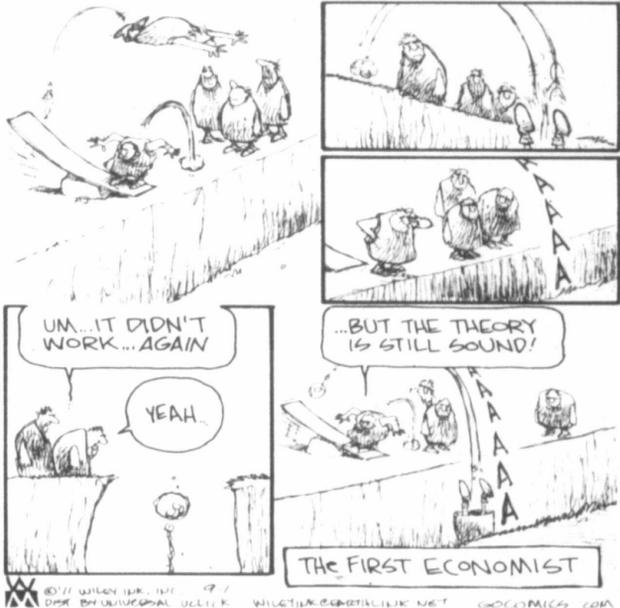
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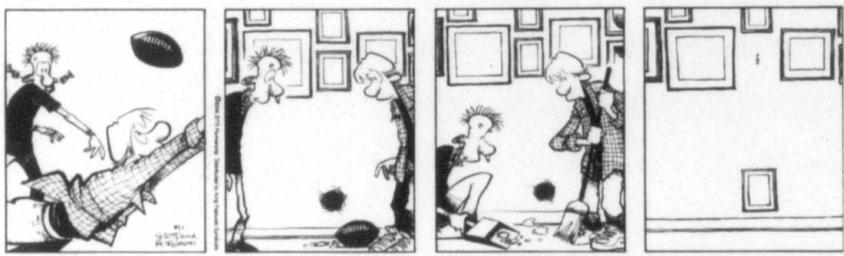
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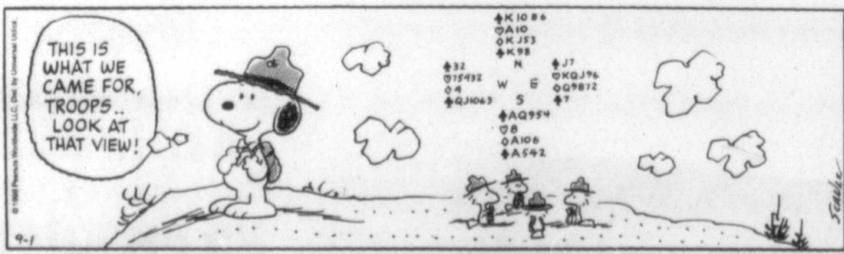
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011:

This year, you often weigh the pros and cons of a situation. At times you are forthright and direct. Don't be surprised if some people deal with you in an unusual manner. You see new ways to approach your daily life. If you are single, you meet people with ease. Often, others will see you as sultry. Enjoy the dating game to the max. If you are attached, the more you share, the closer you become. **SCORPIO** understands you almost too well!

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You cannot change someone's need to be on center stage. Review your objectives. The intensity of relating in this situation could cause some discomfort. If you need to say no to this arrangement, do. Tonight: Talk over dinner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Rethink a personal matter. You don't need everyone to agree. A conversation yields a positive benefit, especially when had with lightness and caring. An imaginative suggestion might be fun to work with. Tonight: Go with someone else's choice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might want to rethink a personal matter more carefully. Understanding evolves if you are open to a co-worker's or friend's suggestion. Refuse to take it personally that you are not the lead player. Use the break. Tonight: Put your feet up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You could be slow to move into action, but once you do, your creativity flourishes. Listening to someone might be difficult, as your mind has many flights of fancy. Try to stay present in the moment. Someone at a distance demonstrates a more fine-tuned idea. Tonight: Put on a great piece of music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Conversations move with ease in the morning, yet by the afternoon, different concerns arise. Getting feedback dulls in the evening, when you want to reflect on the issue. Children and/or your domestic life might be involved. Tonight: Head home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Handle a financial matter. Many of you will find yourselves heading to or on the phone with the bank. Communicate your intentions in the afternoon, when others seem to be more adaptable and easygoing. You might be juggling some day-to-day concerns. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Investigate an offer in the morning. You also will have the most influence over others and situations during this time. Focus on a creative response in the afternoon. A risk might be very tempting. Tonight: Let your hair down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You have been in a period of deep thought where you wonder about the possibilities. Express your thoughts in the afternoon. You cannot instrument changes unless you are open and speak your mind. Listen to what someone shares. Tonight: Make it easy. How about pizza?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Focus on important goals or situations that you feel must go your way. A meeting could play into the situation as well. You know your limits. Listen to feedback from a family member. He or she has important information. Tonight: Take some much-needed time off.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Take charge, and others will follow you. Do nothing, and you might not like what happens. You are better off anyway when you are proactive. Listen to news with a grain of salt. Know what is happening with friends. Tonight: Where your friends are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Make it a point to get more facts. Talk to people in the know. More information can only help. If you want something done your way, you will have to do it yourself. No one has the exact same vision. Tonight: Could be a late one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Deal with a partner directly. Quite clearly, you don't need to push this associate or partner, as he or she works well with you. Later in the day, finally make that plan to travel, or perhaps sign up for a workshop. Your mind can always

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THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF COLFAX EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
No. D-809-CV-2010-00326
AURORA LOAN SERVICES LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
STEPHEN CECCO, a married man as his sole and separate property; REALTY MORTGAGE CORPORATION,

1 Public Notice

NOTICE OF PENDING OF ACTION
Plaintiff, Aurora Loan Services, LLC, pursuant to Rule 1-004 J New Mexico Rules of Civil Procedure-District Courts, publishes the following as its Notice of Pending of Action. 1. Plaintiff has filed a Judicial Foreclosure Complaint against the above named Defendants.

2. Plaintiff is seeking service of Linda Twichell and David B. Morse of the Complaint in No. CV2010-326. 3. The name address and telephone number of Plaintiff's attorney is Matthew Silverman, 8502 E. Via de Ventura, suite 200, Scottsdale, Arizona 85258, (480)302-4100. 4. If a Response is not filed by Linda Twichell and David B. Morse a default may be entered against the Defendants. 5. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

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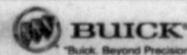
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