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Police, EMTs testify in Young murder trial

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The murder trial of Cynthia Young continued Wednesday with testimony from law enforcement officials and medical professionals who responded to the accident that resulted in the death of Terry Boaz and the bodily injury of Tina Hoskins.

Individuals who knew the victim and the defendant also testified.

Andora Roberts, a friend of Boaz's, provided testimony that Hoskins had threatened her personally, while under the assumption that Roberts and Boaz were seeing each other. She said that she saw the acceleration of

Young's anger over a three week period prior to Boaz's death.

Tancy Thompson, a family friend of Boaz, testified that Young had threatened Boaz and Hoskins on the day of the incident.

The cause of the accident remains uncertain, but evidence presented by District Attorney Lynn Switzer suggests a collision may have occurred between Boaz's motorcycle and Young's pickup truck. Expert testimony described white paint transfers on the right side of the motorcycle's headlight as coinciding with scrapes on the bed and wheel well of the truck, presenting the possibility that they may have made contact on the evening of



Young

June 6, 2007.

Defense attorney Harold Comer also explored the possibility that Boaz' motorcycle may have bottomed out, resulting in his loss of control of the vehicle. Skid marks at the 700 and 800 blocks of North Wells indicate that the motorcycle might have bottomed out.

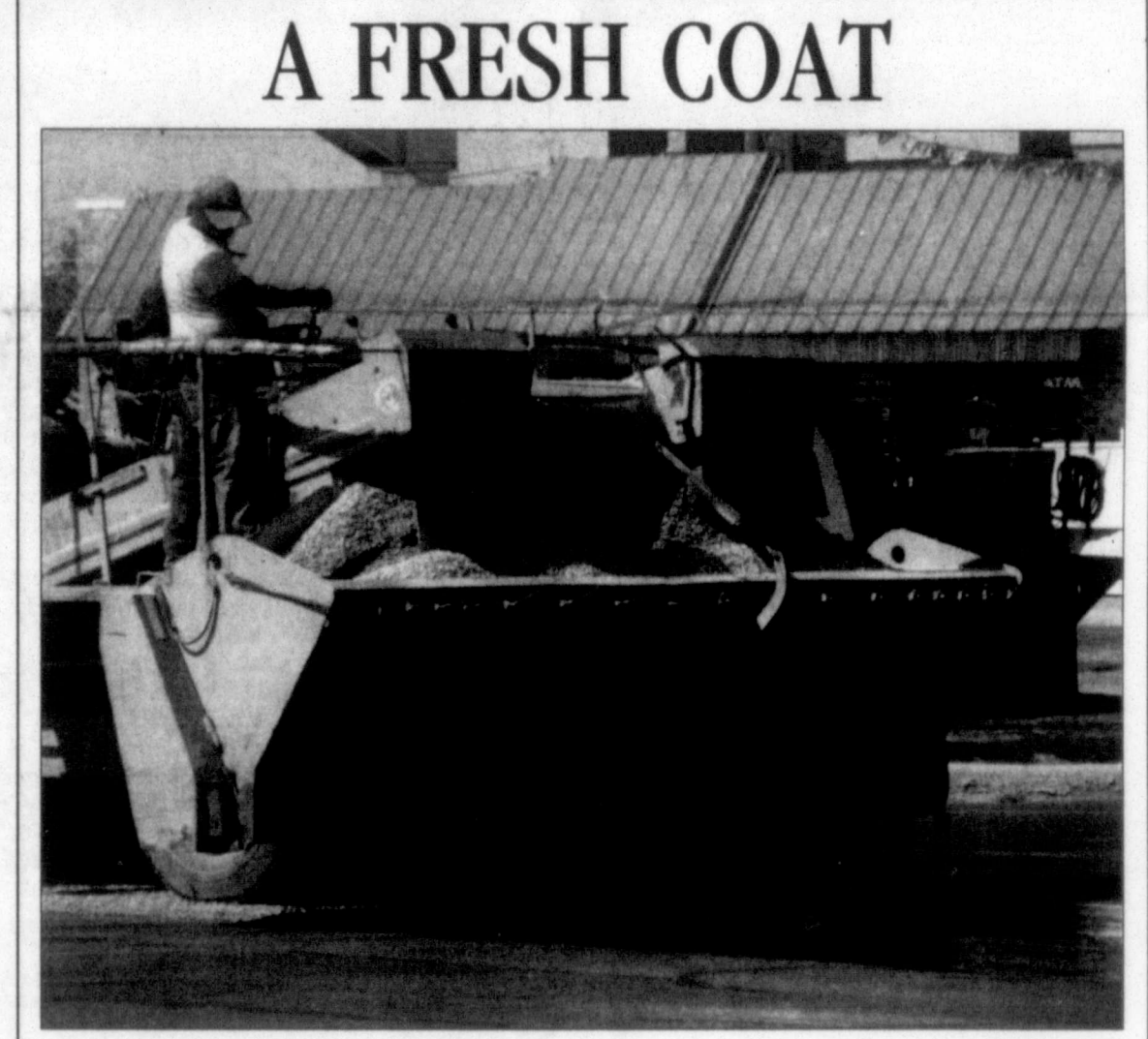
Sonya Kirby, a close friend of Boaz, spoke with Young after the accident. After telling Kirby about Boaz's death, Young said that she had been trying to pass the motorcycle, but clipped it.

When EMS technicians appeared on the scene, they found Boaz and Hoskins in the yard of a North Wells residence. Hoskins suffered from a blood hemorrhage in her head, multiple fractures, abrasions, lacerations, bruising and contusions. She was transferred to Pampa Regional Hospital for stabilization procedures before transport to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Boaz had incurred blunt force injuries to his chest, head, neck and abdomen, a laceration to his scalp and abrasions to his ankle and the back of his knee. His attending paramedic testified that

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staff photo by Andrew Glover

Terry Hoskins of G.W. James, Inc., operates a seal coating machine on Duncan Avenue. Seal coating of city streets began on Wednesday and will continue through the summer.

City begins routine street maintenance

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The City of Pampa's annual Seal Coat Maintenance Program kicked off yesterday and will continue until all streets on the schedule are completed, according to Pampa Engineer-in-Training Jildardo Arias.

Seal coating consists of applying a layer of oil above an existing paved street, followed by a layer of crushed rock to provide a surface. The procedure is considered part of the city's routine maintenance, performed to keep the city's driving surfaces in good condition.

"The length of time it lasts

on a certain road is really going to depend on how much traffic you get on the road," Arias said. "A heavily trafficked road like Hobart won't last as long as, let's say, a lightly trafficked residential road... Still, a road like Hobart, anywhere between five to 10 years, you'd want to come back and seal coat. As long as you keep good maintenance, you should have a good seal coat for a while."

Arias said that the city's contractors will leave a door hanger to alert affected residents of the work date of their street. Those residents are asked not to park their vehicles in the street and to turn off their sprinklers on the day of the procedure.

This year's seal coating will

cover just under 10 percent of city streets.

"That list amounts to about 10.2 miles," Arias said, "and we have 108 total miles of streets here in Pampa."

The streets scheduled for seal coating are:

- 25th Street from Duncan Street to the East end of Seminole Street
- Harvester Street from Banks Street to Hobart Street
- Randy Matson Street from Banks Street to Sumner Street
- Russell Street from Thut to Highway 60
- Finley Street from Crawford Street to McCullough Street
- Tignor Street from Denver Street to Gordon Street

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Locals urged to avoid new phone scam

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Scammers based in Canada have swindled a handful of senior citizens in Pampa out of thousands of dollars by posing as a grandchild in need. Senior citizens in at least eleven states have fallen victim to this scheme.

This scam, which targets senior citizens, involves someone calling the victim and posing as their grandchild. The scammer says that he or she has been in an accident or falsely arrested for drug possession while visiting Canada or Mexico. The scammer then proceeds to ask the victim to wire money through Western Union, either to make car repairs or for bail. Individuals have sent as much as \$6,000 straight into the hands of the scammers.

"When they call, the grandparents think no one calls them Pawpaw but their grandchild," said Stormy McCullar, Crime Prevention Officer with Pampa Police Department. "But maybe one out of five grandkids use that name."

McCullar said that being asked by phone to wire money should send up a red flag.

"They always ask to send money by Western Union," she said. "Anytime someone calls and asks you to send money through Western Union, don't send it unless you know them personally."

McCullar also recommends calling your child or grandchild to confirm the situation if you find yourself on the receiving end of this call.

Reed Echols, speaking on behalf of several friends who have been taken advantage of by this scam, also hopes people will think twice before wiring money to anyone without corroborating the story with another person.

"These people have done their homework," she said. "People should be more aware and be reluctant to fall for this scheme."

One of the calls into Pampa was

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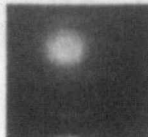


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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday
		
High 103 Low 72	High 98 Low 71	High 95 Low 70

Today: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 103. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. South wind around 10 mph.

Friday: Partly sunny and hot, with a high near 98. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 71. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 95. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 70. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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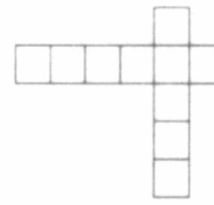
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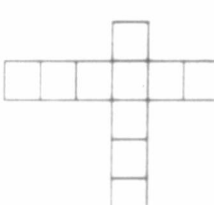
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Commission starts on disclosure rules

AUSTIN (AP) — With Gov. Rick Perry signing into law legislation making Texas the first state to require disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing, the Railroad Commission has begun the process of writing the rules for those disclosures.

The three railroad commissioners - Chairman Elizabeth Ames Jones, David Porter and Barry Smitherman, directed staff at the commission's July 11 conference to have a proposed rule ready by mid-August for a 30-day public comment period. Commissioners indicated they plan to hold a public hearing on the proposed rule in Austin during the public comment period, which will get underway when the rule is published in the Texas Register.

Chairman Jones said in a statement, "This rule will provide the additional assurance to the public that a common sense disclosure policy affords, and it will provide

operators uniformity and reliability regarding the disclosure process for all wells that are hydraulically fractured in Texas. I hope we can have the rule ready for implementation before the end of the year." The rule, she said, is expected to formalize the best practices already expected by the commission and will codify "what is being done voluntarily by many companies."

She continued, "Our rulemaking should not be misconstrued to upend my earlier statements. It is still geologically impossible for fracturing fluid or natural gas or oil to migrate upward through thousands of feet of rock, sometimes miles, to adversely affect ground water." Hydraulic fracturing, Jones noted, has been going on for over 60 years and the practice, along with other drilling technologies, continues to be perfected in Texas.

The legislation, contained in House Bill 3328, was signed into law by the governor July 11.

Good news, bad news for Texas higher ed

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas is in line to meet the 2015 higher education enrollment goal of 1.65 million students, but the state must work harder to encourage minorities to pursue advanced degrees, according to the state's higher education commissioner.

More than 1.5 million students attended Texas public and private colleges and universities in 2010, Raymond Paredes told reporters Tuesday during a conference call.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on Thursday is scheduled to receive an update on the 2015 Closing the Gaps initiative, a push adopted in 2000 to also increase the number of nationally recognized programs and add federal funding for scientific research.

Overall targets of higher enrollment and the awarding of degrees are being met, Paredes said.

"We are doing extremely well in terms of the two most important goals. Having said that, we still have some very substantial challenges" involving goals for Hispanics and African-Americans, Paredes said.

Total higher education enrollment in fall 2010 was 1,505,499, an increase of 84,456 students since a year earlier, according to figures provided Wednesday by Dominic Chavez, a board spokesman.

About 194,000 African-Americans were enrolled in Texas higher education last fall, Chavez told The Associated Press. The number of black students added since 2000 was 85,300. The target goal for 2010 was to have added 49,800 African-American students.

Overall, American-African females are driving most of the increase, Chavez said. For African-Americans in Texas, 8.1 percent of women and 5 percent of men were enrolled.

Total Hispanic student enrollment in 2010 was approximately 442,000. Texas public and private colleges and universities, since 2000, have added nearly 208,000 Hispanic students.

"For us to meet our goals by 2015 we should have added 236,600 Hispanics by this time," Chavez said.

Among Hispanics in Texas, 5.4

percent of women and 3.6 percent of men were enrolled.

"Part of it is the Hispanic population has grown tremendously," Chavez said. "So we've got a lot more young, Hispanic students, and part of this is encouraging those students to prepare and to go into the post-secondary education. So we are falling short a little bit."

The board a year ago adopted a campaign, Generation Texas, to encourage enrollment and better advise schools on keeping students on track toward degrees.

"The sole purpose, the target audience, is for first-generation students, particularly to focus on Hispanic and African-American communities, to encourage them to become college career ready, starting in middle school, with special emphasis in high school," Chavez said.

Students need to understand what it takes to prepare for college and be successful in school, he said.

"We don't just want them to enroll, we need them to graduate," Chavez said.

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- Willow Street from the west end of Rosewood Street to Crest Street
- Pembroke Street from Cinderella Street to Terry Road
- Pembroke Street from Terry Road to Crane Street
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- 24th Street from Mary Ellen Street to Charles Street
- 24th Street from Mary Ellen Street to Christine Street
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- Harvester Street from Duncan Street to Russell Street
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- Williston Street from Randy Matson Street to Harvester Street
- Williston Street from Kentucky Street to Russell Street
- Christine Street from Kentucky Street to Harvester Street
- Finch Street from Somerville Street to Frost Street
- Florida Street from Somerville Street to Hobart Street
- Gray Street from Florida Street to Cook Street
- Dogwood Street from Alley Street to 25th Street
- Dogwood Street from 19th Street to Evergreen Street
- Crawford Street from Hobart Street to Huff Road
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- Holly Street from 18th Street to 16th Street
- Bradley Street from Kentucky Street to Jordan Street

- Terrace Street from Kentucky Street to Starkweather Street
- Warren Street from Francis Street to Kingsmill Street
- Kingsmill Street from Lowry Street to the dead end
- Magnolia Street from Darby Street to Foster Street
- Somerville Street from Craven Street to Highway 60
- West Street from Highway 60 to Thut Street
- 29th Street from Duncan Street to Aspen Street
- 29th Street from Aspen Street to Beech Street
- 17th Street from Chestnut Street to Dogwood St.
- Linda Drive from Beech Street to Chestnut Street
- Wynne Street from Browning Street to Jordan Street
- Fraser Street from Kingsmill Street to Foster Street
- Garland Street from Kentucky Street to Louisiana Street
- Tyng Street from Cuyler Street to Somerville Street
- Quail Place
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- Harvester Street from Banks Street to Sumner Street
- Davis Street from Montague Street to Gwendolyn Street
- Dwight Street from Randy Matson Street to 18th Street
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- Lynne Street from 21st Street to 18th Street
- Murphy Street from Henry Street to Barnes Street
- Denver Street from Henry Street to Barnes Street
- Miami Street from Beryl Street to Tyng Street
- Recreation Park Main Road.

For the record

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Sheriff's Office

Shawn Lee Weatherford, 40, was arrested by police for a warrant regarding non payment of court costs and fines on a driving while license invalid charge.

Dustin Michael Cloud, 22, was arrested by deputies for property theft by check in an amount greater than \$20 and less than \$500.

Jamie Lee Brogdon, 35, was arrested by DPS agents for driving while intoxicated.

Sunday, July 24
Timmy Max Kellison, 32, was arrested by police for driving while intoxicated.

Brandon Lynn Boyd, 25, was arrested by DPS agents for driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age.

Aaron Lee Hink, 21, was arrested by police for violation of a protective order and capias pro fines regarding no valid driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and indecent exposure.

Jeffery Baker, 46, was arrested by police on charges

of non payment of court charges and fines on failure to appear in court and no driver's license.

David James Burris, 50, was arrested by DPS agents for driving while intoxicated.

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, July 27.

Police reported 24 traffic related incidents.

Animal Control agents and police responded to 16 animal related incidents.

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

Tuesday, July 26
Police reported escorts at the 600 block of North Ward and the 400 block of South Oklahoma.

A burglary occurred at the 100 block of West Foster.

An accident occurred at Duncan and Harvester.

A hut and run occurred at the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

Police reported fraud at the 1000 block of North Sumner.

A violation of city ordinance was reported at the 2300 block of North Duncan.

Police investigated an alarm at the 2300 block of North Primrose.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Police reported found property at the 1900 block of North Faulkner.

A theft occurred at the 1800 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 400 block of Crest.

A burglary was reported at the 500 block of North Lefors.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 500 block of North Faulkner.

A theft occurred at the 500 block of North Faulkner.

The burglary of a motor vehicle was reported at the 400 block of North Nelson.

A domestic disturbance was reported at the 600 block of North Sumner.

Criminal mischief was

reported at the 300 block of North Dwight.

A domestic disturbance was reported at the 600 block of North Sumner.

Wednesday, July 27
Police investigated alarms at the 100 block of South Cuyler and the 100 block of North Houston.

A suspicious person was reported at Randy Matson and Duncan.

Phone harassment was reported at the 500 block of North Dwight.

An abandoned vehicle was reported at the 1800 block of Bond.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, July 27.

Tuesday, July 26
Laray Donnell Wilson, 20, was arrested by deputies for possession of a controlled substance.

Bonnie Anne Dorsy, 44, was arrested by police on charges of a parent contributing to non-attendance.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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AFTERNOONRUSH *Trial*

Jeffs' lawyers seek to suppress

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Lawyers for polygamist leader Warren Jeffs are arguing authorities recklessly omitted key facts when obtaining a search warrant that led to charges against him.

Jeffs, head of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, faces two counts of sexual assault of a child.

He was charged after a 2008 police raid on a church compound in Texas. The raid was based on a call alleging child abuse that turned out to be a hoax.

In seeking suppression of evidence, lawyers for Jeffs said Wednesday that police deliberately misled the judge who signed the warrant by failing to mention indications that the call for help was false.

State District Judge Barbara Walther signed the original warrant and is presiding over Jeffs' trial. She didn't immediately rule.

N.H. activists to push Perry

EXETER, N.H. (AP) — Still searching for a 2012 candidate, Republican activists from New Hampshire plan to visit Texas next week to encourage Gov. Rick Perry to run for president.

The New Hampshire delegation, to be led by former Republican National committeeman Sean Mahoney and former state GOP executive director Paul Young, also intends to stress the importance of the state's first-in-the-nation presidential primary.

"Most of the folks who will be going down have seen what Gov. Perry stands for and his strong conservative track record," Mahoney said Wednesday. "And I think there's a large bloc of New Hampshire Republicans who feel like his stance on the issues are exactly what the country needs right now."

Recent public polling puts him near the top of the field, now led by former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney.

Veteran cop accused of bribes

HOUSTON — A veteran Houston police officer has been accused of accepting bribes in a drug trafficking and corruption case.

Prosecutors say 46-year-old Officer Leslie Aikens was arrested Wednesday when he finished his shift.

Aikens, who's been a Houston officer for 19 years, has been indicted on charges of extortion and of aiding and abetting the possession with intent to distribute cocaine. He allegedly accepted \$2,000 to provide protection in March for a vehicle believed to be hauling 15 pounds of cocaine.

The indictment was returned June 22 and unsealed Wednesday.

Aikens appeared before a federal magistrate, who set bond at \$50,000. A spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office had no information on an attorney for Aikens.

he became unresponsive before being transferred to Pampa Regional.

The accident was likely influenced by alcohol. Keisha Crain, former manager of the Other Corner Bar, testified that she had seen Boaz at the bar earlier in the evening. When asked by EMS on the night of the accident if he'd been drinking, Boaz responded

that he had had eight to nine beers that evening.

A witness had also observed Young drinking beforehand, and multiple witnesses testified that she smelled of alcohol. But Jason Rushing, patrol ser-

geant with Pampa Police Department, testified that the results of the field sobriety test he performed on Young that evening were not strong enough to result in a DWI. Officers requested a blood alcohol

test from the defendant, who refused, and a sample was not taken until some time after, when a warrant for the sample was received. According to the test, her blood alcohol level was at zero.

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traced to Saint John's Island, and in all cases, victims are asked to wire money into Canada. The caller may say that they can't tell their parents the situation they are in, or that they will return the money the next day by mail.

Anyone who receives a call matching this description is encouraged to remain skeptical.

"People need to ask questions. Just because it sounds like it is your grandkid, doesn't mean that it is," said Echols.

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Today in History

Today is Thursday, July 28, the 209th day of 2011. There are 156 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 28, 1914, World War I began as Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia.

On this date:

In 1540, King Henry VIII's chief minister, Thomas Cromwell, was executed, the same day Henry married his fifth wife, Catherine Howard.

In 1794, Maximilien Robespierre, a leading figure of the French Revolution, was sent to the guillotine.

In 1821, Peru declared its independence from Spain.

In 1932, federal troops forcibly dispersed the so-called "Bonus Army" of World War I veterans who had gathered in Washington to demand money they weren't scheduled to receive until 1945.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt announced the end of coffee rationing, which had limited people to one pound of coffee every five weeks since it began in Nov. 1942.

In 1945, a U.S. Army bomber crashed into the 79th floor of New York's Empire State Building, killing 14 people. The U.S. Senate ratified the United Nations Charter by a vote of 89-2.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson announced he was increasing the number of American troops in South Vietnam from 75,000 to 125,000 "almost immediately."

In 1976, an earthquake devastated northern China, killing at least 242,000 people, according to an official estimate.

In 2002, nine coal miners trapped in the flooded Quecreek Mine in Somerset, Pa., were rescued after 77 hours underground.

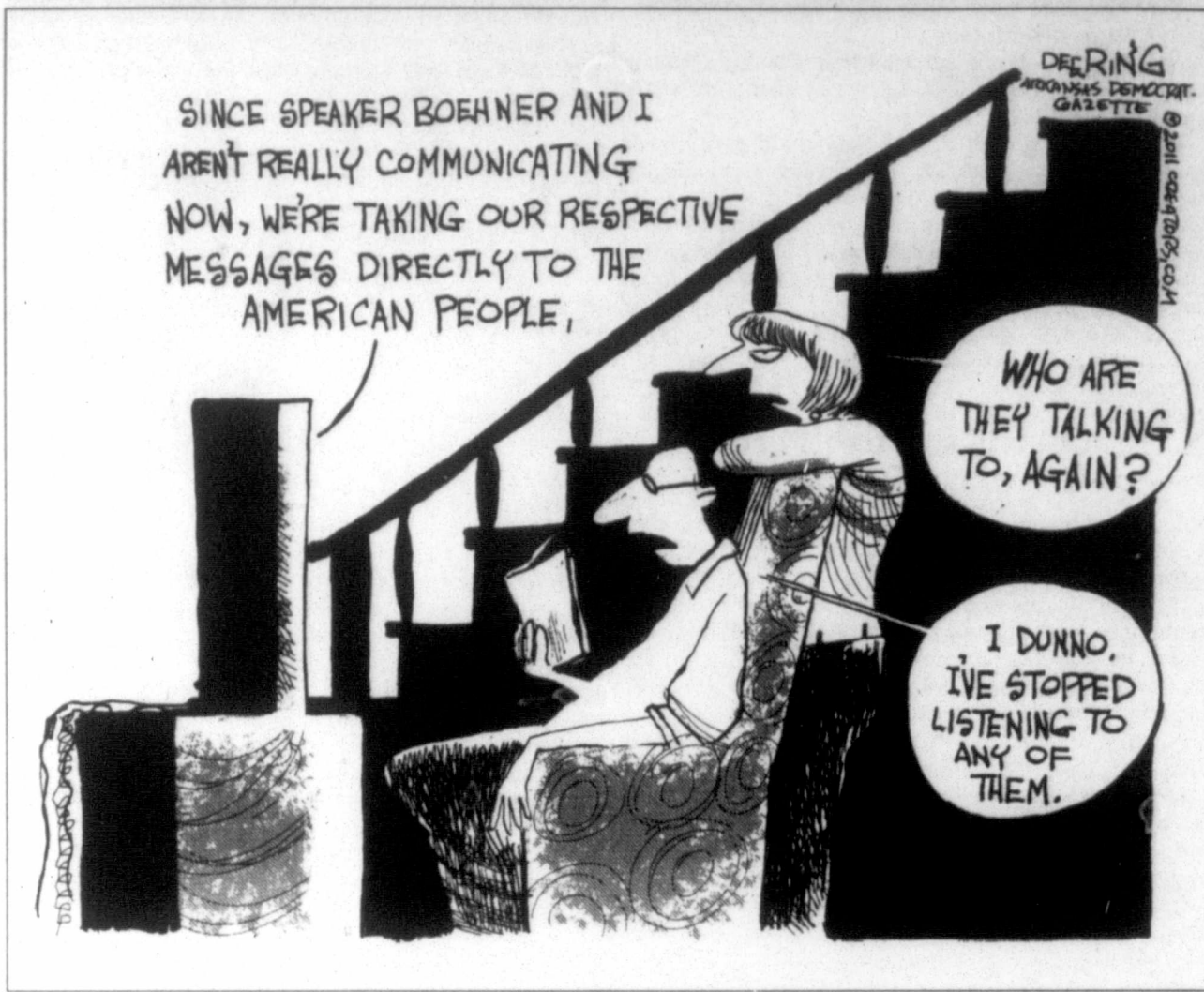
Ten years ago: Alejandro Toledo, Peru's first freely elected president of Indian descent, was sworn into office.

Five years ago: Actor-director Mel Gibson went into an anti-Semitic tirade as he was being arrested on the Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu, Calif., for suspicion of driving while drunk; Gibson later apologized and was sentenced to probation and alcohol treatment.

One year ago: A federal judge put most of Arizona's toughest-in-the-nation immigration law on hold just hours before it was to take effect.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Andrew V. McLaglen is 91. Actor Darryl Hickman is 80. Ballet dancer-choreographer Jacques d'Amboise is 77. Art critic Robert Hughes is 73. Musical conductor Riccardo Muti is 70. Former Senator and NBA Hall of Famer Bill Bradley is 68. "Garfield" creator Jim Davis is 66. Singer Jonathan Edwards is 65. Actress Linda Kelsey is 65. TV producer Dick Ebersol is 64. Actress Sally Struthers is 63. Actress Georgia Engel is 63. Rock musician Simon Kirke (Bad Company) is 62. Rock musician Steve Morse (Deep Purple) is 57. CBS anchorman Scott Pelley is 54. Alt-country-rock musician Marc Perlman is 50. Actor Michael Hayden is 48. Actress Lori Loughlin is 47. Jazz musician-producer Delfeayo Marsalis is 46. Actress Elizabeth Berkley is 39. Singer Afroman is 37. Country musician Todd Anderson (Heartland) is 36. Rock singer Jacoby Shaddix (Papa Roach) is 35. Country singer Carly Goodwin is 30. Actor Dustin Milligan is 26. Actor Nolan Gerard Funk is 25. Rapper Soulja Boy is 21.

Thought for Today: "Beware of monotony; it's the mother of all the deadly sins." — Edith Wharton, American author (1862-1937).



Perry's Texas has jobs, but also luck

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SAN ANTONIO (AP) — In Vernon, Calif., billboards and radio ads bought by the city in suburban Los Angeles portray Texas Gov. Rick Perry as some kind of unstoppable, job-lassoing marauder — an image Perry himself would no doubt embrace if he decided to run for president.

"This just in," begin the radio spots, which started airing in June, "Texas Gov. Rick Perry is urging Vernon's 1,800 employers to move their 55,000-plus jobs from California to Texas." Beneath the voiceover, an emergency siren wails.

When it comes to attracting jobs, are Perry and Texas really such a force to be reckoned with?

That question is stirring discussion around the country these days, especially in political circles, as Texas markets itself as a job mecca and as Perry ponders whether to run for president in an election that will be focused on jobs and the economy. During a decade that included a national recession, Texas added a million jobs, more than almost every other state combined.

Perry talks about his state's jobs record everywhere he goes as he weighs his future. He even mentions it where he doesn't go — like California's Vernon, where the city's businesses received letters from Perry urging an exodus to Texas, which Perry called, "America's new land of opportunity."

But the story behind the big Texas numbers is more complicated than the triumph of one state's conservative economic strategy of low taxes and minimal regulation, according to conservative, liberal and nonpartisan experts.

Rather, the surge reflects a combination of luck, location and a low cost of living, only some of which any politician can claim credit for. How much stems from a business-friendly environment or Perry specifically is debated by economists.

"In politics, economic development, and bird hunting the rule 'Shoot anything that flies, claim anything that falls' seems to apply," said Terry Clower, director of the Center for Economic Development and Research at the University of North Texas.

Also, the picture wasn't entirely rosy. Many of Texas' new jobs are low-paying. The state shares the nation's highest proportion of minimum-wage workers. And not everyone there is employed. The unemployment rate, at 8.2 percent last month, was higher than more than two dozen other states.

But Texas still has plenty to brag about. Since June of 2009, when the U.S. emerged from the recession, Texas had 45 percent of the nation's job growth, according to the Federal Reserve

Bank of Dallas.

According to employment data, a major source of the state's new jobs has been its perennial economic mainstay, oil and gas. Record oil prices that surged to \$145 a barrel in 2008 propped up the Texas economy while the rest of the country was sagging, said Mine Yucel, vice president of the Dallas Fed. Texas oil and gas employment grew by nearly 60 percent since January 2001. While accounting for only a small part of the state's work force, the industry generates robust pay checks and throws off income to other businesses that spurs more hiring.

But rich natural resources and price spikes don't say much about the wisdom of a state's governing philosophy. Nor do proximity to an international border and the Gulf of Mexico, with their trade and tourism benefits. Of Texas' good fortune, said Yucel, "Some of it is God-given."

Over the last decade, comparatively cheap housing and a low cost of living also helped to make Texas among the nation's fastest-growing states, with the population jumping 20.6 percent to 25 million. About one in five new residents moved from other states while about 25 percent were immigrants. Meanwhile, jobs in health care, government, and leisure and hospitality grew steadily, according to U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

That influx is where Perry and his supporters cite the impact of Texas' low-tax, low-regulation policies.

"This isn't rocket science," Perry said this month at an announcement that video game maker Electronic Arts was bringing more than 300 new jobs to Austin. "You keep taxes relatively low, you have a regulatory climate that's fair and predictable, a legal system that doesn't allow for oversuing and you have institutions of higher learning ... who allow for these innovative programs to be developed because of the curriculum that they put in the schools."

But the relationship between people arriving and jobs appearing is a murky one.

"It is a chicken-and-egg kind of thing," said Steve Murdock, the former Texas state demographer. "You won't get people without employment. Even if your job isn't what you wanted it to be, you go to where you find jobs. There haven't been a lot of other strong parts of the country to go."

Texas' standing as one of only seven states with no personal income tax is a well-known attraction. The Texas Public Policy Foundation, a conservative think tank with close ties to Perry, puts the state's overall tax burden at 8.4 percent, compared to 9.7 percent nationally. The state also has a business-friendly regulatory environment.

Perry claims credit for maintaining those longstanding policies since he became governor in 2000 and also for passing tort reform legislation in 2003 that limited medical lawsuits. Supporters point to a 57 percent jump in physician applications just three years later. However, Clower and other economists say businesses don't often rank tort reform as a top factor in choosing business locations.

Texas has one of the nation's most aggressive business recruitment funds. The Texas Enterprise Fund, created by Perry, has given businesses more than \$435 million in grants and financial incentives since 2003, according to Perry's office, which claims credit for 58,000 new jobs. Whether the funds often give money to companies that are actually making decisions for other reasons is much debated among economists. "Lots of states try to argue these are incentives, these are changing the game for a lot of companies. We don't find much evidence in that," said Thomas Cafcas, a researcher at the Washington-based nonprofit Good Jobs First.

Texas' low cost of living is attractive for workers, but also important because many new jobs don't pay much. About 9.5 percent of Texas hourly workers are paid at or below minimum wage, tying Mississippi for the highest percentage in the nation. Nationally, Texas ranked 34th in median household income from 2007 to 2009. Fortunately, the median house price in Texas last year was \$135,000, well below average nationally.

Mark Dotzour, chief economist of the Texas A&M University Real Estate Center, said there's nothing wrong with low-paying job growth. "Low-wage jobs are part of the global economy," he said. "The only people who cast aspersions on low-wage jobs are people who don't understand how the global economy works."

Perry's argument about the job attraction of Texas' schools may soon be put to the test. This year, the Texas Legislature stared down a \$27 billion state budget shortfall in part by cutting public school funding by \$4 billion. Class sizes will grow in many schools this year and popular electives will be eliminated.

Also, layoffs in public schools and state agencies could chip away at the state's 10-million plus jobs. Clower said some estimates put the cuts at 100,000 workers.

But out in Vernon, Calif., city leaders are convinced Texas is worth fretting about. Its ads were mostly a message to budget-cutting California lawmakers that jobs in the city were at stake.

Even if other states don't fight back against Perry's claim to be the job creator, "that's what he'll be," MacFarlane said. "Perception is nine-tenths reality."

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For some guests, your pet may not be the life of the party

Pets are prized pals in many households. However, guests invited over for a special occasion who are not as enamored with animals may not be anxious about sharing party space with Fido or the family feline. In such instances, it's up to the host to make guests feel more comfortable.



If young children will be in attendance, it can be a good idea to keep pets secured in another area as a precaution. Even the best-behaved pets may become skittish with a lot of people around and act out of character. Young children are prone to pulling on dogs' ears or engaging in chase and teasing behaviors. Because as party host you'll have to divide your attention among many things, you do not want to have to worry about the interaction between pets and children. Pets that have some behavioral issues should

definitely be separated from guests for safety's sake. Some pet parents find that bringing pets to a boarder or pet daycare on the day of their party is a wise idea. This way the pet is away from the commotion and he or she can enjoy time with other animals. Parties can be stressful for animals as well. Keeping them away from the situation may be the most ideal solution. Should guests be comfortable with pets around, be sure they are aware of some house rules. This includes not feeding the animal any table scraps or whatever else

In the days leading up to the party, consult guests about any pet allergies. If a person who will be coming over is allergic to cats or dogs, thoroughly clean and air out the house. Regardless of how diligent a host is, it only takes a little bit of an irritant to trigger an allergic reaction.

As a courtesy to guests who are a little intimidated by pets, keep the dog or cat in a separate room. Be sure to feed and walk the animal prior to company coming over so he or she will be comfortable. Do not yell at the pet or make it feel like the seclusion is a punishment.

Creighton joins Perry for bill on tort reform

HOUSTON - Gov. Rick Perry on Wednesday ceremonially signed House Bill 274, which brings important lawsuit reforms to Texas courts, including implementing a loser pays component for frivolous lawsuits in the state. The governor designated this issue as an emergency item for this legislative session.

Perry was joined by Rep. Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe, and state Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Southside Place, for the signing ceremony at the Greater Houston Partnership.

Creighton carried the bill in the Texas House of Representatives for Perry.

"We started this legislative session with a simple goal - to balance our budget while strengthening the job-friendly climate we've fostered over the last decade that has allowed us to set the national pace for job creation," Perry said. "In recent years, we've taken major steps to reform our legal system, and thanks to the leadership of Rep. Creighton, Sen. Huffman and others, Texas passed HB 274 this session, which provides defendants and judges with a variety of tools that will cut down on frivolous claims and expedite justice for the deserving."

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Sports

Football camp gives Pampa coaches a head start

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Football two-a-days aren't until August 1, but the Pampa football coaches got a head start working with some of their players as they held their annual camp that started Monday and ran through today at Harvester Field.

Kaleb Snelgrooves, head coach of the freshman football team, said the camp had a good freshman turnout, adding he is excited about the season.

"We got a good jump start with these kids and learning their names," Snelgrooves said. "We've already started them on what we are going to run."

Coach Matt Embry said the camp is great for the kids.

"They get to work with Coach (Heath) Parker and the varsity staff," Embry said. "When we start two-a-days, they will already know what they should be doing."

Eighth grade coach Jim Gill said they had a lot of incoming seventh and eighth graders and emphasized he is pleased with their work.

"They are working hard," Gill said. "This is a great group of kids. We are

getting an extra week of practice."

Gill said the camp allows him to get an early look at his players' abilities.

"I can sit back and watch and see what each player is capable of," Gill said.

Snelgrooves said he hopes a good camp will yield a good season.

"Last year's group had a good camp, started slow in the season but rattled off seven straight wins," Snelgrooves said. "I don't know what to expect but this group has a good work ethic."

The varsity and junior varsity start practice August 1st. The freshmen start practice August 8. The junior high starts practice on the first day of school.



Gill



Snelgrooves



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Coach Byron May uses Brendon Woelfle, 13, to show campers a drill during the Harvester football camp Wednesday. The camp started Monday and ended today. Over 200 children attended the camp.



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Josh Hubbs works on backpedaling at the Harvester Football camp Wednesday. The camp gave coaches a head start working with their future players.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: "In the Dark in Texas" (May 27) was wondering about the correct way to tilt blinds. Light coming in through a window should not be the deciding factor for which way the blinds close. Privacy should be of highest importance.

After years of living in apartments, I have learned the direction of a blind's slats should change depending on the location of the window.

If the window is on the ground floor, the blind should be closed slats up. Otherwise, people can see in from the floors above. This information is particularly useful in multistory neighborhoods and apartment complexes.

If, however, you are on an upper floor and the slats are up, anyone can see in from the ground floor. For that reason blinds on an upper floor should close slats down.

If you live in the middle, your best bet is curtains. — AZALIAH IN WASHINGTON STATE

DEAR AZALIAH: Readers' views on this subject came from varying perspectives — privacy, light, heat, etc. But the general consensus was the same. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "In the Dark" asked whether blinds should be closed with the slats up or down. As you said, it's a matter of personal preference. However, as a former apartment manager, I can say from experience that closing them with the slats in a downward position will allow in enough sunlight to fade carpets, furniture and drapes. I close mine with the slats up — for privacy and to prevent the fading of items near the window. — FORMER APARTMENT MANAGER IN TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: My husband had a win-

dow treatment store years ago and this is what we learned: If you are upstairs, the slats go down. If you are downstairs, they go up. To check this out, after dark with the lights on inside, go outside and look inside. You will be able to see clearly what is going on in the house. Follow this rule to keep Peeping Toms at bay. — SHANNON IN OLYMPIA, WASH.

DEAR ABBY: It is common knowledge (I thought) that slats tilted up deflect both heat and light. Blinds tilted down let light in from above as well as heat in the summer and cold in the winter.

Like toilet paper rolls, toothpaste tube squeezing and thermostat setting, this is yet another bone of contention in marriage. — COOLING DOWN IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR ABBY: Dust and clothing have started to build up in my bedroom. I have told my mom and she doesn't do anything about it, and I'm tired of telling her! The mess makes it hard to live in. I think she does not love me since she will not do anything about the mess. What should I do? — UNLOVED GIRL IN SPOKANE, WASH.

DEAR UNLOVED GIRL: Your mother does love you. What she's doing is trying to teach you how to be independent. The first thing you should do is pick up the clothes that are lying around in your bedroom. Any items that are soiled should go into the hamper to be washed. The rest should be hung up or folded and put away. Once that's done you will need to clean any surfaces that are dusty, including under the bed. If you don't know how, ask your mother to show you.

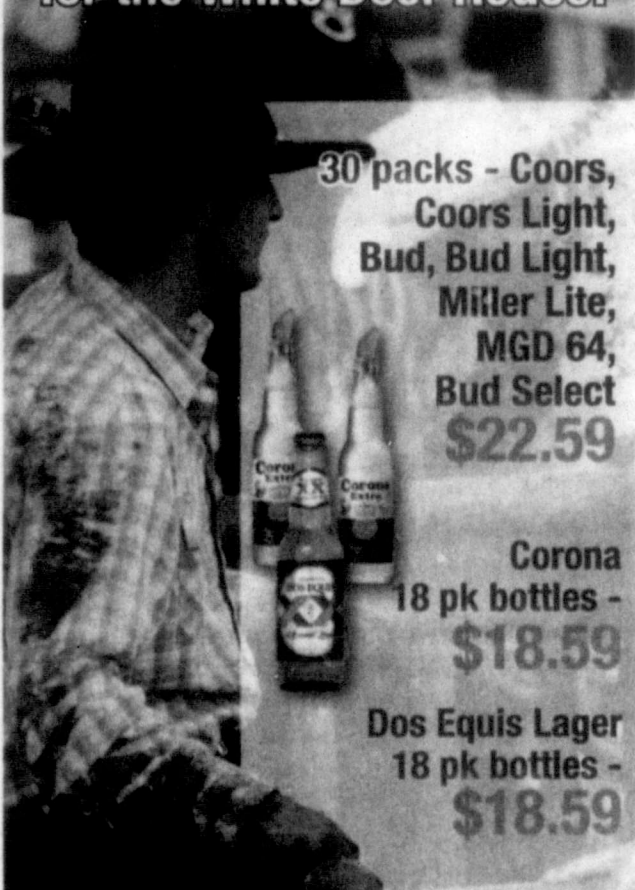
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