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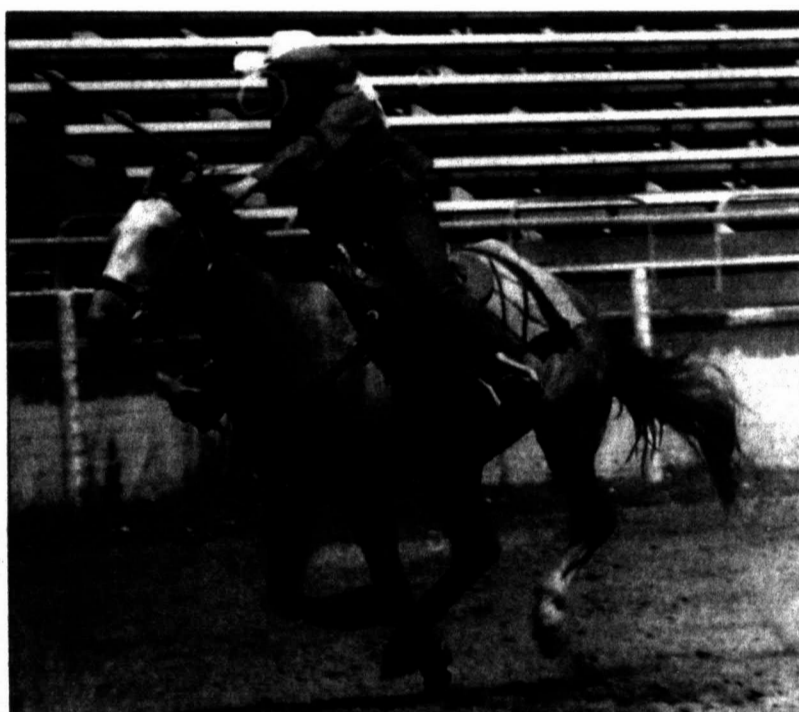
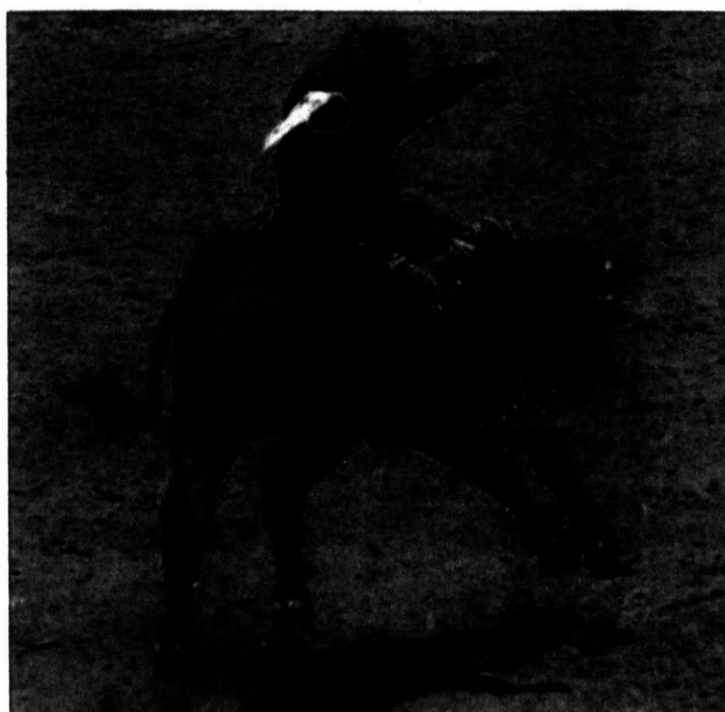
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## YOUTH IS SERVED



**TOP LEFT:** Zane McCoy of Pampa holds on to finish first in Boys Group 5 in bull riding. **TOP RIGHT:** Pampa's Macy Cochran, seen here competing in pole bending, took the All-Around Cowgirl title in Group 6. **BOTTOM:** Remi Didway finished second in her group in pole bending en route to taking the Group 4 All-Around Cowgirl prize.

## Kids take stage at Junior Rodeo

**MOLLIE BRYANT**  
 mbryant@thepampanews.com

On Saturday, young cowboys and cowgirls from all over the Panhandle competed in the Top O' Texas Junior Rodeo.

Shaylee Morris, 18, has been competing since she was two years old. "My family has always done it," she said. Morris competed this year in barrels, pole bending, goat tying, and breakaway. She is also a candidate this year for Top O' Texas Rodeo Queen.

Trevor Hale, 9, competed this year in flags, barrel racing, pole bending, calf riding, and breakaway, his favorite event.

staff photo by **Mollie Bryant**

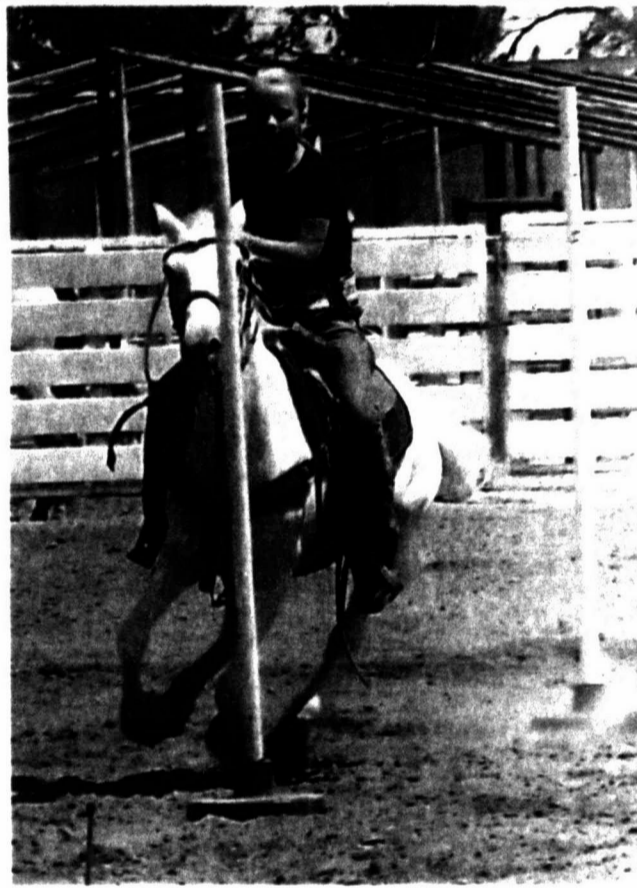
"I just like swinging rope," he said. "I think it's more competitive. It's the hardest but the most fun."

Hale got into the rodeo through his parents. His mother is a jumper horse trainer, and his dad used to swing ropes in the rodeo.

"We all do stuff with horses," he said.

Yasmeen Jones, 10, has been riding horses for the last year. "It's fun and you get to go fast," she said. This year she competed in pole bending, barrel racing, and flags, which is her favorite. She got into it in part because her uncle, Sean Watley, does team roping.

All the kids had a great time this year, but Hale said that calf riding was **RODEO** cont. on page 2



## FSA reminds local farmers of deadline

**ARNIE AURELLANO**  
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Matthew Street, executive director of the Gray County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), wants to remind local producers that they must submit an Adjusted Gross Income verification consent form to the IRS as soon as possible to remain eligible for 2009 and 2010 program benefits.

The consent form (form CCC-927 or CCC-928) authorizes the IRS to verify whether a producer's AGI meets the eligibility requirements for FSA programs. While the form became an eligibility requirement in the 2009 crop year, many participants in USDA programs have not yet submitted it for 2009 and 2010 benefits. Producers must file before next month to remain eligible.

"Producers who fail to file these forms before September 2011 will receive a notice from the National Office stating that the producer is ineligible for 2009 and/or 2010 payments," said Street. "The producer will be responsible for fully refunding all payments received under programs subject to AGI limitations," he said.

Individuals, Street said, must submit form CCC-927. **AGI** cont. on page 2

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS SHARING THE BUZZ



staff photo by **Randy Pribble**

**Bee-Attitude (Rev. Kenny Rigoulot)** talks with Anita Harp, the director of the Summer School of Faith held Friday and Saturday at the Pampa Presbyterian Church. The school involved members of all ages in a study of the Beatitudes.



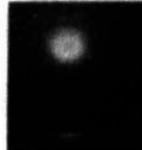
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**PAMPA FORECAST**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		
High 100 Low 72	High 101 Low 72	High 104 Low 73

**Today:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 101. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 72. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 104. Breezy, with a southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 73. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west northwest.

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 100. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east.

**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. Breezy, with a northeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

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**Mexico says top cartel figure captured**

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A former police officer who allegedly admits ordering 1,500 killings during a campaign of terror as a drug gang chieftain along the U.S. border has been captured in northern Mexico, federal officials said Sunday.



Hernandez

Jose Antonio Acosta Hernandez also is a suspect in last year's slaying of a U.S. consulate employee near a border crossing in Ciudad Juarez.

Mexican President Felipe Calderon said through his Twitter account that Acosta's capture is "the biggest blow" to organized crime in Ciudad Juarez since he sent about 5,000 federal police to the city in April 2010 to try to curb violence in one of the world's most dangerous cities.

Acosta, 33, was caught Friday in the northern city of Chihuahua along with his bodyguard, said Ramon Pequeno, head of the federal police anti-drug unit. He did not specify how the capture happened. Acosta's arrest was not confirmed until Sunday, just before officials displayed him to the news media in Mexico City.

Wearing a long-sleeve dress shirt, the short man with a cleft chin and thick eyebrows limped as he was escorted by two masked federal police officers to stand before the cameras.

Pequeno said at the press conference that Acosta, nicknamed "El Diego," told federal police he ordered 1,500 killings. Investigators believe he was the mastermind of an attack last year that killed a U.S. consulate employee, her husband and the husband of another consulate worker in Ciudad Juarez, he said.

U.S. prosecutors also want to try him in that case. A federal indictment filed in the western district of Texas says Acosta and nine others conspired to kill the three. Pequeno said he expects an extradition request from

the U.S. government.

Mexican authorities have identified Acosta as head of La Linea, a gang of hit men and corrupt police officers who act as enforcers for the Juarez Cartel.

Acosta acknowledged he ordered the most notorious crimes such as the detonation of a July 2010 car bomb and a massacre that killed 15 people, mostly teenagers, at a birthday party, both in Ciudad Juarez, Pequeno said.

A former state police officer, Acosta built a criminal empire, not only leading a gang of contract killers for the Juarez Cartel but also extorting businesses and kidnapping for large ransoms, said Tony Payan, an expert on the drug war at the University of Texas-El Paso.

"This is an enforcer and the financial arm of the Juarez Cartel," said Payan, whose research comes from both newspaper accounts and people living in Ciudad Juarez.

Payan said Acosta's law enforcement past explains how the cartel could gather intelligence using informants within local police forces.

Payan also said Acosta's arrest could reduce the number of murders in Juarez, where more than 3,000 homicides were recorded last year.

"He was a very hands-on manager that was practically involved in the management and organization, personally brokering every single activity and every single murder," Payan said. "This may be the break that we have all been waiting for."

It may also weaken an already shattered Juarez Cartel, he said.

The cartel, allegedly led by Vicente Carrillo Fuentes, has been losing ground to the Sinaloa drug trafficking organization, headed by Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman in a three-year battle over the border city's smuggling corridors. But Carrillo Fuentes and alleged top lieutenant Juan Pablo Ledezma remain at large.



staff photo by Mollie Bryant

Mycle Brandy holds up one of the shoes that he has worn out on his walk across America. Brandy started out on Valentine's Day from Newport Beach, Calif., and hopes to arrive in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 10.

**Rodeo**

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especially difficult this time around. "The calves were rough this year," he said. "I've never known calves to buck like that."

**Top O' Texas Junior Rodeo Results**

- Tie Down Roping, Boys Group 6**  
 First: Wyatt Sims, Happy  
 Second: Wesley Sims - Happy
- Tie Down Roping, Boys Group 7**  
 First: Spencer Nicholson, Lefors
- Breakaway Roping, Boys Group 3**  
 First: Trevor Hale, Perryton
- Breakaway Roping, Girls Group 4**  
 First: London Lowrey, Pampa  
 Second: Robbyn Wells, Hereford  
 Third: Lexi Didway - Pampa
- Breakaway Roping, Girls Group 5**  
 First: Rilee Didway, Pampa
- Breakaway Roping, Boys Group 5**  
 First: Ben Tucker - Canyon
- Breakaway Roping, Girls Group 6**  
 First: Macy Cochran - Pampa  
 Second: Bailey Wichert - Pampa
- Breakaway Roping, Girls Group 7**  
 First: Shayley Morriss, Lefors
- Breakaway Roping, Boys Group 7**  
 First: Spencer Nicholson - Lefors
- Barrel Race, Girls Group 3**  
 First: Gracie Tucker - Canyon  
 Second: Maggie Hernandez - Pampa  
 Third: Caden Carter - Mclean
- Barrel Race, Boys Group 3**  
 First: Trevor Hale, Perryton  
 Second: Gus Gaillard - Morse
- Barrel Race, Girls Group 4**  
 First: Third: Didway, Pampa  
 Second: London Lowrey, Pampa  
 Third: Lexi Didway, Pampa
- Barrel Race, Boys Group 4**  
 First: Colt Quisenberry, Miami  
 Second: Justin Thomas - Pampa
- Barrel Race, Girls Group 5**  
 First: Rilee Didway - Pampa  
 Second: Sam Spillers, Amarillo

- Third: Ariel Cambern - Pampa
- Barrel Race, Boys Group 5**  
 First: Ben Tucker - Canyon
- Barrel Race, Girls Group 6**  
 First: Macy Cochran, Pampa  
 Second: Marlee Youree - Pampa
- Barrel Race, Girls Group 7**  
 First: Lesley Chester - Pampa
- Flag Race, Girls Group 3**  
 First: Gracie Tucker - Canyon  
 Second: Caden Carter - Mclean  
 Third: Riley Patterson - Pampa
- Flag Race, Boys Group 3**  
 First: Caden Ensey, Pampa  
 Second: Trevor Hale - Perryton
- Flag Race, Girls Group 4**  
 First: Shadi Nettles, Dacoma, Ok  
 Second: Taylor May, Pampa  
 Third: Third: Didway - Pampa
- Flag Race, Boys Group 4**  
 First: Justin Thomas, Pampa  
 Second: Colt Quisenberry - Miami
- Flag Race, Boys Group 6**  
 First: Wesley Sims, Happy  
 Second: Wyatt Sims, Happy
- Ribbon Roping, Boys Group 6**  
 First: Wesley Sims - Happy
- Ribbon Roping, Boys Group 7**  
 First: Spencer Nicholson - Lefors
- Pole Bending, Girls Group 3**  
 First: Gracie Tucker - Canyon  
 Second: Maggie Hernandez - Pampa  
 Third: Caden Carter, Mclean
- Pole Bending, Boys Group 3**  
 First: Trevor Hale - Perryton
- Pole Bending, Girls Group 4**  
 First: Shadi Nettles, Dacoma, Ok  
 Second: Third: Didway, Pampa  
 Third: Lexi Didway - Pampa
- Pole Bending, Girls Group 5**  
 First: Matty Wells - Hereford  
 Second: Sam Spillers - Amarillo
- Pole Bending, Girls Group 6**  
 First: Kristina Brown, Pampa  
 Second: Macy Cochran - Pampa
- Pole Bending, Girls Group 7**  
 First: Shayley Morriss - Lefors
- Bull Riding, Boys Group 5**

- First: Zane McCoy - Pampa
- Goat Tying, Girls Group 3**  
 First: Maggie Hernandez - Pampa
- Goat Tying, Girls Group 4**  
 First: Third: Didway, Pampa  
 Second: Sierra Sharp, Adrian  
 Third: Blaine Carroll - Crowell
- Goat Tying, Boys Group 4**  
 First: Braydon Oxley - Pampa
- Goat Tying, Girls Group 5**  
 First: Rilee Didway - Pampa  
 Second: Matty Wells, Hereford
- Goat Tying, Girls Group 6**  
 First: Bailey Wichert - Pampa  
 Second: Marlee Youree, Pampa
- Goat Tying, Girls Group 7**  
 First: Cheyenne Tull, Stinnett
- Adult/Youth Team Roping**  
 First: Bodee Baldwin/Brokk Baldwin - Amarillo

- ALL-AROUND TITLES:**
- Group 3**  
 All-Around Cowgirl: Gracie Tucker, Canyon  
 All-Around Cowboy: Trevor Hale, Perryton
  - Group 4**  
 All-Around Cowgirl: Third: Didway, Pampa  
 All-Around Cowboy: Justin Thomas, Pampa
  - Group 5**  
 All-Around Cowgirl: Rilee Didway, Pampa  
 All-Around Cowboy: Ben Tucker, Canyon
  - Group 6**  
 All-Around Cowgirl: Macy Cochran, Pampa  
 All-Around Cowboy: Wesley Sims, Happy
  - Group 7**  
 All-Around Cowgirl: Shayley Morriss, Lefors  
 All-Around Cowboy: Spencer Nicholson, Lefors

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**AGI**

Failure to file the forms will result in interruption of USDA program payments, he added. The consent forms are required for payments received from the National

Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as well as the FSA. For more information, call the Gray County FSA at 806-665-6561.

**BANANAGRAMS!**

Add an **S** to each of the words below and then rearrange the letters in each word to form a new six-letter word.

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Yesterday's Answer: ECSTATIC, HOMESICK, INSECURE

**Sudoku**

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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2	1	3	7	8	9	4	6	5

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## AFTERNOONRUSH

### Officials probe grass fires

AMARILLO (AP) — Potter County officials are investigating a series of grass fires they believe were intentionally set with fireworks.

Authorities in the Panhandle county are looking into an estimated 10 rural grass fires set early Thursday and Friday. Two were ignited after someone placed fireworks inside mailboxes. Others may have started when Roman candles were shot out of moving vehicles into dry grass.

Given the extremely hot, dry conditions this summer, authorities are concerned that the small fires could grow into a catastrophic event. The sheriff's office is asking the public's help in seeking information about the fires.

Amarillo is the county seat of Potter County.

### Gulf production being restored

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The federal agency that oversees offshore oil and gas drilling says operators are restoring production in the Gulf of Mexico following the passage of Tropical Storm Don.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement said data from offshore operator reports submitted as of 11:30 a.m. Saturday showed that, as the storm approached, workers were evacuated from 62 of the 617 manned production platforms in the Gulf; and from two of the 62 drilling rigs.

The National Hurricane Center downgraded Don to a depression Friday night as the weak disturbance came ashore over ranch lands near Baffin Bay in Texas.

The bureau estimated that approximately 10.9 percent of the current oil production in the Gulf of Mexico was shut-in, and about 6.6 percent of natural gas production.

### State holds on to funds

AUSTIN (AP) — During one of its worst heat waves, the state of Texas is holding onto millions of dollars that was intended to help hundreds of thousands of elderly and poor residents pay their electric bills.

The Dallas Morning News reported Saturday that the state this fiscal year has collected \$130 million designated to help offset the rise in electrical use. But it has provided only \$28 million so far to those who need it, and without the assistance, some Texans do without air conditioning and risk their health.

Texas is spending only half as much as it did to help the poor and elderly survive the summer months a decade ago.

The reason: State lawmakers have locked away the money to deal with the budget shortfall.

### Perry reiterates marriage stance

DENVER (AP) — Potential Republican presidential candidate Gov. Rick Perry of Texas repeated his personal opposition to gay marriage in a speech to conservatives in Denver Friday.

But Perry didn't backtrack on his statement last week in Aspen that New York's recent decision to allow gay marriage is "their business." That's despite a direct attack earlier in the evening from a rival GOP presidential hopeful, former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, who took Perry to task for the comment.

"There are some in our party who say, 'Well, if someone in New York wants to have gay marriage, that's fine with me.' ... States do not have the right to destroy the American family," Santorum said to applause from many of the 1,000 conservatives gathered at the Western Conservative Summit.

Perry, who spoke after Santorum, simply told the crowd that the traditional definition of marriage "suits Texas and this governor just fine."

### Man gets five life sentences

WACO (AP) — A Central Texas man has been sentenced to five consecutive life sentences for the sexual assault of a young girl with developmental disabilities last year.

A state district court jury in Waco deliberated about 45 minutes Friday before returning the maximum penalty against 35-year-old Torie Eugene Ricks. A day earlier, jurors found Ricks of Speegleville guilty of five counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

The Waco Tribune-Herald reports the girl, who's now 8 years old, is considered physically and mentally disabled because of abuse she suffered when she was younger.

Testimony indicated Ricks has a felony conviction for robbery and misdemeanor convictions for criminal trespass, evading detention, possession of marijuana, failure to identify to a police officer and theft.

### Norman woman found dead

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Police in Norman say a woman has been found dead in her home by a neighbor.

Lt. Lance Arnold told The Norman Transcript a neighbor found the body about 7 p.m. Saturday. The woman's name was not released.

Arnold said the neighbor was checking on the woman because she had not been in several days.

Arnold said the death does not appear suspicious. He said it's not known if the death is heat-related.

The state medical examiner's office has confirmed at least nine heat-related deaths in Oklahoma this summer. Autopsies are pending on seven more possible heat-related deaths.

### Motion delays author's sentence

PRESCOTT, Ariz. (AP) — The defense motion requesting a new trial is delaying the sentencing of a self-help author who led a deadly Arizona sweat lodge ceremony.

A jury convicted James Arthur Ray on June 22 on three counts of negligent homicide in the deaths of three people in October 2009. They were among dozens who participated in the ceremony Ray led near Sedona.

Prosecutors say Ray faces up to nine years in prison. He's also eligible for probation.

Ray was scheduled to be sentenced July 25. But defense attorneys filed a motion for a new trial based on what they claimed was egregious misconduct by prosecutors.

The Daily Courier says oral arguments are scheduled Aug. 16. If Judge Warren Darrow rules against a new trial, the next step will be a presentence hearing.

## It never hurts to try for disability benefits

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### Social Security and you

Q. I am 55 years old and have had the same job for about 35 years. I was laid off about six months ago. I have tried looking for other work, but so far I have been unsuccessful. I suppose I could find work at low-end entry-level jobs. But I'd really like something similar to my old job and one that offers similar pay and benefits. However, my job search is hindered by the fact that I've had severe back pain for many years. I always worked in spite of this pain. My wife and family say that I should file for Social Security disability benefits. So far, I've been reluctant. What chance do you think I would have of qualifying for disability?

A. Well, I can tell you that you will have zero chance if you never file! In other words, it certainly doesn't hurt to apply for disability benefits. What's to lose? At the most, maybe just a couple of hours of your time.

But here is the key thing you need to understand about Social Security disability law: You don't qualify for benefits because you have a disability. You qualify for benefits if you have a disability that keeps you from working. The inability to work is the deciding factor. There are millions of people who have "disabilities" — everything from blindness to heart trouble to cancer — but they are still working. Because of that, they don't qualify for Social Security disability benefits.

Specifically, the law says that to get disability, you must have an impairment that is so severe that it is expected to keep you from working for at least a year, or a disability that is terminal.

My hunch is if you were offered a job tomorrow, especially one that paid you as much as your old job did, you'd take it. In other words, Social Security law possibly might consider you more "unemployed" than "disabled."

But having said that, I come

back to my original response: It certainly doesn't hurt to file for such benefits. Tens of thousands of folks in your shoes do so every month.

Applying for Social Security disability involves filling out a bunch of forms. You can do so online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov), or you can call 800-772-1213 and apply over the phone. You will also be given the option of filing in person at your local Social Security Administration office.

You will be asked to provide names of doctors and others who have treated you. SSA will contact those medical sources to get your records. There is a pretty good chance you will be asked to see a "Social Security doctor" at the government's expense. Then you will wait two or three months for the agency's decision. If it's yes, the checks start rolling in. (The amount would essentially be your age 66 retirement benefit.) If it's no, you can either appeal or continue looking for work and accept the fact that, at least according to Social Security law, you are unemployed and not disabled.

Q. I am planning to file for disability benefits because of a bad case of fibromyalgia. However, I've been told I will need a lawyer, or I will never get benefits. What's your recommendation?

A. You may need a lawyer someday, but certainly not now. Filing your first claim for Social Security disability benefits is just a matter of filling out a bunch of forms and then sitting back and waiting a couple of months for SSA to decide whether you qualify for benefits. You could hire a lawyer to help fill out those forms and then perhaps hold your hand while you wait for the decision. But that

really would be a waste of money. If your claim is denied, and assuming you disagree with that decision, you should ask SSA to review your case. Even at that point, a lawyer probably isn't needed. That's because often times the first appeal is simply a cursory review of your case by SSA officials.

However, if they turn you down again, then you can file another appeal. This second level of appeal usually results in a hearing before what SSA calls an "administrative law judge." It's at this point that many people hire lawyers. If you look in the Yellow Pages of the phone directory for any decent-sized city, you will find dozens of attorneys who specialize in Social Security disability cases.

You don't really need representation. With enough preparation, you could go to the hearing yourself and make your case before the judge. But statistics show that people represented by lawyers at Social Security disability hearings stand a better chance of winning their cases. The downside to "lawyering up" is that you will have to turn over 25 percent of any retroactive Social Security payments to your attorney.

Finally, here is a bit of advice that may help you get Social Security disability benefits. When you file, don't just list the fibromyalgia problem you mentioned in your e-mail as your only disability. Put down every medical and mental problem you might have, no matter how trivial it may seem to you — whether it's a little hearing problem, trouble sleeping, mental anxiety or whatever. Many times it is a combination of impairments that puts a person over the edge and makes him or her qualify for benefits.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at [thomas.margenau@comcast.net](mailto:thomas.margenau@comcast.net).

## Texas waiting, watching debt showdown

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas officials are watching the showdown in Washington carefully and waiting for some hint of how it may affect the state if a deal isn't reached by Tuesday.

Obama administration officials say that without legislation in place, the federal Treasury will no longer be able to pay all its bills. The result could inflict significant damage on the economy, they add, causing interest rates to rise and financial markets to sink. But Gov. Rick Perry has questioned the severity of crisis, calling the administration's claims "a bit of a stretch."

Unlike most states, federal funds to Texas flow directly to state agencies. The largest recipient is the Health and Human Services Commission, which also said it was too early to know how to react.

"We're like everyone else, watching what's going

on there in Washington, hoping that there is some development," said Geoff Wool, spokesman for the agency. "We need to get direction from the federal government as to how they would handle a situation where there is no agreement. So far we haven't gotten any clear direction on that."

Any cuts in federal funding for Medicaid, which provides health care for the poor and disabled, would likely not be immediate, Wool said, giving the agency time to make adjust-

ments to its budget.

But the governor sees no need to start planning for a possible federal default, said Perry spokeswoman Catherine Frazier.

"It's too early to be talking about contingency plans because there is still time for Congress to take action, and the governor expects them to do their jobs and to reach an agreement, even

if that agreement is short term," Frazier said Friday.

Texas ranks near the bottom in government spending per citizen, and it relies on federal money much less than many other states, making it less reliant on the federal government. That was reflected in a recent report by Moody's Investor Services, a credit rating agency.

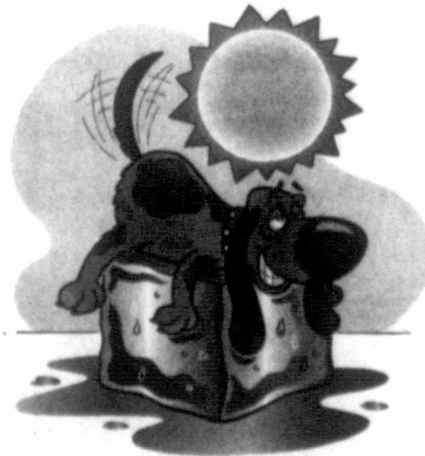
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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Monday, Aug. 1, the 213th day of 2011. There are 152 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 1, 1911, Harriet Quimby became the first woman to receive a U.S. pilot's certificate from the Aero Club of America.

### On this date:

In 1714, Britain's Queen Anne died at age 49; she was succeeded by George I.

In 1876, Colorado was admitted as the 38th state.

In 1894, the First Sino-Japanese War erupted.

In 1907, the U.S. Army Signal Corps established an aeronautical division, the forerunner of the U.S. Air Force.

In 1936, the Summer Olympics opened in Berlin with a ceremony presided over by Adolf Hitler.

In 1944, an uprising broke out in Warsaw, Poland, against Nazi occupation; the revolt lasted two months before collapsing.

In 1946, President Harry S. Truman signed the Fulbright Program into law. The Atomic Energy Commission was established.

In 1971, the Concert for Bangladesh, organized by George Harrison and Ravi Shankar, took place at New York's Madison Square Garden.

In 1981, the rock music video channel MTV made its debut.

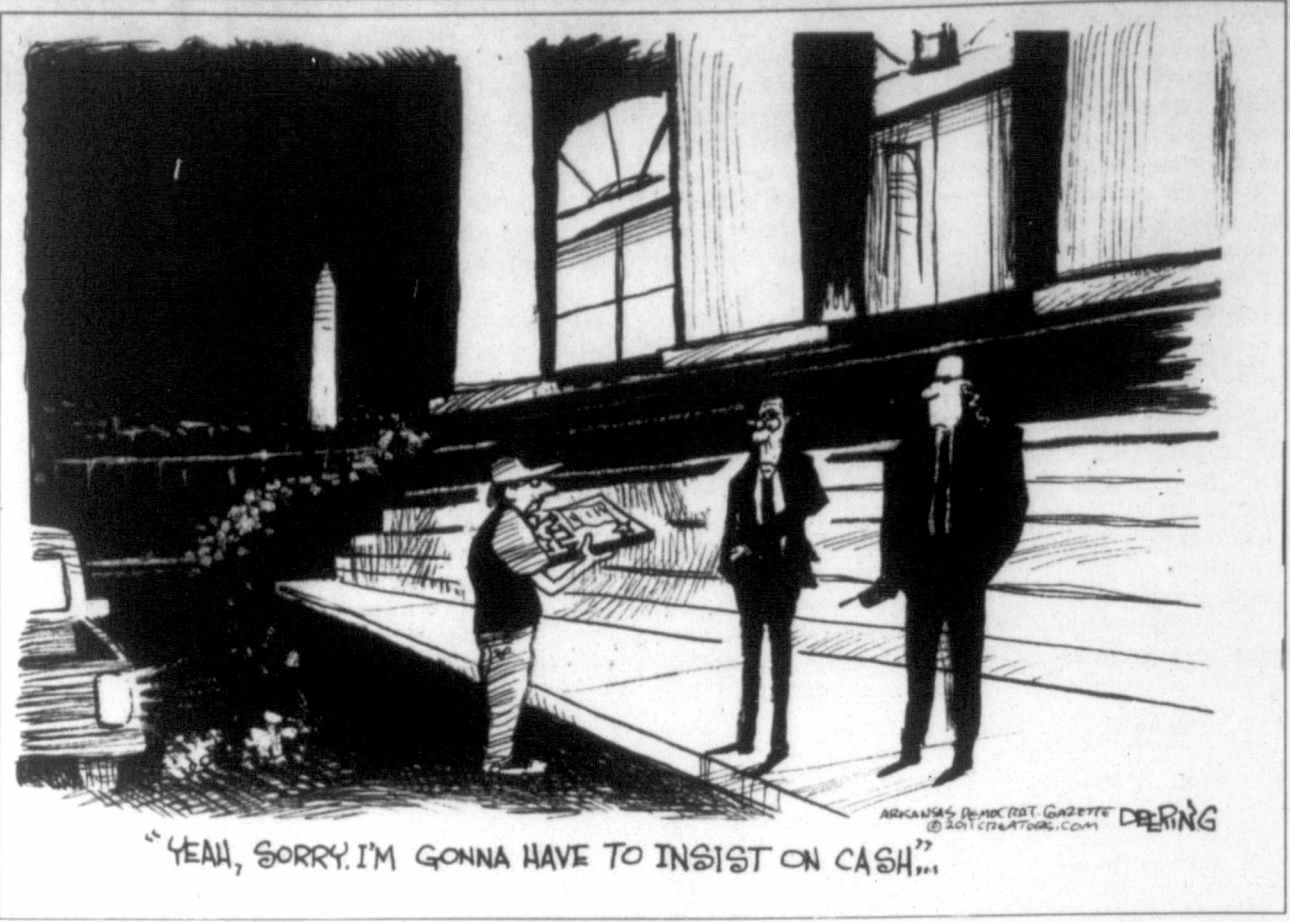
**Ten years ago:** The Federal Trade Commission cleared the way for PepsiCo to acquire Quaker Oats for about \$13.4 billion in stock.

**Five years ago:** Mel Gibson issued a statement in which he denied being a bigot; he also apologized to "everyone in the Jewish community for the vitriolic and harmful words" he'd used when he was arrested for investigation of drunken driving. Fidel Castro released a statement a day after temporarily ceding power to his brother Raul in which he sought to reassure Cubans that his health was stable after intestinal surgery.

**One year ago:** The United States announced that it would provide Pakistan with \$10 million in humanitarian assistance in the wake of deadly flooding.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor-director Geoffrey Holder is 81. Singer Ramblin' Jack Elliott is 80. Cartoonist Tom Wilson (retired creator of "Ziggy") is 80. Former Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., is 74. Actor Giancarlo Giannini is 69. Basketball Hall of Fame coach Roy Williams is 61. Blues singer-musician Robert Cray is 58. Singer Michael Penn is 53. Rock singer Joe Elliott (Def Leppard) is 52. Rock singer-musician Suzi Gardner (L7) is 51. Rapper Chuck D (Public Enemy) is 51. Actor Jesse Borrego is 49. Rapper Coolio is 48. Actor John Carroll Lynch is 48. Rock singer Adam Duritz (Counting Crows) is 47. Movie director Sam Mendes is 46. Country singer George Ducas is 45. Country musician Charlie Kelley is 43. Actress Jennifer Gareis is 41. Actor Charles Malik Whitfield is 39. Actress Tempestt Bledsoe is 38. Actor Jason Momoa is 32. Singer Ashley Parker Angel is 30. Actress Taylor Fry is 30. Actor Elijah Kelley is 25. Actor James Francis Kelly is 22.

**Thought for Today:** "As scarce as truth is, the supply is always greater than the demand." —"Josh Billings" (Henry Wheeler Shaw), American author (1818-1885).



## GOP wins when the fight is on cuts, not taxes

Everyone seems pretty cross at this juncture in the fight over raising the debt limit. As this is written, the House has just passed the bill that Speaker John Boehner yanked from the floor Thursday night and then revised with a balanced-budget amendment on Friday. The Senate has yet to pass Majority Leader Harry Reid's measure that in many but not all respects is not that much different.

It looks like the Senate will approve Reid's measure and that the two bills, framed in a way that makes compromise relatively easy, will be melded into one version that could be passed by bipartisan majorities of both houses in time to meet the supposedly hard deadline of Tuesday, Aug. 2.

But it's not certain everything will work out, and in the meantime nobody's very happy about the whole situation.

Democrats seem especially unhappy. They could have avoided the fight in the first place by raising the debt ceiling in the lame duck session in December, when they had large majorities in both houses of Congress.

But they decided not to. Reid's comments then suggested that he expected the issue to split the House Republicans, pitting the leadership against the 87 Tea Party-sympathizing freshmen. The leaders would have to agree to a tax increase in order to get a deal, with a party schism like the one that followed George H.W. Bush's agreement to a tax increase in 1990.

That didn't happen. Instead Reid abandoned his demand for a tax increase. The reason, I think, is that he hasn't had a 50-vote majority for a tax increase in the Senate, just as Senate Democrats haven't been able to pass a budget.

All of which left Barack Obama



MICHAEL BARONE

looking somewhat ridiculous when he called for more taxes in his televised speech Monday night. When you're trying to show you're leading and your followers have already gone off in another direction, you tend to look like something other than a leader.

Some Democrats, in frustration, have said House Republicans are acting "almost like a dictatorship" or are using "terrorist tactics." But in opposing tax increases, House Republicans are just being true to the voters who gave them in November 2010 a larger majority than they have won since 1946.

Other Democrats have taken to blaming Obama. Robert Reich, labor secretary in the Clinton administration, decries an empty bully pulpit. Paul Krugman, the trade economist who writes partisan vitriol for The New York Times, talks about a centrist cop-out.

Such complaints seem to ignore a lesson that Democrats were happy to teach Republicans after November 2008: Elections have consequences.

Our Constitution does not allow the Republicans, who won big in 2010, to immediately repeal Obamacare and pare back spending to 2007 levels, and they're pretty frustrated about that. Enough of them remained obstinate to prevent Boehner's bill from passing Thursday and to push him to include a provision supposedly forcing passage of a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget.

All of which weakens Boehner's

bargaining position and may mean a final bill less tilted to Republican demands. But, as many Democrats note, the battle is being fought over how much spending to cut, which means that Republicans are winning. The question is just how much.

Democrats went into this fight with a precedent in mind, the budget fight between President Clinton and Speaker Newt Gingrich in 1995-96. The conventional wisdom is that Clinton won that fight and Republicans lost.

That's not quite right: After shifting to noticeably more moderate policies, Clinton was re-elected in 1996, but Republicans lost few House seats and held onto their congressional majorities at the same time.

The difference this time is that Obama has not shifted policies noticeably, but instead has seemed to position himself as a complainer on the sidelines, asking voters to call their congressman. He has presented no specific plan of his own. His chief of staff reports that he hasn't spoken at all to Boehner lately.

Just as he left the specifics of the stimulus package and Obamacare to congressional Democrats, so he has left the framing of an alternative to Harry Reid, whose Senate Democrats haven't passed a budget resolution in two years.

On Friday, the Gallup poll showed Obama's job approval down to 40 percent, the lowest of his presidency. Voters are cross with everybody, but he has the most to lose.

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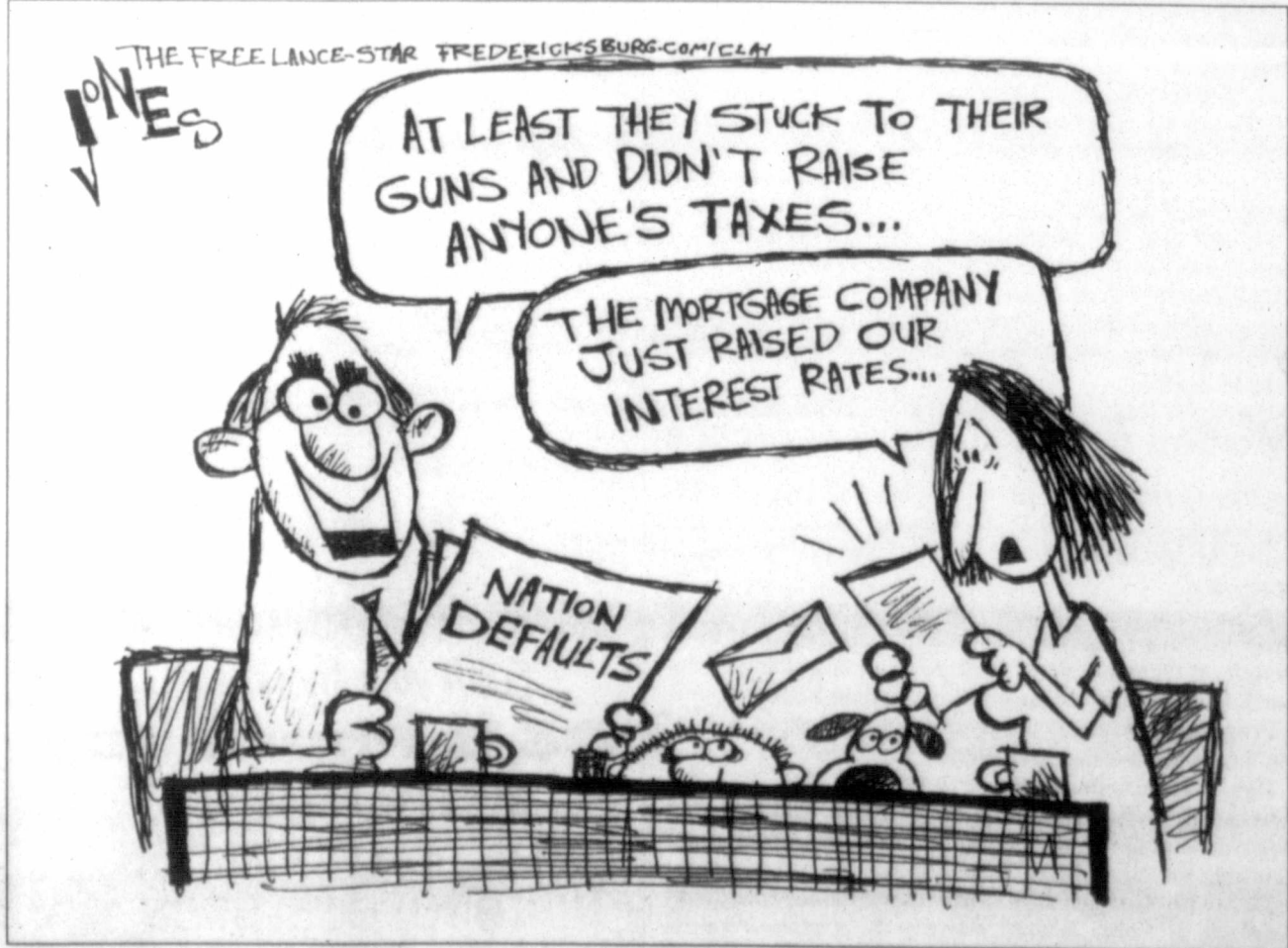
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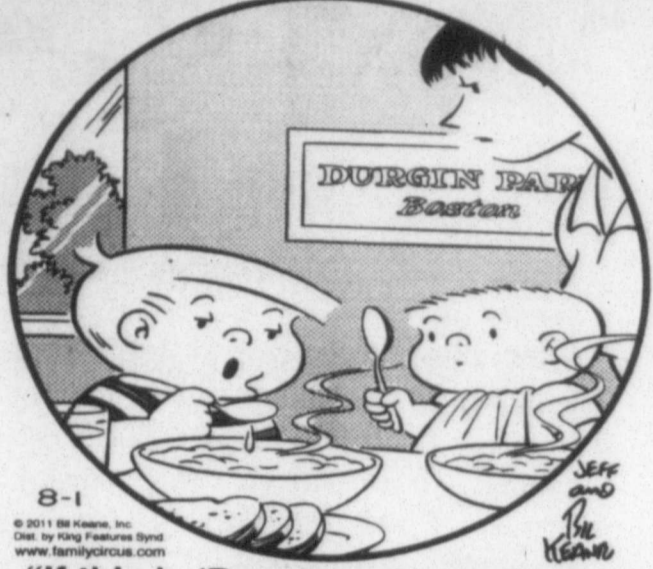
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Monday, Aug. 1, 2011:

**Don't underestimate your capabilities.** You often think your fussiness over details isn't an asset. But it is. You have the ability to carry a broad concept into reality this year because of your attention to detail. You have a strong mix of precision and broad vision. You can understand big concepts yet deal with the details. If you are single, you could attract someone quite interesting. This person might be quite understated. If you are attached, once more, the two of you juggle the different roles involved in a union. **VIRGO** can be critical.

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 might want to understand more of what is expected of you. There could be a haze of confusion around a key project. You wonder why you are heading in a certain direction. If you're not clear, stop. Ask questions. Tonight: A moment to relax.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
 ★★ You might have difficulty nailing down a situation and understanding what is expected of you and/or another person. Communication flows, even with a vagueness. Ask a question or two to make sure everyone is on the same page. Tonight: Add more fun into the moment.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
 ★★ A different approach might confuse others even more. Consider re-thinking a conversation. Did you get all the facts? Do you feel secure with your decisions? Understanding evolves if you want to do a little more questioning. Tonight: Head home.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
 ★★ Your communication helps you get past an issue. Realize what is going on with a child or someone you care about. A friend or co-worker has many grounded suggestions. Try to include this person in talks more often. Tonight: Out and about.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
 ★★ A situation could demand spending and greater involvement. Your ability to communicate can make a difference. If someone is vague, ask questions. Know what you want, though you might not be

able to adjust your present path. Tonight: Out late.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
 ★★ You feel as if you are in control of a situation, and you are. Try not to let a conversation dissipate. If you are confused, ask questions. Someone respects your ability and concern for details. Tonight: All smiles.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
 ★★ You might want to understand what is going on, yet no one will reveal all the facts. Silence and listening well to others could give you a better idea. How you handle a difficult matter could change profoundly. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
 ★★ Focus on a meeting and your long-term needs. You could be confused and feel rather out of control. You know what is needed and what you must accomplish. Slow down and relax. You will get answers; you are not that off target. Tonight: Where the fun is.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
 ★★ Realize your power and drive. When you need or want results, you can get exactly that. You might be overwhelmed by a lack of directness from a boss or key figure. You might decide not to nail down the issue and to let it go. Tonight: In the limelight.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
 ★★ Keep reaching out for someone or something new. Your ability to relate on a much deeper level than someone else marks your interactions. Confusion surrounds finances. Avoid making any decisions in this realm. Tonight: Make an important phone call.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
 ★★ You could be torn between different options and which way to go. Listen to a trusted associated or friend. He or she might have a totally different perspective but could be much more logical. Tonight: Catch up on news over dinner.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
 ★★ You can and do make a difference. However, at times others find you vague or too idealistic. Handle a touchy situation with care. You could be saying too much and not allowing others to figure out what is going on. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer or an invitation.

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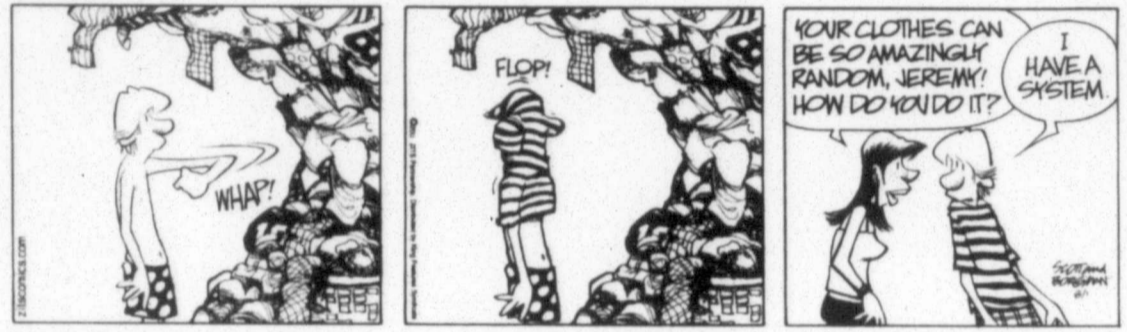
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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband, "Vinny," and I were growing apart after 10 years of marriage. It was both our faults. Vinny reconnected with a woman at his class reunion and started an inappropriate, secret relationship with her.

I discovered some of their emails and saw they had been texting numerous times a day. When I "busted" Vinny, he denied everything until I showed him the proof of what I knew. We have had issues in the past with him not being honest, but this was the straw that broke the camel's back.

We have told our children that we have decided to divorce. It was the most difficult decision I have ever made. We are still living in the same house and haven't told many people what happened.

I don't want anyone thinking I strayed or that I was responsible for this. Would it be inappropriate for me to say why I'm divorcing him? I don't want to take his feelings into consideration after what he did. My neighbors are gossipy — it's like ... WISTERIA LANE

**DEAR WISTERIA LANE:** Although you don't want to take Vinny's feelings into consid-

eration, please consider the feelings of your children. The most dignified way to deal with this would be to take the high road and say that the decision to divorce was mutual and keep the details to yourself. Please consider it.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am writing regarding the letter you printed June 14, about saluting the U.S. flag. You should be aware that the Flag Code that you referenced in your reply was amended by Congress a couple of years ago and includes changes of which all Americans should be made aware.

One of them is that military veterans, as civilians who are no longer in uniform, may choose to salute the flag with the military "hand to the forehead" salute as they did while in the service.

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flag passes. This includes the playing of the national anthem. — **ANDY ANDERSON, KNOXVILLE, TENN.**

**DEAR ANDY:** Thank you and thanks to the many readers who wrote to inform me that my copy of the Flag Code was outdated. I was unaware that it had been amended and used the one that was in my files for reference. *Mea culpa!*

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have dinner with friends a couple of times a month. The wife likes to kiss and hug me. She even patted me on the behind once. This makes me very uncomfortable.

I enjoy being affectionate with my children, grandchildren and my husband, but I do not like being touched by women. What should I do about this? — **HANDS OFF IN HOLLISTER, CALIF.**

**DEAR HANDS OFF:** For heaven's sake, speak up and tell the woman that you are uncomfortable about being touched by other women. That way she'll know it isn't personal. I'm sure she will respect your boundaries once you explain them to her.

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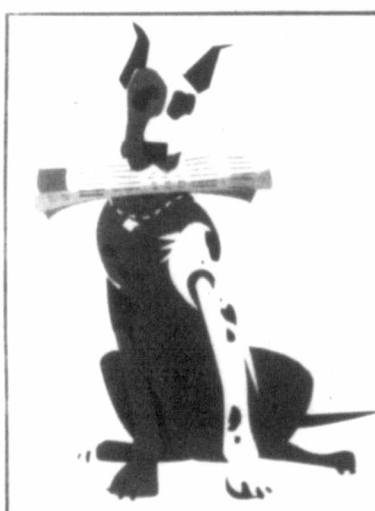
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# Sports

## Two-a-days bring pleasure, pain for athletes, coaches

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Today, the Pampa Harvesters football team and Pampa Lady Harvester volleyball team continue their training for 2011, as they start two-a-days at Pampa High School. Players and coaches have things they enjoy and dread about this time.

Senior kicker Colten Adams enjoys the first minutes of the day.



Adams

"My favorite is equipment checkout," Adams said. "When you receive your pads and things, you know football is just days away."

For junior wide receiver Ryan Smith and senior quarterback Reid Miller it's just being on the field.



Miller

"I enjoy just getting to play football," Smith said.

"My favorite thing is being back with all the guys again and playing the game I love," Miller said.

Both Smith and Miller said they don't like being out in the heat for various reasons.

"The heat just zaps your energy," Smith said.

"It's just so hot," Miller said. "Being on the turf makes it hotter."

Head coach Heath Parker said he likes getting everyone back together.

"Fall sports is unique in that we get to work on our sport before school starts," Parker said. "It's the first time we officially get everyone together and they can focus on the sport a couple of weeks."

Parker also said it's the first chance for him and his staff to see how offseason went

"Hopefully, our players come back stronger and have more knowledge from football," Parker said. "Hopefully, our seniors are more mature."

Parker said he doesn't enjoy the individual disappointment.

"Positions get locked up," Parker said. "Some players don't get to play as much. Injuries could also come up."

Senior volleyball players Kirsten Kuhn and Caitlin Sieck said they enjoy reuniting with teammates.

"My favorite thing is preparing for the upcoming season and just spending time with all of the girls again," Kuhn said.

"My favorite thing is getting back together with the team and getting the season started," Sieck said.

Both Kuhn and Sieck said they are not looking forward to the running.

"My least favorite thing is the 200s we run," Kuhn said. "I'll get really nervous for those. We have to make them under a certain time."

"I have to say I like the running the least, but it's for a good cause," Sieck said.

Head coach Libby Garza said she loves two-a-days but doesn't look forward to the roster decisions.

"I hate making cuts," Garza said. "I'm just ready to get started."

The Harvesters look to improve on a 3-7 season and make their third straight playoff appearance. The Lady Harvesters seek to build off of last year's regional quarterfinal run and repeat as District 1-3A champions.



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## NFL, NFLPA iron out final details of CBA

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's on to the next step for the NFL and its players, who are getting closer to a full-fledged collective bargaining agreement.

"The NFL and NFLPA staffs have been working for the past few days on the final details of the new CBA," league spokesman Greg Aiello wrote in an email to The Associated Press on Saturday.

A person familiar with the negotiations confirmed to the AP that the NFL Players Association already re-established itself as a union. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because no announcement had been made by the NFLPA.

Re-establishing the union was a key step needed to finish a CBA after the main parts of the deal to end the NFL's 4½-month lockout were agreed to by owners on July 21 and by players on Monday. Only a union can negotiate items such as drug testing, player conduct policy and disability and pension programs.

For the lockout to remain lifted and the season to proceed, those issues must be resolved and a full CBA completed by Thursday, a deadline both sides are confident will be met.

In March, when federally mediated talks in Washington between owners and players broke down and the old CBA expired, the NFLPA said it was dissolving itself as a union and instead becoming a trade association. That move allowed the players to sue the league under antitrust law, and 10 did, including Tom Brady, Peyton Manning and Drew Brees. That case was settled as part of the deal the sides have agreed to.

But by decertifying, the NFLPA gave up its right to bargain on behalf of all players under labor law. That's why the union needed to form again in order to complete a CBA.

Once the CBA is fully squared away, veteran free agents who have signed new contracts in the past few days will be allowed to practice with their teams. Those players are currently allowed to attend team meetings, work out individually and watch — but not participate — in practice.

"It's frustrating," Buffalo Bills receiver/quarterback Brad Smith said after watching the team's first walk-through of training camp in suburban Rochester on Saturday. "It's good. I can sit here and watch the guys go through the plays and learn the system. It hurts a little bit. But it's a positive opportunity."

The former New York Jets multipurpose offensive star signed a four-year contract with the Bills on Friday.

In addition to the Bills, at least the following teams had voted in favor of re-certification as of Saturday: Patriots, Chiefs, Broncos, Bengals, Cowboys, Jaguars, Browns, Saints, Steelers, 49ers, Falcons, Giants, Titans, Buccaneers, Bears, Cardinals, Dolphins, Rams and Redskins.

Giants player rep Kareem McKenzie said of his team's unanimous vote: "The guys really wanted to go ahead. Once they had an idea of what the deal encompassed and all we gained, the guys really wanted to get back to work."

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