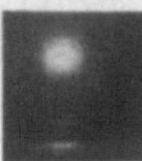
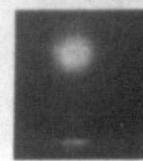
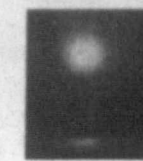






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**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Tuesday:** Partly sunny and hot, with a high near 102. Southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 72. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Wednesday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 96. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 69. South southwest wind around 10 mph.

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## Obituaries

### Keegan Eugene McCain, 32

MIAMI — Services for Mr. Keegan Eugene McCain, 32, of Miami will be at 2:00 PM Monday, August 22, 2011 at Briarwood Church with Pastor Lynn Hancock and Pastor Alan Morgan, officiating. Burial will follow in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Peppers Family Funeral Home in Wheeler, Texas.



McCain

Mr. McCain passed away Thursday, August 18, 2011 in Hemphill County.

Keegan was born October 20, 1978 in Pampa to Mr. Ronnie McCain and Mrs. Carol (Shelton) McCain. He attended school in Pampa. He married Vanessa Gearhart on September 13, 2003 at Pampa. Keegan worked as a pumper for Cimarex. He enjoyed fishing and woodworking in his free time. Keegan was an excellent student in the North Wheeler County EMT class. He loved his family and was a devoted husband and father.

Keegan is survived by his wife, Vanessa McCain of Miami; three sons, Dominic, Blake, and Jameson McCain of Miami; his parents, Ronnie and Carol McCain of Pampa; his grandmother, Jean Carter of Pampa; one sister, Kim and husband Cary Raulston of Panhandle; his father in law and mother in law, Danny and Susan Gearhart of Miami.

You may send condolences online at [www.peppersfuneralhome.com](http://www.peppersfuneralhome.com).

## Indictments

John Daniel Powell, 36, was indicted on charges of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) in an amount of less than one gram in connection with an incident on July 3, 2010.

His bond was set at \$5,000.

Eryca Savannah Pierce, 21, was indicted on charges of possession or transport of a chemical (pseudoephedrine) with intent to manufacture a controlled substance (methamphetamine) in connection with an incident on July 20, 2009.

Her bond was set at \$25,000.

Melissa Mae Peterman, 38, was indicted on charges of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) in an amount of one gram or more but less than four grams in connection with an incident on Aug. 24, 2010. This is Peterman's second such offense; she was convicted of possession of a controlled substance in 2006.

Peterman's bond was set at \$4,500.

Mark Channing Melton, 47, was indicted on charges of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) in an amount of less than one gram within 1,000 feet of a playground stemming from an incident on Dec. 14, 2010. He was convicted of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle in 1982 and burglary with the intent to commit theft in 1984.

His bond was set at \$15,000.

Tony Medina, 24, was indicted on charges of possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) in an amount of four grams or more but less than 200 grams stemming from an incident on May 23, 2009.

His bond was set at \$10,000.

Zachary Lee Mears, 31, was in-

dicted on three charges of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) in an amount of less than one gram in connection with separate incidents on July 13, 2009; Aug. 30, 2009; and Nov. 19, 2009. Mears had previously been convicted of possession of a controlled substance twice, both times in 2005.

His total bond was set at \$15,000.

Rod Lamond Donnell, 35, was indicted on charges of possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) in an amount of less than one gram in connection with an incident on Nov. 5, 2009.

His bond was set at \$5,000.

Betsy Amanda Crossman, 27, was indicted on charges of manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) in an amount of four grams or more but less than 200 grams in connection with an incident on June 26, 2010.

Her bond was set at \$20,000.

Justin Drake Cook, 25, was indicted on charges of driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age in connection with an incident on May 3, 2011.

Cook's bond was set at \$10,000.

Adam Ray Cook, 18, was indicted on charges of burglary in connection with an incident on Aug. 30, 2010.

His bond was set at \$5,000.

Jacob Ethan Collins, 19, was indicted on charges of criminal mischief in connection with an incident on Nov. 10, 2010.

His bond was set at \$5,000.

Alfredo Calvillo, 45, was indicted on charges of driving while intoxicated (third offense or more) and possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) in an amount of less than

one gram in connection with an incident on Nov. 22, 2010. Calvillo was previously convicted of offenses relating to the operation of a motor vehicle while intoxicated in 1990, 1993 and 2004; he was also convicted of burglary in 199 and delivery of a controlled substance in 2005.

His total bond was set at \$35,000.

Chris Lee Broadbent, 36, was indicted on charges of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) in an amount of four grams or more but less than 200 grams in connection with an incident on Feb. 18, 2010. He was also indicted on charges of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) in an amount of less than one gram in connection with an incident on June 27, 2010.

His total bond was set at \$15,000.

Scott Lee Baker, 48, was indicted on charges of burglary in connection with an incident on Nov. 4, 2010.

Baker's bond was set at \$5,000.

Carlos Enrique Arvizu, 22, was indicted on charges of possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) in an amount of less than one gram in connection with an incident on Sept. 13, 2010.

His bond was set at \$3,500.

Joe Alaniz, 35, was indicted on three charges of forgery of a financial instrument in connection to incidents on July 26, 2010.

His total bond was set at \$9,000.

Leonard Wayne Adams, 51, was indicted on charges of possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) in an amount of less than one gram in connection with an incident on Nov. 5, 2010.

His bond was set at \$3,500.

## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are expecting our first child in a few months, and my mother, who lives out of state, will be flying in to help with the new baby. This will be her first grandchild.

Mom adopted a small indoor dog about a month ago. "Trixie" is pint-sized, but she has a loud, high-pitched bark and she barks often. When Mom told me she plans to bring Trixie with her, I expressed concern that the constant barking will wake the baby and everyone else. I am also concerned about dander in the nursery from Trixie's long hair.

I asked Mom to leave

Trixie home with my father, but she said she just adopted her and doesn't want her to feel abandoned. I wouldn't mind her bringing Trixie on future visits, just not while we're adjusting to a new baby.

Am I being selfish to ask my mother to keep the dog at home when she comes to visit? — GET ME OUT OF THE DOGHOUSE

DEAR DOGHOUSE: By the time your baby arrives, Trixie should have adjusted to both of your parents and should not feel abandoned if one of them leaves for a short while. Your needs and the needs of your house-

hold should take precedence over the needs of your mother's dog, and you are not being selfish to insist upon it.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married 24 years to a great guy. For the first time I am struggling with feelings of jealousy. My husband has begun a friendship with a female co-worker who is also married. They exchange emails, text messages and phone calls. They get together socially occasionally and have exchanged birthday and holiday gifts.

There's nothing "wrong" with what they're doing, and I feel my husband has the right to be friends with whom-ever he chooses. He loves me and treats me well. I don't want to feel or act like a crazy, jealous wife. But I have a hard time when I see how he enjoys his fun new friend — who, by the way, is young and great looking. How can I overcome my jealousy? — OLD BALL AND CHAIN

DEAR O.B. AND C.: I'm not sure you should. If your husband had a female friend with whom he had lunch with occasionally, I wouldn't be concerned. But emails, texts, phone calls and exchanging gifts seems excessive. Tell him his relationship with his "fun new friend" is making you uncomfortable and you need it toned down because you feel it's a

threat to your marriage. If he cares about your feelings, he should pay attention to what you're saying.

DEAR ABBY: As a former paramedic and also a food allergy sufferer, I'm acutely aware of the problems caused by this condition. Food allergies vary widely and are not limited to common ones — nuts, shellfish, gluten or strawberries. We know what we are allergic to, and we do our best to avoid those foods.

Sometimes it's difficult to tell what's in some tasty-looking dishes at potluck gatherings. An ingredient may be used only for seasoning, but sometimes just a trace of it is all it takes to trigger a reaction. That's why I have established a practice that has always been well-received. I print out a card to attach to the dish I brought. On it I name the dish and list the ingredients.

I hope you'll find this suggestion helpful enough to pass along. It could save a life. — JOE IN JANESVILLE, MINN.

DEAR JOE: You're right; it could — and that's why I'm printing it. I met a widow whose husband suffered an allergic reaction and died at a dinner party, despite the frantic efforts of several physicians who were also in attendance. Forewarned is forearmed.

## BANANAGRAMS!

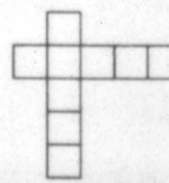
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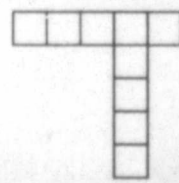
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# MORNINGRUSH

## Patients told of hygiene lapses

DALLAS (AP) — A newspaper reports that Parkland Memorial Hospital last year sent letters to dozens of women to let them know they may have been treated with instruments that were not properly sterilized.

The U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has threatened eliminating Parkland's Medicare funding after inspectors this summer found infection-control breakdowns, but the letters to obstetrical and gynecological patients were not part of those findings.

Those alerts were revealed after *The Dallas Morning News* obtained records through the Texas Public Information Act.

Parkland officials say that 73 women were told last year that they might have come into contact with dirty instruments.

The hospital said in a statement that there were "no medical complications for women who chose follow up care."

## Boy's remains found in fire?

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio firefighters believe they have found the remains of a 6-year-old boy following a massive apartment fire.

Fire Chief Charles Hood said Saturday that the medical examiner's office must still confirm the identification, but said they had "no reason" to think it was anyone other than Rudy Alejos.

A day earlier, officials had called off the search for the body.

The *San Antonio Express-News* reports that fire Tuesday ripped through two buildings and destroyed at least 54 units.

Hood says firefighters found the boys' remains in a breezeway after getting new information from his mother, who was more capable of answering questions Saturday.

The boy's great-aunt, Bertha Guzman, says the boy's mother was hospitalized with burns to her arms, face and head.

## Friend to homeless fatally beaten

DALLAS (AP) — A kind-hearted 80-year-old Dallas man who let homeless people camp in his back yard was found bludgeoned to death in his home.

Dallas police say Gilbert Spira was dead when officers arrived at his house Thursday night. Police found his alleged assailant in another room struggling to get away from witnesses who had tackled him and dialed 911.

Twenty-seven-year-old Walter Cisneros Diaz was being held in the Dallas County Jail on one count of murder Saturday. His bail is \$150,000.

The motive was not clear.

The *Dallas Morning News* reports that Diaz kept his possessions under a mattress in Spira's yard.

Police Lt. David Pughes said Spira befriended a group of homeless people a few months ago, allowing them on his property because he thought it would deter burglars.

## Huntsman pounds away at Perry

WASHINGTON (AP) — Presidential candidate Jon Huntsman is pounding away at rival Rick Perry's skepticism of manmade global warming and criticism of the nation's central banker, saying those stands hurt the GOP and make the Texas governor come off as a not-so-serious national figure.

Huntsman, a former Utah governor who was President Barack Obama's first ambassador to China, has trailed in early polls nationally and in early voting states, leading his campaign to pledge more aggressive attacks on the top candidates.

Perry, who entered the race last weekend and has surged to a prominent role, has provided Huntsman with an ample opening to take shots.

Perry said in New Hampshire this past week that he didn't believe in manmade global warming, branding it an unproven scientific theory. He also defended the teaching of creationism in schools because evolution "has some gaps to it."

"When we take a position that isn't willing to embrace evolution, when we take a position that basically runs counter to what 98 of 100 climate scientists have said, what the National Academy of Science has said about what is causing climate change and man's contribution to it, I think we find ourselves on the wrong side of science, and, therefore, in a losing position," Huntsman told ABC's "This Week."

## Pipeline protesters arrested

WASHINGTON (AP) — Environmentalist protesters have been arrested outside the White House on the first day of a planned two-week protest over a proposed oil pipeline from Canada to the U.S. Gulf Coast.

U.S. Park Police spokesman David Schlosser tells WJLA-TV that 65 people were arrested Saturday. The protest is scheduled to run through Sept. 3.

The protesters want President Barack Obama to deny a permit for the 1,700-mile Keystone XL pipeline. It would go through Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas to refineries in Houston and Port Arthur, Texas.

## Stars

closed the event with Celine Dion and Andrea Bocelli's song, "The Prayer." Johnson said it was great to sing in front of her friends.

"To come back and perform in my hometown is always a joy for me," Johnson said. "To be able to sing in this beautiful setting and in this beautiful weather is wonderful. The program was wonderful. My other two students did a fabulous job."

Scheffe said it was a great night for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"It was an incredible event," Scheffe said. "The music was wonderful. The community as a whole was just incredible. What a great way to support Make-A-Wish and the local kids in the

Pampa area." Lynny said she is grateful for what the foundation has done for her.

"They have helped us out a lot," Standerfer said. "I feel great that they let me go to Hawaii."

Scheffe said she was pleased with the turnout.

"We love to share the message of what we are about, what we do and the work that we do in this community and all the communities and how it impacts a child's life," Schiffe said.

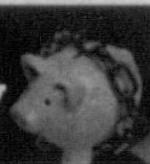
Lynny said she was pleased with the community's support.

"They are very nice and I'm thankful for all of them," Lynny said.

# Between a velvet glove and a pillow

TOM MARGENAU  
Creator's Syndicate

## Social Security and you



you seemed to not really care. Isn't it interesting that the more money you have, the more you tend to worry about it?

Anyway, let me help you make your decision. First, let's call a welfare program a welfare program. And SSI is definitely a welfare program. But because that term has such negative connotations, Social Security Administration employees have been trained to use softer and more politically-correct terms like "needs-based program" when discussing SSI with potential clients. You get SSI if you're poor and if your income and assets are below certain limits. Those are the general rules for any kind of welfare program.

But don't let that dissuade you from applying for benefits. One hundred dollars is one hundred dollars, and to someone who has less than \$1,000 per month in income, that would be a healthy addition to your financial well-being.

But more important, most people who qualify for SSI automatically get free Medicaid benefits. And Medicaid provides much better and more extensive coverage of your health care expenses than the Medicare program does. (Medicare generally goes along with Social Security benefits and Medicaid accompanies SSI payments.)

If I were you, I would apply for SSI. There is nothing to be ashamed of in taking a government benefit for which you are eligible. You are 72 years old, and you are living on less than \$1,000 per month -- and even though you say you don't need the money, I say take the extra hundred bucks a month and live it up a little. You deserve it!

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

Q: I am 64 years old and have just been laid off. Instead of looking for another job, I've decided to retire. But I am struggling so much with my Social Security choices, and I hope you can help.

I went to the Social Security office, and they presented me with some options. They suggested I take widow's benefits -- my husband died several years ago -- of about \$2,000 per month. Then they said that at age 66, I could switch to my own Social Security and get \$2,400 per month. Or they said I could wait until age 70 and collect \$2,900 per month. Another option would be to take my own retirement benefit now (foregoing any widow's benefits) and get about \$2,200 per month.

I really don't need the money, and I come from a family of people who live into their 90s. I just don't know what to do, and I'm worried sick that I'll make the wrong decision. I feel like I'm stuck between a rock and a hard place! Can you help me?

A: You aren't between a rock and a hard place. At least with respect to your Social Security decisions, you're between a velvet glove and a soft pillow! So I think you should relax and not worry about this decision so much. Frankly, no matter what you choose to do, you'll come out way ahead of what most people can expect to get from Social Security.

You could keep things simple and just start drawing your own retirement benefit now. A monthly stipend of \$2,200 is a very high Social Security check. And for someone who doesn't need the money, that's a lot of icing on your retirement cake.

But if you want to maximize your Social Security "investment," then you should go with one of the other plans presented by your local Social Security representative.

You should take your widow's benefits now and collect \$2,000 per month. You could keep getting that rate and then at age 70 switch to your own retirement benefits, which would come with a delayed retirement bonus (for waiting until age 70 to start your own Social Security). That's why you'd get \$2,900 per month.

You could make the switch from widow's benefits to your own retirement at age 66 at the lower \$2,600-per-month rate. But because you've got good genes that should keep you alive into your 90s, you're probably ahead to wait until 70 to make the switch.

Q: I am a 72-year-old single woman who gets \$980 per month from Social Security. That's my only income. My local Social Security office is trying to get me to sign up for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). It would apparently mean about \$100 extra per month for me.

But I don't like the idea of going on welfare. They told me SSI isn't welfare. They said it's a "needs-based program for low-income seniors." I don't really need the money so I'm not really concerned about the issue. But I am feeling pressure from Social Security and my family to take the SSI. What would you do?

A: I purposely printed your letter following the email from the much more well-to-do widow, because I was struck by the fact that both of you said you don't really need the money, yet you seem to have entirely different financial circumstances. I was also intrigued by the fact that the rich widow is apparently giving herself an ulcer over her Social Security decision, while

## Expo

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items that our booth exhibitors provide."

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## Trout

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cared for three stepchildren.

"She took care of the family and did what had to be done," said Ferguson.

The couple was married for 21 years before Mr. Trout passed away.

Trout has always enjoyed gardening and working with flowers. She has also been a member at the First Baptist Church of McLean for over 70 years. Looking after kids has been a huge source of joy as well.

"She always loved playing with kids and grandkids," said Ferguson.

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 29 " — appetit!"
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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Monday, Aug. 22nd, the 234th day of 2011. There are 131 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 22, 1851, the schooner America outraced more than a dozen British vessels off the English coast to win a trophy that came to be known as the America's Cup.

### On this date:

In 1485, England's King Richard III was killed in the Battle of Bosworth Field, effectively ending the War of the Roses.

In 1787, inventor John Fitch demonstrated his steamboat on the Delaware River to delegates from the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

In 1922, Irish revolutionary Michael Collins was shot to death, apparently by Irish Republican Army members opposed to the Anglo-Irish Treaty that Collins had co-signed.

In 1932, the British Broadcasting Corp. conducted its first experimental television broadcast using a 30-line mechanical system.

In 1986, Kerr-McGee Corp. agreed to pay the estate of the late Karen Silkwood \$1.38 million, settling a 10-year-old nuclear contamination lawsuit.

In 1989, Black Panthers co-founder Huey P. Newton was shot to death in Oakland, Calif. (Gunman Tyrone Robinson was later sentenced to 32 years to life in prison.)

Ten years ago: Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., announced he would not seek re-election the following year.

Five years ago: A Russian Pulkovo Airlines jet carrying 170 people crashed in eastern Ukraine, killing all aboard.

One year ago: Chilean President Sebastian Pinera confirmed that all the miners trapped deep underground for 17 days were still alive after a probe came back with a handwritten note, "All 33 of us are fine in the shelter."

**Today's Birthdays:** Author Ray Bradbury is 91. Heart surgeon Dr. Denton Cooley is 91. Retired Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf is 77. Broadcast journalist Morton Dean is 76. Author Annie Proulx (proo) is 76. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Carl Yastrzemski is 72. Actress Valerie Harper is 72. Football coach Bill Parcells is 70. CBS newsmen Steve Kroft is 66. Actress Cindy Williams is 64. Musician David Marks is 63. International Swimming Hall of Famer Diana Nyad is 62. Baseball Hall of Famer Paul Molitor is 55. Country singer Holly Dunn is 54. Rock musician Vernon Reid is 53. Country singer Ricky Lynn Gregg is 52. Country singer Collin Raye is 51. Actress Regina Taylor is 51. Rock singer Roland Orzabal (Tears For Fears) is 50. Rock musician Debbi Peterson (The Bangles) is 50. Rock musician Gary Lee Conner (Screaming Trees) is 49. Singer Tori Amos is 48. Country singer Mila Mason is 48. Rhythm-and-blues musician James DeBarge is 48. International Tennis Hall of Famer Mats Wilander is 47. Rapper GZA is 45. Actor Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje is 44. Actor Ty Burrell is 44. Actor Rick Yune is 40. Rock musician Paul Doucette (Matchbox Twenty) is 39. Rap-reggae singer Beenie Man is 38. Singer Howie Dorrough (Backstreet Boys) is 38. Comedian-actress Kristen Wiig is 38. Actress Jenna Leigh Green is 37. Rock musician Bo Koster is 37. Rock musician Dean Back (Theory of a Deadman) is 36. Rock musician Jeff Stinco (Simple Plan) is 33. Actor Brandon Adams is 32. Actress Aya Sumika is 31.

**Thought for Today:** "There are mighty few people who think what they think they think." — Robert Henri, American artist (1865-1929).

## HOPE and CHA GE



## Perry should take treason more seriously

If Rick Perry wants to be president of the United States, he should start acting more like a president and less like a second-string radio talk-show host. Ron Paul, who almost no one (including himself) would call a moderate and has advocated a return to the gold standard, was among the first to recognize that the Texas governor had simply gone too far in equating the Fed's monetary policy with treason.

Throwing red meat to a campaign audience in Iowa, Perry said: "If this guy prints more money between now and the election, I dunno what y'all would do to him in Iowa, but we would treat him pretty ugly down in Texas. Printing more money to play politics at this particular time in American history is almost treacherous or treasonous in my opinion."

"This guy" is Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke. You might agree with his policy of keeping interest rates at record lows in the hopes of stimulating the economy. Or you might disagree, or worry about inflationary pressure, or be concerned that such low interest rates interfere with the operation of the markets. Reasonable people can disagree about these things.

Paul, who has called for the abolition of the Fed and who has been pressing the issue far longer than Perry, said only half in jest, "He makes me look like a moderate. I have never once said Bernanke has

committed treason."

Let the record be clear: Bernanke was appointed to his position by former President (and Texas Gov.) George W. Bush.

Questioning the patriotism of someone you disagree with on policy grounds may be good politics for Perry in the short run; the crowd cheered, and the press is writing. But whatever the short-term gain, it reflects a lack of respect and dignity that should be a disqualification for the highest office in the land.



SUSAN ESTRICH

Our Founding Fathers, for obvious reasons, took the idea of treason very seriously. Unlike other crimes, it is specifically defined, and limited, in the Constitution:

"Treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying War against them, or in adhering to their Enemies, giving them Aid and Comfort. No Person shall be convicted of Treason unless on the Testimony of two Witnesses to the same overt Act, or on Confession in open Court."

Treason is not a term to be tossed around lightly.

Whether he is right or wrong,

Bernanke loves his country as much as Perry does and has devoted himself to doing his best to honor and protect it.

Only weeks after Gabby Giffords returned to the House floor for the first time, Perry has no business making jokes about treating public officials "pretty ugly down in Texas," much less suggesting that they could be guilty of betraying our country. This is irresponsible talk, no better than hate speech, and while Perry has a right to say it, the rest of us -- Republican and Democrat, moderate and conservative -- have an obligation to condemn him for it. America has real enemies; the Fed chairman is not one of them.

I've never written these words before and may never again, but Ron Paul is right. It's not a question of who is "moderate." It is a question of who has any integrity or judgment. Based on his comments in Iowa, Perry may be a crowd pleaser, but he is not ready for prime time, let alone the presidency. Shame on him. If he is the best the Republicans have to offer -- the new frontrunner as some are saying -- then his party is cruising for a bruising. Perry may not have better judgment, but most Americans do.

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## Texas town teeters on drying up in drought

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Associated Press

ROBERT LEE (AP) — Ranchers in pickup trucks here stop to ladle up puddles of street water after underground pipes crack, and wilting trees are quenched with dirty bathwater hauled from tubs to front yards. An April storm teased Robert Lee, but instead of rain, a lightning strike started a wildfire that chewed up 169,000 drought-starved acres.

"We can't catch a break," said Eddie Ray Roberts, the city's water superintendent.

The worst Texas drought since the 1950s has this ranching town of nearly 1,110 residents, and a handful of other cities, facing a prospect they've never encountered before: running out of water. One city outside Dallas, Kemp, already experienced a dress rehearsal this month when every faucet was shut off for two days to fix pipes bursting in the shifting and hardening soil.

Many lakes and reservoirs across the state are badly depleted after more than a month of 100-degree temperatures and less than 1 inch of rain. Robert Lee's water supply lake is fast becoming a mud hole. The worst-off communities are already trying to run pipes to distant water lines, drilling emergency wells and banning water use for virtually anything beyond drinking, bathing and keeping businesses working.

"We've certainly seen a broader use of those plans over a larger portion of the state than we ever have before," said Andrea Morrow, a spokeswoman for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Worst-case scenarios have a few towns running out of water in a matter of months. Although Texas cities have gone bone-dry before — country star Billy Ray Cyrus sent a truck of bottled water to Throckmorton when the town tapped out in 2000 — the nearly 500 water systems statewide now under some mandatory restrictions appear unprecedented.

The prospect of no water is a cruel irony for Robert Lee, which was proclaimed the county seat in 1891 because its water supply was so plentiful. The town's water source, Lake

E.V. Spence, normally covers more than 22 sq. miles and made Robert Lee a popular boating getaway where reckless kids dived down from the tall, surrounding bluffs. Today, jumping would be a perilous fall onto a shoreline of rocks, and island-like sand dunes widen by the day.

The town's desperate straits have extinguished any Texas-friendly, we're-in-this-together spirit among neighboring cities: Robert Lee is pumping Lake Spence around the clock to move what little water is left into an exclusive reservoir, in what is practically a game of keep-away. Once the water is transferred, engineers expect the town to have enough through at least the spring.

Others aren't so sure. "They say they have enough water until March," said Scott McWilliams, a hydrologist with the Upper Colorado River Authority. "I don't necessarily see it."

In October, the city hopes to break ground on a pipeline connecting to the water system in Bronte 12 miles away, giving Robert Lee a second water source. Yet the fix may only be a temporary balm: Roberts said the pipeline will supply 200,000 gallons daily. Even under the severe restrictions now, Robert Lee is using 220,000 gallons.

Prized as Lake Spence's dwindling supply is, the actual water is terrible. The lake is less than a half-percent full, making what's left thick with saline and sunken dead matter, and almost too contaminated to be treated.

Beverly Hawkins, who manages the only florist shop in Robert Lee, turned on the sink in her store last week to fill a vase. She put her finger in the water and dabbed it on her tongue.

It tasted salty as seawater. "It's been worse. At least this time it's clear," Hawkins said. Like most people in Robert Lee, she brushes her teeth with bottled water.

Prayer gatherings for rain have been held outside the courthouse. Rancher Dolores McCabe Seal said it's almost impossible to get a sheep shearer to come to Robert Lee because so many farmers have sold off their herds. At Cindy's convenience store, owner Cindy Brown didn't bother ordering

the 300 petunia baskets she typically sells each Easter, since no one in town would be allowed to water them anyway.

Each day, a truck from nearby Bronte hauls 6,300 gallons of water to Robert Lee High School to irrigate the football field, at a cost of \$200 per trip. That keeps the ground soft but far from green, and there's practically no grass.

"Three years ago it was like playing on a green or a fairway," football coach Shay Avants said. "We'll have a little bit of home field advantage now, I guess, because we'll know what it's like to run in the sand."

In the town of Llano, near Austin, officials have made a contingency plan to roll trucks of bottled water into town if rain doesn't start to replenish the water supply, and workers are drilling test wells into parched, rock-like soil. Water restrictions are in effect in unprecedented in places like Midland, where lawns in the oil-rich Permian Basin have typically remained lush even as previous droughts burned up millions of dollars in surrounding crops. But barely a half-inch of rain has fallen in Midland since October.

Kemp's emergency shortage was caused by aging underground pipes that burst in the dry, shifting soil baked under a streak of 100-degree afternoons.

The same problem has worsened Robert Lee's plight. Roberts said the city lost four days' worth of water in one week from breaking pipes.

When that happens, water seeping through the cracked asphalt is greeted like a sprung oil well: ranchers stop to fill tanks rattling in the beds of their pickup, containers that Brown calls "the new fashion statement around here." Others emerge from homes with five-gallon buckets, scoop what they can and dump it on their trees.

Whether Robert Lee can complete the pipeline to Bronte before its own supply runs out is the "\$65,000 question," said Jeff Walker, director of project development for the Texas Water Development Board.

"Best thing is to get some rain," Walker said. "That would solve everything."

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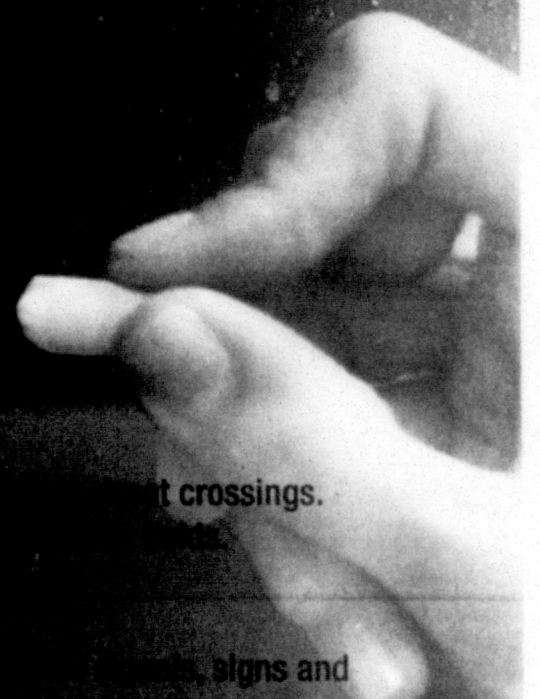
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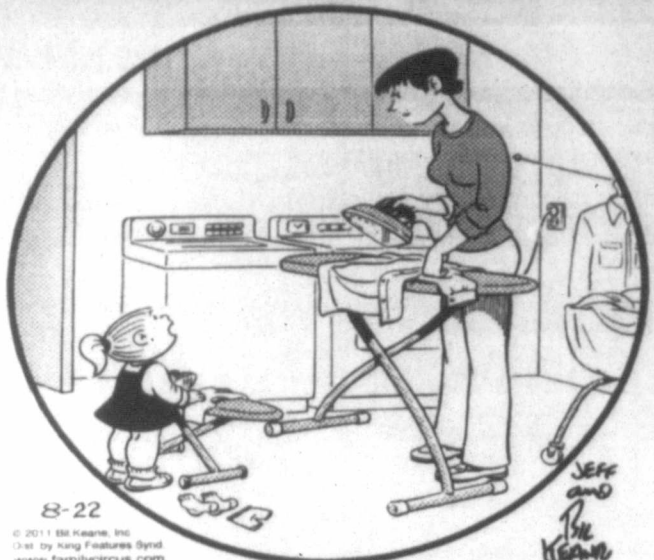
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## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Monday, Aug. 22, 2011

You have a lot going for you. This is not the year to become shy or reticent. You are overly serious at times. Your determination to create much more of what you want comes through. Your charm works wonders, too! Do remember that. Take the lead and move forward. If you are single, you could meet someone through a friend or through work. If you are attached, work on the friendship that exists between you. It will bond you even more. **VIRGO** helps run your finances.

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)  
 ★★★★★ Surprises continue to dot the horizon. One would think that by now you would be used to this unpredictability. Still, somehow you manage to be thrown out of kilter for a brief period. You are relaxing more, seeing the potential in these mini life tremors. Tonight: Go off and enjoy yourself.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
 ★★★★★ Ingenuity greets you early this morning. With this extra gift in your pocket, your confidence is enhanced. You know you can handle whatever you come across. News could test this innate resourcefulness. Tonight: Seek out the experience you want.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
 ★★★ You just might wake up and decide to cancel Monday. Though this thought is great, you realize the best you can do is clear your schedule of everything that is not a must-do. Check out a new item for your home or just for you. Tonight: Happy at home.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 ★★★★★ Keep your cool when dealing with others. You might be a little too energized or carrying some anger from another situation. Keep others mellow rather than stress them out. A family member, as always, is challenging. Tonight: Give up worrying; it doesn't help!

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
 ★★★ Expand your focus, especially if you're dealing with financial matters. Not everything is as tidy as you might like. Expect to see a new possibility once you are clear. You have the ability to move into more effective thinking. Tonight: Your

... treat.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
 ★★★★★ You are much less energized on Monday. You will understand if some people shy away from you. Your creativity comes out. You become verbal in a meeting. A child or loved one acts up. You know exactly how to handle this issue. Tonight: Do exactly what you want. You will anyway.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
 ★★★ Take a deep breath and understand what you need in order to follow through on a personal matter. You can't worry any longer, as you need to act. Realize not acting is a decision in itself. Do you want to toss away your power like that? Tonight: Do some quiet reflecting.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
 ★★★★★ Meetings, networking and perhaps a fun late lunch could make this day one you smile about for a while. Remember, don't mix business with pleasure. It is a discreet but important line. Keep reaching out for someone. Tonight: Find your friends.

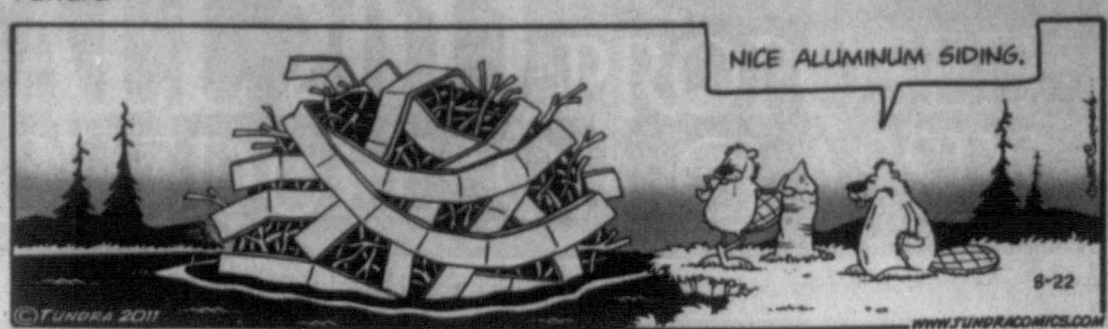
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
 ★★★★★ Someone makes a strong impression on you. The issue might lie in the fact that you must respond to this person. You could be re-evaluating your interaction. Follow through on what you must. Tonight: Could be late.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
 ★★★★★ News floats through, no matter which way you proceed. Stay on top of your work, as you will have other, more interesting matters to deal with sooner rather than later. Take in new information carefully. Tonight: Relax your mind.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
 ★★★★★ You might want to open up to potential change. Listen to feedback that heads in your direction. Relate to individuals rather than in meetings. You will gain more support and understanding that way. You breed loyalty. Tonight: Have a much-needed conversation.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
 ★★★★★ Realize what is happening with others. A partner, as well as work-related associates, wants to dominate. Do you really care? Go off and do what you want for a change. Let someone else carry the weight you generally do. Tonight: Say "yes."

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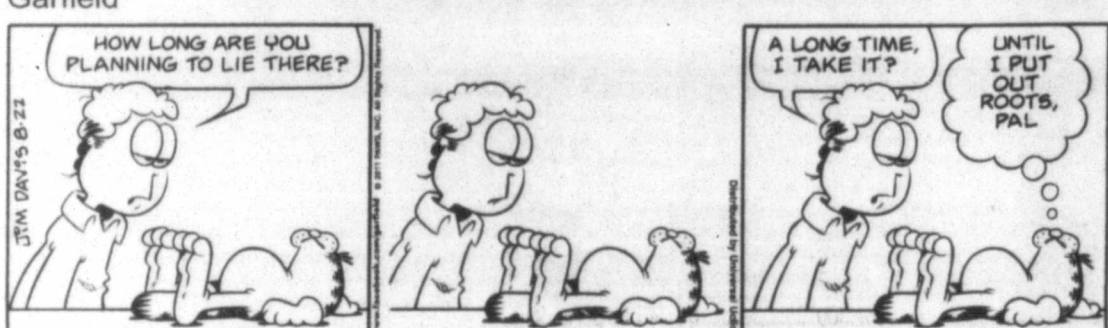
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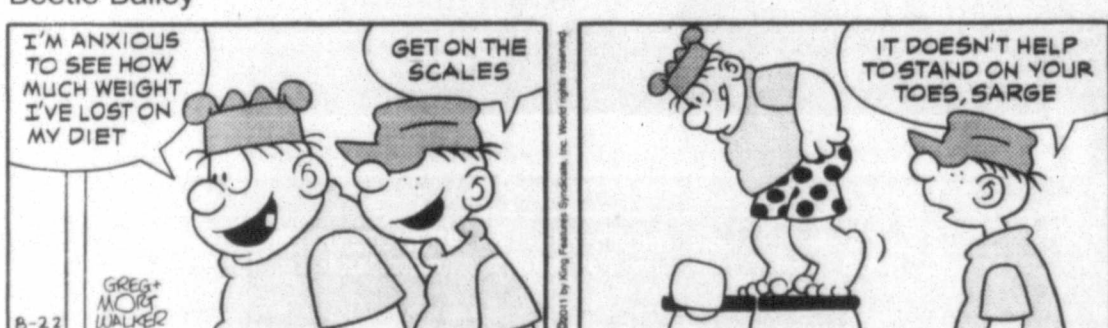
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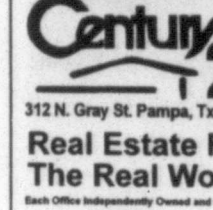
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# Sports

## Three go down in Harvesters' final scrimmage vs. PD

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The Pampa Harvesters held their own against a Palo Duro defense that is hyped to be the best in the state. However, the team left the field with three players not concluding the scrimmage Friday at Harvester Field.

Senior linebacker Daniel Hulsey and juniors Samuel Smith and Tyler Powell left the scrimmage early with injuries. Smith was on crutches. Powell had his arm in a sling and was taken to an Amarillo hospital after he was hit on a first and goal run. Head coach Heath Parker said Palo Duro was a very physical team but felt his team held its own.

"I'm not pleased with the penalties that we had," Parker said. "I'm pleased with the standpoint that we knew we were playing an opponent that is supposed to be good. I don't feel they ever really stopped us. I feel like we stopped ourselves more than they stopped us."

Senior defensive end Ryne Richardson said early in the scrimmage the defense did well in containing the quarterback.

"It was pretty easy at first," Richardson said. "Then he started going out more and it got harder but we fought through and contained him."

Senior defensive end Sam Cain said it got harder to stop Palo Duro's quarterback.

"The tackles are pretty big so it's hard to see around them," Cain said.

Cain recorded two sacks in the set plays portion. Parker said the defense did well in pursuing the ball.

"We kept the receivers in check for the most part," Parker said. "We did let one receiver get behind us on a play but I think that was a mental error. Palo Duro was content to throw short passes. Our philosophy is we want to rally up on those things."

The offense scored three touchdowns but were tagged with several holding penalties. Junior receiver and linebacker Ryan Smith said the offense needs to

be more disciplined. "We really shot ourselves in the foot," Smith said. "Their defense didn't really stop us. We stopped ourselves on most of the drives. We need to work on that before we go to Iowa Park."

Parker said some of the holding calls were due to conditioning.

"You didn't get your feet where they needed to get," Parker said. "I think that will come at some point but it better come sooner rather than later."

Samuel broke an 82-yard touchdown. Senior quarterback Reid Miller threw a 56-yard pass to senior Latigo Collins for another touchdown. The Dons scored once during the set-play portion.

Palo Duro scored three times in the two live quarters to the Harvesters one. The live quarters started well for Pampa as junior Chris Howard picked off a pass in the endzone. The Harvesters only scoring drive was a 16-play drive. Miller converted three third downs including a four-yard touchdown pass to senior Trace Carter.

Parker said he was impressed that his offense put that drive together.

"It was the ugliest nine-minute, 16-play drive I've seen, but it is impressive to do that against that defense and finish it," Parker said.

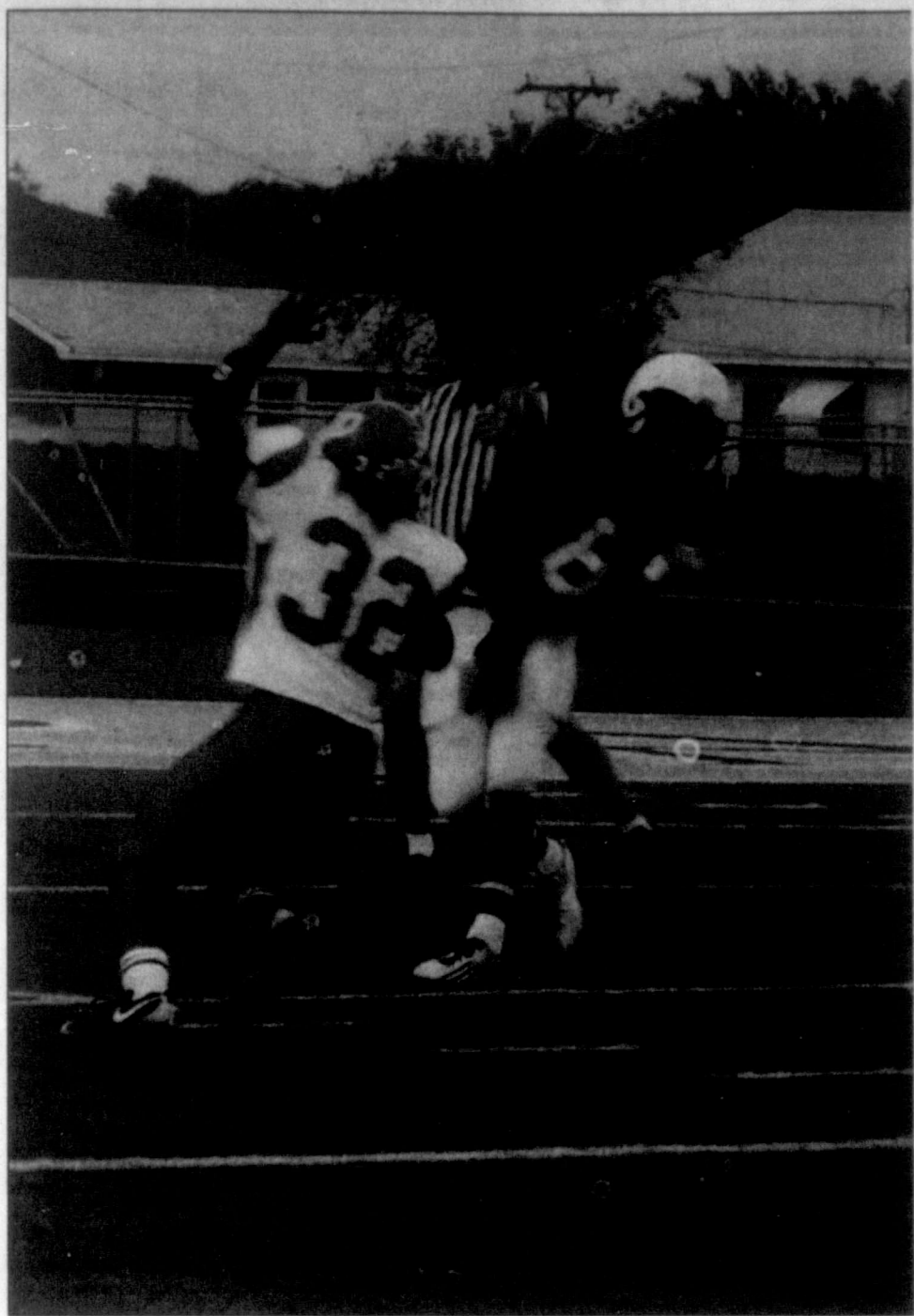
Ryan said he feels the team has work to do before next week's opener.

"There's definitely work we need to do," Smith said. "We're not ready yet but a couple practices we will be ready."

Parker said his team needs to work on getting in game-shape.

"I don't feel like in any means that we are in bad shape," Parker said. "I feel like we aren't quite in game shape. We had a great summer. This team had a great summer. There is a difference between being in kind of good shape and being in game shape. I think we are two weeks away from being where we want to be."

The Harvesters open the season 7:30 p.m. Friday at Iowa Park.



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Senior quarterback Reid Miller throws a pass with a Palo Duro defender rushing him in Friday's scrimmage at Harvester Field. Miller threw two touch-



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Junior Dallon Poole sticks his arm out to try and bring down a Palo Duro running back in Friday's scrimmage. The Dons counter gave Pampa trouble.

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