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Your guide to the '11 ballot amendments, Pt. III

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[Editor's Note: Because the language of the 10 amendments on the November election ballot can sometimes be confusing, complex or vague, The Pampa News is running a three-part series explaining each amendment in detail. The amendments are covered in the order they appear on the ballot, this installment focuses on the last four amendments, Propositions 7-10.]

Proposition No. 7 (Senate Joint Resolution 28)
 The Texas Constitution currently allows some counties to create taxing districts to fund the development of parks and other recreational facilities. Proposition 7 would add El Paso County to the list. Gray County is not on that list, nor does the amendment affect Gray County. "This is specifically for El Paso County, but it's mentioned in the Constitution, so therefore, we have

to vote on it," said Gray County Judge Richard Peet. "Personally, if Gray County was involved in it, I'd have to say no... I don't think that you need to have your tax money being used to enhance the parks system. That should come out of your taxes already. Why do you want more taxes on it?" Opponents of the amendment agree, as paraphrased in a handout prepared by the staff of the Texas Legislative Council: "The proposed amendment

would provide an opportunity for further taxing authority in El Paso County, a property-poor county. In this current economic climate, government leadership should be focused on sustaining the local economy and generating revenue rather than creating additional tax debt." **Proposition No. 7 (Senate Joint Resolution 16)**
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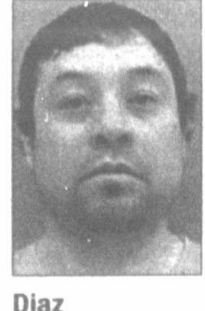
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Rudy Rodriguez of Coffee Memorial Blood Center hands a "Vein Drain" t-shirt to Cecilia Kennedy before Kennedy donates blood. The Coffee Memorial bloodmobile was at Walmart in Pampa on Monday; Rodriguez reported that they had collected from 20 donors by 2 p.m.

Schoolhouse craft fair this weekend

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 This Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Little Red School House will host its annual Arts and Craft Show. Fourteen crafters from Pampa, Canyon, Clarendon and Albuquerque will have their handmade wares available for sale. Items available include baskets, soap, baby items including blankets and accessories, paintings on wood, metal and glass, silver, beaded and deer antler jewelry, bowls and other items made out of natural gourds, painted T-shirts, holiday and decorative wreaths and embroidered and appliqued pajamas. "The craft show is unique in the fact that we don't have individual booths," said Debbie Davis of the Little Red School House. "We try to make it look like a country store. We have a decorative display with a country theme, bring in display items and mix and match." Now in its 24th year, the craft show boasts three original crafters who are still involved. "It started out with 10 friends," **FAIR** cont. on page 2

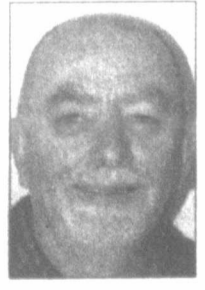
Man arrested after PD seizes firearms, drugs

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 On Friday, October 28, the Gray County Sheriff's Office and the Pampa Police Department executed a search warrant at the 200 block of Miami that resulted in the seizure of drugs and firearms. According to a report from the Pampa Police Department, law enforcement officials began the search around 10 p.m. Friday that yielded five ounces of marijuana and two firearms belonging to Ricky Joe Diaz, 37. Diaz was charged with possession of marijuana in an amount greater than four ounces and less than five pounds, a state jail felony, and was transported to the Gray County Jail. On Saturday, Diaz was released on bond of \$20,000.



The Pampa News adds Frazier to advertising department staff

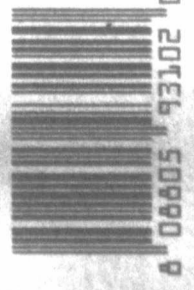
RANDY PRIBBLE
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 Bernie Frazier has joined the staff of *The Pampa News* as an advertising representative. Frazier is a native of Dalhart who has served as a minister in Borger, Canyon and Albuquerque, N.M. He has also been an Administrative Assistant at Joy Junction Homeless Shelter in Albuquerque and was a teacher at a Christian Academy. He is a graduate of Dalhart High School and Ozark Christian College. His sons, CJ and Ryan Frazier, moved to Pampa recently to start a new ministry called "Paint This Town Red." "I'm doing some administrative stuff for them right now," Bernie



Frazier said, "but I knew that coming here, to be a part of what God was doing through Ryan and CJ, would mean that I'd have to find another job. Besides, our children were here (and) our grandchildren were here." His wife of 39 years, Roxanne, is a native of Amarillo. She is a teacher in Albuquerque and will move to Pampa at the end of the school year. Bernie is also the father of Miranda Bailey, a former newspaper staffer and employee of the Pampa Independent **FRAZIER** cont. on page 6

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Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 45. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 25 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 45 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26. Windy, with a north northwest wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 53. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 29. Breezy, with a south wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Texas shooting donkeys, stirring backlash

PRESIDIO (AP) - Unofficially, the state of Texas celebrates donkeys and their historical and cultural significance in shaping the American West.

Officially? The policy on wild burros out here is shoot to kill.

Texas park rangers are trying to wipe out hundreds of free-roaming donkeys in Big Bend State Park, killing nearly 130 to date with .308-caliber bolt-action rifles on this side of the Rio Grande. But in the process, the shootings are stirring a whole new kind of cross-border controversy, pitting state officials against burro-lovers who believe the animal holds a special place in history and deserves protection.

The state's stance: wild donkeys wandering over from Mexico simply don't belong. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department considers an estimated 300 burros in Big Bend to be destructive intruders, hogging forage and lapping up precious water in the drought-starved mountains - thereby threatening the survival of hundreds of native species.

Outraged locals, however, claim there's only one animal the state is really cares about - bighorn sheep.

"They say we're doing this just so four rich white guys can hunt bighorn sheep out here," said David Riskind, director of natural resources for the parks agency. "That's just not true."

Once extinct in Texas for decades, bighorns made a heralded homecoming to

Big Bend last year when a herd of nearly four dozen was relocated to the 316,000-acre range. But even that's not big enough for what the state says are foreign burros and the native bighorns.

Skeptics suspect the state's stance is all a wink to wealthy and well-connected hunters. Coveted state permits to bag bighorns fetch upward of \$100,000 at auction in Texas, and opponents like Margaret Farabee of the Wild Burro Protection League believe that's why the state wants to eliminate any threat to the sheep's survival so the bighorn hunters can one day return to Big Bend.

Riskind said it will take decades before the bighorn population is robust enough to possibly allow hunting in Big Bend, but that doesn't quiet the doubts of a growing campaign to save the burros - for a second time.

Among those trying to stop the shootings include a Wisconsin woman who's bombarded the state with open records requests; a former state park supervisor in Big Bend; and more than 94,000 supporters on Change.org, making it one of the website's most popular petitions ever.

But their biggest ally may be history. In 2007, a similar uproar caused the state to temporarily suspend its first foray into "lethal control" after parks rangers killed 71 wild burros.

Luis Armenderiz, the former Big Bend supervisor who retired following

the initial controversy, said the burros are no more destructive to the park than humans who put in bike trails.

"We are invading their ecosystem. They're not invading ours," Armenderiz said.

Shooting wild animals doesn't generally create much of a stir in Texas, where hunting is a celebrated pastime. A year ago, Gov. Rick Perry famously paused from a morning jog to take aim at a coyote. This past summer, state lawmakers made gunning down feral hogs from helicopters legal.

No one sticks up for the ugly, rooting, beastly feral hog. So why the burro backlash?

"They're charismatic," Riskind said.

Opponents say the reasons are cultural. Donkeys did the dirty work of hauling supplies during America's westward expansion in the 1800s, and here along the border, families owned burros like households today have dogs. When the peso was weak, Mexican families strapped American-bought microwaves to their burro's backs to haul across the Rio Grande.

Even at Big Bend National Park, right next door to the state-owned land, killing wild burros is prohibited by a 40-year-old federal ban that Congress said protects the "living symbols and pioneer spirit of the West."

Riskind is quick to call burros "historically significant" and said the state tells the animal's important legacy through its books

and museums. But he said those creatures were domesticated donkeys - and times have changed.

Heightened border security has made walking a donkey across the Rio Grande nearly impossible, and Mexico's violent drug war has decimated small towns in northern states and sent families fleeing inward. Riskind said many of the wild burros in Big Bend today were simply abandoned by Mexican ranchers.

The donkey dust-up is playing out in an isolated, rugged region that looks like a stock Texas landscape in some old western shoot-'em-up. Residents proudly call it the Lone Star State's last frontier, but attitudes here lean more progressive than small-town rustic.

An hour up the road is Marfa, the arty desert oasis where Led Zeppelin frontman Robert Plant played a surprise show last month. In nearby Alpine, ranchers who drive into town to buy hay bales and horse feed drive past two yoga studios. Rachael Waller, who runs an equine rescue in Alpine, hands out "burro-friendly store" stickers to shop owners and said nearly every business in town is on board, including the local taxidermist.

Waller, who is the daughter of Robert Waller, author of "The Bridges of Madison County," has a 7-year-old burro named Penny on her 40-acre ranch.

"We like going to Big Bend and seeing all the wildlife. It's all supposed to be there," she said.

Fair

said Davis. "We don't do a lot of duplication. We try for each person to have a little different look and take on it."

Shoppers can also buy raffle tickets for a dollar for a chance to win a goodie basket, valued at \$150, full of items from each crafter.

The Little Red School House is located five miles north of Pampa, at Highway 70 and Farm to Market Road 282.

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For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72 hour period ending Monday, October 31 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 43 traffic related incidents.

Animal Control agents and Pampa PD reported 20 animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS, the Pampa Fire Department and Pampa PD responded to 17 medical calls.

Friday, October 28

A theft occurred at the 900 block of East Malone.

Accidents occurred at 23rd and Perryton and the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

Police investigated an alarm at the 1200 block of Bond.

A burglary occurred at the 1300 block of North Coffee.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 600 block of North Dwight.

Police investigated an alarm at the 600 block of North Hobart.

Harassment was reported at the 2600 block of North Cherokee.

An accident occurred at the 1200 block of Willow.

A theft occurred at the 800 block of East Campbell.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 100 block of West 30th and the 400 block of South Graham.

Police investigated an alarm at the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Driving while intoxicated was reported at Price and 60 and the 300 block of North Hobart.

An assault occurred at the 100 block of West 30th.

Saturday, October 29

A suspicious person was reported at the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Police investigated an

alarm at the 1300 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at 17th and Coffee.

A domestic disturbance was reported at the 300 block of South Tignor.

Police investigated an alarm at the 1900 block of North Nelson.

A burglary of a motor vehicle occurred at the 1500 block of North Coffee.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 900 block of North Crane.

A violation of a protective order occurred at the 2200 block of Perryton.

A violation of a city ordinance occurred at the 300 block of East 17th.

A burglary occurred at the 1900 block of North Sumner.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1200 block of East Darby and the 700 block of North Dwight.

Phone harassment was reported.

A suspicious person was reported at Atchison and Marie.

An accident occurred at the 500 block of Magnolia.

A threat occurred at the 1000 block of South Banks.

An assault occurred at the 1000 block of South Banks.

Sunday, October 30

A prowler was reported at Carter and Nelson.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1800 block of West Harvester.

A domestic disturbance was reported at the 300 block of North Rider.

An assault occurred at the 700 block of East Craven.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 800 block of West Kingsmill.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1200 block of South Finley.

A prowler was reported at the 600 block of North Hazel.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 2600 block of Dogwood.

A suicide attempt occurred at the 1700 block of North Hamilton.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 1900 block of North Evergreen.

An assault occurred at the 2100 block of North Nelson.

A burglary of a motor vehicle occurred at the 1200 block of South Barnes.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1100 block of West Buckler.

A violation of city ordinance was reported at the 1200 block of Carter.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1000 block of West Alcock.

A burglary occurred at the 800 block of East Locust.

Police investigated an alarm at the 2500 block of North Mary Ellen.

A prowler was reported at the 1000 block of East Frederic.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 2100 block of North Russell, the 1200 block of South Faulkner and the 1000 block of North Duncan.

A suspicious person was reported at the 800 block of East Browning.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 1100 block of Cinderella.

Suspicious persons were reported at the 600 block of East Frederic and Market and Wells.

Police investigated an alarm at the 2500 block of North Perryton.

The Pampa Fire Department responded to a grass fire at Loop 171 and Highway 70.

A burglary occurred at the 100 block of Village.

Monday, October 31

A suspicious person was reported at the 1800 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 1200 block of East Kingsmill.

A domestic disturbance was reported at the 1200 block of East Kingsmill.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 700 block of East Malone.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 72 hour period ending Monday, October 31 at 7 a.m.

Friday, October 28

Duron Lopez Santos, 36, was arrested by deputies for insufficient bond regarding a charge of evading arrest with a vehicle.

Oscar Fabia Ceja-Gallardo, 24, was arrested by deputies for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Ricky Joe Diaz, 37, was arrested by deputies for possession of marijuana greater than four ounces and less than five pounds.

Saturday, October 29

Christian Dale King, 30, was arrested by police for evading arrest or detention, theft by check and capias pro fines.

Sunday, October 30

Arturo Campos, 29, was arrested by police for possession of marijuana less than two ounces, capias pro fines regarding no valid driver's license and capias pro fines regarding displaying an expired registration.

Jerry Lynn Rhoten, 57, was arrested by police, on a warrant regarding theft.

Monday, October 31

Whitney Renee Brummett, 21, was arrested by police for driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age.

A burglary occurred at the 100 block of Village.

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Dredging yields artifacts

TEXAS CITY (AP) - A \$75 million project to deepen the Texas City Ship Channel has been completed in an effort that yielded some possible Civil War items.

A ceremony was held Saturday to mark the expansion of the 400-foot-wide ship channel at Texas City, located 40 miles southeast of Houston. The work increased the depth of the waterway from 40 feet to 45 feet.

Federal stimulus funds paid for the 18-month project, along with money from several companies that operate refineries along the Texas coast and use ships to transport cargo.

Dredging crews in January recovered four inert cannonballs. Experts say a cannon recovered last November is from the USS Westfield, a Civil War gunboat scuttled during the 1863 Battle of Galveston.

Man dies in trash compactor

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A man is dead after the garbage bin in which he slept was dumped into a trash-compacting truck in San Antonio.

The incident happened about 4:30 a.m. Monday behind a shopping strip on Loop 13 in southeastern San Antonio. Police Sgt. Malcolm Guidry says the driver of a Waste Management truck used his truck-mounted forklift to lift a large bin and dump it into his compactor, along with two men sleeping within.

Guidry says he was unaware that anyone was inside the bin until Richard Salinas climbed from the compactor, knocked on his window and pleaded for him stop.

The driver heard another man pounding on the compactor's inside wall and crying to be freed. He was taken to San Antonio Military Medical Center, where he died about 6 a.m.

High courts avoids cross dispute

WASHINGTON (AP)- The Supreme Court won't hear an appeal of a ruling that 12-foot-high crosses along Utah highways in honor of dead state troopers violate the Constitution.

The justices voted 8-1 Monday to reject an appeal from Utah and a state troopers' group that wanted the court to throw out the ruling and take a more permissive view of religious symbols on public land.

Since 1998, the private Utah Highway Patrol Association has paid for and erected more than a dozen memorial crosses, most of them on state land. Texas-based American Atheists Inc. and three of its Utah members sued the state in 2005.

The federal appeals court in Denver said the crosses were an unconstitutional endorsement of Christianity by the Utah state government.

Justice Clarence Thomas issued a 19-page opinion dissenting from Monday's order. Thomas said the case offered the court the opportunity to clear up confusion over its approach to disputes over the First Amendment's Establishment Clause, the prohibition against governmental endorsement of religion.

"Today the court rejects an opportunity to provide clarity to an Establishment Clause jurisprudence in shambles," Thomas said.

Previous high court cases have made it difficult for lower courts to figure out what to do in this area and "rendered the constitutionality of displays of religious imagery on government property anyone's guess," he said.

Thomas referred specifically to a pair of 2005 cases about the Ten Commandments. On the same day, the court upheld a Ten Commandments monument on the grounds of the Texas state capitol in Austin and declared unconstitutional a display in the McCreary County courthouse in Kentucky.

Copper wire stolen from farms

CLOVIS, N.M. (AP) - Two Clovis men are facing felony charges for allegedly stealing copper wire from Curry County farmers. Authorities say the men are facing charges of larceny after more than \$19,000 in copper wire was stolen at farms from across Curry County. The thefts began in June.

The men are suspected in at least six thefts. The Clovis News Journal reports the wire was stripped from agricultural irrigation sprinklers and sold to metal recycling businesses.

Museum to commemorate JFK

DALLAS (AP) - A Dallas museum that chronicles the 1963 assassination and legacy of President John F. Kennedy is planning a commemoration on the 50th anniversary of his death.

The Sixth Floor Museum is trying to raise \$2.2 million to complete restoration of Dealey Plaza, where Kennedy's motorcade was when he was shot. City funds have been used for some upgrades.

The Dallas Morning News reported Sunday that the city has honored Kennedy family wishes and not sponsored official events to mark the Nov. 22, 1963 killing.

The museum's executive director, Nicola Longford, says the 2013 commemoration may simply be a moment of silence.

The museum is in the former Texas School Book Depository, where Lee Harvey Oswald was accused of shooting Kennedy from a window on the sixth floor.

Suspect in 35 robberies caught

FORT WORTH (AP) - Police say a suspect in nearly three dozen North Texas store robberies has been arrested following a weekend traffic stop.

Fort Worth police on Monday declined to release the name of the man in custody, saying the investigation continues into the Tarrant County robberies.

Sgt. Pedro Criado told The Associated Press that convenience stores, sandwich shops, check-cashing businesses and title loan companies were robbed by a man with a gun.

Police say the 35th robbery since Sept. 1, allegedly linked to the suspect, happened last Thursday. Nobody was hurt in any of the holdups.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram the suspect was pulled over Sunday during a traffic stop, was allowed to leave, but was later arrested at his Fort Worth residence on aggravated robbery charges.

Recovery continues after Bastrop Co. wildfires

DAVE HARMON
Austin American-Statesman

BASTROP (AP) - First came the men with the pickup trucks and the flippers, soliciting homeowners who were sifting through the rubble.

On their heels came the scrappers, hunting for salvage metal. Then came the demolition crews, the tree crews, the dump trucks piled with concrete and brick, filling the blackened forest with the sounds of diesel engines and chain saws.

The spooky, post-wildfire quiet of the Lost Pines has been replaced with the buzz of a nascent recovery, as drifts of rubble and charred vehicles are scraped off lots to make way for new homes, or perhaps "for sale" signs.

Businesses are flocking to Bastrop County to get a piece of the action, creating expectations for a boost during a sluggish economy - and some tension between homegrown businesses and the out-of-towners who are plopping temporary trailer-offices onto parking lots all over the community.

"There is stuff going on everywhere. Every grocery store is like the day before Christmas - the parking lots are full," said Susan Wendel, president and CEO of the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce.

"There are going to be lots of opportunities for people to work here." The local hotels are full of fire victims and tree-cutting crews and contractors. Builders said they're preparing drawings and site plans for residents who want to rebuild. In turn, they're calling their subcontractors to line up crews of concrete finishers and framers and drywall installers for what they said could be a year or more of new construction jobs.

The big question remains: How many people will rebuild, and how many will leave their charred lots to move elsewhere? Vince Kaiser of Prestige Custom Homes in Smithville said he has at least 18 new homes under contract already and figures he'll double his usual pace of one new home a month.

"It's going to be a boom for the next year; I'm booking things for nine months out," said Kaiser, adding that about half of his customers are rebuilding in the burn zone and the rest are buying land elsewhere in Bastrop County. "We're all working seven days a week now. There's going to be a lot of jobs created. It's a good thing from a bad situation."

Builder D.R. Horton said it has sold eight already-finished homes to Bastrop fire victims, most of them in the Hunters Crossing development outside of the burn zone. The company has started construction on 20 more new homes to meet the extra demand.

Another builder, Stan Voelker, said he's talked to eight Bastrop County couples about building new homes. Three of them want to stay in the county, he said, "three are on the fence," and two plan to build elsewhere.

"The reason they bought

the lot is not there anymore," he said. "The beautiful pines are gone."

The Labor Day weekend fires destroyed 1,600 homes in Bastrop County and killed two people. As of Thursday, Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative had received 669 requests to reconnect electricity in the burn zone (the co-op doesn't ask whether customers are planning to rebuild).

The recovery will be financed largely by insurance checks, charitable donations and aid from the federal government - according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, 3,000 Bastrop County residents had applied for assistance as of Friday and had been approved for \$7.3 million.

At McCoy's Building Supply on Texas 71, workers were preparing the outdoor warehouses for big shipments of lumber and materials in anticipation of a lot more business. Store Manager Michael Chambliss said the company has hired three or four new people and plans to hire more.

"It's a huge boost to the economy. It's complete devastation, but it's going to turn this place around," Assistant Manager Taylor Jameson said.

The new jobs will be welcome in Bastrop County, where 42 percent of the population commutes to Austin for work and the unemployment rate has hovered around 8 percent.

Along with the school district and the county, the biggest employers are the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort, the federal prison, Walmart, H-E-B and the University of Texas' cancer research center and science park.

Already, the fires have spawned a new industry in Bastrop.

Mike Widner is a builder in Bastrop, but like a lot of others in the area with access to heavy equipment, he's dived into the demolition business, bringing with him laborers who are eager for the extra work. On a recent weekday, he watched a crew break up a slab in the hard-hit Circle D subdivision - one of a half-dozen

lot cleanups he had done since the fires broke out.

He said he's hired a couple of extra hands to help with the work, which takes three to four days per lot and had kept his crews busy six days a week, 12 hours a day for

he jumped at the opportunity when Crain, who has a construction company in Houston, called him and suggested they hand out fliers in Bastrop advertising site cleanup work.

"It came at a good time for me," said Cox, who lives about 20 miles northeast of Bastrop in Lincoln. "It's not what I usually do; I usually work purchasing behind a desk but I'm trying to earn some extra money where I can."

In the burn zone, blackened trees and utility poles bristle with signs for debris removal, new homes built fast, dirt work, demolition. Convenience store windows are papered with fliers for contractors and personal injury lawyers. More than 1,200 companies have put their names on a list of vendors and contractors that the Bastrop County Board of Realtors began compiling for residents after the fires - including more than 150 offering site cleanup services.

"It's not a bad thing that these people came; it's just the nature of their business," said Wendel, the Chamber of Commerce president.

But the sudden crush of vendors, contractors and builders setting up shop in Bastrop has been greeted with instinctive wariness by many in this tight-knit community.

"They're coming from everywhere," said Erika McDonald, manager of the Tahitian Village Property Owners Association. "It's crazy right now, but I guess that's just what happens in a disaster."

McDonald, who lost her home to the fires, said representatives from out-of-town vendors and companies have flocked to their association meetings, trying to make contact with

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“There is stuff going on everywhere. Every grocery store is like the day before Christmas - the parking lots are full. There are going to be lots of opportunities for people to work here.”

— Susan Wendel
President and CEO of the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce

weeks immediately after the fires.

"There's guys out here who are bricklayers or masonry guys, and they just jumped in" to demolition work, Widner said.

Luke Anderson, an Elgin subcontractor who normally prepares lots for construction, said he's hired five or six workers and nailed down enough home site cleanup jobs to keep them busy for the next two months. Things were slow before the fires, he said, "and now I'm as busy as I can be. Couldn't ask for better timing."

A few miles away, Steve Cox was behind the controls of a tractor. Cox was laid off in August from his desk job at Applied Materials, which makes computer chip manufacturing equipment. As his friend Tommy Crain broke up a concrete slab with a hydraulic hammer, two workers tossed chunks of broken slab into the tractor's metal bucket, then Cox hauled the pieces to the edge of the street. Another mound of roadside rubble that was once someone's home. Cox said

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Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 1, the 305th day of 2011. There are 60 days left in the year. This is All Saints Day.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Nov. 1, 1861, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln named Gen. George B. McClellan General-in-Chief of the Union armies, succeeding Winfield Scott.

On this date:
In 1512, Michelangelo finished painting the ceiling of the Vatican's Sistine Chapel.

In 1765, the Stamp Act went into effect, prompting stiff resistance from American colonists.

In 1870, the United States Weather Bureau made its first meteorological observations.

In 1936, in a speech in Milan, Italy, Benito Mussolini described the alliance between his country and Nazi Germany as an "axis" running between Rome and Berlin.

In 1950, two Puerto Rican nationalists tried to force their way into Blair House in Washington, D.C., in a failed attempt to assassinate President Harry S. Truman. (One of the pair was killed, along with a White House police officer.)

In 1952, the United States exploded the first hydrogen bomb, code-named "Ivy Mike," at Enewetak Atoll in the Marshall Islands.

In 1979, former first lady Mamie Eisenhower died in Washington, D.C., at age 82.

In 1989, East Germany reopened its border with Czechoslovakia, prompting tens of thousands of refugees to flee to the West.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush issued an order allowing past presidents, beginning with Ronald Reagan, to have as much say as incumbent presidents in keeping some of their White House papers private.

Five years ago: Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., apologized to "any service member, family member or American" offended by his "botched joke" about how young people might get "stuck in Iraq" if they didn't study hard and do their homework.

One year ago: Marjorie Diehl-Armstrong, 61, was convicted by a jury in Erie, Pa., of participating in a bizarre plot in which a pizza delivery driver was forced to rob a bank wearing a metal bomb collar that later exploded, killing him.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Betsy Palmer is 85. Country singer Bill Anderson is 74. Actress Barbara Bosson is 72. Actor Robert Foxworth is 70. Actress Marcia Wallace is 69. Country singer-humorist Kinky Friedman is 67. Actress Jeannie Berlin is 62. Rhythm-and-blues musician Ronald Khalis Bell (Kool and the Gang) is 60. Country singer Lyle Lovett is 54. Actress Rachel Ticotin is 53. Rock musician Eddie MacDonald (The Alarm) is 52. Rock singer Anthony Kiedis (Red Hot Chili Peppers) is 49. Rock musician Rick Allen (Def Leppard) is 48. Country singer "Big Kenny" Alphin (Big and Rich) is 48. Singer Sophie B. Hawkins is 47. Country musician Dale Wallace (Emerson Drive) is 42. Actress Toni Collette is 39. Actress Jenny McCarthy is 39. Rock musician Andrew Gonzales is 39. Actor David Berman is 38. Actress Aishwarya Rai is 38. Rock singer Bo Bice ("American Idol") is 36. Actor Penn Badgley is 25. Actor Max Burkholder is 14. Actor-musician Alex Wolff is 14.

Thought for Today: "People who bite the hand that feeds them usually lick the boot that kicks them." - Eric Hoffer, American author and philosopher (1902-1983).



Candidates' Twitter use varies widely

BETH FOUHY
Associated Press Analysis

NEW YORK (AP) - Twitter is abuzz with presidential candidates this year, though not all in the Twittersphere are equal.

Rick Santorum tweets a lot more than Rick Perry, Herman Cain is the Republican most likely to be retweeted, and their Twitter followers are dwarfed by President Barack Obama's.

That's according to an Associated Press analysis of the presidential candidates' use of Twitter that found widely different levels of engagement, despite the site's emergence as a go-to hub for political communication.

The AP analyzed each candidate's Twitter stream beginning the day he or she joined the presidential contest through Monday, Oct. 24. The data, available from Twitter's website, highlights every message posted by candidates, as well as how many times their messages were "retweeted," or reposted, by other users on the site.

No one believes the campaign will be won or lost on Twitter. It's just one slice of an enormous communication effort each campaign wages in cyberspace. But with a well-timed 140 character blast, candidates can make news, respond to charges or reinforce talking points in a matter of seconds.

"Candidates are living in a new media ecology that rewards speed, and there is no faster way to distribute your message intact than over Twitter," said Andrew Rasiej, the founder of Personal Democracy Media which tracks the intersection of media and politics. "If TV ads were the rifles of campaign battles in the past, Twitter is the machine gun used to distribute a message or annihilate an opponent."

And unlike pricy television and Web advertising, tweeting is free. That's one reason some of the financially struggling candidates have relied on Twitter as a way to promote themselves away from the media filter.

To that end, the AP found the Newt Gingrich campaign, which trails many other rivals in fundraising and is more than \$1 million in debt, to be one of the most active on Twitter. The former House speaker has tweeted more than 470 times as of last Monday.

Rick Santorum, the former Pennsylvania senator, had tweeted 326 times to more than 35,000 followers.

Perry, the well-funded Texas governor, is at the other end of the Twitter spectrum. His campaign has sent 42 tweets to more than 99,000 followers under his Twitter handle, (@)GovernorPerry, since he launched his presidential campaign in August.

"20% Flat Tax is the way to go! Cut, Balance and Grow plan," Perry's campaign tweeted after delivering a speech announcing his flat tax plan Tuesday.

Over the weekend, Perry tweeted that he was enjoying "a picture perfect Sunday at home with the greatest woman in the world..."

A candidate's Twitter feed is often a reflection of his or her persona.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney's campaign has tweeted 233 times under the Twitter handle (@)MittRomney to more than 150,000 followers, almost all directly from Twitter's website. Most of his messages have been relatively safe, largely reflecting the campaign's orderly nature.

"Excited & honored to officially be on the NH ballot-great being there yesterday with Gov. Sununu," Romney tweeted after receiving the endorsement of New Hampshire's former governor.

Former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman has taken a riskier approach. Trailing in polls, Huntsman has used Twitter to raise eyebrows and draw attention to his unconventional candidacy.

Huntsman, who served as Obama's ambassador to China, responded to a renewed debate about Obama's birthplace Tuesday after Perry questioned the validity of the president's birth certificate. "Barack Obama was born in America. Period," Huntsman

tweeted to some 44,300 followers.

The AP analysis found Huntsman had sent 120 tweets since becoming a candidate.

The success of a candidate's Twitter strategy can in part be gauged in how often a candidate's message is retweeted by followers to a broader audience. By that measure, the AP analysis found Cain has outpaced his GOP rivals.

Cain, the former pizza magnate, has sent 579 messages to about 142,000 followers under (@)THEHermanCain handle since joining the race. Of those, 144 have been retweeted more than 100 times.

Despite their best efforts, none of the Republicans are in the same league with the president when it comes to the successful use of Twitter.

Obama, whose campaign revolutionized the use of the Internet as a fundraising and organizational tool in his 2008 campaign, has 10.8 million Twitter followers. His campaign, under the handle (@)BarackObama, has tweeted 731 times since launching his re-election bid. Of those, 690 were retweeted more than 100 times.

Most of his tweets are sent by staff, but Obama has personally tweeted a handful of times, such as when he went to Capitol Hill to pitch his jobs plan in September. Tweets directly from the president are signed -bo.

Obama's digital advisers acknowledge the campaign had a huge head start online against the Republican field. But they also maintain the success of their Twitter strategy, particularly measured by their retweets, comes from using Twitter to ask supporters to take a specific action - attending an event, watching a speech, sharing their story about how his jobs plan might help them. The Republicans haven't learned yet how to make best use of the platform, Obama advisers say.

"Fundamentally, you are trying to shape a relationship with voters. Go volunteer, donate, go vote. It's not a novelty for us," Obama campaign digital director Teddy Goff said.

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Recent grads must face up to debt

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With student loan debt making headlines, this is a reminder to spring graduates that you must start dealing with your debt before the six-month grace period runs out. Here's the universal question:

If I graduated this past spring, what should I be doing about my student loans -- especially if I have no job?

First things first. Do not get swept up in the news and forget that you must deal with your obligation under the current rules. Here's what you must do now if you graduated this past spring -- whether you can afford to pay or not. Immediately contact your lenders, and set up some kind of arrangement. If you absolutely cannot start paying, ask about forbearance or deferral. But if you have some income now, it's better to start a repayment plan that recognizes your situation. Go to IBRInfo.org to learn about income-based repayment plan options.

It's no surprise that student loan debt is entering the political arena. Student loans outstanding exceed total credit-card debt, and will exceed \$1 trillion for the first time this year. And that total is growing at a rate of \$100 billion a year.

The fault lies, once again, in Congress. In an effort to make college "affordable" for the voters, it expanded the student loan program dramatically in the past 20 years. More student loan money meant colleges were free to raise tuition at more than twice the rate of consumer price inflation every year.

The Savage Truth on money

In fact, the College Board just announced that the average cost of in-state tuition at a four-year public university rose 8.3 percent this year!

The real killer is the interest rates on student loans. Despite the fact that you can earn less than a quarter of 1 percent interest on 6-month Treasury bills, the government wants you to pay 6.8 percent interest.

The squeeze on federal student loans is even worse than mortgage or credit card debt repayment. You can file for bankruptcy and wipe out credit card debt. You can default and lose your home if you don't pay your mortgage. And in each case, you can walk away and start over.

If you default on -- stop paying -- your federal student loans, they won't go away. Instead, they will haunt you until you start collecting Social Security -- at which point the government promises to take a bite out of your monthly check to repay your loans!

The portion of borrowers in default -- more than nine months behind on payments -- rose from 6.7 percent in 2007 to 8.8 percent in 2009, and surely has soared in the past two years. But interest keeps accruing on those defaulted loans.

Many graduates took advantage

of the onetime loan consolidation program to lock in fixed rates several years ago -- only to watch rates drop still further. Now, the president's new program will allow another consolidation -- and slightly lower rates for many borrowers. The announcement talked about consolidation of "direct" loans with loans that were made in previous years through private banks, such as Sallie Mae, under the older Federal Family Education Loan program. It's not clear whether previously consolidated loans will qualify.

The president's proposal also will lower the minimum payment for new borrowers from 15 percent of annual discretionary income to 10 percent. (Discretionary income is defined as the amount by which adjusted gross income exceeds the poverty line.)

This proposal is a step in the right direction -- but not a large enough step. While I believe in the sanctity of a contract as essential to a well-functioning economy, it is totally unfair that those just starting their careers are held to a higher repayment standard than homeowners or credit-card users -- or the banks! That's the Savage Truth!

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fire victims. Her father-in-law, Randy McDonald, a local real estate agent and president of the association's architectural control committee, said some of those same businesses have tried to cozy up to him for referrals.

"Now people are calling me who I don't even know," he said. They want to go to lunch. McDonald tells them he's too busy.

County leaders have publicly encouraged people to choose local businesses when possible. But many locals acknowledge that there aren't enough local companies to meet the demand for some services, including site cleanup and tree removal.

"They all wanted to stay local, but local can't handle all that's there," said Duane Bleeker, superintendent of Granbury Excavating, which sent crews 180 miles south from Granbury to

do site cleanup in Bastrop County. "We were kind of slow around here so we went down there trying to help out."

As one of Granbury's crews pounded a fire-blackened slab to rubble on Cardinal Drive, Jose Ruiz, 53, waited and watched. He's a construction worker but said he hasn't had steady work in four months. So he and his son -- also named Jose -- hauled twisted strands of rebar to their pickup as the demolition crew removed the metal from the concrete.

The son said they'd been doing this for a few days, earning \$100 to \$150 a day selling the rebar as scrap.

The father said that would help them put food on the table, and he hopes when new houses start emerging from the ashes, he and his son will be back -- with their tool belts.

Amtrak: No beef with cow-powered train

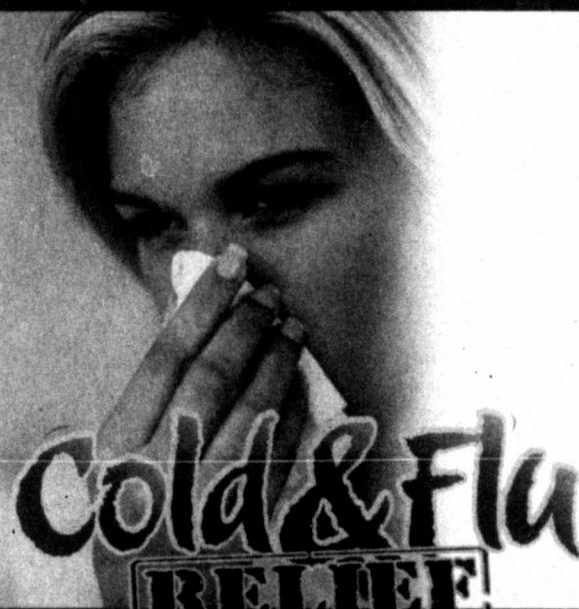
OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Amtrak officials say they have no beef with using cattle-based biodiesel to power their Heartland Flyer train.

The railroad said Monday that a mix of beef tallow and diesel fuel effectively powered the passenger train's 3,200-horsepower engine. Following a yearlong test on the rails between Oklahoma City and Fort Worth, Texas, an evaluation found that the fuel blend met industry standards, engine wear was limited and emissions were below federal limits for the type of engine using it.

Roy Deitchman, Amtrak's vice president of environmental, health and safety vice president, said the railroad was able to replace about 35,000 gallons of diesel with a locally produced renewable fuel during the test.

Tallow is often used to make soap or animal feed. Previous tests found that engines running on a biodiesel mix had lower emissions, but further testing was needed to ensure its gaskets didn't wear prematurely with an animal-based product in the engine. Amtrak said the blend resulted in no more wear than usual.

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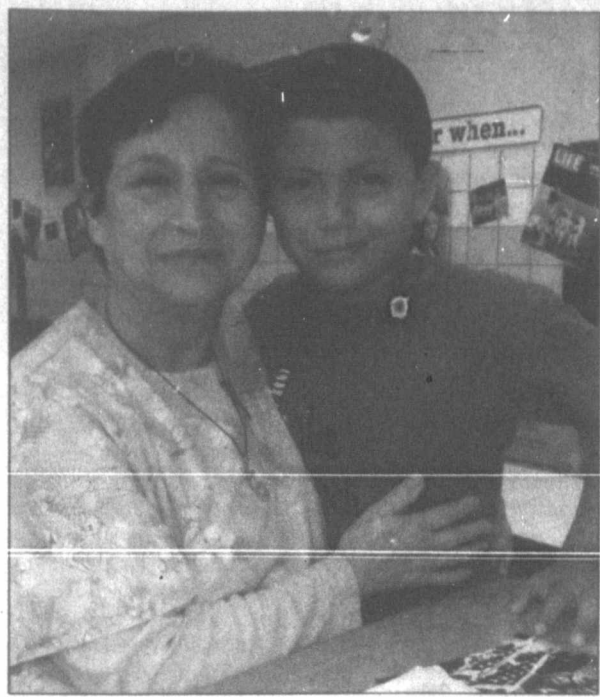
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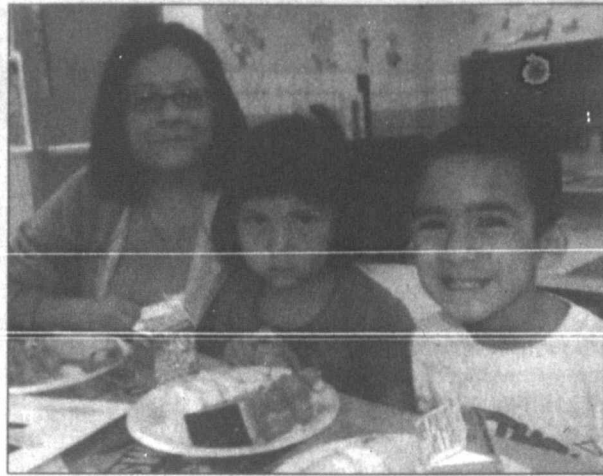
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Grandparent Breakfast



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Among those taking part in the recent "Breakfast with Grandparents" at Wilson Elementary School were (above left) Elizabeth Ramirez and her grandson Avryn and (above, right) Rosa Rivera and her granddaughter Madison Rivers (center) and nephew Renee Rivera.

Border Patrol busing more illegal immigrants

NOGALES, Ariz. (AP) — The Border Patrol is increasingly taking illegal immigrants caught in southern Arizona and busing them to Texas and California, where they are sent back to their homeland.

The government has been shipping illegal immigrants caught in Arizona, the main entry point for illegal border crossers, to other border states for several years. Last year, the number of transfers, known as lateral repatriations, skyrocketed.

From Oct. 1, 2010, through July 30, the Border Patrol's Tucson Sector transferred nearly 44,000 illegal immigrants arrested in Arizona to Texas or California. That is 128 percent more than the number transferred during all of 2010.

"What that does is break up that smuggling cycle so that they are not going to keep coming through kind of a revolving door," said Colleen Agle, a spokeswoman for the Border Patrol's Tucson Sector, which covers most of Arizona's border with Mexico.

The Arizona Republic reports Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet

Napolitano was in Nogales on Sunday to tour part of the border on horseback. She praised the lateral transfers, calling them part of stepped-up efforts to deter illegal immigration by imposing consequences on illegal border crossers instead of simply returning them to Mexico.

"There are a number of things that all together are acting as deterrents to recidivist crossers in particular," Napolitano said. "All those added together make it less and less appealing to try and cross this very forbidding terrain."

Some humanitarian groups have raised concerns that the transfers separate families.

A September report by the Tucson-based humanitarian group No More Deaths found that based on interviews with more than 12,800 illegal immigrants deported by the Border Patrol, 869 family members had been removed separately, including 17 children and 41 teens. The separations often occurred after the Border Patrol transferred illegal immigrants to other states so they could be deported through ports far from where they were apprehended, the report said.

Amendments

the ballot, will provide for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open-space land devoted to water stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

Currently, the Texas Constitution says that open-space land used for ranching, farming, timber and wildlife management is taxed based on its productive value — the value that an appraiser assumes that land can produce — rather than its real estate market value. Assessing the land this way reduces the land's taxable value and, consequently, its property tax bill.

Proposition 8 would extend the same courtesy to landowners who manage their property to conserve water or protect water quality. Landowners could be eligible for this appraisal status by conserving well water, taking steps to control erosion or other things that would either increase the water supply or improve water quality.

"What this is wanting to do is put the water areas in the same category," Peet said. "This basically includes (landowners who protect water resources) in that same law."

The tax perks in the measure would only be eligible to property owners who already qualify for the agricultural or wildlife exemption, meaning, theoretically, that the amendment would not reduce tax revenue. If the land is developed in a way that no longer qualifies it as open-space or timber land, it would lose its special appraisal status, even if water stewardship activities on it continued.

The amendment is basically an incentive for landowners to help protect the state's dwindling water supply and help mitigate the effects of the ongoing drought, the state's worst since 1950. Since the vast majority — approximately 95 percent — of Texas is privately owned, most of the state's water either flows through or is under private property. Proposition 8 encourages the owners of that private property to be good stewards with a precious resource during an especially crucial time.

Still, the amendment is not without its opponents. Some claim that the measure itself is unnecessary, since many of the landowners that it targets already practice voluntary water conservation to keep their cropland productive. Others say that providing another tax break for Texas landowners would be excessive.

Proposition No. 9 (Senate Joint Resolution 9)

The Texas Constitution authorizes the governor to pardon a convicted criminal if the Board of Pardons and Paroles recommends it. Doing so would take the conviction off the record; however, to be pardoned, someone first has to be convicted.

Texas law, though, also offers the option of deferred adjudication, in which the accused serves a period of probation without actually being convicted.

"Right now, we have basically two types of probation," explained Peet. "We have general probation and we have deferred adjudication. Straight probation is you get put on probation, you report every month, and even when you're through, it's on your record. It's a conviction. Deferred adjudication is where you're put on probation and if you complete it, then it's almost as if the case never occurred — almost."

If the accused completes the deferred adjudication period, the charges are dropped and no finding of guilt is recorded. However, the record of charges (as well as the record of the accused going through deferred adjudication) remains on the accused's criminal history.

"It's still on your record," said Peet. "It's just you don't have a conviction. If I were to run a criminal history check on one of you and I see here that you were put on deferred adjudication and you completed it, it's not a conviction, but it's still on the criminal history."

The deferred adjudication probation option is usually for lesser crimes, Peet explained. The issue lies when someone who undergoes deferred adjudication wants to clear their record; a person who has been convicted and pardoned can apply to have the charges stricken from the public record, but since someone who completes deferred adjudication can't be pardoned, it is harder for such a person to clear their record.

SJR9 would grant the governor authority to pardon someone who has had charges dropped after successfully undergoing deferred adjudication, making it easier to have their record cleared.

"What this is saying is that on a deferred adjudication case, the governor can grant a full pardon and take it off the record, so if I do a criminal history check, I wouldn't see it on there," Peet said.

Proposition No. 10 (Senate Joint Resolution 37)

Under the Texas Constitution, if county or

district officials declare that they are running for another office more than a year before the end of their term, they automatically resign their current office.

"Right now, once you announced, you're no longer in that position," Peet said. "For example, let's assume that I announce that I am going to run for some other office, and I do it in December. That would mean that I still have a year and so many days left on my term (as judge). Once I announce, I am no longer judge. (That announcement) would terminate your office."

However, a new federal law was recently passed to allow for military personnel and others overseas to receive their absentee ballots on time. This has caused Texas to move the filing deadline for elec-

tions up one month.

To match the new filing deadline, Proposition 10 aims to add 30 days to the "grace period" for officeholders who announce their intention to run.

"If this passes, even if I announce in December, I don't have to leave my office," said Peet. "It's a plus for those who are in office who are wishing to announce that they are running for another office, so that they don't have to give up their old term."

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Pribble. "In just a few days, he has formed a good working relationship with his associates."

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meeting people," Frazier said, "and I'm looking forward to meeting some new people here."

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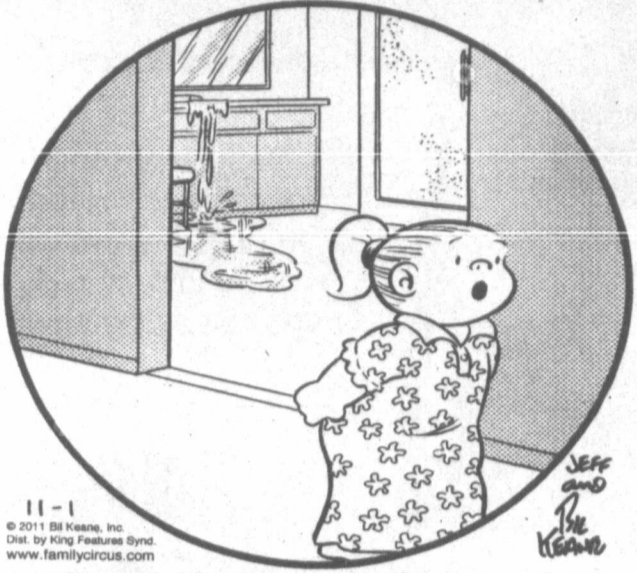
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daily horoscope

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You discover the power of popularity this year. Many people gravitate toward you. If you are single, you could meet someone who will be significant to your life's history. If you are attached, be careful not to make your sweetie jealous. You seem to have a way with words and a twinkle in your eye that encourages others to go along with you. Use care with spending, as you could go overboard. Your home life soars to the top of your priorities. AQUARIUS can be so boring.

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 push hard to finish your to-do list, but by late afternoon, others become more important. A meeting allows you to visualize your goals and see others' support. What starts out as a relatively stem get-together loosens up. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your ability to gain a total picture proves to be very helpful. Your understanding of what is happening with a partner comes through. This person's words have unusual meaning. Grab the pedestal in the p.m. and let others know what you want too. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ A partner plays a role in your thoughts and actions. How you handle a person and the choices you make could affect this relationship, but that might not be news. Make calls, find an expert or two, but test out an idea before acting on it. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Others seem to be consumed by their thoughts. You might not be sure which way to go with a personal matter. Laughter goes far with an associate, and both of you can relax. Let others make the decision. Do your thing. Tonight: Visit over dinner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Remain nurturing and direct. You will accomplish a lot, though you'll want to push people-type activities to the late afternoon. Someone clearly enjoys flirting with you. The unexpected wings through your door (or your phone or computer). Tonight: Dance the night

away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Creativity helps you walk in another person's shoes. What might be a casual introduction could evolve into more, if you wish. Do check out an investment. Concerns involving your personal or domestic life need to be assuaged. Tonight: Exercise time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Family and/or a domestic matter dominates your thoughts. Your ability to hop through problems marks nearly anything you do. A child or friend depends on this quality. Be willing to help another person learn or understand your resilience. Tonight: Be playful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Keep talks moving, and refuse to get into unnecessary details. The smart move is to bypass gossip if you have any intention of completing your work. Touch base with a family member later today. You have an awful lot to discuss. Tonight: At home.

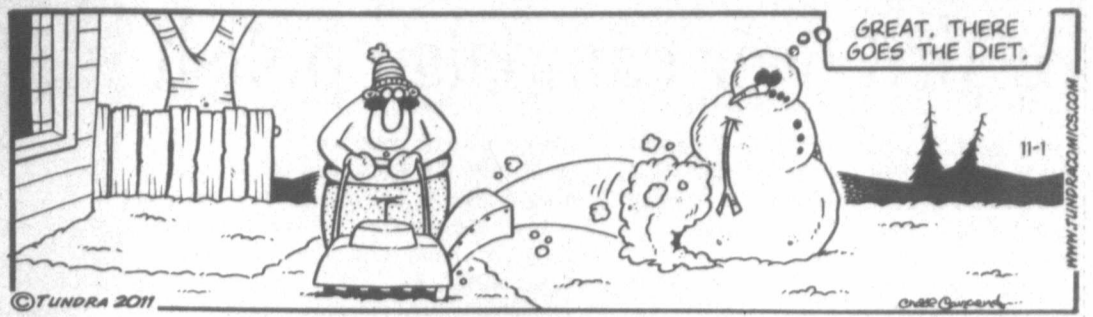
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Be careful with a tendency to spend too much or go to extremes. You might not always be comfortable with what happens. Be open and direct. Laughter marks your interaction with a sibling, neighbor or close friend. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You are in your element this morning. Though you might feel a little drained by a boss or responsibility, you bounce back well. Don't overthink a money matter. Listen to your intuition, but keep risk minimal. Call a loved one in the evening. Tonight: Splurge a little.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might be out of sorts, but that mood won't last long. By the end of the afternoon, you are energized, running around accomplishing more than you thought possible. Make plans before you leave work. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Use the daylight hours to accomplish as much as possible. Your sense of humor comes out when dealing with a child or loved one. Meetings are unusually beneficial. Schedule an important meeting for the end of the day. Get to the bottom of an issue. Tonight: Thinking time.

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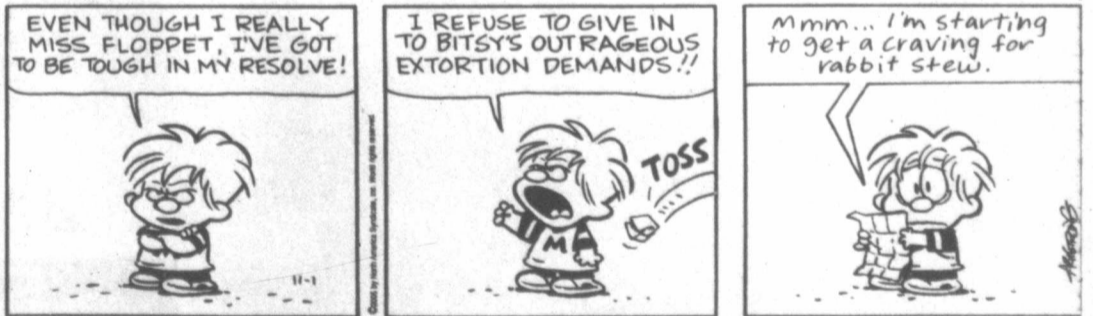
Garfield



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Marvin



Hagar The Horrible



Peanuts



New Perry Iowa ad touts jobs record over campaign polish

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — With just two months until Iowa's presidential caucuses, Republican Rick Perry is redoubling his effort to introduce himself in the state that holds his political fate.

Trailing in the polls, the Texas governor on Monday introduced his second ad in the nation's first caucus state, just a week after his first, setting his jobs and fiscal record as his chief assets and poking at his chief rival's superior debating skills.

"If you're looking for a slick politician or a guy with great teleprompter skills, we already have that, and he's destroying our economy," Perry says in the new ad, poking directly at Democratic President Barack Obama, but also nudging Romney. "I'm a doer, not a talker."

And he's about to get some help in another early-voting state. A super political action committee that supports Perry and is run by several Perry associates, Make Us Great Again, planned to run TV ads in South Carolina as early as Tuesday, telling TV stations to reserve airtime for him.

It was unclear what the content of the South Carolina ad is, but the fact that the group is planning to run advertisements on his behalf indicates that Perry's allies are making similar efforts to boost his poll numbers in that key state.

Perry's quick release of a second ad and two trips to Iowa this week reflect his urgency for a good showing in the state. Perry needs a strong performance in the Jan. 3 caucuses to carry him into New Hampshire, where Romney, the former Massachusetts governor, lead in polls ahead of its leadoff primary.

Perry placed fifth in The Des Moines Register's Iowa Poll published Sunday, tied with former House Speaker Newt Gingrich with support from 7 percent of likely caucus goers. Businessman Herman Cain led with 23 percent, followed closely by Romney with 22 percent.

But the Texas governor's new ad projects confidence. An open-collared Perry, backed by a lively string accompaniment, nods assuredly into the camera while noting Texas' healthy economy in the past two years, Perry's calling card as he seeks to challenge Romney as the candidate best able to attack the GOP's chief concern: jobs.

The new ad picks up the theme of Perry's first campaign ad, a 30-second spot also launched in Iowa that promises 2.5 million jobs and points to his economic record as

Texas' three-term governor.

And while Perry has admitted struggling during the string of recent debates, in the new ad he turns the criticism around by arguing his record is more relevant than his debate polish.

The new ad and a stepped up Iowa presence follow Perry's steady decline in national polls since he entered the race on Aug. 13 and shot to the top of GOP surveys.

They also follow last week's reinforcement of his national campaign staff, which had primarily been longtime Texas hands, with seasoned national presidential operatives.

Meanwhile, Perry introduced economic proposals this month, including last week's proposed flat tax and changes to Social Security and Medicare.

Iowa Republicans can expect to hear Perry tout the proposals and Texas' job growth at a forum in Iowa Tuesday co-hosted by Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, a pro-business Republican who has held out the possibility of endorsing a candidate before the caucuses.

Gingrich and other Republican presidential hopefuls Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann, Texas Rep. Ron Paul and former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum are also scheduled to attend the forum at Vermeer Manufacturing southeast of Des Moines.

Romney declined the invitation to participate in the forum, even though the former investment capital executive is stressing his decades in the private sector over his one term as Massachusetts governor to present himself as the field's most economics-savvy candidate.

And while Romney has ramped up his outreach in Iowa after laying low for most of the year, he is avoiding multicandidate forums in the state where he waged an all-out campaign for the caucuses only to finish second four years ago.

Perry on the other hand has been to Iowa more than twice as often as Romney this year, only to find himself trailing.

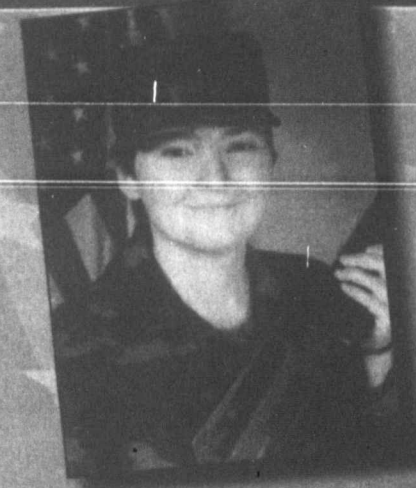
The one-two punch of advertising and aggressive travel will help boost his brand, Perry's national communication director Ray Sullivan said.

"Republicans in Iowa should expect to see Gov. Perry a lot between now and when voting starts, not only on the air, on TV and other paid media, but also on the ground and at speeches and traditional campaign events," Sullivan told The Associated Press.

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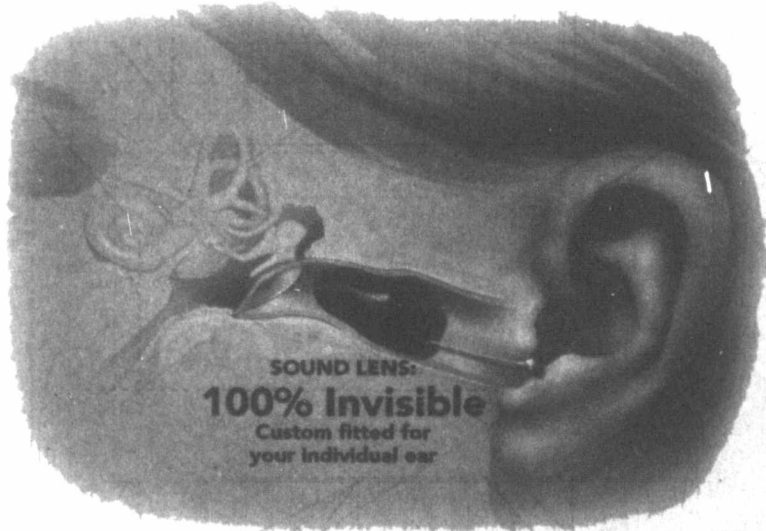
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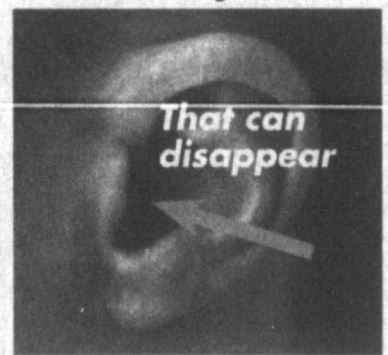
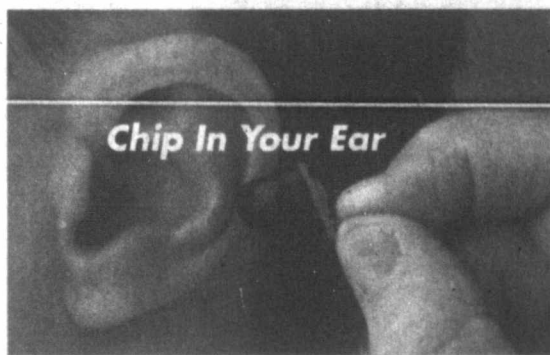


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No. 12 Pampa downs Lubbock in playoff warm-up

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Garza

Since the No. 12 Pampa Lady Harvesters won't start play in the playoffs until the end of the week, Pampa kept itself active as it swept Lubbock High (25-16, 25-20 and 25-22) in a warm-up match Saturday in Lubbock.

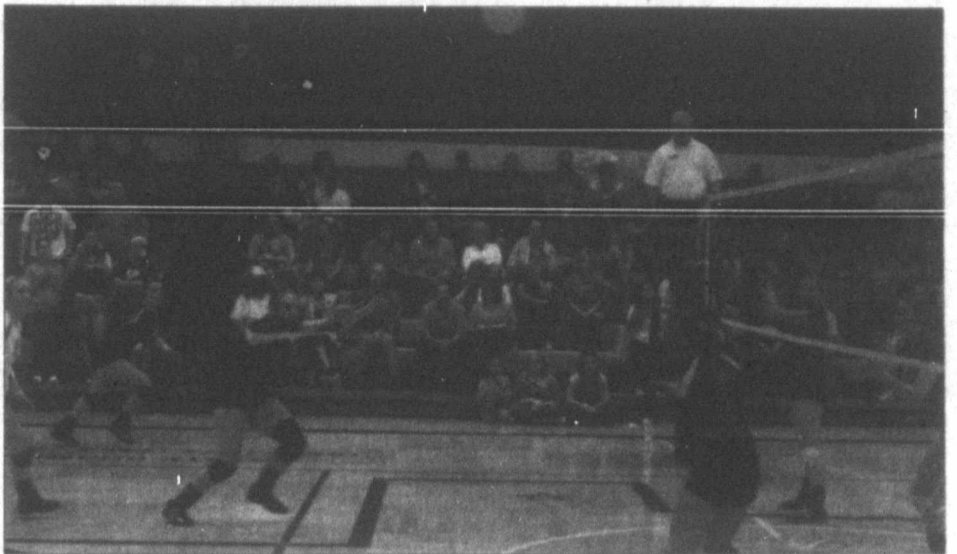
This was the second time Pampa and

Lubbock met. The Lady Harvesters swept the September 20 match at McNeely Fieldhouse.

Head coach Libby Garza said the team played well.

"I think they are ready," Garza said. "I'm excited to see how we will be in playoffs. They are very hungry for their ultimate goal, and that's state."

The Lady Harvesters (30-8) will play a final warm-up game at No. 18 Bushland 6:30 p.m. today. Pampa beat Bushland in the Frenship tournament August 27. The Lady Harvesters will face either Monahans or Pecos in the area round at



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Senior Stephanie Allen prepares to jump for a set by junior Maddie Father-ee against Dalhart Oct. 25. Pampa defeated Lubbock in a playoff warm-up.

Pampa's cross country team sends four to regional meet

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Pampa High School will send four of its runners to the regional cross country meet at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock on November 5.

Senior Trent McAnear finished second in the boys race with a time of 16:37.97, which was 20 seconds behind first place finisher Fabian Mercado of Perryton. Pampa finished fourth with a score of 89. Borger won the boys race with a score of 32 and the team will advance to regionals along with runner-up Perryton.

In the girls' race, freshman Terra



McAnear

Truitt finished sixth (13:15.81), junior J'Cee Holmes finished seventh (13:16.46) and freshman Elizabeth Gill finished eighth (13:18). Holmes is making her second regional appearance. She advanced last year when the team advanced. The Lady Harvesters finished third with a score of 56, nine points behind Perryton, who advanced to regionals. Dalhart won the girls race with a score of 42 and also advanced to regionals.

Full results will be in the weekend scoreboard. Head coach Mark Elms' comments were unavailable as of press time.



Holmes

Recreation volleyball starts today

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The citywide recreation volleyball league starts today at 6 p.m. at the Dennis Cavalier Activity Center.

Recreation coordinator Autumn Schaub said the signups went well.

"We had 11 teams sign up," Schaub said. "Five are playing in the recreational division and six are playing in the competitive division."

Schaub said there isn't much of a difference between the two divisions.

"The recreation division is for people that just want to have fun," Schaub said.



Schaub

"The competitive division is for people that want to win. At the end of the season, the two leagues will play against each other in the playoffs."

The games will be four on four and the first team to 20 wins. Scoring will be done rally style. The season

runs from today through December 8. A postseason double elimination tournament will follow the regular season

WORLD SERIES FALLOUT

Rangers moving on after second consecutive World Series loss

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers are already starting to think about how to get to another World Series.

"We've got a very motivated group right now," general manager Jon Daniels said Monday, three days after the Rangers' second consecutive season-ending loss in a World Series. "In the clubhouse, on the field, and in the front

office, we want to get the job done."

Just like last year after their first World Series, the Rangers go into this offseason with their left-handed No. 1 starting pitcher being the most prominent free agent. This time, it's C.J. Wilson coming off a winless postseason after winning 16 games in the regular season. Cliff Lee left in free agency last winter.

"No doubt we've got a decision to

make and a discussion to have with C.J.," Daniels said, not offering a timetable.

The two-time American League champion Rangers made their first offseason move Monday when they picked up the 2012 club option for Colby Lewis, who will make \$3.25 million next season. The right-hander is 26-23 with a 4.06 ERA in two seasons since returning to Texas from Japan.

All the other core pieces, including all regulars in the primary batting order, are either already under contract or club control for next season. That includes Mike Napoli and AL championship series MVP Nelson Cruz, who are both eligible for salary arbitration, along with contracted players like Josh Hamilton, Adrian Beltre, Ian Kinsler and Michael Young.



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BIG XII FOOTBALL

Texas won't name Ash outright starter

AUSTIN (AP) — Everything about the play on the field says freshman David Ash is Texas' clear No. 1 quarterback.

Ash started the last two games, took every snap in a loss to Oklahoma State and every meaningful one in last week's 43-0 win over Kansas.

So how come the depth chart for the game this week against Texas Tech lists quarterback as either David Ash or former starter Case McCoy?

Most coaches try to kill quarterback controversies before they start. Longhorns coach Mack Brown seems to refuse to let this one die.

"We're developing both guys because neither one of them have played enough to say 'It's your deal,'" Brown said Monday. "If we played today, we'd probably start David because he played well, but if he comes out and has a horrible week of practice and Case looks great ... We're not in position we're ready to anoint anybody"

All signs on the field say Texas (5-2, 2-2 Big 12) has decided Ash has taken control of the offense.

Ash got his second career start against Kansas and led Texas to a touchdown on the opening drive — something the Longhorns hadn't done since 2009 — and didn't leave the game until leading 33-0 late in the third quarter.

Ash was an efficient 14 of 18 passing for 145 yards and also ran for Texas' second touchdown.

But there are signs Ash still has a long way to go.

He has six turnovers in the last

three games and threw a second-quarter interception into double coverage against Kansas. On several third downs, Texas co-offensive coordinator Bryan Harsin took the ball out of Ash's hands by calling plays with a direct snap to senior tailback Fozzy Whittaker to run the option.

Texas beat the Jayhawks into submission with 441 yards rushing and rarely required Ash to throw downfield. His longest completion of 27 yards came when he scrambled to his left and found Marquise Goodwin, who had slipped into a hole in the coverage.

"I'm learning to get the ball out quick and take what they give you without forcing anything," Ash said after the game. "I struggled with that early on, trying to force things when they aren't there."

Ash and McCoy have not been made available to reporters this season at the team's regularly scheduled interviews.

Earlier this season it looked as if the younger brother of former Texas quarterback Colt McCoy was ready to take over the Longhorns.

Case McCoy relieved former starter Garrett Gilbert in the second quarter of the second game against BYU and led a Texas rally in a 17-16 win. Then he started road wins over UCLA and Iowa State.

McCoy also started a 55-17 blow-out loss to Oklahoma, then was forced to step aside when Ash played the entire game in a 38-26 home loss to Oklahoma State.

McCoy threw just two passes against Kansas and completed them both, but hasn't played a meaningful snap for the Longhorns in almost a month.

"Case is doing great," Brown said. "He's been upbeat and worked hard in practice. He's a lot more ready to play now than he was even earlier in the year."

Brown may simply be trying to protect player feelings at a position that is painfully thin on the depth chart. Texas began training camp with four scholarship quarterbacks, but freshman Connor Wood transferred and Gilbert had season-ending shoulder surgery after he was benched and announced that he also will transfer.

If Ash or McCoy gets hurt, the only other quarterback on the roster is walk-on John Paul Floyd, whose nickname is "The Pope" but who hasn't thrown a pass.

Should Ash continue to be given charge of the offense, he may not have to throw much. Texas' last two games have seen the emergence of a solid running game that can relieve pressure on the young quarterback.

The Longhorns rushed for 672 yards the last two games and averaged 34 points in those games without throwing a touchdown pass. Texas Tech (5-3, 2-3) gave up 368 yards rushing last week in a 41-7 loss to Iowa State.

"If we need to rare back and throw it we can," Texas senior offensive lineman David Snow said. "David Ash has a great arm."

BANANAGRAMS!

For each bunch below, rearrange the letters to form two intersecting words that fit into the corresponding grid.

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Yesterday's Answer: CHERUB, WALNUT, MELODY, BECOME, DOLLOP, SCHISM

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: When my family and I visit relatives out of state, we usually spend half the week with one of my cousins and the rest with another. One cousin, "Deborah," has a drinking problem.

Not only is it painful to watch her drink, but I noticed that her husband will hardly look at her or speak to her, because he is so angry. They have a young son.

Perhaps this is selfish, but I don't intend to have our vacations subjected to that kind of stress. I love Deborah and don't want to hurt her feelings, but I can't stay there and expose my family to her drinking. My husband and kids understand that she has a problem and support me in not wanting to spend several days at her house.

Is there a way to tell her this gently? I believe my other cousin would be happy to have us for the entire week. I don't intend to stay away from Deborah completely; she's always been one of my best friends. What can I do? — STANDING FIRM IN GREEN BAY

DEAR STANDING FIRM: Make other arrangements for lodging this year. And after they

are made, have a talk with Deborah's husband and tell him why. Because you are so close to your cousin and you will be there, and because her husband's anger is obvious, it might be an opportune time for an intervention.

Of course, this should be done with the help of a professional who can help Deborah get the treatment she so obviously needs. Her husband should seek guidance from the people at Al-Anon or Alcoholics Anonymous. This will have to be done delicately, and they will know what to do. The websites are www.al-anon-familygroups.org and www.aa.org

DEAR ABBY: I have seen many letters in your column from men who are conflicted about being attracted to a person other than their spouse.

I handle it by calling it "art appreciation." In a museum you can't touch the art but only admire it from a distance. I, too, enjoy the "view" without getting too close. It has served me well because it allows me to fantasize without getting into trouble. — "MUSEUM-GOER" IN

CAMPBELL, CALIF.

DEAR "MUSEUM-GOER": While this technique may work for you, I wouldn't recommend it to everyone because many wives pick up on those "art appreciation" vibes and feel disrespected or threatened when their husbands stare at other women. I remember that this subject has been raised at least once in the Bible. If King David hadn't spent so much time enjoying the view from his rooftop, Bathsheba's husband would have died a natural death.

DEAR ABBY: What do you say if someone who is overweight says she's fat or asks you if she's fat? It's always such an awkward situation, and I usually end up saying, "Of course you're not fat!" I'd like to know if there's a better way of handling this. You always know what to say. — TONGUE-TIED IN FLORIDA

DEAR TONGUE-TIED: If someone who was obese stated that she (or he) was fat, I would either let the comment hang there in silence or I'd say, "What do you intend to do about it?" And if someone with a

weight problem asked me if he or she was fat, instead of denying the obvious, I would respond, "What I think isn't nearly as important as what YOU think about that."

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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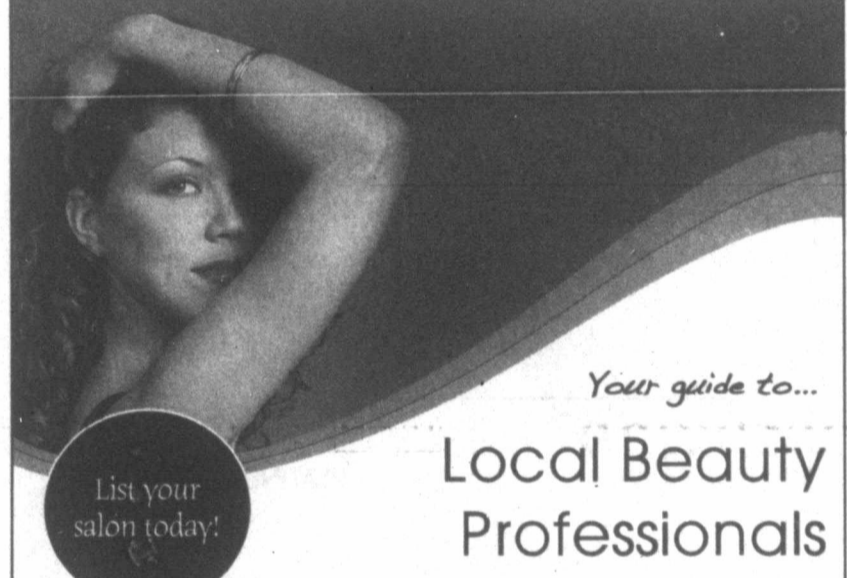
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(806) 669-0013

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701 N. Price Road
(806) 665-7261

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Massage
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806-662-4586

Want to list your salon?
Call Beverly at 806-669-2525
for information.

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

11-1 CRYPTOQUOTE
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E J P G F J L X A M Y Z R A Y B Y P X R
Q S E T D V K D R . — A Y R S T A R
V K F Z K D B
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: SUSPICIONS
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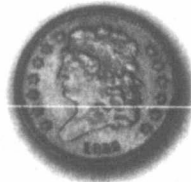
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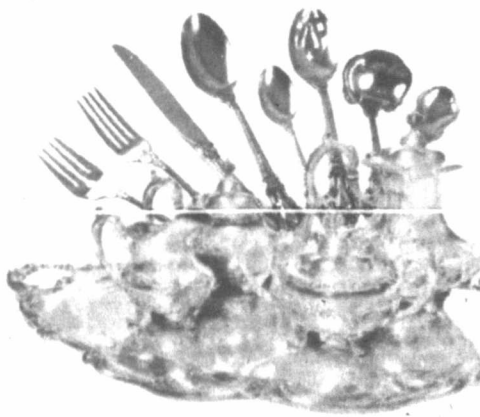
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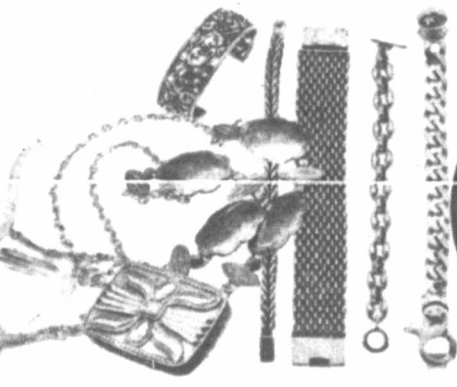
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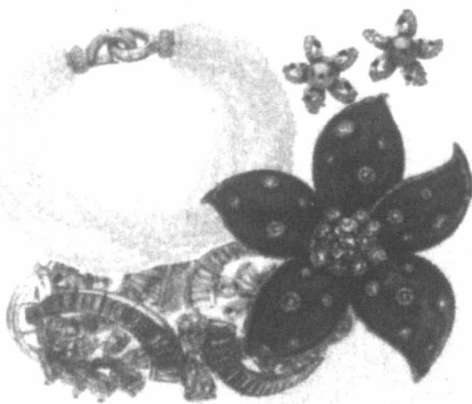
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