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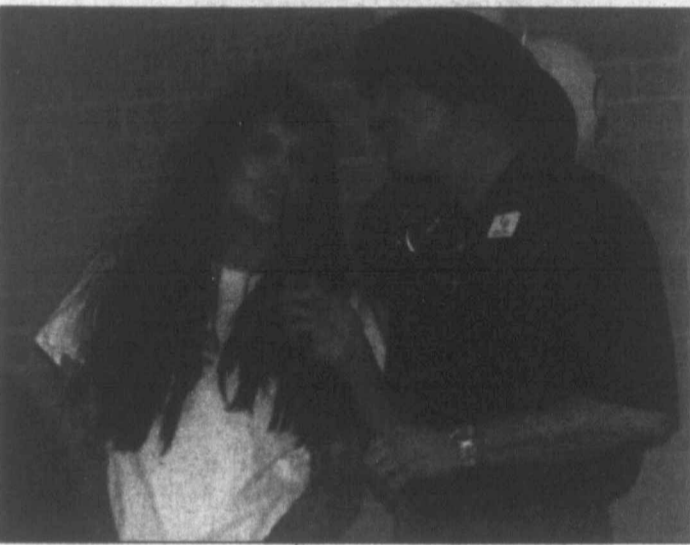
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Debbie and Bruce Brame, guest speakers at the Relay for Life Kickoff on Monday evening, channel Sonny and Cher as they pump up the crowd.

Brames tell story at Relay for Life Kickoff

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Bruce Brame, the husband of last year's Relay for Life Hero of Hope Debbie Brame, spoke at yesterday evening's Gray County Relay for Life Kickoff at 6:30 p.m. at Clarendon College Pampa Center.

Brame, of Skellytown, talked about how cancer and the Relay for Life has touched his life.

"My first experience with cancer, I was 15 years old, and my grandmother was diagnosed with bone cancer," he said. "As a young man, I didn't pay that much attention to at first. I thought it was just something that she was sick, she would take treatments, and she would get over. But what I did find out is how this disease not only affected the person that had it, but how much of a burden it was on the folks that loved that person, the caregivers, my grandfather and my mom, and those that took care of her."

Two years after diagnosis, Brame's grandmother lost her battle with cancer.

"At that time there was not a whole lot of hope, and the treatments were very hard," he said.

In 2004, Brame's father was diagnosed with lymphoma. "He took the chemo treatments, and they were very hard as well, but once again I was reminded and at many times saw how it affected not only myself, but also my mom, and the effects the disease has on our loved ones as well," he said.

In November of 2010, Brame's father was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and passed away several weeks later.

Brame and his wife got involved with the Carson County Relay for Life over 12 years ago.

"We first got involved because so many people in our church family had gone through cancer and they were survivors, and we wanted to do something that would encourage them," he said.

After his wife was diagnosed with cancer in 2008, the cause RELAY cont. on page 7

HIGH energy

■ New turbine raised at Pampa Junior High

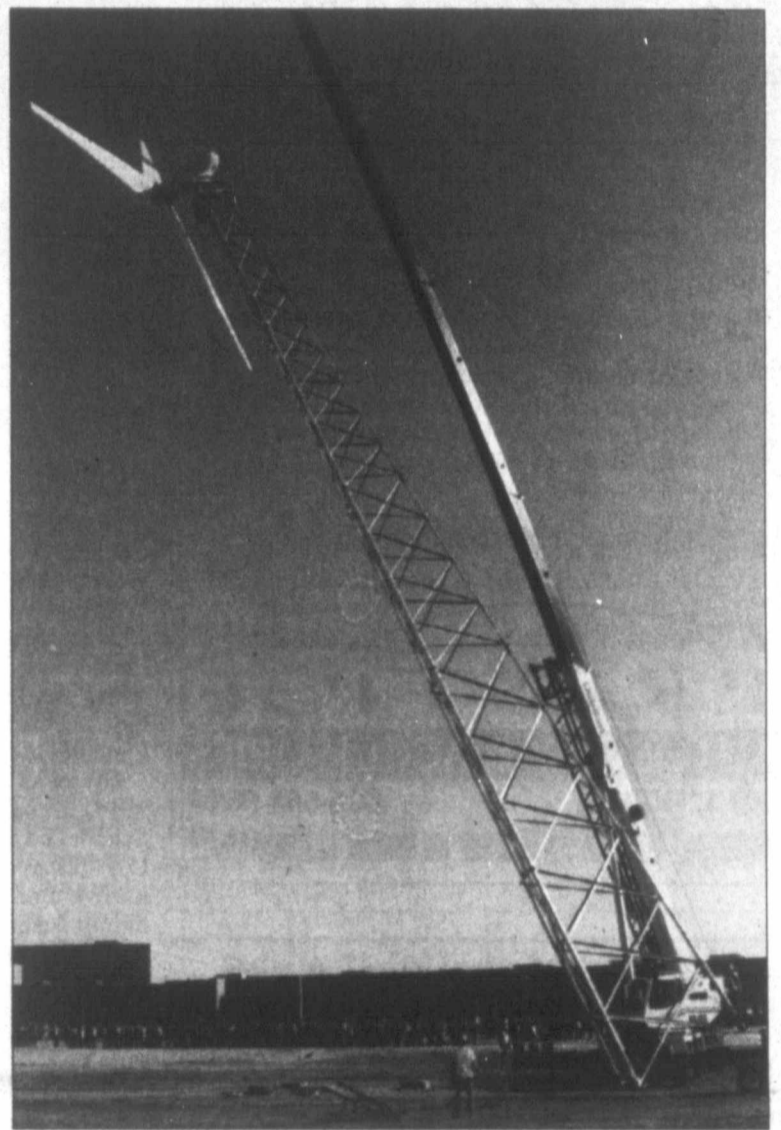
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Yesterday morning, a wind turbine was erected on the Pampa Junior High School property just south of the school. Completed by Hydro-Star Energy, LLC, of Amarillo, the 100 foot tower, 20 kilowatt, downwind turbine will provide about 15 percent of the school's energy needs, saving about \$13,200 each year.

The school funded the project through an 80/20 matched grant through the State Energy Conservation Office, which Carol Fields, PISD's (Pampa Independent School District) former Executive Director of Business Services, got going.

"We're just really excited to have this be part of our district," said Evan Smith, assistant superintendent of PISD. "Not only the energy we're getting for the school, but also the learning that the kids can do from it."

Janet Hancock, principal of Pampa Junior High, said that math and science students at



staff photos by Mollie Bryant

ABOVE: The turbine is raised by a crane into its upright position. BELOW: A crew of workers makes sure the turbine tower is securely fastened to its foundation.

the school can use data from the turbine in the classroom, for math problems, for instance.

"It's a great educational opportunity for the kids," she said. "We'll have an IP address where kids can look at data that's been transmitted by the

turbine with wind speed, wind direction and power output. There's so much that can come from that."

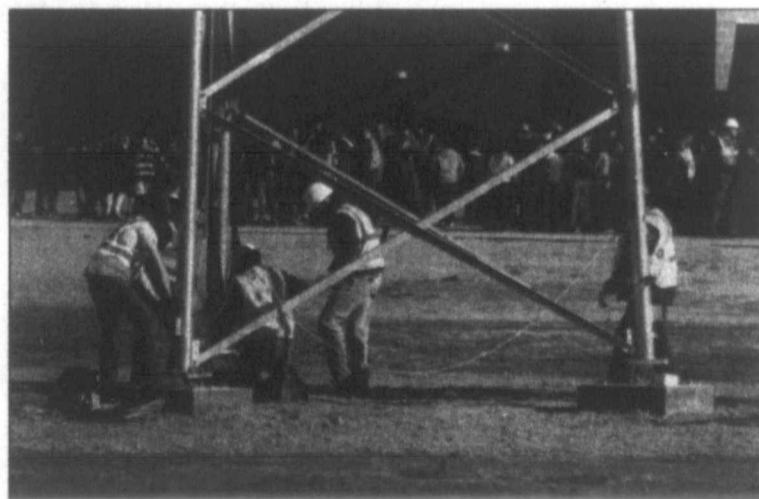
For John Havens, instructor for the wind energy program at Clarendon College, seeing the turbine go up was a positive thing for Pampa.

"You have a combination of a lot of different people, and everything has to work just right," he said. "It's good for the community, especially the school."

Hancock looks forward to having the turbine be a part of her campus.

"It's a great opportunity to have it right here in our backyard," she said. "It takes a lot of vision to be one of the first districts to set the example, and

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FSA reminds dairy producers of MILC program requirements

THE PAMPA NEWS

Matthew Street, executive director of the Gray County USDA Farm Service Agency, is reminding dairy producers that they must meet Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) program requirements in order to maintain program eligibility in the event that prices drop and trigger a MILC payment.

MILC compensates dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below a specified level. Eligible dairy producers can apply for program benefits anytime through Sept. 30.

"At this time, MILC payments are not being made because the price is above the trigger level," said Street. "FSA just wants producers to stay on top of

eligibility requirements should there be an opportunity for payment," he said.

To maintain program eligibility, MILC participants must notify their local FSA office of any operation changes, such as a change in producer, shares, address or bank routing number. In order for dairy producers to receive a MILC payment, they must meet adjusted gross income requirements by completing Form CCC-931: "AGI Certification and Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information."

Dairy producers who want to enroll in MILC must fill out Form CCC-580 (a "Milk Income Loss Contract") and select a start-month for which the Commodity Credit Corporation will begin issuing payments to the dairy operation. Current dairies that participate

in MILC can make changes to their start-month with certain restrictions.

According to Street, any start-month changes must be made on or before the 14th of the month before the selected MILC production start-month. The change must also be made before requesting payment and before the original MILC production start-month has passed.

Changes to the dairy operation start-month must be designated on FSA's Form CCC-580M: "Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) Modification."

For more information about the MILC program, contact the Gray County FSA office at 806-665-6561, ext. 2, or visit the web at: www.fsa.usda.gov/tx.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday
		
High 71 Low 46	High 65 Low 30	High 39 Low 31

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 71. Windy, with a south southwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 46. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 65. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday Night: A chance of rain showers before 3 a.m., then a chance of snow. Some thunder is also possible. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30. Blustery, with a southeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Thursday: A chance of snow before noon, then a chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 39. Windy, with a north wind between 25 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31. Blustery, with a north wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

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Gun sales experience boom across Texas

FORT WORTH (AP) — Gun sales are booming across Texas, and some buyers say their growing belief that President Barack Obama will inevitably be re-elected is fueling their race to bear more arms.

And sales haven't just risen in Texas. There's been a rush nationwide, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported in Sunday's edition.

The Cheaper than Dirt gun store in Fort Worth set a sales record for February, said store owner DeWayne Irwin, who described the rush as similar to one seen shortly after Obama's 2008 election.

"We're at the top of the roller coaster, and we're about to plummet down the side," Irwin told the Star-Telegram. "It's fixing to happen again. I don't know if it will be to the same extent it was before, but I see it coming."

Alan Korwin, author of nine books on gun laws and operator of a gun laws website, said people are worried that Obama's re-election would embolden a major gun control push.

"I'm constantly getting questions

from people in the community about this," Korwin told the newspaper. "People are concerned that if Obama wins, as a lame duck, he will go after firearms in a way we have never seen before."

"We saw a fire sale when he was elected last time. But the speculation is that now ... with his need to get re-elected gone, the sky is the limit on attacking the Second Amendment (right to bear arms)."

FBI records show the bureau in 2011 received more than 16.3 million inquiries from firearms sellers running criminal background checks on potential buyers, compared to 12.7 million in 2008. Texas had around 1 million such requests in each of the past four years, ranking second to Kentucky's total nearly doubling that, the FBI records show.

John Woods, a University of Texas graduate student whose girlfriend died in the 2007 Virginia Tech shooting rampage that left 33 dead, has lobbied for legislation to keep guns off campuses. He doesn't believe the fears that are

sparking the gun sales have any basis.

"The gun lobby has long known that fear is a remarkable marketing and fundraising tool," Woods told the newspaper. "But the Supreme Court ruled recently that the Second Amendment is an individual right, so that fear is completely misplaced."

Furthermore, "it's bad politics to be on the wrong side of the Second Amendment at election time," said Wayne LaPierre, National Rifle Association executive vice president.

Denton County gun owner Robert Chafin concurs. Chafin stockpiled firearms and ammunition during Bill Clinton's presidency for fear of future unavailability. However, he said the 10-year assault weapons ban Congress passed in 1994 and other gun-control efforts proved to be disastrous to Democrats in the 1994 elections.

"I'm sure that Barack Obama himself would institute a total ban on gun ownership if he could," **GUNS** cont. on page 7

Obituaries

Roy Taylor, 94

Roy Taylor, 94, died Saturday, March 3, 2012, in Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday, March 7, 2012, at Fairview Cemetery. Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whalley Funeral Directors.

Roy was born Feb. 4, 1918, in Quanah and was a graduate of Amarillo High School and attended Amarillo College. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He married Katherine Ward on Nov. 23, 1946, in Canadian. She preceded him in death on Sept. 9, 2006. Roy owned and operated Texas Printing Company from 1948 until his retirement in 1990. He was a member and deacon of First Baptist Church, and he was a former member of the Pampa Noon Lions Club. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, and a sister.

Survivors include four sons, David Taylor and wife Brenda of Waco, Dick Taylor and wife Vicki of Albuquerque, N.M., Mark Taylor and wife Glylene of Pampa, and Jody Taylor and wife Carol of Lubbock; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 621, Pampa, TX 79066-0621.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whalley.com.



Taylor

JoAnn Fenton, 75

Survivors include two brothers, Douglas Camp of Pampa and Ernest Camp and wife Jeannie of Kazakhstan. Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whalley.com.

JoAnn Fenton, 75, went to be with our Lord and Saviour on Tuesday, February 28, 2012.

JoAnn was born on January 28, 1937, in Swearingen, to J.P. Wolford and Johnny Belle Sears Wolford. She attended and graduated from Pampa High School in 1955. She married her high school sweetheart, Billie Rex Fenton on August 28, 1955.

In 1957, they moved to Ozona where they raised three children and made Ozona their home. Her greatest joy was her six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, mother, and husband, Billie Rex Fenton.

She is survived by two sisters, Karen Moore of College Station, and Camilla Burleson and husband Gene of College Station; three children, Karla Turland and husband Billy of Ozona, Kelly Castro and husband John of Kyle, Billy Shane Fenton and wife Peri of Ozona; grandchildren, Justin Castro and wife Tera of Austin, Jeremy Castro and wife Dana of Kyle, Kayla Turland Hanes and husband Billy of Dallas, Koby Fenton and wife Katie of San Antonio, Peyton Fenton of Aiblene, and Matt Turland of Devine; great-grandchildren, Kirsten Castro, Shealeigh Fenton, Dylan Rex Castro, Tatum Castro, Grey Hanes, Josie Anne Castro, Kaylee Jo Castro, Avie and Vivie Hanes; several nieces and nephews; and lifelong friend, Betty Huffman.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church in Ozona with Brother Chris officiating. Pallbearers were Justin Castro, Jeremy Castro, Koby Fenton, Matt Turland, John Castro and Billy Turland. Honorary pallbearers were Vince Huffman, Bubs Huffman, Scotty Boerne and Dan Davidson.

Services were under the direction of Preddy Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of San Angelo, PO Box 471, San Angelo, TX 76902, Johnson Street Church of Christ, 2200 S. Johnson, San Angelo, TX 76904, or a charity of your choice.



Fenton

James Earl Camp, 70

James Earl Camp, 70, died March 5, 2012, in Wheeler.

There are no services scheduled at this time. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whalley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Camp was born December 23, 1941, in Pampa. He graduated from Red Wood High School in Visalia, Calif. in 1960. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1974.

Weekly Menus

Pampa Senior Citizens Center

TUESDAY, March 6
Chicken & dumplings or hamburger steak, steak fries, California blend, corn, northern beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-o, butter pecan cake, chocolate pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread.

WEDNESDAY, March 7
Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, carrots, peas, butter beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-o, German chocolate cake, peach cobbler, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread.

THURSDAY, March 8
Chicken strips or barbecue sausages/onion rings, potato salad, fried okra, beets, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-o, cinnamon rolls, butterscotch pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread.

FRIDAY, March 9
Fried cod fish/hushpuppies or tamale pie, potato wedges, brussel sprouts, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-o, brownies, tapioca cup, fruit cup, garlic bread stick, hot roll, cornbread.

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Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 72 hour period ending Monday, March 5.

Saturday, March 3
Justin David Kalka, 28, was arrested by police for driving while intoxicated and a warrant regarding theft of property.

Zachary Lee Mears, 32, was arrested by police on charges of evading arrest, possession of a controlled substance, failure to appear in court and no driver's license.

Jamie Berry, 18, was arrested by deputies for unauthorized use of a motor

vehicle. Kayla Danyell Debose, 23, was arrested by deputies for failure to signal.

Sunday, March 4
Adrian Anaya Cano, 21, was arrested by police for driving while intoxicated. Roque Francisco Maya, 26, was arrested by DPS officers for public intoxication.

Billy Bob Stowers, 26, was arrested by police for assault causing bodily injury.

Monday, March 5
Andres Garcia, 29, was arrested by DPS officers on charges of driving while intoxicated and no driver's license.

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Box cutter led to canceled flight

DALLAS (AP) — A Southwest Airlines flight from Houston to Dallas has been canceled after a passenger spotted a box cutter in the plane's overhead bin.

Southwest spokeswoman Olga Romero says a passenger on the scheduled 6:15 a.m. Monday flight from Houston's Hobby Airport found the box cutter and turned it over to the crew.

The plane's captain alerted airport security. All 97 passengers were taken off the plane and re-screened. The plane was searched, but no other hazards were found.

Romero says the passengers have since been rebooked and arrived in Dallas.

The Transportation Security Administration didn't immediately return a phone call seeking comment.

Smuggling ring pleas made

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A South Texas man has pleaded guilty to charges that he was the leader of an immigrant smuggling ring for almost a decade.

The U.S. attorney's office says Armando Olmedo-Trevino rose from a smuggler to the person running the conspiracy from his home in Wharton, about 60 miles west of Houston. Olmedo-Trevino and six other suspects pleaded guilty Friday.

Prosecutors say members of the ring worked to get immigrants across the border and into safe houses in the Rio Grande Valley before they were moved north. Federal agents caught about 400 illegal immigrants who were being smuggled.

Olmedo-Trevino and the others who pleaded guilty Friday are scheduled to be sentenced in May. They face up to 10 years in prison.

Jury deliberates in fraud trial

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal jury has resumed deliberations in the fraud trial of jailed Texas tycoon R. Allen Stanford on charges he bilked \$7 billion from investors in a massive Ponzi scheme.

Jurors in Houston continued deciding Stanford's fate on Monday.

The jury has been deliberating since Wednesday.

Defense attorneys told jurors that Stanford made money for investors who bought certificates of deposit from his Caribbean bank.

Prosecutors countered that Stanford took investors' money and flushed it away on failed businesses and a lavish lifestyle.

If convicted, Stanford could be sentenced to more than 20 years in prison. His trial began Jan. 23.

No bail for alleged arms dealer

EL PASO (AP) — A federal judge in West Texas has refused to release on bond a British businessman who is accused of trying to sell missile batteries to Iran.

Federal marshals escorted 65-year-old Christopher Tappin out of the courtroom on Monday.

Judge Robert Castaneda agreed that measures could be imposed to ensure Tappin is monitored if released, however a discrepancy in his financial statement moved him to grant the government's motion to detain.

Tappin surrendered to U.S. marshals and was escorted to El Paso last week after fighting extradition from the United Kingdom for two years. He's accused of trying to buy batteries for surface-to-air missiles from undercover American agents with the intention of exporting them to Iran. Two other men have been convicted in the case.

North Texas jail escapee sentenced

BONHAM (AP) — A parolee who pleaded guilty to multiple charges less than two weeks after his escape from a North Texas jail has been sentenced to 25 years in prison.

Jimmy Lee Brock was awaiting trial on charges related to the alleged killing of his girlfriend's cat in November when he walked away from a Fannin County Jail work detail on Feb. 21. He was captured several days later when he returned to Bonham to visit his girlfriend at work.

Brock served 17 years for robbery before getting paroled in 2010. He said he escaped because he thought previous convictions were being held against him in the cat-killing case.

Brock pleaded guilty Thursday and was sentenced to 25 years on the escape charge and 20 years on animal cruelty and burglary charges.

Arrests after brawl at reception

BEAUMONT (AP) — Authorities say five people were arrested after a brawl and shooting at a wedding reception in Southeast Texas.

Beaumont police say up to 30 people were involved in a fight Saturday night, and one person was shot in the hand.

Police say the victim of the shooting didn't want to press charges, but the shooting suspect was arrested on an outstanding arrest warrant. Others involved in the dispute also had outstanding warrants, and police say some were in possession of marijuana.

The Beaumont Enterprise reported Monday that the bride and groom were not among those sent to jail. There were reports of other minor injuries.

Names of the suspects weren't immediately released.

Suspect leaves behind finger

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Albuquerque police say a robbery suspect may have left a piece of his finger behind at a robbery crime scene.

KRQE-TV reports that police arrived to an Albuquerque smoke shop after a report of shots fired at a robbery.

According to authorities, the suspect fled but they believed he left behind his severed finger tip.

Police think the fleeing suspect may have shot off his own finger.

Authorities say a finger print will be taken from the severed finger.

No arrests have been made.

Court fees used for nonjudicial purposes

AUSTIN (AP) — Fees and other court costs levied on those who use the judicial system, with the aim of paying for that system, are being used for a variety of nonjudicial purposes.

Texas lawmakers created the Fugitive Apprehension Fund in 1997 and assessed a fee on anyone convicted of a crime to fill its coffers. The fund was never used, however, and the state comptroller closed it last April and swept the \$135 million it contained into the state's general revenue account. The fee is still levied, though, with proceeds allocated to a state-wide emergency radio system, the Austin American-Statesman reported in Sunday's edition.

"You're kidding," state Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, who as a senator wrote the law creating the fund in 1997, told the newspaper. "That was cer-

tainly not my intention."

In fact, a variety of fees and court costs levied on defendants, charges that can total more than \$600, might not support the judicial system after all, according to an analysis performed by the American-Statesman.

State court administrators estimate that \$1 out of every \$3 collected from such state fees go to projects outside the court system, the newspaper reports. Meanwhile, city and county officials complain that their courts are starved of funding.

Today, court costs pay to rehabilitate head-injury patients, research obesity among minority children in Houston and pay game wardens' salaries. They are used to pay a private company \$2 million to install cameras along the Mexican border so citizen "virtual deputies" can

monitor the border online and report illegal crossings, the American-Statesman reported.

Last year, elected officials used \$20 million collected from criminal defendants to pay for state employee pensions. A "DNA collection fee" does not always pay for DNA tests, a "breath alcohol testing fee" does not always cover breath alcohol tests, and defendants convicted of victimless crimes pay millions of dollars annually to "victims' compensation," the newspaper reported.

"We have a 'school crossing fee' that nobody, nobody, can tell me what comes of it," said state Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston and chairman of the Texas Senate Jurisprudence Committee.

"Sometimes, I can't even tell my client what the bill is for," said Austin defense

lawyer David Gonzales. Another leading lawmaker says requiring such

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The math experts will tell you cancer insurance is relatively expensive. But a policy can cost less than \$1 a day — far less than playing the lottery, which is a much longer shot than getting cancer! Bryan Fisher, a top agent with Family Heritage, says: "Having cancer insurance gives peace of mind that money can easily buy."

A cancer insurance policy can give you money for the uncovered expenses of dealing with cancer. There are so many variations on cancer insurance that it's difficult to compare policies. They are offered by major diversified insurers like Aflac, Mutual of Omaha and Allstate — and companies such as Family Heritage, which specializes in this kind of insurance.

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Check carefully for lifetime benefit limits, as well as daily and monthly benefit limits.

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Today in History

Today is Tuesday, March 6, the 66th day of 2012. There are 300 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 6, 1962, what became known as the Ash Wednesday Storm began pounding the mid-Atlantic coast; over a three-day period, the storm resulted in 40 deaths and caused more than \$200 million in property damage.

On this date:

- In 1834, the city of York in Upper Canada was incorporated as Toronto.
- In 1836, the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas, fell to Mexican forces after a 13-day siege.
- In 1857, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Dred Scott v. Sandford* that Scott, a slave, was not an American citizen and could not sue for his freedom in federal court.
- In 1902, Congress passed a measure creating a Census Office in the Department of the Interior (the office was moved to the Department of Commerce and Labor the following year).
- In 1912, Oreo sandwich cookies (originally called "biscuits") were first introduced by Nabisco.
- In 1933, a nationwide bank holiday declared by President Franklin D. Roosevelt went into effect.
- In 1944, U.S. heavy bombers staged the first full-scale American raid on Berlin during World War II.
- In 1957, the former British African colonies of the Gold Coast and Togoland became the independent state of Ghana.
- In 1967, the daughter of Josef Stalin, Svetlana Alliluyeva, appeared at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi and declared her intention to defect to the West.
- In 1970, a bomb being built inside a Greenwich Village townhouse by the radical Weathermen accidentally went off, destroying the house and killing three group members.

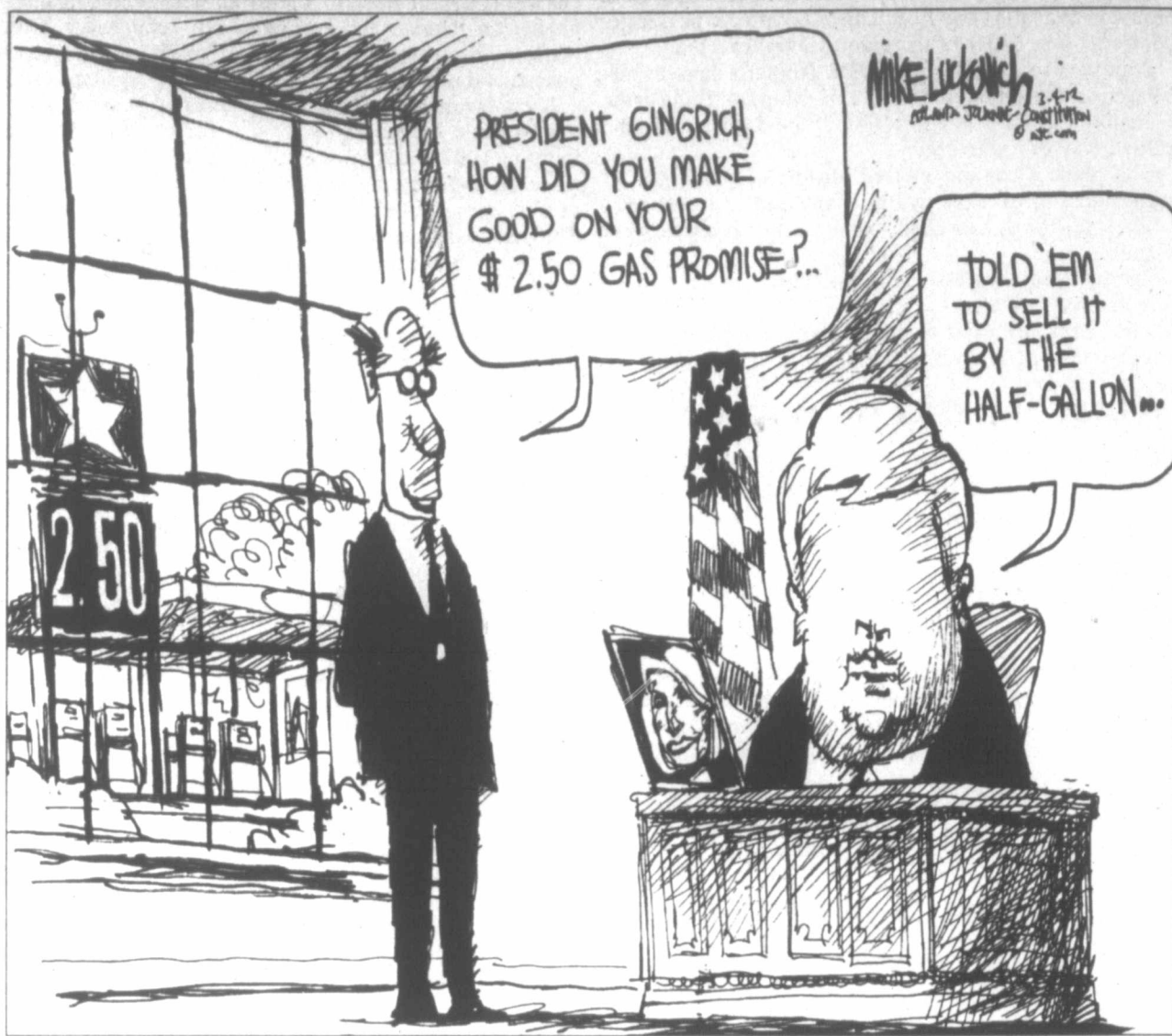
Ten years ago: Independent Counsel Robert Ray issued his final report in which he wrote that former President Bill Clinton could have been indicted and probably would have been convicted in the scandal involving former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

Five years ago: Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, was convicted of lying and obstructing an investigation into the 2003 leak of CIA operative Valerie Plame's identity. (President George W. Bush later commuted Libby's 30-month prison sentence, but did not issue a pardon.) More than 70 people died in an earthquake on Sumatra island, Indonesia. Ernest Gallo, who built one of the world's largest winemaking empires, died in Modesto, Calif., at age 97.

One year ago: The space shuttle and space station crews hugged goodbye after more than a week together, but saved their most heartfelt farewell for *Discovery*, which was on its final voyage after nearly three decades.

Today's Birthdays: Orchestra conductor Julius Rudel is 91. Former FBI and CIA director William Webster is 88. Former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan is 86. Author Gabriel Garcia Marquez is 85. Orchestra conductor Lorin Maazel is 82. Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova is 75. Country singer Doug Dillard is 75. Actress-writer Joanna Miles is 72. Actor Ben Murphy is 70. Opera singer Dame Kiri Te Kanawa is 68. Singer Mary O'Neil is 40. Country singer Trent Willmon is 39. Country musician Shan Farmer (Ricochet) is 38. Rock musician Chris Tomson (Vampire Weekend) is 28. Actor Eli Marienthal is 26. Actor Jimmy Galeota is 26. Actor Dillon Freasier is 16. Actress Savannah Stehlin is 16.

Thought for Today: "Don't be 'consistent,' but be simply true." — Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., U.S. Supreme Court justice (1841-1935).



When Newt was speaker — a unique perspective

"When I was speaker of the House, gas was \$1.13 a gallon."

"In the four years I was speaker, we created 11 million new jobs."

"Overall spending grew at an average of 2.9 percent while I was speaker of the House, the slowest rate in decades -- allowed us to reach a balanced budget."

"I was speaker of the House for four years. We balanced the budget for four straight years."

You guessed it. These are the public words of current Republican presidential candidate and former speaker of the House, the unassuming, mild-mannered Newt Gingrich.

Let's not dwell on any imperfection. Yes, Gingrich was speaker of the House for four years, and yes, the U.S. did balance its budget for four straight years. But they were not the same four years: Newt became speaker on Jan. 3, 1995, and announced his resignation on Dec. 6, 1998. The federal budget was indeed in balance in both fiscal years 1998 and 1999 (which were during Gingrich's tenure) and in surplus in fiscal years 2000 and 2001, after he had returned to private life. But in the first two years of his speakership, fiscal years 1996 and 1997, the federal budget was in deficit.

Instead, let's give Gingrich credit for a new, refreshing way of looking at American eras. Sure, we have had the Great Depression, World Wars I and

II, the Cold War, as well as our presidents -- the Reagan years or the Clinton years. But now we find out that the real prime mover turns out to be the speaker of the U.S. House.

Gas was \$1.13 a gallon not because Democrat Bill Clinton was president, but because Newt Gingrich was speaker.

Only becoming modesty must prevent Gingrich from telling us, "When I was speaker, we found a vaccine for Lyme disease." He could also add: "When I was speaker, the brutal tyrant Pol Pot finally surrendered in Cambodia, was tried and was sentenced to life." Or, "When I was Speaker and after Elton John had sold 32 million copies of 'Candle in the Wind,' his tribute to Princess Diana, Elton John, during my speakership, then donated all the proceeds to the princess's favorite charities."

It can hardly be an accident that both "The Lion King" and "Saving Private Ryan" were created when Newt Gingrich was speaker.

I never heard the late Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill say, "When I was speaker, Mormons ordained their first



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black priest" -- which, in fact, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints did do.

O'Neill, under the Gingrich rules, could have accurately announced, "When I was speaker for 10 years, the nation's gross domestic product grew at an annual rate of 8.3 percent"

When did Columbia University become the last all-male Ivy League school to admit women; when did Sally Ride become the first woman in space; when was the first Polish pope elected; and when did we first read *USA Today*? Those are all easy: When Tip O'Neill was speaker of the House.

From now on, remember exactly when the U.S. fought and defeated Nazi Germany and the Imperial armies of Japan. Of course, by the calendar, it was from 1941-45. But, more precisely, it was when the great Sam Rayburn of Texas was speaker of the House.

As he does so often, Newt Gingrich has given us his own unique perspective, for which we can only be grateful and look forward to his reminding us: "When I was Speaker, interleague play actually began between Major League Baseball teams ... and gas was \$1.13 a gallon."

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The social issues have popped up again — good

The "social issues" have popped up in the Republican presidential campaign, courtesy of Rick Santorum, causing Democrats to drool, left-wing pundits to twirl their broadswords in the air and various Republicans to turn green, fearful of alienating key voting blocs. The horror, the horror -- can't the party's candidates just keep their searchlight trained on the economy?

Probably not. The task of governing the United States of America seems not to accommodate that strategy any more. Current screeching about Santorum's introduction of religion into the campaign calculus reinforces that point.

Santorum -- a candidate exceeded only by Ron Paul when it comes to implausibility as a Republican presidential nominee -- is playing his long suit when he talks about religion and family and morality. There's not much else to distinguish him from the rest of the field. What appears, to many, as his old-fashioned views on religion (including contraception) call forth from many others a gratitude that warrants inspection.

"What kind of country do we live in," he inquired, rhetorically, on ABC the other day, "that says only people of nonfaith can come into the public square and make their case?"

Now that's a stretch -- nobody is saying only "people of nonfaith" have a license to speak up -- but the people to whom Santorum is talking know what he means: To wit, "people of faith" often find their concerns downplayed, depreciated, excluded or ignored, on the ground that church-state separation forbids undue emphasis on those

concerns.

Which it doesn't. No such doctrine as church-over-here-and-government-over-there has ever existed among us. It's a made-up notion, providing cover to those who see religious expression, especially *Christian*, as a barrier to the fulfillment of policy ideals such as abortion-on-demand, same-sex marriage and secularization of public places (e.g., schools) formerly hospitable to religious expression of a sort.

Changing times brings their own rationales. If today we're for abortion, it's because we view the individual woman's right to "control her body" as trumping any appeal to life's sacred dimensions. Religion itself becomes offensive to the extent it upholds understandings no longer in favor. Liberal churches (on this showing) are OK: They let a person do as he or she wants to. Conservative churches, by refusing to give the zeitgeist free run of the place, show their bigotry and inhumanity. Why, they think unborn life deserves protection. Shut those people up! Show 'em who's in charge!

Think the average Santorum voter doesn't know what's afoot here? Use the First Amendment as a pretext to shove aside non-liberal viewpoints on morality -- viewpoints with some grounding in Scripture or church tradition -- and the sailing gets a lot smoother.



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The economy is an absolutely urgent topic for discussion, possibly even some rabble-rousing, as liberals sit tight on the welfare state apparatus they built and now want to protect by renewing Barack Obama's White House lease. Nonetheless, there can't be any excluding the social issues, whether or not one likes Santorum's dour and preachy manner of raising them.

The habits of a free people -- for stability, thrift, obedience to law, respect for others' rights, etc. -- are the formative elements in national character, without which you aren't going to have much that resembles freedom. Without freedom, you aren't going to have much of anything. Certainly, you aren't going to have an economy that produces jobs and prosperity on any long-term, contrasted with a Chinese-like short term, authoritarian basis.

The social issues aren't enjoyable to talk about in an election year -- least of all a year in which an irrational tax system and the federal takeover of the health care system urgently require attention. That's life. You don't solve problems by positing their triviality or even nonexistence.

Conservatives who couldn't, on pain of waterboarding, envision a "President Rick Santorum" should lay off him as much as possible for the nonoffense of raising issues that -- woe and alas -- have to be raised; issues, more to the point, that go far toward explaining why we're in the mess we're in right now.

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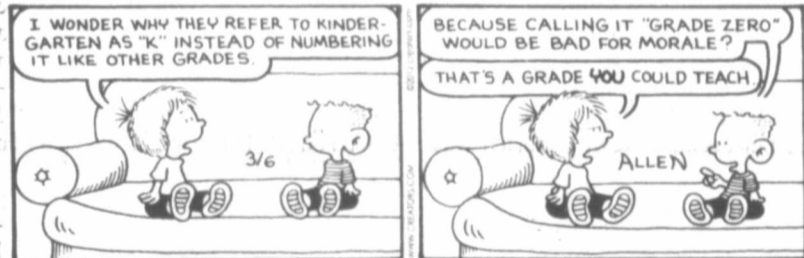
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, March 7, 2012:

This year you often feel at odds with others, even those with whom you have experienced great closeness. The issue is boundaries; however, this issue will seem less important in another year because of your attention to it now. If you are single, you might be fortunate enough to attract someone who has similar issues and is willing to look at them with you. Otherwise, you are on a dating roller coaster. If you are attached, your willingness to look within will encourage the same from your mate. This year could be fundamental to your life together. VIRGO often challenges and criticizes you.

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 have a strong sense of direction, no matter which way you turn. Listen to your sixth sense with regard to money. Focus on the present, and maximize your financial security. Tonight: Clear out your desk or workspace.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ No one can deny your creativity when you decide to apply your focus and ingenuity to a situation. You can make the unworkable workable. Be sensitive to a situation where you suspect the other party might be out of sorts. You do not need an emotional collision. Tonight: Let your hair down.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Stay close to home, but be smart and don't push your luck. You could be overly tired and dragging from recent pressures. Give yourself a break from whatever is creating this stress. Tonight: Happy at home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might want to have a long-overdue conversation. Be careful, as one of you could be angrier than anticipated. If it is you, be sure to clear the air in a way that does not close down a conversation. Tonight: Make it easy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You could decide that you would prefer to stand back and assess a situation from a distance. You have a strong sense of humor and enjoy yourself no matter what. Those you answer to clearly are favorably disposed toward

you. The timing is right to make an important request or talk to these people. Tonight: Treat time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Confusion surrounds a key person. If you overthink, you will not know which way to go. Be spontaneous, and you naturally will draw the results you want. Someone you care about lets you know that he or she would like to be around you. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Pull back some, and understand what is happening behind the scenes. Your sense of humor goes a long way toward resolving a problem, in that you detach and become less involved. Be careful when expressing your dismay. You will come off far more strongly than you think. Tonight: Vanish quickly!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Zero in on the basics during a meeting. You finally gain someone's confidence, and feel much better as a result. Be sensible when dealing with an angry or upset person. This person might not be able to contain him- or herself. Tonight: Where the fun is.

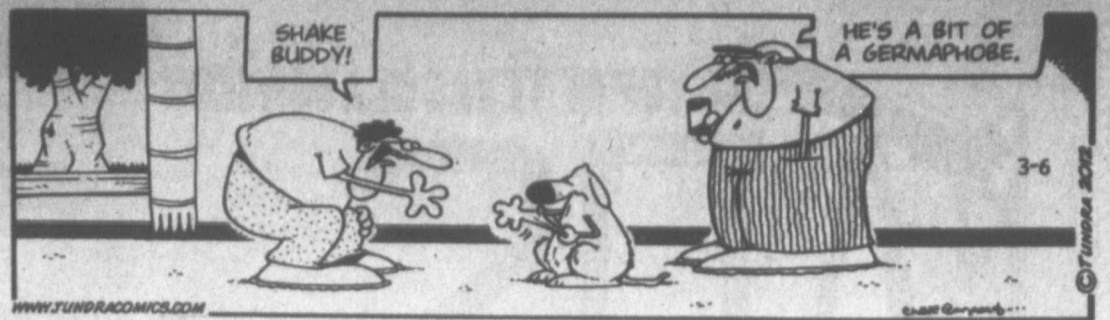
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Stay on top of your responsibilities. Though much could be happening around you, be sure to keep your plans and schedule intact. You have enough energy to squeeze in an extra event with a friend. Worry less. Tonight: Know when to call it a day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your ability to detach and see what others refuse to see earmarks your abilities, especially today. Creativity seems to flow naturally between you and others. A mere suggestion could trigger a great idea. Tonight: Where the fun is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might be dealing with one person after another. Everyone has something he or she needs your opinion on. Your nature is unusually giving, especially now. Still, do not toss your plans down the drain. Tonight: Dinner for two.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You need to sort through what you must do, as opposed to what you want to accomplish. Others need your input and could be quite demanding. Trust your judgments with a key person. Tonight: Hang out with a lively friend.

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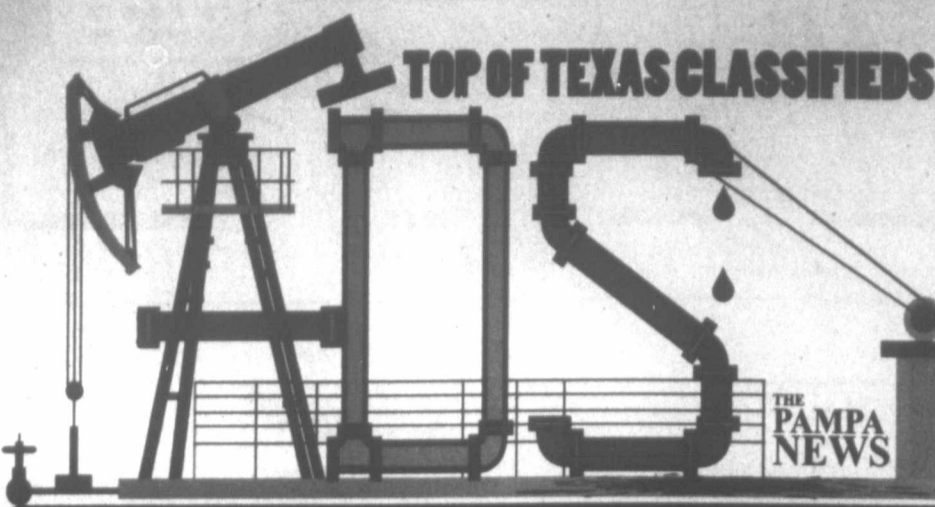


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Santorum: Romney failed to close deal

BROKEN ARROW, Okla. (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Rick Santorum suggested Sunday that the GOP nomination could be settled at this summer's party convention because former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney has failed to "close the deal" with voters.

In an interview with The Associated Press following a speech to 1,300 supporters at a suburban Tulsa church, Santorum said Romney's failure to dominate the nominating process despite enormous financial backing could spell trouble for the Republican effort to defeat President Barack Obama in the fall.

"Gov. Romney, with all of the money advantages that any candidate could ever want, I mean huge money advantages, has still not been able to close the deal. That's got to tell you something," Santorum said.

"In the general election, he's not going to have a huge money advantage," Santorum added. "He's still squeaking by and in some cases losing primaries to me, and in his home state winning by 3 points. And outspending me 6, 7 to 1 in doing so."

The former Pennsylvania senator said: "I think it just raises a lot of questions in people's minds whether this is the man who can unite the party and be effective as a foil against Obama. That's one of the reasons I'm going to stay in this race."

Entering Tuesday's primaries, Romney has 203 delegates to 92 for Santorum, 33 for former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and 25 for Texas Rep. Ron Paul. It will take 1,144 delegates to lock up the nomination.

Santorum said the race will continue if Romney doesn't pick up some mean-

ingful victories on Super Tuesday, when 10 states go to the polls.

"Can he win Oklahoma? Can he win Tennessee? Can he win Ohio?" Santorum asked.

He said Romney picked up some early victories "because he was the establishment candidate, not because he is the best candidate now."

"Hopefully some people will start looking at this race and see where this race is going to end up," Santorum added. "If everybody stays in, it may end up at the convention."

Sunday's visit was Santorum's second to Oklahoma since his impressive showing in Colorado, Minnesota and Missouri last month. Santorum believes his conservatism will play well in Oklahoma — with 40 delegates at stake — because Obama failed to win any of the state's 77 counties in 2008.

BANANAGRAMS!

For each of the three words below, change one letter to an A and then rearrange the letters to spell a condition or disease.

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Yesterday's Answer:

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Guns

Chafin said. "He would never be able to put together any sort of consensus in Congress for additional restrictions on private firearms ownership."

However, Chafin suspects the administration has waged an underground war on private gun ownership. He cites the Operation Fast and Furious gun-smuggling

operation that officials say was aimed at tracking down and capturing those running guns from the United States to Mexican drug cartels. Chafin said the operation was simply "trying to build a case for banning private sales."

Mark Greene, hunter and former member of Gun Owners for Obama, disagrees. He said he still

owns guns — and still supports Obama.

"And I still have very little in common with the fear-mongers and bunker-mentality gun nuts who will tell any lie they think they can get away with to try and bring down this president they hate so vehemently and irrationally," he said.

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Relay

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became even more important to him.

Debbie Brame has been cancer free for almost four years, and as Hero of Hope, she and her husband traveled around the Panhandle telling their story.

"What I remember more than anything was the people that we met, because it didn't matter what community we went to, people would share their stories with us," he said.

"We would laugh, we would cry, but we would continue to say, 'We're going to keep fighting against this disease.'"

Turbine

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to be able to harness the wind and convert it to clean energy for the school."

Smith also was happy to see the turbine go up.

"Any time you can look at alternative sources of energy, I think that's a good thing," she said.



Fees

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payments of defendants is sensible since crime costs society at large, including police work, prisons and social programs.

"Courts do not stand alone," said state Rep. Jim Jackson, R-Carrollton, chairman of the Texas House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee and former Dallas County commissioner.

However, such covert diversions of dedicated court revenue streams could be illegal or, at the very least, dishonest, said Jim Allison of the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas. "If

we're not going to use a fee for a particular purpose, we should collect it," he told the American-Statesman.

In 2009 and 2011, the Texas Judicial Council, which makes policy for the state courts of Texas, adopted resolutions urging the Legislature to simplify the costs and fees. Both times, lawmakers paid no heed.

"It's a messy closet that needs to be tidied up," Judge Sharon Keller, said the presiding judge of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

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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.

3-6 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: MONEY BRINGS SOME HAPPINESS. BUT AFTER A CERTAIN POINT, IT JUST BRINGS MORE MONEY. — NEIL SIMON

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are in our 30s and have been happily married for almost six years. After two years of trying, we're finally expecting our first child.

The problem is, how do we handle questions as to whether or not we conceived naturally? I am appalled by people we hardly know asking if we did in vitro fertilization.

As a matter of fact, we DID conceive using IVF, after having tried numerous other options. We don't see anything wrong with it nor are we ashamed. But I don't think it is anyone else's business. Please help me respond properly without seeming as rude as those who ask. — INTRUDED ON IN DALLAS

DEAR INTRUDED ON: Handle it by saying, "That is a very personal question and I'd rather not discuss it." That an acquaintance would have such little respect for boundaries to ask this question is appalling, I agree.

DEAR ABBY: My mother retired and since I have a degree and background in finance, she asked me to help her get her finances in order. She held low-paying jobs most of her working life, so I was pleasantly surprised to

find she had amassed a substantial amount of money in her retirement and other accounts.

Together, Mom and I developed a budget that will not only pay her bills, but will also give her a certain amount of spending money each month while still allowing her savings to grow. Despite my assurances, she still won't treat herself to dinners out or go on nice vacations even though she says she'd like to do those things. How can I convince her that she deserves those things and she has the money now to enjoy them? — WANTS THE BEST FOR MOM IN MICHIGAN

DEAR WANTS THE BEST FOR MOM: Recognize that the habits of a lifetime can be difficult to break. Your mother might be more open to dinners out if you go together. As to the vacations, do some research for her online or talk to a travel agent and get some brochures for vacation spots you think she might enjoy. It doesn't have to be fancy or exotic — the greatest adventure can start with baby steps. Be patient and you may find she becomes receptive.

DEAR ABBY: I'm one of

four guys who go on a men's golf trip every year. There's no infidelity — just three days of golf and fine dining.

I no longer want to go because I'm tired of being the big brother, the referee and the designated driver while the others get drunk and obnoxious and are oblivious to others around us. I am also a physician who treats them and their families in my medical practice. How do I get out of this mess? I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings. — THE ODD MAN OUT

DEAR ODD MAN OUT: An effective way to manage it would be to tell them that the dates they have selected for the golf trip "don't work" for you. You don't have to be specific about why — it could be a family obligation or something related to your practice that makes you unavailable.

HOWEVER, as their physician, if you know these patients drink to such excess that they become obnoxious, oblivious and a danger behind the wheel, it would be in their interests to talk to them about it during their medical exam because they're a danger to themselves and others.

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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What's so super about today? 419 GOP delegates

CONNIE CASS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Super? Maybe not this time. But it is a Tuesday, one with the biggest pay-out of the Republican presidential primaries.

Super Tuesday, slimmed down to half its 2008 size but still doling out one-third of the delegates needed to win, probably won't settle much.

Sure, it could nudge Newt Gingrich out of the race, or lend Ron Paul more credibility. But it won't be easy for either Mitt Romney or Rick Santorum to score a decisive advantage, because delegates are handed out by share. A close second in a state can pay off almost as well as first place.

Win some big states, especially Ohio, and the symbolism is powerful, of course.

Romney might cement the front-runner status that keeps slipping through his fingers. Santorum could prove he's the real thing.

What's at stake, what's it mean and what might happen? A Super Tuesday tip sheet:

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Delegates for grabs Tuesday: 419.

Delegates already won: 353. Romney, 203; Santorum, 92; Gingrich, 33; Paul, 25.

Delegates needed for the nomination: 1,144.

...
Super Tuesday is super expensive:

A week's worth of heavy advertising in all 10 states would cost a candidate about \$5 million.

That's a lot even for Romney's well-financed campaign, prompting him to make a plea for donations amid his Michigan victory speech. Gingrich is getting another multimillion-dollar boost from Las Vegas billionaire Sheldon Adelson, who donated the money to a special type of political action committee, known as a super PAC, that will run advertising in key states.

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Ohio, Ohio, Ohio:

It's the race to watch.

Political junkies get all misty-eyed over this Rust Belt swing state, and not just because of the 63 delegates.

No Republican nominee has ever become president without winning the state. That makes it a powerful proving ground for the men trying to show they can take on President Barack Obama.

It's home to Joe the Plumber and tens of thousands of auto workers, but Ohio's not all blue-collar. It's also the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, high-tech science, medical and energy workers, suburbanites, soybean farmers and a quarter-million dairy cows (OK, the cows can't vote). The big issue is the economy, including Obama's bailout of the auto industry.

Santorum and Romney are duking it out in Ohio. Look for the outcome to generate more buzz than any other Super Tuesday contest.

...
Newt's last stand or Gingrich rises again?

Get out the hook for Newt Gingrich if he loses in Georgia, the state he represented in the U.S. House for two decades.

Gingrich hopes to win decisively here and pick up enough other delegates to relaunch his up-and-down campaign, which has been mostly down-and-out since he lost Florida in January. He's got endorsements from Gov. Nathan Deal and Herman Cain, a fellow Georgian. He's got a new pitch, claiming he can bring the cost of gas down to \$2.50 per gallon.

Santorum is pushing hard to wrest the state's Christian conservative and tea party voters away from Gingrich. Romney remains a force, even if the state is outside his comfort zone. Georgia boasts the day's biggest cache of delegates: 76.

...
Elsewhere in the South:

Two other Bible Belt states, Tennessee and Oklahoma, are central to Gingrich's hopes of revival. But Santorum insists

he'll be the big story in both.

In Tennessee, a confident-sounding Santorum is trying to walk the footsteps of another outspoken Christian conservative, Mike Huckabee, who won this primary four years ago. Romney boasts the support of popular Gov. Bill Haslam, while Gingrich is getting plugs from one of the state's most colorful political figures, former senator, movie actor and Law & Order star Fred Thompson. At stake are 55 delegates.

Dotted with drilling rigs and cattle ranches, Oklahoma straddles the South and the Great Plains and sits squarely among the reddest of the red states. Santorum tagged it "ground zero of the conservative movement," and his anti-abortion, pro-family values message attracts enthusiastic crowds here. The other three hopefuls

also have dropped in, hoping to prove their conservative bona fides to the Okies. It offers 40 delegates.

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Paul's big night?

The anti-war, libertarian-leaning, unorthodox Republican hasn't won a single state. Super Tuesday could change that.

Paul is focusing on the three caucus states — Idaho, North Dakota and Alaska — where a big turnout by his cadre of enthusiastic followers would have the most impact. Even if he doesn't score a win, he's likely to pick up delegates to help power him into this summer's Republican convention with enough clout to promote his ideas.

But his rivals won't make it easy.

Idaho's big Mormon population — about a fourth of its voters — bodes well for Romney,

who's a Mormon. Santorum's looking to win in North Dakota, and Romney's trying, too.

Paul, a Texas congressman, may be the only one to journey to Alaska, however; he was in the state Sunday. Meanwhile, Alaska's most famous Republican, Sarah Palin, has been saying some nice things about Gingrich.

Together, the three caucuses pay out 84 delegates (Idaho 32, North Dakota 28, Alaska 24).

...
What's the deal with Virginia?

Gingrich would love to compete in this Southern state, but he's not. Only Romney and Paul landed spots on the ballot, by having early organizations strong enough to collect the required 10,000 signatures. That leaves Virginia mostly a curiosity. What kind of showing can Paul muster going mano-a-

mano with Romney? The fight is over 46 delegates.

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Romney territory:

There's little drama in the Northeastern races. Romney's virtually unopposed in his power base of Massachusetts, where he was governor just over five years ago. Delegates: 38. He's expected to win neighboring Vermont handily, too, although Santorum seeks to peel away some of its 17 delegates.


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Next up:

Caucuses and primaries in Kansas, Wyoming, Alabama, Hawaii, Mississippi, Missouri, Illinois and Louisiana fill out the busiest month of the nomination season. Three territories — American Samoa, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico — also get their say in March.

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Sports

Lady Harvesters finish 2-4 at Little Elm Tournament

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters couldn't seem to put a complete game together as they finished 2-4 in the Little Elm Tournament Thursday through Saturday.

"I feel like we played great defense," senior Nakayla Hardman said. "We kind of went on-and-off with our offense."

Pampa opened the tournament with a 14-0 victory over the Anna Lady Coyotes, who advanced to the regional quarterfinals in the 3A state playoffs last season.

The Lady Harvesters (7-6) scored six runs in the first and eight runs in the third. Junior Claire Hopkins was Pampa's leading hitter with four hits and three RBI. Sophomore Alexa O'Brien was 2-for-2 with a double and scored two runs.

Senior Heather Coffee went 3-for-3 with a RBI. On the rubber, she held Anna to one hit and struck out five.

Pampa lost its next two games, 5-3 against The Colony Lady Cougars and 12-2 against the Prosper Lady Eagles.

Against The Colony, the Lady Harvesters jumped out to a 2-0 lead. Hopkins scored the first run. Senior Alanna Stephens doubled to score junior Bailey Beck.

The Lady Cougars responded as their leadoff hitter walked, stole second and a wild pitch and passed ball brought her home. The Colony tied the game in the

bottom of the second with a sacrifice fly. The Lady Harvesters retook the lead in the top of the fifth, as Hopkins scored on a passed ball.

The Colony responded with three runs on two errors and a steal. Pampa was hampered by its defense, committing five errors. Time expired after The Colony's at bat.

O'Brien pitched and took the loss. She gave up five runs on five hits, walked four and struck out six.

The Lady Harvesters again struggled with fielding as they recorded four errors. Prosper jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the first and followed with a three-run second. The Lady Eagles chased Coffee out of the game in third as they scored four more runs. Hardman said the team needs to tone that down.

"Errors get us a lot on defense," Hardman said. "We don't take that when we play on offense."

Coffee said the team learned from its mistakes.

"(Prosper and The Colony) were situations we weren't familiar with," Coffee said. "We had a few errors we didn't need to compound. The second day we had no errors."

Head coach Bobbi Gill said she was pleased with how her girls competed against The Colony and Prosper.

"I'm pleased with our girls hanging in

there and fighting," Gill said. "All the schools we lost to were bigger than us."

Pampa scored twice in the bottom of the third. Junior Tiffany Britton drove in Hopkins. Senior Alanna Stephens hit a RBI single to score Beck.

Coffee said she thought she pitched OK adding that her performance was overshadowed by the lack of defense and offense.

"It's not the focal point of a game," Coffee said. "It's never about what one individual does, it matters what the team does. It wouldn't matter how well I pitched if I didn't have defense or offense backing me up."

Pampa rebounded with a 4-3 victory over Chant Saturday. The Lady Harvesters fell behind in the first inning. Chant's first three batters reached base and scored on a single, passed ball and a wild pitch.

O'Brien started for Pampa and only lasted through the first inning, allowing three runs on two hits, walked one, hit two batters and struck out two.

Britton finished the game, only allowing three hits and struck out seven to earn the win.

Pampa tied the game in the third on two singles and a sacrifice fly. The Lady

Harvesters took the lead on a groundout. Britton and senior McKinlee Stokes led the team in hitting, each with an RBI single.

The Lady Harvesters lost 1-0 to Little Elm. Pampa out-hit the Lady Lobos 5-4 but had errors on the base path.

Beck was thrown out trying to turn a single into a double in the first. Junior Martecia Alexander was caught stealing third in the third inning. The next batter doubled which would have scored a run.

O'Brien pitched and struck out six in a losing effort.

Pampa ended the tournament with a 1-0 loss against Brewer. An error against the left fielder scored Brewer's run. The Lady Harvesters were held to six hits and didn't have a runner advance past second.

Gill said she was proud of how the team responded on Saturday.

"We tightened up our defense and our pitcher threw well," Gill said. "We just couldn't seem to get a break to push a run across."

Pampa travels to Fort Worth for the Cowtown Classic Thursday through Saturday. Hardman said the team is fine.

"There's a lot of work to be done," Hardman said.

Collins MVP; Engle, Miller, Pollard selected to first team

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After making the playoffs for a second straight season, the Pampa Harvesters were well-represented on the All-District team, as four of the five starters were chosen.

"I am very pleased with our selections," head coach Dustin Miller said. "We were very well-represented."

Senior Latigo Collins won District MVP for a second consecutive season. Collins said he was grateful for the selection.

"It surprised me a little bit," Collins said. "Just have to thank my teammates, coaches and God."

Seniors Cole Engle and Reid Miller and junior Derrek Pollard earned first team selections. This is the second straight season that Engle and Miller earned selections.

"I felt that if I didn't get

it in my senior year that would be a big disappointment for myself," Engle said. "I was very happy."

"It's a big deal," Miller said. "It's a blessing. I'm

glad and excited that I got it."

Last season was Pollard's first in the Harvesters' starting lineup. The junior post said he was pumped about his selection.

"I feel pretty good," Pollard said. "It showed what I can do and others what I can do."

Pollard said his selection is inspiring him for next year.



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Sports

Lady Harvesters blank Demonettes, stay in contention



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Senior Ellen Cambern hits the ball with her chest against Dumas Monday. The Lady Harvesters won 2-0.

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Pampa entered Monday's game, needing a victory to keep its playoff hopes alive. Though they didn't play as well as they wanted to, the Lady Harvesters left the field with a 2-0 win over the Dumas Demonettes at Harvester Field.



Garza

"We could have played a lot better," head coach Libby Garza said. "It was a little disappointing after how we played Saturday. It's hard to play at a high level against a team that's not at the level you're at."

The Lady Harvesters (3-9-3, 3-5-2) lost to Randall 4-0 on Saturday. Garza said her team played better than the score showed.

"In my four years here as a soccer coach, we have never played that well against Randall," Garza said. "They are very good and we played the best I have seen us play as a team. We were talking the entire game and throwing them off

their game. They lost composure which is something that just doesn't happen to (Randall)."

Sophomore Samantha Woodruff said the team played pretty good.

"We talked a lot better," Woodruff said, "We played all together."

Pampa took the lead in the first half with Dumas kicking the ball into their own net. The score remained the same until Woodruff got her own rebound and the ball went off a Dumas player for a goal in the final minutes of the game. Woodruff said she just hustled.

"I shot it and it hit the pole," Woodruff said. "I pulled it back and shot it in."

Garza said she was glad her team won but wish it would have played at a higher level.

"Our level of play needs to get higher and faster," Garza said. "The teams we are going to play are going to be a lot faster and more aggressive. It's just something we need to focus on."

Pampa visits Palo Duro 5 p.m. Friday. Pampa beat Palo Duro 3-2 on February 14. Garza said her team needs to play better.

"We play at Dick Bivins," Garza said. "It's a bigger field. It's always harder to beat a team a second time."

Dumas sneaks past Pampa

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After suffering a disappointing loss to the Randall Raiders on Saturday, the Harvesters were hoping to have a better showing Monday against Dumas.



May

Pampa competed well but fell short in a 1-0 loss Tuesday at Harvester Field.

"It didn't turn out as we wanted," head coach Byron May said. "There's no mistake who we are playing. We were playing the team that's in the lead in district right now. We stepped up and gave them everything they could handle."

The Demons scored in the first half as their attack got behind Harvester defenders.

"We got suckered in on a combination play on the left side," May said. "That's all they needed to get by us and take a shot."

Pampa had several scoring opportunities in the second half but weren't able to convert. Some of that was due to the speed of Dumas' goalie, who was able to get to the ball before Pampa could shoot.

May said he was proud of his guys for rebounding from the Randall loss.

"We were fighting," May said. "We were emotionally deflated from that Randall game. We felt like we laid a big egg."

The Harvesters (5-13-1, 2-8-0) visit Palo Duro Friday. Pampa lost 2-0 on February 14. May said he is confident in his defense.

"I feel like we can be in the same kind of game with (Palo Duro)," May said. "Wait and see and pick our spots, get back behind them and put a goal in."

Harvester track wins at Borger

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The Pampa Harvesters track team started the 2012 season strong with a first place finish at the Borger relays on Saturday.

"It was an excellent meet," head coach Tad Smith said. "Everyone on the bus except two people won medals."

Pampa scored 195 points, well ahead of Highland Park which scored 147. Borger finished third with 109 and Tulia was fourth with 93.

Sophomore Kody Maddox finished second in the 100-meter dash (11.58). Senior Daniel Hulse finished third (11.74). Sophomore Daymon Flores finished third in the 200-meter dash (26.05). Brenden



Smith



Miller

Ponce finished third in the 400-meter dash (56.92). Jose Hernandez finished third in the 800-meter dash (2:19.40). Senior Trent McAnear finished second in the 1600-meter run and 3200-meter run (5:06.00, 10:50.11).

Senior Reid Miller won the 110-meter hurdles (16.08). Senior Latigo Collins finished third (19.21). Hulse won the 300-meter hurdles (45.99).

Pampa won the 4 by 100 relay (46.68), finished second in the 4 by 200 relay (1:40.24) and third in the 4 by 400 relay (3:54.80). Brett Troxell won the pole vault (11'). Maddox finished second in the long jump (18'7"). Ponce finished third in the triple jump (35'05"). Chris Garcia (41') and senior Ryne Richardson (40'11") finished first and second in the shot put. Junior Kyler Allen won the discus (117'10"). Garcia finished second (115'4").

The Harvesters compete Friday in Panhandle.



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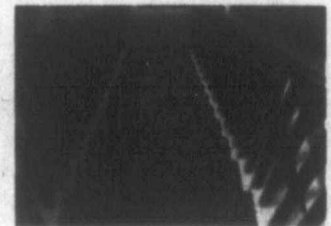


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