

PAMPA FORECAST

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High 87 Low 58	High 90 Low 61	High 91 Low 64

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 58. Breezy, with a north northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 90. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 91. Breezy, with a east wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southwest. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. Southwest wind around 10 mph becoming east southeast.

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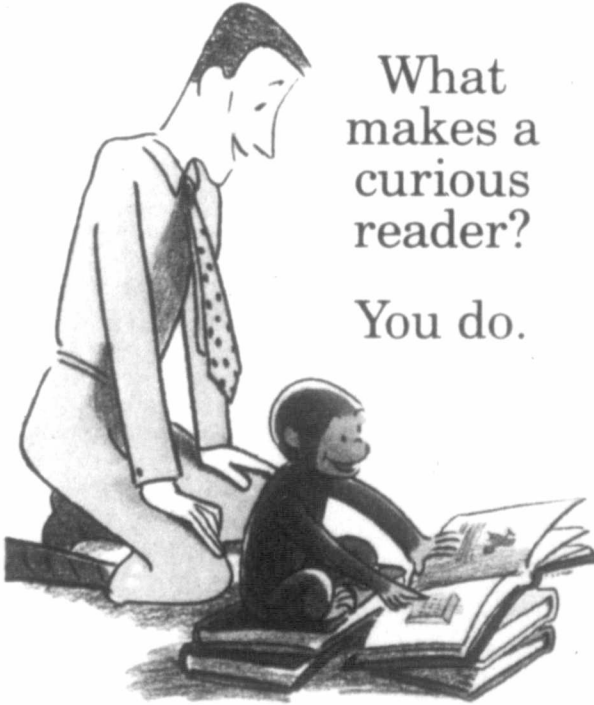
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6-20 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: THERE ARE TWO LASTING BEQUESTS WE CAN GIVE OUR CHILDREN: ONE IS ROOTS, THE OTHER IS WINGS. — HODDING CARTER

Autism center to rebuild after tornado

JOPLIN, Mo. (AP) — Families whose children get some of the best autism services available are scrambling for help after a prominent treatment facility was destroyed in the tornado that ravaged the city of Joplin last month.

The Ozark Center for Autism, which has a national reputation and draws families to the area, offers hands-on, intensive therapy at an early age. The program had recently added a diagnostic team and was slated to expand with services for adults, including vocational training. But the May 22 tornado that pummeled the city, killing more than 150 people and injuring hundreds, demolished the center.

It has relocated to an indoor skate park on the outskirts of town until it can move to another temporary facility closer to its previous location. But fewer families can easily reach the current location, and while Ozark Center staff members have increased their number of home visits, they are concerned that some children could see their progress halted.

"The children will lose some of the skills they've gained if they're not seen immediately," said Paula Baker, chief clinical officer for Freeman Health System, which owns and operates the autism center.

The destroyed Ozark Center included not just the autism school but residential and outpatient psychiatric care and substance abuse treatment units, collectively serving more than 13,000 patients in a four-state region. Baker said that Freeman plans to completely rebuild, and is especially committed to its autism program, which serves a dozen preschool students, four in a new K-12 program and 40 other families receiving in-home care.

"Obviously, it's been devastating," Baker said. "But we are committed

to rebuilding the program. The tornado will never blow away our commitment to helping these children."

As news of the damage to the Ozark Center spread on Facebook and through word of mouth, pledges of support and financial donations have poured in from across the country. A Kentucky autism center contacted Baker out of the blue. The Cleveland Clinic, which helped get the Joplin facility started, is raising money to help. So are local and regional agencies in Kansas City, Springfield and elsewhere in Missouri.

"It has been exciting to see the autism community rally behind them," said Dayna Busch, a Springfield activist. "Their quick rally is testimony to their determination that these kids do not fall through the cracks and fall behind."

The center had opened in October 2007 after a local family that had moved to Ohio for treatment opportunities unavailable in southwest Missouri came to the attention of the Cleveland Clinic Center for Autism. The Cleveland Clinic selected Joplin as the first community in the country where it would replicate its model of using what's known as applied behavioral analysis, or ABA treatment.

"They were very committed to starting something in their community," said Aletta Sinot, director of the Cleveland Clinic program. "They were really forward-thinking, and very community-oriented."

The Ozark Center's footprint remains small, but its reputation extends well beyond Joplin.

Jennifer Kirby, the center's clinical director, had worked at well-regarded autism clinics in the Boston area and London before she joined the Joplin site. The Mississippi native said the Ozark Center for Autism it has a reputation as the "gold standard" in autism treatment.

One family commuted more than 100 miles daily from Springfield so their daughter could attend the preschool. The Associated Press interviewed another family in the tornado's immediate aftermath that had moved from Oregon to Joplin just one month earlier to tap into the community's resources. Their phone number has since been disconnected, and the Ozark Center was not aware of their status.

Jennifer Smith and her husband had their choice of job offers and places to live after he completed a medical fellowship last year in Louisville, Ky. They chose Joplin to get their 5-year-old twin sons the autism services. Smith's sons will attend kindergarten in the fall at a Joplin public school, with autism therapists to ease the transition.

"The first priority was to find a place for them to get help," she said. "It's been the right move."

About 50 families remain on the center's waiting list. In March, the center added a diagnostic team consisting of a pediatrician, clinical psychologist, behavior analyst, speech pathologist and pediatric nurse. That team is now without a home until the center's renovated space becomes available, which Baker expects to happen within the next 90 days.

"We have everybody we need sitting around that table," she said. "Families were losing a year of precious time just waiting to get a diagnosis."

Shaine Jordan, 30, said he saw almost immediate improvement in the behavior of his 5-year old daughter, Brielle, who is non-verbal. Years of traditional occupational and speech therapy got her "virtually nowhere."

"We do something for years and got nothing," he said "Within three months, my daughter was able to tell me what she wanted."

High court limits Wal-Mart sex bias case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Monday blocked a massive sex discrimination lawsuit against Wal-Mart on behalf of female employees in a decision that makes it harder to mount large-scale bias claims against the nation's biggest companies.

The justices all agreed that the lawsuit against Wal-Mart Stores Inc. cannot proceed as a class action in its current form, reversing a decision by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. But they split 5-4 along ideological lines over whether the plaintiffs should in essence get another chance to make their case.

The lawsuit could have involved up to 1.6 million women, with Wal-Mart facing potentially billions of dollars in damages.

Now, the handful of women who brought the case may pursue their claims on their own, with much less money at stake and less pressure on Wal-Mart to settle. Two of the named plaintiffs, Christine Kwapnoski and Betty Dukes, attended the argument. Kwapnoski is an assistant manager at a Sam's Club in Concord, Calif. Dukes is a greeter at the Wal-Mart in Pittsburg, Calif.

The ruling could make it much harder to mount similar class-action discrimination lawsuits against large employers.

The majority agreed with Wal-Mart's argument that being forced to defend the treatment of female employees regardless of the jobs they hold or where they work is unfair.

Justice Antonin Scalia's opinion for the court's conservative majority said there needs to be common elements tying together "literally millions of employment decisions at once."

But Scalia said that in the lawsuit against the nation's largest private employer, "That is entirely absent here."

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, writing for the court's four liberal justices, said there was more than enough unifying the claims. "Wal-Mart's delegation of discretion over pay and promotions is a policy uniform throughout all stores," Ginsburg said.

Business interests lined up with Wal-Mart while civil rights, women's and consumer groups have sided with the women plaintiffs.

Fireworks

the fireworks, up to and including the charge of arson.

"It's just all due to the dry conditions," Ryan said.

He said there will be zero tolerance with the policy.

"If anyone is caught out popping their fireworks here," Ryan said, "they aren't going to get a warning." He said the stakes are too high.

"It's too dry out here," he said. Fireworks could burn the town

down, Ryan said.

In 2006, a downed electric line near Borger set off wildfires that burned off a million acres in the Texas Panhandle, destroyed a number of homes, killed several people and threatened Pampa.

"This amnesty program is just a way to get people to turn in their fireworks without getting caught with them later on," Ryan said.

He said it's going to be hard for

anybody to buy any fireworks this year anyway.

Ryan said Central Fire Station will be collecting fireworks from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Ryan said he would store them until the Amarillo Bomb Squad could dispose of them safely.

Ryan said that if anybody has any questions concerning the amnesty program, they can call him at Central Fire Station, 806-669-5800.

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Obituaries

Marvin Wesley Wyatt, 47

Marvin Wesley Wyatt, 47, died Saturday, June 18, 2011, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Wyatt was born on Dec. 17, 1963, in Borger and attended Phillips High School in Phillips. He married the love of his life Gidget Brown on April 7, 1984, in Borger. He worked in various oilfields in the Panhandle and later worked in the meat packing industry as a maintenance engineer in Cactus. He loved the outdoors where he enjoyed camping, fishing, and riding his motorcycle. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his wife and family.

He is survived by his wife, Gidget Wyatt of the home; a son, Donald Wyatt of Visalia, Calif.; a daughter, Brandee Green of Visalia, Calif.; his mother, Tina Wyatt of Pampa; his father, Buddy Wyatt of Pampa; a granddaughter, Zoe May Wyatt of Houston; a grandson, Connor Michael Green of Visalia, Calif.; and by cousins, Doug and Brenda Roper of Skellytown, and Barbara Brandstatt and John Lybrand, both of Amarillo. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, John Wyatt, his grandmother, Opal Lee Basshan Wyatt, an aunt, Peggy Joan Lybrand, and an uncle, L. G. Lybrand.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

For the record

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests over the weekend.

Friday, June 17

Megan Rochelle Waldrop, 21, was arrested by police on charges of interfering with an emergency call and assault causing bodily injury on a family member.

Saturday, June 18

Rafael Maldonado, 27, of Eagle Pass, was arrested by deputies on charges of driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Eric Eli Gamez, 25, was arrested by police on charges of criminal mischief.

Magaline Taylor, 48, was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated, second of-

fense.

Rosa Maria Soto, 43, was arrested by police on charges of driving with an expired driver's license and a warrant charging her with a bond surrender in a theft by check case.

Tony Earl Davis, 48, was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Sunday, June 19

Montra Dwayne Jackson, 24, was arrested by police on charges of driving without a valid driver's license.

Breanda Elizet Perez, 21, was arrested by police on charges of driving without a valid driver's license and failure to appear.

Paul Soria, 20, was arrested by police on charges of carrying a prohibited weapon.

AFTERNOONRUSH

Firefighters battle new fires

STONEHAM (AP) — Dozens of homes have been destroyed and hundreds of people evacuated as firefighters across Texas are working to contain wildfires fed by triple-digit temperatures, high winds and drought.

Texas Forest Service spokeswoman Lexi Maxwell says crews are trying to hold lines to avoid additional evacuations. She was outside a staging area Monday in Stoneham in Grimes County, where at least 4,000 acres were torched in a blaze that began Sunday. Smoke is visible over the trees, and the odor of burning wood is evident.

Some 35 homes and 20 outbuildings have been lost in the blaze about 50 miles north of Houston. It's one of 12 new fires that broke out over the weekend across the state.

Forest Service crews are at 20 fires Monday around Texas.

East Texans evacuate

JASPER (AP) — About 300 East Texas residents have been evacuated to escape a wildfire blamed on hunters doing target practice.

Billy Ted Smith, who's emergency management coordinator for Jasper, Newton and Sabine counties, says residents who evacuated Sunday could be allowed to return later Monday.

Smith told The Associated Press that eight camp houses have been destroyed in the 3,500 acre fire that began Saturday. The wildfire is 30 percent contained.

Smith says the fire was apparently started by hunters shooting at old butane tanks for target practice, with the bullet sparks causing the wildfire.

No injuries have been reported.

Smith says a park road in Jasper County, between Sam Rayburn Reservoir and the Toledo Bend Dam, is closed.

Space module on display

AUSTIN (AP) — A NASA space vehicle is on display outside The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin.

The Orion multipurpose crew vehicle can be seen Monday, during a stop while being transported by truck from NASA's Dryden Flight Research Center in California to Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

A new launch abort system, during a 2010 test flight in New Mexico, sent the spacecraft off the launch pad to a speed of almost 445 mph in three seconds. The spacecraft then parachuted to the desert floor.

The module's next exhibition stop is Tallahassee, Fla.

Nearly 8,000 vehicles inspected

AUSTIN (AP) — More than a quarter of the commercial vehicles inspected during Texas Roadcheck 2011 have been taken out of service for safety issues.

The Department of Public Safety on Monday released results of last week's 72-hour inspection program.

Law officers were out in force to check commercial trucks and passenger buses.

DPS says 7,993 commercial vehicles were inspected, with 26.5 percent taken out of service for safety problems, including brake and tire issues.

Texas law officers, during last year's effort, inspected 6,906 commercial vehicles, taking 25 percent out of service due to serious safety violations.

Mexico and Canada also participated in Roadcheck 2011.

Thousands lose power in DFW

DALLAS (AP) — Thousands of homes and businesses have lost power after strong winds moved through North Texas.

Dallas-based Oncor says crews are working to restore electricity to the nearly 4,900 customers without power Monday. Most of the outages were in the Dallas area.

Spokeswoman Cristi Ramon says winds on Saturday and Sunday downed power poles and lines.

The National Weather Service says gusts of nearly 40 mph were recorded Sunday afternoon in Fort Worth, as temperatures topped 100 degrees.

Ramon told The Associated Press that the damage is mainly due to high winds, not the excessive heat.

Tea partier wants pat-down ban

AUSTIN (AP) — A tea party lawmaker has written to Republican Gov. Rick Perry, imploring him to include legislation banning "intrusive" airport security screenings among the items in the special legislative session.

Texas Rep. David Simpson sponsored a bill in the House last month that would make it a criminal offense for officials conducting traveler pat-downs to touch "the anus, sexual organ, buttocks, or breast of another person" including through clothing.

The measure died in the Senate after a threat from federal officials to close airports if it were approved.

Simpson sent a letter to Perry on Sunday urging him to defend the "privacy, dignity, and constitutional rights of our citizens."

Lawmakers can only take up measures Perry adds to a special-session call. A spokeswoman said there are no plans to add it.

Tea partier wants pat-down ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Rep. Ron Paul is celebrating his victory in a Republican presidential straw poll, saying he's captured the imagination of people weary of U.S. military involvement in global conflicts and worried about the economy.

Paul tells NBC's "Today" show his candidacy is a response to "endless, undeclared, unwinnable wars dumped on the young people" and a soaring national debt.

The 75-year-old congressman says he doesn't believe he's too old to be president, saying he thinks young.

Paul won a GOP straw poll at a weekend Republican conference, garnering 612 votes, far ahead of former Utah governor Jon Huntsman, who got 382 votes. Huntsman is expected to get into the race later this week.

Paul says the U.S. "shouldn't be warmongers. We shouldn't be the policemen of the world."

Do I belong on the senior page?

TOM MARGENAU
Creator's Syndicate

Social Security and you

Q: I enjoy your column when I get a chance to see it. But because my newspaper places your column in what they call "The Senior Page," I frequently forget to look for it because I don't usually read the senior section. (I'm 55 years old and don't consider myself a "senior citizen.")

I've written to my local newspaper about this, but it apparently hasn't done any good. Do you have any influence with the newspapers who print your column?

A: I don't really have any influence with newspaper editors. I simply submit my weekly column to the newspaper syndicate I work for and hope that they can get enough editors or publishers interested to make it worth their while — and mine, and for that matter, yours. I'm usually just thrilled when a newspaper decides to carry my column, and I let them decide where they want to print it.

You've got to admit that it seems logical to put a column about Social Security on a page or section of the newspaper directed at senior citizens. After all, if we were playing a word association game and I said "Social Security," I would bet that nine times out of 10 the response would be: "government program for old people" or something similar.

But whenever I can, I point out to editors and anyone else who will listen that senior citizens are not the primary target audience for my column. Having said that, I totally understand that "senior citizen" is a term open to many interpretations. My little granddaughter thinks that her 35-year-old parents are old people. That makes me downright ancient in her books. And I will always remember the time when I was about 50 that a teenager ticket

seller at a movie theater asked me if I qualified for the "senior discount!" (My hair turned gray early in life.) But for the purposes of the point I'm trying to make, I will refer to anyone already getting Social Security benefits as a "senior citizen."

So am I saying my column isn't for people already getting Social Security benefits? Of course, I'm not. I answer lots of questions from Social Security recipients (i.e., senior citizens). But if you think about it, I really don't have that much news for these folks. Once you're receiving a Social Security check, those checks just keep rolling in month after month until the day you die. There isn't much in the way of new or life-changing information about the Social Security program that I can share with Social Security beneficiaries.

But if you are in your 50s or early 60s and not yet retired, you have lots of questions about your potential Social Security benefits — and I have lots of answers. You want to know how your Social Security benefit will be figured. You want to know if you should take early retirement or wait until a later age to start your Social Security. You want to know what happens to your potential Social Security benefits if you stop working at an earlier age. You want to know if you can take benefits on your spouse's record and later switch to your own Social Security benefit. The questions you have for me go on and on. And that's why folks approaching retirement age are my real target audience.

So, I really think my column is much more about financial planning than it is about senior citizen issues. But as I said, I'm just thrilled when editors decide to run my column, and I really don't care in which newspaper section it's printed.

Q: We have a 30-year-old friend who has cerebral palsy. She recently told us that she applied for Social Security disability benefits. And if she is approved, those benefits will be paid all the way back to her birth. Could this possibly be true? We find this especially puzzling since this woman has never worked.

A: No, it can't be true. Either you misunderstood what she told you or your friend doesn't understand the rules herself. But here is my guess as to what's going on.

I bet that one of her parents recently retired or recently died. And your friend is trying to claim benefits as what the law calls a "disabled adult child" on that parent's Social Security record.

In order to claim such benefits, your friend would have to provide medical proof that she has been disabled since childhood. It doesn't necessarily have to be since birth. But she must show that she has had a disability since she was young. If she can prove that, then she could be eligible for monthly benefits on the retired or deceased parent's Social Security account.

But those benefits would NOT be retroactive to birth or to her childhood. They usually would be effective only with the month she filed her claim.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.

Schroeder

go back to work at the Pampa Fire Department.

"I think everybody that played was worried that we would not perform well and just look silly," Schroeder said. "We did pretty well, so I was real happy."

Schroeder admitted that he hadn't played football since he was in college in 2002.

"I was a little apprehensive about it," he said.

More importantly, Schroeder said he had a lot of fun returning to Harvester Field.

"Nobody got seriously injured," Schroeder said. "That was good."

Schroeder joined the Pampa Fire Department in August, 2005.

After college, he had tried several jobs, including working as a jailer for the Gray County Sheriff's Office, but none of them seemed to fit.

"I wanted to give back instead of working somewhere that placed more value on money than helping people," Schroeder said.

All his other jobs, except for the work at the jail, were oriented toward the bottom line.

"I've got two kids," Schroeder said.

With a grin, he said he hopes they grow up to play baseball or tennis.

Schroeder said that his son, Archer, 4, is already playing football.

"I think it's unavoidable," Schroeder said. "I haven't taught him anything."

His daughter, Paige, is eight.

"She goes to school at Grandview," Schroeder said. "Archer goes to St. Matthews."

When he's not at Pampa's Central Fire Station, Schroeder is an ambulance driver for Pampa EMS.

With two jobs and a family, Schroeder laughed that he doesn't have a lot of spare time, but he still managed to get off to do a little hunting and fishing occasionally.

He said he usually saves up his vacation time for hunting season.

Schroeder said he'd love to hunt elk, but most of his hunting is restricted to deer over by Canadian.

"They're hunting elk in Dalhart now," he said.

Schroeder said there's a game ranch there.

"There's no season in Texas because it's not recognized by Texas Parks and Wildlife," Schroeder said. "So

Runoff

The actual runoff election day is Saturday at the Lovett Memorial Library from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

City elections are typically held at the M.K. Brown Civic Center, Lewis said, but the runoff had to be moved due to a conflicting event.

Lewis urged voters to make their voices heard over the next couple of voting days and during the election over the weekend.

"We'd certainly like people to come out and vote," Lewis said. "With the time and effort that the city takes to produce

a runoff and give them the opportunity to make that selection in Ward 1, we'd like to see that they have the chance as a voter to come out and express their opinion."

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they can run it all year."

While Schroeder said he'd like to hunt elk, he admitted he doesn't like to drag them back to camp.


"I shot a big 11-point deer this year," Schroeder said. "It was hard enough to get him in the back of the pickup. After I field dressed him and took his head off, he was 227 pounds."

But Schroeder's been so busy with the fire department and EMS that he hasn't had a chance to go get meat from the buck.

"As soon as I can get some days off, I'll go get it," he laughed. "That ought to be some good eating."

He's already looking forward to next deer season.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Monday, June 20, the 171st day of 2011. There are 194 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 20, 1921, U.S. Rep. Alice Mary Robertson, R-Okla., became the first woman to preside over a session of the House of Representatives. The milestone was reached during a roll call vote on funding a U.S. delegation to the centenary celebration of Peru's independence.

On this date:

In 1782, Congress approved the Great Seal of the United States.

In 1837, Queen Victoria acceded to the British throne following the death of her uncle, King William IV.

In 1863, West Virginia became the 35th state.

In 1893, a jury in New Bedford, Mass., found Lizzie Borden not guilty of the ax murders of her father and stepmother.

In 1947, Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel was shot dead at the Beverly Hills, Calif., mansion of his girlfriend, Virginia Hill, apparently at the order of mob associates.

In 1963, the United States and Soviet Union signed an agreement to set up a "hot line" between the two superpowers.

In 1967, boxer Muhammad Ali was convicted in Houston of violating Selective Service laws by refusing to be drafted. (Ali's conviction was ultimately overturned by the Supreme Court.)

In 1979, ABC News correspondent Bill Stewart was shot to death in Managua, Nicaragua, by a member of President Anastasio Somoza's national guard.

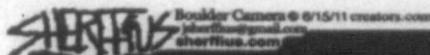
Ten years ago: Houston resident Andrea Yates drowned her five children in the family bathtub, then called police. (Yates was later convicted of murder, but had her conviction overturned; she was acquitted by reason of insanity in a retrial.)

Five years ago: The U.S. military recovered the booby-trapped bodies of two missing soldiers in Iraq.

One year ago: Edith Shain, who claimed to be the nurse smooched by a sailor in Times Square in a famous Life magazine photograph marking the end of World War II, died in Los Angeles at 91.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Olympia Dukakis is 80. Actor Martin Landau is 80. Actor James Tolkan is 80. Actor Danny Aiello is 78. Actor John Mahoney is 71. Movie director Stephen Frears is 70. Singer-songwriter Brian Wilson is 69. Actor John McCook is 67. Singer Anne Murray is 66. TV personality Bob Vila is 65. Musician Andre Watts is 65. Actress Candy Clark is 64. Producer Tina Sinatra is 63. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lionel Richie is 62. Actor John Goodman is 59. Rock musician Michael Anthony is 57. Pop musician John Taylor is 51. Rock musician Murphy Karges (Sugar Ray) is 44. Actress Nicole Kidman is 44. Country bluegrass singer-musician Dan Tyminski is 44. Movie director Robert Rodriguez is 43. Actor Peter Paige is 42. Actor Josh Lucas is 40. Rock singer Chino Moreno (Deftones) is 38. Country singer Chuck Wicks is 32. Actor Mark Saul is 26. Actress Maria Lark is 14.

Thought for Today: "The art of progress is to preserve order amid change and to preserve change amid order." — Alfred North Whitehead, English philosopher and mathematician (1861-1947)



- 5) Those who do not learn from history
- a) are doomed to repeat it.
 - b) have more free time for texting friends.
 - c) still got plenty of it from our public schools.
 - d) always vote wisely as adults because there is little to be learned from the boring old past.
- 6) Abraham Lincoln was an important figure because he
- a) started a luxury automotive company.
 - b) preserved the Union and freed the slaves.
 - c) created toy building logs for children.
 - d) founded the capital of Nebraska.

States look to Internet taxes to close budget gaps

CHRIS TOMLINSON
Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) - State governments across the country are laying off teachers, closing public libraries and parks, and reducing health care services, but there is one place they could get \$23 billion if they could only agree how to do it: Internet retailers such as Amazon.com.

That's enough to pay for the salaries of more than 46,000 teachers, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. In California, the amount of uncollected taxes from Amazon sales alone is roughly the same amount cut from child welfare services in the current state budget.

But collecting those taxes from major online retailers is difficult. Internet retailers are required to collect sales tax only when they sell to customers living in a state where they have a physical presence, such as a store or office. When consumers order from out-of-state retailers, they are required under state law to pay the tax. But it's difficult to enforce and rarely happens.

That means under the current system the seller is absolved of responsibility, buyers save 3 percent to 9 percent because they rarely volunteer to pay the sales tax, and the state loses revenue.

With sales tax revenue slumping more than 30 percent in most states between 2007 and 2010, lawmakers across the country are grasping for ways to collect those unpaid taxes. Retailers and lawmakers in several states have proposed ways to solve the problem, some with more support than others.

"The problem is that some out-of-state e-retailers openly flaunt the law, arguing that it doesn't apply to them," said Texas state Democratic Rep. Elliot Naishtat, who has offered a bill to require more Internet sellers to collect Texas sales tax. "It's about potentially generating hundreds of millions of dollars for our state."

Texas cut \$24 billion in state services to cover its revenue shortfall. That included decisions not to fund the expected growth in the number of public school students and the expected growth in the caseload for Medicaid, the health care program for the poor and disabled.

Internet retailers cite a 1992 U.S. Supreme Court decision involving catalog sales, Quill Corp. v. North Dakota, which ruled that states could require only companies that had a physical presence within the state to act as tax collector.

To get around the ruling, some states are expanding what it means to be physically present. For example, an online retailer hiring a marketing firm or owning a subsidiary inside the state would qualify under definitions adopted in some states.

In February, the Texas comptroller demanded that Amazon.com pay \$269 million in back sales taxes because a subsidiary operated a warehouse near Dallas. Amazon is appealing the order.

Last year, New York enacted a law that said Internet retailers' practice of paying commissions to marketing agents based within the state constituted a presence. Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Rhode Island and North Carolina quickly followed with similar laws.

Bills are pending in Arizona, California, Florida, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Minnesota and

Pennsylvania. Texas lawmakers passed such a measure, but Gov. Rick Perry vetoed it. Now legislators are trying to resurrect the bill by attaching it to a larger budget measure. The matter is now before a conference committee.

California estimates it loses at least \$200 million a year in uncollected tax from online sales, \$83 million from Amazon.com alone. A bill that has passed the state Legislature would force Seattle-based Amazon and others to collect that tax from California residents.

Amazon, Overstock.com and other big Internet retailers cite the Quill decision as their primary defense against collecting sales taxes, but they also argue that collecting tax in the District of Columbia and the 45 states where a sales tax exists would be extremely complex and expensive.

"There are over 8,000 taxing jurisdictions in the United States," said Jonathan Johnson, president of Overstock.com, which has offices only in Utah. "We think it's wrong that states are trying to cause out-of-state retailers to be their tax collectors."

After all, Johnson said, these retailers do not use any state services where they don't have offices.

To avoid having to collect sales tax, Amazon threatened to close its warehouse in Texas, cut off marketing affiliates in Illinois and North Carolina and sued New York claiming the law there is unconstitutional.

Earlier this month, Amazon severed ties with website affiliates in Connecticut after the governor signed into law a state tax on online purchases that is expected to raise \$9.4 million.

The movement by states to force online retailers to collect sales taxes is more than just an attempt by government to get more money. It also highlights a rift in the business community.

Traditional retailers are complaining loudly to their elected officials, saying the current structure creates an unfair playing field.

Wal-Mart, Target, Best Buy, J.C. Penney, Sears and other traditional retailers have formed The Alliance for Main Street Fairness to push for more stringent tax laws on Internet retailers. Brick-and-mortar stores saw sales plunge 9.1 percent between 2007-2009, while online merchants saw sales rise 4.8 percent, according to the latest data available from the U.S. Census Bureau. Wal-Mart's comparable store sales were down nearly 1 percent in 2010.

The alliance is pushing to expand the definition of physical presence, state-by-state, to force big online retailers to collect state sales tax.

When Texas lawmakers took up such a bill, most of the testimony came from owners of small businesses. Gregg Burger, the general manager of Austin's Precision Camera, complained that customers come into his store to inspect the products, but then go online to buy them to avoid the sales tax.

"We get people all the time who come in, talk to a salesman for 15 minutes to half an hour ... and then go, and we know they are going to buy it online because they can save money. In theory, they are stealing our time," Burger said. "We're losing at least 15 percent to online, out-of-state, so we're losing anywhere between \$3 million and \$5 million a year in business."

While state laws would help, Burger

said he would like to see a national solution.

"We should be picking on everyone who ships into every state," he said.

But local Internet marketers that link to major Internet retailers complain the laws would hurt them. In Illinois and other states where such laws have passed, Internet retailers cut their ties with local web sites.

Johnson, of Overstock, said the traditional retail giants are just getting a taste of their own medicine.

"Local retailers complained that the big-box stores were coming in and taking their business, and the Wal-Marts of the world said they had a better business model and the world has changed," Johnson said. "Today, the business model has changed and we can take cost out of the supply chain by doing business the way we do on the Internet. And for Wal-Mart, of all people, to be saying it's not fair that Amazon and Overstock can't be forced to be tax collectors is ironic."

Representatives for Wal-Mart and Target declined to comment for this story.

While the U.S. Supreme Court sided with online retailers in its Quill decision, the ruling also said Congress should pass a law standardizing sales tax collection under the Interstate Commerce Clause. Perry, the pro-business and states-rights Texas governor, said in his veto message that a national solution is the only way to settle the issue.

Traditional retailers have lobbied for the Main Street Fairness Act, which was reintroduced in Congress this spring by Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Illinois. The act would be "a helping hand to state and local governments at a time that they need it the most," he said.

While few think the Republican-controlled House of Representatives will pass a bill that critics have called "a tax on the Internet," the sudden flurry of action in state legislatures and lobbying by big retailers could provide a boost to efforts to pass such a law, even among conservatives.

Those lawmakers find themselves in a bind between opposing taxes and supporting traditional businesses.

"Republicans and Democrats alike recognize that there is an inequity here," said Danny Diaz, a spokesman for the Alliance for Main Street Fairness.

A component of the proposed federal law is a requirement for states to adopt the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement, which would standardize sales tax laws and filing requirements for Internet retailers. To sweeten the pot, states would reimburse companies for any additional costs involved in collecting it.

Already, 24 states have adopted the streamlined sales tax, while 1,500 companies have voluntarily collected \$700 million in sales tax revenue since 2005 using the system, said Scott Peterson, executive director of the Streamlined Sales Tax Governing Board. The volunteer retailers represent only a fraction of online sales.

Overstock's Johnson and Paul Misener, vice president for global public policy at Amazon, said they would support a national standard using the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement.

"We've long supported a truly simple, national approach, evenhandedly applied," Misener said. "This is federalism at work, and many states are making the right decision to seek a federal solution."

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Chamber

the chamber around town



Bounce Zone joins Chamber

Goldcoats at the Bounce Zone ribbon-cutting included: (from left) Benny Horton, Hayden McGuire, Le Anna and Dickie McGuire, Roy Morriss, Charles Henry and Kerrick Horton.

Chamber of Commerce June Calendar of Events

- June 18th** – Market Day 8am – noon at the Hospital – proceeds to benefit Relay for Life
- June 18th** – 14th Annual Water Garden Tour – sponsored by Las Pampas Koi & Water Garden Society – Tickets are \$5.00 (children with adult free)
- June 18th** – Cannonball Run – Michael Malone Memorial Run – proceeds to benefit American Diabetes Association. Starts at 1:00 at old Dos Caballeros Restaurant (Don Campbells) 1333 N. Hobart. \$15 entry fee.
- June 21st** – Chamber Luncheon – noon in the MK Brown Room - \$10.00 – sponsored by Habitat for Humanity
- June 24th** – Relay for Life at Recreation Park – starts at 6:00pm
- July 9th** – Boomtown Block Party & Business Expo starts at 11:00am – Recreation Park/Rodeo Grounds
- July 9th** – Top O' Texas BBQ Cook-off – 4:00pm – Recreation Park/Rodeo Grounds – Tickets are \$10.00(kids under 5 free)
- July 9th** – Dance starts at 8:00pm – Recreation Park/Rodeo Grounds Norris Pavilion – Tickets are \$10.00
- July 18th** – Summer Celebration with NewsChannel 10 – starts at 4:00pm – H2O Aquatic Center

Pampa's Boomtown Block Party and Business Expo
at Recreation Park/Rodeo Grounds
July 9, 2011
11am-11pm

BBQ Cook-off at 4pm
Dance starts at 8pm

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Metroplex cities pick mayors in runoff

DALLAS (AP) — Voters in North Texas' two biggest cities showed up at the polls on Saturday to elect new mayors in runoff elections in Dallas and Fort Worth.

Former Dallas homeless czar Mike Rawlings collected 56 percent of the vote, with 99 percent of precincts reported, in defeating former Dallas Police Chief David Kunkle, who conceded about 9:30 p.m.

Rawlings has been chief executive of three companies and pledged to improve economic development in Dallas. He defeated Kunkle, a former assistant city manager in Arlington, who had more name recognition and touted his record of reducing crime.

"I think Dallas wants to be optimistic about its future. I think they want a leader who has clear visions about big ideas like education," Rawlings said. "I think we've got to get our City Council aligned around the strategic initiatives we're talking about. I'm going to be starting immediately on how we work with DISD on education,

and we're going to be working on the budget."

Kunkle called Rawlings to offer his congratulations and support, and said via Twitter: "I believe he will be a great mayor for Dallas."

The Dallas mayor's seat was vacated by Tom Leppard earlier this year when he announced he would run in 2012 for the U.S. Senate seat held by retiring Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison.

In Fort Worth, former tax assessor Betsy Price collected 56 percent of the vote, with 96 percent of precincts reported, on her way to defeating former City Council member Jim Lane. Price declared victory Saturday night, saying Lane conceded defeat.

Price has pledged to cut city spending. Lane had claimed to have the most municipal government experience.

Price succeeds Mike Moncrief, who decided not to seek reelection after eight years in office.

Lighter winds expected at Arizona wildfire

PHOENIX (AP) — Lighter winds should give firefighters in southern Arizona a break Monday after a weekend in which thousands of residents fled their homes as powerful winds pushed the flames across roads and containment lines and toward populated areas.

The Monument fire just south of the city of Sierra Vista, Ariz., was one of several chewing through dry brush and timber in the Arizona and New Mexico where fire crews have been dogged for days by hot, windy weather.

About 3,000 people from 1,700 homes were evacuated Sunday as the blaze — burning for a week — picked up speed with winds gusting up to 60 mph, Cochise County Sheriff's spokeswoman Carol Capas said late Sunday night.

"Winds pushed fire across Highway 92, making (it) run so fast and so hot that the danger to citizens in the path was significant," she told The Associated Press.

The flames raced down a mountain and into a heavily populated area, forcing crews to abandon their lines and set up in new spots.

"The fire crews are doing an amazing job, trying to get in front of it," she said.

Sunday's evacuations brought the total number to about 10,000 people from 4,300 homes forced to flee flames of the Monument fire, she said.

Some residences were destroyed Sunday, adding to the 44 already reported, but fire officials still don't have an exact number, Capas said. Among the destroyed structures was a popular Mexican restaurant. There have been no serious injuries.

She said evacuees have been staying with friends and relatives, at three evacuation shelters, and at local inns.

"This is horrible. This is a nightmare," Debbie Schmidlin told the Arizona Daily Star. She said she was evacuated twice in the past week from homes east and west of Highway 92.

"If this fire gets there, I'm leaving Arizona," she said as she watched from behind police lines two miles north of her home.

Mario Morales, who has a mobile home on land he owns on the east side of 92, was philosophical. "You just gotta accept it," he told the newspaper. "There is no stopping this monster."

Winds had diminished by late Sunday and were projected to reach just 10 mph Monday.

"If that prediction holds, it will be a big benefit for firefighters," she said.

Before the winds spread the flames earlier in the day, the blaze was reported 27 percent contained at about 21,000 acres or nearly 33 square miles.

Meanwhile, the massive Wallow fire that has been burning in eastern Arizona for three weeks kept about

200 residents of Luna, N.M., under an evacuation order for a second day.

A containment line that had held through days of high winds was breached Saturday and the fire raced toward town before shifting winds steered it around the community. It was moving to the north into an area of scattered ranches late Sunday afternoon, fire information officer Michael Puentes said.

Despite the evacuation order for Luna, about half the town's residents remained in town.

"If the fire comes back around or things change where they have to get out, we still have an egress point, so we will still escort them out of town," Catron County Undersheriff Ian Fletcher said.

Evacuation orders for Luna came on the same day that some other residents displaced by the fire that began May 29 were allowed to return home.

Residents of Alpine, Ariz., were allowed to return to their homes Saturday morning after being forced out for more than two weeks, while residents of the resort town of Greer, Ariz., will be allowed to return home late Monday morning.

The Wallow blaze has consumed 811 square miles, or 519,319 acres, and more than 3,500 firefighters were trying to stop its advance. It is larger than a 2002 fire that burned 732 square miles and destroyed 491

buildings that had been the largest in state history. Despite its size, the latest fire has destroyed just 32 homes and four rental cabins. Containment rose to 51 percent Sunday.

The Wallow fire, which is burning up much of Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, is the largest of several wildfires burning in spots across the southwestern United States.

In other fires:

• Firefighters working to contain a massive wildfire in East Texas expected unusually hot and windy weather Monday, a day after several blazes broke out across the state and destroyed more than three dozen homes. Hundreds of people were told to evacuate after fires swept through eastern and central parts of the state.

• California firefighters are battling a wildfire that has burned nearly 8 square miles of grassland on a westward run from a Kern County oil field to a remote area of eastern San Luis Obispo County.

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 19 Horn sound
- 20 Throw in
- 22 Boars' mates
- 23 Milne youngster
- 24 Fishing craft
- 25 Golfer Mark
- 26 Improvise
- 27 Hollywood workers
- 28 Old poets
- 29 Protective ditch
- 30 Ageless dwarf
- 33 Over again
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- 36 "It's a mouse!"

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Because my 90-year-old mother is homebound, she qualifies for a meal program through a senior charity service. The program is free of charge for those in need. She didn't like some of the meals, so she asked me to give them to my father-in-law, "Louis."

Louis is 88. He still drives and is well-off, so he doesn't qualify for the program, but he accepted the meals that were offered. My mother has now decided she can no longer eat any of these meals, so I told her we should discontinue the program.

When I mentioned it to my wife, she became very upset with me, saying her father appreciated those meals. I reminded her that her father is able to drive himself to the supermarket and buy frozen dinners similar to what is being provided through the service. My wife is so angry she now says she will never again share any leftovers with my mother. It's an understatement to say this situation has created a major fight between us.

Is my wife correct in being upset about my discontinuing the meal service? — CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

DEAR CHARITY: It wasn't wrong to offer the meals that had already been delivered

to your mother to your father-in-law after she rejected them. They probably could not have been redistributed to other seniors by the food program at that point.

But to continue your mother's food service while redirecting them to someone who is not in need is dishonest. It's stealing necessary resources from people who truly need them.

Because your wife is upset, she should contact the agency that provides the meals, or another agency that serves seniors, and see if her father qualifies. But she shouldn't punish you for refusing to go along with a deception.

DEAR ABBY: Twice, while attending social functions, my wife and I met couples for the first time. On each of these occasions as we were saying goodbye, the husbands said to me, "Your wife is gorgeous." They said it in front of their wives, which surprised me. The first time it happened, I didn't know what to say. The second time, I replied, "So is yours," even though the women weren't all that attractive.

I'm wondering if their comments were appropriate, especially because they were made in the presence of their wives. I wasn't

offended, just caught off-guard and felt uncomfortable for their wives. I'd appreciate your comments. — MARRIED TO A KNOCKOUT

DEAR MARRIED TO A KNOCKOUT: Not only do you have a gorgeous wife, but your wife is blessed with a sensitive husband. The comments those individuals made strike me as insensitive to the feelings of their wives because it invited a comparison which could have made the women feel uncomfortable. I think you handled both situations gallantly.

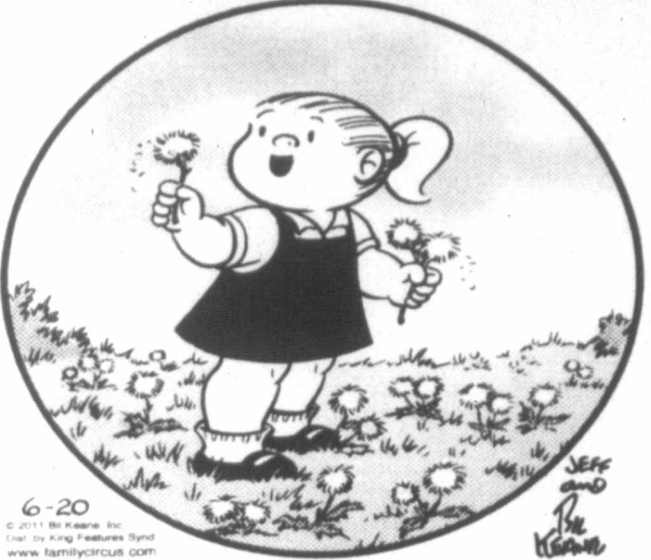
DEAR ABBY: What does it mean when someone signs his/her name with a "Just" in front of it? I received a Mother's Day card from my in-laws (with whom I don't have a good relationship) and it was signed, "Just Bob and Diane."

I have not seen anyone do this before, and was curious if this was another form of my mother-in-law's cattiness or my ignorance. — SINCERELY YOURS IN SAVANNAH

DEAR SINCERELY: If I had to hazard a guess, I'd say that Bob and Diane may have a bit of a self-esteem problem. Or they're telling you you don't make them feel very important. Could that be true?

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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"Mommy, look! The dandelions have grown little fluffy hairdos."

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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, June 21, 2011.

This year, you open up to changes and new possibilities. Sometimes your approach is very rational and logical. Other times it is emotional. What you can count on is that your moods and the way you process things will change. Curb a tendency to be negative or uptight, which manifests frequently in your personal life. Learn ways to relieve stress that suit you. If you are single, others find you extremely desirable. The question remains who you will choose to relate to. If you are attached, the two of you have an intriguing tango taking place. It adds to the mystery that exists between you. **CANCER** appeals to you emotionally.

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)
★★★ Assume a low profile. You are about to change directions. A boss is difficult and is transforming right in front of you. Know your limits and understand what is happening within a special bond. Focus on where you want to make a difference. Tonight: Play it low-key.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Honor your priorities, which involves a more detached approach. Answers come forward when you are not triggered. Understand when enough is enough. Visualize more of what you want from a situation. That, with unusual perception, will help you hit a home run. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Take a stand if need be. You could be overwhelmed by a situation. A partner could be most controlling about the outcome. Your ability to change directions comes forth. Remain flexible, and you will gain. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Reach out for someone who has unusual thinking. That person could be instrumental in choosing a new direction. A partner or associate might be changing and is very demanding at present. Your response might be more normal than you think. Tonight: Opt for a different type of night.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ A partner could be challenging on a daily basis. Coming to terms with this person's needs, as well as his or her requests, could be exhausting. A discussion could help

you isolate what's important from what's irrelevant, giving you a little more space. Tonight: An important chat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Defer to others. Know what is happening with a partner. You could be overwhelmed by others. You might need to screen your calls or do something else that you would prefer not to do. Zero in on key priorities in the next few weeks. Tonight: Shop options.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You need to focus in order to complete what you must. A discussion could be a high priority, but you also might be a little stunned by what emerges. If you want to pursue the perceptive path, do. In your heart, you might be reluctant. Honor your inner voice. Tonight: Working late.

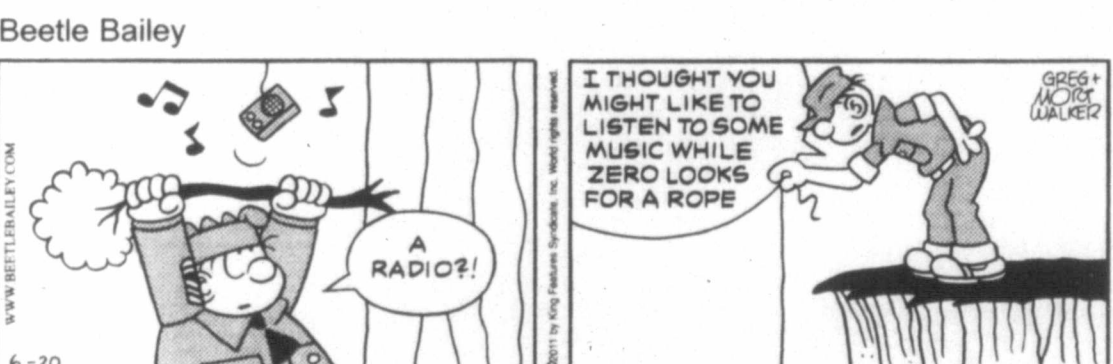
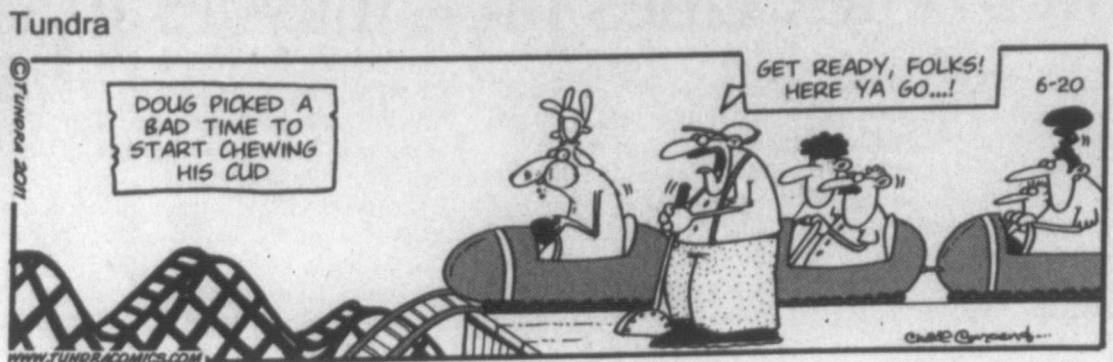
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You cannot deflect or hide your enthusiasm, which probably stems from a personal matter. Still, know when it is appropriate to let the cat out of the bag, which is not today. Be careful with a partner who can act up. Tonight: Ever frisky.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Dealing with family and a domestic matter could slow you down. Knowing what is enough and the appropriate choices could be key to dealing with some negativity. Sooner or later, someone has to open up and talk! Tonight: Homeward bound.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Communication overwhelms you. You might feel the need to pull back and demand less. Your sense of humor emerges when dealing with others. Laughter comes forth once you let go of an issue. Tonight: Be smart — don't personalize everything you hear.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You can go way overboard with spending. You might feel repressed in some manner. You wonder what you need to do in order to open up. Discussions are animated and lively. Someone might be toutting one idea, wanting controversy and opinions. Tonight: Buy a treat on the way home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Empower yourself to make a change. Open doors and understand that although you might be fearful, you might want to go through the experience anyway. Understand that a partner might be expressing a great deal of satisfaction. Tonight: In the limelight.



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Sports

Summer coach Eakin urges players to have fun, learn

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From August to May, the Pampa High School baseball team works and learns from Kaleb Snelgrooes. After school's out the players still learn about the game, but listen to a different voice.

Brady Eakin is coach in his second season, with the Pampa 16-18 year old team.

Senior Collin Killgo, who has played both seasons under Eakin, said he enjoys it.

"It's fun coming out here with him and win some games," Killgo said. "We have fun but still want to win."

Killgo said it helps to keep working on his game in the summer.

"It's helpful learning from a different voice," Killgo said.

Senior Cole Engle, who also played last year, said Eakin and Snelgrooes are similar.

"They're both about the same age," Engle said. "They act alike and expect the same thing."

Eakin said he has fun coaching the team.

"I enjoy being around these guys," Eakin said. "It's a fun group."

Eakin said he has noticed improvement from last season.

"We've improved in some categories," Eakin said. "It's a different group of players from year to year."

Snelgrooes said having Eakin work with his players is very beneficial.

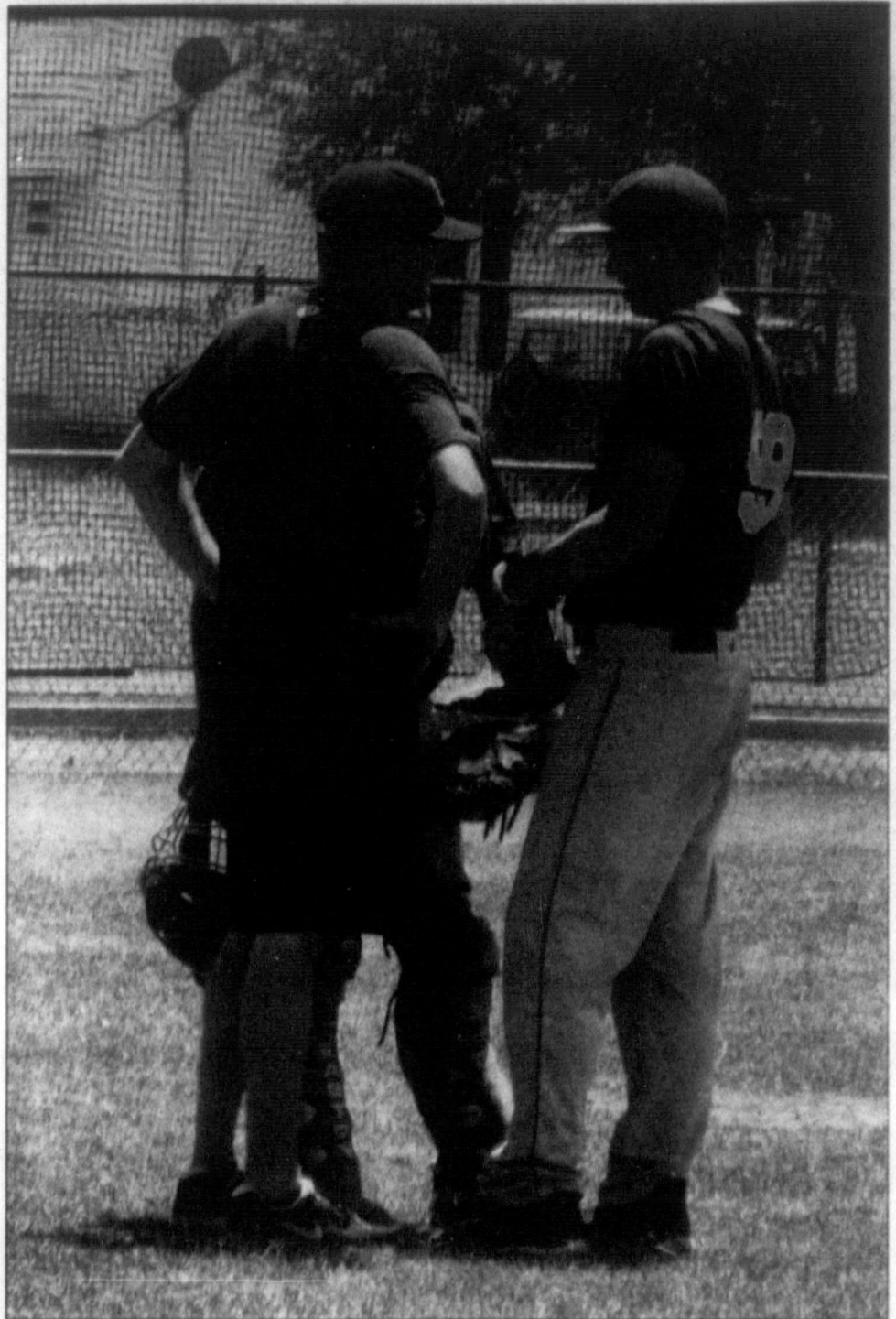
"It's great having a younger ex-Harvester coaching these kids," Snelgrooes said. "It's a win-win situation for those kids and our program."

Though Pampa played some of the same groups of players they did during the season, the competition is not as intense. That's something Eakin and his players enjoy.

"It's nice playing with less pressure," Engle said. "I would rather have Brady mad at me than Coach Snelgrooes."

"I tell them before every game to just have fun and learn something out there," Eakin said.

Though, they aren't in the middle of a district race or have postseason on the line, Pampa has been successful, with two victories over River Road Saturday improving to 4-1.



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**
Brady Eakin (center) has a conversation with Jared Lusk (left) and Collin Killgo in the first game against River Road Saturday. Eakin is in his second season coaching the 16-18 year old team.

Pampa 16-18 Babe Ruth Results

May 21	Dumas	W 11-0
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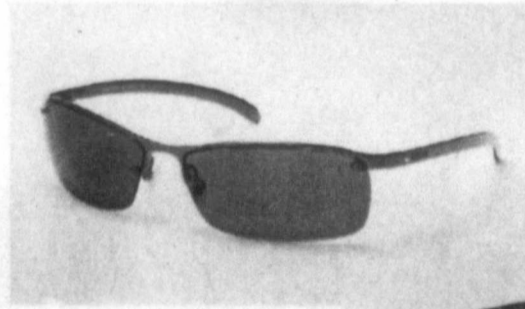


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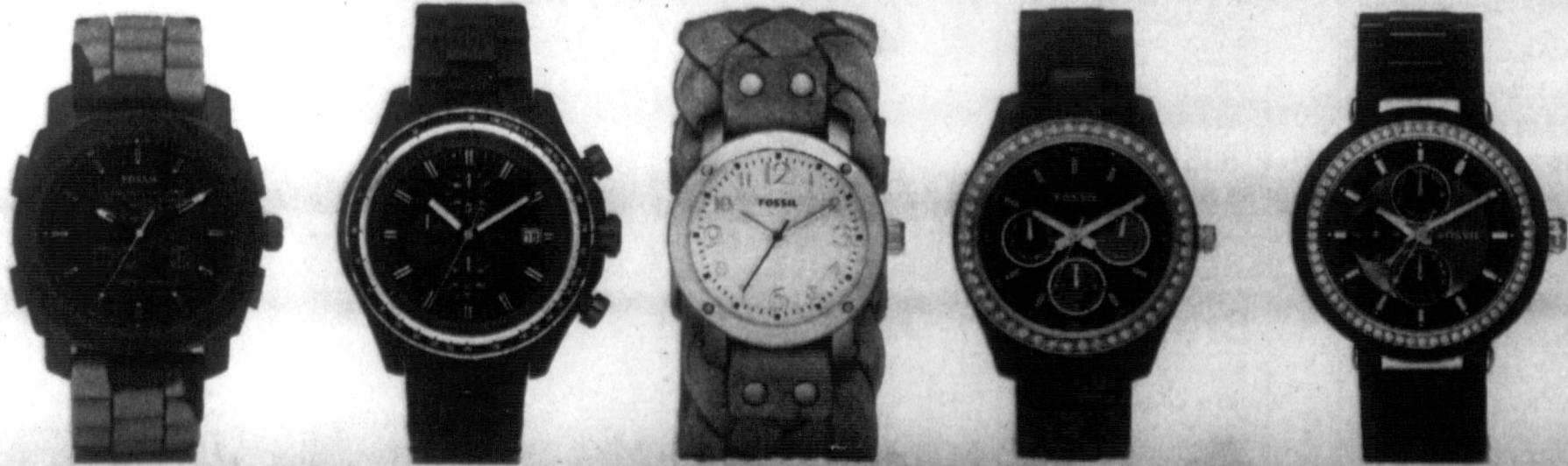
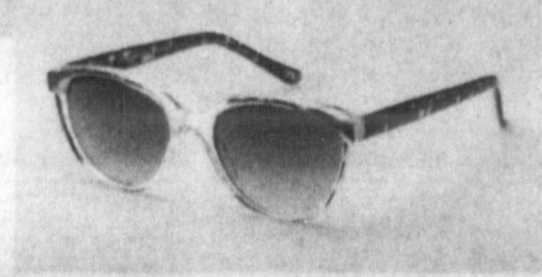


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