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## Young sentence: 55 years, \$20,000 total fine

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 Late Monday evening, the jury assigned to the state's case against Cynthia Young returned with sentencing following a guilty verdict.



Young

The jury, made up of 10 men and two women, sentenced Young to 40 years in prison and a fine of \$10,000 for the murder of Terry Boaz. She will receive an

additional 15 years in prison and a fine of \$10,000 for aggravated assault resulting in the serious bodily injury of Tina Hoskins.

Young, 42, was charged with murder and aggravated assault

after engaging in a vehicular chase that left Boaz dead and Hoskins seriously injured. On the evening of June 6, 2007, Boaz and Hoskins were riding on his motorcycle, when they were pursued by Young in her pickup. At a high rate of speed, the three traveled about seven blocks from the Allsups at Alcock and Price to North Wells, north of the Gwendolyn and Wells intersection. After Young and Boaz

lost control of their vehicles after passing Gwendolyn, Boaz and Hoskins were thrown into the yard of a residence. Young hit a legally parked pickup before colliding with a tree.

Boaz became unresponsive at the site of the accident, and Hoskins sustained major injuries. They were not wearing helmets at the time of the accident.

Both Boaz and Young had been drinking prior to the chase.

## READY FOR THE SHOW



staff photo by Arnie Aurellano

**Ronnie Holmes** of Holmes Sports Center on Cuyler Avenue straightens out the "Welcome" banner hanging over the storefront. Representatives from the Top O' Texas Rodeo Office put up the banners above the facades of local rodeo sponsors and supporters on Monday. The Top O' Texas Rodeo rolls into town on Thursday, Aug. 11, and goes through Saturday, Aug. 13.

## Pampa man arrested for agg robbery

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The Pampa Police Department on Monday arrested a local man regarding an incident that happened over the weekend on the east side of the city.



Wilbon

Dante Allen Wilbon, 21, of Pampa, was picked up and charged with aggravated robbery in connection with an 11:53 a.m. Saturday incident on the 300 block of Sunset Drive.

According to Lt. Colby Brown of the Pampa PD, a female complainant was either getting into or getting out of a vehicle outside her home when Wilbon approached. The complainant said that he showed her a weapon and told her to give him her money.

Wilbon was arrested by the police department at noon on Monday and taken to the Gray County Jail. He was released on \$10,000 bond on Tuesday morning.

Both Brown and Det. Neal Gardner, the attending officer in Saturday's incident, said that the department's investigation is ongoing.

## FD: Ten grass fires within Gray County during July

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Amid a scorching summer fraught with drought conditions, ten grass fires were reported in Gray County during the month of July, the majority of which occurred within Pampa.

"Grass fires are always a big concern, especially with it being as hot and dry as it is," said Pampa Fire Department Chief Kim Powell.

To prevent grass fires, Powell advises following Pampa's city ordinance that prohibits outside burning, as well as being careful while barbecuing outside. "Just be aware of your surroundings," she said.

Gray County is not the only area in the state undergoing an intense drought. A record 248 Texas counties are currently under a burn ban, leaving only six counties unaffected.

## Financial aid available for farmers

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County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Matthew Street is reminding local producers that, in the midst of the drought, heat wave and fires that have plagued Gray County, the FSA can lend a hand.

"There are programs here for local farmers and ranchers," Street said. "We'll provide any assistance

that we're able to."

One of the biggest issues locally so far, Street said, involves livestock.

"The condition of livestock has really deteriorated," said Street. "It's really bad. The native pastures are nonexistent, basically. Any feed that livestock is getting is what the rancher is feeding them, so it's becoming very expensive. The cattle are just maintaining their condition. They're

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## AFTERNOONRUSH

### Louisiana waives hay limits

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) - Louisiana's agriculture and forestry commissioner says oversized loads of hay going to Texas don't have to meet the usual size restrictions or pay permit fees through Sept. 30.

Mike Strain says that will let Louisiana farmers send more hay at the lowest possible cost to help drought-stricken cattle farmers in Texas.

He says Louisiana's departments of Transportation and Development, Public Safety, and Revenue will allow securely bound, round hay bales side-by-side on trailers up to 12 feet across and 14 feet high.

Carriers, owners and drivers must verify beforehand that the loads' dimensions and weight are acceptable for all routes traveled, and are within weight limits for bridges and other structures. Vehicles must have proper mirrors, and the oversize vehicles may only travel during daylight.

### Education board targets dropouts

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has kicked off a campaign for college dropouts to return and earn a bachelor's degree.

The Grad Texas program, announced Tuesday, targets adults who have 90 or more credit hours toward the 120 hours needed for a degree.

Eight Texas universities will offer specialized programs with online, compressed and regular course offerings for returning students.

The schools are Lamar University, Midwestern State University, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Texas Tech University, University of Houston-Downtown, University of Houston-Clear Lake, the University of North Texas System and the University of Texas-Brownsville.

The Higher Education Coordinating Board last year adopted the Generation Texas campaign to encourage enrollment and better advise schools on keeping students on track toward degrees.

### Specialty plates to cost more

DALLAS (AP) - The state's private vendor for specialty license plates has upped the cost of some one-year tags.

The Dallas Morning News reported Monday that the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles board in mid-2010 approved the higher prices. The increases took effect in December. Recent renewal letters from the DMV have drawn attention to the hikes.

The president of My Plates, Steve Farrar, has said the increase is meant to entice drivers into longer agreements, in which the overall annual cost is cheaper than yearly renewals.

The annual price of the white-background plate with custom lettering is now \$195, up from \$85.

### ERCOT: Cool it on the usage

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas electrical grid manager wants Texans to cool it on their electricity usage as record heat is causing record demand.

The Energy Reliability Council of Texas said in a statement Monday afternoon that record-high temperatures throughout the state are resulting in record power demand. The statement says demand reached a record 66,867 megawatts between 4 and 5 p.m. Monday, and more record demand levels are expected this week.

The previous record of 65,776 megawatts was set Aug. 23, 2010. A megawatt can power about 200 Texas homes in hot weather with air conditioners running. Peak demand of 67,084 megawatts is expected Tuesday afternoon.

ERCOT Vice President Kent Saathoff asks Texans to avoid nonessential electricity use, such as major house-keeping appliances, between 3 and 7 p.m. to avoid emergency outages.

### Columbia piece found in lake?

NACOGDOCHES (AP) - Police say low water levels at a Texas lake during the drought have led to recovery of a container-like object that could be from space shuttle Columbia.

The shuttle broke apart and burned in February 2003, scattering remnants over East Texas.

Nacogdoches police on Monday announced recovery of the item, described as about 4 feet in diameter and "full of mud." Police say the piece was found in an isolated part of Lake Nacogdoches.

Sgt. Greg Sowell says the lower water level has exposed a larger than normal area on the north side of the lake. Sowell says a large, round object became visible and it's very possible that the item was part of Columbia.

Police have notified NASA and provided photos. Any shuttle pieces are government property.

### Billboards feature DWI suspects

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Digital billboards in the San Antonio area will feature the names and photos of suspected drunken drivers who are sought.

Police and Bexar County authorities announced the program Monday in an effort to get the felony offenders to surrender. Use of the dozen billboards has been donated by Clear Channel Outdoor as a public service.

The billboards will feature drivers sought for charges also including intoxication assault or vehicular manslaughter.

Police Chief William McManus says the city has had nearly 3,500 DWI arrests so far this year.

The billboards project is supported by the group Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

### Firemen suffer heat exhaustion

SAN BENITO, Texas (AP) - Investigators say one firefighter has been treated for heat exhaustion battling a South Texas blaze that destroyed several thousand tires.

San Benito Fire Marshal Henry Lopez said Tuesday that most of the fire has been extinguished and crews concentrated on hot spots. The cause of the fire is sought.

Lopez says no homes had to be evacuated in the fire that started Monday night, sending out plumes of black smoke. He says the smoke has dissipated by morning and there's no danger to the public.

Lopez told The Associated Press that the property owner has been contacted and authorities are trying to determine if the tires were being stored or had been discarded.

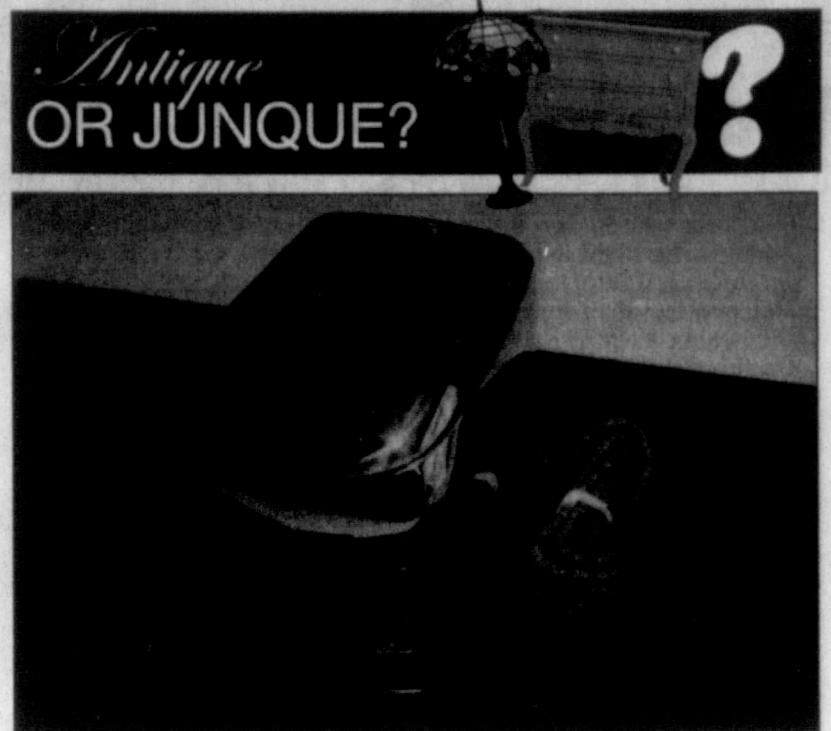
## Vintage toasters pop up in antique shops

ANNE MCCOLLAM

Q: Enclosed is a photo of a Toastmaster toaster that my mother-in-law received as a wedding gift in 1937. It was manufactured by McGraw Electric Co. The model number is 1B6, and I believe the serial number is 790732. The sides are decorated with lines and daisies, and it is a two-slice toaster. The toaster still works, has the original electric cord and is in very good condition.

Could you please tell me what it might be worth? Thank you for your help.

A: McGraw Electric Co. was founded in 1900. In 1926, it was the first to make pop-up toasters for homes. Your toaster is a good example of art deco design. The serial number 790732 was used in 1936 and 1937. Toasters were the classic wedding gift in those days. Your toaster probably would sell in an antiques shop in the range of \$25 to \$50.



McGraw Electric Co. made Toastmaster toasters.

know whether the set is "antique" or "junque."

A: Your set was used for serving nuts. The large one was the master, and the smaller ones were individual dishes. Wilder Pickard used the mark you provided. He founded his china firm in Edgerton, Wis., in 1893. It decorated blanks produced by European factories. "AKD" represents A. Klingenberg, in Limoges, France, the firm that supplied the blanks for Pickard. Maxwell Rean Klippahhn was the artist who decorated your set. Though he usually signed his middle name, Rean, he often used "Klipp." The pattern is "Nut Harvest."

Your set was made in about 1900 and is worth well over \$400. So your set is antique and definitely not junque.

Q: I have a set of Pyrex nesting

mixing bowls and am curious as to whether the set has any value and whether it is collectible. The bowls are primary colors, and each is marked "Trademark Pyrex — Made in U.S.A. — Ovenware." The bottom of each bowl has a number and the amount of liquid it holds.

Anything you can tell me will be appreciated.

A: Corning Glass Co. is located in Corning, N.Y. It made its mixing bowl sets from the 1940s to the 1960s. Its early sets were not marked with numbers.

Your circa 1960 set is collectible and probably would be worth \$40 to \$60.

*If you have any antique inquiries, address your questions to Anne McCollam, P.O. Box 247, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Items of a general interest will be answered in this column. Due to the volume of inquiries, she cannot answer individual letters.*



Pickard China was founded in Edgerton, Wis., in 1893.

Q: This is a drawing of the mark that is on a set of porcelain dishes that I have. There are six small leaf-shaped dishes and a matching large one. Included in each mark are the words "AKD — France." Also within the design is the name "Rean."

I am downsizing, and before I put it in a yard sale, I would like to

## Mexico: Resignations from 21 top prosecutors

MEXICO CITY (AP) - The top federal prosecutors in 21 of the country's 31 states and federal district have resigned, the Mexican Attorney General's Office announced Monday.

The prosecutors quit on Friday, said state office coordinator Rosa Elena Torres Davila. It was the largest mass resignation in the agency's recent history and came a week after the department had announced that 111 of its staff had been charged with crimes and 192 more fired for botching cases.

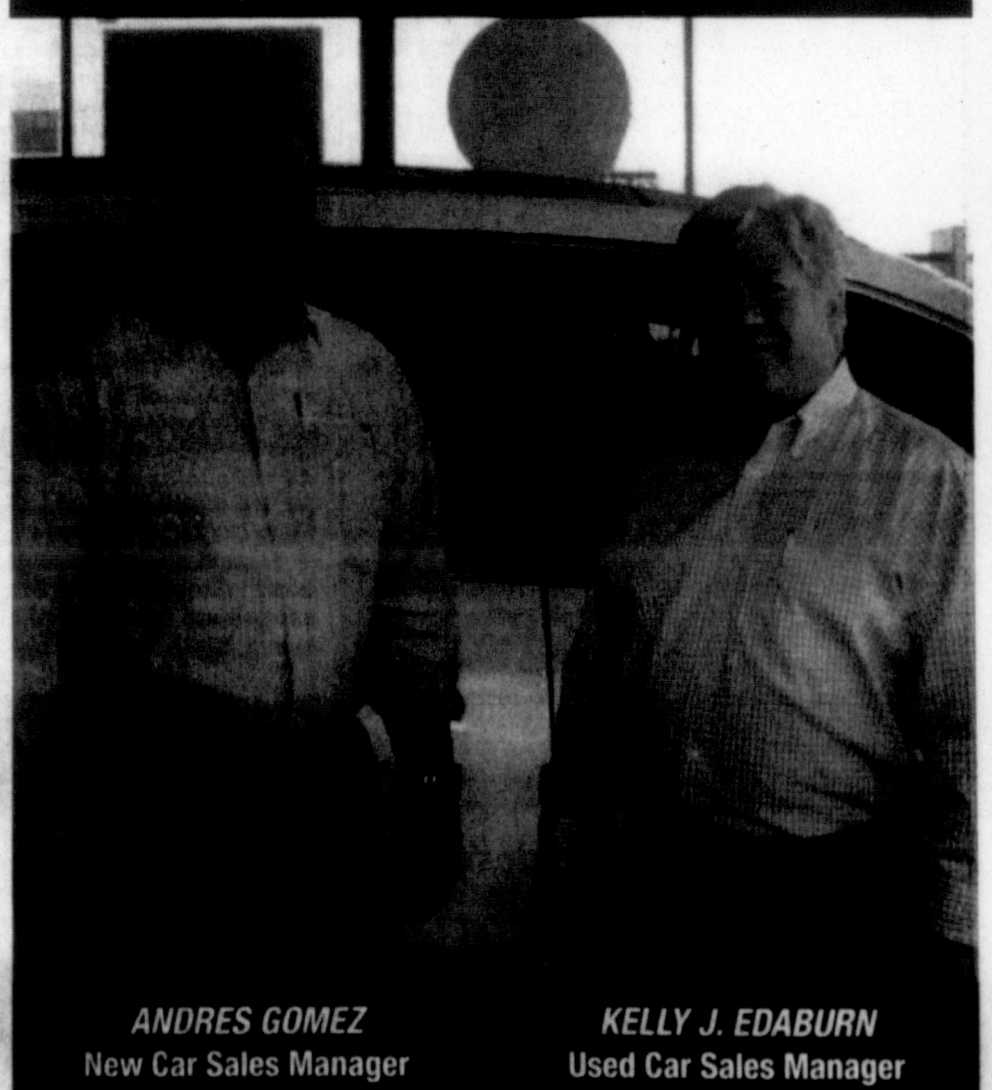
But officials did not provide any explanation for the resignations or say if they were connected to the internal purge that has been ongoing since Attorney General Marisela Morales took office in April.

"Mexico today requires that those of us performing public duties do so with complete dedication and responsibility," Morales said in a short written statement after the announcement.

Among those leaving were the top federal prosecutors for Mexico City, which is a federal district, as well as three of the country's most violent states: Tamaulipas, Durango and Sinaloa.

Federal prosecutors are keys to the ongoing effort against drug trafficking and organized crime. The prosecutors who left will be replaced temporarily by their assistants.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 3, the 215th day of 2011. There are 150 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 3, 1936, Jesse Owens of the United States won the first of his four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics as he took the 100-meter sprint.

### On this date:

In 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, on a voyage that took him to the present-day Americas.

In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr went on trial before a federal court in Richmond, Va., charged with treason. (He was acquitted less than a month later.)

In 1811, Elisha Otis, founder of the elevator company that still bears his name, was born in Halifax, Vt.

In 1914, Germany declared war on France at the onset of World War I.

In 1921, baseball commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis refused to reinstate the former Chicago White Sox players implicated in the "Black Sox" scandal, despite their acquittals in a jury trial.

In 1943, Gen. George S. Patton slapped a private at an army hospital in Sicily, accusing him of cowardice. (Patton was later ordered by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to apologize for this and a second, similar episode.)

In 1958, the nuclear-powered submarine USS Nautilus became the first vessel to cross the North Pole underwater.

In 1966, comedian Lenny Bruce, 40, was found dead in his Los Angeles home.

In 1981, U.S. air traffic controllers went on strike, despite a warning from President Ronald Reagan they would be fired, which they were.

**Ten years ago:** U.S. Fulbright scholar John Tobin was released from a Russian prison after serving half of a one-year drug sentence and winning parole.

**Five years ago:** In Afghanistan, 21 civilians were killed in a suicide car bombing near Canadian military vehicles in a town market in Kandahar province.

**One year ago:** Engineers began pumping heavy drilling mud into the blown-out Gulf of Mexico oil well in an attempt to permanently plug the leak.

**Today's Birthdays:** Author P.D. James is 91. Singer Gordon Stoker (The Jordanaires) is 87. Singer Tony Bennett is 85. Actor Martin Sheen is 71. Lifestyle guru Martha Stewart is 70. Singer Beverly Lee (The Shirelles) is 70. Rock musician B.B. Dickerson is 62. Movie director John Landis is 61. Actress JoMarie Payton is 61. Actor Jay North ("Dennis the Menace") is 60. Country musician Randy Scruggs is 58. Actor Philip Casnoff is 57. Actor John C. McGinley is 52. Rock singer-musician Lee Rocker (The Stray Cats) is 50. Actress Lisa Ann Walter is 50. Rock singer James Hetfield (Metallica) is 48. Rock singer-musician Ed Roland (Collective Soul) is 48. Actor Isaiah Washington is 48. Rock musician Stephen Carpenter (Deftones) is 41. Actress Evangeline Lilly is 32. Actor Jon Foster is 27. Singer Holly Armstein (Dream) is 26. Actress Tanya Fischer is 26.

**Thought for Today:** "We are healed of a suffering only by experiencing it to the full." - Marcel Proust, French author (1871-1922)



## Deal takes minor swipe at red ink

ALAN FRAM  
Analysis - Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) - The debt limit compromise may have resolved this year's most clamorous political battle between President Barack Obama and Congress, but it takes only a modest swipe at the heart of the matter: the government's relentlessly huge budget deficits.

The legislation, which Obama signed into law Tuesday shortly after Congress voted its approval, would save at least \$2.1 trillion over the coming decade, according to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, which tallies the price tags of bills for lawmakers. That's real money, even by Washington standards. But it's just a slice of the nearly \$7 trillion in red ink expected over the next 10 years - an amount that could grow by trillions more if tax cuts enacted under President George W. Bush are extended beyond their scheduled expiration in 2013.

The debt limit package makes no sea changes that could set the budget on course for better days. It offers little prospect for stemming the growth of Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid - the huge benefit programs that analysts agree are the chief drivers of the government's burgeoning budget mess.

"It nibbles at the edges of the problem," said Nigel Gault, chief U.S. economist for the private firm IHS Global Insight. "The bottom line is it doesn't address the key things that need to be addressed if there's going to be a comprehensive solution."

Despite the wish to change Washington frequently voiced by both Obama and his tea party foes, "It looks, ironically, like business as usual," said Robert Bixby, executive director of the nonpartisan Concord Coalition, which opposes federal deficits. "What's bold about this?"

The bill falls well short of the \$4 trillion "grand bargain" that Obama

and House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, were shooting for last month before their talks disintegrated. Many budget experts use that amount as a benchmark, saying a serious assault on the red ink requires at least that much savings.

Both sides blame the other for the smaller package that emerged. Republicans said they wanted to cut spending even deeper and compel congressional approval of a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget. Democrats, who largely oppose a balanced budget amendment as political grandstanding that solves nothing, said they wanted to include tax increases aimed at corporations and wealthy individuals.

However, the measure does eliminate the most immediate problem Washington faced - a possible, catastrophic federal default - by extending federal borrowing authority by at least \$2.1 trillion. That's enough to keep the government functioning until early 2013.

At the insistence of Republicans, it also promises at least as much in budget savings. Also at their insistence, it does so without tax increases.

Initially, the agreement would reduce deficits by \$917 billion over 10 years by limiting spending by government agencies. That's a lot of money, though small compared to the \$14 trillion that will still be spent by those agencies during the decade.

Just \$25 billion of those savings would occur next year - a barely noticeable speck compared with the \$3.6 trillion that the government expects to spend in 2012.

Budget analysts express another worry: Money for items that lawmakers declare "emergencies" would be exempted from the spending limits. In the past, Congress has interpreted emergencies broadly to squeeze in extra spending, once even declaring an emergency for the census, which the Constitution has required since the 18th century.

Next, a newly created panel of 12 lawmakers - six from each party - is charged with finding at least \$1.5 trillion more in savings over 10 years. Those savings, to be proposed by Thanksgiving with congressional votes by year's end, could come from both the spending and taxing sides of the budget.

Many in Washington expect this committee to stalemate, with Democrats likely to insist on including tax increases in a deficit-cutting package and Republicans resisting. The type of lawmakers that congressional leaders appoint to this committee - whether they are moderates or ideologues - will give an early signal on its prospects for success.

Democrats hope to gain leverage because Bush's tax cuts are scheduled to expire in January 2013 without congressional action. Much will ride on how the November 2012 presidential and congressional elections turn out.

"It's a second chance to do the right thing, find a grand bargain," the Concord Coalition's Bixby said of the committee.

If that special committee fails to recommend at least \$1.2 trillion in savings or if Congress turns it down, the bill would automatically trigger that amount of savings by slashing programs across government.

Tax cuts would not be allowed. Social Security, Medicaid, veterans' benefits and many programs for low-income people would be exempted from the cuts. Medicare savings would be limited to 2 percent and could only affect health care providers, not beneficiaries.

That leaves a limited amount of programs that would be targeted by automatic cuts, leaving fears that lawmakers would consider the reductions too painful and pass new legislation easing or eliminating the cuts.

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## Molly Goodnight: Darling of the Plains

Known as the "Mother of the Panhandle," we mark 141 years since the marriage of Mary Ann "Molly" Dyer to one of Texas' most famous ranchers, Charles Goodnight. The couple was married on July 26, 1870, and spent a seven-year stint ranching in Pueblo, Colorado, before a number of unfavorable conditions resulted in their relocation to the Palo Duro Canyon.

According to historical accounts, Molly, as she would be regarded by cowhands throughout the years, considered Texas to be much more civilized than Colorado and was particularly disturbed when two men were found hanged to death on a telegraph pole nearby.

This lack of civility, coupled with the ensuing drought and the Panic of 1873, resulted in the Goodnights relocating to the Palo Duro Canyon in the Texas Panhandle.

Charles found a financial backer in John George Adair, a wealthy Irish landowner, and the two men and their wives started the JA Ranch in the Palo Duro Canyon.

The Goodnights convinced the Adairs to select this location because of the plentiful grass for grazing, a steady water supply, and protection for the cattle during the winter by the canyon walls.

The group moved a herd of 100 Durham bulls and four wagons stocked with provisions to the site in May of 1877 and built a two-room cabin.

Soon the Adairs left the management of the ranch to Charles and Molly,



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signing a five-year contract that guaranteed Charles one-third of the ranch's interest and a \$2,500 annual salary.

Charles began what would become an 11-year career with the JA Ranch, growing the herd and expanding the ranch, which at its peak spanned 1,325,000 acres.

Faithfully by his side was Molly, who not only carried out the duties of homemaker but also served as his helpmate on the ranch.

Charles designed a two-horned saddle to make it easier for Molly to navigate the ranch on horseback. She quickly learned the ins and outs of ranch life, including the often long and lonely periods when few visitors would cross their path and the nearest neighbors lived 75 miles away.

It's said that when a cowboy gave the Goodnights three chickens as a token of appreciation—intended for a Sunday supper—Molly made the chickens her personal pets to help pass the time.

Over the years, Molly earned the respect and admiration of the cattlemen for the compassion she showed them and the natural remedies she developed for wounds and fevers.

She often gave parties for the cowboys, mended their clothes, and taught a number of them how to read. For this,

she was soon regarded as the "Mother of the Panhandle" or the "Darling of the Plains."

Molly also extended her compassion to orphaned buffalo calves who were left to die after commercial hunters killed their mothers on the range.

By rescuing the orphaned buffalo and bottle-feeding them, Molly established an impressive buffalo herd, soon known around the world as the Goodnight Herd. Many credit her efforts with helping to prevent the extinction of the southern buffalo.

As the Panhandle became more populated, Molly donated her time to various philanthropic efforts. In 1898, she and Charles helped establish Goodnight College through the donation of 340 acres.

Molly passed away in April 1926. A fitting tribute to her life, her gravestone was inscribed: "Mary Ann Dyer Goodnight One who spent her whole life in the service of others."

Today, visitors can catch a glimpse of Molly Goodnight's life in various exhibits at the Armstrong County Museum in Claude, Texas. The museum is also working to restore the Goodnight home, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, and develop the Charles Goodnight Historical Center. To learn more, visit: <http://armstrongcountymuseum.com/>.

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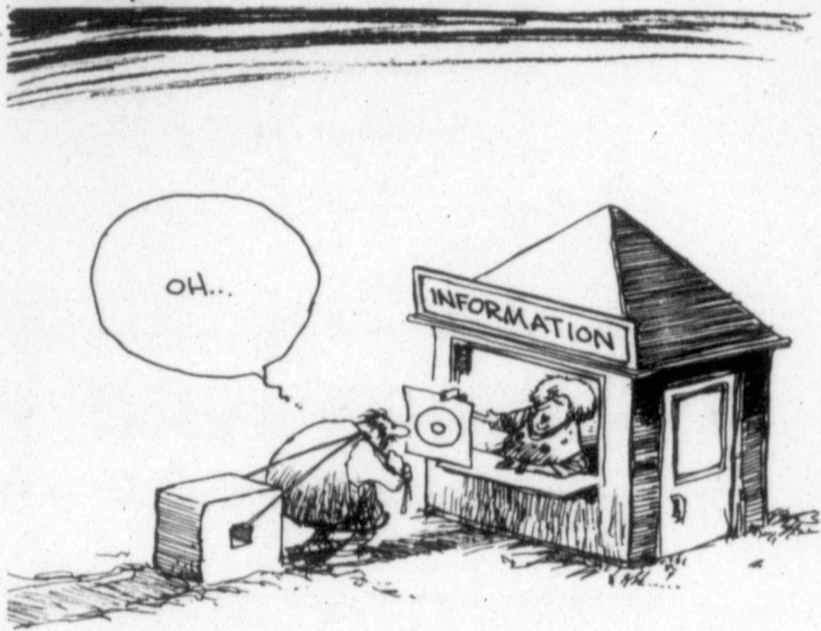


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## Nest Heads



## daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2011:

This year, decide to manage your less-comfortable emotions. In time, you will be clued in to whether you are suppressing your feelings. You could develop health problems, which might be a side effect of stress and holding your feelings in. If you are single, your unusually charming way attracts many people. You have quite a choice as to whom you want to date. Visualize the type of bond you want. If you are attached, your sweetie will help you see what you are not conscious of. Don't develop an attitude. LIBRA can charm even 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)

★★★ Note a change in the air, especially in your energy and how you feel. Know that this is just a passage. Express your feelings rather than hold them in. Discuss them if you are unsure about what you are feeling. The unexpected occurs when you least anticipate it. Tonight: You have much to choose from.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You are vibrant and full of energy. You could come off much stronger than you realize. Don't hesitate to tell someone how you feel. Anger could mark a decision. Tonight: Go for something relaxing.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Let your mind roam, and share pertinent ideas. Brainstorm away with a friend or associate. You'll get results. Your vagueness of late doesn't help clear out a problem. Try to be direct. Tonight: Midweek break.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything that is occurring. Because you are unsure of certain choices, it could be difficult to make a decision. A key person might be emotionally cold and rigid in his or her thinking. Tonight: Happy to be at home.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You have a lot to say. In the next few weeks, your anger level could change. You could be more easily triggered if you are suppressing those feelings. Unexpected news from a distance

could make all the difference. Tonight: Catch up with a friend.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Honor what is happening with a friend. This person could go on a wild diatribe about his or her feelings. It might be smart to help this person find a solution or avenue of self-expression. Tonight: Treat yourself on the way home.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You know what to do and you know when to do it. Someone in authority might have the opposite opinion and lets you know it. This could be a bone of contention for the next few weeks. Be smart; focus on something else. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might want to rethink a choice or a move in another direction. Today, time is an ally. Take your time figuring out what to do. Let go of being such a type-A personality — just for a day. Honor the process. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You could be taken aback by an associate's reaction, which isn't his or her normal response. Indeed, this person could become far more assertive than you are aware or realize in the next few weeks. Tonight: Where your friends are.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Take the lead and know what you want. Others could choose to back out, but you need a certain amount of self-expression or control. Make decisions that you are comfortable with. Do expect some flak. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

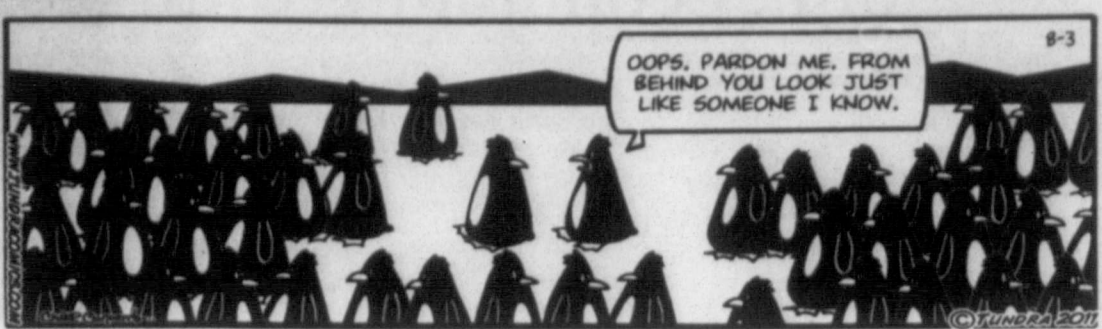
### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Detach and observe, especially if you keep hitting a wall. Your fatigue with the situation could be quite high. Rather than lose your temper, go out for a walk and, for now, veer in a new direction. Tonight: Use your imagination.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Togetherness is the natural outcome of a problem if you handle it properly. You are full of energy. You will tend to become more playful or at least more lively. Realize you don't need to fight with someone you don't agree with. Tonight: Respond to an invitation.

## Tundra



## Shoe



## Mother Goose and Grim



## Zits



## Garfield



## Beetle Bailey



## Marvin



## Hagar The Horrible



## Peanuts



## Blondie



# Oklahoma economic growth slows in July, but continues

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma's economy continued to grow last month, but the pace slowed a bit, likely due to the showdown in Washington over the federal debt ceiling, state Treasurer Ken Miller said Tuesday.

Figures released by Miller's office show gross revenue collections for July increased 6.8 percent from the same month last year, following two straight months of double-digit growth.

"I think it is evident that Oklahoma's economy has most likely felt the dampening effect of forces outside our borders," Miller said.

"It is likely that the showdown over the federal debt ceiling negatively impacted Oklahoma by providing uncertainty to markets and eroding producer, consumer and investor confidence in the recovery."

Oklahoma's energy industry continues to be a major driver of the state's

economy, with gross production taxes on oil and natural gas increasing more than 36 percent from last July. Net income tax collections were relatively flat compared to last year, while sales tax collections were up 6 percent from July 2010.

Over the past 12 months, gross revenue collections increased by nearly \$735 million, or 7.7 percent more, than the 12-month period ending in July 2010.

Miller's figures include collections beyond those to the state's general revenue fund, which is used to fund state government. For example, sales tax collections in Miller's report include nearly 50 percent in receipts that are refunded by the state to cities and towns. The Office of State Finance is expected to release figures later this month that detail collections to the state's general revenue fund.

## Aid

not gaining any weight.

"Of course, the heat and the drought has affected the stock water," Street continued. "The ponds, they're all dry, so what the cattle are getting are what farmers are hauling to them."

The threat of grass fires, while not as readily visible as years past, has still been pesky, Street said.

"(Local fires) were not nearly the magnitude that the one in 2006 was," Street said. "Of course, the grass that was burned, we haven't had any moisture to recuperate, which also enhances the problem."

The FSA, according to Street, offers disaster assistance and low-interest loan programs to assist farmers in their recovery efforts following wildfires and due to the extreme weather conditions. Available assistance programs include:

- The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) which provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters (includes native grass for grazing);
- The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) which offers payments to eligible producers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather. Eligible losses may include those determined by FSA to have been caused by hurricanes, floods, blizzards, wildfires, tropical storms, tornados lightening, extreme heat, and extreme cold;
- The Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)

that includes payments to eligible producers who suffered grazing losses for eligible livestock because of drought or fire;

- The Tree Assistance Program (TAP) for eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers for qualifying tree losses due to natural disaster;
- The Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) Under the ELAP, FSA may spend up to \$50 million per year to provide emergency relief for losses due to feed or water shortages, disease, adverse weather, or other conditions, such as blizzards and wildfires, which are not adequately addressed by other disaster programs;
- The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payment Program (SURE) which offers payments to eligible producers who have incurred crop production losses or crop quality losses, or both; and
- The Emergency Loan Program, which offers low interest (3.75 percent) emergency loans to help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, wildfire and other natural disasters or quarantine in counties that have been hit with the disaster designation.

"We are in such an extreme drought situation that we applied for disaster designation from the Secretary of Agriculture," said Street, "and we were approved right off the bat. Local people have access to these loans and it appeals to them if the drought has been especially hard on their farms and ranches."

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For more information on such programs, contact the Gray County USDA FSA at 806-665-6561, ext. 2.

## BANAGRAMS!

Change one letter in the top word to one of the letters that appears in the bottom word, then rearrange the tiles to form a new common word. Do the same with each new word until you arrive at the bottom word. For example, the path from BARK to PLUM is BARK, MARK, RAMP, RUMP, PLUM.

LEVEL

FLUKE	MODEM
DOGGY	AURAL

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Yesterday's Answer: PROMPT, WOODEN, TOUPEE, OPENLY

8.3

## Sudoku

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	5	2					8	

Level: Intermediate

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

3	9	2	6	4	1	8	5	7
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2	8	6	4	9	5	7	1	3
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7	2	8	9	1	6	5	3	4



## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a weekly client at an upscale hair salon. I and most of the other customers are over 65. The owner, "Valentino," is a 50ish widower who likes to brag about his romantic conquests. My friends and I agree that his revelations are inappropriate and unprofessional.

Val is an excellent hairdresser. Should we ignore his behavior, or quit cold turkey and live with bad hair days? — EMBARRASSED IN THE BIG EASY

DEAR EMBARRASSED: I have a better idea. Take Valentino aside and tell him privately, as a friend, that hearing the details of his sex life is embarrassing, and that some of his clients have mentioned they're considering changing hairdressers because of it. That should "snip" it.

DEAR ABBY: My best friend, "Marianne," and I have known each other for 27 years. She recently got divorced, started playing online games and met a man at one of the sites. Within a couple of months, he had moved across the country with his son and into Marianne's house.

This guy has nothing going for him. He has no

job background, no skills, and as near as I can tell, he is a mooch. Marianne says he feels material things aren't important and he is just not "into" money.

Marianne and I get out for a couple of hours a week for "girl time," and when we do, he calls and texts her constantly like a jealous teenager. Abby, we're 40 years old! I haven't told her how I feel about her new live-in, but I have always had good instincts and my alarm bells are ringing. Should I tell her how I feel, or try to be happy she has found someone to give her the attention she didn't have in her marriage? — SEES THE WRITING ON THE WALL

DEAR SEES THE WRITING: Of course the man doesn't think material things are important and isn't into money. He is enjoying Marianne's material things and HER money.

Yes, you should tell your friend you are concerned. Begin by saying your concern stems from a fear that she has gotten seriously involved so quickly after her divorce, and that the man appears to be so insecure and controlling that he can't give

her a couple of hours of "girl time" without interruption. That really is a red flag. And the fact that your friend is supporting him and his son is another.

DEAR ABBY: A close, longtime family friend recently passed. In order to relieve some of the pressure on the deceased's family, I volunteered my time and money to organize the reception following the funeral.

There was a lot of food left over, much of it food that I had provided. We offered the leftovers to the family and they took some, but not all of it. I assumed that what was left of my food would go to me and my family, but others (some of whom provided nothing) decided to pack it up for themselves. Am I wrong to feel cheated out of food that I purchased? — TICKED OFF IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR TICKED OFF: I understand your frustration, but please don't waste your time fuming. The people who took the leftovers without first checking to see who had brought or donated the food probably needed it more than you. These are difficult times, so let it go.

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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.

**8-3 CRYPTOQUOTE**

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 H Q E U N R W H N R B. — U J Q H U

**X N H F**  
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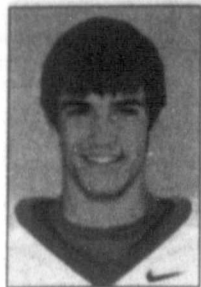
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# Sports

## Sr. QB Miller leads Harvester offense in second year

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Last year at two-a-days, then-junior Reid Miller was the new player on varsity when he took the reins at quarterback. This year, as a senior, Miller finds himself in the exact opposite situation. "This year I'm the big dog," Miller said. "I've got to know everything and help these other people to learn. Make things easier for them like people did for me last year."



Miller

Miller said the game has slowed down for him. "Last year I was learning the speed of the game and how it's so much faster," Miller said. "This year I understand stuff and know our concepts."



Parker

Head coach Heath Parker said he is blessed to have a returning starting quarterback, adding there wasn't much Miller had to improve. "His biggest improvement is his presence on the field is stronger," Parker said. "His leadership off the field is terrific." Parker said Miller by far puts in a lot of work on his game. "He has put tremendous time working to improve his trade as a quarterback," Parker said. "He's more comfortable with that position. It is a position that takes reps to develop yourself."

Junior Ryan Smith will be Miller's backup. Smith played quarterback in his freshman season and said he is looking forward to returning to the position.



Smith

"I'm going to be quarterback next year probably," Smith said. "Being behind Reid teaches me some good habits. Watching Reid just makes me better." Parker said Smith is a solid athlete and will be used all over the field. "Ryan's hands are full," Parker said. "We intend for him to be a strong part of our defense... Anyone that is a good enough athlete to play quarterback we don't want them just standing. So, he will be playing a slot-wing hybrid back position offensively for us as well." Smith said it's been great getting to learn under someone like Miller. "It's a special thing to get someone like Reid to learn behind because he's pretty good at what he does," Smith said. "It's just nice learning from him." Parker said Pampa has been blessed with strong quarterback play. "I feel like Pampa, Texas, is fortunate that our quarterback play has been solid if not above average," Parker said. "I don't think that should drop off because of the type of talent our kids have to be that guy." Miller said the offense should be exciting to watch. "We are actually going to have a running game," Miller said. "We are going to be physical. We are not just going to sit back in the shotgun and throw all the time."



Senior quarterback Reid Miller throws to Ryan Smith during the first practice Monday. Miller said the game has slowed down for him in his second season. *staff photo by Andrew Glover*

### NBA LOCKOUT

## Nothing encouraging comes from resumed NBA labor talks

NEW YORK (AP) — David Stern returned to the bargaining table Monday and said "nothing" gave him reason for encouragement. And for that, the NBA Commissioner pointed the blame in one place. "I don't feel optimistic about the players' willingness to engage in a serious way," Stern said.

So the first meeting to include leadership from owners and players since the lockout began exactly a month ago produced nothing new — except blame.

A downcast Stern, who long maintained he was optimistic during this collective bargaining process, said that was no longer the case. He added nothing had changed since the last meeting on June 30, hours before the old deal expired, and said he doesn't feel players are bargaining in good faith.

Players contend that although owners insist they are committed to making a deal, their proposals say otherwise.

Neither side offered a new one Monday, exactly three months before the Nov. 1 scheduled opening of the regular season that seems more in doubt than ever.

Stern and Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver were joined by San Antonio owner Peter Holt, who heads the labor relations committee; and Board of Governors chairman and Minnesota owner Glen Taylor.

Players' association Executive Director Billy Hunter, and President Derek Fisher and Vice President Theo Ratliff, both of the Lakers, attended along with union attorneys.

"It's a tough position to be in," Fisher said. "I think Peter, Glen Taylor, Commissioner Stern, Adam Silver are articulating certain things in the room, expressing their desire to get a deal done, but where their proposal lies makes it hard to believe that."

"So we're continuing to try to work around what's been said and really focus on the deal on the table, and

right now we're still a very, very long way from getting a deal done."

Stern disputed Fisher's take on the owners' actions. "He's entitled to draw his own conclusion," Stern said. "We have absolutely the opposite take on it."

Fisher said the sides would try to meet at least two or three more times in August. Stern said there is always reason to have meetings, yet made it clear owners feel not enough is happening during them.

"Right now we haven't seen any movement," he said, adding "there's still a very wide gap between us."

That was left over from late June. Owners are seeking massive changes to the league's salary structure, saying they lost \$300 million last season and hundreds of millions more in each year of the previous CBA, which was ratified in 2005.

Players have acknowledged losses but dispute they're as large as owners say, and have balked at the league's desire to institute a hard salary cap, slash salaries and reduce the maximum length of contracts.

That has created the possibility of lost games because of a work stoppage for only the second time in league history. The 1998-99 season was reduced to 50 games, and players have been preparing for the potential of something similar, with many saying they would consider playing overseas to have a paycheck.

The NFL is back to work after settling its lockout that lasted about four months without missing any regular-season games. A work stoppage of similar length guarantees the NBA loses games, but the NBA's issues seem to go much deeper than the NFL's.

"From where we sit, we're looking at a league that was the most profitable in sports that became more profitable by virtue of concessions from their players," Stern said, "and with an average salary of \$2 million. Our average salary is 5 million,

we're not profitable and we just can't seem to get over the gap that separates us."

The central issue remains the division of basketball revenues. Players were guaranteed 57 percent under the old agreement and the league says it cannot address its losses without a significant change to that number.

The players offered a reduction to 54.3 percent that would have reduced their take by about \$100 million a year — an offer

Stern called "modest" — and said the owners' proposal would have them well below 40 percent in the later years of the deal.

Hunter indicated after the last meeting that the sides might bargain on something besides economics when they returned, since they couldn't get past that hurdle. They tried, but everything always comes back to money.

"You can only go so long discussing non-economic or system issues," Fisher said.

"Hard salary cap, flex cap, soft cap, eventually it all brings you back to what's the split and that's going to be the hard work that's ahead of us over the next several weeks, is how to get to a place where the split is where we consider to be fair for our players but also makes an attempt to address the concerns and the issues that owners are putting out."

Owners had proposed a deal that would guarantee players total compensation of no less than \$2 billion

annually, with an average player salary of about \$5 million. But that represents a pay cut from the more than \$2.1 billion players were paid this season.

Players have argued that owners can address their losses through an expanded revenue sharing system without taking so much from them. Owners quickly dismissed their last proposal, saying it would have raised the average salary to \$7 million in the sixth year of the deal.

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