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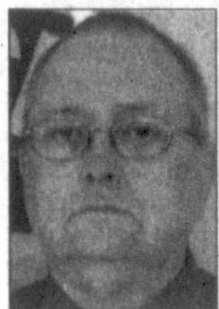
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With curfew expiring, city OKs extension

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At its meeting yesterday afternoon at City Hall, the City Commission approved reenacting a curfew for minors under age 17. The curfew, which lasts from midnight to 6 a.m., will require a second vote of approval to fully pass.



Rushing

"This ordinance is basically one that requires children under the age of 17 to be at home after certain hours set forth in the ordinance," said Chief Kelly Rushing of the Pampa Police Department.

"That's without reason or good cause; there are exceptions there, such as being with parents, having jobs, things like that."

A previous curfew had been put into place three years ago, but it is set to expire in May, and Rushing thinks it has been a positive step to cut down on juvenile delinquency.

"It's provided us with a great tool to contact these people and see what they're doing, and maybe keeping someone from getting into a little mischief that they might not otherwise do," said Rushing.

In other business, the commission:

- a lease agreement with Rig Fabrication and Repair, Inc., for property at 1133 Price Road;
- approved the minutes from its previous meeting.

NO LOCAL BASKET CASE



staff photo by Mollie Bryant

Debbie Davis goes through some of the baskets she's woven over the years. Davis uses reeds and other natural elements such as antlers in her work.

Longtime crafter Davis talks basket weaving

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Debbie Davis took a basket weaving class about 20 years ago, and since then, her work has appeared at the Little Red School House, which Davis helped found.

The crafter sometimes uses a pattern

on her creations, but more often, prefers to do them freestyle.

"(A pattern) primarily gives you a definite size, so you'll know the definite size you're going to have," said Davis. "You can embellish as you want. You can add beads or more wreaths or take weaves away. You can still make it your own, but with a pattern you pretty much

know the size you're going to come up with, because it gives you finished dimensions."

Weaving a basket without a pattern doesn't necessarily mean going it alone. "It doesn't mean you don't use books or things to tell you how to use certain weaves," said Davis. "You just **DAVIS** cont. on page 8A

VEGGIE SURPRISE



staff photo by Joe Murray

Lorelai Fulton, the daughter of Pampa's Doug and Becky Fulton, smiles as she meets VeggieTales' Bob the Tomato at the series' live tour show at M.K. Brown Civic Center on Saturday.

PD's McCullar still seeking volunteers for bike rodeo

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Stormy McCullar, crime prevention and public information officer for the Pampa Police Department, is still seeking assistance for this year's Police Department Bike Rodeo.

McCullar said that she still has a variety of jobs to be filled for the rodeo, which is hosted jointly by Pampa EMS and set for Saturday, May 19 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Central Park.

"I need people to come out and actually help," McCullar said. "If they want to get up earlier, they can help me set up and then they can leave if they don't want to actually participate in the bike rodeo. I'll need help with the takedown crew as far as putting everything up and cleaning everything up."

"We also need help manning the booths during the actual bike rodeo itself," she continued. "If we don't get enough volunteers, I'll have to cut down on the booths, as far as the police department is



McCullar

doing." Those booths include a dunk tank, duck pond and an "in jail" photo op, McCullar said. She added that she is also looking for people to wear the McGruff the Crime Dog costume as well as helpers for the bike rodeo obstacle course itself.

Even if potential volunteers can only work for a short time, their help would still be appreciated, McCullar said.

"If they can work for only one to two hours, then they can man a booth for one to two hours, and then somebody else can come in. The more volunteers we have, the less work anybody would have to volunteer for."

"If I can have 10 (more volunteers), I'd be happy. I could use more, but if I could have 10 that could stay the whole entire time, that would be great. And if I **RODEO** cont. on page 8A

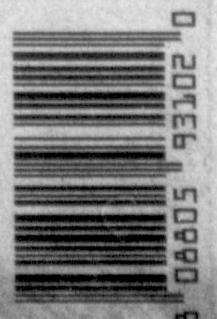
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday
		
20%	20%	
High 65 Low 56	High 75 Low 48	High 74 Low 47

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65. Southeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tonight: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Cloudy, with a low around 56. Breezy, with a south southeast wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 75. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48. Windy, with a south southwest wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 74. West southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 47. West southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south southeast.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: ARTISTS ARE JUST CHILDREN WHO REFUSE TO PUT DOWN THEIR CRAYONS. — AL HIRSCHFELD

Who's the rich guy? Obama, Romney duel

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP) — One candidate is worth up to \$250 million, ran a private equity firm and plans to build an elevator for the cars at his beach house. The other is the former head of the Harvard Law Review who became a best-selling author and millionaire and now lives in the world's most famous mansion — 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

Just don't expect Mitt Romney and President Barack Obama to embrace their elite status. In a campaign year when populism sells, they are trying to stick the rich guy label on each other, making clear that being wealthy and privileged is not necessarily a political asset when you're running for president in this uncertain economy.

Obama, making a middle-class pitch in wealthy Florida enclaves, opened a new push by Democrats on Tuesday to increase taxes on millionaires, emphasizing a fight with Republicans. The proposal stands little chance of passing in Congress but serves as a stark general election contrast with Romney.

"We've got to choose which direction we want this country to go," Obama told a boisterous audience of students at Florida Atlantic University. "Do we want to keep giving tax breaks to folks like me who don't need them? ... Or do we want to keep investing in those things that keep our economy growing and keep us secure?"

The former Massachusetts governor, who opposes the plan, has faced withering criticism from Democrats who try to paint him as a ruthless financier who has paid lower tax rates unavailable to typical middle class families.

On the other hand, Romney's team contends Obama's plan would raise taxes on small businesses, harming an engine of growth and job creation at a time when the economy needs it the most.

Romney campaign spokeswoman Gail Gitcho said Obama was the "first president in history to openly campaign for re-election on a platform of higher taxes," and the Republican National Committee called the idea of higher taxes on millionaires a "political distraction" that would do little to cure the nation's debt problem.

Obama is pitching the "Buffett rule," named after billionaire investor Warren Buffett, which argues that wealthy taxpayers should not pay taxes at a lower rate than middle-class wage-earners. Obama has proposed that people earning at least \$1 million annually — whether in salary or investments — should pay at least 30 percent of their income in taxes. Many wealthy people earn most of their income through investments, which is taxed at 15 percent, allowing them to pay a lower overall rate.

Obama's team and Senate Democrats have teed up the issue ahead of the annual mid-April deadline when many Americans file their income tax returns with the federal government. In addition to Obama's speech, the president was expected to appear with millionaires and their secretaries who support the plan at the White House on Wednesday while Vice President Joe Biden was discussing the issue in a campaign speech in New Hampshire on Thursday. Yet beyond tax policy, the Buffett rule serves as a touchstone in the contenders' fight to portray each other as the candidate of the elite at a time of 8.2 percent unemployment.

While both Romney and Obama are millionaires, there is a huge difference in their wealth. Presidential candidates have to disclose broad outlines of their holdings, but it's possible to discern only a wide range. Romney is worth \$190 million to \$250 million, according to the filings. Obama is worth between \$1.8 million and nearly \$12 million.

Democrats contend Romney's past as head of the private equity firm Bain Capital is a major weakness because he was paid to reorganize companies, a process that sometimes led to the elimination of jobs. Obama's campaign has repeatedly pressed Romney to release several years of tax returns, pointing to personal tax records that have shown investments in the Cayman Islands and a Swiss bank account. There have been no indications, however, that the investments were used to avoid taxes.

And then there are some of the video clips circulating on YouTube: Romney's proposed \$10,000 bet to Texas Gov. Rick Perry during a debate in December; his declaration in

January, discussing health insurance providers, that he likes "being able to fire people who provide services to me," and more recently his comment in February that he's "not concerned about the very poor" because they have an "ample safety net."

Romney's wealth gained more attention last month when Politico reported that planned renovations to his San Diego-area oceanside home included a four-vehicle garage with an "elevator lift" to transport vehicles between floors.

Romney, focusing ever more attention on Obama, has made a concerted push to paint the president as a detached liberal who doesn't fully grasp the depths of the nation's economic woes. Obama, who has written two best-selling books and taught at the University of Chicago School of Law, is portrayed as an enthusiastic supporter of government instead of private enterprise.

In one dig, Romney calls Obama a "nice guy ... who spent too much time at Harvard" — though Romney himself earned a joint JD/MBA at Harvard, spending more time there than Obama. Romney also says the president suffers from "years of flying around on Air Force One, surrounded by an adoring staff of true believers telling you that you're great and doing a great job."

Both would be considered wealthy by any standard. Romney's campaign has estimated that he is paying more than \$6.2 million in taxes on \$45 million in income for the past two years. Obama and his wife, Michelle, reported income of \$1.73 million last year, mostly from books he's written, and they paid more than \$450,000 in federal taxes.

Both Romney and Obama have made appeals to Americans by highlighting more routine endeavors: Obama ventured into an Irish pub on St. Patrick's Day to down a pint of Guinness and frequently talks about his devotion to basketball and other sports. Romney, whom aides describe as a penny-pincher, has used Twitter to remind voters about flying Southwest Airlines and grabbing lunch at Subway. In January, one of Romney's sons circulated a photo of his dad doing his own laundry.

Obama's team points to polls **DUEL** cont. on page 3A

Obituaries

Amanda Elizabeth Karr and Robert Woodrow Karr

STONE MOUNTAIN, Ga.—Memorial services celebrating the lives of Amanda Elizabeth Karr and Robert Woodrow Karr will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 14, 2012, at First United Methodist Church in Pampa, with John Curry, officiating.

Bob died on October 11, 2010; Beth died on December 31, 2011. At the time of their deaths, they resided at Park Springs Retirement Community in Stone Mountain, Ga., where they had lived since moving from Craig Methodist Retirement Community in Amarillo in 2005. Before moving to Craig in 1997, the Karrs had been long-time residents of Pampa. Bob joined the U.S. Army and

served in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. He worked for Portland Gas Co., Kerr McGee, and retired from Celanese Chemical Company in 1982. Beth worked for Texas Furniture Company and was involved in many volunteer activities. The Karrs were active members of the First United Methodist Church in Pampa.

Survivors include their children, Bob Karr of St. Louis, Mo.; John Karr of Stone Mountain, Ga.; and Mary Beth Karr of Buffalo, N.Y. Bob and Beth are also survived by five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites memorials to the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981.

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For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, April 10.

Animal Control agents and the Pampa Police Department reported 11 animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS, the Pampa Fire Department and LeFors Volunteer EMS responded to nine medical calls.

Pampa PD reported seven traffic related incidents.

Monday, April 9

A theft occurred at the

900 block of South Llano.

A suspicious was reported at Roberta and Brown-

ing.

A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported at the 1100 block of South Barnes.

A theft occurred at the 900 block of North Gray.

An offense against family and children occurred at the 100 block of Hampton.

Disorderly conduct was reported.

An assault was reported at the 1100 block of South Neel.

An accident occurred at the 1000 block of North

Duncan.

Fraud occurred at the 1900 block of North Sum-

ner.

An accident occurred at the 1600 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 1300 block of North Coffee.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 900 block of East Malone.

A burglary occurred at the 900 block of Cinder-

ella.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Harassment occurred at the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

An assault occurred at the 300 block of East Fred-

eric.

Suspicious vehicles were reported at the 300 block

of North Ward and the

1200 block of Darby.

Tuesday, April 10

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1100 block of East Darby.

A theft occurred at the 300 block of South Jean.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Tuesday, April 10 at 7 a.m.

Monday, April 9

Robert James Ellis, 23, was arrested by police for possession of marijuana, in an amount less than two ounces and a criminal mischief warrant.

Nicholas Christopher Warren, 32, was arrested by police for assault by threat.

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Tenet pays billing settlement

NEW YORK (AP) — Hospital operator Tenet Healthcare Corp. has agreed to pay \$42.8 million to resolve allegations it overbilled Medicare for the treatment of patients who needed intense inpatient rehabilitation.

The Dallas company said Tuesday that the settlement resolves inquiries by the U.S. Department of Justice, Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia.

The allegations involve the admission of patients at 25 facilities from May 2005 to December 2007. The Justice Department said Tenet billed Medicare for patients who did not meet the standards for admission to inpatient rehab facilities. Medicare pays those facilities at a higher rate because patients require more difficult rehabilitation and more medical supervision than patients at other types of facilities.

The Justice Department said it was the single largest U.S. recovery to date involving inappropriate inpatient rehab admissions.

Tenet said it already set aside money to cover the settlement and will make the payment in the second quarter.

The company said it now operates only eight inpatient rehabilitation centers. It also runs 50 hospitals and around 100 outpatient health centers.

Charges in senator office attack

FORT WORTH (AP) — A homeless man accused of throwing a bag filled with six Molotov cocktails at the office of state Sen. Wendy Davis last month has been charged with arson.

The Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office says 40-year-old Cedric Steele was formally charged Tuesday with the second-degree felony punishable by two to 20 years in prison.

Steele was arrested March 20, hours after the incident in which no one was injured. Investigators say he tried unsuccessfully to speak to Davis in the days before the alleged attack and talked of aliens after his arrest.

Davis wasn't in her Senate district office when staffers heard fire alarms and smelled a strange odor. They opened the door to find burning bottles and waist-high flames, which they put out with a fire extinguisher.

ERCOT expects no outages

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's electric grid operator is predicting that Texas will make it through the summer without rolling outages after the system was pushed to the brink last year.

Trip Doggett, CEO of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, told lawmakers Tuesday there should be enough power since forecasters are not anticipating the same extreme temperatures seen during last summer's record drought.

Yet Doggett said the reserve power supply will nonetheless be tight and predicted that lesser emergency measures will again be needed. Those steps include asking consumers to voluntarily conserve energy and buying power from other grids.

Last summer's sweltering heat pushed the Texas power grid to full capacity. ERCOT escaped resorting to rotating residential outages by shedding large industrial and commercial users and buying power from Mexico.

Secretary serves as family treasure

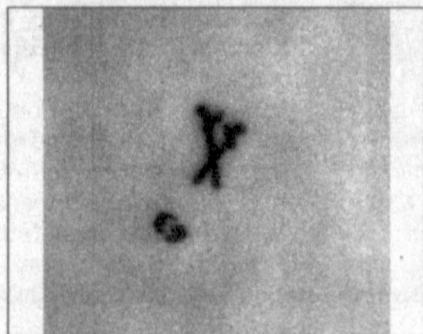
Q: Seeing your "Antique or Junque" column in our local paper prompted me to send you the enclosed question and photo. This is a photo of an antique secretary that has been in my family for generations. In 1855, one of my ancestors commissioned it to be made by a professional cabinetmaker from Chittenango, N.Y. It is made of black walnut and is in excellent condition. The fruit shaped pulls on the drawers are hand carved, and the glass in the arched doors is original to the piece.

My secretary is a family treasure, and I would appreciate you giving me your opinion of its value and history.

A: The two part black walnut construction, the molded cornice over the two arched doors with glass above the fall front, hand carved fruit pulls, "race track" molding on each drawer, paneled sides, and scalloped apron with bracket feet are characteristic of Victorian Renaissance Revival furniture.

Your circa 1855 secretary would probably fetch \$3,500 to \$4,500 in an antiques shop.

Q: This mark is blue and is on the

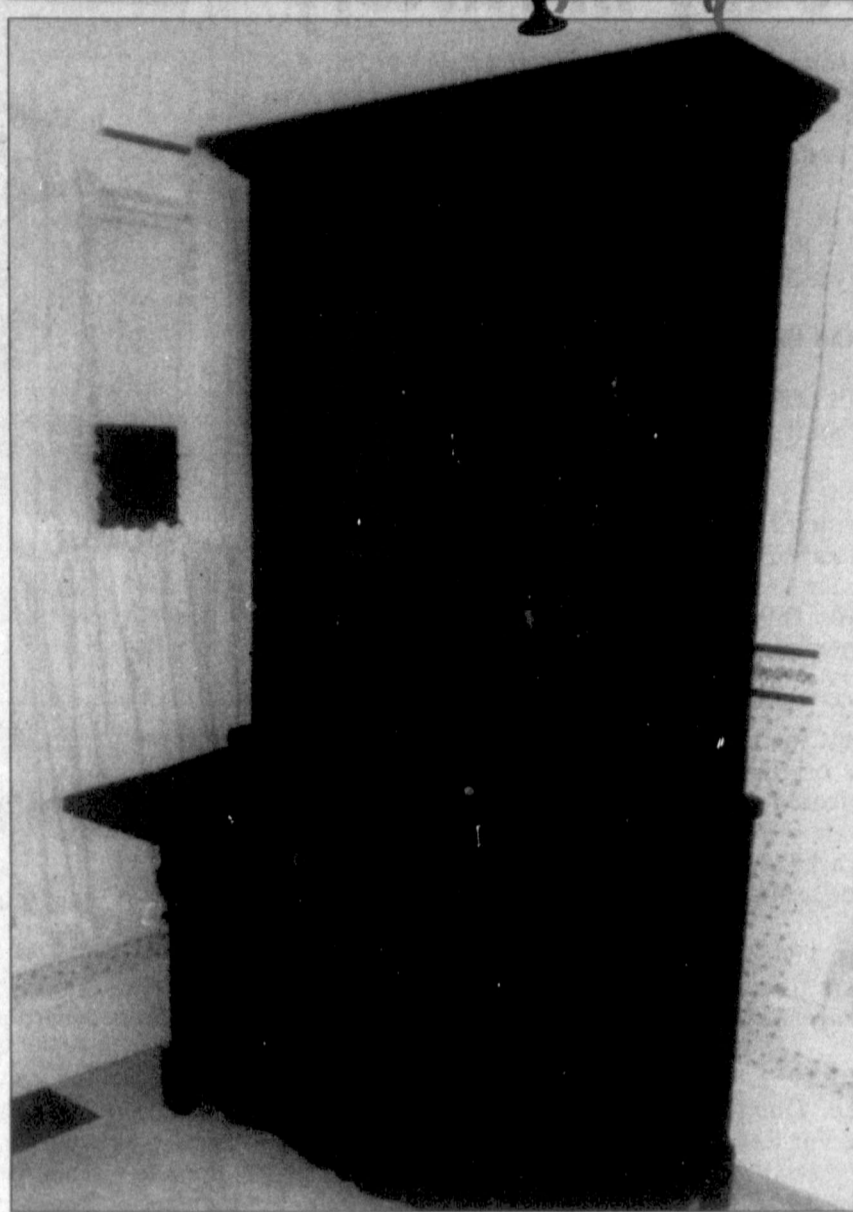


Antique plate marked with blue-crossed swords.

back of a plate that belonged to my mother. I am 84 years old, and it was in the family as far back as I can remember. The plate is decorated with bright green leaves against a white background. Originally, there was gold trim but most of it has worn off. Otherwise it is in great shape, with no chips or cracks. I would like to know its value.

A: Meissen Porcelain Factory used the blue-crossed-swords mark.

Antique OR JUNQUE?



Victorian Secretary was made by a cabinetmaker in 1855.

Several European factories, including Kalk, Carl Thieme and Krister, also copied it.

The value of your circa 1900 plate would probably be \$100 to \$125.

Q: I have an old cookbook, and I would like to know if it is worth anything. The title is "The Boston Cooking-School Cookbook" by Fannie Merritt Farmer. Little, Brown and Co. in Boston published it in 1921. It has some handwritten notes and recipes inside the cover and the overall condition is good.

A: "The Boston Cooking-School Cookbook" would be a welcome addition to a collector of cookbooks. The advertising pages in the back of the book make this book more interesting to collectors.

The value of yours would probably be \$25 to \$50.

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.

Judge considers delay of Fort Hood trial

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — A military judge on Tuesday said he would consider postponing until October the trial of the Army psychiatrist charged in the deadly Fort Hood shooting rampage.

Maj. Nidal Hasan's attorneys asked that the trial be delayed from June until October, saying they needed more time to review the large volumes of evidence in the case. The judge, Col. Gregory Gross, previously delayed the court-martial from March until June. It's unclear when he will decide on the defense's second request for a postponement.

Hasan is charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder. He faces the death penalty if convicted in the November 2009 shootings on the Texas Army post.

Gross on Tuesday denied a defense motion seeking a Defense Initiated Victim Outreach specialist, Fort Hood officials said. The new program aims to help the defense respond to the needs of survivors and victims' families and possibly change their attitudes if they support the death penalty.

Gross also denied a defense request to force prosecutors to provide notes from meetings and conversations with President Barack Obama, the defense secretary and other high-ranking government officials after the Nov. 5, 2009, shootings. Defense attorneys have said they want to determine if anything was discussed that may

have unlawfully influenced Hasan's chain of command to prosecute him.

Prosecutors have insisted no Army officers involved in the case have been influenced by higher ranking officials.

Last week, Gross denied a defense request to remove the death penalty as a punishment option if Hasan is convicted.

The 41-year-old Hasan remains jailed. He is paralyzed from the waist down, the result of being shot by police to end the rampage.

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Duel

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showing the president with favorable personal approval ratings and relatively high marks when respondents are asked whether he can relate to their problems. A poll released Tuesday by The Washington Post and ABC News found Obama with a double-digit lead over Romney, 49-37, when adults were asked who better understands their economic problems. About half of the respondents, 52 percent, said unfairness in the economic system favoring the wealthy represented a bigger problem for the country than over-regulation of the free market system, chosen by 37 percent.

Others, however, caution that Obama's populist message can only take him so far, especially with unaligned voters critical in a close election.

Matt Bennett, a former White House aide under Bill Clinton and vice president of Third Way, a Democratic-centrist group, pointed to polling released Monday by his organization that found many independent voters more focused on a presidential candidate emphasizing the increasing of opportunity instead of reducing income inequality.

"Tax fairness is just not their biggest concern and arguments about fairness didn't answer their primary economic worries," Bennett said. "What swing voters want to hear is an optimistic vision for putting the American economy back on top."

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Today in History

Today is Wednesday, April 11, the 102nd day of 2012. There are 264 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 11, 1862, the Civil War Battle of Fort Pulaski in Chatham County, Ga., ended a day after it began as the fort fell to Union forces.

On this date:

In 1689, William III and Mary II were crowned as joint sovereigns of Britain.

In 1814, Napoleon Bonaparte abdicated as Emperor of the French and was banished to the island of Elba.

In 1899, the treaty ending the Spanish-American War was declared in effect.

In 1912, Crosley Field, the longtime home of the Cincinnati Reds, had its opening day under its original name, Redland Field. (The Reds defeated the Chicago Cubs 10-6.)

In 1921, Iowa became the first state to impose a cigarette tax, at 2 cents a package.

In 1945, during World War II, American soldiers liberated the notorious Nazi concentration camp Buchenwald in Germany.

In 1951, President Harry S. Truman relieved Gen. Douglas MacArthur of his commands in the Far East.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy held a press conference in which he angrily denounced plans by United States Steel and other steel producers to raise prices (the companies ended up backing down). The New York Mets played their first game, losing to the host St. Louis Cardinals 11-4.

In 1970, Apollo 13, with astronauts James A. Lovell, Fred W. Haise and Jack Swigert, blasted off on its ill-fated mission to the moon.

In 1979, Idi Amin was deposed as president of Uganda as rebels and exiles backed by Tanzanian forces seized control.

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan returned to the White House from the hospital, 12 days after he was wounded in an assassination attempt. Race-related rioting erupted in the Brixton district of south London.

In 2009, Susan Boyle, a middle-aged volunteer church worker, wowed judges and audiences alike with her rendition of "I Dreamed a Dream" on the British TV show "Britain's Got Talent."

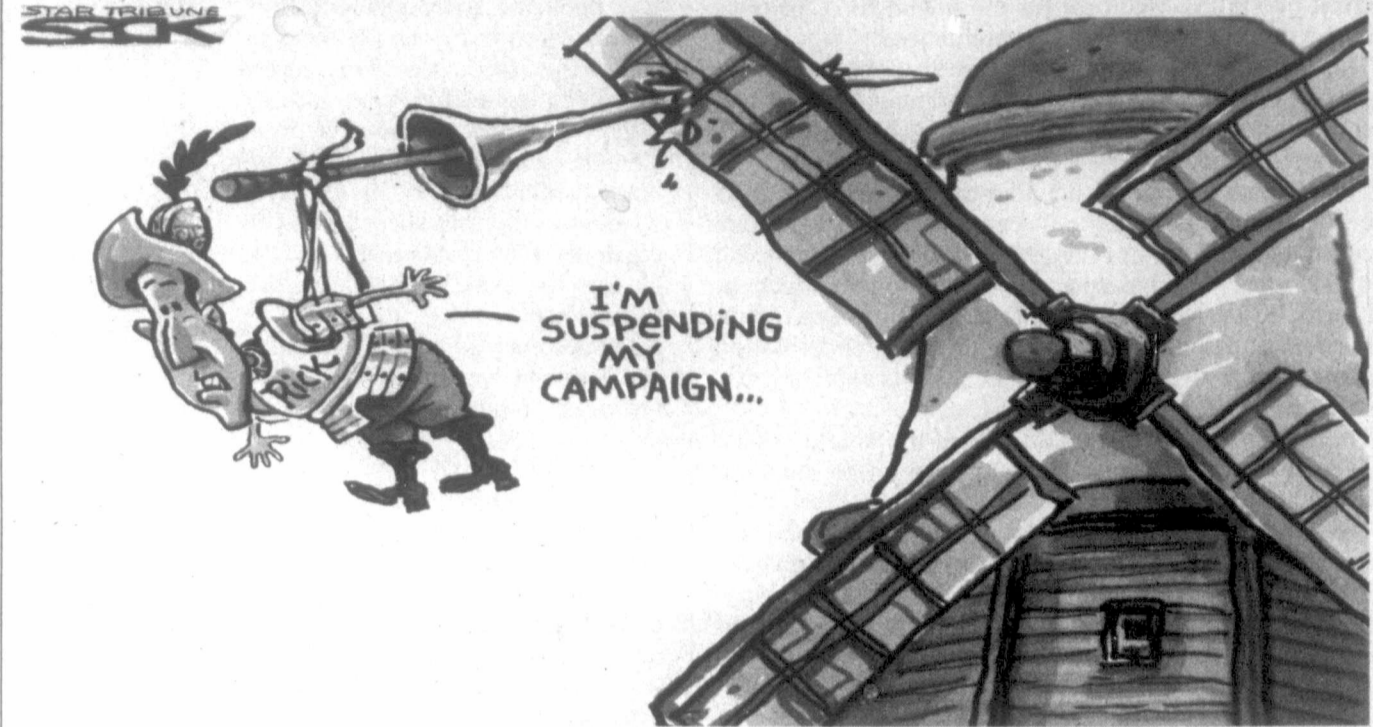
Ten years ago: U.S. Rep. James A. Traficant Jr., D-Ohio, was convicted of taking bribes and kickbacks from businessmen and his own staff. (Traficant was later expelled from Congress and sentenced to eight years in prison; he was released in September 2009.) Venezuelan police battled protesters demanding President Hugo Chavez's ouster.

Five years ago: North Carolina's top prosecutor dropped all charges against three former Duke University lacrosse players accused of sexually assaulting a stripper at a party, saying the athletes were innocent victims of a "tragic rush to accuse." MSNBC announced it was dropping its simulcast of the "Imus in the Morning" radio program, responding to growing outrage over host Don Imus' on-air reference to the Rutgers women's basketball team as "nappy-headed hos." (CBS Radio followed suit the next day.) Death claimed author Kurt Vonnegut in New York at age 84 and actor Roscoe Lee Browne in Los Angeles at age 81.

One year ago: A bloody, four-month standoff in the West African nation of Ivory Coast ended when troops loyal to the elected president routed and captured his rival, Laurent Gbagbo (loh-RAHN' BAHG'-boh), the longtime strongman who'd lost the vote but refused to give up power. A subway bombing in Minsk, Belarus, claimed 15 lives.

Today's Birthdays: Ethel Kennedy is 84. Actor Joel Grey is 80. Actress Louise Lasser is 73. Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Ellen Goodman is 71. Movie writer-director John Milius is 68. Actor Peter Riegert is 65. Actor Meshach Taylor is 65. Movie director Carl Franklin is 63. Actor Bill Irwin is 62. Country singer-songwriter Jim Lauderdale is 55. Songwriter-producer Daryl Simmons is 55. Rock musician Nigel Pulsford is 51. Actor Lucky Vanous is 51. Country singer Steve Azar is 48. Singer Lisa Stansfield is 46. Rock musician Dylan Keefe (Marcy Playground) is 42. Actor Johnny Messner is 42. Actor Vicellous (vy-SAY'-luhs) Shannon is 41. Rapper David Banner is 38. Actress Tricia Helfer is 38. Rock musician Chris Gaylor (The All-American Rejects) is 33. Actress Kelli Garner is 28. Singer Joss Stone is 25.

Thought for Today: "We are what we pretend to be, so we must be careful about what we pretend to be." — Kurt Vonnegut (1922-2007).



Santorum's early success pushed GOP right

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WASHINGTON (AP) — From obscure former senator driving a pickup truck across Iowa, Rick Santorum made a surprising — he calls it miraculous — leap to become the most formidable threat to Mitt Romney's march to the Republican nomination. His shoestring campaign, which ended Tuesday, was a constant reminder of Romney's trouble connecting with the party's conservative core.

Santorum's presence in the race pushed to the fore polarizing social issues, such as abortion, access to birth control and gays in the military, that many in the party preferred not to delve into as the GOP prepared to court independent voters in the general election campaign against President Barack Obama. Although he accused the media of unfairly focusing on that part of his broader campaign, Santorum was unapologetic about taking on such issues.

"We did focus a lot, yes, on the families and on the dignity of human life and on the moral enterprise that is America," he said Tuesday in Gettysburg, Pa., as he announced his decision to suspend his campaign.

He added: "We were winning in a very different way because we were touching hearts. We were raising issues that, well, frankly, a lot of people didn't want to have raised."

As it became obvious Santorum could not triumph in the primaries and caucuses, he began talking of an unorthodox strategy of stealing the nomination away from a weakened Romney at a divided Republican National Convention. Santorum argued that the delegates would embrace him as the true conservative in the race, even though most are being sent to the convention by voters who chose Romney.

Many Republicans, bent on showing unity against Obama, considered such a strategy disastrous and began calling for the party to rally around Romney as the presumptive nominee.

While Santorum avoided mentioning Romney on Tuesday, he pledged to stay in the fight to defeat Obama, which presumably means embracing the party's nominee at some point. In a recent interview, Santorum even said he was open to the possibility of becoming Romney's running mate.

He seems an unlikely choice for Romney, given that just last month he was calling the former Massachusetts governor

"the worst Republican in the country" to challenge Obama.

Santorum likes to compare himself to President Ronald Reagan, a fellow conservative who happens to have lost his own first bid for the party's nomination before winning in a landslide four years later. The comparison suggests Santorum might expect better chances for himself in 2016, should Obama win re-election.

No matter what, Santorum has made himself a national name and gained influence over his party's agenda.

His withdrawal came after he had fallen hopelessly behind Romney in the race for GOP delegates. And he risked an embarrassing loss in his home state of Pennsylvania if he stuck around for its April 24 primary. Polls indicated his once strong lead slipping away in Pennsylvania, which ousted Santorum from the Senate in a rout in 2006. Many voters there still remember him unfavorably.

Santorum said he came to the decision to leave the race with his family after his daughter Bella, who suffers from a rare and serious genetic condition, was hospitalized over the holiday weekend. She came home Monday night.

Longtime Santorum adviser John Brabender said the candidate, his wife and top advisers agreed on Monday night that ending the campaign was for the best. "It was something everybody felt good about," Brabender said, and "wasn't something that gave us a restless night."

Santorum and Romney talked by phone on Tuesday and agreed to meet in person soon, Brabender said.

One Pennsylvania supporter, Chad Collie, said Santorum's withdrawal left him "speechless."

Collie, owner of a plaster and drywall business, had brought his wife and two children, ages 3 and 5, to what he expected to be a Gettysburg campaign event for the "truly genuine conservative" he planned to support in the state's GOP primary. Would he be willing to vote for Romney instead?

"We'll see," said Collie, who views Romney as about the same as Obama. "I'm not opposed to a third party."

Early on, Santorum wrestled with competing images: He was the sweater-vest-wearing, smiling underdog, a devoted father of seven taking on the Republican establishment and a multimillionaire front-runner. But he could also come across as a stern moralizer, worried that birth control was harming the nation and government-funded pre-schools were indoctrinating America's children into liberalism. He seemed to think working mothers would do better to quit their jobs and home school their children, as his wife, Karen, did.

He called Obama "a snob" for wanting all Americans to have the opportunity to go to college. And he said fellow Roman Catholic John F. Kennedy's famous 1960 speech about the separation of church and state made him want to "throw up."

Republicans questioned whether Santorum could appeal to party moderates and independents — and female voters — if he were the party's nominee.

Santorum pointed to his four years in the House and 12 as a senator and argued that he had a stronger command of foreign and military affairs and the national economy than his opponents.

He reveled in his underdog status, reminding supporters that his campaign lacked the money and slickness of Romney's effort and that he spoke from the heart rather than prepared notes. At times, though, he appeared to talk himself into unnecessary controversies, as when he said the economy wasn't the race's top issue and that unemployment didn't concern him as much as the federal government's threat against individual freedom.

Santorum did things the hard way, with relatively little money and scant campaign organization. At times on the campaign trail he bunked in a supporter's guest room.

Even his breakthrough win in the race's first contest, the Iowa caucuses,

was bumpy.

Santorum, barely noticed amid a large, colorful Republican field, eked out a surprising victory over his better-funded opponents after doggedly holding 385 town hall meetings across the state. Initially Romney was declared the winner — by just eight votes — and Santorum was relegated to second place. But a few weeks later, the Iowa GOP sheepishly acknowledged errors in the balloting and declared Santorum the winner by 34 votes.

The delayed victory and a thinning field did little to help him in the next four states, where he typically finished in third or fourth place. Fundraising remained a problem, and Santorum was at times overwhelmed by the often negative TV ads supporting Romney.

Santorum's big night came Feb. 7, when he won all three of the states voting: caucuses in Colorado and Minnesota and a nonbinding primary in Missouri.

Santorum and Romney tussled in a series of debates. Santorum tried to cast Romney as unable to challenge Obama on his health care law because of his support of a similar health care policy in Massachusetts. Yet Santorum stumbled — he was even booed — when he acknowledged during an Arizona debate that in Congress he had supported the No Child Left Behind law and other legislation he disagreed with because he had to support the overall Republican effort and "take one for the team."

As other candidates peaked and fell to the wayside, Santorum solidified on to become the only realistic threat to Romney's ascension. Despite winning Super Tuesday contests in North Dakota, Oklahoma and Tennessee and later balloting in Kansas, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, he kept falling further behind Romney in the delegate count. Santorum said he won those 11 states "against all odds."

"Miracle after miracle," he said Tuesday. "This race was as improbable as any race that you will ever see for president."

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Why does jealousy annoy people?

"I felt jealous when my friend got Zorro," says Hunter, 8. "I wanted it. I didn't listen to him until he let me keep it for a week."

When your friend runs around with a black mask and cape, rescuing damsels in distress, it's hard not to be jealous, especially when he leaves a big "Z" on the bellies of bad guys.

"Jealousy is a thing that makes people so mad that they want to hurt people," says Josh, 9.

Jealousy is especially dangerous if you've borrowed the Zorro outfit for the week. Seriously, jealousy can drive us to violent acts. Under jealousy's grip, we think and do crazy things. Let's look at some jealousy symptoms.

"I was jealous about my brother because he was getting all the attention when he was born," says Stephanie, 8.

Our desire to take the place of God as the center of the universe is part of the fall. You can see it in children. They demand attention from their parents, but even they must learn that Jesus is the center of creation. When children and adults learn to see life from a Christ-centered perspective, their egocentric universes begin to dissolve.

"And he (God the Father) put all things under his (God the Son) feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all" (Ephesians 1:22-23).

This world would change radically if most people were concerned about Jesus receiving the attention he deserves. If Jesus is the focus of our attention, we can't be jealous of people. Jealousy can't operate if our souls are filled with Christ's presence. When jealousy knocks, it will find "no vacancy" where Christ is filling the soul's inner rooms.

"Jealousy drives people crazy sometimes because you may want something that you don't have and can't afford," says Amy, 10.

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"I think jealousy drives some people crazy because they want things that other people have, and that's what they think about all the time," says Sarah, 10. "They spend their energy worrying about what they don't have instead of being thankful for what the Lord has provided. God wants us to focus on eternal things and not things on Earth."

During the summer of 1996, I attended the finals of the 100-meter dash at the Olympic Games in Atlanta. As the sprinters stretched and took their ready positions in the starting blocks, their minds were fixed on one thing — the finish line.

The apostle Paul wrote: "If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the Earth" (Colossians 3:1-2).

Think about this: Jealousy has no place in the grateful heart. Make a list of all the blessings for which you're grateful, and watch jealousy fade. Memorize this truth: Colossians 3:1-2 quoted above.

Ask this question: Are you jealous of anyone?

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CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

St. Matthew's Episcopal to host community dinner

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St. Matthew's Episcopal Church invites the community to join them on April 18 for a community dinner. "We hold one every third Wednesday," Janice Roy, church administrator said. "We advertise at the day school and the Salvation Army. We have a great turnout from the community."

The dinner is at 5:30 p.m. in the

church's kitchen and parish hall.

The church is also having different community ministers at their services on Sunday. Mark Lane will speak on April 22.

"We have different community ministers that study and help out with services," Roy said. "Our service is on the reading for that time of year."

St. Matthew's is on the 700 block of W. Browning Avenue.

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GOD'S GOOD NEWS

Bouler's insights: Whose hand is it in?

An unknown author wrote a poem called "It Depends Whose Hands It's In." I would like you to think about this truth.



DAVID BOULER

"It Depends Whose Hands It's In"

A basketball in my hands is worth about \$19.

A basketball in Michael Jordan's hands is worth about 33 million.

It depends whose hands it's in.

A baseball in my hands is worth about \$6.

A baseball in Mark McGwire's hands is worth 19 million.

It depends whose hands it's in. Two fish and five loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches.

Two fish and five loaves of bread in God's hands will feed thousands.

It depends whose hands it's in. Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse. Nails in Jesus Christ's hands will produce salvation for the entire world.

It depends whose hands it's in.

As you see now, it depends whose hands it's in. So put your concerns, your worries, your fears, your hopes, your dreams, your families, and your relationships in God's hands because "It Depends Whose Hands It's In."

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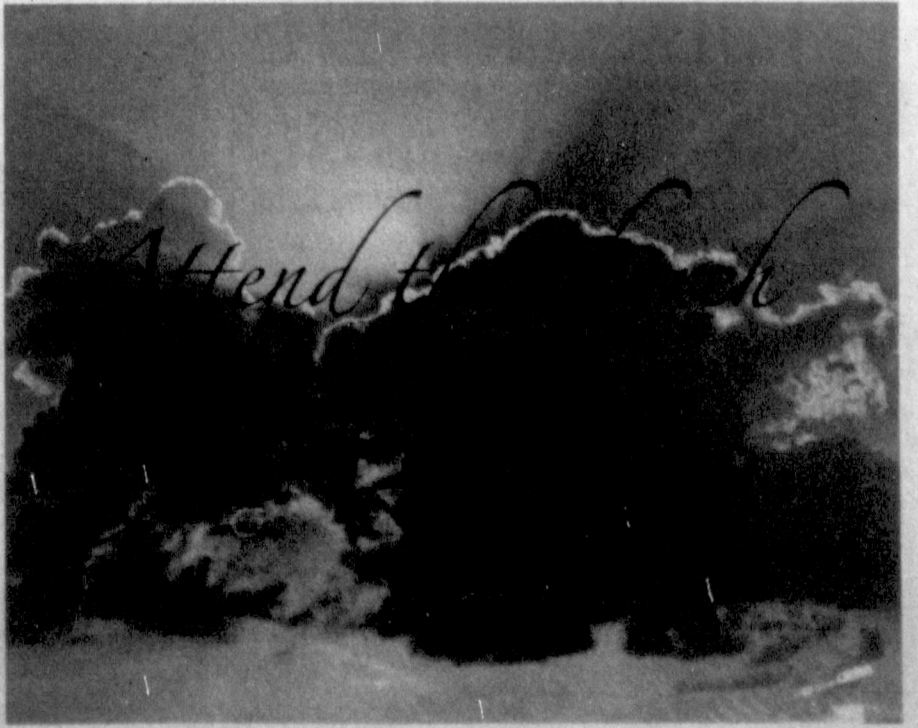
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Santorum suspends Republican presidential campaign

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP) — Bowing to the inevitable after an improbably resilient run for the White House, Rick Santorum quit the presidential race on Tuesday, clearing the way for Mitt Romney to claim the Republican nomination.

"We made a decision over the weekend, that while this presidential race for us is over, for me, and we will suspend our campaign today, we are not done fighting," he said.

Santorum, appearing with his family, told supporters that the battle to defeat President Barack Obama would go on but pointedly made no mention or endorsement of Romney, whom he had derided as an unworthy standard-bearer for the GOP.

The former Pennsylvania senator stressed that he'd taken his presidential bid farther than anyone expected, calling his campaign "as improbable as any race that you will ever see for president."

"Against all odds," he said, "we won 11 states, millions of voters, millions of votes."

Santorum signaled his intent to maintain a voice in the campaign to come, saying: "This game is a long, long, long way from over. We will continue to go out and fight and defeat President Barack Obama."

Santorum spoke with Romney before the announcement, a Republican source close to the campaign said, and Romney asked to meet him sometime in the future.

The delegate totals told the tale of



Santorum

Santorum's demise. Romney has more than twice as many delegates as Santorum and is on pace to reach the 1,144 delegates needed to clinch the nomination by early June. Still in the race, but not considered a factor: former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Texas Rep. Ron Paul.

Santorum had hoped to keep his campaign going through the Pennsylvania primary on April 24, but decided to fold after his severely ill 3-year-old daughter, Bella, spent the weekend in the hospital.

Santorum, a feisty campaigner who took everyone by surprise with his win in Iowa's leadoff caucuses, ran on his conservative credentials and his experience in Congress — he was a House member for four years and senator for 12 — but was hobbled by a lack of money and organization.

He said that while Romney was accumulating more delegates, "we were winning in a very different way. We were touching hearts" with a conservative message.

In a statement, Romney called Santorum "an able and worthy competitor" and congratulated him on his campaign.

"He has proven himself to be an important voice in our party and in the nation," Romney said. "We both recog-

nize that what is most important is putting the failures of the last three years behind us and setting America back on the path to prosperity."

With Romney on his way to the nomination and a contest against the president, Obama's campaign manager, Jim Messina, sharply criticized Romney for waging a negative ad campaign against his opponents.

"It's no surprise that Mitt Romney finally was able to grind down his opponents under an avalanche of negative ads. But neither he nor his special interest allies will be able to buy the presidency with their negative attacks," Messina said. "The more the American people see of Mitt Romney, the less they like him and the less they trust him."

Santorum said the campaign had been "a love affair for me, going from state to state. ... We were raising issues, frankly, that a lot of people did not want raised."

He spoke almost nostalgically of the race, and of his trademark sweater vest, a pointed visual contrast to his suited rivals.

"Over and over again we were told, 'Forget it. You can't win,'" he said.

Eventually, the improbable had to bow to reality: Santorum would have needed 80 percent of the remaining delegates to win the nomination before the party's national convention in Florida in August. And that couldn't happen as long as Romney was in the race because most upcoming primaries use some type of proportional system to award delegates, making it hard to win large num-

bers of delegates in individual states.

In most states, Santorum's delegates can now support any candidate they choose.

Gingrich, who has been splitting the votes of those who questioned Romney's conservative credentials with Santorum, made an immediate play for his supporters.

He said the former senator's campaign was "a testament to his tenacity and the power of conservative principles."

"I am committed to staying in this race all the way to Tampa so that the conservative movement has a real choice. I humbly ask Senator Santorum's supporters to visit Newt.org to review my conservative record and join us as we bring these values to Tampa."

Paul also congratulated Santorum for "running such a spirited campaign" and called himself "the last — and real — conservative alternative to Mitt Romney."

Suspending the campaign allows Santorum to keep paying off nearly \$1 million in debt, according to recent Federal Election Commission filings. Those debts include about \$500,000 for media consulting and tens of thousands more for telemarketing and online advertising, records show.

Other presidential candidates have eventually extinguished their debt and terminated their campaigns. Former Minnesota Gov. Tom Pawlenty officially shuttered his campaign committee on Tuesday, owing as much as a half a million dollars last fall but slowly whitening that figure down.

Texas spends oil spill cash on conservation

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas is the first state to confirm a deal to spend settlement money from the Gulf oil spill for long-term coastal conservation, working with a private nonprofit to cut through red tape and buy 80 acres of prime habitat for endangered whooping cranes.

A three-way deal calls for MOEX Offshore 2007 LLC, a partner in the ill-fated offshore well, to give \$2 million to the Texas Nature Conservancy, which will use it to buy a tract of coastal land where whooping cranes spend the winter. The nonprofit will then give the property to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to be incorporated into Goose Island State Park. The contract with the landowner has been signed and the handover is tentatively set to be finalized by the end of May.

The Associated Press was given the details of the deal signed Tuesday before it was made public. The arrangement allowed the state agency to bypass cumbersome red tape that often slows down government business and to quickly acquire land that likely would have been sold and subdivided for residential use.

The \$2 million is part of a \$90 million settlement MOEX made with the federal government and the Gulf states after the 2010 rig explosion that killed 11 people and caused the worst offshore spill in U.S. history. MOEX and several other companies partnered with BP to drill the well and are now being held accountable for the disaster.

All the settlements include setting aside money — \$20 million in MOEX's case — for coastal conservation projects, similar to what was done after Exxon Valdez.

After the 1989 oil spill in

Alaska's Prince William Sound, trustees dedicated \$400 million of the \$900 million settlement for long-term conservation and restoration, helping preserve more than 600,000 acres of habitat for animals hurt by the disaster, said Stan Senner, who was the science coordinator for the Exxon Valdez trustee council.

"The strategy of protecting habitats for the species actually worked," said Senner, who is now director of conservation science for the Ocean Conservancy. "They did learn a lesson from the Exxon Valdez. I think there are a number of things they can do in the Gulf region that do provide for long-term conservation benefit and one of those is going to be protecting habitat as is proposed in Texas."

While all five Gulf states have wish lists of coastal conservation and restoration projects, this is the first project to be announced since the settlement was reached in February.

Until now, most money spent has been either emergency cash funneled toward cleanup or urgent projects mostly paid from a pot of \$20 billion BP set aside to pay individual claims in the immediate aftermath of the spill. More recent settlements, including with MOEX, include civil penalties the companies owe under the Clean Water Act and other federal rules.

Texas got about \$6.5 million from MOEX and decided that half would go to the office responsible for preserving and overseeing its land and water resources and half would be spent by the parks service.

Texas was able to cut the first deal because it had already pinpointed a few projects that were almost ready to go and working with the Nature Conservancy, a

private nonprofit that can spend money and do research without dealing with governmental red tape, allowed it to speed things along.

"There's very solid agreement on what the priorities are, so we can move quickly on execution," said Laura Huffman, state director of the Nature Conservancy in Texas and one of the people involved in nailing down the contract.

Ted Hollingsworth, the parks service's director of land conservation, said it has little of its own money for land acquisition and was looking even before the settlement for money to buy the property north of Corpus Christi. One of the things that made the project urgent, he said, was the fear that it would be sold to a private developer and more habitat would be destroyed.

"From a simple real estate perspective, subdivision residential development would have been a very clear use for that property," Hollingsworth said. "There was a high probability that the area would have been further compromised and divided if it had remained in the private arena."

The 80-acre property provides land and water habitat for the whooping cranes, is adjacent to seagrass that helps prevent coastal erosion, oyster beds, marshes, salt flats and important aquatic habitat and includes a mature forest, which Hollingsworth said is important for migratory song birds.

"These birds cross the Gulf of Mexico, they leave the Yucatan, they leave Mexico ... they fly several days nonstop," he said, "and by the time they reach the Texas Gulf they have to have a place to rest and eat and these forests are absolutely critical."

Nude maid service raises eyebrows

LUBBOCK (AP) — Police in this staunchly conservative West Texas city are keeping close tabs on a young entrepreneur's recently opened cleaning service that offers nude maids.

Lubbock police Sgt. Jonathan Stewart said the owner of Fantasy Maid Service of Lubbock doesn't have a permit to operate a sexually oriented business and officers are watching for any violation, which would bring a \$2,000 fine.

But owner Melissa Borrett insists she's not operating such a business. Customers pay \$100 an hour for one maid or \$150 an hour for two maids, and no touching is allowed, she said.

"I run a maid service," the 26-year-old entrepreneur said. "We really just clean houses. These girls are not performers. They're maids."

The West Texas native and mother said she started the business about a month ago because she was struggling as a waitress to make ends meet. She had even been living at the Occupy Lubbock encampment near Texas Tech University's campus in Lubbock.

"I just decided to go a little bigger, work a little smarter," she said.

Her business model isn't unique, but the city's ordinance requires all sexually oriented businesses to apply for a permit, which costs \$650 a year, and to post a \$5,000 surety bond or letter of credit.

Such businesses are defined as any commercial venture whose operations include "providing, featuring or offering of employees or entertainment personnel who appear in a state of nudity, seminude or simulated nudity and provide live performances or entertainment" intended to sexually stimulate or gratify customers "and which is offered as a feature of a primary business activity of the venture."

Stewart wouldn't say how police planned to keep tabs on the maid service, and Borrett said she would hire an attorney to fight any attempt by the city to shut her down.

So far, Borrett said, business has been good and she is now busy interviewing to hire more maids. She currently has three on staff. She offers a regular discount to government employees and law enforcement, and an ad posted Friday on the online bartering site Craigslist offered 20 percent discounts for Easter weekend.

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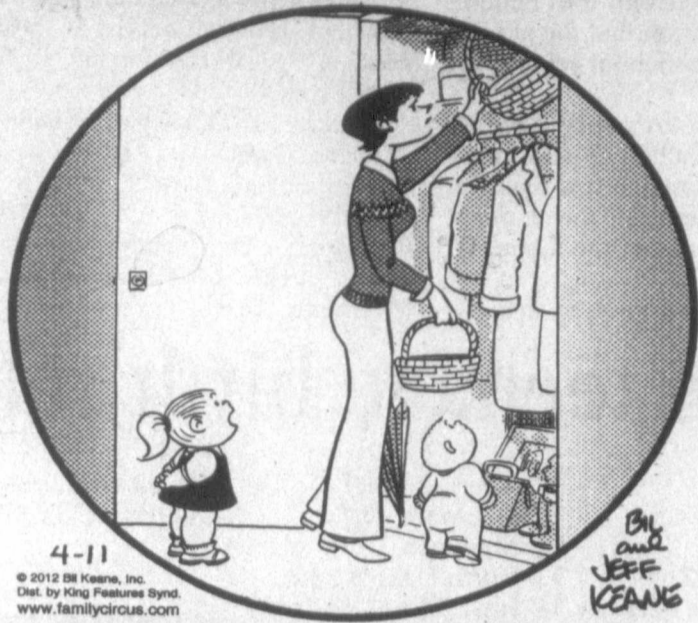
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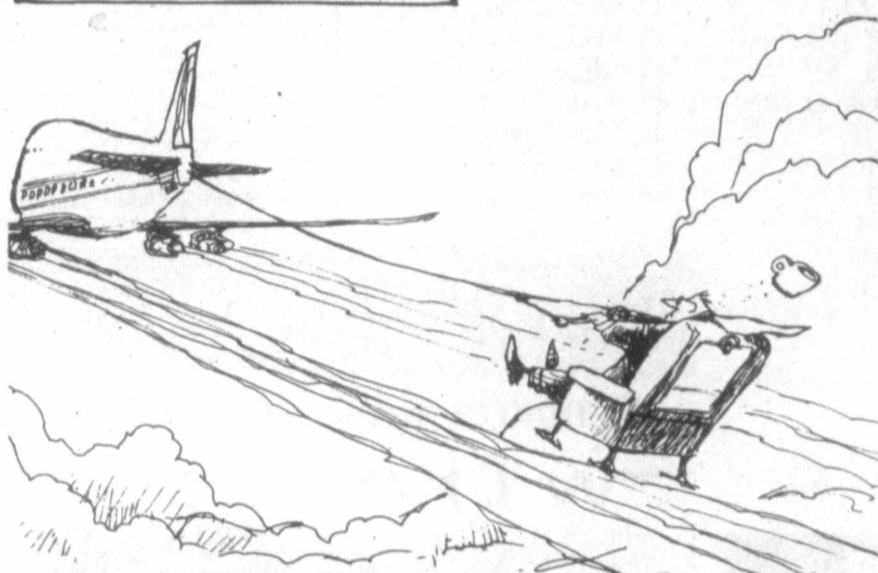
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"Should I start thinkin' about what to write on my Christmas list?"

Non Sequitur

The ANSWER: Three.



THE QUESTION: How many times can you call a flight attendant, "waitress"?

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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, April 12, 2012:

Let go of a need to have your life work out in a certain way. The more you push, the less likely you will achieve your goals. Accept changes in your immediate environment and make needed adjustments to a transforming status quo. If you are single, your desirability speaks to many people. Make choices accordingly, and keep in mind the type of relationship you desire. If you are attached, your charisma adds many sparks to the relationship. Enjoy the heat. **CAPRICORN** acts like an authority.

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)

★★★★ Take charge and handle a personal matter before it gets out of control. You can let this matter sit on the back burner, but the cost could be far higher than you anticipate. Your innate good will goes far, let others see your intentions. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You juggle many different interests, but you see a continuum in the various areas you are involved with. Use this information to enhance your perspective and ability to deal with an onslaught of information in the future. Tonight: Where you've always wanted to go.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might want to continue a discussion, especially if you see an opening. The other party will see you in a new light. For that reason, you might want to open up communication once more. Know that you have a lucky rabbit's foot in your back pocket. Tonight: Dinner and discussions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You finally can witness what you've sensed has been going on. A key associate or friend sees you in a different light. Open up communication with a child or loved one. Let a sense of camaraderie permeate your relationships. Tonight: All smiles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Observe the interaction between you and a certain someone. Your instincts will take you to a new realm of thinking, and you'll see your relationship differently. Use care with a major purchase.

Tonight: Surprises or unexpected events come forward.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Listen to your intuitive voice, even if it seems to plot a different path from the one you are on. Sometimes being uncomfortable works well. Be willing to take a grounded risk. You know your limits and how far you can go. Tonight: Trust your judgment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Tension builds as you realize that you are not up to doing something you need to do. A close friend or associate nudges you to take the next step; be sure that you can deal with it. Tonight: Do errands on the way home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You say what you mean, and eventually that message gets through to someone. Your ability to communicate your desires to others draws quite a reaction from them. Sort through the heavy response, and decide what you want to do. Tonight: The answer is "yes."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ A change involving funds could be occurring. Your bank might have changed its policies; payments might be due a different day. You will discover a change in the status quo. Be aware of your options. Tonight: Relax. Choose a favorite pastime.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Take an opportunity to reveal your thoughts and explain the depth of what you are feeling. Let go of fear or resistance, as the response will be positive. Do not attempt to get involved in a power play. Tonight: Use the moment to plan or even start your weekend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ You might not reveal exactly what you are thinking because you could be trying to gauge what others are thinking as well. Do not form judgments until you have all the facts. Act on an unusually strong sense of well-being. Tonight: Get some extra Z's.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ A meeting does not need to be awkward. Drop that expectation, and you might be delighted by what follows. Complete errands, and try to get as much done as you can. Getting together with a friend or loved one buoys your spirit. Tonight: Respond to a friend's request.

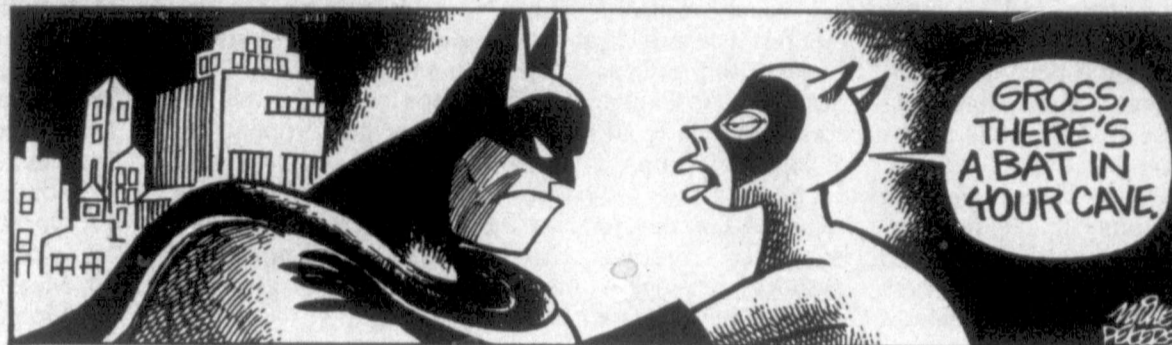
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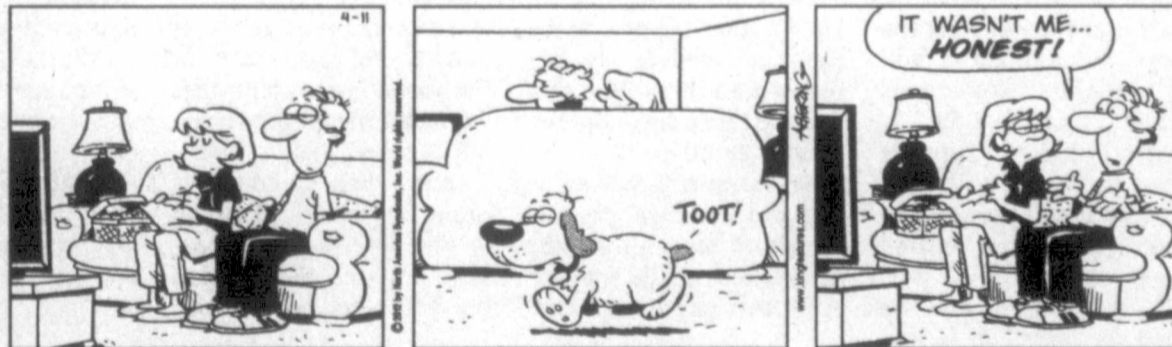
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Rocket maker considering Texas commercial launch site

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Private rocket-maker SpaceX is considering a new Texas launch site near the Mexico border to send commercial spacecraft into orbit.

The proposed Cameron County launch pad is competing with other potential sites in Florida and Puerto Rico, said Gilbert Salinas, executive vice president of the Brownsville Economic Development Council. There is no immediate timetable for a decision.

SpaceX spokeswoman Kristin Brost Grantham said Tuesday that the Brownsville area is one of many potential locations, but she didn't comment

any further. "It's being called the commercial Cape Canaveral," Salinas told The Brownsville Herald.

Salinas told the newspaper that local economic development officials are working with Gov. Rick Perry's office to help close the deal. He estimates that SpaceX could lower unemployment by 1 percent in an area that has one of the state's highest jobless rates. The February unemployment rate in the Brownsville-Harlingen area was 10.9 percent, second only to the McAllen area. The jobless rate statewide is 7.1 percent.

The newspaper reported Monday that local officials have been in contact with Space X for more than a year, but have kept the talks quiet. The news went public this week when the Federal Register published a notice from the Federal Aviation Administration that the agency is seeking an environmental review for the project.

According to the FAA notice, SpaceX would launch its Falcon 9 and other spacecraft from the launch pad over the Gulf of Mexico. Plans call for as many as 12 launches a year at the Cameron County site.

The company is working to demon-

strate that its big Falcon 9 rocket and Dragon capsule can ferry supplies to the International Space Station now that NASA has retired its shuttle fleet.

In 2010, SpaceX, became the first private business to launch a capsule into orbit and return it safely to Earth. The company is run by PayPal co-founder Elon Musk.

SpaceX currently has a launch pad at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida and is developing a launch site at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. The company also operates a rocket development facility in McGregor, Texas.

Texas listed fourth among states in teenage birth rate

NEW YORK (AP) — Teen births fell again in the United States in 2010 with the highest rate once more in Mississippi, according to a new government report.

Nearly every state saw a decline in teen births from 2007 to 2010, with the biggest drop in Arizona at 29 percent. Rates stayed about the same in three states: Montana, North Dakota and West Virginia.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention previously reported that U.S. births by mothers of all ages had dropped in 2010 for the third straight year. Experts think the

economy is a factor. The rate for teenage moms reached its lowest point since record-keeping began in 1940. The rate fell 9 percent to about 34 per 1,000 girls ages 15 through 19. The decline was seen among all racial and ethnic groups.

The CDC report released Tuesday focused on state figures. The authors say the teen declines have been attributed to pregnancy prevention efforts. They note that a recent government survey showed more use of contraception by teens.

Even as it leads the nation with 55 teen births per 1,000 girls,

Mississippi's rate has been falling like everywhere else. It dropped 21 percent over three years. New Hampshire has the lowest teen birth rate at just under 16.

Since 1991, the overall teen rate has dropped by 44 percent. Without that decline, the authors calculated, there would have been 3.4 million more babies born to girls by 2010.

State list with the rate per 1,000 teenage girls:

1. Mississippi 55
2. New Mexico 52.9
3. Arkansas 52.5
4. Texas 52.2
5. Oklahoma 50.4
6. Louisiana 47.7

7. Kentucky 46.2
8. West Virginia 44.8
9. Alabama 43.6
10. Tennessee 43.2
11. South Carolina 42.5
12. Arizona 42.4
13. Georgia 41.4
14. Kansas 39.2
15. Wyoming 39
16. Nevada 38.6
17. Alaska 38.3
17. North Carolina 38.3
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21. Montana 35
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40. Washington 26.7
41. Wisconsin 26.2
42. New York 22.6
43. Minnesota 22.5
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incorporate them as you go."

Davis uses reeds and, sometimes, other natural elements such as antlers in her baskets.

"Occasionally, I've stuck in a little bit of grape vine or something, but for the most part I use reed," she said. "I order it from North Carolina, and I order the all-natural color and then dye it."

Davis and her husband occasionally find shed antlers on their family farm, and she enjoys the accents that they bring to her baskets. She begins by drilling holes in the antler, and gluing "spokes" into the holes in order to anchor the weave of the basket.

"The curve of your antler determines the shape of the basket," Davis said. "The principle's all the same. I anchor it in, and then weave and fill, but I don't always get the curve. Sometimes it will be straighter, sometimes rounder, more shallow."

After Davis finishes weaving, there's still work to be done before the basket reaches a desired shape.

"Eventually, it will be filled in, and then it will roll around like a bowling ball, because your antler's heavy," she said. "So then, you wet it when it's totally

woven. I just stick it in the bathtub, so that the whole bottom section's wet, and then flatten it out and put some weights in it."

Davis anchors down the basket with heavy objects around the house, like canned food, and when it completely dries, it takes the form of the objects that flattened out the basket.

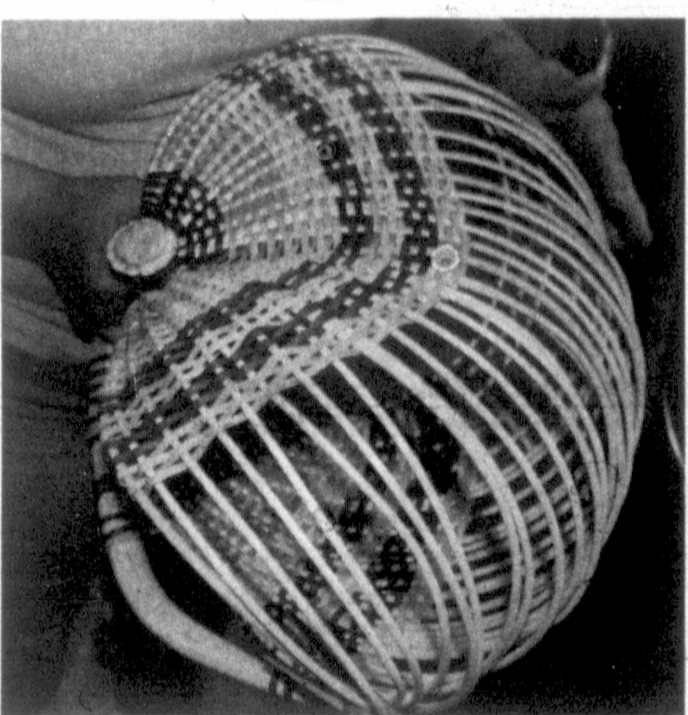
"I'll let it sit for days while it's drying," she said. "Sometimes it doesn't take that long, but I let it sit a long time so that it will set."

In addition to her baskets, Davis decorates gourds, which she used to grow herself.

"I started raising gourds, and did that first, but I never really did much to them until I started weaving baskets," she said. "You use some of the same tools."

On some of her gourds, Davis adds lacing on the top, or weaves border pieces into them. She said that the two crafts complement each other.

Before getting started on a gourd, it must dry out for about six months and be cleaned, inside and out. After this process is com-



staff photo by Mollie Bryant

Davis holds up a basket she crafted from antlers.

pleted, Davis can get started decorating the gourd.

"I draw the design on, and then I wood-burn it, and then I come back with a dye, and just paint in the wood-burn, ...and that way your paint doesn't run quite as bad," she said.

Davis has taught her granddaughter, Madison Davis, how to weave baskets, and she also weaves once a week with three

other basket-weavers. "Two are starting weavers, and I like to see their excitement and them getting anxious to learn to do (baskets), and one, we started classes together, so she's woven a long time also," Davis said. "We try and help each other. Everyone has their easy weave and their hard weave."

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Rodeo

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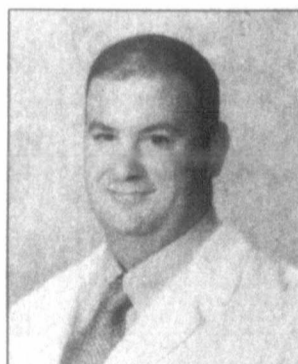
can have maybe two to three extra people to help me set up and two to three extra people to help me take down, that would be a big help."

McCullar said that the police department will provide water for any volunteers.

Registration is also still open for businesses and nonprofits to participate in the rodeo, McCullar said.

"We can by all means take more businesses," she said. "We still have room for booths. Or if any businesses are willing to donate a door prize for us, that would be great. It's all directed towards kids. Only kids get prizes there."

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Lady Harvesters start fast, clinch district vs. Dalhart

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DALHART — The start of the Pampa Lady Harvesters' game against the Dalhart Lady Wolves was a bit unusual as only one of the three assigned umpires arrived. The start was delayed for over 30 minutes with Shane Stokes, Pampa assistant city manager umpiring the bases. The delay didn't phase the Lady Harvesters.

"It made us impatient and ready to play," junior third baseman Martecia Alexander said.

Pampa scored five runs in the first and added runs in every inning to clinch district with a 10-0 run-rule victory over the Dalhart Lady Wolves.

"They didn't want to have to come back or wait, they wanted to play," head coach Bobbi Gill said. "I was proud of how they responded to that hitch in the plans. Offensively we performed every inning and gave us the opportunity to score every inning."

Junior Claire Hopkins said the team executed.

"We got on them quick like we knew we needed to do," Hopkins said. "It was hard to stay focus at the beginning but we came out and scored first."

Hopkins led off with a double and scored on a throwing error by Dalhart's pitcher Courtney Dovel. The Lady Wolves committed five errors in the first inning helping Pampa advance on the bases.

The Lady Harvesters (18-7, 6-0) scored one run in both the second and third innings. Pampa scored three runs in the

fourth and one in the fifth to secure the 10-run mercy rule.

"We want to win every inning," Gill said. "You hold them to zero, you want to score at least one. They score one you want to at least score two."

Alexander said it's exciting to repeat as district champions.

"It's awesome," Alexander said.

Hopkins and Gill said it's great the team repeated but must accomplish other goals.

"We're excited about that," Hopkins said. "We need to come out strong in the last three games and hold our winning streak from last year."

"We got a new goal: We can't drop one," Gill said. "Just because we clinch we can't drop one."

Sophomore Alexa O'Brien started and only gave up one hit, but at times struggled with control, walking five batters. O'Brien was able to pitch herself out some tough situations. In the second inning, Dalhart's first two batters reached. O'Brien got a flyout, ground out and strikeout to end the inning.

"When (O'Brien) gets into trouble, she's stepping in and giving us outs we can make," Gill said.

The Lady Wolves biggest threat came in the bottom of the fourth. Two walks and an error allowed Dalhart to load the bases with two outs. Dovel flied out to left fielder Bailey Wichert to end the inning.

The Lady Harvesters face Borger at noon Saturday at Lady Harvester Field



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Senior Nakayla Hardman makes an out in right field in the bottom of the first. The Lady Harvesters defense was strong only allowing one hit.

Girls golf repeats district title; boys golfer Reagan advances



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The Pampa Lady Harvesters golf team pose with the District 1-3A championship trophy. The girls won their second straight title.

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters will make another trip to regionals since they won their second consecutive District 1-3A title Monday in Dumas.

The Lady Harvesters shot 388 in the second round, bringing its total to 763. Borger finished second, 29 strokes behind Pampa and will advance to regionals.

Junior Alison Alexander shot a 93 in the second round to finish as the top individual with 179. Senior Lindsey Brown also shot a 93 finishing as the second place individual with a 182. Sophomore Ashlee Kieth shot a 98 finishing as the fourth place individual with a 191. Sophomore Savanna Mertz shot 104 finishing as the eighth place individual with a 211.

The Harvesters finished fifth shooting a 373 to finish with 742. Senior Logan Reagan shot a 71 to finish as the third place individual with a 153. Reagan's finish qualified him for regionals for the second straight year.

"It's really exciting to have Logan and the girls advance for the second straight year," head coach Alan Segura said. "I am really happy for them to have this much success. They have all put in a lot of time and hard work and it has paid off. They deserve it."

Sophomore Logan Turley finished with a 195. Sophomore Tre Dildy finished with a 196. Sophomore Destry Baten finished with a 198. Junior Kyler Payne didn't play in the second round.

Reagan will compete in regionals from Monday to Tuesday and the Lady Harvesters will compete from April 18-19 both in San Angelo.

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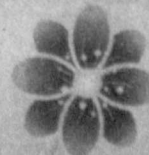


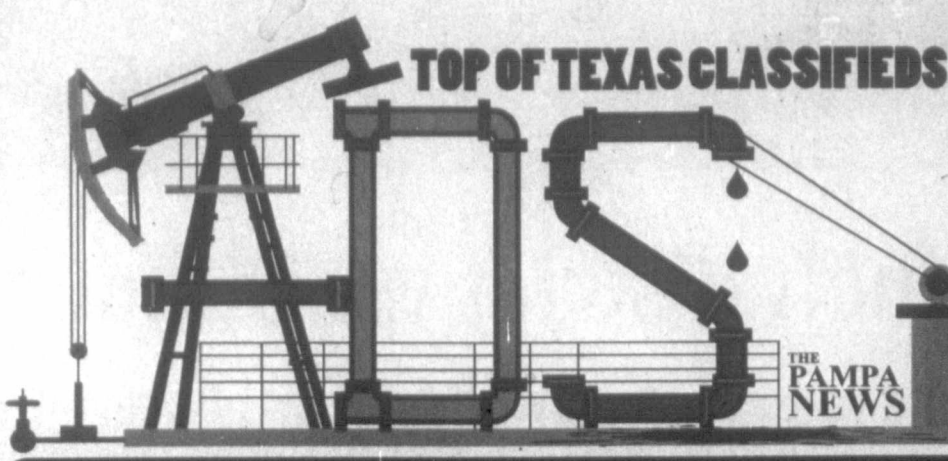
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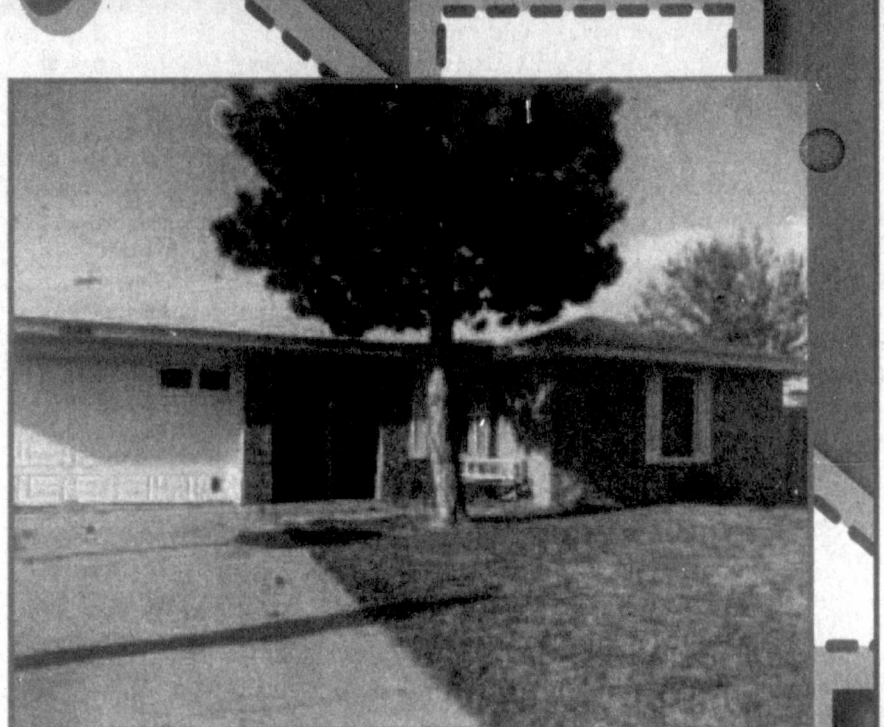
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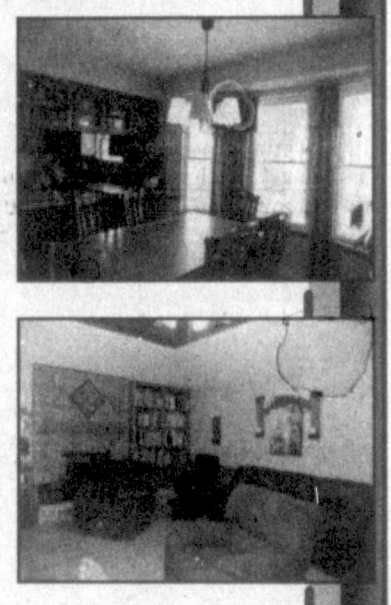
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Dear Abby...

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DEAR ABBY: What's the best thing to do when someone insults me for being myself? My hair has been bright blue for the last two semesters of college. I like it. I'm young, and my family is letting me express my "wild" side while I'm in school.

Six months ago I went to meet my ex-boyfriend's mother, and the first thing she said to me was, "You're one of my son's phases, right? Boys don't actually bring girls with blue hair home to Mama." Abby, it was with my ex's encouragement that I dyed my hair this bright color.

My family, my church and most of my teachers think it's OK. Is there a social stigma attached to exotically dyed hair? And what's the best way to react when someone insults me for just being myself? — NICE PERSON IN WALLAND, TENN.

DEAR NICE PERSON: Whether there's a stigma attached to looking different depends on who is doing the looking. Some people — your ex-boyfriend's mother, for instance — find it off-putting. Did you tell her that it was

with her son's encouragement that you dyed your hair blue? It would have been interesting to see her reaction. It would also be interesting to know what shade his current girlfriend's hair is.

When others comment about the unusual color of your hair, instead of treating it as an insult, smile and say, "Don't judge a book by its cover." Then change the subject.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for 26 years. I love him, but he's a terrible listener. He's not that way with everyone. When we're out socializing, he's a good conversationalist and a polite listener. It's when we are home that he never lets me finish a sentence. When we're alone, I can't express a complete opinion or thought without being interrupted halfway through a word or sentence. He just cuts me off and starts talking on the subject.

I'm an intelligent woman with valid opinions, but he would rather hear the sound of his own voice than mine. How do I get him to let me speak and not interrupt? — SILENCED IN ILLINOIS

DEAR SILENCED: Is your husband controlling in other aspects of your relationship? If not, the problem may be that you have been together so long he thinks he knows where your sentences are going, so he responds before you complete your entire thought. One way to handle this would be to tell your husband how patronized it makes you feel when he does it. Another would be to interrupt HIM by saying, "Excuse me! I wasn't finished talking." Or, "You finished my sentence, but that wasn't what I was going to say. What I meant was..."

DEAR ABBY: My sister, "Beth," and I are very close, but a constant source of contention is her boyfriend, "Brody." Beth and Brody have broken up several times, and each time it happens, she fills me in on every horrible thing he has ever done.

They always seem to get back together, and then Beth expects me to like him despite everything I know. Does the fact that she forgives and forgets mean that I have to do the same? — TOO MUCH INFO IN OHIO

DEAR TOO MUCH INFO: No, it doesn't. But you should be civil, even if you're not warm and friendly. Then cross your fingers and hope your sister recognizes less drama is healthier and the relationship ends soon.

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Sports

Harvesters break game open in sixth against Wolves

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The Dalhart Wolves are usually a team the Pampa Harvesters have no problem beating. Tuesday in Dalhart, the Wolves hung in the game until the Harvesters scored four in the sixth to seal an 11-3 victory.

Senior Cole Engle led off with a solo home run, his first ever. Junior James Thompson followed with a triple and scored on a throwing error. Dalhart's starting pitcher Michael Hacker was able to hold Pampa in check. "(Hacker) settled in," head coach Kaleb Snelgrooves said. "I think he struck out five of the next six outs. He did a good job of keeping us off balance. Credit to our guys. They did a good job of grinding out at-bats. We had double digit hits again."

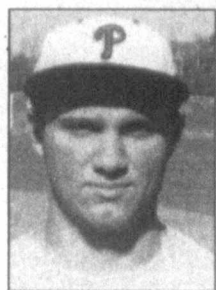
The Wolves tied the game at two but Pampa regained the lead for good. Senior Zach Graves hit a two-run home run giving the Harvesters a 4-2 lead. That was Graves' second home run in as many games. Dalhart cut the lead to one but that's as close as it got.

Snelgrooves said he was pleased with how sophomore Ethan Hunt pitched and how the defense played.

"Ethan pitched well," Snelgrooves said. "We played good defense behind him."

With the victory and Borger's 10-9 loss to Perryton, the Harvesters hold a one-game lead in the district. The victory also clinched the head-to-head tiebreaker against Dalhart and a playoff spot. Pampa hosts Borger at noon on Saturday. Snelgrooves said his team is just focused on winning the game.

"Anytime you can pad your lead especially against a rival at home that's a special thing," Snelgrooves said. "We are not going to look at that way. We are going to look at as the third leg of the Preakness Stakes. Our third game of this third and second against Borger. It's nothing more than that."



Engle



Graves



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Senior Jared Lusk slides into third against Dalhart on Tuesday. The Harvesters won 11-3 and hold a one-game lead in district.



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Junior James Thompson applies a tag on a Dalhart baserunner Tuesday. Snelgrooves said he was pleased with the defense's performance.

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