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Goal for Obama during debates: Don't screw up

■ President is trying to avoid mistakes that might cost him in the November election.

BY JULIE PACE AND KEN THOMAS
 The Associated Press

HENDERSON, Nev. — President Barack Obama has one

mission heading into his first debate with Republican Mitt Romney: Don't screw things up.

Less than five weeks from Election Day, Obama has political momentum and an edge in polls of the battleground states that will determine the election. But he's sure to face a blistering challenge from Romney, who needs to use Wednesday's debate in Denver to change the trajectory of the race.

Both parties say the first

debate traditionally helps the challenger, whose stature tends to rise in the eyes of many voters by simply appearing on stage as the alternative. Seeking to mitigate that effect, Obama aides are working with the president on keeping command of the debate while not being overly aggressive.

The president retreated to a desert resort in Nevada for three days of intensive debate preparation for Wednesday night. He

was joined by a cadre of top advisers, who are focused on helping Obama trim his often-lengthy explanations to fit the debate format. Equally important is coaching Obama to look calm and presidential during an onslaught of criticism from Romney.

Obama's campaign has tried — to the point of hyperbole — to lower expectations for the president and portray him as an underdog who hasn't had

enough time to get ready.

"He has had less time to prepare than we anticipated," campaign spokeswoman Jennifer Psaki said Sunday. "It's difficult to schedule significant blocks of time when you're the president."

What the expectation-lowering aides leave out is that Obama, in fact, has had plenty of time to prepare at the White House and during long flights on Air Force

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GOING PINK IN PAMPA



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

STOPPING CANCER. Courtney Ma, PHS junior, buys three Pink Out! T-shirts from student council members Jenna Gee and and Emilee Frost. Both Gee and Frost are sophomores and this is their second year selling Pink Out! shirts.

Pampa Pink Out! has started

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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To assist local patients and their families battling breast cancer along with cancer survivors, Pampa High School kicked off its fourth annual Pink Out! campaign Monday with

the sale of commemorative T-shirts in the school's cafeteria.

The shirts are being sold by student council members and cheerleaders. They will be sold daily during lunch until Oct. 10, said Kim Hopkins, Student Council advisor.

Although the shirts arrived at the

school yesterday, they could be ordered in advance on Sept. 26 and about 50 have already been sold, Hopkins said.

Junior Courtney Ma bought three T-shirts.

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Salmonella results in food recalls

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A recall of peanut butter and other nut products has some of the country's largest grocery stores pulling store-brand products off their shelves.

New Mexico-based Sunland Inc. has expanded its recall of peanut butter and almond butter to include cashew butters, tahini and blanched and roasted peanut products. The company, which sells its nuts and nut butters to large groceries and other food distributors around the country, recalled products under multiple brand names last month after salmonella illnesses were linked to Trader Joe's Creamy Salted Valencia Peanut Butter, one of the brands it manufactures.

In addition to Trader Joe's, the recall includes some nut butters and nut products sold at Whole Foods Market, Target, Safeway, Fresh & Easy, Giant Food, Harry and David, Sprouts, Heinen's, Stop & Shop Supermarket Company and several other stores. Some of the stores used Sunland ingredients in items they prepared and packaged themselves.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said there are now 30 salmonella illnesses in 19 states that can be traced to the Trader Joe's peanut butter. No other foods have been linked to the illnesses, but Sunland recalled other products manufactured on the same equipment as the Trader Joe's product.

Some of the brand names included in the recall are Target's Archer Farms, Safeway's Open Nature, Earth Balance, Fresh & Easy, Late July, Heinen's, Joseph's, Natural Value, Naturally More,

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Timothy P. Howsare named as new editor of The Pampa News



Timothy Howsare

The Pampa News has hired Timothy P. Howsare as its new editor.

He replaces Ben Tinsley, who served as editor for two months.

"We are thrilled to have someone of Tim's abilities and we're excited about the direction our newspaper is going," said Pampa News Publisher ReDonn Woods.

Howsare comes to Pampa from Arizona, where he worked as senior reporter for InMaricopa.com, a local news and advertising website, for the city of Maricopa, Ariz.

Prior to working in Arizona, Howsare lived in the Tampa Bay area and served as community news editor for Hernando Today, an affiliate

of The Tampa Tribune.

Howsare wrote both news and features for the communities in Hernando County, as well as supervising the night crew and posting content to the newspaper's website.

Several of his feature stories were published in The Tampa Tribune.

Howsare has an extensive background in community

journalism and has worked as an editor at several weekly community papers.

He has won journalism awards for both his feature writing and for a series of investigative stories while working as a weekly newspaper editor at the Marion Star and Mullins Enterprise in South Carolina.

Howsare said he looks forward to serving as editor of The Pampa News.

"I think Pampa has both a strong sense of community and can maintain its small-town charm while pursuing opportunities for growth," Howsare said.

"Everyone I've met has been friendly and helpful and I look forward to serving as your new editor."

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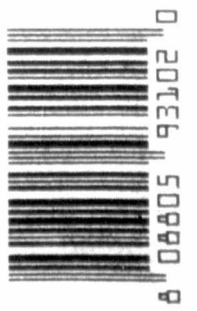
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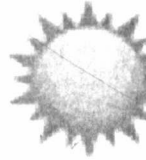
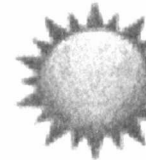
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday
		
High 73 Low 48	High 82 Low 46	High 62 Low 43

Today: Zero percent chance of rain with plenty of sunshine. High of 73 with winds west northwest at about 7 miles per hour. Humidity at 44 percent. Sunrise

Tonight: Again, no rain in sight. Winds switch to south southeast at 13 miles per hour. Low of 48.

Wednesday: Still sunshine all day, with highs near 82. South wind at 16 miles per hour. Sunrise at 7:41 a.m.

Wednesday night: Clear skies, with a low of 46 degrees. Winds south southeast at 17 miles per hour.

Thursday: No chance of rain, but there will be plenty of wind, north northeast at 22 miles per hour. The high for the day will be a cool 62.

Thursday night: Winds subside to 10 miles per hour, with no rain. Low will be 43.

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Obituaries

Lonnie D. Fly

Lonnie D. Fly, 48, of Pampa, died Sept. 30, 2012 in Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2012 at Briarwood Church, with Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor, and Ronnie Ferguson officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Lonnie D. Fly

Lonnie was born June 14, 1964 in Boise City, Okla. He had been a resident of Pampa most of his life. He was employed by Tip Top Used Cars. Lonnie enjoyed snow skiing, water skiing, NAS-CAR and bicycling.

Survivors include: his daughter, Tasha Chesar and husband John of Wichita Falls; his mother, Wynonne Fly of Pampa; three sisters, Janey Fly and Tamara Gutierrez and husband Ivan, all of Pampa, and Rogena Rice and husband Darin of Amarillo; four grandchildren, Tabitha Chesar, Taylor Fly, Makenzie Chesar and Matthew Chesar; five nieces, Britteni Rice, Arin Rice, Olivia Gutierrez, Allyson Gutierrez, Ava Gutierrez; two nephews, Brandon Chairez and Reagan Rice; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Lonnie was preceded in death by his father: Roger Fly.

Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79065, or P.A.W.S., P.O. Box 2095, Pampa, Texas 79066-2095

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Kenny Dale Smith

Kenny Dale Smith, 40, of Pampa, died Sept. 29, 2012 in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2012, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev Paul Nachtigall, pastor of Highland Baptist Church, officiating.



Kenny Dale Smith

Burial will follow in Groom Cemetery, under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Kenny was born Feb. 29, 1972 in Groom. He was a lifelong resident of Pampa where he was 1991 Pampa High School graduate. Kenny owned and operated K-N-K paint and Body Shop.

Kenny is survived by: a son, Doug Smith of Pampa; his best friend and soul mate, Cindy Lang, and her parents Charlie and Eulen Lang all of Pampa; Parents, Irl and Joan Smith both of Pampa; a brother, Matt Smith and wife Lynn both of Amarillo; a nephew, Ryan Smith of Pampa.

Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79065 or National M.S. Society, 900 South Broadway, Suite 200, Denver, Colo. 80209. Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

For the record

Police make plenty of arrests Sept. 27-30

The following people were arrested by either the Pampa Police Department, Gray County Sheriff's Office or the Texas Department of Public Safety between Sept. 27 and Sept. 30, 2012:

- Phouae Khotsaengsy, Fresno, Calif., bond Surrender possession of marijuana more than 50 pounds and under 2,000 pounds, GCSO.
- Crispin Duran Montero, Pampa, 33, assault

causing bodily injury, PPD.

- David Michael Lane, Lefors, 22, interfere with emergency call, PPD.

- Kristina Diane Wood, Pampa, 27, driving while license invalid, GCSO.

- Richard James Ivey, Pampa, 31, tampering/fabrication physical evidence, GCSO.

- Wesley Adam Brogdon, Pampa, 25, driving while intoxicated, Department of Public Safety.

- Octavia M. Jernigan, Pampa, 18, warrants no drivers license, bond surrender Wise County possession of a controlled substance, failure to identify, possession of Marijuana, PPD.

- Eduardo Enrique Quezada-Muro, Pampa, 32, driving while intoxicated, 3rd or more, GCSO.

- Yesenia Gomez, Pampa, 20, driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years old, evading

arrest or detention with a motor vehicle, PPD.

- Robert Dan Stuart, Pampa, 45, driving while intoxicated, PPD.

- Eddie Lee Fuqua, Pampa, 60, assault impeding breath (choking), PPD.

- Sunnie Vanell Wallace, Pampa, 49, outstanding traffic tickets, 5 times, PPD.

- Andrew Thomas Chambers, Pampa, 18, public intoxication by a minor, PPD.

Skydiver hopes to fall, break sound barrier

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — His blood could boil. His lungs could overinflate. The vessels in his brain could burst. His eyes could hemorrhage.

And, yes, he could break his neck while jumping from a mind-boggling altitude of 23 miles.

But the risk of a gruesome death has never stopped "Fearless Felix" Baumgartner in all his years of skydiving and skyscraper leaping, and it's not about to now.

Next Monday over New Mexico, he will attempt the highest, fastest free fall in history and try to become the first skydiver to break the sound barrier.

"So many unknowns," Baumgartner says, "but we have solutions to survive."

The 43-year-old former military parachutist from Austria is hoping to reach 690 mph, or Mach 1, after leaping from his balloon-hoisted capsule over the desert near Roswell.

He will have only a pressurized suit and helmet for protection as he tries to go supersonic 65 years after Chuck Yeager, flying an experimental rocket plane, became the first human to

go faster than the speed of sound.

Doctors, engineers and others on Baumgartner's Red Bull-sponsored team have spent as much as five years studying the risks and believe they have done everything possible to bring him back alive. He has tested out his suit and capsule in two dress rehearsals, jumping from 15 miles in March and 18 miles in July.

Baumgartner will be more than three times higher than the cruising altitude of jetliners when he hops, bunny-style, out of the capsule and into a near-vacuum where there is barely any oxygen and less than 1 percent of the air pressure on Earth.

If all goes well, he will reach the speed of sound in about half a minute at an altitude of around 100,000 feet. Then he will start to slow as the atmosphere gets denser, and after five minutes of free fall, he will pull his main parachute. The entire descent should last 15 to 20 minutes.

He will be rigged with cameras that will provide a live broadcast of the jump via the Internet, meaning

countless viewers could end up witnessing a horrific accident.

Baumgartner is insistent on going live with his flight.

"We want to share that with the world," he says. "It's like landing on the moon. Why was that live?"

His team of experts — including the current record-holder from a half-century ago, Joe Kittinger, now 84 — will convene inside a NASA-style Mission Control in the wee hours Monday for the lift-off of the helium balloon at sunrise.

"All the things that can happen are varying degrees of bad," offers Baumgartner's top medical man, Dr. Jonathan Clark, a former NASA flight surgeon.

Clark was married to space shuttle astronaut Laurel Clark, who was killed aboard Columbia while it was returning to Earth in 2003, and he has dedicated himself to improving astronauts' chances of survival in a high-altitude disaster.

NASA is paying close attention, eager to improve its spacecraft and spacesuits for emergency

escape, but is merely an observer; the energy drink maker is footing the bill and will not say how much it is costing.

The No. 1 fear is a breach of Baumgartner's suit.

If it breaks open — if, say, he bangs into the capsule while jumping or supersonic shock waves batter him — potentially lethal bubbles could form in his bodily fluids. That's what's known as boiling blood. A Soviet military officer died in 1962 after jumping from a balloon at 86,000 feet; the visor of his helmet hit the gondola and cracked.

During the descent the temperature could be as low as minus 70. Baumgartner's suit will be all he has between his body and the extreme cold.

Then there's the risk of a flat spin, in which Baumgartner loses control of his body during the free fall and starts spinning. A long, fast spin, if left unchecked, could turn his eyeballs into blood-soaked, reddish-purple orbs, and he could be left temporarily blind. Also, a massive blood clot could form in his brain.

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on Air Force One. And they never mention that only Obama, not Romney, has more experience with general election debates.

The president's aides also have tried to set sky-high expectations for Romney, casting him as a strong debater who won the GOP nomination in part because of the way he dispatched his many competitors in the crucial primary debates.

"Mitt Romney ... has been preparing earlier and with more focus than any presidential candidate in modern history," Psaki said. "Not John F. Kennedy, not President Bill Clinton, not President George Bush, not Ronald Reagan has prepared as much as he has."

The most pressing

task for Obama, who once taught law at the University of Chicago, is shedding his often wordy, detailed explanations in favor of tighter answers. Aides say Obama isn't coming prepared with a series of "zingers," just more concise descriptions of his positions and his criticisms of Romney's.

Despite Obama's reputation as a gifted speaker, his 2008 debate performances were uneven.

He stumbled in several multicandidate forums during the early days of the 2008 campaign, with his most prominent low point coming when Obama said, with a touch of sarcasm, that rival Hillary Rodham Clinton was "likable enough." But the debates that fall against Republican John McCain helped Obama fend off suggestions that he was too inexperienced for the White House and

show that he had what it took to be president.

Obama aides have been reviewing Romney's debates, both in the 2008 and 2012 Republican primaries and from his statewide races in Massachusetts. They've also been studying recordings of prior presidential debates for signs of what pitfalls could face an incumbent.

Aides say they've noticed Romney often launches a fresh critique against his opponent early in the debates, something that hasn't been part of the campaign discussion thus far. During a primary debate earlier this year, Romney caught rival Newt Gingrich off-guard by bringing up investments he held in mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Aides also are prepping the president for a moment they say Romney has already telegraphed: Accusing the president of lying about the Republicans' positions.

"This is a guy who will not back off delivering the negative and that's not the easiest thing to do," said Tad Devine, a Democratic strategist who is not working with Obama's team but advised the late Massachusetts Sen. Edward M. Kennedy in his 1994 Senate campaign against Romney.

Obama and Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry, who is playing Romney, have held several lengthy debate preparation sessions at the Democratic National Committee headquarters, a short drive away from the White House. Former

White House aides Anita Dunn and Ron Klain have been brought in to help run the sessions.

Obama's preparations here in Nevada are expected to mirror his approach from 2008, when he got ready for the first debate against McCain at a hotel in Palm Beach, Fla. Obama's campaign held daylong preparation sessions that included mock debates starting at 9 p.m., the same time as the actual debate.

The practice debates were held on a replica of the debate stage "practically right down to the carpeting," White House

adviser David Plouffe wrote in his 2009 book, "The Audacity to Win."

The president's team picked Nevada because it's a battleground state.

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KEEP CALM AND FIGHT ON

Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

This year's Pink Out! slogan stands out on the front of the shirts.

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She said her aunt is being treated for breast cancer, and she wanted to help out the cause.

"I like the way the shirts look, too," she added.

This year's slogan, "Keep Calm and Fight On," is printed on the T-shirts, which are pink and cost \$15.

The Pink Out! pep rally is set for 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 11, in McNeely gym.

There will be a free hamburger cookout from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the commons before the rally sponsored by Carter Sand & Gravel. Donations will be accepted for the hamburger meal.

The Pink Out! home football game is Friday, Oct. 12, where the PHS Student Council and Pampa Regional Medical Center will have lots of free pink giveaways.

Money collected from businesses, the community and the hamburger cookout will be used to provide free pink items to be given out at other Pink Out! events.

Funds remaining after expenses will be donated to the Gray County

Chapter Relay for Life to assist local individuals battling breast cancer and other types of cancer.

Melissa Thomas was diagnosed with breast cancer in August 2011 and is now in remission. The 39-year-old Pampa resident said money raised during last year's Pink Out! events helped with some of her medical expenses.

Specifically, Thomas said Hot Headz, a local hair salon, donated the money it raised by dyeing pink highlights in customers' hair during the month of October.

Thomas said she finished her treatments in April but is still going through reconstructive surgery.

Before her diagnosis, Thomas said she never had a mammogram because she is not old enough.

"I found a lump on my own," she said.

She believes mammograms should be performed routinely on younger women like herself.

"More and more younger women are being diagnosed with breast cancer," she said, adding that there has never been breast cancer in her family.

To order a Pink Out! shirt, call PHS at 669-4800, Ext. 3.

Recall

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Peanut Power Butter, Serious Food, Snaclite Power, Sprouts Farmers Market, Sprouts, Sunland and Dogsbutter.

Sunland's recall includes 101 products, and several retailers have issued additional recalls including items made with Sunland ingredients.

Those sickened reported becoming ill between June 11 and Sept. 11, according to the CDC. Almost two-thirds of those who became ill were children under the age of 10. No deaths have been reported.

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It's a tight presidential race

BY JON COHEN
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 The Washington Post

On the eve of the first presidential debate, President Barack Obama leads or is at parity with Mitt Romney on virtually every major issue and attribute in what remains a competitive general election, according to a new Washington Post-ABC News poll.

The new survey also highlights an emerging dynamic in the race: the disparity between the state of the race nationally and in battleground states, where campaigning and advertising by the two candidates has been most intense and where the election will be decided.

Nationally, the race is unmovable from earlier this month, with 49 percent of likely voters saying they would vote for Obama if the election were held today and 47 percent say-

ing they would vote for Romney. Among all registered voters, Obama is up by a slim five percentage points, nearly identical to his margin in a poll two weeks ago.

But 52 percent of likely voters across swing states side with Obama and 41 percent with Romney in the new national poll, paralleling Obama's advantages in recent Washington Post polls in Florida, Ohio and Virginia.

Obama and Romney have focused outsized efforts in swing states: About a third of all voters in these states say they've heard from each side. Outreach makes a particularly big difference among less-reliable young voters, who proved critical in electing Obama four years ago.

Romney enters Wednesday's debate in Denver under acute pressure to turn around a cam-

paign that has lost ground in states — particularly Florida and Ohio — widely seen as critical to his prospects.

"He's had a tough couple of weeks, let's be honest," New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie said of his party's presidential contender in a Sunday interview on CBS's "Face the Nation." "He's going to come in Wednesday night, he's going to lay out his vision for America ... and this whole race is going to turn upside down come Thursday morning."

By a wide margin, voters expect the president to win the debate matchup, and the new survey points to key obstacles remaining in Romney's way. But there are also signs that some parts of the political landscape have shifted somewhat in favor of the Republican.

A slim majority of voters now see Romney's wealth as a positive,

signifying his achieving the "American Dream." Fewer are focusing on issues of economic inequality and the gap between rich and poor. And there has been a big jump in the number of voters who say he has paid his fair share in taxes.

Just after Romney released his 2010 tax return earlier this year that showed he had paid a federal income tax rate of about 14 percent, 66 percent of voters said he had not paid his fair share. Now, after the release of his 2011 return showing a similar tax rate, 48 percent say he is not paying his fair share, and about as many, 46 percent, say he is.

Romney still faces challenges on this terrain. As was the case before the nominating conventions, almost six in 10 voters

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Each candidate's math is all wrong

BY ANDREW TAYLOR
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Here's the rap on the presidential candidates' plans for cutting federal deficits: Mitt Romney's is too bold and the numbers don't add up, while President Barack Obama's is too timid and his numbers don't add up, either.

As the government closed the books Sunday with a \$1.1 trillion deficit for the year, which required borrowing 32 cents for every dollar it spent, budget analysts have little confidence in either man's plan to address the accumulating debt, now at about \$16 trillion.

The Republican nominee promises to balance the budget in eight years to 10 years, but he also offers a mix of budgetary contradictions: higher Pentagon spending, restoring cuts that Democrats made in Medicare and an absolute refusal to consider tax increases.

To fulfill his promise, Romney would require cuts to other programs so deep — under one calculation requiring cutting many areas of the domestic budget by one-third within four years — that they could never get through Congress.

In other words, it wouldn't work.

Obama claims more than \$4 trillion in deficit savings over the coming decade. But if you peel away accounting tricks and debatable claims on spending cuts, it's more like \$1.1 trillion. Republicans say it's even less because of creative bookkeeping used to mask spending on Medicare reimbursements to doctors.

The accounting gets tricky, but the biggest faults with Obama's math are his claims of more than \$2 trillion in savings from earlier budget deals with Republicans and an additional \$848 billion in savings from winding down the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"You can't find a \$4 trillion number," said Douglas Holtz-Eakin, a conservative who once led the Congressional Budget Office.

Obama promises relatively small cuts of \$597 billion from big federal benefit programs such as Medicare and Medicaid over the next decade while proposing tax increases of \$1.9 trillion that he couldn't push through Congress when Democrats controlled both the House and Senate.

Obama's performance on the deficit should be his Achilles heel. The deficit has exceeded \$1 trillion each year on his watch. He gave a cold shoulder to his own special deficit commission. Whatever efforts have occurred over the past two years to curb the deficit have come under pressure by Republicans.

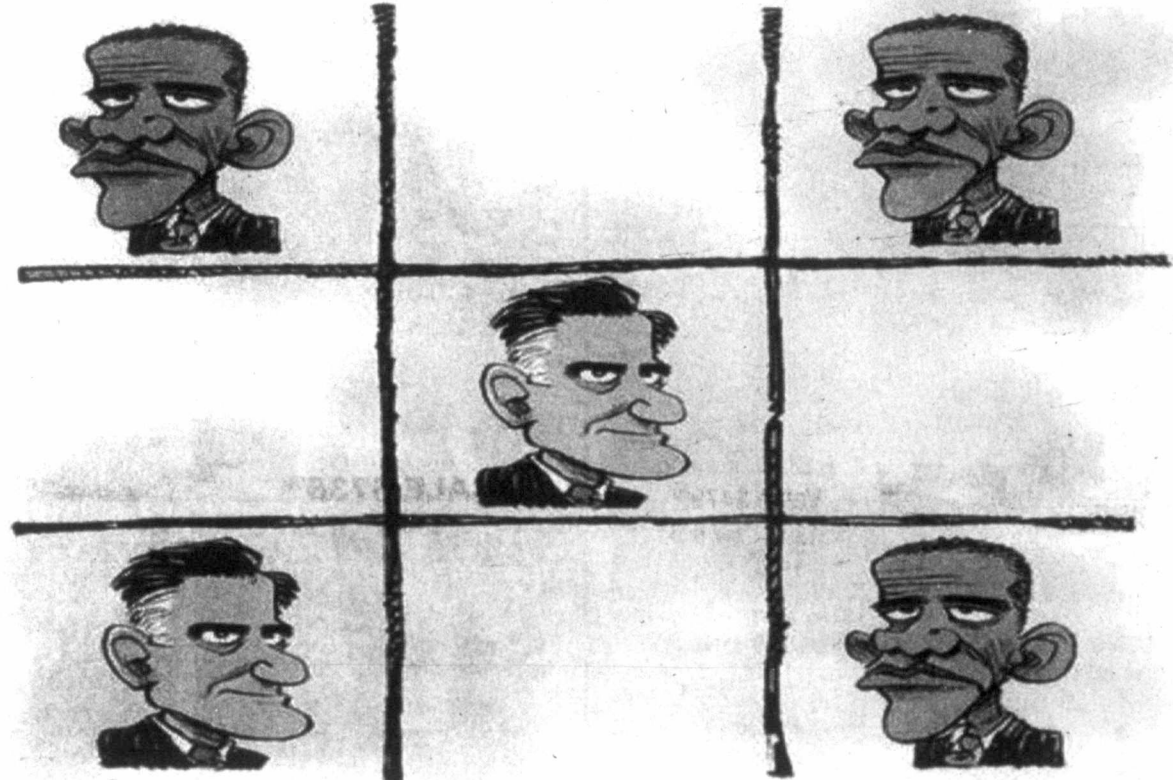
"The American people see the financial chaos. They know it must stop. They know their families are at risk, and that their country is in danger," Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., said in a recent GOP radio address. "Yet the president does not rally the country to action. Instead, he says our debt course is nothing to worry about."

Romney offers a set of principles and promises rather than a detailed plan. He pledges to shrink the government to 20 percent of the size of the economy, as opposed to more than 23 percent of gross domestic product now, by the end of his first term. The Romney campaign estimates that would require cuts of \$500 billion from the 2016 budget alone.

Romney proposes saving hundreds of billions of dollars over the coming decade by following House Republicans' plan to sharply cut federal spending on Medicaid health care for the poor and disabled, and turn it over to state governments. He pledges to cut the federal workforce by 10 percent.

But Romney also promises large budget increases for the Pentagon and rejects a plan by his running mate, Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., that endorses more than \$700 billion in cuts to Medicare that were made as part of Obama's health care law. Social Security is off the table.

That means big cuts to **DEBT** cont. on page 7A



Letters to the Editor

Reagan had advice for politics, religion

stand, as did Ronald Reagan.

Stan Hines
 Huntsville, Texas

Dear Editor:

There has been some recent arguing in the paper about God and politics and separation of church and state. I would like to add Ronald Reagan's opinion on the subject and I quote:

"Now I realize that it is fashionable in some circles to believe no one in government should encourage others to read the Bible, that it will violate the separation of church and state established by the founding fathers in the 1st Amendment. The 1st Amendment was not written to protect people and their laws from religious values. It was written to protect those values from government tyranny."

This is from a video of Reagan entitled "President Ronald Reagan Tribute Rare Footage of Him Speaking the Gospel — Inspirational Video" and may be found on Youtube, heading Ronald Reagan Rare Tribute.

I think the ACLU and other secularists have misinterpreted the 1st Amendment and have nearly convinced people that their reversal of the founding fathers' intention is correct. The rest of us must take a

Religion can be a political issue in U.S.

Dear Editor:

In response to a recent letter in The Huntsville Item where she stated: "as I recall the United States of America was founded on the principle of separation of church and state, therefore religion is not a political issue." She is sooo wrong! "As I recall," the USA was founded in 1776. Separation of Church and State was not in the Constitution (as I recall). Thomas Jefferson first coined the term in 1802 in a letter to some Baptists, (that may have been concerned some Catholics or other religion might take control of our government), as I recall.

The First Amendment, which deals with religion, was ratified in 1791, as I recall. Well after our country's founding. In it, it states "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise of." Think about those last

six words.

She goes on to say "religion is not a political issue." Let's look at sources much better than I, for what they have to say about Andrea's statement.

Ideologies: Webster's Dictionary — the ideas, doctrines, or way of thinking characteristic of a political or economic theory or system. Wikipedia — one's goals, expectations, and actions.

Politics: Webster's Dictionary — the science of government, political sentiments or beliefs.

Wikipedia — the art or science of running a government, but also applies to ... religious segments.

They are so inter-twined it is hard to believe otherwise.

She also states that "we are not one nation under a Christian God" and that concerns me deeply. If allowed, I will deal with that in a future "Letter to the Editor," given your constraints.

Letters such as hers where she says; "as I recall ..." concern me because of the effect it could have on our history of what really happened. Her recollection may become fact in the future.

Walt Ringler
 Huntsville, Texas

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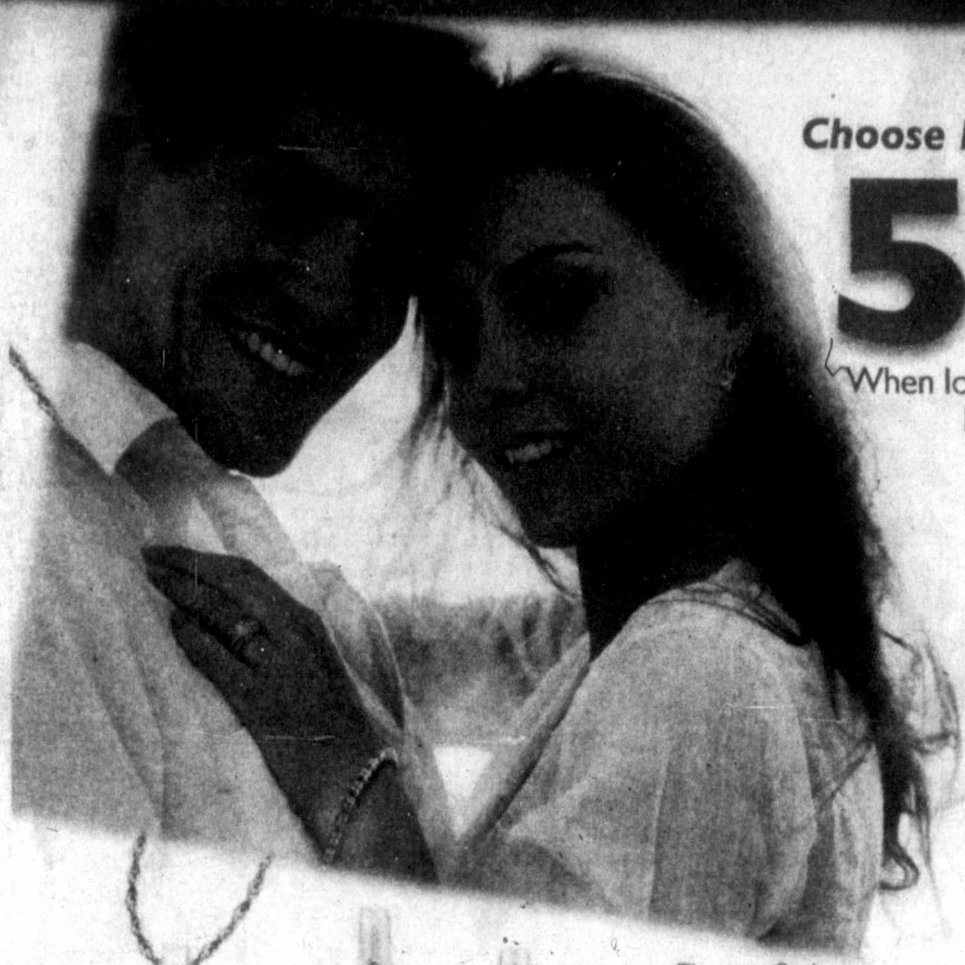
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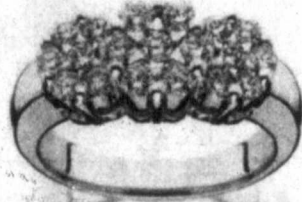
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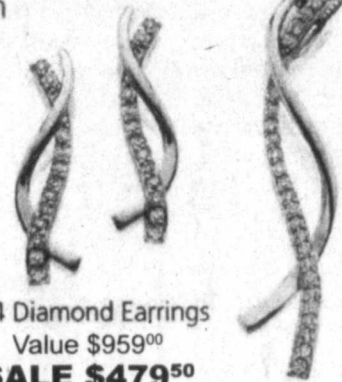
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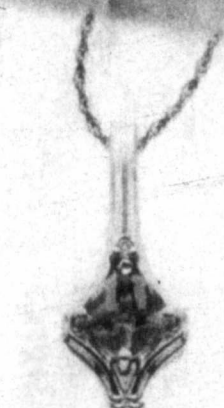


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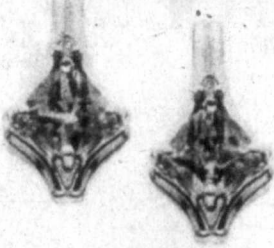
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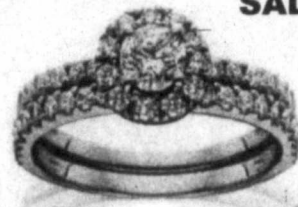
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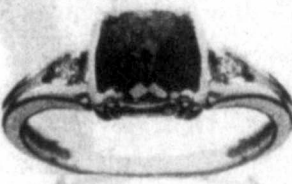
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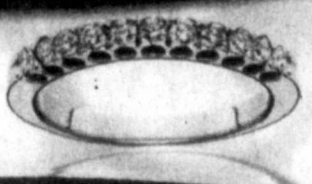
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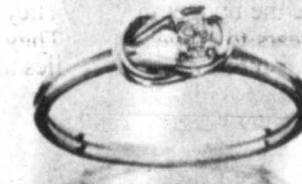
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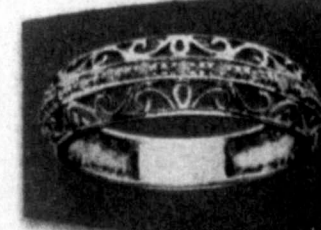
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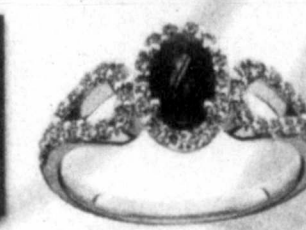
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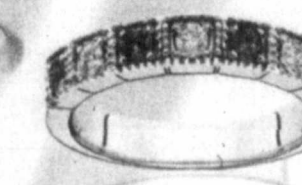
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U.S. Supreme Court opens big term with human rights case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court plunged into its new term Monday with a high-stakes dispute between businesses and human rights groups over accountability for foreign atrocities. The next nine months hold the prospect for major rulings on affirmative action, gay marriage and voting rights.

The term that concluded in June set a high bar for drama and significance, and the new one holds considerable potential as well. Cases involving some of the most emotional issues in American life are likely to be decided after voters choose a president and new Congress next month.

Meeting on the first Monday in October, as required by law, the justices entered the crowded marble courtroom for the first time since their momentous decision in late June that upheld President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

The decisive vote in favor of Obamacare, Chief Justice John Roberts was smiling as he led the justices into the courtroom just after 10 a.m. The conservative chief justice will be watched closely in the coming months for any new indications of a willingness to side with the court's liberals, as he did in the health care case.

The lineup of justices was the same as in June, but the bench had a slightly different look nonetheless. Justice Antonin Scalia was without the glasses he no longer needs following cataract surgery over the summer.

The exterior of the building also looked different. The familiar columns are

sheathed in scaffolding, which itself is covered in fabric made to look like the iconic front of the court.

Roberts formally opened the term, and the court turned quickly to its first argument, which could have far-reaching implications.

The dispute involves a lawsuit against Royal Dutch Petroleum, or Shell Oil, over claims the company was complicit in murder and other abuses committed by the Nigerian government against its citizens in the oil-rich Niger Delta.

Human rights groups are warily watching the case because it would be a major setback if the court

were to rule that foreign victims could not use American courts, under a 1789 law, to seek accountability and money damages for what they have been through.

The justices appeared ready to impose some limits, but it was unclear how far the court would go to shield businesses and perhaps individuals as well, from human rights lawsuits under the 223-year-old Alien Tort Statute.

Justice Samuel Alito said the Nigerian case has no connection to this country because the businesses, the victims and the location of the abuse all are foreign. "Why does this case belong in the courts of the United States?" Alito asked.

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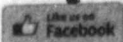
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what's left over: nuts-and-bolts government agencies including the FBI, Federal Aviation Administration and Border Patrol; programs such as food inspection and space exploration; and popular subsidy and benefit programs for farmers, veterans and college students.

The liberal-leaning Center on Budget and Policy Priorities calculates that Romney's budget outline could require a one-third cut in domestic programs by 2016, excluding Social Security and Medicare, to make

the math work. By 2022, such programs would have to be cut by more than half.

"You have to have large cuts in the rest of the non-defense budget, very large cuts," said Paul Van De Water, an analyst at the budget think tank. "Whether it's politically and practically achievable is subject to question."

Romney also is light on details on his tax-cut proposal.

He says he wants to cut rates by 20 percent, but won't specify how he'll find the \$5 trillion required to pay for it. For all the rhetoric of tax loopholes and cleaning up the tax code, finding that kind of money would require looking at popular

deductions and tax breaks for the middle class. Those include deductions for mortgage interest, charitable contributions and state and local taxes, and breaks for college savings, employer-paid health insurance and families with children.

Tax experts say he could very well come up short.

Obama's budget has a lengthy and detailed mix of initiatives. But other than raising \$1.4 trillion over a decade by allowing George W. Bush-era tax cuts on family income exceeding \$250,000 to expire, they're mostly small-bore ideas.

There's little in the way of political danger. For instance, his budget would

permit the cost of both Medicare and Medicaid to double over the coming decade. He offers cuts to health care providers, but asks no sacrifice from beneficiaries.

In private negotiations last year with House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, that failed, Obama displayed some willingness to take on Medicare's problems by raising from 65 the age to qualify for benefits. A "grand bargain" to get the debt under control would require him to go further.

"What he's put on the table is insufficient to get us to the goal," said Robert Reischauer, a former Urban Institute president and one-time direc-

tor of the Congressional Budget Office who is one of the trustees for who oversee Social Security and Medicare. "He's going to have to ramp up the game after the election if he really wants to

stabilize the debt in a reasonable length of time."

Andrew Taylor has covered Congress and fiscal policy for The Associated Press since 2005.

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say that as president, the former Massachusetts governor would do more to favor the wealthy than the middle class. And by 57 percent to 39 percent, most voters say it is fair that some Americans — including senior citizens on Social Security, people on disability and the working poor — do not pay federal income taxes.

Romney's description of the "47 percent" of Americans who pay no income taxes as people who consider themselves "victims" in a secretly recorded video from a springtime fundraiser has stirred controversy and served as fodder for a tough new ad from the Obama campaign.

While Romney loses that argument in the current poll, an anti-government message has a deep vein of support. More than seven in 10 are dissatisfied or angry with the way the federal government is working, and by 51 percent to 43 percent, voters see government programs as doing more to create dependency among the poor than to help them get back on their feet.

Moreover, Romney and his running mate, Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wisc., may be making headway in their argument about the threat of government overreach. Asked whether overregulation or a system that favors the wealthy is the bigger problem, 49 percent of voters say unfairness and 42 percent say overregulation. This is the first time in polls this year that under 50 percent of voters chose unfairness as the larger concern.

Similarly, the percentage of voters who say the government should pursue policies aimed at narrowing the gap between rich and poor has also dipped, although a slim majority, 52 percent, still support such efforts.

Obama continues to hold double-digit advantages when it comes to being the more friendly and likable of the two, and also as the candidate more voters trust on social issues, women's issues and terrorism. He maintains a big lead when it comes to empathizing with people facing economic problems. And he has a 10-point edge when it comes to handling "an unexpected major crisis," the first time the question has been asked this year.

He and Romney are judged more evenly on some other key issues, including the deficit, health care and Medicare. Romney does not have significant leads in any of the areas tested in the poll, but he has a numerical edge on dealing with the federal budget deficit, 48 percent to 45 percent, among all voters.

On the economy — still the dominant issue in the campaign — voters render a split verdict, with the two tied at 47 percent.

The state of the economy and dissatisfaction over the country's direction continue to be steep obstacles to the president's reelection — but Obama benefits from recent improvements in voters' moods, even if it is mainly Democrats who are feeling better about things.

More voters still give Obama negative ratings for his handling of the economy, but the number of approvers has edged up to 47 percent, its highest level in nearly two years.

The president's overall approval rating among registered voters is now 49 percent positive, 49 percent negative.

Voters are also split on Obama's handling of international affairs. This comes at a time when the administration has been on the defensive over the attacks in Libya that killed four Americans, including U.S. Ambassador Christopher

Stevens.

There is more parity in voter expectations for what will happen with the economy after the election: Few voters are "very confident" that the economy will get back on track in the next year or two, regardless of who wins. Things have seesawed in a positive direction here for Romney: Fifty-one percent of voters are at least somewhat confident things would quickly improve under his administration, up five points from before the conventions.

The Washington Post-ABC News poll was conducted by telephone Sept. 26-29, among a random sample of 1,101 adults. The results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points for the sample of 929 registered voters. It is four percentage points for sample of 813 likely voters.

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"Once every two years the choir takes a big trip, and this year the choir will travel to Italy," said Smith, explaining where the proceeds would be used.

Donating the car to the Harvester Choir this year will be Quality Sales/Ted Hutto, and although the car has not been decided yet, it will be a newer model sports car.

Tickets can be purchased from PHS Choir members for \$5 for three shots, or may be bought at the qualifying round on Saturday. Additional shots will be available, and the cost will be a dollar per attempt.



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Harvester Choir Members display Hole-in-one grand prize. The proceeds from the shot out will help members travel to Italy this upcoming summer.

Truitt Leads the Lady Harvesters in Stillwater

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Contributing Writer

Terra Truitt appears to be rounding into the same form that helped her earn a berth in the UIL State 3A Cross country Championships last season.

The Lady Harvester senior finished third overall in a time of 11 minutes 59.34 seconds at the 78th Annual OSU Jamboree Cross Country Meet in Stillwater, Okla. Saturday, leading her team to second place behind Plainview, Okla.

Plainview won the meet

with 38 points, ahead of Pampa with 69 and Marlow, Okla. With 88 points in the meet that featured 14 teams in Class 1-A-3A and is the longest running cross country meet in the nation.

The Lady Harvesters are improving as a team, and all five scoring runners finished among the top 26 runners overall and top 23 among runners on competing teams.

J'Ce Holmes, who won the first race of the year, continues to give Pampa a strong one-two punch. The senior finished seventh in a time of 12:18.48.

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Sports

Pampa JH wins 2 of 3 vs. River Road

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The Pampa Junior High seventh- and eighth-grade teams played this past week at River Road.

While the eighth-grade A team was defeated 28-0, The B team rolled over the Wildcats 24-8 and the seventh graders won 36-14.

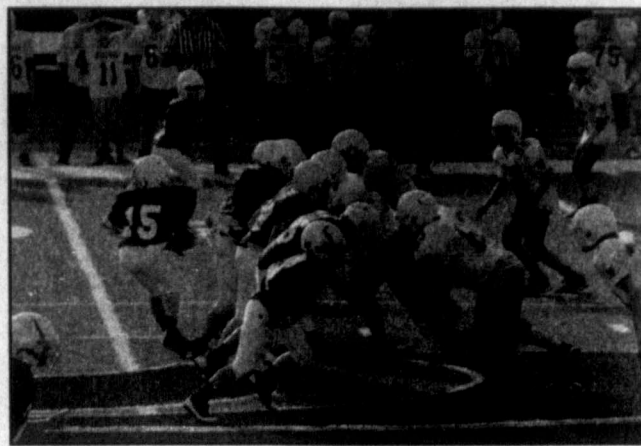
River Road only was able to field one seventh-grade team, the Harvester coaching staff allowed the seventh-grade A team to play one half and the B team the second half.

Coach Bret Bethke was proud of the development

of all the teams and commented, "The kids football IQ is growing with each game, in total the junior high teams have a 7-5 record this year. This is a testament of the hard work by the coaches, because they have 120 kids to teach the fundamentals to."

Several players who were acknowledged as having played outstanding this past week are, for the seventh-grade teams, Justin Thomas and Keon Mathis.

While Javier Saazar, Austin Burton, Derek Norris and Brendon Woelfle were stand-outs for the eighth-grade Harvesters.



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Pampa seventh grade football team fire off the ball in the 36-14 victory for the Harvesters.

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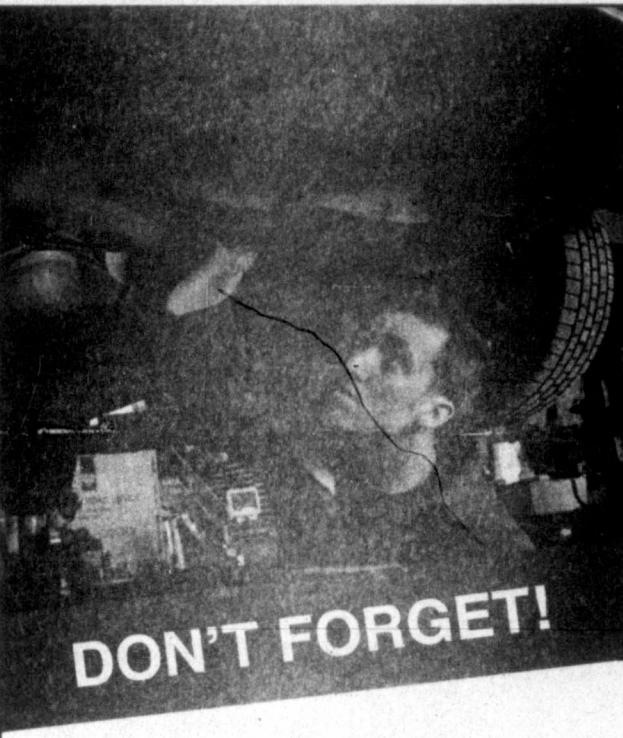
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Sports

Harvesters learn from Vernon loss

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This past weekend the Pampa Harvesters ran into a buzz saw as they played state-ranked Vernon Lions on their Homecoming and were defeated 41-0.

"The outcome was disappointing, we knew they averaged 400 yards rushing and in the first half held them to on 43 yards rushing," said Coach Heath Parker when commenting on the Harvester game plan.

Vernon, in their previous games, had been a run first and pass second team, and the Harvesters held their running game in check holding the Lions to 186 total rushing for the entire game.

With the defense holding the Vernon running

game down they found other offensive options, "Credit them, we stopped their first two options and they turned to the passing game hitting the backside receiver on the bootleg run by the quarterback," said Parker.

Vernon in the first four games of the year had given up 19 points total, and each team had averaged less than 100 yards in offense. The Harvesters luck was not much better than the Lions previous opponents, running 44 plays for 76 yards total offense and a 1.7 yard per play average.

When asked about play of the special teams holding Vernon's explosive punt returner in check, Parker remarked, "We tried to angle our punts, giving their return team a

smaller field to work with and we succeeded. Our special teams played well.

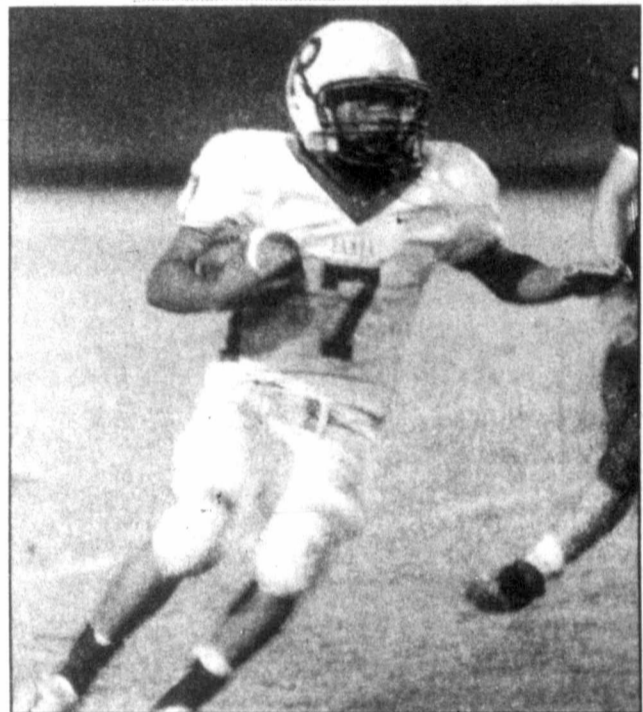
"The Lions are 5-0 for a reason, this game got away from us, and good football teams take advantage of your mistakes and Vernon did."

The Harvester defense did hold the high-powered Lions below their average. The four Harvester offensive turnovers were all turned into points by the Lions, and resulted in 28 of the 41 total points scored by Vernon.



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Pampa Quarterback Ryan Smith rushes for a firstdown



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Running Back Sammy Smith cuts back on a run versus the Vernon Lions Friday night.

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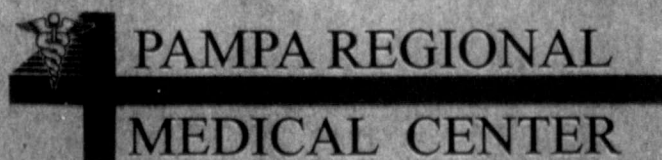
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Romney tries to prove his meddle for foreign affairs

By **KASIE HUNT**
 Associated Press

BURLINGTON, Mass. (AP) — Amid violent flare ups in the Middle East, Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney is trying to prove his own readiness to be commander in chief and force President Barack Obama to answer for turmoil in places like Libya, where terrorists killed the U.S. ambassador on the anniversary of 9/11.



Mitt Romney

Romney advisers argue that the stepped-up foreign policy criticism dovetails with a key piece of his central argument: Obama is in over his head, and the country will be worse off if he gets a second term.

Yet, there's a disconnect between what Romney and his team are talking about nationally and what he is running on in the states, where his TV advertising is largely focused on the economy and jobs — voters' No. 1 issue — ahead of Wednesday's presidential debate. All that's leaving Romney open to criticism that his campaign is searching for a winning pitch just one month before the election and with voting under way in many states.

"Our country seems to be at the mercy of events rather than shaping them. We're not moving them in a direction that protects our people or our allies. And that's dangerous," Romney wrote in a column published Monday in the Wall Street Journal.

Romney running mate Paul Ryan piled on, telling radio host Laura Ingraham that Obama's administration hasn't given the public the full story on the circumstances that led to the death of U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens in Benghazi.

"It's really indicative of a broader failure of this administration's foreign policy and the crisis that is taking place across the Middle East," Ryan said. "It is clear the administration's policy unraveled."

The Obama campaign reacted dismissively, noting that Osama bin Laden is dead and arguing that the Obama administration has taken a hard line on Iran to dissuade it from creating a nuclear weapon.

"I don't think the American people are looking for chest thumping and empty rhetoric and that's really what we're hearing from the Romney-Ryan team," campaign spokeswoman Jen Psaki said on MSNBC. She said Romney's opinion piece lacks "a real vision for

leading the country as commander in chief."

Romney's intense focus on foreign policy is intended to undercut what the Obama campaign has seen as the president's iron-clad international affairs credentials — and send a message to voters that they can trust the Republican on foreign policy despite limited experience. To that end, Romney's advisers said he's planning a major foreign policy speech, to be delivered some time after Wednesday's debate.

Foreign policy is the latest in a series of political openings that Romney has tried to exploit in recent weeks, as he has fallen behind the president in polls both in key battleground state. National surveys show the president ahead in a tight contest. In recent weeks, Romney also

has castigated Obama on the coal industry, defense cuts, wealth redistribution and the president's comment that it's not possible to change Washington from the inside.

But unlike some of those issues, Romney's campaign hasn't put serious money behind the foreign policy line of criticism.

Paid TV ads in key states don't largely mention international affairs. The third-party group American Crossroads has produced a Web video assailing Obama's foreign policy, but it's not on the air. Polls show foreign policy far down on the list of voters' concerns and Obama leads Romney on the issue.

Romney's campaign had spent much of the year focusing its argument against Obama's handling

of the economy.

Then came Sept. 11, and as unrest flared in the Middle East, Romney issued a late-night statement assailing Obama before it was clear that Stevens and three other Americans had been killed in the terrorist attack on the consulate in Benghazi, Libya. The timing of Romney's initial response prompted heartburn within the GOP. Yet, Romney

pressed ahead with his criticism that Obama was a weak leader whose posture abroad was hurting U.S. interests, and congressional Republicans have piled on about the administration's changing statements on the Libya attack.

Romney campaign aides said internal polls showed the criticism of Obama's foreign policy resonating with voters in the days

after Stevens' death. But any traction Romney was getting on that front was stunted when a video surfaced of Romney telling donors that 47 percent of Americans believe they are victims entitled to government assistance. Obama has highlighted that comment repeatedly in TV ads and at campaign rallies, building on his post-convention momentum.

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Crickets are causing a stink in central Texas town

WACO, Texas (AP) — Several businesses in the Central Texas town of Waco (WAY'-koh) are dealing with a smelly problem that won't go away: decaying cricket carcasses.

A bank, a drugstore and other businesses have been inundated with the odorous onslaught of dead crickets that have been trapped inside walls and have collected on sidewalks.

Jani Rodriguez, the branch manager at Synergy Bank, tells the Waco Tribune-Herald (<http://bit.ly/QcSOLs>) that scented products have been unable to get rid of the smell. Using air-scrubbing machines hasn't worked either.

Fred Huffman, an entomologist who runs a local pest control business, says the cricket problem has been worse this year because mild winter conditions resulted in the insects appearing earlier than normal.

Health officials say the crickets don't pose any direct health risks.

Drunk man called police on himself

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Authorities say an Albuquerque man has been arrested for drunken driving — after he called police on himself.

KRQE-TV reports (<http://bit.ly/QFPF8T>) that Antonio Candelaria recently was arrested when officers found him drunk in his driveway and lying on the ground with his foot stuck in his motorcycle.

Police say the 50-year-old had called police for help after getting his foot stuck.

According to police, Candelaria's breath test results came out above .16, which is twice the legal limit in New Mexico.

Court records showed that Candelaria had a long list of DWI arrests and a handful of convictions.

It was unclear if Candelaria had an attorney.

Iranian news agency takes Onion as fact

CHICAGO (AP) — A joke by the satirical newspaper The Onion appears to have gotten lost in translation. An Iranian news agency picked up — as fact — a story from the paper about a supposed survey showing an overwhelming majority of rural white Americans would rather vote for Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad than President Barack Obama. But it was made up, like everything in the just-for-laugh newspaper, which is headquartered in Chicago. The English-language service of Iran's semiofficial Fars news agency republished the story Friday, several days after it appeared in The Onion. The Iranian version copied the original word-for-word, even including a

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made-up quote from a fictional West Virginia resident who says he'd rather go to a baseball game with Ahmadinejad because "he takes national defense seriously, and he'd never let some gay protesters tell him how to run his country like Obama does." Homosexual acts are punishable by death in Iran, and Ahmadinejad famously said during a 2007 appearance at Columbia University that "in Iran we don't have homosexuals like in your country." The Iranian version of the article leaves out only The Onion's description of Ahmadinejad as "a man who has repeatedly denied the Holocaust and has had numerous political prisoners executed." The article was featured prominently on the Fars website alongside its usual fare of stories about advances in Iranian military technology, condemnation of Israel and Iran's nuclear program. The story appeared to have been taken down by about mid-day, Chicago time.

Calls to Fars representatives were not answered Friday.

The Onion reveled in the fact that it had been taken seriously.

Onion editor Will Tracy put out a tongue-in-cheek statement that referred to Fars as "a subsidiary of The Onion" that has acted as the paper's Middle Eastern bureau since it was founded in the mid-1980s by Onion publisher T. Herman Zweibel.

"The Onion freely shares content with Fars and commends the journalists at Iran's Finest News Source on their superb reportage," Tracy said in jest.

It's not the first time a foreign news outlet has been duped by The Onion. In 2002, the Beijing Evening News, one of the Chinese capital's biggest newspapers, picked up a story from The Onion that claimed members of Congress were threatening to leave Washington unless the building underwent a makeover that included more bathrooms and a retractable dome.

100 starlings killed after flying into car

VIENNA (AP) — A mass collision between a flock of starlings and a car on a stretch of Austrian expressway has left up to 100 of the birds dead and the driver shaken but unhurt. The Austria Press Agency says the birds suddenly flew from power lines above the multi-lane highway in western Austria downward and directly into the path of the car.

The report did not say how fast the car was traveling Monday, but the speed limit on Austria's autobahns is usually 130 kph — close to 80 mph. The car sustained numerous dents.

Cleanup crews quickly removed the dead birds.

Man does time for a convicted friend

STOCKHOLM (AP) — A man convicted of smuggling in Sweden outwitted his jailers by sneaking in a friend to serve most of his yearlong sentence, prison officials said Friday.

The identity of the false convict was discovered only when he'd been released on probation after serving about two-thirds of his friend's sentence "sometime in 2008 or 2009," Elisabeth Lager of Sweden's Prison and Probation Service said.

Lager said the in-lieu convict came to serve the sentence with a false ID — a driving license in the name of the smuggler friend but with his photograph. She declined to name either man or give more details about the switch.

An international arrest warrant was issued for the real convict earlier this year, Lager said, but declined to comment on why it took police more than three years after the switch was discovered to issue the warrant. It was not clear if the smuggler's friend would be punished for misleading prison authorities and assuming a false identity.

The convict, who never served his term, was sentenced for a series of smuggling offences in southwestern Sweden in 2008. Several media reports said he had fled to Asia and had paid his friend for his "prison-sitting" service.

Thai sailors go 'Gangnam Style'

BANGKOK (AP) — The "Gangnam Style" craze has reached Thailand's navy, which is among the latest to mimic the globally popular dance video.

In a video posted to YouTube, a few dozen smiling sailors from the Third Naval Area Command perform the rodeo-style dance and other hip-shaking moves at their base on the popular tourist island of Phuket.

Lt. Cmdr. Patiroop Khemtis said Friday officers took three days to film and edit the video, instructing participants to mimic the moves in the original video by South Korean singer PSY. It was shown at the base's annual party Wednesday and posted to YouTube the next day.

The video shows white-uniformed sailors in sunglasses galloping through their offices and officers in scuba gear shimmying up the beach.

The original "Gangnam Style" video had close to 300 million YouTube views as of Friday.

Zombie walk helps to feed the hungry

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Zombies are expected to roam a park in the state's capital city this weekend to help feed the hungry.

The Lansing State Journal reports the 2012 Downtown Lansing Zombie Walk takes place Saturday to benefit the Greater Lansing Food Bank.

The event starts at 11 a.m. at Ferris Park and features an obstacle course, 3-legged zombie races and snacks. The walk itself begins at 1 p.m.

There is no registration fee and people are encouraged to dress as zombies.

One crash results in DUIs for dad, son

IRWIN, Pa. (AP) — Western Pennsylvania police say a father and son had both been drinking before the younger man crashed into a utility pole and was then given a ride home by his father.

Online court records don't list attorneys for 30-year-old Adam Augustine and his father, 61-year-old Francis Augustine, both of Irwin. They face preliminary hearings on drunken driving charges Oct. 30.

The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review reports Thursday that Adam Augustine crashed his vehicle in Penn Township on Sept. 16 after golfing and watching football earlier that day.

Adam Augustine then called his father for a ride home. Police say Francis Augustine had been drinking at home before police on their way to the crash encountered their vehicle, also containing a woman identified as Adam's mother and Francis Augustine's wife.

Police say all three were arguing about who should drive.

Human finger found in Washington fish

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A human finger found inside a fish at Idaho's Priest Lake has been traced to a wakeboarder who lost four fingers in an accident more than two months earlier.

Fisherman Nolan Calvin found the finger while he

was cleaning the trout he caught Sept. 11.

Calvin put the finger on ice and called the Bonner County, Idaho, sheriff's office, the Spokesman-Review newspaper reported.

Detectives were able to get a fingerprint off the severed digit. They matched it to a fingerprint card for Haans Galassi,

31, of Colbert, Wash., and called him Tuesday morning.

Investigators learned that Galassi lost four fingers from his left hand in a June 21 accident on the same lake where the fish was caught.

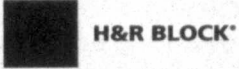
"The sheriff called me and told me he had a strange story to tell me," Galassi said Tuesday.

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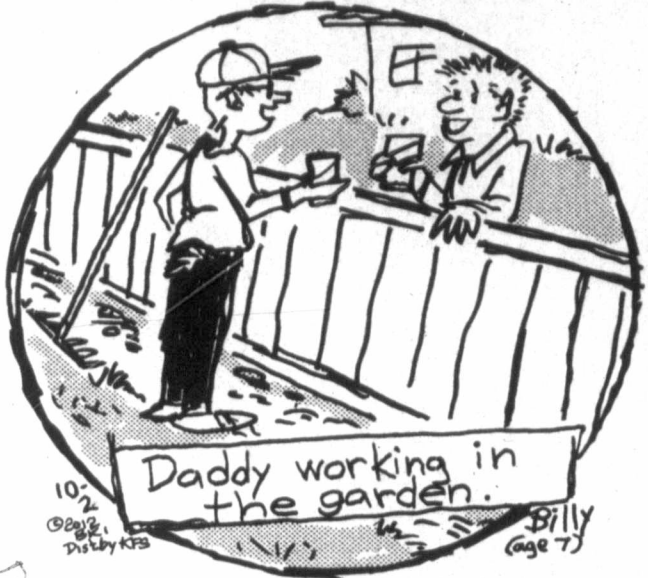


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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2012:

This year you develop a tendency to keep a lot to yourself. At times, you might feel hurt by someone's comments or actions, and could cop an attitude as a result. Do not just assume that the other party intended to say or do something hurtful. You'll discover that some of your judgments could be wrong. If you are single, you could meet someone who is emotionally unavailable. Take your time getting to know this person. If you are attached, spending time alone could be more of a pleasure than ever before. TAURUS naturally gravitates to 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)

★★★★ The more you express your flexibility, the more your associates might be willing to bend as well. When you work together, unusually creative and workable ideas pop up. Sometimes your ideas could be very similar. What do you care if someone has the same idea, if the results are the same? Tonight: Shop till you drop.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ The Moon in your sign highlights you. Express your feelings to a receptive audience, and encourage a healthy exchange of feedback. People will want to honor your request. Only you can prevent this positive interaction, so be careful not to get in your own way. Tonight: Time for a child or loved one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★ You might decide to retreat. Don't worry — ideas will flow anyway. Get together with a generous, thoughtful friend. The process of getting away and centering yourself will prepare you for some hard work and play in the near future. Tonight: Get some extra Z's.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Should a question arise as to how you should interpret a statement or action, err on the side of optimism. News from a distance could shake you up, but ultimately it is very good. Do not fight the inevitable. Tonight: Where the action is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ In the long run, sensitivity to those in charge will allow you to have greater independence. You quickly build others' trust. You possess many abilities and talents, but the most effective one is your abil-

ity to magnetize others. Tonight: Out late ... very late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Your vision defines what will occur. Use this skill and incorporate it with your ability to communicate. Your imagination comes into play when dealing with a loved one. This person has a very artistic outlook and temperament. Enjoy the results. Tonight: Feed your mind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Let someone else make the first move. You might be overreacting and say too much, which will cause yet another problem. What you perceive as the issue might be very different from what the other party thinks is wrong. Incorporate your listening skills, and you might be surprised by what you hear. Tonight: Go with a suggestion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ A friend means a lot to you — and you to him or her. Be careful, as this person's feelings possibly could develop into more. Make sure this also is what you want. Extremes and idealism mark your thoughts. A child or loved one could delight you with his or her mischief. Tonight: Sort through possibilities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Listen to news with an eye to applying this knowledge to your domestic life. A relative could reveal a family skeleton. Be careful about accepting this person's story. Check it out by doing your own research, if possible. You might decide to take a stand, but only when you are ready. Tonight: Roll with the moment.

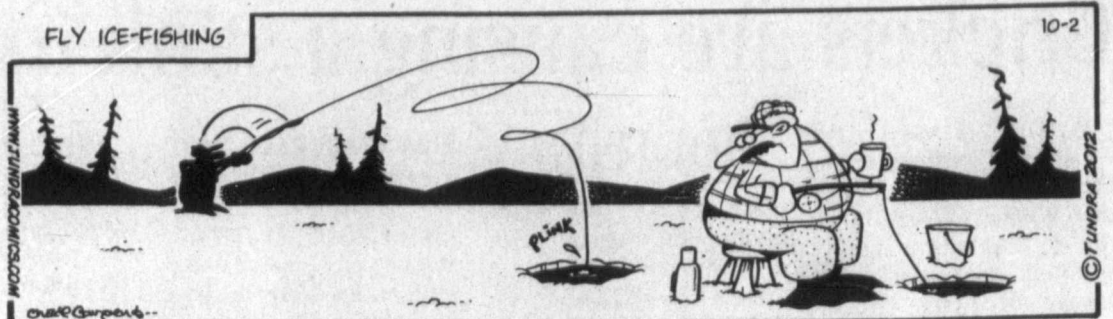
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Your creativity remains high. Others often lure you into solving their problems. You might find that a lot of people want to tap into your ingenuity right now. Do not forget to focus on a key issue for yourself. A child, new friend or loved one knows how to catch your interest and force your hand. Tonight: Let your imagination rock and roll.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ If you become confused, home in on the basics, with an eye to your personal life. Deal with a child or loved one directly. You will make a difference in this person's attitude. Your logic will work better, and he or she will realize how honest and authentic you are. Your imagination helps you in a tight spot. Tonight: Invite friends over.

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Carson debuted 50 years ago, yesterday

Yesterday was Monday, Oct. 1, the 275th day of 2012.

Today's Highlight in History:

■ On Oct. 1, 1962, Johnny Carson debuted as host of NBC's "Tonight Show," beginning a nearly 30-year run; after being introduced to the audience by Groucho Marx, Carson received his first guests, actor-singer Rudy Vallee, actress Joan Crawford, singer Tony Bennett and comedian Mel Brooks. (The same day, Merv Griffin launched a daytime show, also on NBC; his guests were comedian Shelley Berman, opera singer Roberta Peters and journalist Adela Rogers St. Johns.)

On this date:

■ In 1861, during the Civil War, the Confederate navy captured the Union steamer Fanny in North Carolina's Pamlico Sound.

■ In 1908, Henry Ford introduced his Model T automobile to the market.

■ In 1910, the offices of the Los Angeles Times were destroyed by a bomb explosion and fire; 21 Times employees were killed.

■ In 1932, Babe Ruth of the New York Yankees made his supposed called shot, hitting a home run against Chicago's Charlie Root in the fifth inning of Game 3 of the World Series, won by the New York Yankees 7-5 at Wrigley Field.

■ In 1937, Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black delivered a radio address in which he acknowledged being a former member of the Ku Klux Klan, but said he had dropped out of the organization before becoming a U.S. senator.

■ In 1940, the first section of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, 160 miles in length, was opened to the public.

■ In 1949, Mao Zedong proclaimed the People's Republic of China during a ceremony in Beijing. A 42-day strike by the United Steelworkers of America began over the issue of retirement benefits.

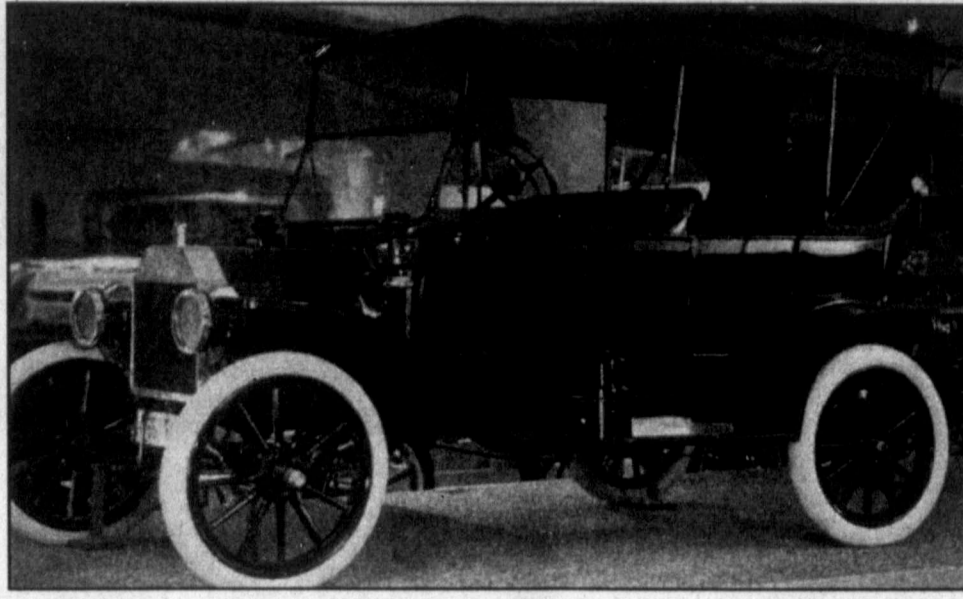
■ In 1961, Roger Maris of the New York Yankees hit his 61st home run during a 162-game season, compared to Babe Ruth's 60 home runs during a 154-game season. (Tracy Stallard of the Boston Red Sox gave up the round-tripper; the Yankees won 1-0.)

■ In 1964, the Free Speech Movement was launched at the University of California at Berkeley.

■ In 1972, the book "The Joy of Sex" by Alex Comfort was first published by Mitchell Beazley of London.

■ In 1982, Sony began selling the first commercial compact disc player, the CDP-101, in Japan.

■ In 1987, eight people



Henry Ford's Model T was introduced in October 1908.

Submitted photo

were killed when an earthquake measuring magnitude 5.9 struck the Los Angeles area.

■ Ten years ago: Iraq agreed to a plan for the return of U.N. weapons inspectors for the first time in nearly four years, but ignored U.S. demands for access to Saddam Hussein's palaces and other contested sites. New Jersey Democrats chose former Sen. Frank Lautenberg to be on the November ballot in place of scandal-tainted Sen. Robert Torricelli (tohr-ih-SEL'-ee). Publisher, philanthropist and diplomat Walter H. Annenberg died in Wynnewood, Pa., at age 94.

■ Five years ago: Russian President Vladimir Putin, in a surprise announcement, opened the door to becoming the country's prime minister. Olympic gold-medal discus thrower Al Oerter died in Fort Myers, Fla., at age 71.

■ One year ago: More than 700 Occupy Wall Street protesters were arrested after they swarmed the Brooklyn Bridge and shut down a lane of traffic for several hours in a tense confrontation with police. Campaigning began in Tunisia for the first elections born of the revolts that swept the Middle East.

■ Yesterday's Birthdays: Former President Jimmy Carter is 88. Actress-

singer Julie Andrews is 77. Actress Stella Stevens is 74. Rock musician Jerry Martini (Sly and the Family Stone) is 69. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Rod Carew is 67. Jazz musician Dave Holland is 66. Actor Stephen Collins is 65. Actress Yvette Freeman is 62. Actor Randy Quaid is 62. Rhythm-and-blues singer Howard Hewett is 57. Alt-country-rock musician Tim O'Reagan (The Jayhawks) is 54.

Singer Youssou N'Dour is 53. Actor Esai Morales is 50. Retired MLB All-Star Mark McGwire is 49. Actor Christopher Titus is 48. Actress-model Cindy Margolis is 47. Rock singer-musician Kevin Griffin (Better Than Ezra) is 44. Actor Zach Galifianakis (ga-lih-fih-NA'-kihs) is 43. Singer Keith Duffy is 38. Actress Sarah Drew is 32. Actress Jurnee Smollett is 26. Actress Brie Larson is 23.

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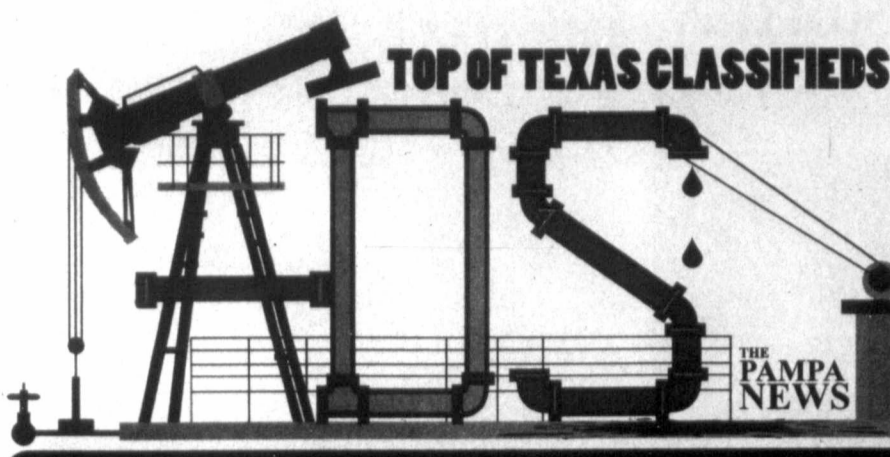
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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



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DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a divorced woman for four years. She said in the beginning that she had very little sexual experience because her former husband "had problems," but decided after the divorce to find out what she was missing. She hasn't discussed this in detail, but once in a while she lets out little

snippets of information that lead me to believe she was active.

Do I have a right, now that we're engaged, to know how many partners she had since the divorce? She's being evasive about it. — **WONDERING WIDOWER**

DEAR WONDERING: No, you do not have that "right," because if she answers the question, your next questions will be what are their names, how many times did she sleep with them and were they better than you are in bed. Sometimes it is wiser to leave the past in the past and simply appreciate the special relationship you have with the person you love.

DEAR ABBY: "Webbed in Columbia, Md." wondered what kind of spider went up the waterspout (July 8). Well, it depends on the location of that spout. Waterspouts in England, Australia (and I'm guessing Canada) attract spiders that are "incy wincy." American waterspouts are climbed by "itsy bitsy" spiders. (And at this time of year we see really big ones.) Between English-

speaking countries there are also slightly different lyrics for "The Wheels on the Bus" and "Ring Around the Rosie." Because my hubby and I are from opposite sides of the Atlantic "pond," our son is learning multiple versions of many things. — **SUNKISSED IN HOUSTON**

DEAR SUNKISSED: Readers young and old responded to that letter, and you are correct that it depends upon which side of the pond you hail from. In the United States, it's also "teensy weensy" and "itty bitty." In Switzerland, it's "inky dinky." And then there was the following submission:

DEAR ABBY: The confusion may stem from "Webbed's" family members having confused the "Itsy Bitsy Spider" poem (song) with the "Itsy Bitsy Teeny Weeny Yellow Polka Dot Bikini" song. The spider song I learned in school and the bikini song I heard when my dad belted it out. It made us all laugh. Thanks for the memories. — **KAREN IN RENO, NEV.**

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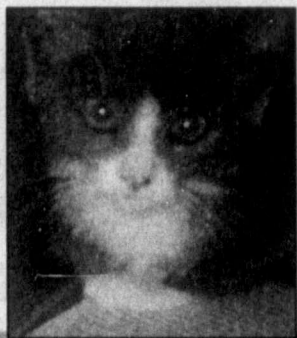
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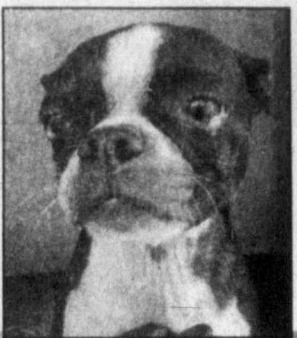
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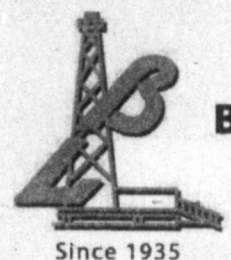


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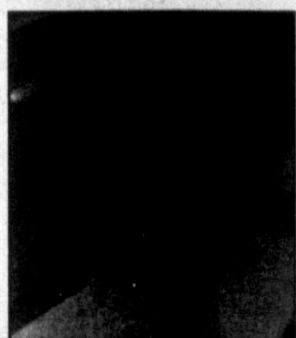


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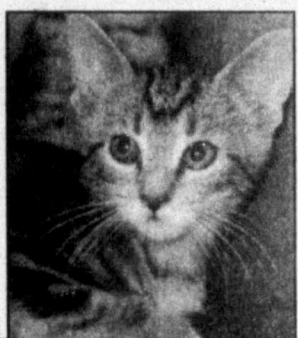
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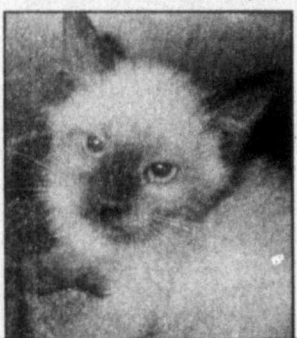
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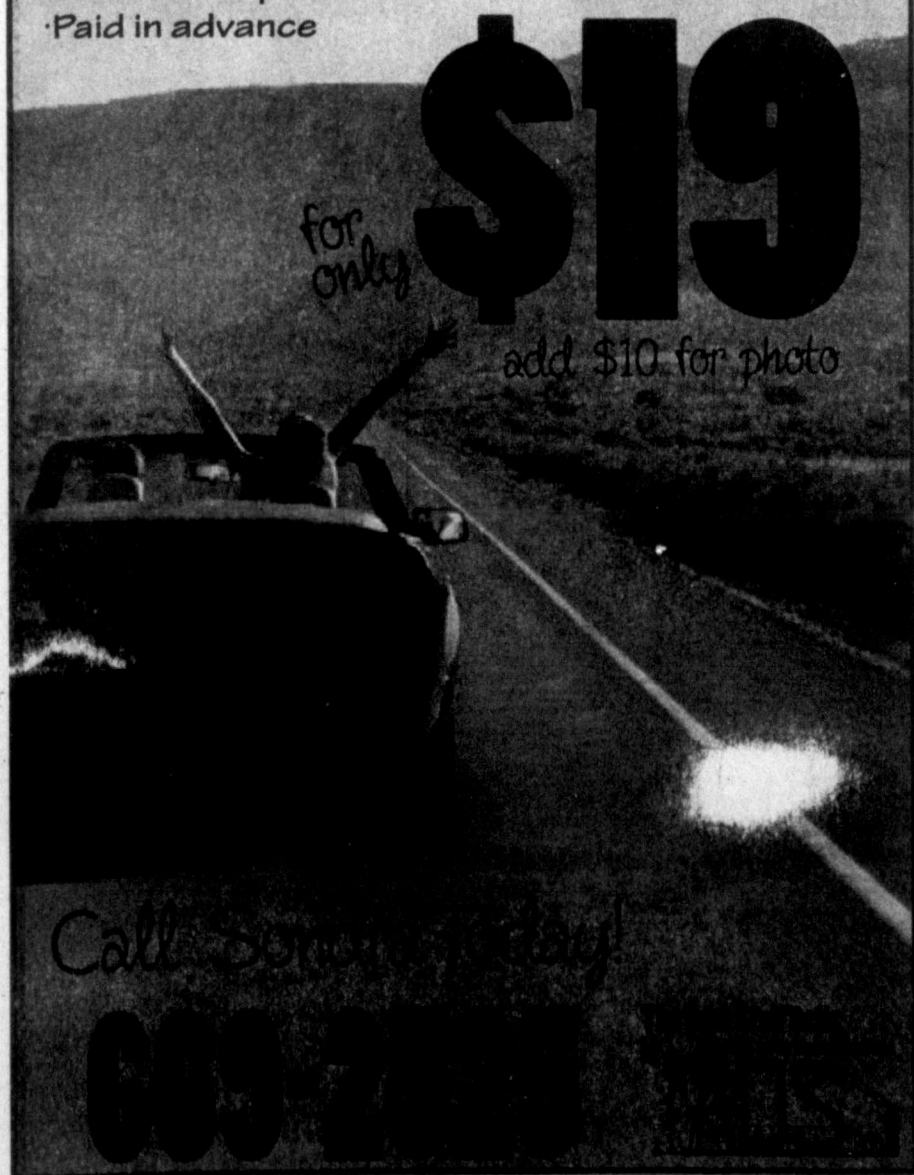
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Gov. Perry proposes tuition freeze for incoming freshmen

By JAMIE STENGLE
Associated Press

DALLAS — Texas Gov. Rick Perry on Monday proposed a four-year tuition freeze for incoming college freshmen and suggested that some of the money the state spends on schools should be tied to the number of students they graduate.



Rick Perry

Perry, who announced his education priorities during a news conference at a Dallas high school, also called on schools to give families a better understanding of the amount of money they'll spend on college, depending on how long it takes the student to graduate.

"More and more young Texans of all backgrounds are thinking of college as this vital component of their personal success, they're taking the active steps to get themselves to that point," Perry said. "As state officials, we have to do everything that we can to remove the roadblocks."

He also renewed his call for universities to create bachelor's degree options for \$10,000 or less. Perry challenged universities last year to come up with \$10,000 or less bachelor's degrees and he said that so far, nine institutions in Texas currently offer or have announced plans for such degrees.

Perry said that a four-year tuition freeze for incoming freshmen not only gives them certainty about the amount they'll be paying each year but also provides incentive for them to finish their degrees on time.

He said less than 30 percent of students at Texas' four-year institutions graduate in four years and only 58 percent have a degree in six years.

"That is a system that can be and must be improved. That's why we also need to link a portion of each university's funding to state outcomes," he said.

Perry said that under the existing formula, university funding is mostly based on enrollment, but he now wants 10 percent of that funding to be tied to how many students are actually getting degrees.

"If you're not graduating your students, you'll

get less state funding," he said.

Perry first publicly floated the idea of locked-in tuition last month.

University of Texas President Bill Powers said last week he welcomed discussions about how to give students predictability in pricing for an education but stopped short of endorsing Perry's idea of locking in a four-year tuition rate. Powers said the Legislature should be more consistent with funding for higher education.

State lawmakers cut nearly \$1 billion from higher education in 2011, including about \$92 million from the University of Texas.

At Monday's news conference, Perry acknowledged that agency heads would "probably love to be able to know that all of the funding you want is always going to be in the queue coming towards you" but said that was not how the process works.

"I think that what we're looking for is consistency for the taxpayers," Perry said.

UT spokesman Gary Susswein said Monday that the school would welcome state funding tied to graduation rate. He said the school graduates more students on time than any

other public university in the state.

Democratic Sen. Judith Zaffirini, who chairs the influential Higher Education Committee, said she wants to hear from university officials on how the proposals might impact them.

"Texas is a very large state, one size does not fit all," she said. "We have to ensure that whatever we do, we provide flexibility."

University of North Texas System Chancellor Lee Jackson, a former state representative, said he'd also like to see incentives for students who are able to graduate in three years.

"I believe that we can come up with something that will work in our circumstances and I believe that most universities in Texas, given the opportunities to tailor it to their own student bodies, will be able to do that," Jackson said.

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■ Vietnam War era F105-D is latest addition to museum's fleet of aircraft

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There's a new bird in town, and Andy Epps couldn't be happier about it. Epps, curator of Pampa's Freedom Museum USA, was at the museum on Sunday with fellow veteran Rod Porter, admiring the F105-D fighter-bomber that they had just spent the weekend helping to rebuild. The plane, which arrived in pieces on Friday, is the newest addition to the museum's fleet of battle-tested

It came via Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, with the Freedom Museum paying \$33,000 to have it shipped to Pampa. The money was raised with the help of contributors from all around the city, according to Epps.

"We had the opportunity to get this one from the Air Force," Epps said. "We just worked with them and they finally approved one for us. Thanks to the good people of Pampa, Texas. They donated the money and we finally got it."

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