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New Yorkers try for normalcy as Sandy approaches

By **JENNIFER PELTZ AND TOM HAYS**
 Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Defiant New Yorkers jogged, pushed strollers and took snapshots of churning New York Harbor on Monday, trying to salvage normal routines in a city with no trains, schools and an approaching mammoth storm.

"The worst is still coming," warned Gov. Andrew Cuomo as officials shut tunnels, Broadway, mass transit and the stock exchange, saying Hurricane Sandy's storm surge could inundate downtown with up to 11 feet of water. Hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers living on the waterfront or low-lying areas were ordered to leave. He said the heart of the storm was going to hit the nation's largest city at 6 p.m., two hours earlier than expected.

On New York's Long Island, floodwaters had begun to deluge some low-lying towns and more than 100,000 customers had lost power. And high winds picked up during the day in the city, leaving a construction crane dangling from a \$1.5 billion luxury condominium under construction in midtown Manhattan. Waters swelled over esplanades at the southern tip of Manhattan and parts of a highway that snakes along Manhattan's East Side was flooded. About 16,000 New Yorkers lost power, mostly in the boroughs of Queens and Staten Island.

Despite the dire forecasts, many chose to embrace what was coming.

Tanja Stewart and her 7-year-old son, Finn, came from their home in Manhattan's TriBeCa neighborhood to admire the white caps on the Hudson, Finn wearing a pair of binoculars around his neck. "I really wanted to see some big waves," he said.

Mark Vial pushed a stroller holding his 2-year-old daughter Maziyar toward his apartment building in Battery Park City, an area that was ordered evacuated.

"We're high up enough, so I'm not worried about flooding," said Vial, 35. "There's plenty of food. We'll be OK.

Nearby, Keith Reilly climbed up on a rail next to the rising waters of New York Harbor so his friend Eli Rowe could snap a photo of him in an Irish soccer jersey with the Statue of Liberty in the background.

"This is not so bad right now,"

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KITCHEN DUTY



SPAGHETTI TODAY: From left, Cindy Flaharity, Gwyn Clements, Amy Devers and Olivia Luna prepare spaghetti Monday in the kitchen of Pampa Meals on Wheels.

Photos by Timothy P. Howsare

Meals on Wheels fundraisers in November

More than 150 home-bound senior citizens and disabled adults who unable to shop and prepare meals for the themselves get a hot meal delivered to their doorsteps five days a week from Pampa Meals on Wheels.

For the past 10 years, the nonprofit organization has occupied a well-maintained building at 302 E. Foster Ave. Before that, the organization worked out of the basement of First United Methodist Church, which is a couple blocks down the street.

"It's a real blessing to be here," said Gene Autry, director.

Autry took over as director about the same time the organization bought the building. With her husband Joe, a carpenter by trade, and with grant money, they renovated the kitchen and office areas with donated freezers and other equipment.

Some of things they bought at a discount at an outlet called Merchandise Recycling Center.

Though Meals on Wheels employs six people including Autry, they depend on a crew of 16 volunteers who not only help prepare the



Volunteer drivers, from left, Dorothy Barrett, Susie Birtell and Raymond Barrett.

meals, but deliver them as well.

Autry said it takes the drivers about 45 to 60 minutes to complete a route, and the drivers pay for their own gas.

"We are always looking for more volunteers," Autry said.

Larry Morse has been a volunteer for nearly 20 years. He decided to become a volunteer after he had heart bypass surgery - believing that since he was given a second chance in life he should now help others.

"I believe it's a ministry to help other people," he said.

While no one over the age of 55 is

turned down because of the inability to pay for meals, recipients are asked to pay what they can.

The cost of each meal is \$4, so that comes to about \$80 a month.

Autry said about 30 percent of the clients cannot afford to pay, while the remainder pay on a sliding scale.

Also, there is a program called "Adopt a Friend" in which someone in the community can pay \$80 a month for a client to receive meals.

Meals on Wheels is holding a fundraiser in November called "Music and Meal."

For \$8, members of the public can dine and listen to live music in what Autry calls the "warehouse cafe," which is the storage warehouse inside the building.

The meals will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 6, 13 and 20.

Entertainment on Nov. 6 is the Panhandle Sage Band, on Nov. 13 an eighth grade girls choir sings and on Nov. 20 The Fathers perform.

On the last day there also will be a bake sale.

For more information, call 669-1007.

Expert: Texas schools need \$8B in extra funding per year

By **WILL WEISSERT**
 Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas will need to spend at least an additional \$8 billion per year to ensure its students meet the tough new academic standards imposed by state lawmakers, a top school finance expert testified Monday.

Lynn Moak, a leading education analyst in Texas for nearly five decades, told state District Judge John Dietz that nearly half of Texas' ninth-graders — about 150,000 — aren't on track to graduate because they failed at least one of the state's new, more rigorous standardized tests, known as STAAR, last school year.

Moak said paying for programs to help students catch up and ensure others pass — thus meeting the state's existing college and career-readiness goals — would require restoring the two-year, \$5.4 billion in cuts to public schools and grant programs passed by the Texas Legislature in 2011. But it would also mean state funding for public education should increase overall by about another \$6 billion annually.

That's a staggering \$8.7 billion per year in additional funding, though it wasn't clear if Moak was including restoring all cuts to grant programs in his estimates. In 2010-11, Moak said that total spending on school operations in Texas was \$43 billion.

When asked about the figure after the hearing, Moak told reporters, "I contend we can't do it without more money."

"We are in a current crisis," he added. "The crisis gets worse in the future but it is significantly bad now."

After last year's budget cuts, six lawsuits were filed on behalf of more than 600 school districts, which educate about three-quarters of Texas' more than 5 million students. All contended that the way Texas funds its public schools is

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Wednesday night: Clear with a low of 46. Zero chance of rain. Winds southwest at 6 mph. Sunset at 6:49 p.m.

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Obituaries

Sylvia Mercedes Armstrong

Miss Southern Belle Sylvia Mercedes Armstrong, 81, died October 28, 2012 in White Deer, Texas

Services will be at 2:00 PM Tuesday, October 30, 2012, at the White Deer United Methodist Church, with Rev. Dr. Jerry Lane of the White Deer United Methodist Church and Rev. Alan Wilson of the First Baptist Church in White Deer, officiating.

Burial will follow in White Deer Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Sylvia Mercedes Armstrong joined her maker at her home on October 28, 2012. Mrs. Armstrong was born January 13, 1931 in Hineston-Rapides Parish, Louisiana to Crawford and Euphemia Morrow Johnson. Sylvia married K. Ray Armstrong on July 20, 1956 in Hineston. From this union came a daughter, Becky Colleen and twin sons, Dusty Gayle and Rusty Dale. Sylvia touched many people's lives through her journey on earth.

Survivors include her husband K. Ray Armstrong of the home, 1 daughter: Becky Colleen Huffhines of Pampa; 2 sons: Dusty Armstrong and wife Tamie and Rusty, both of White Deer. 8 Grandchildren: Brandi Lohberger and husband Justin of Elk City, Oklahoma, Tye Armstrong and wife Ashleigh, Cameron Armstrong and Sonni Jo Armstrong all of White Deer, Penny Armstrong, Dusty Michelle Miranda and husband Eddy both of Pampa. Kelsey Armstrong of Lubbock and Jennifer Huffhines of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; 6 Great Grandchildren: Tucker, Rayden, Bryleigh, Landon, Parker and Morgan; 2 sisters; Venita LeBlanc and Geraldine Shaw and husband Mead; 1 daughter-in-law; Teri Grange and a special daughter; Janie Stevens both of White Deer. She was preceded in death by 1 sister; Hazel Nixon and 4 brothers; Shelby Johnson, Talma Johnson, Theodore Johnson and Ted Johnson.

Memorials may be made to the United Methodist Women, c/o White Deer United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 835, White Deer, Texas 79097 or White Deer Senior Citizens Center, 315 S. Main St, White Deer, Texas 79097.

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

Roy Joseph Stevens

Roy Joseph Stevens, Sr., known as R.J., Grandpa and Papa J., age 85 from Kemp, Texas passed from this life on October 20, 2012 in Dallas, Texas. He was born in Rosenberg, Texas on August 5, 1927 to M. Roy and Hallie Stevens. He married Pauline McKinney from West Columbia, Texas on August 2, 1947 and in August, they celebrated 65 years together. R.J. was a Gospel preacher for over 65 years. He served as a local evangelist for 36 years with churches of Christ in Texas, Oklahoma and California. In 1983, he and Pauline moved to Kemp, Texas. At the same time, he decided to do full-time gospel meeting and singing school work, which he continued doing for churches throughout the United States until early this year. In the last several years, he served as an elder of the church of Christ in Kemp, Texas. R.J.'s passion for music was evident to everyone who knew him. From 1945 to 1951, R.J. studied music at Abilene Christian College, the University of Houston and Oklahoma A & M College. R.J. wrote, co-wrote and arranged hundreds of songs and hymns throughout his life. In 1987, he compiled and co-edited with Dane Shepard, the "Hymns for Worship" hymnal. In recent years, he, Dane and his son, Tim, published the Hymns for Worship Supplement hymnal. He was a member of the Favorite Hymns Quartet, along with Tim, Don Mullins and Dane Shepard, for 30 years. They released 15 recordings together. R. J. was also the director of the Oklahoma Singing School, conducted each summer on the campus of Eastern Oklahoma State College in Wilburton, Oklahoma. Over his lifetime, R.J. instructed hundreds of men and young men to become effective song worship leaders. He always believed that worshipping God was a privilege and that we had a responsibility to offer God our very best in singing praises to our Lord and Savior. Someone once said publicly, "R.J. taught us how to worship, not just to sing." R. J. is survived by his beloved wife, Pauline, from Kemp, Texas, his children, Roy Joseph, Jr., who's married to Marsha Morrison, living in Pampa, Texas; Timothy Paul, who's married to Vicki Mullins, living in Kemp, Texas; and Paula Sue, who's married to Rich Ladd, living in Roseville, California; seven married grandchildren: Greg with Mallory Stevens; Becky with Jonathan Helvey, Jeff with Tammy Stevens; Kayleen with Chris Dennis, Steven with Heather Ladd, Penny with Jeremy Simpson, and Katie with Matthew Stevens; and 14 1/2 great grandchildren - Johnathan, Tanner, Nicholas, Andrew, Emma, Ryder, Clara, Gracie, Tessa, Kate, Jude, Canon, Jack, Toby, and Aurie (due in December). He is also survived by two siblings, Lanier Stevens and Nancy Page from Madisonville, Texas. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at the Kemp Church of Christ in Kemp, Texas and funeral services will be held on Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at Campbell Road Church of Christ and Thursday, October 25, 2012 at Southside Church of Christ in Pasadena, Texas. Interment at Columbia Cemetery in West Columbia, Texas. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the F.C. Scholarship Fund, 119 N. Glen Arven Ave., Temple Terrace, FL 33617, and reference R.J. & Pauline Stevens Endowment Fund. <https://www.floridacollege.edu/giving/make-a-gift/>



Roy Stevens

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Raymond Wayne Parks

Raymond Wayne Parks, 67, died October 26, 2012 in Pampa, Texas.

Services will be at 10:00 AM Wednesday, October 31, 2012 in Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Pampa, with Reverends Suzie and Ernie Wilkinson of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, officiating.

Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Parks was born to Ray and Amanda Parks on April 18, 1945 in Pampa. He married Brenda Newman on February 14, 1964. Raymond attended school in Pampa. He loved to ride dune buggies, cooking out with his friends and family, and arguing with his friends about everything. Raymond worked at Pam Tex, erecting buildings for 24 years.

He then opened and ran his own business, R&B Steel Buildings, for 25 years until retirement in 2011. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

Survivors include his wife: Brenda Parks of the home; 2 daughters: Tina Fisher and husband Allan and Rina Williams and husband Mark, both of Pampa; 2 granddaughters: Stephanie Liston and husband Russell of Pampa and Amber Williams and Mark Trevino of Amarillo; 1 great-granddaughter: Alexandria Liston of Pampa; 2 great-grandsons: Taylor Williams and Hunter Liston, both of Pampa; 1 brother: Randon Parks and Jessica Gray of Pampa; 1 sister: Wyndee Burnett of Amarillo; several cousins and special friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray Albert and Amanda Parks, his brother, Jesse Parks, and 2 sisters, Rae Dean Woods and Emma Mastella.

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Texas sees minimal Sandy flight disruptions

DALLAS (AP) — Hurricane Sandy scrapped scheduled flights to and from the Northeast but caused minimal scheduled

disruptions at the two major airline hubs in Texas.

The 95 scheduled Monday departures from Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport that were canceled amounted to fewer than 20 percent of the day's schedule. DFW spokeswoman Sarah Mc-

Daniel said 93 scheduled arrivals also were canceled.

About 70 scheduled Monday departures from George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston were canceled. Houston airports division spokeswoman Darian Ward says a roughly equivalent number of arrivals also were canceled.

The cancellations involved flights from and to Eastern Seaboard airports from Washington to Boston.

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PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS. Above, displaying homemade quilts at a recent craft show are members of the Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild. From left, Judy Livingston, Becky Odell, and Doris Jean Foster. Lynette Keel is viewing the quilts. The guild held its monthly meeting Oct. 25 at the Pampa Senior Citizen's Center. Members show items they have finished, and programs include trunk shows, tips for quilting, sewing, and hand-stitching. Anyone is welcome to come to the meetings and observe the abundance of quilt projects in our community.



Right photo, guild officers Karla Howell, treasurer; Lois Purcell, president; and Judy Livingston, communications person. The ladies are holding up homemade quilts which are being sold at craft shows this fall. The guild meets on the fourth Thursday of most months at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizen's Center in Pampa. For more information, call 806-341-1915.

For the record

Plainview woman charged with assault with deadly weapon

The following people were arrested and booked into the Gray County Jail between Friday and Sunday:

- Jana Elizabeth Turlington, 38, Pampa, two arrests.
- Clayton Durand Johnson, 48, Pampa, arrest, family violation.
- Teresa Gail Mundell, 38, Pampa, possession of dangerous drug, warrant for deadly conduct.
- Kristi Gayle Maddox, 36, Canadian, failure to ID, false or fictional information.
- Michael Ryan Cook, 21, Pampa, DWI, expired registration, public intoxication.
- Terry Wayne Rapstine, 49, Pampa, no seatbelt, changed lanes when unsafe, expired MVI.
- Donnie Glen Lanier,

- 48, Canadian, warrant third DWI or more.
- Jeremy Logan Wilson, 25, Skellytown, burglary of habitation.
- Gerardo Domiguez, 21, Pampa, assault CBI
- Rudy Diaz Martinez, 42, Amarillo, theft Potter County, theft of \$1,500, \$20,000, Red River County.
- Angela Diane Anderson, 35, Pampa, public intoxication.
- Tyrone Alexaander Dew, 32, Huntington Beach, possession of marijuana more than five pounds, under 50.
- Juan Miguel Silva, 31, Pamap, DWI.
- Kenneth Wayne Moler, 31, Pampa, second DWI.
- James Gleen Ferretti, 38, Pampa, DWI.
- Dakota James Young, 21, Pampa, burglary of a habitation.

- Brenda Marie Feaster, 22, Pampa, burglary of a habitation.
- Victor Allen Ishham, 30, Borger, VP-TBC.
- Morris Lynn Powell, 60, Pampa, DWI, two counts possession of contraband substance.
- Richard Grajeda, 20, Pampa, MIP-alcohol, VP-assault CBI, evading arrest/det. MIP-alcohol second or more.
- Tyrone Germichael Jeffries, 27, Lake Dallas, DOC-language.
- Pamela Valerie Arcides, 22, Pampa, assault CBI-family.
- Dawn Lynn Monigle, 27, Plainview, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- Dereck Andrain Burgless, 21, DWI.
- Kavin Randall James II, 29, Noman, Okla., possession of marijuana.

Funding

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provide "a general diffusion of knowledge."

Moak will remain on the stand Tuesday and face cross-examination. The state argues that while there are some flaws in the school finance system, it doesn't mean the whole thing is broken.

Legal battles over school finance are nothing new in Texas: Moak's testimony Monday marked his sixth such appearance in a major school funding case.

Dietz will rule on the case, but it will almost certainly be appealed to the state Supreme Court. If the plaintiffs prevail, it will be up to the Legislature to overhaul Texas' school finance system — but that may not happen during next year's session and could require a special session in 2014.

Moak also testified that the 2011 cuts forced districts to cut about 11,500 teaching positions statewide and eliminate 15,000 other staff members.

He said Legislature-imposed structural changes to the school-funding formulas have meant sharp decreases in the amount the state spends per student over time.

But he also noted that, in 2009, Texas used federal stimulus money to bolster funding to schools and soften the blow of state public education cuts. That year, per student funding including state, federal and local funds was \$7,415.

Last year's cuts came when the stimulus money had run out — and saw per-student funding fall about \$1,120 to \$6,293 for 2013.

Still, Moak said, giving schools more money is only part of the solution.

When asked which has greater impact, reduced state funding or stricter academic standards, Moak replied, "the changes on the academic side are the most significant changes in a substantially large amount of time."

He said that of current ninth-graders, only 53 percent are on track to graduate. That means 47 percent

have failed one or more of the new standardized tests. Among low-income students, nearly 60 percent now aren't on track to graduate, Moak said.

Texas' booming population has translated a growth in enrollment by an average of 80,000 students per year — the majority of which are from low-income families.

"As standards increase over time," Moak told the court, "you're going to see — without major increases in performance — many more students not on track for graduation."

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- Downtown Tails
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Are the TV anchor people rooting for President Obama?

It is widely perceived that the national television news industry skews left and in some cases actively supports liberal political candidates. While that is



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debateable on a case-by-case basis, the evidence is overwhelming that the folks who deliver the news to the nation are sympathetic to liberal causes, and that obviously favors President Obama during this election cycle.

Let's run it down: —"NBC Nightly News" anchor Brian Williams interned for the Carter administration early in his career. He has no registered political affiliation, and I can find no political donations he has made. However, he has denigrated conservatives on late-night TV.

—ABC News anchor Diane Sawyer once worked for Richard Nixon. She has no political affiliation and no donations on the record. She is perceived to be a social liberal but downplays any partisanship on television.

—"CBS Evening News" anchor Scott Pelley is not affiliated with any party and has given no donations. He plays it straight on TV.

—Anderson Cooper hosts a primetime program on CNN. In 2004, he was a registered Democrat. No political donations have been made in his name. He has openly criticized the Tea Party on a number of occasions and is perceived to be liberal.

—Piers Morgan is also a CNN primetime host. A British subject, he is openly liberal on the air and earlier this month wrote an opinion article for London's Daily Mail newspaper in which he

called Mitt Romney all kinds of names.

—Charlie Rose co-hosts "CBS This Morning" and was a registered Democrat early in his career. He is widely considered sympathetic to the left but has asked tough questions of liberal politicians on occasion.

—George Stephanopoulos co-hosts ABC's "Good Morning America" and is a registered Democrat who worked as an adviser to President Clinton. Stephanopoulos downplays his political affiliation on the air.

—Matt Lauer is the co-host of the "Today" show on NBC. He is not registered with a political party, and there are no political donations in his name. Widely considered to be socially liberal, Lauer is generally courteous to all points of view on the air.

The one thing all of the above news people have in common is that none of them is conservative. Also, I would be stunned if any of them votes for Mitt Romney.

So, how will that affect press coverage with the election around the corner? Well, the actual on-air reporting will likely be straight, but expect stories unfavorable to the president, such as Libya, to be downplayed. In addition, any gaffe the governor might make will definitely be highlighted.

As Walter Cronkite, a devoted liberal, once said: "And that's the way it is."

But it shouldn't be that way. There should be more balance among TV news anchors. That will never happen in this country, but such is life.

Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the book "Pinheads and Patriots: Where You Stand in the Age of Obama."

Husband must balance time with wife, family

Dear John: Before I married my husband, he was a 41-year-old bachelor, the single, oldest sibling in charge of the family business. The rest of the family turned to him for everything at the drop of a hat. They now resent me because I've put my foot down regarding his availability. I've been put in my place on more than one occasion, and I'm tired of it. Most of the time, my husband doesn't see this happening until I point this out to him. How can I change this? — Wanting to play fair in Evanston, Ill.

Dear Play Fair: No marriage will survive happily if a spouse is estranged from his extended family at the behest of his partner. This will eventually lead to his resentment for having to "take sides." At the same time, you are right in your contention that boundaries need to be set.

The best way to do this is to sit down with him and create a list of ground rules you can both agree on. Do this when both of you are not angry over a recent incident. For this list, suggest that business meetings take place in the office, and never at home or after-work hours. Perhaps neither of you should take phone calls after a certain time of night. Since this is a family busi-

ness, if your husband must have some weekend duties, suggest that this duty be shared among family members on a rotating basis. Good managers know how to delegate. Ask him to make a list of his tasks, to prioritize them, then consider which ones can be delegated to other family members or trusted employees.

Work through your concerns with him and not with other family members. This will lower their resentment of you, and diminish their opportunities to consider you as the

interfering outsider. Also, extend an olive branch. Arrange get-togethers with individual members, and stay involved in family events. You two are a team. By approaching this issue in a measured and nonjudgmental manner, you'll come to solutions that work for both of you.

Dear John: What's the number one reason that men stop dating or lose interest in women? — Hoping to Learn in Boston, Mass.

Dear Hoping: There are almost as many reasons as there are men, so it's tough to choose one reason

above all others. Instead, let me mention a few key relationship killers:

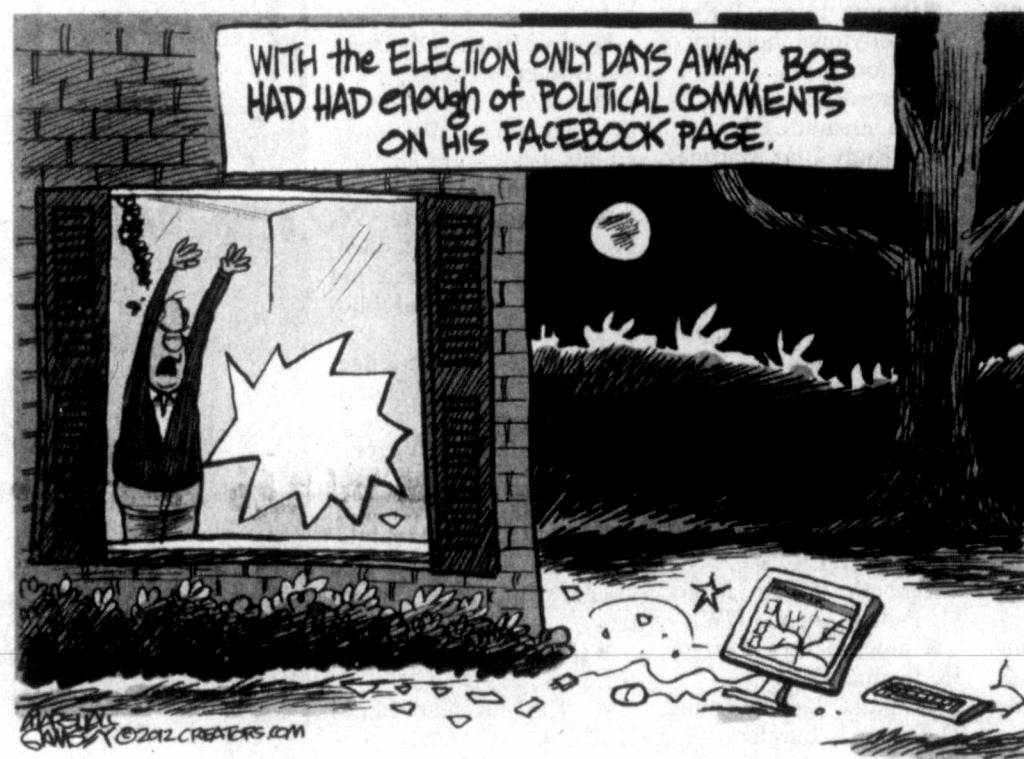
First, never get ahead of where the relationship stands at the moment. In other words, if you're on your first or second date in the month of June, don't ask what his plans are for New Year's Eve. That's too far into the future, and he'll back away. Second, let him be the pursuer.

Most men have a need and desire to go through a courtship ritual. When that gets turned around on them, they are at a loss as to what they should do, or they take it for granted that you want them more than they want you, and they don't put any effort toward "winning" you. Third, a man wants to know that he is admired. If you become competitive with him from the start, you're going to turn him off. He wants to be a peacock, so let him strut a bit. If things go well, you'll have plenty of time to correct him as the weeks, months and years go by.

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1st Native America saint stirs pride, skepticism

By MARY ESCH
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ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Some traditional Mohawks are treating the naming of the nation's first Native American saint with skepticism and fear that the Roman Catholic Church is using it to shore up its image and marginalize traditional spiritual practices.

They see the story of Kateri Tekakwitha as yet another reminder of colonial atrocities and religious oppression.

"I was a recipient of these historical profanities and want to ensure this does not happen again," said Doug George-Kanentiio, a Mohawk writer who left Catholicism to follow traditional longhouse spiritual practices.

The daughter of a Mohawk chief and a Catholic Algonquin woman, Kateri was born in 1656 about 40 miles northwest of Albany and in the heart of the Iroquois Confederacy to which the Mohawks belong. She was orphaned at age 4 when smallpox wiped out her family and much of her village and left her blinded and disfigured.

A Catholic convert at 20, she settled in Kahnawake, a Mohawk settlement south of Montreal where Jesuits had a mission and where she and other women performed mortification ritu-



Kateri Tekakwitha

als such as self-flogging as part of their faith. At her death at the age of 24, Kateri's smallpox scars reportedly vanished and later she was reported to appear before several people. She is buried at a shrine on Kahnawake.

Speaking in English and French at her canonization last Sunday, Pope Benedict XVI noted how unusual it was in Kateri's culture for her to choose to devote herself to her Catholic faith.

"She's seen very much as a bridge" between native culture and Christianity, said the Rev. Jim Martin, a Jesuit priest. He said the Jesuit missionaries "took great pains to learn the native languages and tried their best to present the Christian faith using words, phrases and ideas from the native cultures."

Traditional Mohawks recognize the reverence their Catholic relatives and friends have for Kateri, said Chaz Kader, a Mohawk journalist who

was raised Catholic but follows ancient longhouse traditions now. But many remain troubled by how the church portrays her life.

The story of Kateri told in various church writings describes her as maintaining her faith despite torment by her people, suffering ostracism and persecution at the hands of her own tribe and eventually fleeing to Canada.

"I disagree with the characterizations of the 'other Mohawks' in the Jesuit accounts of Kateri," Kader said. "The contrast of good Mohawks and bad Mohawks still is affecting our people."

Traditional Mohawks have struggled to keep their spiritual traditions and ancient language alive despite pressure from non-Indians to adopt European religion, culture and language.

These traditionalists have established Mohawk language-immersion schools and follow a clan-based government separate from the elected tribal government recognized by the U.S., Canada and New York state. To outsiders, they are associated with an image of "bad Mohawks" who smuggle goods across the border and refuse to collect state taxes on cigarette sales, Kader said, and the "good Mohawks" are the ones who "went to Rome to celebrate Kateri," he added.

It's difficult to gauge

just how widespread the feelings are given the factionalism that pervades the nation and the circumspection they favor when dealing with the media. But many Mohawks interviewed downplayed any controversy and joined Catholics who see Kateri as a unifying figure and hope her elevation to sainthood will help heal old wounds.

"It's so nice to see God showing all the flavors of the world," said Gene Caldwell, a Native American member of the Menominee reservation in Neopit, Wis., who attended Kateri's canonization with his wife, Linda. "The Native Americans are enthralled" to have Kateri attain sainthood, he said.

Russell Roundpoint, director of the Mohawk history and cultural center at Akwesasne, said her sainthood is "not a contentious issue by any stretch of the imagination."

"The Mohawk people are very proud of the fact that she has attained such a high level," he said. Sister Jennifer Votraw is director of communications for the Ogdensburg Diocese in northern New York, where the Mohawk reservation is located. While the diocese doesn't provide direct pastoral care to the Mohawks, Votraw belongs to the order the Sisters of St. Joseph, nuns who regularly aid the priests who minister to the tribe. She

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Colonial La. records shed new light on history

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NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A marathon project is under way in New Orleans to digitize thousands of time-worn 18th-century French and Spanish legal papers that historians say give the first historical accounts of slaves and free blacks in North America.

Yellowed page by yellowed page, archivists are scanning the 220,000 manuscript pages from the French Superior Council and Spanish Judiciary between 1714 and 1803 in an effort to digitize, preserve, translate and index Louisiana's colonial past and in the process help re-write American history. "No single historian could ever live long enough to write all the books that are to be written from all these documents," said Emily Clark, a Tulane University historian who has worked in the papers.

The few historians who've pored over the unique archive say it's pivotal because it connects early America to the broader history of the Atlantic slave trade. It's

at the heart of a wave of research tracing American roots beyond the English colonies and into Spain, France and Africa.

"We don't think of American society simply built from east to west, but we think of it as built from south to north," said Ira Berlin, a University of Maryland historian. "As you begin to think of a different kind of history, you're naturally looking for new kinds of sources to write that history."

This massive trove mostly describes domestic life as found in civil court papers, because the colony's administrative records were taken back to Europe when the United States took possession of Louisiana in 1803.

So they tell of shipwrecks and pirates, of thieves and murderers, of gambling debts and slave sales, of real estate deals and wills. One finds pages signed by historical figures like Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne, better known as Bienville, the founder of New Orleans, and Louis XVI, the king of France. And the bizarre, as in the case of a man accused of selling dog meat to

Charity Hospital.

Inside the Old United States Mint museum, where the archive is stored, the pace of work is slow and methodical. The digitization team now consists of one full time staffer and one part-timer. The Louisiana State Museum, which cares for the archive, hopes to add more staff and finish the project within three years. At the current pace, it will take more than 10 years to finish.

Melissa Stein, the full-time staffer, looks for intriguing cases, like one about exhuming the body of an unbaptized 13-year-old slave girl, baptizing her and moving her body into the cemetery.

"It's a very short document, and really, really faded," she said, studying the fragment. She slipped it back into its folder. "It was a rough life here, that's for sure."

In colonial Louisiana, unlike the English colonies, African slaves and free blacks were allowed to testify in person in court.

"The Roman legal code recognized the personhood of an enslaved per-

son and English common law didn't," Clark said. "So the kinds of things we can find out about the experiences of enslaved people from our records in Louisiana do not exist in the records of the 13 colonies."

Sophie White, a University of Notre Dame historian very familiar with the collection, said the testimony "opens up so much more about what as historians we can say about daily life."

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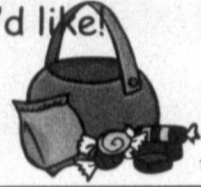
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She said years of successful interactions between the church and the tribe demonstrate a mutual respect for each other.

Still, she knows there are traditional Mohawks who will never be swayed in their view of the church and may resent Kateri's canonization as a ploy to improve the church's

image among Native Americans.

"They believe very firmly in their religion, which is Mohawk," she said. "You just have to respect that."

Orenda Boucher, a Mohawk humanities professor at Kiana Institution, a Native American college near Montreal, said there are "mixed feelings" and no easy answer to the question of what Kateri represents to Mohawks or the rest of the world.

"A lot of my friends who are traditionalists

see Kateri as tied into the story of colonization that has deeply affected Kahnawake, and to the atrocities of the church," she said.

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said the 25-year-old Reilly. "We'll see later." The worst of the storm, a combination of Sandy, a wintry system from the West and cold air streaming from the Arctic, was expected to hit the city under a full moon at about 6 p.m. Surging waters of between 6 and 11 feet could flood subway tunnels, knocking out the underground network of power, phone and high-speed Internet lines that are the lifeblood of America's financial capital. It marked the second time in 14 months that New York City has faced a scenario forecasters have long feared: a big hurricane hitting the city or a bit south, with counterclockwise winds driving water into miles of densely populated shoreline.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg urged more of the 375,000 people in the city's evacuation zone to get out earlier Monday, saying the weather would soon get too bad to leave. He closed schools for a second day on Tuesday. The U.N. and the 9/11 memorial were also closed.

"Leave immediately. ... The window for you getting out safely is closing," he said.

Joshua Segal, who lives in a 10-story Battery Park City building, stayed, chatting with neighbors outside his building Monday afternoon. He said at least half of his neighbors decided not to leave, even though the superintendent turned off the elevator.

He said he can understand why people with health concerns might want to evacuate but "if you're in good health and you're just going to stay and read a book by candlelight — I'm OK."

Without most stores and museums open, tourists were left to snap photos of the World Trade Center site, Wall Street and Times Square in largely deserted streets.

Belgian tourist Gerd Van don Mooter-Dedecker, 56, wandered in to Trinity Church after learning that a planned shopping spree with her husband Monday wouldn't happen. "We brought empty suitcases so we could fill them up," she said.

She was scheduled to fly home Tuesday but now hopes the foul weather will extend their vacation. The weather didn't worry her. "We're used to it at home," she said.

And New Yorkers Andrew Rotz and Alex Grvymala, two young investment bankers on the Battery, wearing shorts and t-shirts, were jogging all over Lower Manhattan. Rotz said they wanted to blow off some energy before the storm hit.

"It's seems like this one's for real," Grvymala said of the coming storm.

Long Island felt the brunt of the storm first, covering famed Jones Beach in water by early Monday and flooding towns like Riverhead and Montauk on the Hamptons. At least 14 people who didn't evacuate from Fire Island had to be later rescued by emergency crews.

Cuomo ordered two key tunnels to Manhattan shut down, as well as the George Washington and the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge.

But he said that most of the National Guard troops deployed to the area would go to Long Island. Lights flickered and sound went in and out of his microphone during a Monday afternoon news conference in Farmingdale.

"Long Island has become more and more vulnerable and the primary area of our concentration," he said.

In the fishing village of Greenport, Sean Seal piled dirt and sandbags onto the alleyway behind his collectibles store where the water was steadily creeping up the street toward his front door. He only opened the shop about two months ago.

"We put everything up. Upon tables, up on shelves, as far as we could," he said. "It's gonna be devastating. We'll lose a lot of stuff. It's not gonna be good."

People were shopping for last-minute supplies in Bayville, located directly on Long Island Sound near Oyster Bay, as the sound splashed over a seawall on the only road that leads in and out of the town. Judy Sniffen returned from taking her husband for dialysis on Monday morning.

"I'm taking it very seriously; this storm is very serious to me," she said. "That Sound looks very angry."

In midtown, a construction crane collapsed in high winds and dangled precariously from One57, a luxury apartment building near Carnegie Hall and Central Park with two duplexes under contract for more than \$90 million each. There were no immediate reports of injuries.

Associated Press writers Karen Matthews, Colleen Long and Deepti Hajela in New York, Larry Neumeister, Frank Eltman and Meghan Barr on Long Island, and Seth Borenstein in Kensington, Md., contributed to this report.

Crane dangles from NYC high-rise, clearing streets

VERENA DOBNIK
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A construction crane atop a \$1.5 billion luxury high-rise in midtown Manhattan collapsed in high winds Monday and dangled precariously, prompting plans for engineers and inspectors to climb 74 flights of stairs to examine it as a huge storm bore down on the city.

Some buildings, including the Parker Meridien hotel, were being evacuated as a precaution and the streets below were cleared, but there were no immediate reports of injuries. City officials didn't have a number on how many people were told to leave.

Authorities received a call about the collapse at

around 2 p.m. as conditions worsened from the approaching Hurricane Sandy. Meteorologists said winds atop the building could have been close to 95 mph at the time.

The nearly completed high-rise is known as One57 and is in one of the city's most desirable neighborhoods, near Carnegie Hall, Columbus Circle and Central Park. It had been inspected, along with other city cranes, on Friday and was found to be ready for the weather. Mayor Michael Bloomberg said later Monday it wasn't clear why the accident happened.

The harrowing inspection was being undertaken by experts who are "the best of the best," city Buildings Department spokesman Tony Sclafani

said.

The New York Times recently called the building a "global billionaires' club" because the nine full-floor apartments near the top have all been sold to billionaires. Among them are two duplexes under contract for more than \$90 million each.

Shannon Kaye, 96, lives in the building next door.

"We heard a noise, but we didn't know what it was," she said. Minutes later, she and her neighbors were told to leave.

"I never liked that building, looking down into my bedroom," she said.

"I always had the feeling that something would come falling down from it."

The Buildings Department had suspended work at the building at 5 p.m. Saturday. It reminded contractors and property owners across the city to secure construction sites and buildings.

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Gene Autry, director of Pampa Meals on Wheels, with Darrell Marsh.

By GENE AUTRY
For the Pampa News

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However, on a Monday in June, a Meals on Wheels volunteer went to his home and there was no answer when she knocked on the door. She was very persistent, but there was no response.

She returned to our office with the meal and reported that Mr. Marsh did not

answer the door and was concerned. We called the police department for a welfare check and they found Mr. Marsh lying unconscious on the floor.

They called an ambulance and he was taken to the local hospital and then air lifted to Amarillo. He had suffered a stroke and was in the hospital and rehab for approximately one month.

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Dragon ship back on Earth after space station trip

By MARCIA DUNN
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — An unmanned Dragon freighter carrying a stash of precious medical samples from the International Space Station parachuted into the Pacific Ocean on Sunday, completing the first official shipment under a billion-dollar contract with NASA.

The California-based SpaceX company successfully guided the Dragon down from orbit to a splashdown a few hundred miles off the Baja California coast.

"This historic mission signifies the restoration of America's ability to deliver and return critical space station cargo," Elon Musk, the billionaire founder and head of SpaceX, said in a

statement. NASA Administrator Charles Bolden praised the "American ingenuity" that made the endeavor possible.

Several hours earlier, astronauts aboard the International Space Station used a giant robot arm to release the commercial cargo ship 255 miles up.

The supply ship brought back nearly 2,000 pounds of science experiments and old station equipment. Perhaps the most eagerly awaited cargo is nearly 500 frozen samples of blood and urine collected by station astronauts over the past year.

The Dragon is the only delivery ship capable of returning items, now that NASA's shuttles are retired to museums. Atlantis made the last shuttle haul to and from the station in July.

The new president and Social Security reform

TOM MARGENAU
Creator's Syndicate

No matter who is picked as president in the upcoming election, in today's column, I will tell you what he will do about Social Security reform. But before I get to that, I must once again go over the reason why reform is needed.

It all comes down to a simple matter of demographics. Aging baby boomers (like me) play havoc with the financing of the system. It's not our fault of course. It's just that there are so darn many of us. There are currently about 50 million Social Security beneficiaries. By the time all the boomers cash in their paychecks for pension checks, the numbers will have gone up dramatically. There are projected to be 85 million people getting Social Security benefits by 2030.

Despite the boomer generation's reputation for free love and uninhibited sex, they never transitioned their sexual prowess into baby-making proficiency. That means fewer young workers are coming along to finance their boomer parents' retirement. The Social Security system has operated in the black for decades at a three to one ratio of Social Security taxpayers to Social Security recipients. (In the very earliest days of the program in the 1940s and early 1950s, the worker to retiree ratio was much higher, but it quickly leveled off at three to one, and that's where we've been ever since.) But by 2030, that taxpayer to beneficiary ratio will be two to one. There will be about 170 million workers supporting those 85 million beneficiaries. And the bottom line is Social Security — as it is currently structured — simply cannot work with only two workers supporting each retiree.

However, regardless of all the scare stories you might hear from politicians or pundits who predict gloom and doom for Social Security if things don't change dramatically, our nation's bedrock retirement system can be kept solvent for many decades to come with some relatively modest adjustments.

Here is what President Obama will do in his second term, or what President Romney will do in his first term, about the future of Social Security.

First, he will establish some sort of bipartisan commission on Social Security reform. This isn't anything new. Every president in the last 30 years has set up a similar panel. Most of the time, they hold meetings, they get input from both experts and members of the public alike,

and then they make a series of proposals for Social Security reform. Unfortunately, instead of acting on those proposals, various congresses and presidents in the last three decades have thanked the panel members for their expertise and then filed away their reports — never to be seen again.

That's where I think things will be different this time around. I believe we have finally reached the point where politicians and, more importantly, members of the public, are willing to take on the task of making some long-range reforms to Social Security. And here is a list of what I think those reforms will be.

—The retirement age will increase. The current full retirement age is 66. It's scheduled to increase to 67 in the next decade. They will almost certainly propose bumping that up to 68, probably effective in the 2030s, and possibly even to age 70, but not for another 50 years. This one change alone wipes out about 40 percent of Social Security's long-range deficit.

—Cost of living (COLA) adjustments will be lowered. For the past 40 years, the annual Social Security COLA increase has been pegged to an inflation index. But almost all economists agree that the inflation index used does not accurately measure the buying and spending habits of senior citizens. Using a revised inflation index would lower annual COLAs by just three-tenths of one percent. Yet that reform would eliminate about 20 percent of Social Security's deficit.

—Social Security taxes will be increased on

Social Security and you



wealthier Americans. Currently, workers pay Social Security taxes only up to \$110,100 in annual income. In other words, Bill Gates pays the same amount of Social Security tax as your neighborhood plumber. Eliminating the wage base entirely would take care of about 70 percent of Social Security's economic problems.

—Future benefits will be reduced. If Mitt Romney is elected, I doubt that taxes will be increased on wealthier Americans. In that case, an alternate reform would be a change to the formula used to figure Social Security retirement benefits. It's too complicated to explain in this short space, but it would result in about a five percent reduction in future benefits. That would reduce the system's deficit by around 35 percent.

Earlier in this column, I labeled these as "relatively modest" reforms. But I totally understand that "modest" is in the eye of the beholder. When I recently was talking to a group of union officials, they booed when I discussed increasing the retirement age. When I gave a speech to a group of senior citizens, they booed when I talked about lowering cost of living adjustments. When I met with a local Chamber of Commerce, they booed when I mentioned the elimination of the taxable wage base. And when I gave a seminar to a room full of near retirees, they booed when I said that the benefit formula might change resulting in reduced future benefits.

Obviously, different

groups will not like individual reforms. But I believe that taken as a package, a well thought out set of reforms that "spread the pain" across the spectrum of the American public will be supported by a majority of people.

These and other options for reform, along with an explanation of how Social Security is financed, are included in a fact sheet I have written. It's called "Myths and Facts About Social Security Financing." You can request a free digital copy by sending me an email at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.

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High court weighs closely watched copyright case

MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court justices on Monday weighed copyright protections for publishers, creative artists and manufacturers in a global marketplace in a case that has attracted the interest of Costco, eBay and Google. The outcome has important implications for consumers and multibillion dollar annual sales online and in discount stores.

The court was about the only Washington institution open on Monday. The justices and spectators who braved the rain and wind saw a book publisher face off against a Thai graduate student in the U.S. who resold the publisher's copyrighted books on eBay after relatives first bought nearly identical, cheaper versions abroad.

The court seemed to struggle with whether it matters where the books were produced and first sold.

The justices' answer to those questions is of enormous interest to discount sellers like Costco and online business like eBay

and Google that offer good prices on many products that were made abroad.

Publisher John Wiley & Sons won a copyright infringement lawsuit against the student, Supap Kirtsaeng. The high court is considering Kirtsaeng's appeal, which argues that Wiley lost its right to control resale of the books once his relatives bought them legally.

Kirtsaeng used eBay to sell \$900,000 worth of books published abroad by Wiley and others and made about \$100,000 in profit. The international editions of the textbooks were essentially the same as the more costly American editions. A jury in New York awarded Wiley \$600,000 after deciding Kirtsaeng sold copies of eight Wiley textbooks without permission.

The issue at the Supreme Court concerns what protection the holder of a copyright has after a product made outside the United States is sold for the first time. In this case, the issue is whether U.S. copyright protection applies to items that are made abroad, purchased abroad and then resold in

the U.S. without the permission of the manufacturer. The high court split 4-4 when it tried to answer that question in a case in 2010 involving Costco and Swiss watch maker Omega.

Justice Elena Kagan sat out the Costco case, but is taking part in the new dispute. She signed the government's legal brief in the Costco case that took Omega's side. The government is backing the publisher against Kirtsaeng, but it advocates something of a compromise in laying down a rule for other disputes.

The court already has rejected copyright claims over U.S.-made items that were sold abroad and then brought back to the United States for resale.

The justices did not appear entirely comfortable with either side's arguments, or the government's middle ground.

E. Joshua Rosenkranz, Kirtsaeng's lawyer, ran into skepticism from Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg when he suggested that a ruling for Wiley would allow publishers and other copyright holders control over repeated resale of

their products if only they made them abroad.

"So a U.S. manufacturer who wants to sell into the U.S. market has this incentive to go and send jobs overseas. It's an irresistible incentive if this court says the law is what Wiley says," Rosenkranz said.

Ginsburg replied, "Has that ever happened?"

Rosenkranz said he is sure it has, but could not come up with any specifics.

On other hand, Theodore Olson, representing Wiley, struggled to satisfy justices who wondered whether Rosenkranz might be right.

Justice Stephen Breyer asked Olson whether, without seeking permission, people could resell their foreign cars, libraries could sell or lend books bought from foreign publishers or museums could display paintings by Pablo Picasso. "Those are some of the horrors that they sketch. And if I am looking for the bear in the mouse hole, I look at those horrors, and there I see that bear. So I'm asking you to spend some time telling me why I'm

wrong."

Olson did not allay Breyer's concerns with his answer. "I would say that when we talk about all the horrors that might apply in cases other than this, museums, used Toyotas, books and luggage, and that sort of thing, we're not talking about this case."

When Rosenkranz returned to the podium to conclude the argument, he said, "To Justice Breyer's question, the bear is there. It is very much there."

The current case has attracted so much attention because it could affect many goods sold online and in discount stores. The resale of merchandise that originates overseas often is called the gray market, and it has an annual value in the tens of billions of dollars. Consumers benefit from this market because

manufacturers commonly price items more cheaply abroad than in the United States.

The federal appeals court in New York sided with Wiley in this case.

eBay and Google say in court papers that the appellate ruling "threatens the increasingly important e-commerce sector of the economy." Art museums fear that the ruling, if allowed to stand, would jeopardize their ability to exhibit art created outside the United States.

Conversely, the producers of copyrighted movies, music and other goods say that their businesses will be undercut by unauthorized sales if the court blesses Kirtsaeng's actions.

A decision is expected by June.

The case is Kirtsaeng v. John Wiley & Sons, 11-697.

FBI: Crime reported to police fell last year

PETE YOST
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of violent crimes reported to police decreased 3.8 percent last year to 1.2 million, the fifth straight year of declines, the FBI announced Monday.

Meanwhile, the total number of property crimes reported to law enforcement agencies went down by 0.5 percent to 9 million, the ninth consecutive year that figure has fallen. Property crimes resulted in estimated losses of \$156.6 billion.

The latest declines mark the continuation of a nearly two-decade drop in crime levels — a trend that almost no one in the field of criminology predicted, said Professor John Caulkins of Carnegie Mellon Heinz College. The trend, said Caulkins, is a reflection of a range of many factors, including policing practices.

A drop in the number of people in the peak crime-age category of teens to 25-year-olds also contributed to the crime reductions, Caulkins said, but added that "if this were only a story of demographics, we would never have had this kind of substantial decline."

Government figures released two weeks ago said that violent crime has fallen by 65 percent since 1993.

Twenty years ago, "there was a lot of hand-wringing about high crime levels" but "we're way past the possibility that this is a lucky conversion," Caulkins said.

The FBI's data showed that the South accounted for 41.3 percent of violent crime, while the West accounted for 22.9 percent. The Midwest claimed 19.5 percent of the cases and the Northeast, 16.2 percent.

Murders, rapes, robberies and aggravated assaults reported to authorities all declined last year. According to the FBI's data for last year:

—14,612 people were murdered, down 14.7 percent from 17,128 in 2007.

—83,425 people were raped, down 9.4 percent from 92,160 in 2007.

—354,396 people were robbed, down over 20

percent from 447,324 in 2007.

—751,131 people were assaulted, down 13.3 percent from 866,358 in 2007.

The FBI said firearms were used in two-thirds of the nation's murders last year, and in two out of every five robberies and in one out of five aggravated assaults.

In 2011, authorities solved nearly 64 percent of murders, over 40 percent of forcible rapes, nearly 29 percent of robberies and nearly 57 percent of aggravated assaults.

The FBI's crime reporting program, which captures crimes that are reported to police, is one of two statistical measures of crime levels issued by the Justice Department. Historically, less than half of all crimes, including violent crimes, are reported to police. The other measure, the national crime victimization survey, is designed to capture crime data whether it is reported to police or not. That survey is based on interviews of crime victims.

Two weeks ago, the victimization survey reported that violent crimes jumped 18 percent last year, the first rise in nearly 20 years, while property crimes rose for the first time in a decade. Academic experts say the survey data fall short of

signaling a reversal of the long-term decline in crime.

Caulkins said that the FBI report is probably more reliable as a year-to-year measure, but that the victimization survey also is useful because it includes crimes beyond those that are officially reported.

The victimization survey found that the increase in the number of violent crimes was due largely to an upward swing in sim-

ple assaults, which rose 22 percent, from 4 million in 2010 to 5 million last year. The incidence of rape, sexual assault and robbery remained largely unchanged, as did serious violent crime involving weapons or injury.

The experts said the percentage increases in last year's survey were so large primarily because the 2011 crime totals were compared with historically low levels of crime in 2010.

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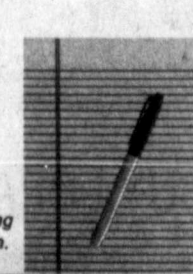
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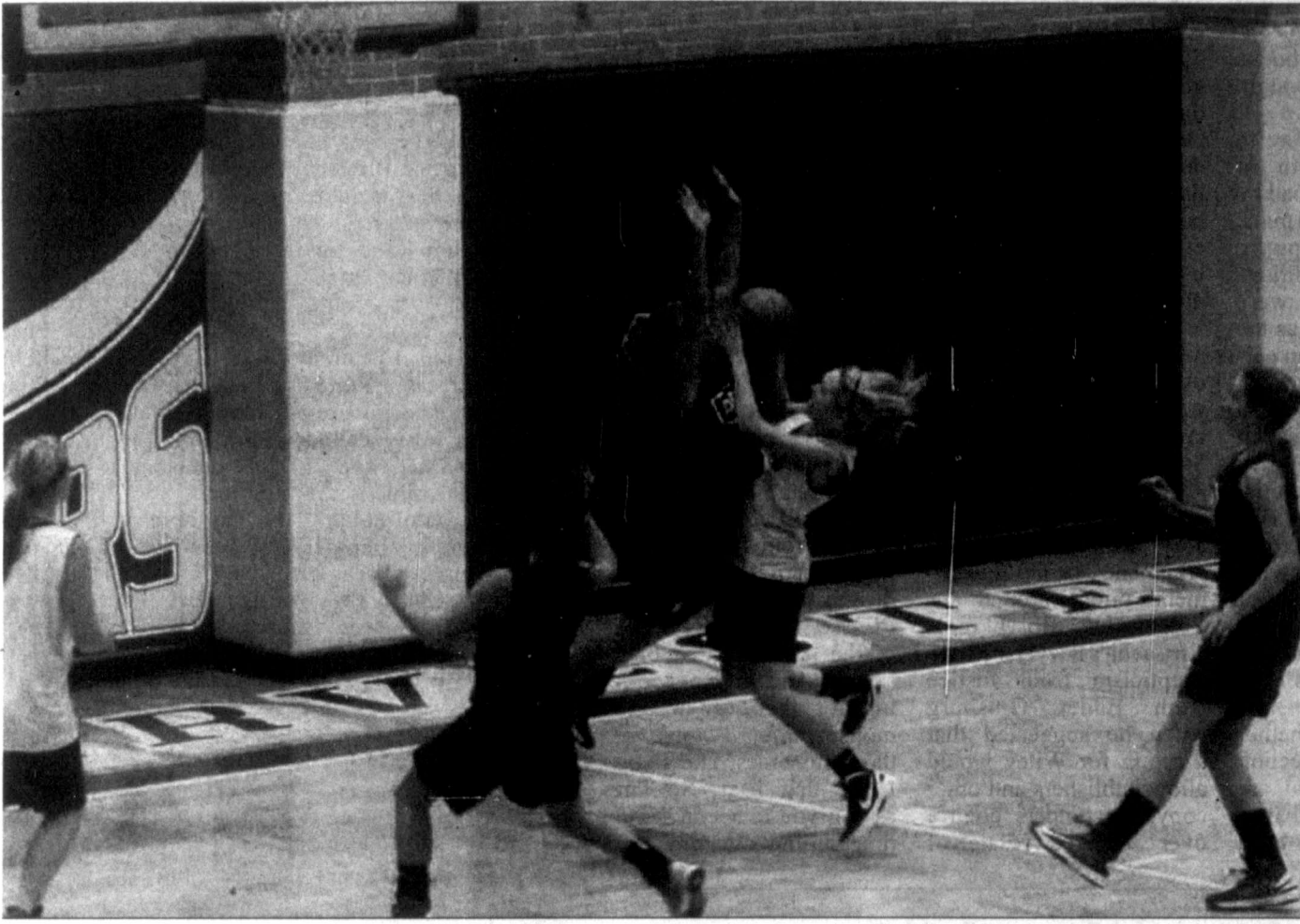
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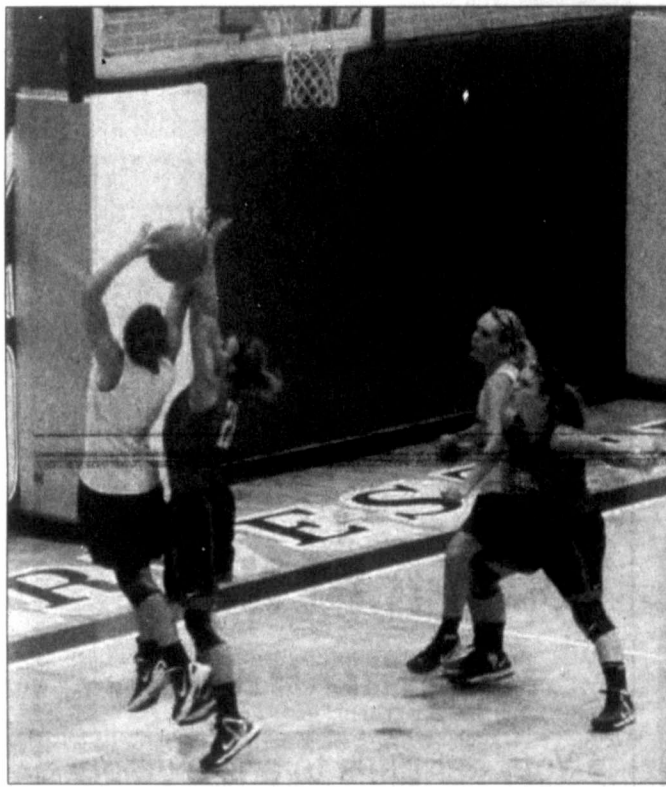
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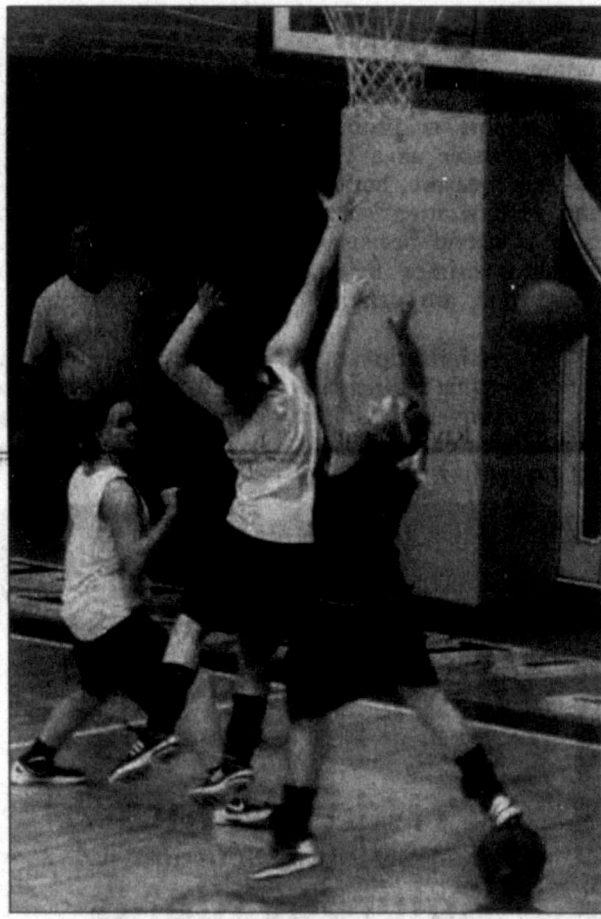
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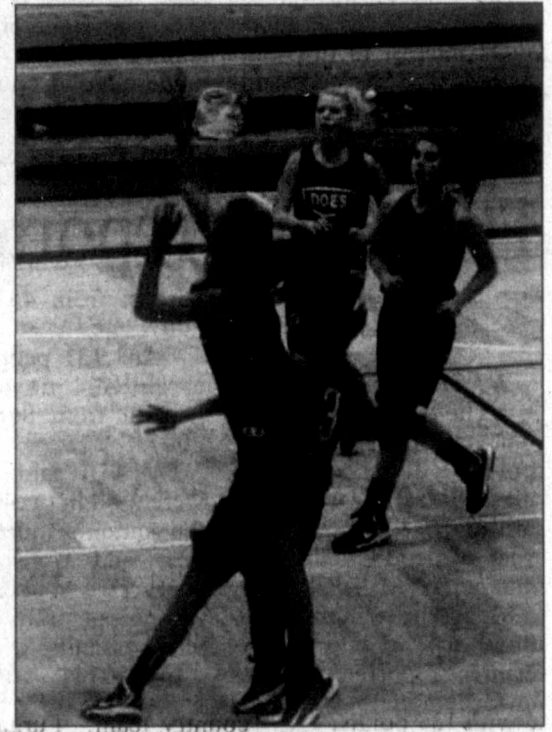
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"Case did an outstanding job. We're so proud of the job he did for us," Brown said.

The coaches discussed the quarterback situation on Sunday and decided Ash should remain the starter, Brown said.

Ash said he's happy that McCoy "saved the day" but remains confi-

dent as the leader of the offense.

"I don't need people to be confident in me to find my confidence," Ash said.

Ash and McCoy split time last season before Ash won the job outright in preseason training camp. Until Saturday, McCoy had seen mostly mop-up duty in Texas' first seven games.

McCoy came on late in a blowout loss to Oklahoma and threw two fourth-quarter touchdown passes. He was called on to win the game against the Jayhawks and the Longhorns escaped what would have been one of Brown's most embarrassing losses in 15 years.

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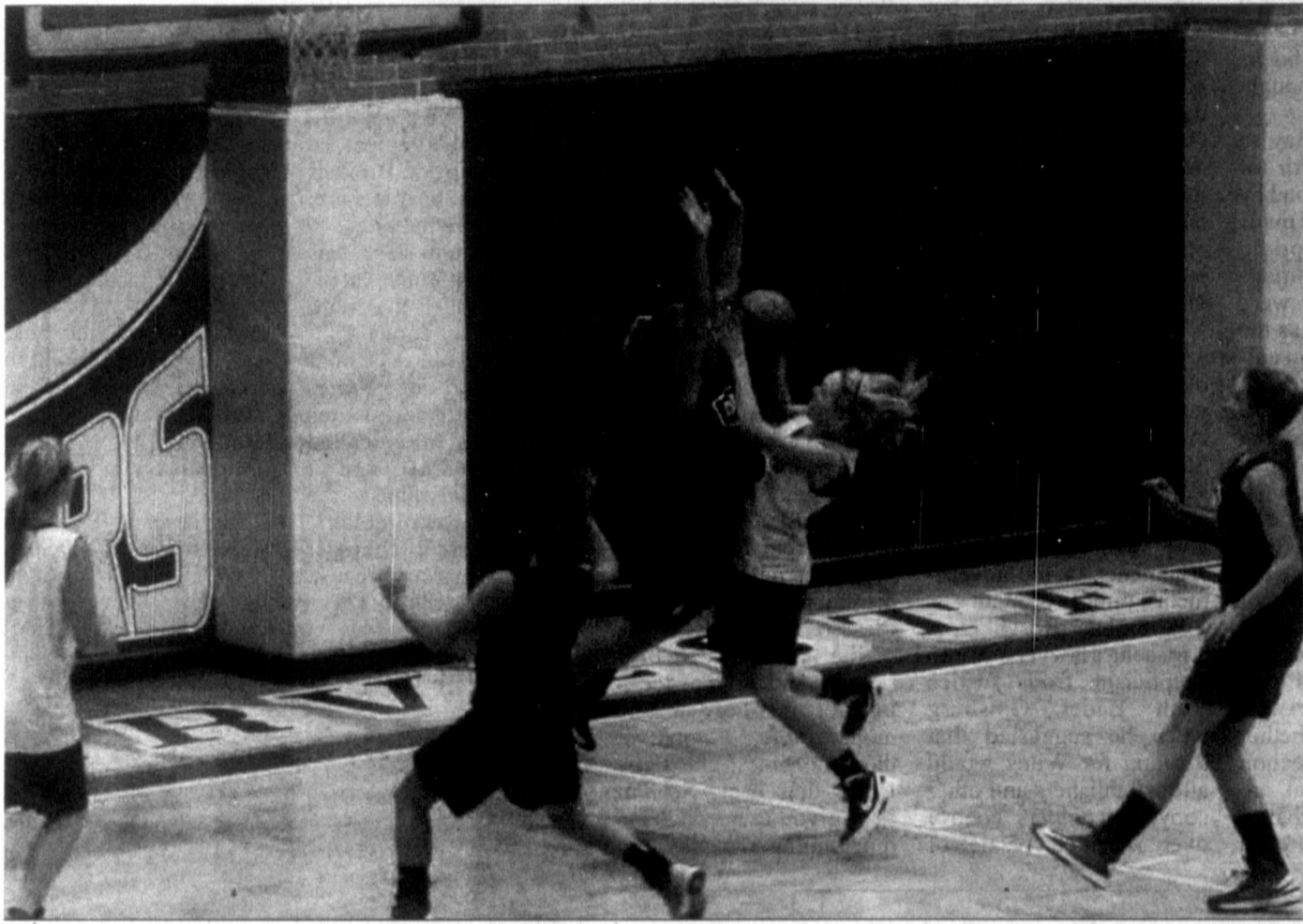
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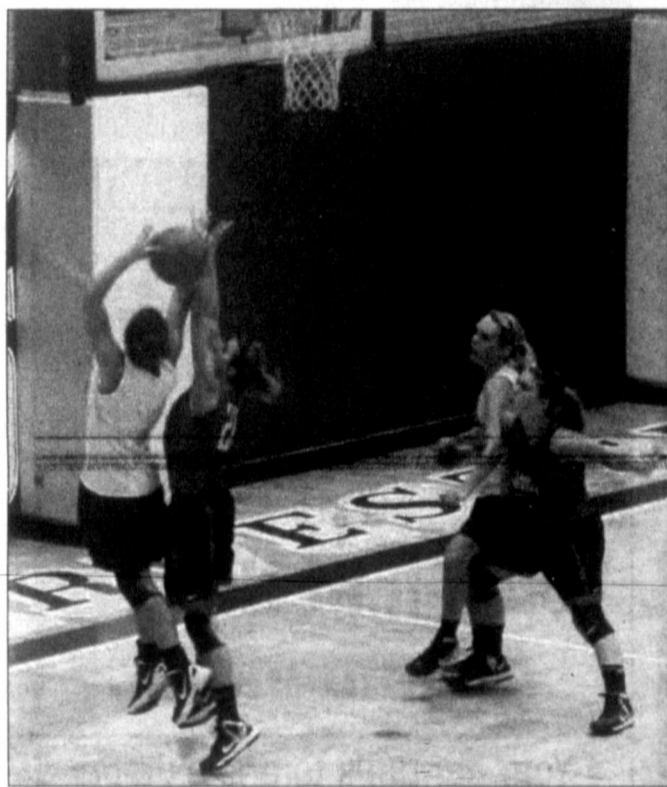
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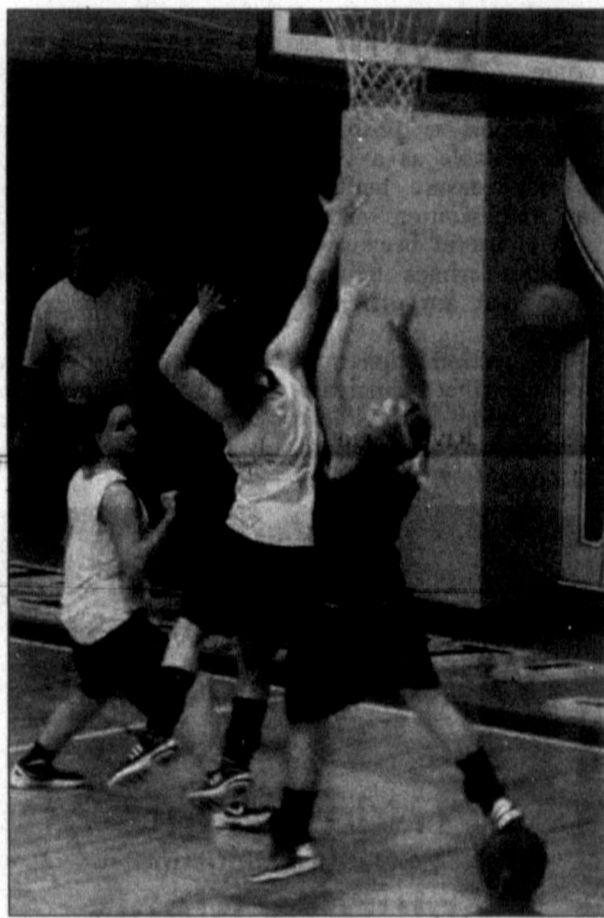
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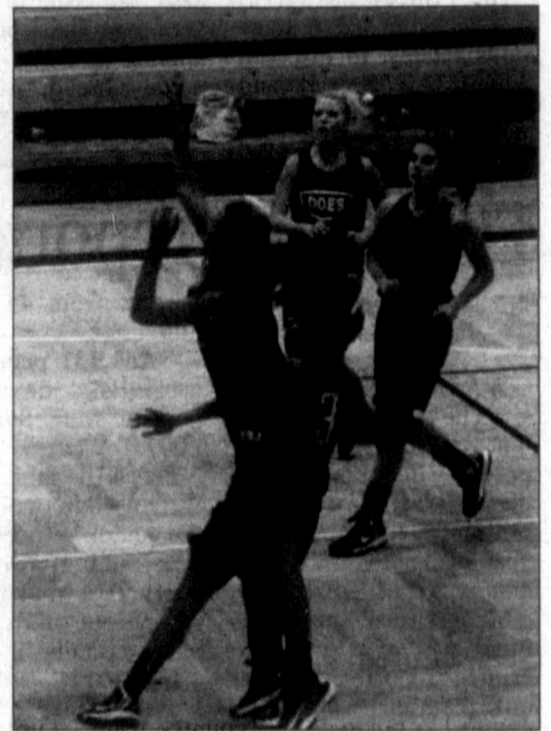
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Ash has struggled of late, however, with only one touchdown pass in the last three games. He had two interceptions against Kansas and Texas trailed late until McCoy rallied the team to a 21-17 win. McCoy's 1-yard touchdown pass to D.J. Grant with 12 seconds left was the game winner.

"Case did an outstanding job. We're so proud of the job he did for us," Brown said.

The coaches discussed the quarterback situation on Sunday and decided Ash should remain the starter, Brown said.

Ash said he's happy that McCoy "saved the day" but remains confi-

dent as the leader of the offense.

"I don't need people to be confident in me to find my confidence," Ash said.

Ash and McCoy split time last season before Ash won the job outright in preseason training camp. Until Saturday, McCoy had seen mostly mop-up duty in Texas' first seven games.

McCoy came on late in a blowout loss to Oklahoma and threw two fourth-quarter touchdown passes. He was called on to win the game against the Jayhawks and the Longhorns escaped what would have been one of Brown's most embarrassing losses in 15 years.

On Monday, McCoy deflected questions about the decision to stick with Ash as the starter.

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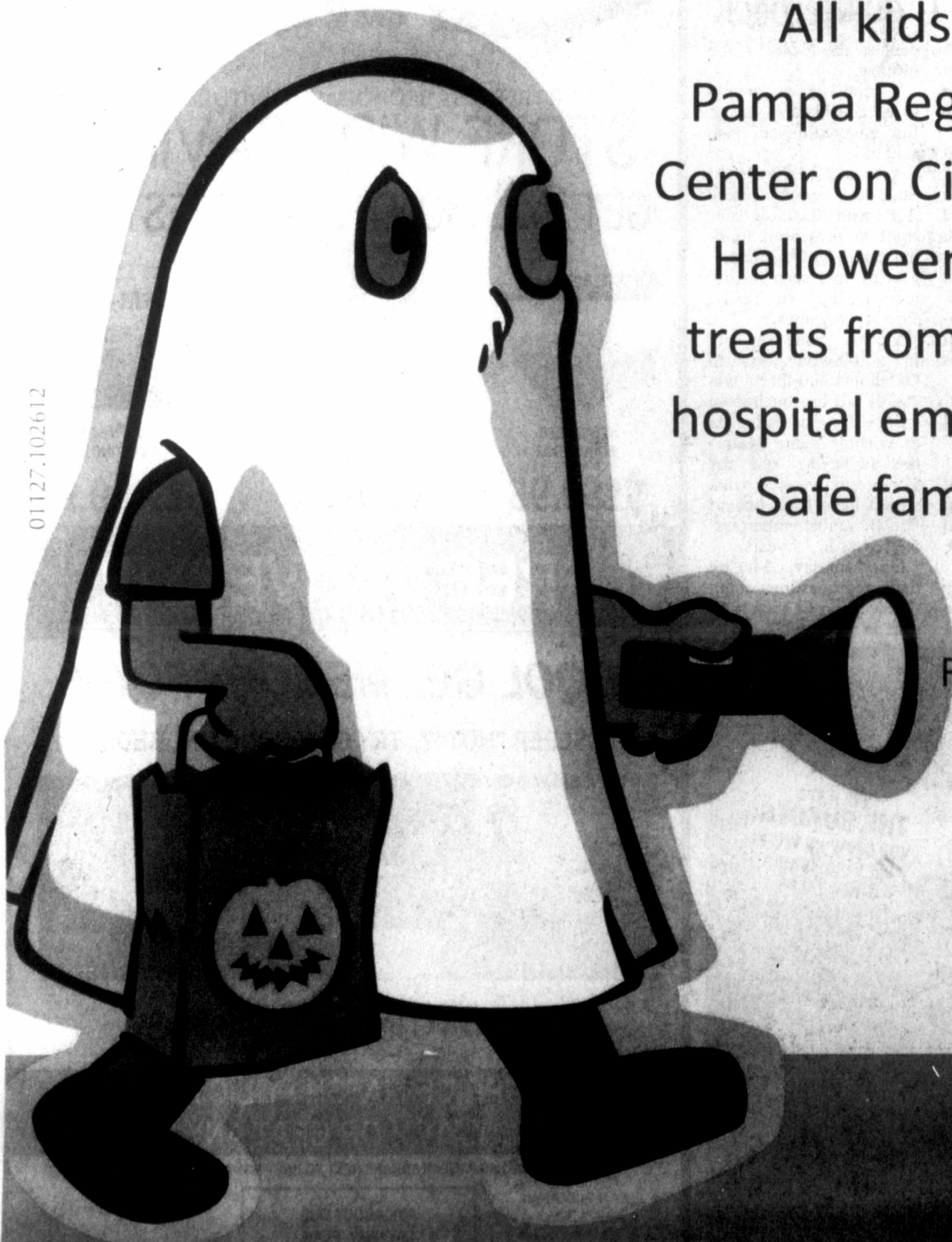
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Area ag students recognized by Texas A&M

The Awards and Scholarship Program, part of Ag Day at West Texas A&M University in Canyon is an annual highlight for the association. Held on Sept. 8 this year, the event was an opportunity to recognize the Panhandle-Plains Scholarship recipients for 2012-13.

This is year number 5 for the association's program which recognizes outstanding students with a \$1,000 award each. Recipients are chosen by a committee from within the Department of Agriculture

Sciences. Criterion for the scholarship includes students who graduated from high school in the association's service territory.

Anna Castanon, is a Senior from Perryton. She is a Pre-Veterinary Medicine major and will begin the Veterinary School application process next spring. Her parents are Saul Castanon and Rebeca Espino of Perryton. Anna's career path was determined early in life by her love of animals. With a strong work ethic and goal orientation she is well on her way.

This is her second year to receive the scholarship.

Abigail Grace Miller calls rural Floyd County home. Classified as a Junior, her degree plan is Agricultural Media and Communication. Abigail's parents are Lyle and La Tresa Miller. Getting an early start on her post graduation career plans; she served as Editor of the Agricultural Communications of Tomorrow publication and was on the Dean's list in 2010-2011. Her strong family ties to production agriculture will prove

invaluable in future plans.

Roger "Chip" L. Morris IV, is a Plant, Soil, and Environmental Science major. Classified as a Junior; he plans to be the fifth generation to work the family farm in Vega. Chip's parents are Roger and Mary Ann Morris. His goal is to obtain as much farm and ranch based education as he can and ultimately return to the family farm. While at school, he has been able to continue his passion on the farm, commuting to Vega as much as class time allows.

Madilyn Shults is a Sophomore from Pampa. She plans to pursue a degree in Agriculture Education and would ultimately like to teach at West Texas A&M. Active in FFA and sports while in High School; she was the recipient of numerous recognitions and awards. She was a successful student as well, gaining membership in the National Honor Society. Her parents are Wendell and Charla Shults.

These recipients exhibit a love of agriculture as their chosen field of

study and in extracurricular activities. The Department of Agriculture Sciences has done another fine job identifying worthy students for these scholarships. Panhandle-Plains Land Bank is proud to support these individuals and wishes them well as they continue their studies. Panhandle-Plains Land Bank provides long-term credit to farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness in 17 counties of the Panhandle and South Plains. Offices are located in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton and Plainview.

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Blind tennis players keep their ears on ball

By **TERENCE CHEA**
Associated Press

FREMONT, Calif. (AP) — Learning how to play tennis is hard enough. Now try it when you can't see.

That's what students are doing at the California School for the Blind. They're learning a form of tennis adapted for the visually impaired — and expanding the boundaries of what the blind can do.

The state-supported campus in Fremont is one of three American schools for the blind that recently began teaching adapted tennis, which was invented in Japan in the 1980s. A nonprofit group called Tennis Serves is working to promote the sport throughout the U.S.

"I didn't know someone with no vision could play tennis until I came to this school," said a 16-year-old student from Modesto named Jonathan. The school declined to provide his last name, citing a state law that protects the privacy of students with disabilities.

Blind tennis features a smaller court, lower net and junior tennis rackets with bigger heads and shorter handles. String is taped to the floor so players can feel the boundaries with their feet.

Players use a foam ball filled with metal beads that rattle on impact, allowing them to locate the ball when it hits the ground or racket. Once served, they have to return the ball before it bounces three times.

"The most difficult thing to teach is timing their stroke," said Sejal Vallabh, the 17-year-old founder of Tennis Serves. "Being able to listen to the ball, locate it using their sense of hearing and swing at the precise moment the ball goes by is really difficult to teach."

While experienced players can keep the ball in bounds and stage extended rallies, just hitting the ball over the net can be a challenge for beginners. During a recent visit to the California School for the Blind, students mostly swatted balls into the ground, the net and toward the ceiling and walls. Few balls were returned, but teachers say some are developing that capability.

Blind tennis was created in 1984 by Miyoshi Takei, a blind Japanese high school student who designed the adapted ball and helped the sport gain popularity in Japan and

other Asian countries. He dominated blind tennis competitions until he was killed in a train accident last year at age 42.

Vallabh, an avid tennis player who is now a high school senior in Newton, Mass., first encountered blind tennis two years while doing a summer internship in Japan, where her grandmother lives.

"After I saw it there, I knew that I wanted to recreate the sport that I had seen back in the U.S.," she said, so she started Tennis Serves.

Vallabh first began teaching at Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, Mass. with help from her high school tennis teammates. She then helped start similar programs at Lighthouse International in New York City and the California School for the Blind.

Vallabh is working with engineering students at Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, Calif. to design a ball that continuously beeps to make it easier for blind players to track it.

At the California School for the Blind, staff members said they were skeptical when Vallabh first approached them about teaching the adapted sport.

"We were thinking, 'How are we going to teach tennis?'" said Mary Alice Ross, who teaches adapted physical education. "My colleague said, 'Tennis is like teaching football. It's not something we really do.'"

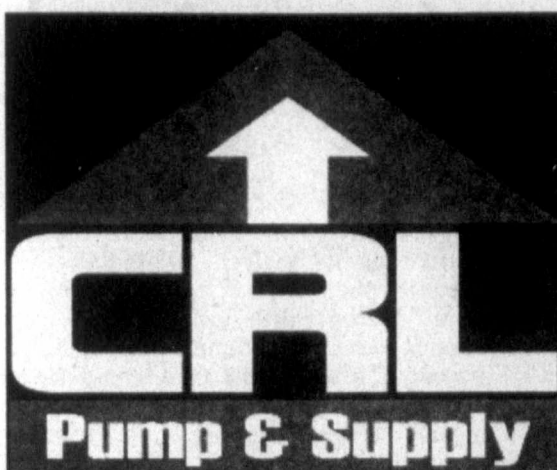
The California School for the Blind, which has about 90 students ages 5 to 22, offers many adapted sports activities and sports, including bowling, boating, swimming, hiking, ice-skating and goal-ball.

Tennis is one of the most difficult sports for the visually impaired, but it brings unique rewards, teachers say.

"When it comes to being able to play a sport which is commonly only played by people with good vision, it's a big self-esteem boost," said John Healy, a dorm counselor who teaches adapted tennis.

A 12-year-old student named Sebastian said he was surprised when he first heard about the adapted sport.

"Tennis? How could blind people play tennis?" he said. "But then I was like, blind people can do anything they want. If you set your mind to it, then you can do it."



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High court weighs new look at voting rights law

JAY REEVES AND MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three years ago, the Supreme Court warned there could be constitutional problems with a landmark civil rights law that has opened voting booths to millions of African-Americans. Now, opponents of a key part of the Voting Rights Act are asking the high court to finish off that provision.

The basic question is whether state and local governments that once boasted of their racial discrimination still can be forced in the 21st century to get federal permission before making changes in the way they hold elections.

Some of the governments covered — most of them are in the South — argue they have turned away from racial discrimination over the years. But Congress and lower courts that have looked at recent challenges to the law concluded that a history of discrimination and more recent efforts to harm minority voters justify continuing federal oversight.

The Supreme Court could say as early as Monday whether it will consider ending the Voting Rights Act's advance approval requirement that has been held up as a crown jewel of the civil rights era.

The justices sidestepped this very issue in a case from Texas in 2009. In an opinion joined by eight justices, Chief Justice John Roberts wrote then that the issue of advance approval "is a difficult

constitutional question we do not answer today."

Since then, Congress has not addressed potential problems identified by the court. Meanwhile, the law's opponents sensed its vulnerability and filed several new lawsuits.

The advance approval, or preclearance requirement, was adopted in the Voting Rights Act in 1965 to give federal officials a potent tool to defeat persistent efforts to keep blacks from voting.

The provision was a huge success, and Congress periodically has renewed it over the years. The most recent occasion was in 2006, when a Republican-led Congress overwhelmingly approved and President George W. Bush signed a 25-year extension.

The requirement currently applies to the states of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia. It also covers certain counties in California, Florida, New York, North Carolina and South Dakota, and some local jurisdictions in Michigan and New Hampshire. Coverage has been triggered by past discrimination not only against blacks, but also against American Indians, Asian-Americans, Alaskan Natives and Hispanics.

Before these locations can change their voting rules, they must get approval either from the U.S. Justice Department's civil rights division or from the federal district court in Washington that the new rules won't discriminate.

Congress compiled a 15,000-page record and documented hundreds of instances of apparent voting discrimination in the states covered by the law dating to 1982, the last time it had been extended.

Among the incidents in the congressional record:

—In 1998, Webster County, Ga., tried to reduce the black population in several school board districts after citizens elected a majority-black school board for the first time.

—In 2001, Kilmichael, Miss., canceled an election when a large number of African-American candidates sought local office following 2000 census results that showed blacks had become the majority in the city.

—In 2004, Waller County, Texas, sought to limit early voting near a historically black college and threatened to prosecute students for illegal voting after two black students said they would run for office.

But in 2009, Roberts indicated the court was troubled about the ongoing need for a law in the face of dramatically improved conditions, including increased minority voter registration and turnout rates. Roberts attributed

part of the change to the law itself. "Past success alone, however, is not adequate justification to retain the preclearance requirements," he said.

He also raised concern that the formula by which states are covered relies on data that is now 40 years old.

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East Coast storm wreaks havoc on presidential race

By **JOSH LEDERMAN**
AND
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Associated Press

CELINA, Ohio (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney and President Barack Obama frantically sought to close the deal with voters with precious few days left in an incredibly close race as this year's October surprise — an unprecedented storm menacing the East Coast — wreaked havoc on their best-laid plans.

Ever mindful of his narrow path to the requisite 270 electoral votes, Romney looked to expand his map, weighing an intensified effort in traditionally left-leaning Minnesota. Obama sought to defend historically Democratic turf as the race tightened heading into the final week.

Wary of being seen as putting their political pursuits ahead of public safety, the two White House hopefuls reshuffled their campaign plans as the storm approached. Both candidates were loath to forfeit face time with voters in battleground states like Virginia that are likely to be afflicted when Hurricane Sandy, a winter storm and a cold front collide to form a freak hybrid storm.

"The storm will throw havoc into the race," said Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va.

Obama, preparing to depart for Florida Sunday, a day early to beat the storm, got an update from disaster relief officials before speaking by phone to affected governors and mayors.

"Anything they need, we will be there," Obama said. "And we are going to cut through red tape. We are not going to get bogged down with a lot of rules. We want to make sure that we are anticipating and leaning forward."

An opportunity for Obama to demonstrate steady leadership in the face of crisis was offset by the risk that the federal government, as in past emergencies, could be faulted for an ineffective response, with the president left to take the fall.

Obama canceled campaign stops Monday in Virginia and Tuesday in Colorado to monitor the storm but planned to go forward with other events Monday in Florida and Ohio, with former President Bill Clinton at his side. He planned to return to Ohio on Wednesday with stops in Cincinnati and Akron, followed by a Thursday swing through Springfield, Ohio, Boulder, Colo., and Las Vegas.

Romney nixed three stops in up-for-grabs Virginia on Sunday, opting instead to campaign with running mate Paul Ryan in Ohio before heading Monday to Wisconsin, where Romney has chipped away at Obama's lead.

"I know that right now some people in the country are a little nervous about a storm about to hit the coast, and our thoughts and prayers are with people who will find themselves in harm's way," Romney told several hundred supporters crowded into a field house at the University of Findlay, the second of three Sunday rallies.

Romney's campaign confirmed Sunday that he would not travel to New Hampshire on Tuesday as planned.

The campaign already canceled a Monday event in New Hampshire featuring Romney's wife, Ann. Advisers say further travel changes are likely as they monitor the storm's progress.

Vice President Joe Biden canceled a Monday event in New Hampshire. "The last thing the president and I want to do is get in the way of anything. The most important thing is health and

safety," Biden said.

Ryan planned to keep his campaign schedule. On Monday he is leaving Ohio at midday for three stops in Florida.

His Tuesday schedule has Ryan going to Virginia, and aides said nothing had yet changed.

The prospect that bad weather could hinder early voting and get-out-the-vote efforts is vexing to both Obama and Romney.

"Obviously, we want unfettered access to the polls, because we think the more people that come out, the better we're going to do," said David Axelrod, a top adviser to Obama's campaign. "To the extent that it makes it harder, that's a source of concern."

In Virginia, one of the most competitive states in the race, election officials eased absentee voting requirements for those affected by the storm.

"The state board of elections is already planning for extended hours in advance for absentee voting, and it's now a priority, moved up to the same level as hospitals and police stations to have power restored," said Gov. Bob McDonnell, a top Romney ally.

Getting voters to the polls — whether early or on Election Day — is one of the few elements of the race still in the candidates' control. Although Romney and Obama are in a close contest for the popular vote, the president continues to have the upper hand in the most contested states.

Reince Priebus, the GOP chairman, pointed to recent gains for Romney that have lifted him to a virtual tie in most national polls. "The

challenger always wins in a tie race," he said.

With time running out, both campaigns appeared to be fine-tuning their map of the states where they're campaigning the hardest.

A senior Republican official, speaking on the condition of anonymity to disclose private deliberations, said Sunday that the Romney team was seriously discussing sending Romney, Ryan or both to Minnesota during the final week.

The state hasn't gone Republican in the presidential race since 1972, but recent polling shows a tighter race there than most anticipated.

In a flashback to the 2008 race, Obama's campaign announced

that Biden will campaign Thursday in Pennsylvania, reprising a visit to his hometown of Scranton that he made during the final week four years ago.

Pennsylvania, too, has been Democratic territory in recent years, but

Romney has continued to contest the state with an advertising assist from the Republican Party.

Axelrod, Priebus and McDonnell spoke on CNN's "State of the Union." Warner spoke on "Fox News Sunday."

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World News

Greece considered more risky to invest than Syria

By PAN PYLAS
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The world's markets may believe that the worst of the financial crisis in Europe is over after three turbulent years, but those people who control the purse strings of the world's businesses are not breathing any easier.

An annual survey of finance directors from global business consultancy BDO finds that the crisis over too much government debt in Europe remains one of their key concerns — so much so that Greece is considered a riskier place to invest and set up business in than war-torn Syria.

Only Iran and Iraq are

considered more risky than Greece, which also struggles to convince its international creditors that it deserves bailout loans to avoid bankruptcy and a possible euro exit.

"CFOs are becoming increasingly wary of Southern Europe, parts of which they now see as risky as the politically unstable countries of the Middle East," said BDO chief executive Martin Van Roekel.

Greece isn't the only country in the 17-country group that uses the euro in the survey's top 10 riskiest countries to invest in. Spain, which even as the eurozone's No. 4 economy with a long-standing relationship with Latin America, stands at No. 7.

This reluctance by finance directors, particularly from fast-growing economies such as Brazil and China, to invest in Europe's indebted countries goes to the heart of the financial crisis. A major part of these countries' recovery is dependent on the private sector stepping in to fill the investment gap left by cuts in government spending.

While countries like Greece and Spain are struggling to convince international business that they are good places to invest, others are prospering. Despite recent signs of slowing down, China is considered the most attractive country for expansion, closely followed by the U.S. Others

such as Brazil, India, Germany and the U.K. also feature in the top 10 of countries ripe for expansion.

Overall, the survey from BDO found that CFOs around the world are finding it more difficult to conduct business abroad. As well as an uncertain global economic situation, they cite increased regulation and greater competition.

Van Roekel also said he is "surprised" that more finance directors haven't voiced concerns about the heavy debts of countries outside of Europe, notably Japan and the U.S.

Though Japan's debt is worth around double the size of its economy, the country has managed to

avoid stoking too many investor concerns because most of its self-financed by its own pension funds.

The U.S., which has the advantage of having the dollar, the world's reserve currency, has problems of its own and the winner of the presidential elec-

tion, whoever it is, will soon have to grapple with the "fiscal cliff" — a package of huge tax hikes and spending cuts that will automatically be introduced if the different arms of government don't come to a budget agreement.

Lithuanian opposition parties vow to form gov't

By MINDAUGAS KULBIS
Associated Press

VILNIUS, Lithuania (AP) — Opposition Social Democrats won Lithuania's parliamentary election on Sunday after campaigning on promises to reverse unpopular austerity policies and boost social spending in the recession-scarred Baltic state.

Party leaders agreed late Sunday to form a coalition government with two other center-left opposition parties that have also called for a larger government role in the economy after four years of tight budgets aimed at avoiding bankruptcy and paving the way for the euro.

The election result was a blow to Prime Minister Andrius Kubilius, whose conservative party, Homeland Union-

Christian Democrats, finished second in the poll.

Algirdas Butkevicius, the Social Democrats' leader and the likeliest prime minister candidate, said his party was ready to create a coalition with two populist parties — the Labor Party and Order & Justice.

"Society, voters, elected these three parties. We have most of the votes in the parliament, and citizens provided us the right to form a new government and implement our programs," Butkevicius told reporters early Monday.

Together the three parties would control 78 seats in the 141-member Parliament.

Butkevicius, a former finance minister, has said that more money should be invested in production and the country should postpone plans to introduce the euro until the

European Union can sort out its ongoing financial crisis.

Kubilius' government, which came to power in December 2008, has said it would like Lithuania to adopt the common currency in 2014.

Lithuania suffered one of Europe's worst recessions in 2009, with economic output declining 14 percent. To stave off bankruptcy, the government was forced to raise taxes and cut expenditures.

Joblessness soared, tens of thousands fled the country, and living standards declined dramatically — particularly due to higher energy costs after Lithuania closed a Soviet-era nuclear power plant that had been a cheap source of kilowatts. The country has been forced to import more natural gas and electricity from Russia, for which it pays a

premium.

Kubilius' government has drawn up plans to build a new 5 billion euro (\$6 billion) nuclear power facility, though opposition parties — including those that will likely make up the new government — have slammed it as a luxury too expensive for a country of 3 million people.

They insisted on a referendum, and two weeks ago a majority of Lithuanian voters rejected the idea of building a new nuclear plant. Although the ballot was nonbinding, many experts believe that the project, which would be carried out by Japan's Hitachi, is now unlikely to get off the ground.

The final decision on who should become the next prime minister will be made by President Dalia Grybauskaitė.

Ukraine ruling party claims victory in Sunday's election

By MARIA DANILOVA
Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich's party claimed victory Sunday in a parliamentary vote tainted by the jailing of the country's top opposition leader.

Despite a strong showing of pro-Western opposition parties in the proportional portion of the vote, Yanukovich's Party of Regions was likely to retain its parliamentary majority as its candidates were expected to take the lead in individual races across

the country.

With former Premier Yulia Tymoshenko in jail and widespread fears of election fraud, the West is paying close attention to the vote in the strategic ex-Soviet state, which lies between Russia and the European Union, and serves as a key conduit for transit of Russian energy supplies to many EU countries.

An election deemed undemocratic by international observers could freeze Kiev's ties with the West and push Ukraine toward Moscow.

An exit poll conducted by three leading poll-


ing agencies showed the Party of Regions ahead with some 28.1 percent of the vote.

Tymoshenko's Fatherland party is poised to get about 25 percent of the proportional vote, while the Udar (Punch) led by world boxing champion Vitali Klitschko is set to get around 15 percent, according to the survey.

The anti-government nationalist Svoboda (Freedom) party and the Communists, Yanukovich's traditional allies, both look set to get about 12 percent. And even though the

three opposition parties have more proportional votes than the Regions and the Communists combined, Yanukovich candidates are likely to win enough individual races to form a majority in parliament.

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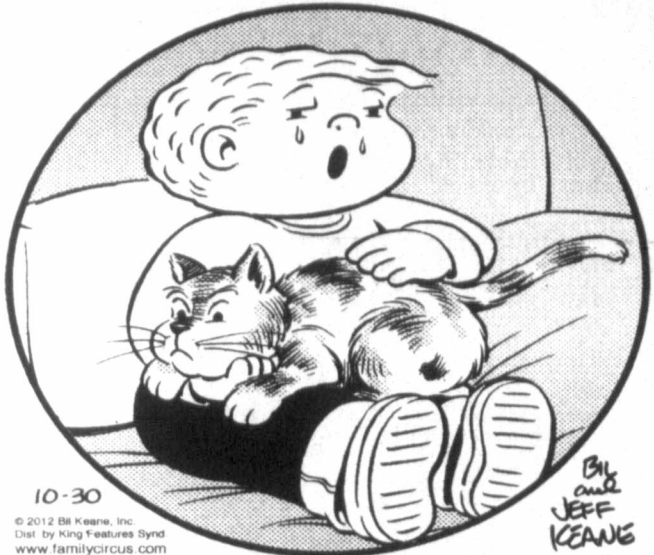
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"Mommy, I keep sneezin'. Do you think I might be 'lergic to somethin'?"

Non Sequitur



Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2012:
 This year you tap into your wit and intelligence, no matter what you choose to do. Others like having you around. Make sure that you are clear in your communication, as often there tend to be mix-ups. The unexpected adds zest to your life. If you are single, you could meet someone who appears out of the blue. It is likely that Cupid's arrow will hit you hard. If you are attached, the two of you could experience some misunderstandings. Let go of your judgment, and accept your partner as he or she is. GEMINI makes you laugh easily.
 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)
 ★★★ By midday, a situation will energize you, and you might feel tense and excited simultaneously. Be sure to cross off the errands on your to-do list. A misunderstanding could happen if you move too quickly. Clear up this matter ASAP. Tonight: Out and about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ The unexpected occurs, which forces you to pull back and center yourself. This time of reflection ultimately allows you to gain. You will touch base with reality when you finally decide to deal with the various aspects of this situation. Tonight: Share some of your treats. No tricks, please.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ As the day goes on, you feel more empowered. You'll communicate on a deep level and share more of your ideas. Others respond, but perhaps not in the way you anticipated. This is particularly true for one key person in your life. Tonight: Go with last-minute changes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ Use the morning to the max, and do what you must in order to assume a low profile in the afternoon. A discussion might need to be repeated at a later date, even if it seems like the other party currently understands the message. Someone you look up to could surprise you. Tonight: Act like a ghost and vanish.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ Handle your responsibilities early in the day, as meetings, interpersonal interactions and phone calls will keep you very busy. Indulge in this sociable afternoon — it's nearly as if it was created just for you. Tonight: At a favorite haunt with your friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★ You might want to think through someone's demands. A partner's unexpected behavior also could take a toll on you. You might not be in the mood to talk, and perhaps you would rather distance yourself from this person right now. Think before adjusting your schedule. Tonight: To the wee hours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ A close partner or an associate demands a lot of your attention. Confusion surrounds you; do not take someone's behavior personally. Indulge a loved one at a distance, and make plans to visit. Tonight: Last-minute thoughts about trick-or-treating might encourage a change in plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ Deal with someone's requests. You could be aggravated on some level, but it would be worth it to step back and evaluate your mood before taking action. Try not to look at the incident itself, but instead at your authentic feelings for this person. Tonight: Surprises happen left and right.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ Those around you are full of themselves right now, which could force you to back off some. These people simply have strong personalities, but it might feel like you are on the receiving end of a power play. You just might want to go along with the program. Tonight: Go along with someone else's idea.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ Your creative ideas mark the morning. By the afternoon, it is business as usual. Take time with a parent or boss who might need some help. You want to be there for this person, but you also want to get home to greet the little gremlins that will come by. Tonight: Consider an unexpected offer.

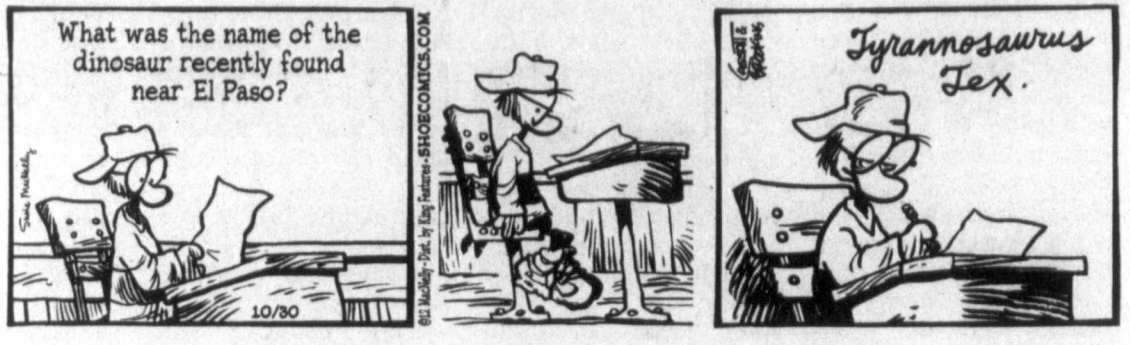
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ Confusion forces your hand in a situation. A misunderstanding helps you initiate a long-overdue conversation. Let your imagination run wild, and you could find that many doors will open up as a result. A brainstorming session demonstrates your creativity. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ You might want to spend more time at home or with a family member. Even if you have to work, you still can plan on making time with this person afterward. He or she will be delighted by your actions. Tonight: You do not need to go far to have a haunting experience.

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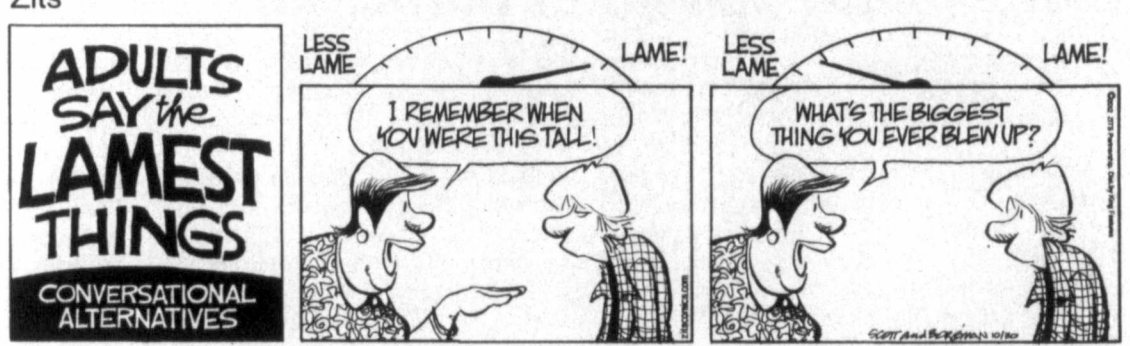
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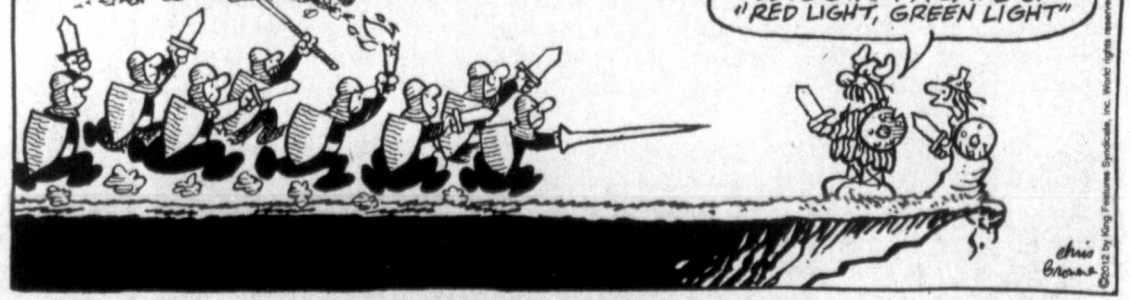
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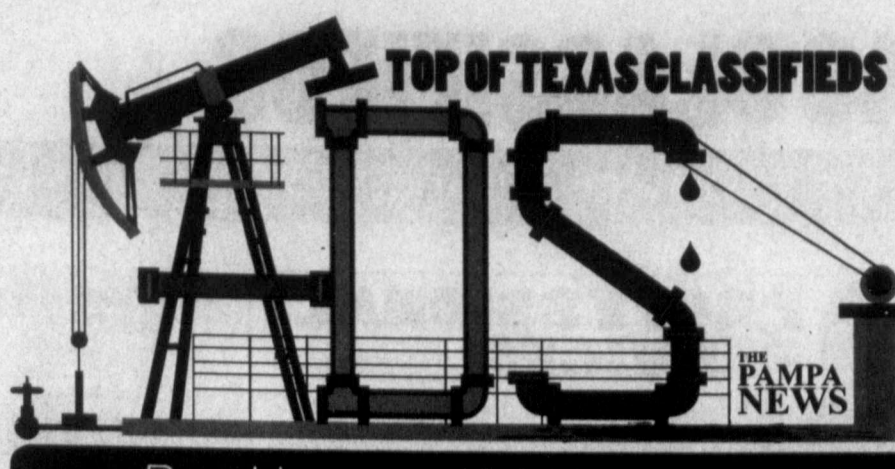


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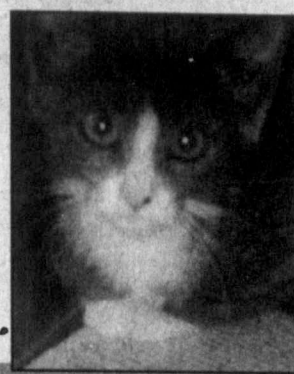
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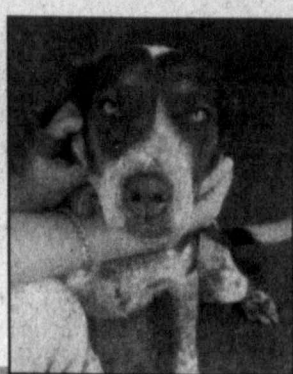
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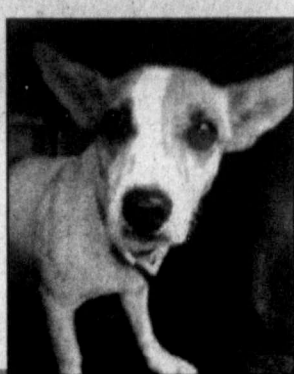
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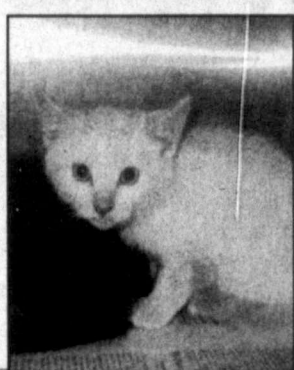
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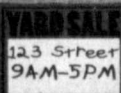
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: "Chaplin, Conn., Reader" (Aug. 16) suggested that teachers should be sharing life lessons with children. Unfortunately, many people in our society believe it — including parents. Students come to us with ever-increasing deficits in many non-curricular areas. But it is NOT the job of public educators to teach them the importance of families, helping grandparents, caring for household pets, etc.

If these things come up in the course of the day and there is a need to address them, we try to clarify any misconceptions. But taking time to prepare and teach a lesson on any of these small but important subjects is no longer an option. The demands placed on teachers today are vast and complex. Just getting parents to follow through at home on school responsibilities is a job in itself. Many of them don't seem to think they need to help their kids be successful in school. — SEEN IT ALL IN MICHIGAN

DEAR SEEN IT ALL: Thank you for your comments. The letter from "Chaplin, Conn. Reader" brought a HUGE number of responses on this issue, primarily from teachers:

DEAR ABBY: I have worked in an elementary school for nine years. A teacher is a counselor, doctor, social worker and behavioral specialist all in one. Kids come to class dirty, hungry, tired, with no manners or clue about the alphabet or counting. Teachers have halted lessons because a child is in a meltdown. Some kids have never held a pencil or scissors, and don't know how to share or take directions from an adult. It's sad to hear them say they have no crayons at home or books to read. As for testing, unless the parents do THEIR job, we will see little improvement in scores. And no, I don't

work in a big-city school district — this is a nice suburban area. — STILL LOVE MY JOB

DEAR ABBY: I spend half my teaching time on behavioral issues, social skills, bullying, how to work in a group and just trying to hold kids' attention. Many children today are so used to constant stimulation from TV, video games, texting, etc., that their attention spans max out at 30 seconds. I practically have to sing and dance to reach them or they tune out. I suggest "Chaplin" go to a school, volunteer, and try to become a part of the solution instead of adding to the burden of already overworked teachers. — TEACHING IN TACOMA

DEAR ABBY: You said parents should be the ones teaching the kinds of things the Connecticut reader wrote about. Then you asked where the parents are. Let me tell you! They're too busy on their smartphones talking to or fighting with their latest boy- or girlfriend, playing electronic games, out drinking and partying so much they don't know or care where their kids

are. Parents who actually spend time with their children and give them undivided attention are sadly in the minority. Those who help to teach them are even fewer in number. — KANSAS READER

DEAR ABBY: You are correct that teachers are overwhelmed by many curricular, legislative and administrative demands. However, educators can continually instill many of these life lessons into students by acting as positive role models who consistently demonstrate core values such as integrity, respect and determination. Students tend to do and learn what they see even more than what they are told — by parents AND teachers. — ANNE IN NEVADA

DEAR ABBY: I am a retired physical education teacher. One day during a health class, a mother of one of my students came to school and told me I should teach "morals and manners" to her daughter. My response: "Ma'am, if you couldn't do that in 14 years, I can't do it in 40 minutes a day." — REMEMBERS IT WELL

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Can true solitude be found in wired world?

MARTHA IRVIN
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CHICAGO (AP) — When was the last time you were alone, and unwired? Really, truly by yourself. Just you and your thoughts — no cellphone, no tablet, no laptop.

Many of us crave that kind of solitude, though in an increasingly wired world, it's a rare commodity.

We check texts and emails, and update our online status, at any hour — when we're lying in bed or sitting at stop lights or on trains. Sometimes, we even do so when we're on the toilet.

We feel obligated, yes. But we're also fascinated with this connectedness, constantly tinkering and checking in — an obsession that's starting to get pushback from a small but growing legion of tech users who are feeling the need to unplug and get away.

"What might have felt like an obligation at first has become an addiction. It's almost as if we don't know how to be alone, or we are afraid of what we'll find when we are alone with ourselves," says Camille Preston, a tech and communication consultant based in Cambridge, Mass.

"It's easier to keep doing, than it is to be in stillness." One could argue that, in this economy, it's wise to be constantly wired — to stay on top of things, to please the boss. Preston knows people who get up in the middle of the night to see if their boss has sent them an email.

But she and others also see more hints of limit-setting going on, this movement of solitude-seekers with roots in the technology industry, ironically enough.

"When I think about truly disconnecting, I look to my truly techy friends," says Cathy Davidson, a Duke University professor who co-directs the school's PhD Lab in Digital Knowledge.

Those friends, she says, take long, unwired vacations and set "away messages" telling people to write back after they return. "And they stick to it," Davidson says, wishing she could do the same.

"They've come up with a socially acceptable convention for their own absence from the world of technology and everybody recognizes it."

One organization called Reboot has started the Sabbath Manifesto, a call to unplug one day a week to find solitude — or to simply take a day of rest with family and friends.

Bigger corporations, some outside the tech industry, are starting to catch on to this type of limit-setting.

To encourage work-life balance, Volkswagen shuts off mobile email in Germany 30 minutes after employees' shifts end and turns it back on 30 minutes before their next shift starts.

Google, Nike and the Huffington Post, among others, provide space for employees to take naps, or to meditate. The idea is that employees who take time to themselves to reenergize will be more productive.

John Cacioppo, a University of Chicago psychologist, thinks there might just be something to that.

He has spent much of his career tackling the topic of loneliness and isolation, which researchers have proven can affect humans adversely, all the way down to gene expression.

"Feeling ignored sparks feelings of loneliness," says Cacioppo, director of

the University of Chicago's Center for Cognitive and Social Neuroscience.

But getting away, he says — "that's the opposite of being lonely."

It's time that you take by choice, Cacioppo says. So while the cognitive effects are still being studied, he says it's very likely that that type of solitude is good for the brain.

Dan Rollman had little doubt of that when he and a few others from Reboot, a group of Jewish "thought leaders," gathered in 2009. That's when they created the Sabbath Manifesto, inspired by the traditional Jewish sabbath, but aimed at people from any background who are encouraged to unplug one day — any day — of the week.

The idea came to Rollman when he found himself craving a simpler time, when stores closed on Sundays and life slowed down.

"I knew I wanted a day of rest," says Rollman, who is CEO of the company RecordSetter.com.

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