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# Obama, Romney make last-minute pleas

KASIE HUNT AND **NEDRA PICKLER** Associated Press

LYNCHBURG, Va. (AP) — President Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney made last-minute pleas for votes Monday, employing their last vestiges of energy, celebrity boosters and plenty of jet fuel to encourage every supporter and the few remaining undecideds to tip the 2012

election in their favor.

National polls of the eve of Election Day showed a neck-and-neck race. But the winner will be determined by which man gets 270 electoral votes, and Obama had more paths to get there.

Ohio looms large in both of their victory plans — it was the only state both candidates were visiting Monday. And Romney's campaign announced in the afternoon that the GOP

c o m e back on Election Day for rally the Cleveland area.

**Obama** Romney

also planned a Tuesday stop in the Pittsburgh area.

The incumbent and the challenger, both fighting



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arguing they could do more to lead the country out of the tough eco-

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nomic times that dominated Obama's term. "This nation is going to begin to change for the better tomorrow," Romney said. "Our work is not yet done," Obama told nearly 20,000 people who filled the street in front of the Wisconsin capital build-

Both men campaigned in states they need to win. Romney was in Florida, Virginia, and New Hampshire, while Obama was trying to protect Wisconsin from a latebreaking GOP challenge before heading to Iowa.

And in an indication of just how all-important Ohio was once again to the future occupancy of the White House, both candidates planned to be on the ground in Columbus in the evening for dueling rallies several hours and seven miles apart. The state has gone for the winner in every presidential election since 1964.

While Romney added more campaigning for PLEAS cont. on page 5

# New big storm threatening East Coast

BY WAYNE PARRY Associated Press

POINT PLEASANT BEACH, N.J. (AP) -A week after Superstorm Sandy pummeled the East Coast, wiping out entire communities, residents were bracing for yet another potentially damaging storm.

A nor'easter taking shape Monday in the Gulf of Mexico was expected to begin its march up the coast, eventually passing within 50 to 100 miles of the wounded New Jersey coastline on Wednesday. The storm was expected to bring winds of up to 55 mph, coastal flooding, up to 2 inches of rain along the shore, and several inches of snow to Pennsylvania and New York.

One of the biggest fears was that the storm could bring renewed flooding to parts of the shore where Sandy wiped out natural beach defenses and protective dunes.

"It's going to impact many areas that were devastated by Sandy," said Bruce Terry, the lead forecaster for the National Weather Service. "It will not be good."

Some communities were considering again evacuating neighborhoods that were hit hard by Sandy and where residents had only recently been allowed to return. No town had made a final decision to do so as of Monday evening.

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg decided against a new round of evacuations. STORM cont. on page 6

# The Pampa News wants your recipes

It's time to share that great family recipe with everybody else in town.

The Pampa News is seeking recipes from local cooks for a recipe book.

Recipes need to be emailed to composing2@ thepampanews.com. Plainly type your recipes and include the name and town of the person submitting it. Also, include a phone number in case we have questions.

It's a good idea to call and make sure we received it. If you do not have an email address, you can bring it into the newspaper but it needs to be neatly printed or typed.

The deadline for recipes is Nov. 9. If you want to be a sponsor for the book, the ad deadline is Nov. 15. Copies will be inserted into The Pampa News the first week of December, and extra copies will be sold at the newspaper during regular business hours. These local recipe books will be great Christmas gifts.

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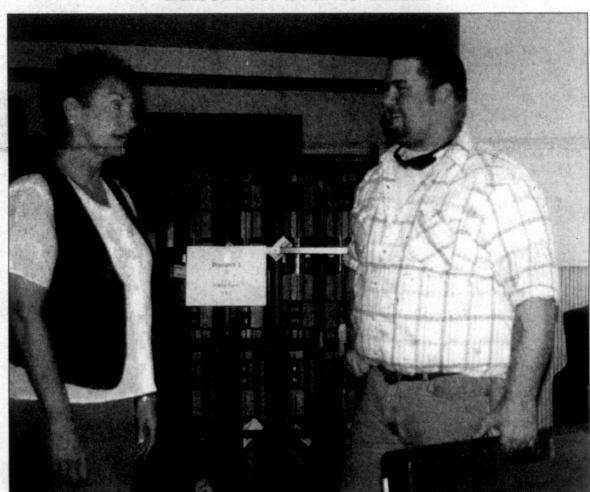


Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

GETTING READY. Beverly Taylor, a deputy for the Gray County Clerk of Court's office, and poll worker Larry Lusk discuss plans Monday for today's General Election. Lusk is carrying the ballot box for Precinct 4, which votes at the Lovett Memorial Library branch in McLean. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. For poll locations, see page 5A.

# Credit union recreates Wizard of Oz in Pampa



Submitted photo

LAND OF OZ. Seated from left, Susan Ferguson, Carrie Kirkland, Karen Howell-Hapeman, Virginia Fessenden and Tamra Long. Standing, Janna Bentley, Jamie Humphrey, Karami Rice, Cassandra Denton, Patti Smith, Robin Keough and Karla BY JOE WEAVER

Special to The Pampa News

Follow the Yellow Brick Road. To heed those directions last Wednesday at the Cabot-NOI Employees Credit Union you would have

been beside yourself - literally. There were two of them — two yellow brick roads. There were two scarecrows as well, and two lollipor kids. One flying monkey, a tin woodman, a cowardly lion, the Wicked Witch of the West, and of course. Dorothy. There was, alas, no Glinda the Good Witch. but that deficiency was more than made up by the

presence of none other than the Haunted Forest. Visitors to the financial institution were delighted by the costumes donned by the management and staff in recognition of Halloween. Janna Bentley, manager. (appearing in camo as the Haunted Forest) said that

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#### PAMPA FORECAST

Today Wednesday Thursday High 78 High 75 High 80 Low 43 Low 47 Low 50

Today: Sunny with a high of 75. No chance of rain. Winds North northwest at 11 mph. Sunrise at 7:11 a.m.

Tonight: Clear skies with a low of 43. No chance of rain. Winds south southeast at 9 mph. Sunset at 5:44 p.m.

Wednesday: Sunny with a high of 78. No chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 17 mph. Sunrise at 7:12 a.m.

Wednesday night: Clear skies with a low of 47. No chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 12 mph. Sunset at 5:43 p.m.

Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high of 80. No chance of rain. Winds southwest at 19 mph. Sunrise at 7:13 a.m.

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# **Obituaries**

#### Elizabeth Earline Baston

Elizabeth Earline Baston, 74, died Nov. 1, 2012 in Lub-

Services were at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5, 2012, at Memory Gardens Mausoleum, with Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial followed in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Baston was born Sept. 3, 1938 in Awluwe, Okla. She married the love of her life, Harold "Pug" Baston on Oct. 9, 1953 in Nowata, Okla. Together they built a happy life in Pampa with their two sons, Harold and Darrell. She attended Central Baptist Church.

**Baston** Earline had a loving family, good friends and a life filled with love and laughter. She was much loved and will be greatly missed. She will forever remain in our hearts.

Before retiring, she helped her husband run their backhoe business for many years. Her home was always the gathering place for family and friends, and was always filled with love. She enjoyed her life to the fullest and was a very lov-

ing, caring wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She is joined in heaven by her husband: Pug; her son:

Harold, Jr.; and her sister: Sue White. She will be missed greatly by her son: Darrell Baston of Pampa; her parents: H. A. and Lesta Sloan of Pampa; three grandchildren: Miranda Baston of Austin, Sarah Baston of Lubbock and Anthony Baston of Pampa; her two great-grandsons: Gavin Baston and Matthew Baston,

both of Pampa; and many nieces, nephews and wonder-

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

#### Merl Smith

Merl Smith, former longtime resident of Pampa, passed away Friday, Nov. 2, 2012 at home in Refugio, Texas. Merl was born Dec. 12, 1936 in Divot, Texas and gradu-

ated from Wichita Falls High School in 1955. He married Jerry Pipkin on May 28, 1961 in Wichita Falls. They moved to Pampa in 1962. Merl worked for Motor Inn Auto Supply that became 100,000 / Car Quest Auto Parts and managed that store for several years. He was a member of Central Baptist Church of Pampa.

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Merl and his wife moved to Refugio in 2005. He is survived by his wife of 52 Merl years, Jerry; two sons, Rick and fam-Smith ily of Whitney, and Phillip and family of Cordell, Okla.; seven grandchildren,

Lindsay Smith of Dallas, Jordan Smith of Granbury, McKenzie Ainsworth and Taylor Smith, both of Weatherford, Okla., Lauren Smith of Lubbock, Alex Smith of San Marcos, and Samantha Smith of Whitney; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 4, 2012, at Blanconia Baptist Church, west of Refugio. Burial was in Blanconia Cemetery. Arrangements are by Rosewood Chapel of Victoria.

Memorials may be made to Corn Bible Academy, P. O. Box 38, Corn, Okla. 73804, or Whitney Family Fellowship, P.O. Box 2582, Whitney, Texas 76692.

# For the record

# Pampa woman booked on muliple arrests

STAFF REPORT

Elizabeth

A 49-year-old Pampa woman was arrested by the Gray County Sheriff's Office on 13 different charges, including bond forfeiture on a theft charge from Potter County, failure to maintain insurance or financial responsibility for her vehicle, no driver's license and six counts of capias pro fine (CPF), a legal term that means failure to pay court fines as agreed upon by the court and de-

The woman, Deana Kay Egerton, was booked into the Gray County Jail.

In other arrests and jail Douglas, 31, Howardwick, was arrested Sunday by the Pampa Police Departdrug paraphernalia.

■ Steven Soto, 31, Pampa, was arrested Sunday with an elderly victim.

Monday by PPD for pos- of a vehicle. session of marijuana less bookings, Amanda Ruth costs, and CPF for an open container.

■ John Angel Cota, 19, Pampa, was arrested Monment for possession of day by PPD for non payfailure to attend school.

by PPD on a warrant for a lan, 26, Pampa, was ar- day by DPS for CPF for credit and debit card abuse rested Saturday by PPD failure to wear a seatbelt, ■ Breanda Elizet Perez, cense, and CPF for failure pear in court.

22, Pampa, was arrested to maintain responsibility

■ Jeremy Scott Merthan two ounces, CPF cer, 35, Panhandle, was for non payment of court arrested Saturday by the Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated.

■ Johnathon Robinson, 19, Groom, was arrested ment of court costs and Sunday by DPS for DWI.

■ Christopher Leal, 38, ■ Jacob Crawford Har- Pampa, was arrested Sunfor CPF for no driver's li- and CPF for failure to ap-



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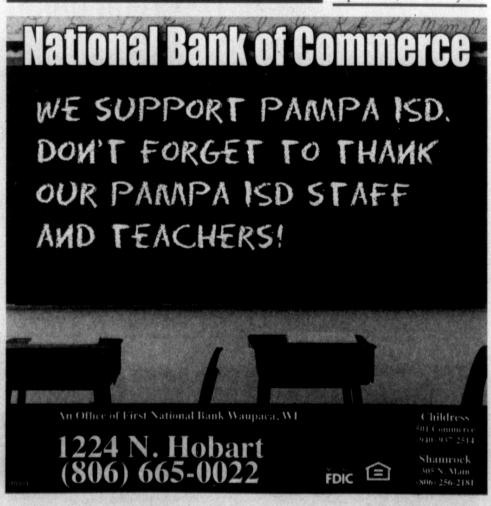
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Come experience Christ through dynamic worship and inspiring stories from Todd Burpo, author of the New York Times No. 1 bestseller, "Heaven Is for Real."

Come hear a family's inspiring testimony of hope, comfort and joy shared by Burpo and his wife Sonja.

For more information, call 665-3255 or visit hifrministries.org.

#### **City Commission to** meet next week

The Pampa City Commission will meet 4 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 13, at City Hall, 200 W. Foster Ave.

The commission meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meeting agendas are posted at least 72 hours before the scheduled time of the meeting.

For more information, call 669-5750.

#### **Dust Bowl history at** White Deer museum

The White Deer Land Museum will present "A Historical Perspective of the Dust Bowl and the Drought of the 1950s" beginning 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 17.

There will be a book signing by Virginia Frantz, lunch at 1 p.m. and music will provided by the Corn Cob Coalition.

The museum is located at 116 S. Cuyler St. and the phone number is 669-8041.

Editor's note: The Pampa News is starting a daily Community Calender to publish government meetings and functions, church, school and nonprofit events. Email submissions thowsare@thepampanews.com. Submissions should be 100 words or less and written in the third person. Please include the title of the event, the date

#### Police called for shot woman find Halloween zombie

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) - Police in Alabama were called to what looked like a woman shot dead in her car but found a Halloween reveler they described as drunk and passed out in a bloodylooking zombie costume.

The news site Al.com (http://bit.ly/ reports SrbNCn) that a passerby called 911 in Birmingham on Thursday morning after seeing the woman slumped over her steering wheel at a traffic light.

Police say roused the woman and removed her from the SUV. Authorities say she was h andcuffed and taken to the city jail on a DUI

A photo of the woman by al.com showed fake blood covering much of her torso as she was apprehended.

Details on her identity weren't immediately available.





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# Texas home to church and state disputes

BY BENJAMIN WERMUND AND CIARA O'ROURKE Austin-American Statesman

CEDAR PARK, Texas (AP) — Texas might not be a battleground state in Tuesday's presidential election, but it is home to a number of fights - some ongoing and some already decided — that could have a bearing nationally on the place of God in government.

National advocacy groups have focused much of their efforts in Texas, most recently over Hays County commissioners opening their meetings with prayer, the Cedar Park Police Department putting a cross on its chaplain's seal and Kountze High School cheerleaders carrying Christian signs at football games.

Jeff Mateer, general counsel for the Liberty Institute. a group that launches court fights on behalf of Christian priorities and issues, said challenges to prayer policies in local Texas governments have become more common.

Of the 1,700 complaints received by the Freedom From Religion Foundation from January to September, nearly 10 percent were filed by Texas residents. The advocacy group sent 54 letters of complaint to Texas governmental entities this year, including five complaints to Central Texas agencies.

Gregory M. Lipper, an attorney with Americans United for Separation of Church and State, which sought a ban on sectarian invocations in Hays County, said that about one in eight of the 120 letters the group has sent so far this year went to Texas.

"We certainly get a significant number of Texasrelated complaints," Lipper said. The group would not say to whom it has sent letters, he said, because it wants to give entities an opportunity to resolve issues "without having a lot of pressure on them."

Jonathan Saenz, director of legislative affairs at the Plano-based Liberty Institute, said his group has taken a defensive stance against what he said is a "coordinated effort by outside groups to try to change the way things are done in

"These groups are more actively targeting our state for change," Saenz said,

and the institute has offered to advocate on behalf of Hays County commissioners, as it has for the Kountze cheerleaders.

America's religious roots can sometimes make it difficult to draw the line on separation of church and state, said Jeffrey D. Kahn, an associate professor of law at Southern Methodist University.

"The First Amendment has an internal tension to it. On one hand it wants to protect our free exercise of religion. At the same time, it wants to protect us from state establishment of the religion of the majority," Kahn said.

As the country diversifies, more cases come to light and are fought out in the courtroom, Kahn said. And the judicial decisions have become a guide for entities navigating church for advocates.

"Judicial institutions are passive by nature," Kahn said, noting that courts cannot act until cases are filed. "It does require the vigilance of an active and informed citizenry."

A 1963 Supreme Court ruling found that schoolsponsored prayer was unconstitutional, but a 1983 ruling cites the country's "unique history" in finding that government entities can hire chaplains for prayers at meetings.

Locally, Madalyn Murray O'Hair, the late atheism activist, famously challenged prayer at Austin City Council meetings in the 1970s. Austin council meetings today are opened with prayer, with spiritual leaders from various religions leading the invoca-

A number of more recent cases have cropped up in Central Texas, though none have made it to the courtroom.

Hays County commissioners adopted a new prayer policy last month after Americans United complained. The policy creates a volunteer chaplain position, who is instructed to randomly invite religious leaders of all faiths to open a meeting with an invocation. The policy does not ban sectarian prayer, however, and Americans United has warned that it will still consider legal action if such prayer continues.

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By not voting, you give away your right to influence the government. If you don't vote, then you shouldn't complain about what your government is doing.

**Our View** 

This editorial reflects the views of The Pampa News' editorial board. Other opinions on this page may not reflect this view.

Though America is the world's best and greatest democracy, the right to vote for all citizens was not guaranteed until Congress passed the 24th Amendment in 1964. That's less than 50 years

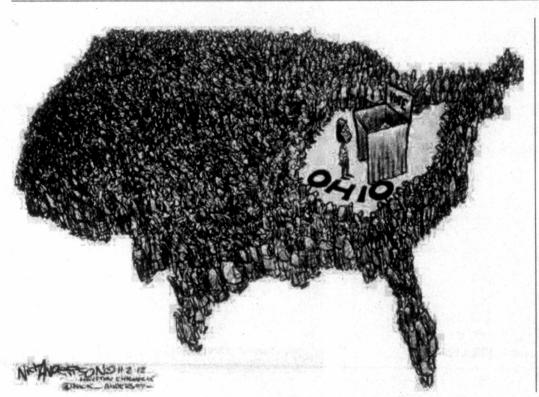
Before the Civil Rights Movement, many Southern states charged poll taxes as a way to keep African-Americans from voting in federal elections. In 1966, the U.S. Supreme Court extended the protection

against poll taxes to include state elections, citing the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment.

The struggles that many Americans went through for the right to vote should not be taken lightly.

The sacrifices that made have helped preserve the right to vote for all citizens, not just African-Americans and other groups who may have been excluded.

If you have not voted yet during the early balloting, please make it a priority today to go to the polls to vote. It's the patriotic thing to do.



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# Missing from presidential campaign: roads, bridges

BY JOAN LOWY

**Associated Press** WASHINGTON

Here are a few items that largely have been missing from the presidential campaign: planes, trains, roads and bridges.

But as Superstorm Sandy reminded the world so vividly, we can't afford to do without them. So why isn't the nation's transportation infrastructure a hot topic?

Money, for one. Neither President Barack Obama nor Mitt Romney has a good idea for how to pay for what needs to be done.

Most of the transportation network was built in the last century; in some places, it dates to the 1800s. Aging highways, bridges, trains and buses are frequently in need of repair or replacement, and no longer can handle peak traffic demands. More than 140,000 bridges are structurally deficient or obsolete. The problem only will worsen as the

U.S. population grows. The aviation system is struggling, too. A longdelayed program to modernize air traffic control and use satellite-based technology is projected to cost tens of billions of dollars. The current system is based on World War II-era radar technology. The annual number of airline passengers is forecast to rise from 730 million today to 1.2 billion in

won't be able to keep up. The tab to keep the surface transportation system running is even greater. A congressional commission estimated that all levels of government are spending \$138 billion a year less than is needed to maintain the current system

2032, and the old system

and make modest improve-

ments. Gas tax revenues that pay for federal transportation aid to states are

declining because people are driving less and cars are more fuel efficient. Inflation also has taken a toll. The 18.4 cents-a-gallon federal tax hasn't been increased since 1993, and the federal Highway Trust Fund is projected to go broke

Barack

Obama

in 2014. "Obama mentions roads and bridges every once in a while, which I suppose is better than not mentioning it, but no one is really having any significant policy discussion about it or how it fits into our national debate over the debt," said Joshua Schank, president of the Eno Center for Transportation, a

think tank. If the candidates were to raise the issue, "it calls into question how you are going to pay for it, and there's a reluctance to talk about specifics," said Pete Ruane, president of the American Road and Transportation Builders

Association. When Obama discusses transportation, it's usually in the context of pumping money into projects to generate jobs and boost the economy. Romney usually doesn't mention it unless he's answering a rare transportation question.

During his first months in office, Obama persuaded Congress to pass an economic recovery bill that included \$48 billion in highway and transit aid beyond normal federal spending, including \$8



Romney

long-term transportation plan, the administration quietly asked them to shelve that proposal. Obama's focus was on health care and there was no extra money to go around, Democrats were told. The White House also was unwilling to spend political capital trying to raise the gas tax to pay for transportation improvements, knowing Republicans would label

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the president a tax raiser. The 2010 elections swept into the House dozens of Republicans tea-party determined to shrink the government, making it even less likely Congress would agree to spend hundreds of billions of dollars on a long-

term transportation plan. Obama proposed a sixyear, \$476 billion transportation program this year; Congress ignored it. Administration officials said the program would be paid for through the 'peace dividend' created by bringing troops home from Afghanistan and Iraq. But the wars were largely financed by borrowing, and phasing them out doesn't create a new pool of ready cash.

Facing the prospect that the trust fund would run out of money and that highway aid would be cut off, Congress passed a two-year plan in June that uses money from increases in employers' pension insurance premiums and pension accounting changes to keep transportation programs going at curren levels, plus increases for some programs to accoun for inflation, through the 2014 budget year. After that, the fund is once agair

forecast to go broke. Romney hasn't offered a transportation plan. Wher answering questions about the subject, he has saic he favors more toll roads including government and industry partnerships that generate private investment to pay for construction of new highways and bridges in exchange for the right to charge motorists for their use. Such partnerships are practical for a relatively few large-scale projects that can guarantee investors a steady income.

"It's all well and good to say let's have private investment, but that's jusanother way of saying we don't want to talk about the money," Schank said.

Romney has called for ending subsidies to Amtrak, the nation's passenger railroad network. Obama has supported Amtrak, and Vice President Joe Biden is one of the railroad's biggest fans. Historically transportation has beer one of the few issues to span the ideological divide between Democrats and Republicans. The only Democrat in Presiden George W. Bush's Cabine Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta a former California congressman. The Republican currently in Obama's Cabinet is Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, a former Illinois congressman.

But that bipartisan consensus has evaporated ir recent years.

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Tuesday, Obama spokeswoman Jen Psaki said the president would stay in Chicago for his election night rally and reach swing-state voters through a series of radio and television interviews.

Both candidates were also hoping to benefit from some star power. Romney planned a final rally in the day's final hour in New Hampshire with Kid Rock while country rock performers The Marshall Tucker Band was joining him in Columbus. Obama had actors Samuel L. Jackson and Chris Rock doing urban radio interviews, "Mad Men" star Jon Hamm making calls in Colorado, rapper Jay-Z joining him in Columbus and rock legend Bruce Springsteen as his traveling warm-up act.

"He promised me a ride on Air Force One," Springsteen said, strumming his guitar as he made a political pitch between songs.

The rivals planned to appeal to pro football fans in the eleventh hour, taping interviews with ESPN's Chris Berman that will air during halftime of the Monday Night Football game between the Philadelphia Eagles and the New Orleans Saints.

Both candidates predicted the winner will be determined by which of their operations can get the most supporters to the

polls. "This is going to be a turnout election," the president declared in an interview broadcast early Monday as he pleaded with urban radio listeners to get to the polls.

On the edge of an airport runway in Lynchburg, Va., Romney called on his supporters to "make sure we get everyone we know out to vote on Election Day." "Every single vote," he said, speaking within view of Liberty University and after its chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. rallied the conservative faithful in the crowd.

Obama raised the possibility of defeat as he pleaded with listeners of The Rickey Smiley Morning Show to get to the polls. "If we don't turn out the vote, we could lose a lot of the gains we've already made," Obama said.

It was one of two of the president's radio interviews airing Monday aimed at turning out minority voters, the other with a Spanish-language station in Ohio. The president is relying on black and Hispanic voters to help offset Romney's lead with white men in particular, but the risk for him is that some of those key supporters aren't as motivated to vote as they were in 2008.

"Four years ago, we had incredible turnout and I know people were excited and energized about the prospect of making history," Obama said. "We have to preserve the gains we've made and keep moving forward."

A final national NBC/

Wall Street Journal Poll showed Obama getting the support of 48 percent of likely voters, with Romney receiving 47 percent. A Washington Post-ABC News tracking poll had Obama at 49 and Romney at 48. A Pew Research Center poll released Sunday showed Obama with a 3-pointpoint edge over Romney, 48 percent to 45 percent

dispatched Obama former President Bill Clinton to Pennsylvania on Monday to keep the state in his column. First lady Michelle Obama went south to North Carolina and Florida. Vice President Joe Biden made a final reach in Virginia, while Romney running mate Paul Ryan was covering the most ground, flying to Nevada, Colorado, Iowa, Virginia

among likely voters.

and Wisconsin. The hunt for swing voters was so concentrated that Biden and Romney crossed paths in northern Virginia, the vice president's motorcade pulling past Romney's plane on the tarmac at Dulles International Airport as the GOP nominee prepared to leave the aircraft. Stopping for lunch at Mimi's Cafe in nearby Sterling, Va., Biden confidently predicted: "It's all over but the shouting.'

Meanwhile, about 30 million people have already voted in 34 states and the District of Columbia, either by mail or in person, although no ballots will be counted until Election Day, Tuesday.

More than 4 million of the ballots were cast in Florida, where Democrats filed a lawsuit demanding an extension of available time.

A judge granted their request in one county where an early voting site was shut down for several hours Saturday because of a bomb scare.

Pickler reported Washington. from Associated Press writers Jim Kuhnhenn and Julie Pace in Madison, Wis., Ken Thomas and Stephen Ohlemacher in Washington, Matthew Daly in Sterling, Va., and Steve Peoples in Lynchburg, Va., contributed to this report.

# **Gray County poll locations**

Today is the General Election for national, state and several local races.

Friday was the last day for early voting, and 4,451 people in Gray County have already cast their bal-

Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. and there is handicap access at all seven locations. Remember to bring you voter registration card to the polls. If you cannot find your registration card, then bring your driver's license.

Poll locations are:

Precinct 1 - Lefors Community Center, 103 N. Court, Lefors, 835-

Precinct 2 - Lovett Memorial Library, 111

N. Houston, Pampa, 669-5780

Precinct 3 - Grandview Hopkins School, 11605 FM 293, Grandview Community, 669-3831

Precinct 4 - Lovett Library, McLean, 302 N. Main, McClean, 779-2851 Precinct 5 - First

Christian Church, 1633 N.

Nelson, Pampa, 669-3225 Precinct 6 - Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 Duncan, Pampa, 669-2774 Precinct 7 - M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium, 1000 N. Sumner, Pampa, 669-5790

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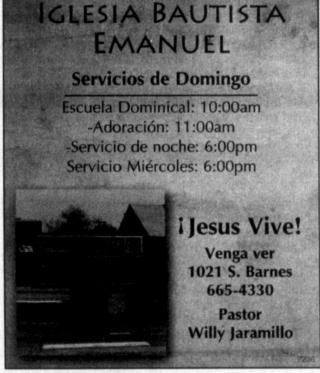
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#### Storm **Continued From Page 1**

"When Sandy was coming in, all the signs said that we were going to have a very dangerous, damaging storm, and I ordered a mandatory evacuation of low-lying areas, something that a lot of people don't like to hear," he said. "In this case, we don't think that it merits that. It is a different kind of

storm; the wind is coming

from a different direction.'

In Point Pleasant Beach, N.J., Laura DiPasquale was frantically going through dozens of black plastic trash bags that volunteers had stuffed full of her household belongings and brought to the curb, trying to make sure nothing she intended to keep had gotten tossed out with debris like waterlogged drywall. Already, she had

found treasured Christmas ornaments amid the detri-

"I don't know where anything is; I can't even find my checkbook," she said. "I have no idea what's in any of these bags. And now another storm is coming and I feel enormous pressure. I don't know if I can do this again. It is so overwhelming.

People were advising DiPasquale to just let go of most of the stuff in the

"I found an ornament that says 'Baby's First Christmas.' People said, 'Laura, you don't need that," she said. "Yes, I do need that. I'll wash it, or I'll sanitize it, or I'll boil it if I have to. Money means nothing to me. Sentimental stuff is everything."

The new storm was expected to move up the coast Tuesday, past Georgia and South Carolina. By Wednesday

morning, it was expected to be off Virginia or Cape Hatteras, N.C.

Terry said the storm could slow down somewhat once it gets off the New Jersey coast, meaning its effects could linger. They include rain, high winds and tidal surges, although less than those that accompanied Sandy.

Coastal flood and high wind watches were in effect for parts of Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano urged residents to take the storm seriously.

"Everything people did to get people ready for Sandy, we need to do for the nor'easter," she said. She urged people to

check on their neighbors,

especially the elderly.

"We have people who want to stay in their homes," Napoletano said. "We know that."

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the group has dressed up on the occasion for years in a variety of costumes, but this year decided on a theme. "We really don't go in for the scary things," she said, "so The Wizard of Oz theme worked out well."

Bentley added that the day proved to be a team-building experience for the staff, a good public relations idea, and "just plain fun."

"We make a point to invite members to bring their children by after school. We always have suckers for distribution, but this makes it special." (One wonders — do they get the suckers from the Lollipop Guild?) She also pointed out that the institution, once limited to a specific group, is now available to the public, offering full credit union services — deposits, checking and loans. "We recognize members by name," she said. "We are not fee-driven."

Members weren't the only ones enjoying the treat. Marcus Smith, performing a routine audit, got into the spirit and took the picture — though to this reporter's thinking, a bank examiner might be scarier than any costume! The staff obviously had fun. One scarecrow, asked if she really had a brain, prompted the employees nearby to cock their ears to see what she would say. (The answer will not appear in this report.)

The monkey admitted that she "wanted to run off with a scarecrow" and Dorothy - who really is from Kansas kept clicking her heels, but there must have been something wrong with the shoes, as she stayed at work.

And the Yellow Brick Roads, when asked why they chose that costume, stated, "You can't go anywhere without

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# Keep it simple—motto for answering questions

BY TOM MARGENAU Creator's Syndicate

always strive to had 58 been explain complicated Social your full retire-Security rules and policies in as simple a manner as possible. And in doing so, to the vaga-I sometimes gloss over the ries of Social fine points and intricacies Security computation forof Social Security law, mulas, one person's Social in order to answer someone's question or to make a point. Today's questions another person's full retirecome from people who are ment benefit. Here is a essentially asking me to simple example. Sherry is "un-simplify" my answers.

now 63. In past columns, benefit is the same thing hand, Fred, who was a facas a full retirement benefit. tory worker, is 66 years old But I don't get that. Had I been able to work until my retirement benefit is less ability, wouldn't I be get- middle income earnings. ting a much higher Social Security benefit?

getting a higher (but not age 66.

explain when I say that a disability benefit is equal fit is not, as many peowelfare that isn't "real need to know about that. Social Security." Many of with Social Security disis a real Social Security did you?

receiving is the same amount you would get ment age.

In fact, due

Security disability benefit is frequently higher than 30 years old. She had a high-paying job but was Q: I am getting Social in a severe car accident Security disability benefits and is now disabled. Her and have been getting those Social Security disability checks since age 58. I'm benefit will be fairly substantial, because it is based you have written that a on only a few years of very Social Security disability high earnings. On the other and retired. His monthly full retirement age of 66, than Sherry's monthly disin other words, had I not ability payment because currently insured. I am an been forced to stop work- Fred's Social Security rate SSA claims representative ing at age 58 by my dis- is based on 35 years of

A: Yes, you would be ing your readers that their ply explain the work and Social Security retirement really that much higher) benefit is based on their benefit had you kept work- highest 35 years of earn- ity benefits. Do you really ing at your full salary until ings. But as a retired Social think anyone (outside of What I am trying to employee, I can state unequivocally that you that you are wrong. You should to your full retirement rate know that retirement beneis that a disability bene- fits are based on a worker's ple to qualify for Social highest 40 years of earnple assume, some kind of ings, and that from that 40 reduced Social Security year base, we take out the payment. Some people five lowest years. Those even think of the disabil- are called the "drop out ity program as a form of years," and your readers

A: Gosh, you must have these folks are confusing been a technocrat with the Supplemental Security SSA buried in a cubicle Income disability program somewhere at the agency's headquarters, right? ability. As I've explained In other words, you knew many times in this column, Social Security's rules (at SSI is a welfare program least with respect to benefit run by the Social Security computations) inside and one half years of work out Administration. So SSI out. But I bet you never of the last three years for disability is welfare. But had to explain them to a anyone 24 and younger. Social Security disability real live potential retiree,

Had you ever actually Here is another way I talked to someone planning can explain my remarks. to file for Social Security You said you started get- benefits, you would have ting disability benefits at learned that telling that per- between age 22 and the year age 58. Well, that monthly son about the 40 year base you became disabled - but



five years are "dropped out," simply confuses the issue

In other words, what is the difference between 40 years minus five; and 35 years? Don't you see that it is just much simpler to tell people that their benefit is based on their highest 35 years of earnings?

Q: In a past column, you told someone that he needed to have worked and paid Social Security taxes in five of the last 10 years in order to qualify for Social Security disability benefits. net. But that doesn't tell the whole story. He needs to be both fully insured and and I know the law.

A: Well, you may know he law but you sure Q: You have been tell- don't know how to simearnings requirements for Social Security disabil-Security Administration SSA) knows what "fully insured" and "currently insured" means?

What the rules actually say is that in order for peo-Security disability benefits, they must meet a "recent work" test and a "duration of work" test.

For anyone age 31 and older, the recent work test means that he or she must have worked and paid Social Security taxes in five out of the last 10 years. There is a sliding scale of recent work required for people under age 31. The minimum amount of recent work required is one and

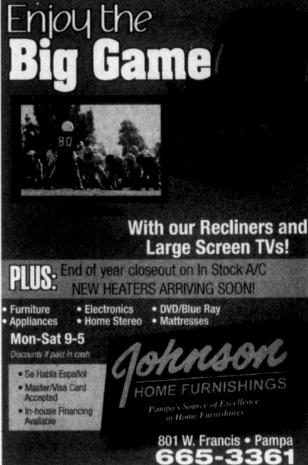
The "duration of work" test is based on a messy mathematical formula. The law says you need one quarter of Social Security covered work for each year

ters. Here is an example. Brian was born in 1960. He became disabled in 2012. Brian was 22 in 1982. So he needs 30 quarters of Social Security work coverage. (2012 minus 1982 equals 30.) Because most people earn four quarters of Social Security coverage for each year they work, that means Brian needs seven and one-half years of Social Security covered work to meet the duration of work requirement for disability benefits.

I hope my readers see why my motto in writing this column is "KISS" - or keep it simple, stupid!

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

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### **Texas**

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Park City Council received a letter from Freedom From Religion complaining that the city's police chaplain seal boasts a Latin cross.

"By displaying a Christian cross on the chaplain's seal, the city alienates adherents to religions other than Christianity," a letter sent July 5 said.

Cedar Park officials have declined to comment, and the council took no action after discussed the matter in executive session in late October.

Texas schools are particularly fertile ground for such battles, with both sides pointing to court rulings and state laws and policies they say contradict one another.

Advocates for separation of church and state cite a 2000 Supreme Court ruling that said a Galvestonarea school district violated the First Amendment

by permitting student-led, student-initiated prayer at football games.

They argue that a Texas law passed seven years later that prohibits discriminating against religious viewpoints given by students during public forums creates room for confusion.

"That seems to be inviting school districts to disobey the Supreme Court decision," Lipper said.

Advocates on the other end argue that the 2000 case relates to a specific incident and cannot be applied with a broad brush. They argue private, student-led prayer - rather than government-funded school-sanctioned prayer - is allowed, pointing to a 2011 ruling in the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals that found a judge was wrong to bar public prayers from a graduation ceremony at Medina Valley High School in Castroville.

Harim Sasser, director of litigation at the Liberty

Institute, pointed to rulings in the U.S. 9th and 7th Circuit Courts of Appeals. According to the 2003 9th Circuit Court ruling: "The school's proper response is to educate the audience rather than squelch the

speaker." "Schools may explain that they do not endorse speech by permitting it. If pupils do not comprehend so simple a lesson, then one wonders whether the . schools can teach anything at all," the ruling continues, quoting a ruling from

the 7th court. Sasser said many districts look to the Texas Association of School Boards for guidance on prayer in school policies.

"At least in my experience . they're mostly a particular political persuasion that believes very strongly in limiting religious activity. They want to err on the side of shutting down religious exercise," Sasser said. Locally, Hutto, Wimberley and Liberty

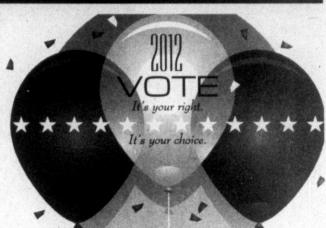
this year received various complaints from the Freedom From Religion Foundation.

Officials with the local school districts that received letters all said they looked into the potential violations and found they weren't cause for action.

"We're very careful," said Dee Howard, assistant superintendent at the Wimberley school district. "I do feel like we try to make sure we respect many different sides and beliefs."

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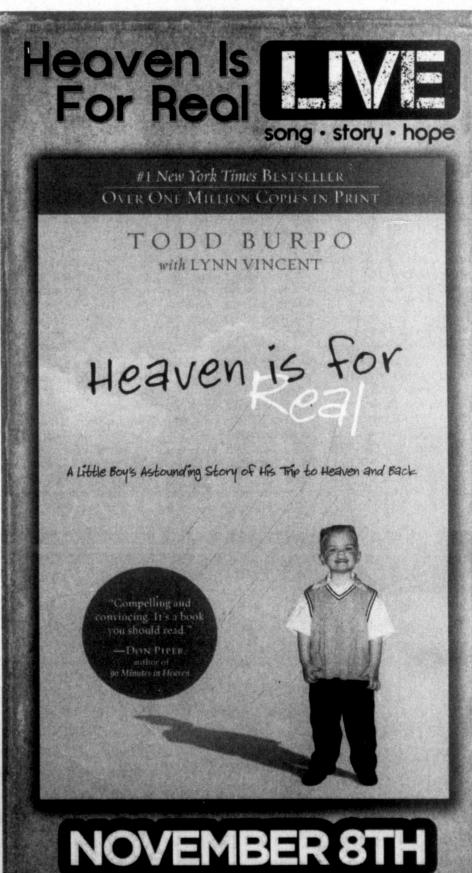
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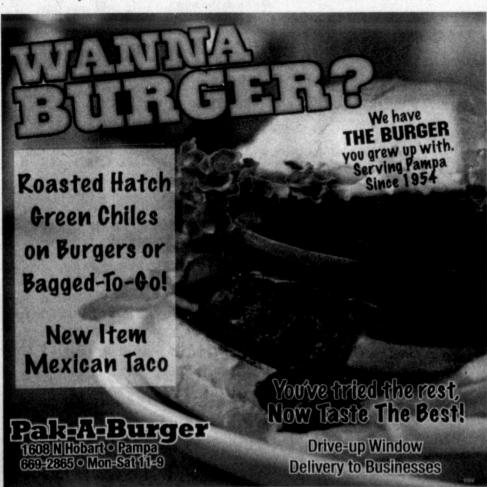


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PAMPA SENIORS J'CEE HOLMES, in front, and Terra Truitt qualified to compete in the UIL State Cross Country Championships this Saturday in Round Rock. Truitt will run in her second state meet and Holmes her first.

# Truitt, Holmes place in top five, qualify for state finals

BY BARB AMRHEIN

It turned out to be a bittersweet day for the Lady Harvesters cross country team Saturday at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock.

The team finished sixth at the UIL Region I-3A championships and failed to qualify for the state meet, but seniors Terra Truitt and J'Cee Holmes finished second and fifth, respectively, to earn individual state meet berths.

District 1-3A champion Dalhart, which Pampa had beaten earlier in the season, won the Region I-3A title with 113 points to qualify as the lone representative from the district with Perryton finishing fifth with 171 points just ahead of Pampa in sixth with 178 points.

The team result and not qualifying for state was a bit disappointing for the

began the year with three wins, according to Cross Country Coach Mark Elms.

"Terra and J'Cee ran very good and kept attacking, but our three, four, five and six runners just weren't up there," Elms said.

Claire Hopkins, Yesenia Soria, Reata Collins and Vanessa Ontiveras had difficulty maneuvering in the large field of 163 runners.

"Our other girls got boxed in and got too far behind and just couldn't catch up," Elms said. "It was a good season, but we just didn't run our best at the region when we needed

Although the team season ended, the Lady Harvester's top two runners found a way to attack and move into the state finals Saturday in Round

Truitt earned her second trip to Round Rock, and goal in her final attempt.

"I told J'Cee we have to go (to state) together this year," said Truitt who finished 23rd at state last year. "It was our plan to run together."

With 163 runners in the field, getting off to a good start and not getting behind proved critical.

"We started way out by the water and had to run in to get to the hill where it turns left," Truitt said. "I decided to go on the far side to run up the hill and she (Holmes) came right behind me. When we got to the top of the hill we were able to get up in the top five and we fine."

Truitt moved up with Holmes, who settled into the top five the first mile of the two mile race just near the mile point and encouraged her teammate.

"I said 'come on we gotta go. Top five. Let's go' and

Lady Harvesters, who Holmes finally reached her we began to just pick the other three off.

Truitt was unable to catch eventual champion Sara Smith of Dalhart, who ran 11 minutes 42 seconds to earn her second win, but was pleased with her second place finish in 12:05 and Holmes also earning her first trip to state.

"It's going to be a lot more fun to run together at state," she said.

The Lady Harvester seniors are expected to toe the starting line at Old Settler's Park in Round Rock at noon Saturday with a chance to earn medals by finishing in the top 10.

"I'm hoping for top 10 for both," Elms said. "They both have a chance." 2. Terra Truitt, 12:05.38; 5. J'Cee Holmes, 12:13.07; Claire Hopkins, 13:17.01; 55. Yesenia Soria, 13:21; 65. Reata Collins, 13:30.36; 109. Vanessa Ontiveros, 14:13.4

# **Swimming: PHS girls** 3rd, PHS boys 2nd

#### Graef takes 1st in backstroke

BY ZAC GREEN sports@thepampanews. com

Pampa High School boys and girls swim teams competed in the Amarillo Dual last Friday. The boys brought home second with 406 total team points, while the girls brought home third with 412 total team points. In the boys 4x50-yard

Freestyle relay, Pampa's team of Chance Butler, Chris Garvin, Travis Hinkle and Ramon Portillo came in second with a time of 1:47.52.

For the boys 4x100-yard Freestyle relay, Pampa's team of Dalton Hudson, Ramon Portillo, Chris Garvin and JT Brown finished second with a time of 4:26.71.

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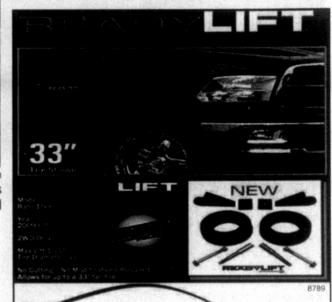
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Junior Morgan Graef placed first in the 100-yard Breaststroke relay with a time of 1:20.93. Graef also finished third in the 200-yard individual medley relay with a time of 2:46.70.

The swim teams will host the ACS Dual here in Pampa on November 17.

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BY BARB AMRHEIN

Special for The Pampa News

Harvester juniors Alex Maruffo and Jose Hernandez earned the chance to represent their school at the UIL Region I-3A Cross Country Championships. Lubbock as individuals, and finished in 30th and 84th place.

Maruffo finished fifth in District 1-3A and Hernandez eighth to earn a spot at the regional meet and a chance to qualify for the state meet, but both came up short of a trip to Round Rock and the state championships.

"Alex was a little off his best time," Cross Country Coach Mark Elms said. "He ran fifth in the district race and he'd have been sixth in district with his regional race, so that shows he was a little bit

Hernandez, who worked for three years to earn a regional berth, may have been a bit overwhelmed at the speed and size (174 runners) of the field of run-

"Jose didn't have a good race," Elms said. "But we were proud of him to get there. He just didn't have his best race."

Elms is excited about the future for both qualifiers.

"They'll both be back next year, and we're looking for better things," he said. "They're hard workers.'

Maruffo, who beat every runner in District 1-3A at least once during the season, and Hernandez are expected to be the leaders for next year along with three returning freshmen.

'Alex and Jose will be good as seniors and should help us build a stronger team and hopefully get more runners," Elms said. "I'm proud of both of them."

District 1-3A team representative Perryton finished fourth to miss a state berth by finishing among the top three teams, and Alex Bond, in ninth place, will represent the district as an individual by finishing among the top 10.

UIL Class 3A Boys Regional Individual (1st place Results: District 1-3A in top 25 and Pampa only)

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Region I Qualifying teams: 1. Alvarado 49; 2. Andrews 109; 3. Clint 129. District 1-3A results: 4. Perryton 156; 8. Dalhart 226; 13. Borger 317.



Photo by Barb Amrhein PAMPA'S ALEX MARRUFO was the top Harvester Saturday at UIL Region I-3A Cross Country Championship in Lubbock with a 30th place finish.



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NOV. 13.

Pampa JV Boys Basketball vs. San Jacinto

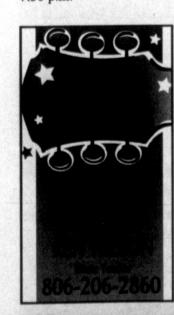
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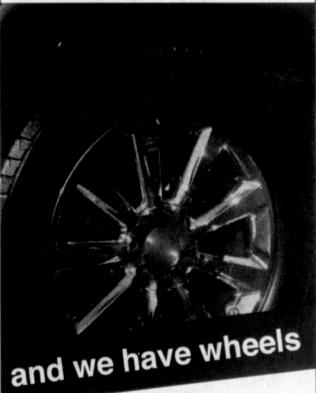
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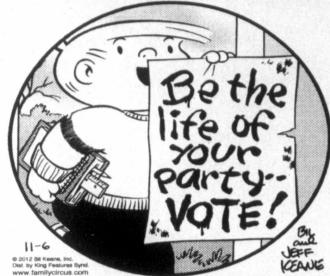


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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"The only homework my teacher gave me was to make sure you and Daddy read this!"

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**Nest Heads** 



HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2012:

This year you feel empowered and energized. You sometimes might not think that you will land on your feet, but you will -- just keep the faith. You have the capacity to spend a lot and also to make a lot. Focus on your long-term goals. If you are single, meeting people is a breeze. Take your time when deciding whom to choose. If you are attached. the two of you might have different visions of what constitutes "the good life." gap. VIRGO is a friend you always can count on.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You have a tremendous reservoir of energy and creativity. Plug this unusually high-voltage vitality into where it will make a difference. Your spontaneity emerges, and it seems as though you can do no wrong. Tonight: Let your hair down.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\* You might be considering spending more time at home. You could be pushed and pulled between two seemingly opposite interests. Consider a home-based business more seriously, if that is a fantasy of yours. Tonight: Play

it low-key. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\* You might want to keep a conversation moving. You could learn a lot just by saying whatever is necessary to keep the other party chatting. This person could be clearing up a lot of hostility, which will make it easier for him or her to relate to others. Tonight: Visit with an old pal.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\* A cohort or friend has strong opinions about what you should and should not do. You could be unusually irritated by this person's interference. You know a lot more about what works for you. Listen politely, but follow your chosen path. Tonight: Your treat. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Be realistic about your limits. You could be pushing someone away. Your hot temper often comes out with someone close to you. Words that are said will be difficult to take back, so be careful when voicing your opinions. With your innate flair for drama, you

sometimes come off more confident than you realize. Tonight: All smiles. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\* Much is going on, but you might choose to stay mum at this point in time. You are dealing with some suppressed feelings that could affect your perspective. Your low-spirited attitude could lead to an argument with a roommate or family member. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\* You could be overthinking Know that there is a way to bridge this a situation more than usual. Question yourself as to what is irking or driving you. Root out your deeper feelings before saying anything, as misunderstand-You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; ings are easy to have at this point. Tonight: Join friends for a midweek break.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Pressure builds, and you might feel as if you must accomplish or complete a task to someone else's expectations. You demand a lot of yourself -- possibly even more than this other person does. Tonight: A force to be dealt

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\* Take another look at a situation, as your perspective might have been a little harsh the first time around. You have the resilience necessary to take a verbal blow or two and not let it affect

a situation. Know that not everyone is like you. Tonight: Follow the music. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\* A partner or close friend initiates a conversation. It could be about a project you are working on together. Your temper flares very easily and often out of the blue. You might not be pleased if you let yourself say the first thing that

comes to mind. Tonight: Chat and visit over dinner. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\* Others seek you out, and for the most part, you are pleased to hear their news. A meeting could be far more important than you realize - do not hesitate to make the first move. Someone might be cantankerous, no matter what you do. Tonight: In the whirlwind of life. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Dive right in to whatever you have on the schedule for today, as you'll want to get through it as quickly as possible. You have a lot of ground to cover. Be social and forthright in your dealings. Someone might be a bit difficult to deal with. Tonight: Meet up with a friend.

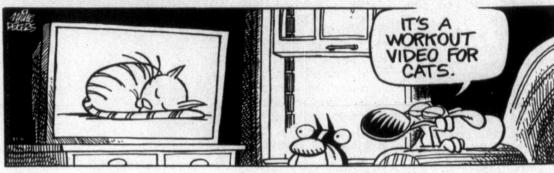
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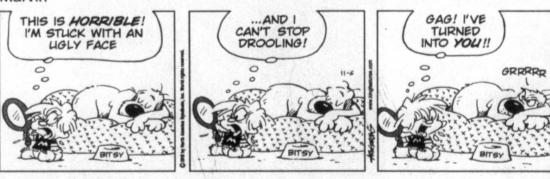
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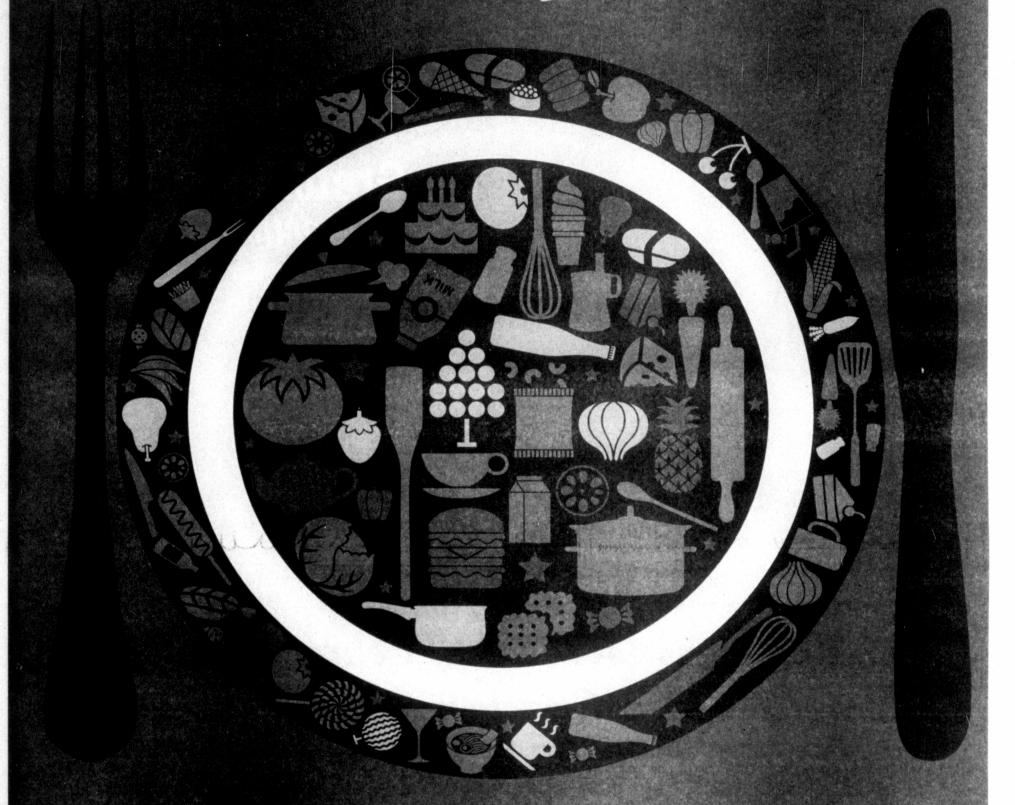
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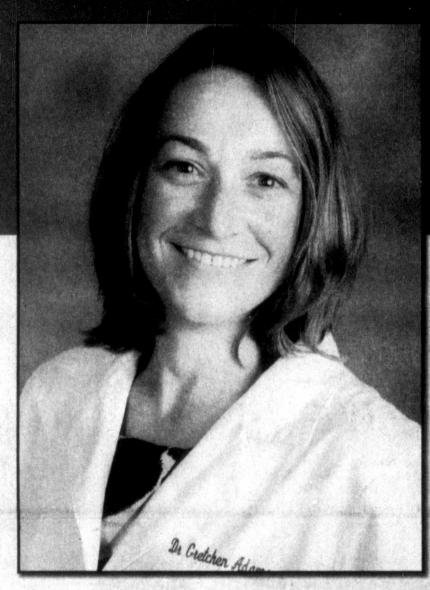
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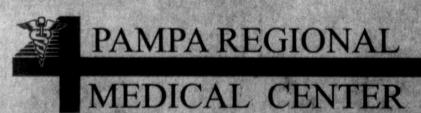
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## Defense lawyer: Bad stove sparked fatal day care fire

By JUAN A. LOZANO Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Attorneys for a woman on trial for murder suggested Friday the fire at her home day care that killed four children was sparked by a malfunctioning stove, trying to raise doubt about Texas prosecutors' claims that she left a pan on a hot burner.

But a forensic electrical engineer told jurors that he found no problems with the stove in Jessica Tata's home in Houston.

Investigators allege that Tata had left several children alone at her home to go shopping when oil in a pan ignited on a stovetop burner that had been left on. The February 2011 fire also injured three of the children, who ranged in age from 16 months to 3 years old.

Tata, 24, is charged with four counts of felony murder but is currently being tried in the death of 16-month-old Elias Castillo.

Defense attorney Mike DeGeurin questioned whether there may have been a mechanical failure with a switch on the stove that controlled the burner. DeGeurin alluded to a recall of similar switches and complaints by customers who reported that stovetop burners were turning on by themselves or automatically shifting from a low to a high setting.

David Reiter, the foren-

sic electrical engineer testifying for prosecutors, told jurors that he examined the stove and found no mechanical or electrical failures. Reiter said he determined that one of the burners had been on at the time of the fire and found no evidence indicating a problem with the stove's switches.

Reiter also showed jurors a video in which he demonstrated how a pan filled with oil could ignite within 15 minutes if left on a stovetop burner that was on.

"Is leaving a pan with oil on a hot burner an act clearly dangerous to human life," prosecutor Steve Baldassano asked Reiter.

"Yes," Reiter responded. Tata, 24, is charged with four counts of felony murder but is currently being tried only in the death of 16-month-old Elias Castillo. She faces up to life in prison if convicted.

Convincing jurors that Tata was responsible for leaving the burner on before allegedly leaving the children alone to go shopping could be important for prosecutors in getting a felony murder conviction. Prosecutors do not need to show she intended to harm the children, only that the deaths occurred because her actions put them in danger. Under Texas law, a person can be convicted of felony murder if he or she committed an underlying felony and that action led to the death.

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(student's name is followed by lowest grade)

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Arreola, Sheylah Alexis 92; Barrow, Brenna Jenelle 93; Baten, Jacey Diane 92; Burrell, Braydon Matthew 93; Carra, Guadalupe 90; Chisum, Alyson Leigh 90; Cuevas, Brittney 92; Davis, Madison Marie 93; Davis,; Regina Therese 92; Ewing, Dillon James 91; Golleher, Carolyn Ruth 93; Hart, Arianna Nicole 92; Larkin, Brody Allan 90; Littlefield, Jordan Hope 93; McCracken, Elle Elyse 95; McGahen, Jastein Lance 91; Mears, Destiny Rae 94; Meurer, Kristin Renee 92; Morales, Jherman R 93; O'Brien, Allie Katharin 93; Olivas, Aylin Aracely 91; Ontiveros, D'Anthony Joel 92; Parks, Rylee Ann 91; Parnell, Karson Lea 94; Roden, Bethany Jo 98; Rodriguez, Casandra Kley 90; Rodriguez, Elijan Jovan 90; Shults, Janice Rae 94; Smith, Shandon Ray 90; Soto, Gavriella Annahi 94; Sprinkle, Carter Don 93; Tello Rutiaga, Nancy Fabiola 90; Tinajero, Miseal Manuel 90; Ware, Jace Nelson 90; Wilson, Jakob Aron 93; Winborne, Natalie Jan 92; Yates, Em-

Grade 7 Abshire, Thomas Clyde Apodaca, Monica

ily Madison 94

Cierra Michelle 97; Garcia Gonzalez, Angel Leonardo 90; Gray, Harley Onassis 91; Herron, Lynn Marie 91; Hon, Trey Austin 93; Karson, Alexander James 90; Lucero Grant, Brandon Alexander 90; Martinez, Stephanie Marie 93; Parker, Kade Christian 92; Peet, Destiny Jennae 91; Perez, Conseption 90; Pingel, Jodi RaeLynn 92; Price, Jennifer Ellen 94; Price, Shyann Vail 91; Rossiter, Autumn Raphaela 90; Soria, David Gerardo 93; Willett, Michael Tyler 91

#### Grade 8

Albers, Sienna Jade 94; Montes, Adilenne 90; Novian, Rylee Catheryne 90; Paronto, Bryson Alex 96; Roden, Ryan Christopher 96; Villarreal, Amador Aries 90; Young, Madison Grace 97

#### **A-B Honor Roll**

#### Grade 6

Aikin, James Reece 86; Anguiano, Neida Karyme 84; Barr, Madisson Ann 85; Bowers, Jordan LeAnn 87; Boykin, Emmarie Sapphire 84; Burleson, Callin Bree 89; Carbajal, Brittney Analea 89; Carver, Michelle Renee' 85; Cerda, Ashley Renee 87; Fought, Gabriela Alexandria 80; Grocholski, Adam Mikolaj 81; Hoganson, Avery Suzanne 88; JJohnson, Kortney Shea 85; Kennedy, Triston Gage 87; Ledbetter, Kassie Marie 82; Lish, Shaddan Ray Nakamura 89; Lopez Arm-

endariz, Laura Nayeli 88; Moreno Sarinana, Myriam Milagros 88; Smith, Cody James 87; Smith, Reid Thomas 89; Soto, Eduardo Jesus 86; Stevens, Garrison Bryce 83; Tennison, David Andrew 88; Turner, Austin Reece 88; Urrutia, Leticia Estrella 87

Bonner, Garrett Paul 88;

#### Grade 7

Cera, Leslie 86; Childress, Dylan Tye 88; Deleon Hardy, Michael Angel 89; Dickinson, Megan Paige 86; Eldridge, Mason Derrick 89; Garland, Ronnie Micheal 88; Gonzalez-Delgado, Janett Angelica 89; Lindley, Taylor Elizabeth LeAn 81; Little, Adeline Hope 84; Lopez, Esmeralda 86; Mares Ramirez, Rodolfo Iram 83; Maxwell, Katherine Anne 84; Mertz, Collin Alexander 84; Minyard, Jared Bradley 89; Palma, Elijah Joseph 89; Penaranda, Willis Clay Pruitt 85; Renteria Rodriguez, Maximo 83; Rogers, Jilian Nycole 84; Royer, Brad Tyler 82; Smith, Alexander James 88; Sokolosky, Shaddock Lane 88; Soto, Damien Jose 88; Sullivan, Aspen Lea 87; Townson, Trevor Allen 89; Valles, Jonathan Enrique 87; White, Chelsea Crysta 81

#### Grade 8

Albert, Brady Peyton 89; Arnzen, Kaylee Kay 89; Bolton, Byran Lee 81; Dyson, Brayden Reid 86; Floyd, Madison Taylor 83; Ford, Destinee Jai 82; Hanks, Kaenan Aamon 86; Joyce, Bailey Kate

87; Kelly, Harper Louise 88; Kennedy, Faith Elise 86; Miller, Drew Dean 87; Munguia, Alexis Sierra Paige 85; Murphy, Catherine Marie 81; Nava, Elaine Marie 89; Parker, Bryce Austin 86; Pingel, Lauren Renee 89; Samuel Jett 89; Sieck, Brandon Scott 85; Tapia, Christian Ramon 87

#### **AUSTIN ELEMENTARY**

#### A Honor Roll

#### Grade 2

Danica Acosta, Connor Appier, Mason Bagwell, Bahena, Jase Westin Bruce, Moises Boyd, Garrett Carroll, Riley Coble, Korbin Cole, Lance Dyer, Marcus Fletcher, Jacob Gooch, Joshua Guymon, Clayton Hall, Juan Ibanez, Isabella Johnston, Kevin Kennedy, Audrey Leger, Savannah McDonough, Isaac Nava, Bryson Osborne, Ileana Perez, Logan Ruth, Hudson Scribner, Brooklyn Smith, Katherine Smith, Preston Stroud, Cassandra Stubblefield, Tripp Sullivan, Jailey Titus, Jaycee Winborne

#### Grade 3

Marissa Acosta, Logan Alexander, Mallory Alexander, Samuel Anguiano, Tristian Barker, Kathryn Carter, Zoe Crutchfield, Elizabeth Devoll, Hunter Dyer, Rhett Elliff, Haley Fos-

sett, Brekyn Gaines, Frida Gonzalez, Rhett Hill, Kami Hisaw, Raylee Jewett, Morgan Joyce, Cruz Juarez, Lexi Maul, Karennah McDonough, Brooklyn Morris, Emma Olsen, Austin Ridener, AnaLysa Rios, Emily Robertson, Annabell Robles, Halley Schoenrock, Jaryn Shephard, Michael Stadler, Caden Steward, Camryn Steward, Cayson Steward, Callyer Stokes, Alondra Trejo, Savannah Valentine, Jade Ward, Kaylee

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#### Grade 4

Ruth Andrews, K'Leigh Broaddus, Haley Brock, Madison Bruce, Aracely Caldera, Klaire Cambern, Kyler Cook, Emma Doucette, Seth Erickson, Denisse Gonzalez, Makala Graham, Joseph L'Esperance, Ruth Mat-thews, Mia McCracken, Marianna Nava, Mayce Ogle, Nataleigh Phillips, Tessa Potter, Cassandra Quezada, Thomas Reagan, Allah Robinson, Ruth Salazar, Hallie Sieck, Jake Thomas, Alex Viramontes HONOR cont. on page B3



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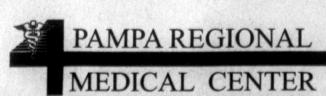
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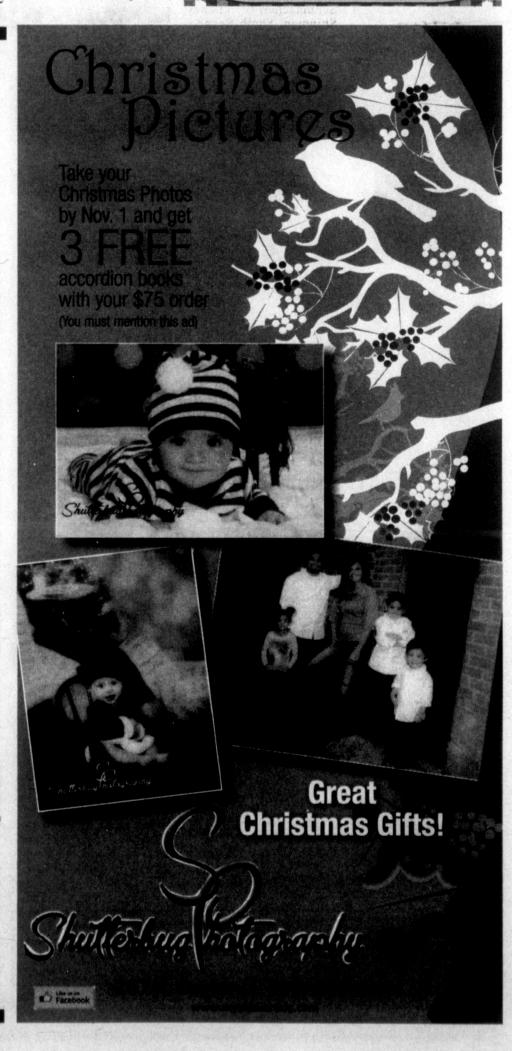
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#### **A-B Honor Roll**

Grade 2 Dana Benedict, Lily Buchanan, Emma Carroll, Madelain DeFever, Rayna Doan, Reagan Dyer, Prairie Eddleman, Daniel Estep-Seymour, Madox Jones, Sydney Larkin, Josiah Matthews, Yelim Nunez, Olivia Reagan, Rilynn Richman, Tyce Whiteley

Grade 3

Darian Alexander, Isaih Arreola, Grace Campbell, Michael Campbell, Talon Clark, Gabino Dondiego, Janelle Jimenez, Diego Juarez, Londyn McCoy, Aaliyah Nickleberry, Jayden Perez, Marlee Quarles, Sierra Sutherland, Kimberly Velo Galvan, Autumn Woods

Grade 4 Leah Blackburn, Shelbi Burrows, Rieley Carroll, Chandler Coronis, Riley Devoll, Nathaniel Garland, Brandon Henderson, Jackson Hendricks, Zapryce Johnson, Brooklyn Liebsch, Dusty Matlock, Jacob Moran, Ky Parnell, Gabriel Slater, Britt Summers, Kylie Tuttle, Stepanaie Velasquez

Grade 5

Rebekah Andrews, Caitlynne Budd, Riley Elliff, McKenna Etheredge, David O'Brien, Georgie Osborne, Kambry Smith, Emily Sutherland, Zane Sutherland, Chae Ward.

#### LAMAR ELEMENTARY

#### A Honor Roll

Grade 2

Bobby Angelo Chavarria, Caydence Betts, Jalen Burnley, Shayla Burnley, Jesus Dondiego, Amzala Duff, Kate Orr, Devonta Session, Brianna Soto, Kimberly Soto

Grade 3

Judith Chavez, Ashley Collazo, Nancy Jimenez, Rocio Mares, Ashley Marrufo, Roxangel Martinez Rivera, Leslie Ruiz, Lilian Soliz, Abram Venegas, Karla Yanez Pascual

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Maddison Been, Maribel Cabrales, Diamond Chavez, Juan Flores, Olivia Flores, Yahir Hernandez, Tobi Highwalker, Cameron Littlefield, Byron Lowe, Katrina Luna, Rhianna Norman, Diana Perdomo, Gissell Perez, Yasmin Recendiz, Elijah Robinson, Janessa Rodriguez, Yesenia Sifuentes, Jesus Soto, Alahna Williams

Grade 5 **Baylor Hanks** 

#### **A-B Honor Roll**

Grade 2

Kamree Alvarez, Noemy Arrida, Ally Bowers, Kaylee Eblin, Prentiss Edwards, Christopher Ewing, Jasmine Garcia, Bruce Highwalker Gabi Jimenez, Seth Lawson, Lillian Ledgerwood, Joshua Lee, Lorell Luera, Berenice Martinez, Bryan Paco, Kendell Reed, Joseph Rodriguez, Osvaldo Silva, William Snapp, Fredy Villalpando

Grade 3

Monica Garcia, Jonathan Catindig, Nakia De La Torre, Alex Ganillo, Alejandra Garcia, Mon-

ica Anai Garica, Rubicel Huerta Mendoza, Izaak Lee, Jessica Lopez Hernandez, Jessica Martinez, Coultyn McGahen, Ernesto Mendez, Saraely Modina Lopez, Maddox Nieto, Hanna Rodriguez, Gabriela Salazar, Bryson Solis, Fabian Soto, Cristian Vasquez, Govanni Villalobos

Grade 4

Makenzie Anguiano, Kayces Brown, Estefania Castillo Hernandez, Warren Duff, Cassie Estrada, Krista Finney, Angel Garcia, Gustavo Garcia, Elaineah Jackson, Oscar Jimenez, Jamal Johnson, Ismael Juarez, Drake Lawson, Payton Ledgerwood, Cassandra Madrid, Carlos Madrid, Brayan Martinez, Tori Martinez, Lazanae Mayes, Ivan Mejia Pacheco, Laura Montano, Celest Ostercamp, Lillian Palomares, Isaac Ragan, Alexis Salazar, Darrell Scotty Green, Carlos Soliz, Luis Venzor, Jacqueline Vil-

Grade 5 Arianna Anguiano, Jeremiah Avila, Matthew Blanco, Kaleb Caldwell, Sarah Darnell, Samuel Garcia, Cidnie Goodson, Cameron Hair, Vika Marquez, Jennifer Martinez, Maribel Martinez, Carlee Parks, Mario Resendiz, Daniela Servin, Felicaty Taylor, Alexis Waycaster

#### **TRAVIS** ELEMENTARY

#### A Honor Roll

Grade 1

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Grade 2

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Grade 3

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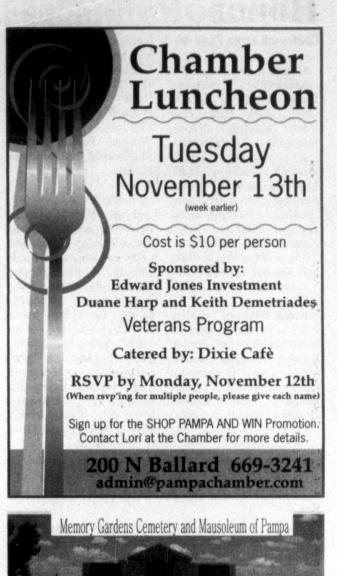
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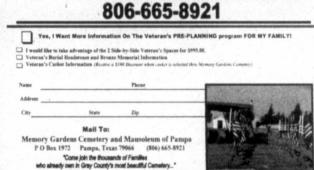














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### Elephant in S. Korea zoo imitates human speech

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — An elephant in a South Korean zoo is using his trunk to pick up not only food, but also human vocabulary.

An international team of scientists confirmed Friday what the Everland Zoo has been saying for years: Their 5.5-ton tusker Koshik has an unusual and possibly unprecedented talent.

The 22-year-old Asian elephant can reproduce five Korean words by tucking his trunk inside his mouth to modulate sound, the scientists said in a joint paper published online in Current Biology. They said he may have started imitating human speech because he was lonely.

Koshik can reproduce "annyeong" (hello), "anja" (sit down), "aniya" (no), "nuwo" (lie down)

and "joa" (good), the paper says.

One of the researchers said there is no conclusive evidence that Koshik understands the sounds he makes, although the elephant does respond to words like "anja."

Everland Zoo officials in the city of Yongin said Koshik also can imitate "ajik" (not yet), but the researchers haven't confirmed the accomplishment.

Koshik is particularly good with vowels, with a rate of similarity of 67 percent, the researchers said. For consonants he scores only 21 percent.

Researchers said the clearest scientific evidence that Koshik is deliberately imitating human speech is that the sound frequency of his words matches that of his trainers.

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Vocal imitation of other species has been found in mockingbirds, parrots and mynahs. But the paper says Koshik's case represents "a wholly novel method of vocal production" because he uses his trunk to reproduce human

In 1983, zoo officials in Kazakhstan reportedly claimed that a teenage elephant named Batyr could reproduce Russian to utter 20 phrases, including "Batyr is good." But there was no scientific study on the claim.

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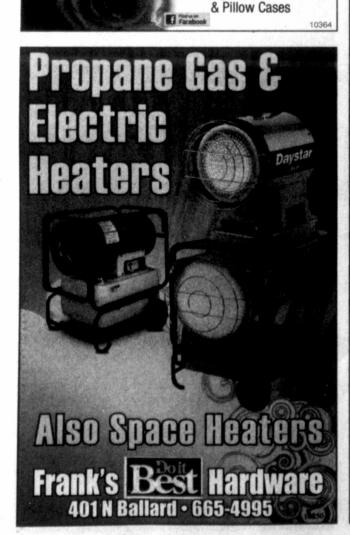


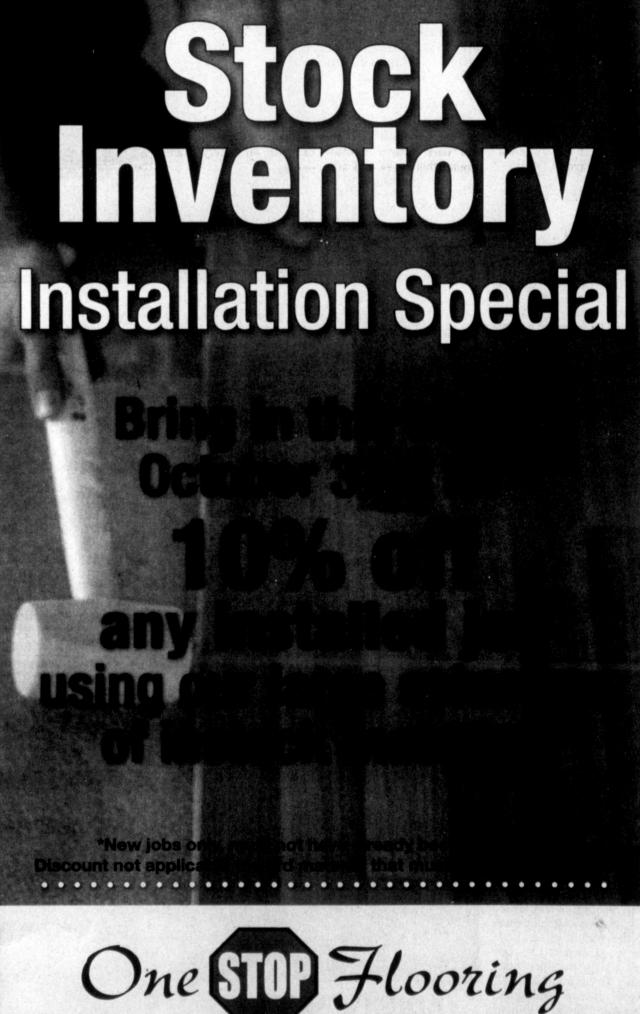
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# Students, BLM work to restore charred Casper Mountain

BY ADAM VOGE Star-Tribune energy reporter

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) Members of the JROTC program at Natrona County High School got a first-hand look Saturday morning at the devastation wrought by the Sheep Herder Hill Fire.

And they tried to do something about it.

The students -- a group of 10 joined by two commanding officers -worked at a site on the southern slope of Casper Mountain all day, hoping to restore the charred remains of the area. The effort was part of a National Public Lands Day program sponsored by the Casper Field Office of the Bureau of Land

Management.

The students were in a bus by 8 a.m., headed for the site about 10 miles south of Casper. They endured a bumpy ride down a two-track road near Muddy Mountain before hiking another half-mile to the site.

The junior ROTC has been helping the Bureau of Land Management with projects like this for years, but few of them had this magnitude. BLM Casper Field Manager Joe Meyer said the volunteers make a difference.

"It's been extremely valuable," he said. "It's labor we couldn't afford to contract for."

The student volunteers donated 95 man-hours to the rehabilitation effort

The Sheep Herder Hill Fire burned nearly 16,000 acres around the mountain in September. The blaze killed off some plant life on and around the mountain.

It was clear upon arrival that the area wasn't the same as it had been earlier this year. Blackened sagebrush roots poked above ground on the hike to the work site. At the site itself, a small valley near Muddy Creek, a clump of aspen trees was burned up to eye level but white above. Much of the surrounding ponderosa and lodgepole pine had been

completely wipe out. Bureau of Land Management Forester Cindy Allen demonstrated to group members what they'd be doing --

planting ponderosa seedlings and creating sediment traps.

She said the traps -small pyramids of logs burned by the Casper Mountain fire and held up by wooden stakes -- could act as a barricade, keeping ash, other erosion debris and water from washing into the nearby creek.

The BLM decided to plant the seedlings earlier than usual in the hope that they could absorb some spring moisture.

"We've never done this before, planted in the fall," Allen said. "I'm anxious to see what kind of survival rate we get."

Students broke off into teams of two. Some teams worked to build sediment traps while others planted

bad," she said. "Just to Michael Fuson and see this is...wow." Emily Hand, a senior and freshman at NCHS, Some students said respectively, chose plantthey were just happy to ing as their task. The two be outside. traded duties every few trees, with one operating

a dibble bar -- a shov-

el-like object used for

planting -- and the other putting the seedling in

the ground and securing

Fuson, an experienced

"It feels pretty good,"

he said. "I love being up

on the mountain. It kills

Hand said she was sur-

prised at just how bad it

was near Muddy Creek.

Ash covered most of the

ground, an inch deep in

"I knew it was pretty

me seeing it burned."

planter, said he was

the dirt around it.

happy to help.

some places.

"I don't like being cooped up all weekend, said Trevor Holmes, an

NCHS freshman. The students planned to plant 3,900 over the course of the day.

Allen put the first in the ground during her demonstration.

She made sure the roots were straight and the root collar had access to air. She firmed the ground around the sapling, sealing off any possible moisture escape routes.

One down, one of the planters said. Three thousand eight hundred ninety-nine to go.

# Two-year-old boy killed at Pittsburgh Zoo exhibit

By KEVIN BEGOS Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A 2-year-old boy visiting the Pittsburgh Zoo was killed Sunday morning when he fell off a railing that his mother had put him on top of to view a pack of African painted dogs, who pounced on the child and mauled him, police said.

It was not clear whether the boy died from the fall into the wild dog exhibit area or from the attack, said Barbara Baker, president and CEO of the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium.

"It was very horrific," said Lt. Kevin Kraus of the Pittsburgh police, who added that the dogs attacked "immediately" after the boy fell at about 11:45 a.m. Zoo officials at first estimated the boy fell 14 feet, but police said it was 11. It was not clear which is correct.

When the boy fell, other visitors immediately told staff members, who responded along with Pittsburgh police. Zookeepers called off some of the dogs, and

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seven of them immediately went to a back building. Three more eventually were drawn away from the child, but the last dog was aggressive and police had to shoot the animal, officials say.

The zoo was immediately closed; it was not clear when it would be reopened, authorities said.

Authorities didn't immediately release the name of the boy or his mother, but say she is 34 years old and lives in Pleasant Hills, just outside Pittsburgh. The boy's father arrived on the scene soon after the accident, police said.

The dogs are about as big as medium-sized domestic dogs, 2 to 21/2 feet high and 37 to 80 pounds, according to the zoo. African wild dogs are also known as cape hunting dogs, spotted dogs, and painted wolves. They have large, rounded ears and dark brown circles around their eyes and are considered endangered.

The dogs hunt in packs in the wild, and Baker said that they "were in pack mentality" during the

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live in a 1.5 acre exhibit called the Painted Dog Bush Camp that's part of a larger open area called the African Savanna, where elephants, lions and other animals can be seen. Visitors walk onto a deck that is glassed on the sides, but open in front where the railing is located. Visitors can look out at the dogs

Zoo officials said there is also a mesh barrier beyond the railing, but Kraus said it was designed to catch small objects such as cameras, and not humans.

Steve Feldman, a spokesman for the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, said no one he's spoken to can recall any deaths of children at an accredited zoo over the last 40 years or more. Feldman said the Pittsburgh Zoo successfully completed its fiveyear review in September, which means it meets or exceeds all safety stan-

In May, some of the dogs crawled under a fence and escaped into a part of the exhibit that's usually closed. The zoo was on lockdown for about an

Past fatal attacks at zoos have prompted zoos around the nation to review safety features of their exhibits. In 2007, a tiger jumped over a wall at the San Francisco zoo, killing one visitor and wounding two others. In September a man jumped off an elevated viewing train at the Bronx Zoo in New York and was severely mauled by tigers.

Baker said the Pittsburgh Zoo has never had a visitor death. She said no decision has been made yet on the future of the exhibit.









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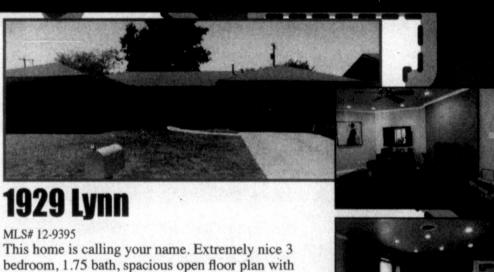
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I am dismayed that she is taking advantage of my generosity to make a few bucks. No, she is not desperate. And no, I don't feel comfortable saying something unless it's clever and I won't appear to be jealous or petty. - TRACI IN PENNSYLVANIA

don't have to say anything clever. What you should do is tell your friend that you were hurt when you saw the items she had requested up for sale on her eBay account. Period. providing stock for her retail venture.

DEAR ABBY: I have seen letters in your column refer- LOUISE IN ARIZONA ring to not being invited to being sensitive to the feelings of others.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a on trips, out to dinner, etc. close friend who is obsessed I am old enough to realize with selling "finds" on eBay. that my husband and I will not be invited to everything. liked — or outright asked not to feel a stab of pain and for. I always thought she isolation when group plans wanted to keep them for are discussed in my presherself. Recently I saw some ence and we are not invited.

> Somewhere along the line, people need to learn not to discuss group activities in front of those who are not included. No one wants to feel left out. NEWCOMER TO **MINNESOTA**

DEAR NEWCOMER: You've said it well. While I don't think the offenders are being deliberate-DEAR TRACI: You ly cruel, if people would think before opening their mouths, a lot of hurt feelings could be avoided.

DEAR ABBY: I'm just wondering what you and your readers think about this: If you see your doctor And in the future, be a only once a year (or less if little less generous about you are well), but you have been going to that doctor for five years or so, should that doctor remember you? -

DEAR LOUISE: It children's birthday parties depends on the volume and the hurt that follows. of patients the doctor has It's amazing to me that in his (or her) practice. some adults have also never However, before seeing learned the importance of you, the doctor should certainly familiarize himself (or herself) with your file so you are not being seen "cold."



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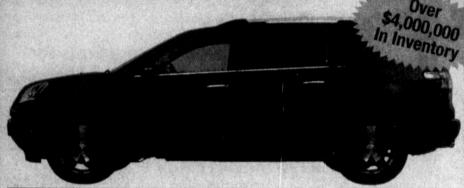
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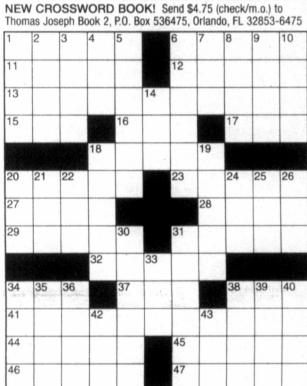
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Yesterday's Answer: EPIC, GRAND; SUPER, LARGE; HUGE, GIANT; VAST, GREAT

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#### **LUNCH WITH DIGNITARIES**



From left, Travis Elementary School students Jack Studebaker, Lacey Bilyeu and Hanna Boland.

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Lunch with Dignitaries is joint project by Altrusa International Inc. and the Pampa Republican Women's Club.

The November Lunch with Dignitaries for the 2012-13 school year was a tour through the White Deer Land Museum.

Members picked up three or four students from the 4th grade at each elementary school (one from each classroom).

Drivers were Allison Watson, Roxanne Funderburk and Rochelle Lacy from Altrusa and Kathryn Killgo from the Republican women. Altrusa chairwoman is Kathryn

Green.

Each month, the clubs take a different group of students to a different location, such as the hospital, city hall, fire station, or court house, for instance, where they learn about the functions of those organizations and meet workers and city officials. This is the third year for the program.

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# Timeline of events surrounding CIA's Libya rescue effort

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. intelligence and defense officials offered a timeline Thursday of the CIA's response to the attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, from its annex less than a mile from the diplomatic mission. U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans were killed in the attack, which occurred on the 11th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

A minute-by-minute look at how the security teams' response played out. All times are local for Benghazi.

— 9:40 p.m. The CIA annex receives its first call that the consulate has come under attack.

— Less than 25 minutes later, the security team leaves the annex en route

to the consulate.

— Over the next 25 minutes, team members approach the compound and attempt to get heavy weapons. When they cannot secure heavy weapons, they make their way onto the compound itself in the

face of enemy fire.

— 10:30 p.m. Defense
Secretary Leon Panetta
and Army Gen. Martin
Dempsey, chairman of the
Joint Chiefs of Staff, are
meeting with President
Barack Obama at the
White House and discussing the attack. Panetta
returns to the Pentagon
and has a series of meetings, including with Gen.
Carter Ham, head of U.S.

Africa Command.
— 11:11 p.m. A Defense
Department surveillance drone aircraft — an
unarmed Predator — that
had been requested arrives
over the consulate compound. Some time later a
second drone arrives and
takes over the mission.

— 11:30 p.m. All U.S. personnel have departed the consulate except for Stevens, who is missing. The vehicles come under fire as they leave the facility.

— Over the next 90 minutes, the CIA annex comes under sporadic fire from small arms and rocket-propelled grenades. The security team returns fire, dispersing the attackers.

— 12:30 a.m. The first U.S. military unit is ordered to begin moving to Libya. By 3 a.m., two teams of special operations forces — one from Fort Bragg, N.C., and one from central Europe — and a Marine anti-terrorism unit are preparing to depart.

— Around 1 a.m., a team of additional security personnel from Tripoli lands at the Benghazi airport and attempts to find a ride into town. Upon learning that Stevens is missing and that the situation at the CIA annex has calmed, the team focuses on locating Stevens and obtaining information about the security situation at the hospital.

hospital. - Before dawn, the team at the airport finally manages to secure transportation and armed escort. Having learned that Stevens is almost certainly dead and that the security situation at the hospital is uncertain, the team heads to the CIA annex to assist with the evacuation. In the attack, the State Department also has said that a department computer expert, Sean Smith, was

killed.

— 5:15 a.m. The team arrives at the CIA annex, with Libyan support, just before mortar rounds begin to hit the facility. Two CIA security officers — Tyrone Woods and Glen Doherty — are killed when they take direct mortar fire while engaging the attackers. The attack lasts only 11 minutes before dissipating.

Less than an hour later, a heavily armed Libyan military unit arrives at the CIA annex to help evacuate all U.S. personnel and takes them to the airport.

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