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Going online

Area property appraisals can now be viewed on the Internet

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The business hours of 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. will no longer apply to area residents wanting to view their property appraisals, as the Howard County Appraisal District announced this week the information will now be available 24 hours a day on the Internet.

Chief Appraiser Brett McKibben said the appraisal information should help make the process more convenient for property owners in the Crossroads area.

"This means people can go McKibben online at any time — day or night — to view their appraisal information," McKibben said. "We believe this will make things a bit more convenient for some folks."

McKibben said the Web site — located at www.howardcad.org — is being managed by the same software company that handles their day-to-day information, Capitol Appraisal Group.

"They are a Boston-based company, but they have handled our mineral assessments — including the Big Spring Refinery — for several years now," McKibben said. "The Web site will be linked to our software here in the office, so everything should remain fairly up to date."

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Construction crews look to keep dust kicked up to a minimum Friday morning at a site in the 1500 block of Scurry where a building was demolished. The work is expected to continue through Friday afternoon and possibly into the evening.

SWCID inks transfer pact

Officials hail agreement with Gallaudet

By **CINDY SMITH**
Special to the Herald

Howard College/SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf and Gallaudet University have signed on the dotted line to finalize an agreement that will facilitate the transfer process for SWCID students who want to continue their education at Gallaudet.

Formally known as an articulation agreement, the end product will streamline the transition of academic credits from the region-



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ally accredited Howard College/SWCID to the four-year program at regionally accredited Gallaudet University for the purpose of providing a matriculation program at the baccalaureate level.

"We are very pleased to be taking this step to enhance the transfer of our students to Gallaudet University," said Dr. Mark J. Myers, provost of SWCID.

"I am very grateful that we have

the opportunity to better serve our students by providing them with optimal opportunities such as this."

By establishing articulation agreements with four year universities, SWCID hopes to encourage as many students as possible to complete their associate degree at SWCID and then move on to complete their bachelor degree as well.

Gallaudet University, located in

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Guild reaching out for younger members

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Symphony Guild is kicking into gear and extending its membership.

The guild is extending its hand to area high school and college students who are interested in learning more about the arts. This isn't the first time the guild has reached out to young people, as there was once a debutant program, and the Interact Club at Big Spring High School also has been active in the guild.

"The guild works to strengthen community awareness and public appreciation of the Big Spring



McIntosh

"The guild is a great way for students to share culture with their friends and gain experience in different art organizations. We are merely trying some different routes to inviting and including younger people."

Eulaine McIntosh
Symphony Guild president

Symphony," Guild President Eulaine McIntosh said. "The guild is a great way for students to share culture with their friends and gain experience in different art organizations. We are merely trying some different routes to inviting and including younger people."

Each month, members meet the second Saturday at 10:30 a.m. This month's meeting

will take place at First Christian Church, located at 911 Goliad. Monthly meetings take place at different locations, including members' homes and the Symphony Association office, located at 808 Scurry.

Yearly dues for student membership is set at \$5 and other membership is \$15 per year. McIntosh said as of last month, the guild membership

had risen to 26.

"Students are busy people, as we all are, but if you care about music, the arts culture and the community, this is a wide-open opportunity," McIntosh said. "This is a way to get involved in community service opportunities while actually learning something and contributing to something that benefits not only students, but the town."

The symphony is something usually associated with adults, but McIntosh said there is no reason the youth shouldn't be getting involved.

"We should be encouraging students of all ages to get involved in the symphony," McIntosh said. "There's

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Obituaries

David O. Perez



David O. Perez, 61, of Houston, formerly of Big Spring died Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2011. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Lynn Godsey officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

David was born April 1, 1950, in Sebastian, Texas, to Andrella and Candido Perez. He was a graduate of Big Spring High School and also attended Howard College. He was a transport driver for Gulf States Toyota in Houston, Texas. He made many friends throughout America. He had lived in Ennis and Houston was his home for the past seven years.

He is survived by one son: Jason Perez of Houston; one brother: Daniel "Danny" Perez and his wife Paula of Big Spring; three sisters: Rachel Jaramillo and husband Ector of Big Spring, Ruth Viera of Portales, N.M., and Magdalena Pena and husband Sammy of Big Spring; and his ex-wife Mary Perez, whom he loved and cared for, of Ennis; along with many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Monica; and one sister, Margarita Gonzales.

Pallbearers will be Angel Gonzales, Mark Gonzales, Adam Ramirez, David Moreno, Herman Jones and Lionel Perez. Honorary pallbearers will be Robert Oliver, Larry Hokanson, Jason Montelongo, Jesse Crawford, Jeremy Pena and Stacey Langenberg, Justin Gonzales, Gabriel Martinez, Matt Matinez and Rickey Vasquez.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Paid obituary

Anabel Calderon

Anabel Calderon, 48, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011, at her residence. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

She was born Dec. 24, 1962, in Alpine, Texas, to Consualo and Ruben Mendoza. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by two daughters: Adalinda Carl of Midland and Crystal Calderon of Big Spring; one son: Domingo Calderon of Tacoma, Wash; her mother: Consualo Leyva of Fort Davis; three brothers: Ruben Mendoza Jr., of Christoval, Jimmy Mendoza of Ozona and Jimmy Leyva; three sisters: Corina Flores of Van Horn, Maryalice Torres of Odessa and Yolanda Guillen of Hobbs, N.M.; and six grandchildren: Rico Martinez, Alana Carl, Michael Carl, Violet Calderon, Destiny Calderon and Kelsey Carl.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar Calderon.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Paid obituary

Gerald R. 'Z' Ziebart

Gerald R. "Z" Ziebart, 70, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2011, at his residence. Family services are planned for a later date in South Dakota.

He was born June 8, 1941, in Plankinton, S.D., to Laura Marie (Snyder) and Reinhold J. Ziebart. He worked for Anadarko Oil Company for 36 years in New Mexico and Texas. He has been a resident of Big Spring for more than 20 years.

He is survived by two daughters: Mitzi Fallis and Shannon Johnson of Artesia, N.M.; one sister: Sharon Beckmann of White Lake, S.D.; and two brothers: Robert Ziebart and Dennis Ziebart, both of Stickney, S.D.; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Bruce Shockley

Bruce Shockley, 62, of Arlington, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011, at the Hospice House in Odessa, Texas. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. today:

• MEGAN RYNELL ARMSTRONG, 21, of 821 W. Eighth St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• MATTHEW FRANK GONZALES, 21, of 2513 Rebecca, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for disregarding a stop sign.

• GILBERT GONZALES, 39, of Littlefield, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

• ROBERT WOOD, 51, of 1429 E. Sixth St. Apt. 28, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

• TERRY LEE RICHARDSON, 29, of Levelland, was arrested Thursday on a charge of failure to identify - giving false information.

• THEFT was reported:
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• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 600 block of E. 15th Street.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 62 inmates at the time of this report.

• GILBERT GONZALES SR., 39, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Take Note

• Big Spring Junior High is hosting a book fair from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. through Oct. 14 at the school library. For more information, contact Robin Ritchey at 264-4135, ext. 1527.

• First Baptist Church Big Spring will celebrate its 125th Anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011. In recognition of this milestone occasion, a special worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the main sanctuary followed by a luncheon in the Family Life Center. For more information, call the church office at 432-267-8223, or go to: <http://www.fbcbig-spring.org/>

• Texas Department of State Health Services, located at 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28B, will no longer be giving immunizations on a walk-in basis. Call 432-263-9775 and leave a message regarding name, birthdate and call-back telephone number. A nurse will call you within 24 hours with the date and time of your appointment. It is imperative you bring your child's immunization record with you when you come for your appointment. Immunizations will be given Tuesdays and Wednesdays by appointment only.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 10/8	Sun 10/9	Mon 10/10	Tue 10/11	Wed 10/12
78/58 Mixed clouds and sun with scattered thunderstorms.	66/54 Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 50s.	77/57 Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.	84/58 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	85/57 Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.
Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 7:22 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 7:21 PM	Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 7:20 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 7:18 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 7:17 PM

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Brownsville	92	72	pt sunny
Brownwood	87	65	t-storm
Corpus Christi	91	73	t-storm
Corsicana	88	65	cloudy
Dallas	89	66	cloudy
Del Rio	84	68	t-storm
El Paso	74	53	sunny
Fort Stockton	76	59	t-storm
Gainesville	86	63	cloudy
Greenville	89	62	cloudy
Houston	86	69	t-storm
Kingsville	94	72	t-storm
Livingston	89	64	t-storm
Longview	90	63	pt sunny
Lubbock	73	50	t-storm
Lufkin	91	65	pt sunny
Midland	76	60	t-storm
Raymondville	95	71	pt sunny
Rosenberg	86	69	t-storm
San Antonio	92	72	t-storm
San Marcos	88	68	t-storm
Sulphur Springs	90	64	pt sunny
Sweetwater	77	61	t-storm
Tyler	90	63	pt sunny
Weatherford	86	63	t-storm
Wichita Falls	80	63	t-storm

Support Groups

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E. 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit www.cccbigspring.org

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

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Economy added 103K jobs in Sept.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States added 103,000 jobs in September, an improvement over this summer and just enough to calm fears of a new recession that have hung over Wall Street and the nation for weeks.

The Labor Department also said Friday that the nation added more jobs than first estimated in July and August. The government's first reading had said the economy added zero jobs in August.

The unemployment rate stayed at 9.1 percent.

While the report was clearly better than feared, it also showed the economy is not gaining much momentum, said Tom Porcelli, chief U.S. economist at RBC Capital Markets.

"It moves you away from the ledge," he said.

The report sent the stock market higher. The Dow Jones industrial average was up about 80 points, slightly less than 1 percent, at mid-morning. In the bond market, yields rose, another sign that investors welcomed the

news. The unemployment report, one of the most closely watched economic indicators, showed that there are two ways of looking at the economy. On one hand, the news was encouraging for economists. Some of them had feared the nation would lose jobs, raising the risk of a devastating second recession.

But everyday Americans can't take much solace from that. Unemployment has been stuck at around 9 percent for more than two years. The economy has to add roughly 125,000 jobs a month just to keep up with population growth, more to bring down unemployment.

The report included some signs that business activity is increasing. The temporary help industry added almost 20,000 jobs, and the length of the average workweek increased slightly. Wages also rose a bit.

More hiring and better pay could add up to more consumer spending. That ac-

counts for 70 percent of the economy. When people spend more money, it generates demand for businesses, which hire more workers.

The private sector added 137,000 jobs, up from August but below July's revised total. The economy lost 34,000 government jobs. Local governments in particular cut teachers and other school employees.

Among the industries that added jobs in September were construction, retail, temporary help services and health care. Manufacturing cut jobs for a second straight month.

The economy returned in September to something closer to the job growth of earlier this year. In February, March and April, the nation added an average of more than 200,000 jobs a month.

But then manufacturing slowed, consumer confidence crashed, and Washington was caught in gridlock — first over whether to raise the nation's borrowing limit and then on how best to get the economy going.

Meanwhile, hiring slowed dramatically. The economy added only 53,000 jobs in May and 20,000 in June. The figures out Friday showed hiring improve in July, slowed slightly in August, and improved again in September.

Still, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke warned Congress earlier this week that the economic recovery was "close to faltering," with slow job growth dragging down consumer confidence.

Bernanke, speaking in unusually blunt terms, said he could not blame Americans for being frustrated at the financial industry "for getting us into this mess" and at Washington for not coming up with a strong response.

President Barack Obama, adopting a combative tone as he prepares for next year's re-election campaign, has challenged Congress to get behind his \$447 billion jobs bill or risk being run out of Washington.

The Obama plan aims to jolt the economy but cutting taxes and increasing spending

on schools, roads and other public projects. He has proposed paying for it in part by raising taxes on the wealthy and corporations.

Obama's Republican rivals are trying to persuade voters that he is to blame for high unemployment and the sluggish economy. Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney told Fox News Channel on Friday that Obama is criticizing Congress simply because he is "looking for someone to blame."

Nearly half of the job gains last month came from the rehiring of 45,000 Verizon employees who had been on strike.

August's figures were revised up to show a gain of 57,000 jobs, up from a previous estimate of zero.

More Americans are working part time but would prefer full-time work. When these people are added to those without jobs who have given up looking, the so-called "underemployment" rate rose to 16.5 percent from 16.2 percent.

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nothing more classy than taking your date to the symphony. What could be more impressive?"

By joining the guild, students can earn community service hours to be applied towards scholarships, enjoy concerts for free and represent the symphony on their campus. For most scholarships, communi-

ty service is mandatory, according to McIntosh. "This is a chance to get involved in something beyond the normal young person's experience. You can see and participate in creating something be-

yond the high school or college life," McIntosh said. "Students particularly interested in the music field should seriously consider being a part of the Symphony Guild. It can open the door to some knowledge

that will come in handy as they embark on their music careers."

To find out more about the Symphony Guild or to become a member, contact McIntosh at 264-7671.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234.

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tion, leads the world in undergraduate liberal arts education targeted for these students.

As part of the agreement, Gallaudet has selected SWCID courses that will seamlessly transfer to Gallaudet in identified degree plans. This provides SWCID students a great oppor-

tunity to earn a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science degree selected from 39 majors offered at Gallaudet, university officials said.

The partnership will benefit both schools and their students, officials said.

"By working together, we ensure that our

deaf and hard of hearing students have access to a broad range of challenging academic programs," said T. Alan Hurwitz, president of Gallaudet. "This collaboration will bring them one step closer as we prepare them for productive and fulfilling careers."

For more information regarding Howard College/SWCID, visit www.howardcollege.edu/swcid and for Gallaudet University, visit www.gallaudet.edu.

For more information contact Cindy Smith at csmith@howardcollege.edu.

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McKibben said he hopes the site will help business developers and other groups gather information regarding the property in the county.

"You would think the majority of the calls we would receive would be about appraisals, but that's not the case," McKibben said. "Most of the calls we get are from people who simply want to know the year the building was constructed and how many square feet it has. By making that information easier to get to, we believe it will make it more convenient for everyone."

As for the ability to keep the online information up to date, McKibben said it's helpful but not perfect.

"We will do updates

from time to time, but for the most part, the information available online should be the most current we have," McKibben. "Bear in mind, however, we will be doing updates. As unlikely as it is, a property person could check their appraisal on Monday and get one number and then check again Friday and get a new, updated number. Again, this is a tool for convenience."

The records can be searched by the property owner's name, street address or appraisal district account number,

according to McKibben. "The records will show account detail, property detail and includes a link to Google Maps that will take you to a map or street view of the property, if it's available," McKibben said. "There are also links to Texas Comptroller forms for exemption applications."

"While these forms are available online,

some will have to be presented to the appraisal office in person as new state law requires verification documentation be presented with some exemption forms. There is also a link with information regarding protesting a property value with the appraisal review board."

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News in brief

Occupy Wall Street spin-offs come to Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Hundreds of protesters took to the streets in Dallas, Houston, Austin and San Antonio on Thursday as cities across Texas joined the Occupy Wall Street demonstrations demanding an end to corruption in politics and business.

Upwards of 300 marchers worked their way to the Federal Reserve Building in Dallas, which police fortified with metal barriers. Houston police estimated that 200 people marched from the J.P. Morgan Chase building to City Hall. In Austin, a crowd gathered outside City Hall and swelled to over 700, many waving signs things like, "End the Fed" "I graduated from college and all I got is debt" and "Greed is evil. I am the 99 percent."

Nearly 100 protesters gathered in San Antonio's Travis Park, meanwhile, and later marched past the Alamo and toward the Federal Reserve Building there.

Organizers are using social media to coordinate activities, and say they plan to occupy those locations for as long as possible.

There were no reports of arrests or major disturbances, though Houston police stepped in after a crowd surrounded one counter-protester. Justin Conry, a 28-year-old owner of a carpet cleaning business, was waving a sign that read, "Blame yourself not the bank. Hard work pays off."

In Austin, police presence was heightened but the scene stayed calm. Police Chief Art Acevedo even posed for pictures with the protesters.

Half of Texas doctors may quit Medicare if its cut

FORT WORTH (AP) — A new Texas Medical Association survey finds that half of Texas physicians would consider dropping the Medicare program if Congress allows the deep cuts planned in reimbursement payments.

Association President Dr. Bruce Malone says that would mean more elderly people would lose their doctor and have a harder time finding a new one.

The group wants federal lawmakers to fix the payment formula so it doesn't end up penalizing doctors financially.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports that physicians will see a 29.6 percent cut in reimbursements starting Jan. 1 if Congress doesn't act.

Malone says physicians love their

Medicare patients but they can't afford to continue to care for them if Medicare doesn't cover the cost of doing so.

Most people become eligible for Medicare when they turn 65.

Fort Worth Diocese settles priest abuse suit

FORT WORTH (AP) — The Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth has reached a settlement with six women who accused a Roman Catholic priest of sexual abuse while he served at churches in Arlington and Bedford.

The Fort Worth Catholic Diocese was a defendant in the case, along with the Rev. Joseph Tu, also known as Joseph Ngoc Tu Nguyen.

The diocese says the victims asked them not to disclose Thursday's settlement amount.

Bishop Kevin Vann told the women he is "deeply sorry" for any sexual abuse they may have suffered and prays they find healing.

The bishop says he wants the Diocese's child protection policies followed so future tragedies can be prevented.

Tu is accused of abusing the plaintiffs when they were girls or in their late teens. Tu previously denied wrongdoing.

Agencies offered retirement deals to trim budgets

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Some Texas state agencies facing severe budget cuts used financial incentives ranging from \$10,000 to \$25,000 to entice eligible employees to retire.

Incentives have contributed to more than 5,400 retirements from state agencies this year, almost 900 more than last year, the Employee Retirement System of Texas reported.

The incentives have helped the agencies save millions, according to a report in the Austin American-Statesman.

The Department of Agriculture provided a \$12,500 retirement incentive that cost \$637,500. The resulting annual savings is \$2.5 million.

"Faced with a 40 percent reduction in state appropriations, the Texas Department of Agriculture offered the retirement incentive to assist in meeting the budgetary needs and to provide more flexibility in an agency-wide reorganization," agency spokesman Bryan Black said.

The General Land Office offered

\$25,000 to people who were eligible to retire at a total cost of \$1.3 million to streamline the agency. At the Texas Water Development Board, nine people took a \$10,000 retirement package, saving nearly \$556,000 a year.

The Legislature quashed more than 5,700 positions, or about 2 percent of the 241,000 jobs in the previous budget, as it cut \$15 billion from Texas' 2012-13 budget. Agencies were given discretion in deciding who had to go — and under what circumstances.

Texas agency to consider water sale to coal plant

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas water agency will meet to consider allowing a private landowner to sell groundwater to a proposed coal-fired power plant.

The Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District is meeting early Friday in Bay City to discuss a request by landowner Arthur Milberger to sell groundwater to the White Stallion Energy Center. It is unclear whether the seven-member board will vote.

Milberger wants to sell some 391 million gallons annually to the plant. A deal provided to The Associated Press does not say how much White Stallion would pay for the water.

White Stallion announced Thursday it would use a dry cooling system at the plant, significantly decreasing water usage. The company had been unable to find a supplier for the trillions of gallons of water it needed for the plant.

Man found guilty in 1978 murder for 3rd time

DALLAS (AP) — A former car dealer is facing a life sentence in the 33-year-old murder of a flight attendant.

A Dallas County jury found Jonathan Bruce Reed, 59, guilty Thursday in the 1978 death of Wanda Jean Wadle, a flight attendant for Braniff Airlines. Prosecutors had sought the death penalty but changed their minds for reasons that weren't immediately clear, The Dallas Morning News reported.

It's Reed's third conviction. Two previous convictions were overturned.

Because the crime was committed in 1978, Reed is eligible for parole. If the crime were committed today, he would be sentenced to life without parole because of a change in the law.

Wadle was found unconscious, with a plastic bag around her head. She died nine days later.

Perry: EPA rollback proves flaws in clean air rule

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — GOP presidential contender Texas Gov. Rick Perry says a federal proposal to ease cross-state pollution standards proves

the rule was flawed.

Perry issued the statement Thursday, hours after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposed easing the restrictions that had infuriated Perry.

The proposed fix to the cross-state pollution rule would allow 10 states, especially Texas, to emit more smog-causing pollution than had initially been permitted. The rule is designed to decrease smokestack emissions, mostly from coal-fired power plants, in 27 states, that contribute to unhealthy air downwind.

Perry, who has used it as fodder in political attacks against President Barack Obama, says the changes "prove there are undeniable flaws" with the pollution rule that would cause job losses and higher energy costs. He says he'll continue to fight federal mandates.

Bastrop County loses 1.5 million trees to wildfire

BASTROP (AP) — Wildfires that killed two and destroyed more than 1,500 homes also brought the loss of nearly 1.5 million trees.

The Texas Forest Service says Thursday that more than 16,200 acres of pine and mixed pine-deciduous forests burned in the Bastrop County wildfires last month.

Trees killed and those still alive but expected to die equal about 850,000 green tons of timber, or 24 million cubic feet. That's worth more than \$14 million as they stood in the forest.

The forest service assessed the damage to get a handle on the volume of damaged and destroyed timber to be removed and possibly utilized.

Only 22 percent of trees 5 inches in diameter and larger, or about seven million cubic feet, were likely to survive, according to the assessment.

Uproar over hunting camp name reaches House

WASHINGTON (AP) — The uproar over the name of a hunting camp once leased by the family of Republican presidential hopeful Rick Perry reached the House floor on Thursday, as lawmakers derailed an effort to demand that Perry apologize.

The five-page resolution offered by Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., D-Ill., was aimed at the name "Niggerhead" that was painted on a rock outside the Texas camp.

The measure called on Perry, the Texas governor, to apologize for not immediately removing the rock and for taking people there to hunt. It also called on Perry's GOP presidential rivals to condemn the rock.

Perry has said the name is offensive. He said that after he saw it, in 1983 or 1984, the word was painted over.

The House voted 231-173 against taking up the measure.

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Muslim Arab Anti-Semitism

Why it makes peace very difficult - almost impossible

Anti-Semitism has often and rightfully been called the longest hatred, the oldest prejudice. It has plagued Europe for a very long time and has, over the centuries, brought untold suffering to the Jewish people. Its most deadly expression was the Nazi Holocaust, which caused the death of 6 million Jews and extinguished ancient civilizations in much of Europe. So terrible, so evil were those events that anti-Semitism was shunned and repudiated by the civilized world.

What are the facts?

Anti-Semitism is integral to Muslim culture. But while anti-Semitism has indeed been shunned by the civilized world, things are quite different in the Muslim/Arab world because anti-Semitism is an integral part of their religion and culture. The Muslim countries are the only places in the world in which anti-Semitism is publicly endorsed and where it flourishes. The Koran abounds in anti-Semitic statements. An expression of that hatred toward Jews is imbedded in Muslim children from an early age. It is the fate of Jews in Muslim lands. For centuries they were tolerated, but only in the submissive capacity of "dhimmis" - second class citizens. They were subjected to countless humiliations, bizarre rules of conduct and clothing and in many cases to assaults and pogroms. When the state of Israel was founded in 1948, hundreds of thousands of Jews in Muslim lands had to flee for their lives or were driven from their homes, where they had lived, in most cases, for centuries. When Israel emerged victorious from the 1967 Six-Day War, virtually all of the remaining Jews were expelled - from Iraq, Yemen, Syria, Egypt, Libya, Algeria and Morocco. In those countries, virtually no Jews remain today. The vast majority of them wound up in Israel where they and their descendants form a large part of the population and are fully integrated, of course. Compare that to the Palestinian refugees, who, mostly at the urging of their leaders, fled the nascent Jewish state in 1948. Their descendants, who have now miraculously increased to 5 million, still live today in miserable refugee camps, at the dole of the world - mostly of the United States, of course.

Adolf Hitler's book *Mein Kampf*, which is prohibited in Germany, is, in Arab and Farsi translations, a perennial best seller in Muslim countries. So is the fraudulent invention *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. The Muslim world is the only place in which those scurrilous books are readily

available. A recent Egyptian television series of 41 installments, based on the "Protocols," was a huge success in the Muslim world.

Holocaust denial. Holocaust denial is a favorite topic in the Muslim world. The president of the Palestinian Authority, Mahmoud Abbas (a reputed "moderate") wrote his doctoral thesis with this title: "The Other Side: The Secret Relationship Between Nazism and the Zionist Movement." In some regards, Arab Jew-haters are even worse than their infamous predecessors. For all their terrible deeds, the Nazis never

lionized their killers, named streets or buildings after them or encouraged their children to emulate them. That is, however, standard practice in the Muslim world. To kill Jews, to become a martyr, is the highest goal and promises immediate access to a paradise of unbelievable pleasures.

Many people believe that the existence of the state of Israel is the cause of this hatred and that Muslim anti-Semitism would disappear if the Jewish state would disappear. But that is not true. As former "refusenik" and Jewish Agency Chairman, Natan Sharansky, has said: "The Jewish state is no more the cause of anti-Semitism today than the absence of the Jewish state was a century ago."

Hatred of Jews is an integral part of Arab/Muslim culture and did not come about with the creation of the Jewish state. The Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin al-Husseini, at that time the highest Islamic authority in that part of the world, was a staunch and steadfast ally of the Nazis, a trusted accomplice of Hitler. He personally raised SS Waffen troops among the Bosnian Muslims and promised the Nazis that he would fully cooperate with them in the extermination of the Jews in the Middle East. That was in the 1930's - 20 years before the creation of Israel. One shudders to imagine what the Arabs would have done to the Jewish residents of the area if the Nazis had come out victorious in World War II.

"How can one make peace with such people, with hatred like that?"

Israel has tried for over 60 years to come to terms with its Arab-Muslim neighbors. But it is difficult to make peace with those who think of them as sons of pigs and apes. In the words of Hezbollah's secretary general, Hasan Nasrallah, who declared: "If we searched the entire world for a person more cowardly, despicable, weak or feeble... we would not find anyone like the Jew." How can one make peace with such people, with hatred like that?

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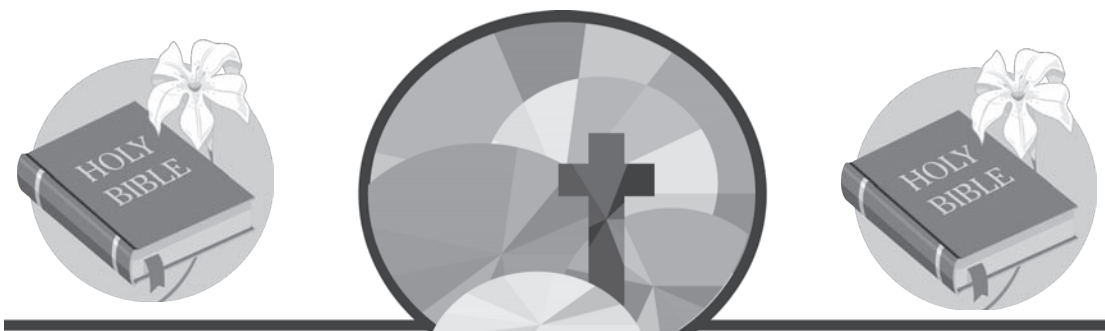
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Wednesday noon Bible study studies "Held in High Esteem." Bring a brown bag lunch.

We continue to collect supplies for the Candelaria Medical Mission and a complete list is available at the church.

First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to share the scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

Tom continues to lead a lectionary Bible study Wednesdays at 5:17 p.m. at First Presbyterian in Big Spring.

We appreciated Sharon Mayberry from Colorado City for presenting special for worship last Sunday.

Following worship Oct. 2, Marilyn Reid and Elmer Lindsey were elected as elders for the Class of 2014.

The lectionary is Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church

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We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. Our church phone number is 432-264-7818. Our website is <http://www.m2ctexas.org/chweb/aliveinchrist/>.

Church services are Sundays at 9 a.m. Sunday school is at 10:15 a.m. The readings are Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 23, Philippians 4:4-13 and Matthew 22:1-14.

The flowers this week are given in honor of Analyasia Rodriguez's birthday by the Byrd family.

Saturday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church in Midland will host a benefit for Nancy Weinkauf Johnson. Grace Lutheran Church is located at 3000 West Golf Course Road in. For more information, call or go online — their phone number is 432-697-3221 and their website is info@grace-lutheranmidland.org.

The LWML Fall Rally is scheduled for Sunday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church. The Ladies at Grace have also invited all ladies to church at 10:30 a.m. followed by a luncheon.

Sunday is the last day to order Christmas poinsettias. Poinsettias are \$7.50 each. If interested, fill in the form on the bulletin table and give it and the money to Bobby Roever or Janette Bentley.

The VA serving for October has been cancelled due to the Columbus Day Federal Holiday. The Board of Education will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the church.

Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. is set aside for family activities and a meal is served from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with Bible studies from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. The adults are studying the Odyssey of St. Paul.

The LWML will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. at the church. October 16 is scheduled as Stewardship Sunday.

Sunday school Oct. 23, the Board of Assimilation will be hosting a new member's lunch. The Board of Assimilation will provide the meat and drinks.

Scheduled meetings for October include: The Elders meet Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. at the church. The Board of Assimilation will meet Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. at the church.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m.

St. Mary's Vestry will meet Monday at 6 p.m. in the library.

The Daily Grind with God — Coffee Hour meets Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the parish hall.

St. Mary's Family Fun Function Night is Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday is the book club.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

First Christian Church

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is located at 911 Goliad. Sunday fellowship is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. Church service is at 10:50 a.m.

Sunday, Beth Moore Bible study will continue with Mary Beth Johnson at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The study is The Patriarchs: Encounter-

ing the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Monday ISAAH 58 Food Pantry needs volunteers at 9 a.m. to help unload the food bank truck. We will be open Monday at 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday at 5 p.m. there will be an outreach committee meeting in the library at the church. All members of the committee are asked to come to the meeting. Also at 6 p.m. choir practice will practice in the choir room. Youth will meet at the church at 6 p.m. The CWF Evening Circle will meet at 7 p.m.

For questions or further information, call the church office at 432-517-4821. View our website at www.fcbs125@yahoo.com or email to fcbs125@yahoo.com

First United Methodist

Pastor Bill Ivins will bring the message "Nothing but Grace" at both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. service of worship. Sunday school classes are at 9:45 a.m.

United Methodist Women meet in the Eaker Parlor the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings begin at 2 p.m.

Ann and Buddy Duncan are heading the committee for the Epworth class fall social. It will be a "Spook-tacular Pizza Party" Tuesday in Garrett Hall. Class members should bring a wrapped spooky or white elephant gift to exchange. One gift per household. Serving will begin at 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible study and lunch is at noon in Garrett Hall. Pastor Bill continues his study series "Revelation for Dummies." This week's meal will be catered by Cowboys and serving is at 11:50 a.m.

Wednesday evening, Oct 5, we launch a brand new program, "Real Life." The meal is from 5 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. There will be programs for the children. The youth and Pastor Bill will be leading a Bible study for adults. Meals are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and \$20 for the entire family no matter how many. Reservations can be made by visiting our website at www.fumcbs.org or by phoning the church office at 432-267-6394.

October is "Clergy Appreciation Month." There will be a basket in the foyer for cards and letters of appreciation.

Myth Busters class is beginning a new fall study, "Religion and Science: Pathway to Truth."

Plans are underway for "Coming Home for the Holidays."

November 6 is visitation team training and luncheon. Dinner tickets will be on sale through Nov. 13. Visits will be conducted Nov. 6-13. The Coming Home dinner will be at noon, Nov. 20.

Bring your contributions for Isaiah 58 by Sunday, Oct. 16. The donation box is in the sanctuary foyer.

Trunk or Treat will be Sunday, Oct. 30. There will be bouncing houses, cotton candy and the band, Fade. First United Methodist Church is located downtown Big Spring.

First Church of the Nazarene

Trunk or Treat is Oct. 31 in the church parking lot.

Sunday, Oct. 9 join us as we welcome Anthony and Barbara Manswell and their family from Trinidad as they will be speaking from their Deputation tour for our Faith Promise Sunday.

Sunday services begin at 10 a.m. and Wednesday evening group meetings are at 6:30 p.m. Small groups meet throughout the week for all different interests. Church prayer time is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday morning children's classes are at 9 a.m. with children's church following. Adults are welcome for fellowship with coffee and snacks prior to 10 a.m. service. Children have Wednesday Caravan classes at 6:30 p.m.

Kayhla Martin keeps the youth energized with IMPACT Wednesday and Sunday evening activities at 6:30 p.m. and has an upcoming 30-hour famine planned Nov. 12-13.

First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster. For more information, contact the church office at 432-267-7015. Visit us on the web at www.nazfamily.org. We are also on Facebook and Twitter.

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish

The 2011 Holy Trinity Catholic Parish Fall Festival is a few weeks away however; Holy Trinity Catholic Parish Fall Festival committee members have been diligently working for months. Like past year, the festival will take place at 1009 Hearn Street. A haunted house will be hosted by the HTCP Youth Group, Entertainment is lined up and a costume contest is scheduled.

The festival will open nightly at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29 and Saturday, Oct. 30. Authentic food

Is your attitude worth catching?

Every great piece of advice should be or already is printed on a poster. I was walking down the corridor of a hospital recently when I passed an open office door. The wall inside the office was splattered with colorful posters stuck at various artistic angles to draw attention to their messages.

Although I didn't stop to read all of the messages, I did jot one down on a notepad so I wouldn't forget it. The bold black words stood out from their bright yellow background: "Attitude is contagious; is yours worth catching?"

Although attitude can be defined as a mental position rather than a physical trait, it is the face most often remembered. We tend to weigh a person's attitude on a scale of positive and negative units, and it usually doesn't take us long to decide which way the scale is tipping.

Contrary to what some may think, attitude is shaped internally not externally. We may threaten to adjust someone's attitude, but the only attitude we can change is our own. Attitude is a choice that can only be determined by the owner.

While bad attitudes are abundant, many have discovered how to use attitude to their advantage in life. Martha Washington, the first of the First Ladies of the United States, said, "I am still determined to be cheerful and happy, in whatever situation I may be; for I have also learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions, and not upon our circumstances."

Another influential American, Dale Carnegie, was known for his seminars in the areas of self-improve, salesmanship and interpersonal skills. He wrote, "Happiness doesn't depend on any external conditions, it is governed by our mental attitude."

Perhaps the greatest test of attitude was executed by a psychiatrist and Holocaust survivor named Viktor E. Frankl. In his book, "Man's Search for Meaning," Frankl chronicled his experiences in a German concentration camp during World War II. He concluded, "Everything can be taken from a man or a woman but one thing: the last of the human freedoms, to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way."

In the Bible, the apostle Paul, who also chose to have a positive attitude, wrote, "... for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am" (Philippians 4:11 NASB).

If anyone has an attitude worth catching, it is because he or she has chosen to be positive even in the midst of negative circumstances.

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booths, inflatables and games will be available for your family's enjoyment. As the tradition carries, a give-away will be held Saturday night. Items to be awarded include a 42" flat screen television, iPad, \$400 and \$300 Wal-Mart gift card, Remington 770 deer rifle, laptop, queen size quilt, \$250 H-E-B gift card, iPhone, Kindle with \$50 worth of books, barbecue grill and a Wii.

Tickets can be purchased by HTCP parishioners or at the festival for \$1. This year's fall festival is guaranteed to provide family fun, fellowship and a safe environment for your children.

Spring Creek Fellowship

We have been made aware of the need for items to help those in need in our area keep warm for the winter months. Items needed include sleeping bags, blankets, coats, coveralls, hats, toboggans and gloves. If you can help with this ministry, contact the church office.

"Harvest Event" is scheduled for Oct. 30 from 6-8 p.m. A blood drive is set for Dec. 10 and Operation Christmas Child in December.

Sunday school meets from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Worship is scheduled from 10:45 a.m.-noon.

Fellowship is Wednesday evening with a meal at 5:30 p.m. Children's activities, youth worship and adult prayer meeting are at 6:15 p.m. The praise team meets at 7 p.m.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at 501 Birdwell Lane. Contact us at 432-714-4584.

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News in brief

Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Leymah Gbowee, Tawakkul Karman win Nobel Peace Prize

OSLO, Norway (AP) — The 2011 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded Friday to Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Liberian peace activist Leymah Gbowee and democratic activist Tawakkul Karman of Yemen for their work on women's rights, which the prize committee described as fundamental to the spread of peace around the world.

By citing Karman, the committee also appeared to be acknowledging the effects of the Arab Spring, which has challenged authoritarian regimes across the region.

The Norwegian Nobel Committee honored the three women "for their nonviolent struggle for the safety of women and for women's rights to full participation in peace-building work."

"We cannot achieve democracy and lasting peace in the world unless women obtain the same opportunities as men to influence developments at all levels of society," the prize committee said.

September was likely another weak month for hiring, underscoring economy's sluggishness

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy will likely show its fifth straight month of slight or no job creation when the government issues its September employment report Friday. Another weak month would underscore the sluggishness of the economy and the risk of another recession.

Economists forecast that employers added just 56,000 net jobs in September. That isn't enough even to keep pace with population growth or lower the unemployment rate. The rate is expected to remain at 9.1 percent for a third straight month, according to a survey of economists by FactSet.

The faltering economy has led many employers to reduce hiring. The economy grew at an annual rate of just 0.9 percent in the first six months of the year. Since then, Europe's debt crisis and stock market declines have heightened fears that the economy will struggle to grow enough to avoid a recession.

In the first four months of this year, employers added an average of 180,000 jobs a month. But in the four months since, job gains have averaged just 40,000. In August, employers didn't add any jobs — the worst showing since September 2010.

The economy must create at least 125,000 net jobs a month to keep up with a growing population. At least twice as many are needed to rapidly shrink the unemployment rate. Unemployment has topped 8 percent for

the past 31 months. It's the longest such stretch on record.

Government panel recommends against routine PSA screening for prostate cancer

WASHINGTON (AP) — No major medical group recommends routine PSA blood tests to check men for prostate cancer, and now a government panel is saying they do more harm than good and healthy men should no longer receive the tests as part of routine cancer screening.

The panel's guidelines had long advised men over 75 to forgo the tests and the new recommendation extends that do-not-screen advice to healthy men of all ages.

The recommendation by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, being made public on Friday, will not come as a surprise to cancer specialists.

Yet, most men over 50 have had at least one PSA blood test, the assumption being that finding cancer early is always a good thing.

Not so, said Dr. Virginia Moyer of the Baylor College of Medicine, who heads the task force.

FACT CHECK: Obama asserts Republicans have not explained their stance on jobs bill; They have

WASHINGTON (AP) — Are President Barack Obama's ideas for job creation really bipartisan as he claims? Not when the means for paying for them are put in the equation.

The president dodged various facts and left some evidence in the dust in his latest challenge to Republicans to get behind his jobs program or offer a real alternative.

A look at some of the claims in his fast-paced news conference and how they compare with the facts:

OBAMA: "If it turns out that there are Republicans who are opposed to this bill, they need to explain to me, but more importantly to their constituencies and the American people, why they're opposed, and what would they do."

THE FACTS: While Republicans might not be campaigning on their opposition to Obama's plan, they've hardly kept their objections a secret.

Observing centenary, Republic of China government still rules Taiwan, but for how long?

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Spurned by the international community, ignored in the land of its founding, and ridiculed by many of its own people, the Republic of China celebrates the 100th anniversary of its birth Monday, trying to stave off extinction.

It seems a tall order for a regime that was born out of the ashes of China's last imperial dynasty and once ruled over the Chinese mainland.

For the past 62 years it has been confined to the offshore island of Taiwan.

The Republic of China's longtime antagonist is the People's Republic of China in Beijing, which ever since Mao Zedong's Communists defeated Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists in 1949, has been committed to bringing Taiwan under its control.

Nobody expects the island of 23 million people to be subsumed into China in the near-term, but deepening economic ties are drawing Taiwan ever deeper into the orbit of its much larger neighbor.

Near-daily strikes, protests spell misery for business owners in central Athens

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — With no warning, a few dozen students blocked a major avenue in central Athens, marching slowly up the middle of the street to make sure motorists couldn't get through. Tempers frayed, horns honked.

A driver revved his engine, swerved suddenly and charged up the sidewalk, narrowly missing a woman who jumped out of the way in alarm.

The scene during a student demonstration this week reflected the increasing irritation and despair felt by many Greeks, weighed down by a financial crisis that has led to repeated strikes and demonstrations as the government desperately tries to avoid a default.

"It's a catastrophe. This has destroyed us," said Nikos Trovas, who runs a parking garage just off Synagoga, the large square outside Par-

liament that has become the focus of protests.

"The roads shut every day. So we just sit around here with the employees, looking at each other with no work to do."

In tribute, Americans recall how Jobs inspired careers, creativity, new ways to communicate

CUPERTINO, Calif. (AP) — Steve Jobs urged people to think different, and wowed them when his own different thinking put thousands of songs in their pockets, the power of the Internet at their fingertips and a whole world of possibilities in the palm of their hands.

For many, his vision resulted in more than another gadget. The tools inspired careers, opened doors for communication and fueled a new economy.

As Jobs admirers pay tribute to the computer wizard, the signs of his influence can be seen everywhere: A farmer in Arkansas monitors crops from the field on his iPhone. A North Carolina father develops an app that helps him communicate with his disabled son. A Silicon Valley technology worker uses an Apple program to disseminate lectures to people across the globe.

Brent Izutsu, the manager of Stanford on iTunes U, fondly recalls Jobs' stirring 2005 commencement address to Stanford University graduates.

"In his commencement address, which I've watched many times, Jobs mentioned you might as well do what you love because you have to do that for most of your life," Izutsu said. "Well, I guess that's what I'm doing every day. And that's thanks to him. It makes you feel good."

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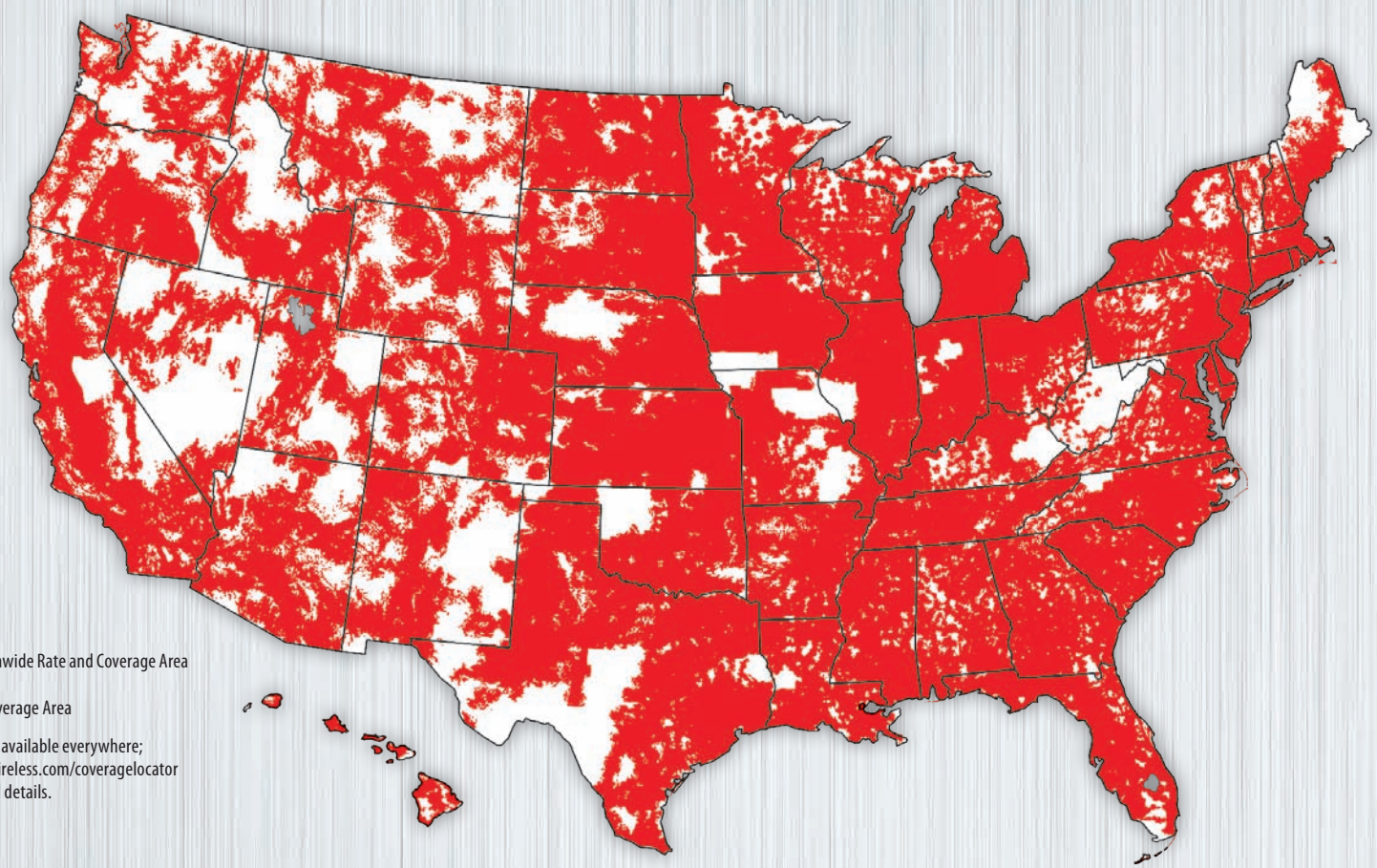




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Rangers to face Tigers in ALCS

NEW YORK (AP) — Now the Detroit Tigers can believe anything is possible.

They beat the New York Yankees in Game 5. At Yankee Stadium. Escaping jam after jam. Now it's on to Texas, and the AL championship series starting Saturday night.

"It's a tremendous feeling," Doug Fister said after getting the 3-2 win

Thursday. "You got to take this thing one step at a time and try to just soak it all in as we go."

Fister, not even with the Tigers until July 30, gutted through five mostly tricky innings to form an unlikely trio of stars.

Don Kelly, who didn't make his big league debut until age 27 after six seasons in the minors, sent Ivan Nova's sixth

pitch of the night into the right-field seats.

Delmon Young, acquired by Detroit in mid-August, deposited Nova's seventh pitch into the left-field stands.

From there, and worried until Jose Valverde powered the final pitch past Alex Rodriguez, crouched and then exhaled.

As did the Tigers, and

their fans everywhere.

"It was a gutsy win, especially with all the opportunities they had," Kelly said.

The victory sent the Tigers to the ALCS for the first time since 2006, the year they also eliminated the Yankees in the first round.

It was a thriller, with the outcome seeming to teeter on every pitch thrown by the Tigers.

Fister escaped a bases-loaded, one-out jam in the fourth. Grimacing and breathing hard, Joaquin Benoit walked Mark Teixeira to force home the Yankees' second run before striking out Nick Swisher with the bases loaded to end the seventh.

There were more gasps from a new Yankee Stadium record crowd of 50,960 — and yes, both

benches, too — in the eighth when Derek Jeter hit an inning-ending fly-out to Kelly just in front of the right-field wall with a man on.

"We had everyone standing up in the dugout," Yankee manager Joe Girardi said. "A lot of times it's a matter of a foot here or a foot there, and it's the difference."

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Briefs

Quarterback Club meeting Monday

Big Spring Quarterback Club meetings to be held Mondays at the ATC. The meetings will start at 6 p.m. All parents of football players in grades 7-12 are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 432-816-1685.

BSLL meeting

Big Spring Little league will have an end of season meeting Oct. 8. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. at the Life Church. There will be an election of officers for the 2012 season.

Forsan Booster Spook-tacular 4-man scramble

The Forsan Buffaloes Booster Club presents a Spook-tacular and goblins 4-man scramble golf tournament at Big Spring Country Club Oct. 15.

The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. and will feature prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin, the winning team and the best costume.

To reserve your spot in the tournament, call the country club at 267-5354.

For further information, call Wendy Roman at 213-1071 or Angie Williams at 270-0606.

6-6-6 golf tournament Oct. 22-23

Big Spring Country Club is hosting a six-hole scramble golf tournament, featuring six low ball holes and six modified, alternate shot holes Oct. 22-23.

Entry fee is \$60, plus cart fee, with private carts being allowed.

The tournament will kick off to a 1 p.m. shotgun start on both days, with barbecue being served on the course Saturday. The field will be flighted according to first round scores, with the number of flights being determined by the number of entrants.

For more information, call the pro shop at 432-267-5354.



HERALD photo/Robert Griffin

The Coahoma Bulldogettes basketball team takes advantage of the weather to get outside and exercise Thursday at Bulldog Stadium.

Big 12 votes to add TCU to league

AUSTIN (AP) — After more than a year of watching their league get picked apart, leaders of Big 12 Conference finally made a proactive move Thursday by voting to add TCU as early as next season.

It was the first aggressive act by a league desperate to secure its membership amid dramatic shifts in conference affiliation. And if the Horned Frogs join the Big 12, it would be another sharp blow to the Big East, which was expecting to welcome TCU next season.

TCU Chancellor Victor Boschini Jr. suggested TCU is all but ready to join the Big 12.

"These discussions with the Big 12 have huge implications for TCU," Boschini said. "It will allow us to return to old rivalries, something our fans and others have been advocating for years. As always, we must consider what's best for TCU and our student-athletes in this ever-changing landscape of collegiate athletics. We look forward to continuing these discussions with the Big 12."

TCU, which is leaving

the Mountain West Conference, has a rising football program that won the Rose Bowl last season and will play in a sparkling new stadium next year. TCU also was a member of the old Southwest Conference that once included current Big 12 members Texas, Texas Tech and Baylor.

"We're proud that TCU has been invited to join the Big 12," said Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds, who touted their academic and athletics success as an "excellent fit" for the Big 12. "Their close proximity to all conference institutions makes for a comfortable travel situation."

TCU's move to the Big East, announced nearly a year ago, was supposed to be about stability and being in a conference with automatic access into the BCS.

But Syracuse and Pittsburgh recently stunned the Big East by announcing plans to leave for the Atlantic Coast Conference. Without them, and without more changes, there will be only six other football teams in the Big East before TCU

gets there next season.

Big East officials declined immediate comment Thursday but its member schools were aware of the danger a TCU move would mean for the league when it comes to football.

Connecticut President Susan Herbst said called college realignment a "fluid situation."

"It is important that none of us here at UConn become too anxious over this situation," Herbst said. "We will continue to monitor the national landscape and be in communication with officials from other schools and leaders from around the country."

While Dodds and other Big 12 school officials praised the effort to land TCU, there are still big questions surrounding the conference. The Big 12 will lose Texas A&M to the Southeastern Conference next season and Missouri is also exploring a move to the SEC.

The Big 12 has been on defensive footing since the spring of 2010, when Missouri openly hoped for an invitation to the Big

Ten. The Big Ten instead snatched away Nebraska and Colorado left the Big 12 for the Pac-12 over the summer.

Missouri did not participate in Thursday's unanimous vote among Big 12 presidents and chancellors to open negotiations with TCU. A telephone message seeking comment from Missouri Chancellor Brady Deaton was not returned.

Although TCU would not expand the league's television footprint, the Horned Frogs would add a Big 12 member in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, which is already a rich target for Oklahoma, Baylor and others. It also would bring in a football program that boasted a 36-3 record from 2008-10 and went to BCS bowls the last two years.

The move also would be a financial windfall for TCU.

Big 12 chancellors and presidents have agreed to equally share revenue from the conference's most lucrative television deals if member schools agree to give those top-tier rights to the league for at least six years.

Thursday's state high school football scores

Class 5A Amarillo 52, Lubbock 6 Arlington 57, Weatherford 7 Austin Westlake 28, Del Valle 14 Austin Westlake 43, Austin Anderson 7 Brownsville Pace 10, Brownsville Hanna 6 Colleyville Heritage 48, Richland Springs 7 Cypress Woods 63, Cypress Lakes 14 Eagle Pass 34, Laredo Martin 7 EP El Dorado 47, EP Eastwood	15 EP Franklin 38, EP Montwood 17 Houston Lamar 61, Houston Milby 0 Katy 45, Katy Morton Ranch 7 Keller 35, Saginaw 6 Laredo Johnson 21, Eagle Pass Winn 7 League City Clear Creek 21, Clute Brazoswood 20 Lufkin 30, Conroe The Woodlands 10 McAllen Memorial 42, La Joya 14 Northside Marshall 17, Northside	Taft 14 Pasadena Dobie 42, Pasadena 0 PSJA Memorial 38, Edinburg ESNJAMES 19 Richardson 28, Dallas Samuel 0 SA Southwest 21, SA Highlands 0 Temple 40, Killeen Harker Heights 32 Class 4A Austin Travis 42, Austin Reagan 6 Baytown Goose Creek 45, Galena Park 13	Dallas Adamson 19, Dallas Pinkston 12 Dallas Conrad 48, Dallas Jefferson 0 Dallas Hillcrest 20, Dallas Lincoln 13 Dallas Kimball 33, North Dallas 6 Dallas South Oak Cliff 33, Dallas Molina 14 Denton Ryan 20, WF Rider 17 Frisco 24, Carrollton Smith 20 FW Arlington Heights 37, FW North Side 0 FW Southwest 53, FW Eastern	Hills 0 Houston Yates 27, Houston Reagan 13 Seagoville 15, Dallas Carter 7 Wylie East 40, Richardson Pearce 21 Class 3A Dallas Madison 45, Dallas Roosevelt 12 FW Polytechnic 40, FW Diamond Hill-Jarvis 0 Gilmer 55, Gladewater 19 Princeton 49, Frisco Lone Star 35
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Tiger comes out like kitty at Frys

Woods offers up another not-so-perfect tournament start

SAN MARTIN (AP) — Coming off a rare birdie, Tiger Woods was trying to keep at least a little momentum on his side with a 4-foot par putt on the 16th hole. When it caught the left edge of the cup and dipped out, he froze.

The ball rolled 360 degrees along the rim before it plopped back in, and Woods wasn't sure what to think.

The way his return to golf went Thursday in the Frys.com Open, he half-expected it to stay out.

Despite finding six bunkers, losing a ball in the hazard, hitting only half of his fairways and half of his greens, Woods had few complaints about his first competition in seven weeks.

Except for his putter. "Not happy," he said after walking off the 18th green with a 2-over 73.

Texas Open winner Brendan Steele shot a 31 on the back nine for a 4-under 67, putting him in a four-way tie for the lead with Garrett Willis, Briny Baird and Matt Bettencourt.

With a chill in the air, clouds creeping down off the foothills and occasional bursts of showers, low scores were at a premium. Only 36 players in the 132-man field managed to break par. One of them came from Woods' group — UCLA sophomore Patrick Cant-

lay, who outplayed Woods, especially on the greens, and had a 2-under 69.

For Woods, it was his sixth consecutive round in which he failed to break par, and in a tie for 86th, he was in danger of missing consecutive cuts for the first time in his 15-year career.

"That's probably one of the worst putting rounds I've ever had," Woods said. "I can't putt the ball any worse than I did today."

Woods headed to the practice green at CordeValle in the chill of late afternoon, trying to find something. This is his final PGA Tour event of the year, and a chance to quiet the critics of Fred Couples' decision to make him a captain's pick for the Presidents Cup team, a move that left out PGA champion Keegan Bradley.

That was the last thing on Woods' mind.

"I'm just playing to get competitive and win a golf tournament," Woods said. "It's not about validation. It's about going out there and playing. And right now, I'm six back. I need to put together a good round tomorrow and gradually piece my way back into the tournament."

Woods had not played since the PGA Championship on Aug. 12, when he missed the cut for only the

third time in a major and finished out of the top 100 for the first time in a major.

Seven weeks later, not much changed.

A birdie on the opening hole to raise hopes that the former No. 1 player — now at No. 51 — might be on his way back. That lasted all of one hole, when he hit three straight shots out of the sand on his way to a bogey, then dropped another shot by missing a 3-foot par putt. The next two holes were pars, but hardly inspiring.

He pulled a tee shot, looking at his hand to suggest it slipped off the club in a light rain. And on the fifth hole, he popped up a fairway metal — the divot on the tee looked like it belonged to a 5-iron — that left him 70 yards behind Louis Oosthuizen.

Even so, Woods said he was generally pleased except for one club in the bag. And it's the one club that has haunted him dating to the 2009 PGA Championship, where he lost a four-shot lead on the weekend to Y.E. Yang at Hazeltine.

Woods said the time off since the PGA Championship at least gave him time to practice, to nail down the major work in his swing change with coach Sean Foley, and to play 36 holes a day at home in Florida.

Being back on the PGA

Tour was different, even if it looked the same.

He attributed it all on his putter, and trying to make adjustments during the round didn't help.

"My stroke got worse because I was trying to do it, and then I started losing confidence in it because I wasn't hitting my line," he said. "So it was just a downward spiraling. The rest of the game was not too bad. I hit some bad shots, yes. But also I hit some really good ones. And very pleased at the shots I was hitting most of the day. But I got nothing out of the round on the greens."

"And whatever momentum I could have gotten by hitting good shots ... you know, I just missed putts."

Along with that 3-foot par putt he missed on No. 3, Woods missed a simple 6-foot birdie putt on the ninth that would have put him back at even par at the turn, and a 4-foot birdie putt on the 11th.

And then, Woods made a mess of the par-5 12th. From the left rough, the grass grabbed his club and pulled the shot toward the hazard. Woods never found the ball, had to return to the other side of a creek and lay up short of another hazard in front of the green. He had

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Valverde finished with the only 1-2-3 inning for Detroit after the first, getting his second save of the series and remaining perfect in 51 chances this year. It was Valverde's only perfect inning of the postseason.

"You never know until the last inning when you get that 27th out," he said.

Tigers manager Jim Leyland and his team got it, eventually.

"The Yankees are so good that I would be lying if I said it didn't give me a little extra satisfaction to be able to do it here in the fifth game," Leyland said. "This will be a game I'll remember for the rest of my life."

Detroit won an all-or-nothing postseason game for the first time since beating the Cardinals in Game 7 of the 1968 Series. The Tigers celebrated in the visiting clubhouse by pouring alcohol-free Fre Brut sparkling wine — Miguel Cabrera was arrested in February and charged with DUI.

With the Tigers vying for their first World Series title since 1984, ace Justin Verlander will start the ALCS opener against the Rangers' C.J. Wilson. Detroit went 6-3 against the Rangers during the regular season, outscoring Texas 45-37.

"I feel comfortable going in to play with anybody," Tigers general manager Dave Dombrowski said.

New York used six relievers, pulling Nova after the second. CC Sabathia made the first relief appearance of his professional career after 421 starts, and allowed an RBI single to former Cleveland teammate Victor Martinez that made it 3-0 in the fifth.

"It was weird," Sabathia said.

Still, the Yankees had their chances.

But New York went 2 for 9 with runners in scoring position and 0 for 4 with the bases loaded, and they stranded 11 runners.

Robinson Cano, who had nine RBIs in the series, started the comeback attempt with a fifth-inning homer into the right-field middle deck.

When Jorge Posada, playing perhaps his final game in pinstripes, had singled with two on in the fourth, Rodriguez was held at third.

Fister then retired Russell Martin and Brett Gardner on infield pop-ups.

A-Rod was 0 for 4 with three strikeouts and hit .111 in the series (2 for 18). Teixeira batted .167 (3 for 18).

"It's devastating. This is going to hurt for a long time," Rodriguez said.

Nova, who beat Fister in the opener, hadn't lost in the majors since June 3. The homers were the first back-to-back postseason shots in Tigers history, and it was the third homer of the series for Young. Kelly was a surprise starter at third.

"The crowd's into it at the beginning and it was just good to get on the board," Kelly said. "It's big to get out in front early here."

Nova lasted just 31 pitches and six outs, with the Yankees saying he came out due to tightness in his right forearm. He was to get an MRI exam Friday.

While the Yankees scrambled their pitchers, Max Scherzer, Benoit and Valverde combined on four innings of one-run, five-hit relief.

"Those guys came through in such a clutch time," Fister said. "This is a tremendous feeling."

Across in the home clubhouse, the Yankees were quiet. They had convinced themselves they would advance.

"It's tough," a choked-up Posada said. "I really have no words."

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Flyers take down Stanley Cup champ Boston in NHL opener

BOSTON (AP) — Bobby Orr and Mark Recchi were back in their Bruins sweaters to help raise the Stanley Cup banner to the rafters at the new Boston Garden.

The old-timer celebrating after the game, however, was Jaromir Jagr.

The 39-year-old former Pittsburgh star returned after three years in Russia and scored his 1,600th NHL point to help the Philadelphia Flyers beat Boston 2-1 on Thursday night and spoil the Bruins' Stanley Cup celebration.

"We played the Stanley Cup champions. It's not easy," said Jagr, one of eight new players for Philadelphia, including three rookies. "They're probably the best team in the NHL and we've got totally a new team. A lot of young guys. A lot of rookies. You've got to give us time."

Jagr assisted on Claude Giroux's goal with 50 seconds left in the first, and Jakub Voracek scored 47 seconds later — with 2.4 seconds left in the period — to give the Flyers the lead.

Ilya Bryzgalov made 22 saves in his first game for the Flyers as they held on for a victory over the team that swept them out of the Eastern Conference semifinals last spring.

The Bruins went on to win their first Stanley Cup in 39 years, and they invited Orr and a handful of his teammates from the 1972 team back to

help raise the franchise's sixth championship banner to the TD Garden rafters.

"We knew coming into tonight that we were going to get emotional. I actually kind of thought it was more emotional than I would have thought," Bruins forward Tyler Seguin said. "It's just about finding that switch to get into game mode and turn the page. But I think we started off well and it didn't end with a win but it's nice to get tonight out of the way."

The playoff loss to the Bruins sent the Flyers on an offseason overhaul in which they traded former captain Mike Richards and leading goal-scorer Jeff Carter on the same day in separate deals, in part to create salary cap room to sign Bryzgalov to a nine-year, \$51 million deal. They also added Jagr, the NHL's leading scorer among active players and ninth overall.

Jagr assisted on the game-tying goal when he led Giroux across the blue line, and he found a space in the middle of four Bruins defenders before beating Thomas.

"Gi made a great play," Jagr said. "I told him not even Mario Lemieux can make those plays."

The sold-out crowd stood throughout the pregame ceremony, and it wasn't long before Brad Marchand, a surprising star in Bos-

ton's Cup run, scored a power-play goal on a pass from Seguin to give Boston a 1-0 lead. It was the first goal in the NHL this season; Marchand also scored the last goal in the NHL last season, an empty-netter against Vancouver in Game 7 of the finals.

But the Flyers answered with two in the final minute of the first. With just 2.4 seconds remaining in the period, Voracek gave Philadelphia a 2-1 lead with a shot through Thomas' legs.

"It was a big night for Boston, but we came here with a business," Bryzgalov said. "We did not come here to celebrate with them."

Flyers coach Peter Laviolette agreed.

"It's tough to come in when there's that

much energy in the building for the opposition," he said. "I thought our guys battled through that."

Notes: The Flyers have won their season opener in three consecutive seasons, all on the road. Philadelphia is 21-16-7 in season openers and 19-14-7 in road openers. ... Voracek's goal ended a 16-game goal drought. ... Sean Couturier and Matt Read made their NHL debuts for Philadelphia, and Zac Rinaldo played in his first NHL regular-season game.

The Bruins are 35-36-16 in season openers. They are 1-7-1 in their last nine. ... F Benoit Pouliot was a healthy scratch for Boston.

WOODS

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to work hard to two-putt from 35 feet for double bogey.

The last time Woods missed consecutive cuts on the PGA Tour was in 1994, when he was an 18-year-old amateur. In fact, he missed his first seven cuts as an amateur.

On the PGA Tour, he has missed the 36-hole cut only seven times in his career.

While questions persist whether Woods should have been picked for the Presidents Cup, the only questions for Cantlay is why he bothered returning to UCLA.

He was the low amateur at the U.S. Open, set a record at the Travelers Cham-

pionship with a 60 in the second round and is No. 1 in the world amateur ranking.

Beating a 14-time major champion by four shots didn't impress him.

"He played how he played," Cantlay said. "I didn't have any expectations for what he was going to do, or what anybody else was going to do, except for myself."

Cantlay is not one to easily get flustered, even playing with Woods, and it showed on the opening hole. Stepping up to his tee shot, he let out a gaping yawn, then smashed his drive down the fairway.

For the rest of the day, the UCLA sophomore outplayed Woods.

These days, that's not saying much.

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Hank Williams Jr. takes his 'Rowdy Friends' off MNF

BRISTOL (AP) — Are you ready for some football? Hank Williams Jr. isn't anymore.

The country singer and ESPN each took credit for the decision Thursday morning to ax his classic intro to "Monday Night Football."

The network had pulled the song from the game earlier this week after Williams made an analogy to Adolf Hitler while discussing President Barack Obama on Fox News on Monday morning.

"After reading hundreds of e-mails, I have made MY decision," Williams said in a statement to The Associated Press. "By pulling my opening Oct 3rd, You (ESPN) stepped on the Toes of The First Amendment Freedom of Speech, so therefore Me, My Song, and All My Rowdy Friends are OUT OF HERE. It's been a great run."

But ESPN's statement said: "We have decided to part ways with Hank Williams Jr. We appreciate his contributions over the past years. The success of Monday Night Football has always been about the games and that will continue."

Spokesman Kirt Webster said Williams made the decision Wednesday night, while the network said it informed Williams of the move Thursday morning.

call it was, one of sports' and entertainment's most visible partnerships is over. The song had been a "Monday Night Football" staple since 1989 and survived the game's switch of networks from ABC to cable a few years ago.

The song is based on Williams' hit "All My Rowdy Friends Are Coming Over Tonight." The lyrics were changed each week to reflect the night's game.

ESPN will no longer have access to the music or words because Williams owns the publishing rights, the master recordings and the song. Williams, the son of country music icon Hank Williams, is known for his bombastic manner and strong opinions.

For next Monday's Bears-Lions game, ESPN will run before kickoff the preview segment that had been used at the start of the MNF telecast. The intro will be narrated by former Detroit star Barry Sanders.

"This is the format we'll likely use for the remainder of the season," spokesman Josh Krulewitz wrote in an email. "We haven't made any decisions beyond that."

Williams' statement on "Fox & Friends" comparing a golf game

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between Obama and Republican Rep. John Boehner to an outing featuring Hitler and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu went viral after ESPN announced it would pull the intro late that afternoon.

"It'd be like Hitler playing golf with Netanyahu," Williams said during the satellite in-

terview.

Asked to clarify, Williams said, "They're the enemy," adding that by "they" he meant Obama and Vice President Joe Biden.

Anchor Gretchen Carlson later said to him, "You used the name of one of the most hated people in all of the world to describe, I think, the president." Williams replied, "Well, that is true. But I'm telling you like it is."

Williams issued a statement Monday night insisting his remarks were misunderstood, then apologized Tuesday. Williams got plenty of support, even from some unlikely places.

Among his defenders were Whoopi Goldberg and Joy Behar of "The View," who have a very different political viewpoint from the conservative Williams, but often are called out for their own comments.

"Those among us who are without sin, cast the first stone,"

LaMichael James dislocates elbow as Ducks down Cal

EUGENE (AP) — When Oregon running back LaMichael James hit the turf early in the fourth quarter against California, he knew right away his right elbow was dislocated.

So he took a painful but effective course of action.

"I panicked," he said. "It was out so I popped it back in real quick."

The nation's leading rusher had his arm in a sling after the No. 9 Ducks' 43-15 victory over Cal on Thursday night. He said X-rays showed the elbow wasn't broken.

James had to be carted off the field after the gruesome-looking injury that came on Oregon's fourth unanswered touchdown drive of the second half.

He would not speculate on whether he'll play next Saturday against No. 22 Arizona State.

"We're gonna wait and see," he said. "We have the best trainers

in the country and I'm sure they are going to get on it ASAP and I'll be there four times a day so I can get on that field."

Before he went down, James ran for 239 yards and a touchdown for the Ducks (4-1, 2-0 Pac-12).

True freshman De'Anthony Thomas caught a pair of touchdown passes and ran for another score.

Giorgio Tavecchio made three field goals — including a career-best 54-yarder — for Cal (3-2, 0-2), which led 15-14 at the half but couldn't sustain its momentum against the country's top scoring offense.

"They scored. We kicked field goals," said Golden Bears receiver Keenan Allen, who caught nine passes for 170 yards and a score.

James, a Heisman Trophy finalist last season, has run for at least 200 yards in his last three games, something no Ducks player had done before.

He went into the game with an average of 153 yards per game, best in the nation.

He had 166 by half-time against Cal.

Cal took a 3-0 lead on Tavecchio's 27-yard field goal on the first series of the game, but James answered with a 53-yard dash for a score and the Ducks looked to be taking off. It was James' third touchdown run of 50 or more yards this season.

Tavecchio added another field goal, this time a 38-yarder, to make it 7-6. A rain storm moved in over Autzen and slowed play a bit, but Oregon extended its lead on Thomas' 17-yard touchdown run late in the first quarter.

Tavecchio's 54-yard field goal cut it to 14-9. Although it looked as though James might have been injured early in the second quarter when he was slow to get up from a hit and went to the sideline holding the back of his right thigh, he returned and had a 39-yard run, which put him over

4,000 for his career.

He's the sixth player in conference history to reach that milestone.

After the Bears stopped Oregon on a fourth down on their own 41, quarterback Zach Maynard led an efficient march capped by his 12-yard touchdown pass to Allen that gave Cal a 15-14 lead.

Tavecchio attempted a 40-yard field goal before the end of the first half, but it was blocked.

Oregon quickly regained the lead after the half with Darron Thomas' 23-yard pass to De'Anthony Thomas.

The Ducks extended it on Kenjon Barner's 68-yard touchdown run and Darron Thomas' completed pass to De'Anthony Thomas for the 2-point conversion.

Darron Thomas hit De'Anthony Thomas again with a 21-yard touchdown before James was injured on a fourth-quarter drive capped by Darron Thomas' 3-yard scoring pass to Lavasier Tuinei.

Lusk sinks ace at Comanche

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♥ A K Q 5
♦ Q
♣ A 8 6 4

EAST
♠ 7 3
♥ J 10 9 8 7
♦ J 10 6 2
♣ K 10

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump. North leads the jack of diamonds. How would you play the hand?

WEST
♠ 4 2
♥ J 9 5 4
♦ A 8 2
♣ A Q J 6

EAST
♠ K J 10 9 5
♥ A K 2
♦ K
♣ K 10 7 3

1. Win the trump in dummy, ruff a diamond, cash the K-A of clubs and ruff a club. Then ruff a diamond, a club and another diamond, at which point you are out of diamonds and clubs in both hands. In this way you lose only three tricks — a diamond and two spades.

You play the hand as though you were declarer with the East cards and West were the dummy. It would be natural, if you were East, to ruff your diamond losers in dummy — and almost any East who became

declarer at four hearts would automatically do so. The line of play should not change merely because West happens to be the declarer.

2. You start with eight tricks and must consider the best way to acquire a ninth. There are two realistic possibilities. One is to cross to your hand with a club and lead a spade toward dummy. If North follows low, you must then guess whether to play the jack or the king. Mathematically, you have a 50 percent chance of succeeding on this line of play.

The alternative approach is to attack hearts instead of spades by cashing dummy's A-K. If the ten or queen appears, you can assure the contract by leading another heart. If neither of them appears, you can then lead dummy's third heart and make three notrump unless North started with four hearts headed by the Q-10.

The second line of play is far better than the first. You have about an 85 percent chance of developing a third heart trick by playing in the prescribed manner. Even if both opponents follow low on the A-K, you are still about a 4-to-1 favorite to make a third heart trick by leading another heart from dummy, since the suit might divide 3-3, or South might have started with the Q-10-x-x.

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#7131 September 25 & October 7, 2011

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS FORSAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S STATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

Forsan ISD will hold a public meeting at the beginning of their regular Board Meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, October 10, 2011, at the Administration Office located at 411 W. 6th Street in Forsan, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Forsan ISD's FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) rating.
#7140 October 5 & 7, 2011

Have you ever seen roll-on butter? It looks a little like a glue stick you glide over your toast. The reason it comes to mind is that if you happen to have an inventive bone in your body, the Aquarius moon rattles it ever so gently today. Don't be surprised if you come up with ideas that are wonderfully wacky and possibly quite useful.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You will prefer to run the show. You would have made a gifted producer or director, and though today's task will not be an entertainment vehicle for the masses, it still will be a masterpiece.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're a romantic at heart and have an idealism in matters of love that belies the down-to-earth pragmatism you display regarding almost everything else. You'll be won over by a dewy show of affection.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are full of ideas, hardly a practical one in the bunch. That's what will make you so

mysterious and attractive, especially to people who are a little dry in the creativity department these days.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are protective and nurturing, and you'll thrive when you know it's up to you to take care of loved ones. Could they, in all actuality, care for themselves? Maybe so. But just for now, it's nicer for both of you when you take over.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll have a laid-back attitude, letting relationships and business opportunities come to you instead of seeking them out. Because you're not trying too hard, others will assume you already have what you need and want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Those around you may view you as lucky. Actually, what they see is not luck, but a purposeful and practical sequence of the setting and acquisition of your goals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your excellent sense

of timing puts your audience in the palm of your hand. Though it probably will be a rather small audience — fewer than three people for most of the day — you'll be a hit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Though you are a bit cautious when it comes to new adventures, you will get involved in one and the results are beyond brilliant. Your surprise will equal your delight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You relate everyday matters to large-scale philosophical and political issues, and somehow this doesn't come off as heavy handed at all. You'll be light and lively as you inspire and educate others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your hunches will be either ridiculously off target or eerily correct. Either way, if you follow them, the day's whimsy will be high entertainment for you and your loved ones.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). No one can convince you to move at a pace other than the rhythm of your own heart. You'll make a personal commitment when you're good and ready to do so, or not at all.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be full of both questions and answers. Once you form an opinion, though, you'll convince yourself of it so thoroughly that it will only be one more step to convince someone else.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 7). You have an instant rapport with people this month. You'll quickly bond with a group that hangs on your every word and gesture. And though it will be fun to be a star, you'll also enjoy the escape to a new locale that comes in December. Family additions happen in May. There's a competition in June, and you'll take home a prize. Capricorn and Aquarius people adore you. Your lucky

numbers are: 4, 14, 2, 21 and 7.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Aquarius and Libra are air signs that speak the same language — the language of poetry, art and aesthetic elegance. Their commonalities are highlighted today, as are many shared delights. Tomorrow, it will be their differences that add spice and excitement to their ties. This relationship relies on the challenging bits as romantic bonding agents; otherwise, they could stay in the "friend zone" indefinitely.

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Dear Margo: Hostility much?

Dear Margo: My husband and I are in our mid-20s and have a wonderful marriage.

There is one little problem, though: his family. While my family welcomed my husband into the fold with open arms, his mom repeatedly requests that I be excluded from family visits because she wants it to be "family only."

Despite the fact that she was present and claimed to be ecstatic at our wedding, I'm sometimes not even sure she understands that we're married and suspect she may still think of me as a disposable, casual girlfriend.

We have cut off almost all contact with his family, but unfortunately, he and his mother work for the same organization, and it is not feasible for my husband to change jobs to avoid her. This is his dream

job. How can he handle the situation with his unbearable and relentless mother?

I love my marriage, and I love my husband, but I have been dealing with this for almost five years. Cataloging everything his mother (not to mention his literally certifiable sister) has done over the years could fill enough pages to be a full-length novel, and I'm at the end of my rope. — *Tearing Out My Hair in California*

Dear Tear: The good news is that you're not in a battle with a husband who has taken the position: "My family, right or wrong." He apparently agrees with you that the women he's related to by blood have fallen off the balance beam.

Your husband must not be chased from his dream job, and the workplace situation may be a strange kind of blessing.

He needs to tell "unbearable and relentless" that you are family, and that her non-acceptance of you would

require him to institute a formal estrangement. Her choice.

What he doesn't need to tell her is that your marriage is on the line. He must go on record — maybe in a letter — that a continuing relationship with her, as it is now, is bad for his health and he chooses not to deal with her. And he has to mean it. If she gets really nutty at work, she will be let go. — **Margo, adamantly**

When the "Benefits" Only Go One Way

Dear Margo: I met a man about six months ago on a dating website. I fell in love with him against my better judgment, and then he broke my heart.

We are still friends (with benefits), and he still tells me all the time that he loves me, but is just not ready for a relationship.

He is a past drug user with some mental issues. Do you think I should give him time or move on? Thanks. — *In limbo*

Dear In: Give him time for what, my dear? While

he is enjoying the "benefits," you are functioning as his own personal escort service, and the payment you are receiving is anguish.

It has always seemed to me like bad business to dally with someone who has essentially told you he loves you but ... he is not "ready" for a relationship.

Taking the long view, this man is not only unable to give you what you want, but he sounds emotionally shaky. I suspect in the long run you will have dodged a bullet by believing him about not being ready for a relationship. I suggest you gently tell him that the benefits office is closed. — *Margo, beneficially*

Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers' daughter. All letters must be sent via e-mail to dearmargo@creators.com. Due to a high volume of e-mail, not all letters will be answered.

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All questions should be directed to Jason Mims, Director of Business Services, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, e-mail jmims@howardcollege.edu (432)264-5167. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all responses.

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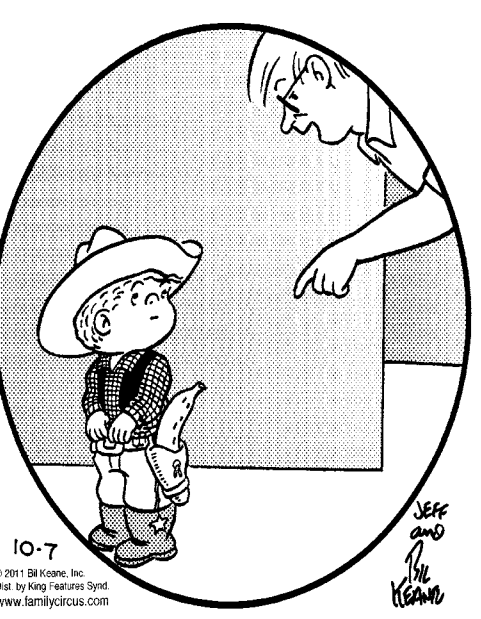
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5:PM	News ABC	Alma	Big Bang News	News	Noticias	News	Friends	Robinson	News	'Til Death	Dual Survival	House, Sam Elliott	Gangland	Law & Order	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Shake It Good	NASCAR	SportsCenter
6:PM	Wheel	Jeopardy!	Quando Me	Two Men	News	Caso Cerado	News	Fam. Guy	Chumney	PBS News-Hour	Seinfeld	Dual Survival	Gangland	Law & Order	Movie: Love Don't Cost a Thing	Fish	NFL Kickoff	Baseball Live
7:PM	Family Suburg.	Charlie's Angels	Fuerza-Destino	Fringe	CSI: NY	Flor Salvaje (SS)	Dateline NBC	Big Bang	Light of the Southwest	Supernatural	Man, Woman,	Movie: Billy Madison	King	Movie: Shrek, Cameron Diaz	Movie: Barbershop, Cedric the Entertainer	Wizards	WNBA	Coll. Football Live
8:PM	20/20	Rosa de Guadalupe	Simpsons	Blue Bloods	La Casa de al Lado	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Cops	Animals Bite	Movie: Bulletproof, James Caan	King	'Til Death	(8:54) Movie: Shrek 2, Cameron Diaz	Movie: Barbershop, Cedric the Entertainer	Wizards	Nation	Boise State at Fresno State.
9:PM	News	Impacto	How I Met	News	Noticias	News	Seinfeld	Alewine	Charlie Rose	King	Man, Woman,	King	'Til Death	'Til Death	Wizards	Nation	SportsCtr	SportsCenter
10:PM	Nightline	Noticiero	Noticiero	Letterman	Titulares	Jay Leno	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	South Pk	Animals Bite	Movie: Single White Female, Steven Weber	King	'Til Death	Wizards	Nation	SportsCtr	SportsCenter
11:PM	432 OT	Teresa (SS)	Law Order: CI	Late	Sin Senos	Decisiones (SS)	Game	Late Night	Dr.	T. Smiley	Roseanne	Man, Woman,	King	'Til Death	Wizards	Nation	SportsCtr	SportsCenter
12:AM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Raymond	Fam. Guy	Insider	Pagado	Poker After Dark	Movie: 10,000 B.C., Cliff Curtis	Best of Light of the Southwest	Upd	CCM	Man, Woman,	Man, Woman,	King	'Til Death	Wizards	Nation	SportsCtr	SportsCenter
1:AM	Paid	La Jaula	American	Ent	Pagado	Poker After Dark	Movie: 10,000 B.C., Cliff Curtis	Best of Light of the Southwest	Passion	Human Body	Man, Woman,	Man, Woman,	King	'Til Death	Wizards	Nation	SportsCtr	SportsCenter

DENNIS THE MENACE



"BUT DID OLD MACDONALD KNOW WHAT 'E-I-E-I-O' SPELLS?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"I certainly hope that banana's not loaded."

HAGAR



"HAVE YOU EVER HAD A SONG REPEAT IN YOUR MIND FOR DAYS NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRY TO ERASE IT?"

BLONDIE



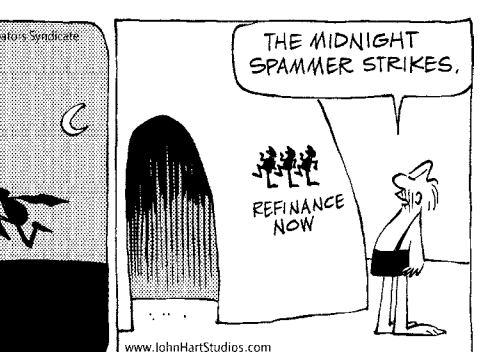
"I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS"

BC



THE MIDNIGHT SPAMMER STRIKES.

WIZARD OF ID



SIRE, OUR NATIONAL DEBT IS STILL OUT OF CONTROL! WE MUST DO SOMETHING!

AGNES



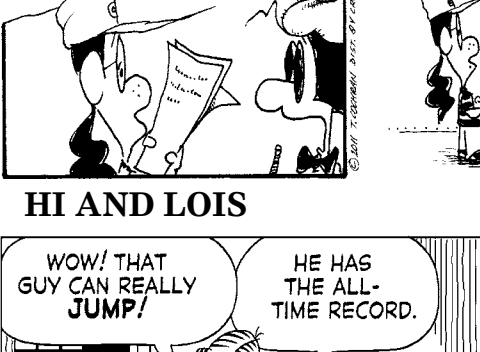
All in all, this movie was xylophagous! Go see it, or you will not be able to say you did!

HI AND LOIS



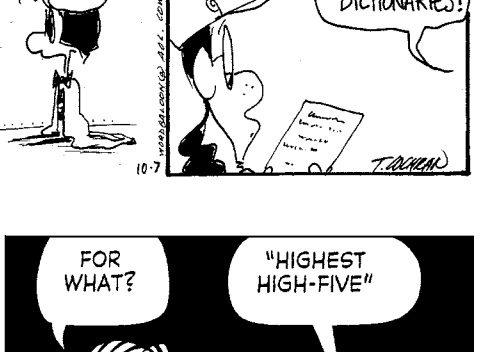
WOW! THAT GUY CAN REALLY JUMP!

THE OTHER COAST



WHY CAN'T I WRITE MORE LIKE HEMINGWAY OR ZANE GREY? IS IT BECAUSE I'VE NEVER EXPERIENCED THE THRILL OF THE HUNT TO KILL ANOTHER CREATURE?

SNUFFY SMITH



OH, MY--AIN'T THEM SHOES STYLISH?

BEEBLE BAILEY



FEEL LUCKY? I GOT A NEW RACQUET

NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Stoppers
- Novel's ID
- Lively party
- State one's views
- ESPN subject
- "This can't be!"
- Implied
- Soft touches
- Ceiling support
- Supposed
- Marie Antoinette line
- Brunch delicacy
- Angler's boot
- Got out of
- Attacked
- Make reference to
- Saginaw Bay's lake
- Deplorable
- Pandemic, perhaps
- Unmatched
- Cannes cash
- Carried
- Hot blood
- Punched, perhaps
- Cleans off
- One-liner
- Between-times
- Orchestra member
- Pac-10 school
- Dilbert cartoonist
- Comforter stuff
- Magpie cousin
- Photo tint
- Old flames

DOWN

- Barracks bed
- Pearly stone
- Jambalaya ingredient
- Make booties
- Reach an accord
- Quick-reference aid
- Fraud
- Term of endearment
- G-suit insignia
- Beginning
- Out in front
- Plumbing tool
- Toon dad
- Coal carrier
- Guitar sound
- Sonic copy
- Joined the competition
- Somewhat
- Tierra ___
- Buzz
- Son of Hera
- Hide-hair connector
- On this spot
- High-hatter
- 43,560 square feet
- Tinted
- Full of suspense
- Greet warmly
- Dwindle
- 2004 Olympics site
- Uppercut's target
- Dumbstruck
- Cell-phone part
- Place on the shelf, perhaps
- Vermont ski spot
- Annoys, with "at"
- Greatly
- Brown shade
- Greatly
- Imagination product
- Spots for cat naps
- Throw off
- For example

This Date In History

Today is Friday, Oct. 7, the 280th day of 2011. There are 85 days left in the year. The Jewish Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 7, 2001, the current war in Afghanistan started as the United States and Britain launched air attacks against military targets and Osama bin Laden's training camps in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks. Speaking from the White House, President George W. Bush said, "We will not waver, we will not tire."

On this date:

In 1777, the second Battle of Saratoga began during the American Revolution. (British forces under Gen. John Burgoyne surrendered ten days later.)

In 1858, the fifth debate between Illinois senatorial candidates Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas took place in Galesburg.

In 1910, a major wildfire devastated the northern Minnesota towns of Spooner and Baudette, charring at least 300,000 acres. Some 40 people are believed to have died.

In 1949, the Republic of East Germany was formed.

In 1960, Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy and Republican opponent Richard M. Nixon held their second televised debate, in Washington, D.C.

In 1981, Egypt's parliament named Vice President Hosni Mubarak (HAHS'-nee moo-BAH'-rahk) to succeed the assassinated Anwar Sadat.

In 1985, Palestinian gunmen hijacked the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro (ah-KEE'-leh LOW'-roh) in the Mediterranean. (The hijackers, who killed Jewish American tourist Leon Klinghoffer, surrendered two days after taking over the ship.)

In 1991, University of Oklahoma law professor Anita Hill publicly accused Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas of making sexually inappropriate comments when she worked for him; Thomas denied Hill's allegations.

In 1996, Fox News Channel

made its debut.

In 1998, Matthew Shepard, a gay college student at the University of Wyoming, was beaten, robbed and left tied to a wooden fencepost outside of Laramie; he died five days later. (Russell Henderson and Aaron McKinney are serving life sentences for Shepard's murder.)

Today's Birthdays: Retired South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu is 80. Comedian Joy Behar (TV: "The View") is 69. Former National Security Council aide Oliver North is 68. Rock musician Kevin Godley (10cc) is 66. Actress Jill Larson (TV: "All My Children") is 64. Country singer Kieran Kane is 62. Singer John Mellencamp is 60.

Answer to previous puzzle

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