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Eubank first All-State honoree since 1964

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A Pampa High School student has received All-State volleyball honors, the first local student named since 1964.

Pampa High School senior Taryn Eubank started playing volleyball when she was in the fourth grade. She said that at the time, she wasn't so sure about the sport. As she kept playing, it would soon become her favorite sport.

Now, after completing her senior season, Eubank has been honored with an all-state selection.

Eubank is Pampa's first volleyball all-state selection since 1964. Head coach Libby Garza nominated her and said it was awesome that she was selected.

"It's really a neat deal," Garza said. "I'm so proud. It's a big honor."

Eubank said she was surprised when she found out about her selection.

"I was very surprised, but so happy to have this awesome honor to wrap up my senior year," Eubank said.

The senior played all four years on varsity and started in three of those years. Eubank led the team in assists every game



Eubank

and helped the Lady Harvesters reach the regional quarterfinals.

On November 15, she signed with Hardin College in Arkansas to play volleyball.

Eubank said she's had an amazing journey with volleyball and is excited to continue it.

"I've grown to love the game more every year since fourth grade," Eubank said. "I'm so happy to be able to continue my volleyball career in college."



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Dancing like the Dickens



photos by Della Moyer

"**Scrooge Jazzed Up Like the Dickens**" is the seasonal offering this year by the students of Madeline Graves Dance, Gymnastics and Cheer Center. This year the production will include a performance Sunday at the M. K. Brown Auditorium and a dinner in the Heritage Room. The production includes "Bethlehem Morning," a lyric dance with candles remembering the birth of Jesus. It also features "A Christmas Carol," Charles Dickens' familiar story of Ebenezer Scrooge a bitter miser whose heart is changed by Christmas Eve ghostly visits. Original choreography for the show is by Madeline Graves, Shauna Munsell and student choreography by Danielle Zuniga, Jenna Munsell and Caylee Steward. Guest singers are Chris Steward and Keith Roberson. The performance is open to the public. For more information, call Graves' studio at 665-8641.



Pampa firefighters busy with several house fires

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Pampa firefighters have been busy this week and it's only half over.

Wednesday's house fire in the 2200 block of North Russell shortly before 8 a.m. was the fifth structure fire in two days.

Pampa Fire Marshal Michael Ryan said the house fire on North Russell appeared to have been caused by faulty wiring in the attic.

Fire and smoke damage, he said, was confined to the attic.

Four fire units responded to the fire.

Wednesday's alarm followed three structure fires on Tuesday.

The first, reported about 10:30 a.m., turned out to be an overloaded motor in a heating unit

that filled a classroom at the First Christian Church with smoke.

Again four units plus Pampa EMS ambulance responded to that alarm.

Ryan said there were no injuries.

Another structure fire burned much of a yard and part of a house wall in the 1100 block of Juniper about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Four fire units and two ambulances responded that the alarm on Juniper.

Again, Ryan said there were no injuries.

The third structure alarm Tuesday turned out to be from a short in a television set in the 1600 block of Grape. Two Pampa fire units responded to that call.

Five fire units responded to a structure fire alarm in the 1200

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Five people indicted by Hemphill Co. grand jury

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A Hemphill County grand jury has returned five indictments in Judge Steve Emmert's 31st District Court for crimes ranging from kidnapping to assaulting a public servant.

Ernie Ray Mora, 20, is free on \$50,000 bond after being indicted on aggravated kidnapping charges.

Mora is accused of kidnapping and holding Brittany Guerra at knifepoint and moving her from place to place in July.

Robin Earlene Lewis, 44, is free on \$10,000 bond after being indicted on charges of driving while intoxicated with a child less than 15 years of age in the vehicle in September.

Ethan John Suthers, 19, is free

on \$12,500 bond after being indicted on charges of carrying a prohibited weapon.

Suthers is accused of having a short-barrel 12-gauge shotgun with an overall length of less than 26 inches in October.

Justin Shea Davis, 38, is free on \$10,000 bond after being indicted on charges of theft of services greater than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000.

Davis is accused of not paying Mark Tuley for mechanical labor in September, 2008.

Sergio Avila, 18, is free on \$10,000 bond after being indicted on charges of assaulting a public servant.

Avila is accused of injuring Hemphill County Deputy Jerri Lucero as the officer was arresting Avila in July.

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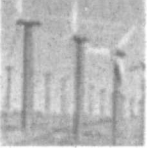
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PAMPA FORECAST

| Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. Wind chill values between 25 and 35 early. Breezy, with a north wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south. | | |
| Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31. Wind chill values between 23 and 28. Breezy, with a south southeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west. | | |
| Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 51. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. | | |
| Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 22. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. | | |
| Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 45. North northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south. | | |
| Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28. South wind around 5 mph becoming west northwest. | | |

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Helen Spalding Jacobs, 84

Helen Spalding Jacobs, 84, died November 23, 2010, in Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, December 11, 2010, at Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall at 1701 Coffee Street, with Martin Lopez and Vindeo Rey, ministers, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Helen was born October 3, 1926, in Cedar Hill, Ohio, to Pearl and Mary Ellen Waites. She came to Pampa in 1946 and worked at Southwestern Bell Telephone as an operator for 30 plus years. She was a member of Southwestern Bell Pioneers for many years. Helen loved to sew, crochet, needle-work and crafting. Her love for animals brought her great joy. Traveling was an adventure for her, also. Helen had a deep love for the Bible and its promises, and she shared that love with family and her many friends. She was a caregiver for a number of family members for years. She loved life, and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

The family wishes to extend their thanks to Odyssey Hospice for their love and care of Helen.

Survivors include her siblings, Mert Campbell of Lancaster, Ohio, Alice, Jim Waites and wife Mary Lou, Ed Waites and wife Carol, all of Columbus, Ohio, Jr. Waites and wife Joyce of Newark, Ohio; many nieces and nephews; two stepchildren, Fred Spalding and wife Stella of Portsmouth, Va., and Vivian Neff and husband Warren of Omaha, Neb.; three grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, one step-grandson, Jeff Jacobs and wife Ginger of Keota, Okla.; brother-in-law, Jerry Jacobs of Gonzales; and sister-in-law and dear friend, Billie Greautout of Fountain Valley, Calif.; foster daughter, Sandra Schunaman and her children and grandchildren; cousins, Paula and Larry Rose, Buddy Rose, Maude Johnson, Becky Booth all of Pampa, and their children and grandchildren.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Jacobs

William Morris Brame, 82

SKELLYTOWN—William Morris Brame, 82, died December 7, 2010, in Skellytown.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, December 10, 2010, at First Baptist Church of Skellytown, with Rev. Fines Marchman, pastor, and Rev. Dale Berry of Bethel Baptist Church of Nocona, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

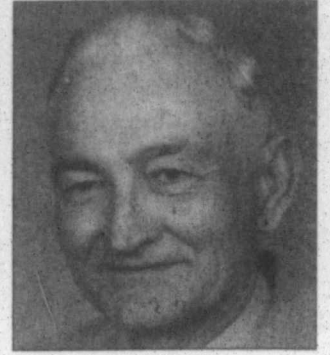
Mr. Brame was born April 1, 1928, in Slick, Okla. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, serving during World War II. He married Joyce Marlene Eakin on March 2, 1951, in Stinnett. Morris had been a resident of Skellytown for over 50 years. He worked for Phillips Petroleum for 38 years, retiring in 1985. He was a member and deacon of First Baptist Church of Skellytown where he taught Sunday School for many years. He had a second birthday on July 25, 1988, with a liver transplant which was received from an organ donor, who was a gift from God.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Marlene Brame of the home; daughter, Pamela Berry and husband Rev. Dale Berry of Nocona; son, Bruce Brame and wife Debbie of Skellytown; four grandchildren, Kori Throckmorton and husband Josh of Tyler, Rhyann Nicole Sikorski and husband Jeff of Starkville, Miss.; Jacob Brame and wife Brandi of Canyon, and Stephanie Berry of Nocona. Morris was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Mary Brame; a brother, Paul Brame; and a granddaughter, Bailey Brame.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, December 9, 2010, at Carmichael-Whately Funeral Home in Pampa.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church Youth Fund or Panfork Fund, P.O. Box 176, Skellytown, TX 79080.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Brame

Billie Killough, 84

AMARILLO—Billie Killough, 84, died December 7, 2010, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, December 10, 2010, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel in Pampa, with Pastor Mike Watson of Hobart Baptist Church in Pampa, officiating.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, December 10, 2010, at Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Wellington, under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Killough was born January 10, 1926, in Wellington. She attended schools in Wellington and Samnorwood. She married David Killough on July 8, 1943, in Wellington, and he preceded her in death. She had been a resident of Pampa from 1950 until 2006 when she moved to Amarillo. Billie was a homemaker and a member of the Assembly of God. In her spare time, she liked arts and crafts and she especially enjoyed crocheting. She will be dearly missed by her family.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Gilmer of Amarillo; two sons, Jerry Killough and wife Lorrie of Grand Prairie, and Nathan Killough and wife Sue of Amarillo; a sister, Ruby Killough of Pampa; seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. Billie was preceded in death by a brother, Buddy Potteet; and a granddaughter, Melinda Hale.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Killough

Ollie Mae Richmond Henderson, 87

Ollie Mae Richmond Henderson, 87, died December 8, 2010, in Pampa.

Memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday December 11, 2010, in the Chapel of Memories at Memorial Park Funeral Home with Rev. Jim Watkins of Wesley United Methodist Church in Hereford officiating.

Interment will be at Memorial Park Cemetery

Ollie Mae was born February 11, 1923, in Finley, Okla. She came to the Panhandle area by covered wagon as a baby and spent her first winter in the Clarendon Wagon Yard. Ollie married Ira Thomas Henderson in Amarillo on September 3, 1943, and resided in the Panhandle most of her life with exception to being in south Texas a few years with her husband's employment. When God graced the family with his return from WWII, they had two children. At the age of 52, she completed her high school diploma and went on to earn her Associate Degree from Amarillo College. Ollie worked many years at Palo Duro High School as a pastry chef, and retired from the Amarillo Day Nursery. She spent her years of retirement taking care of her family and was totally devoted to them. Ollie was a member of the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Pampa, as well as a member of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her son, Marshall Henderson and wife Carolyn of Hereford; daughter, Rebecca Dunn and husband Deral of Pampa; three grandchildren, Kelly, Dustin, and Kayla Henderson; two great-grandchildren; brother, J.D. Richmond and wife Dora of Palisade, Colo.; sisters, Dovie McCoy and husband Maurice of Amarillo, Doris Christian and husband Homer Lynn of Amarillo.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Cliffie Richmond; husband, Ira Thomas Henderson; and a brother, J.C. Richmond.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Cornerstone Baptist church of Pampa or Odyssey Hospice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.memorial-parkamarillo.com.



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AFTERNOONRUSH Jobless claims fall, near lowest level of the year

PUC approves transmission line

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - The Texas Public Utility Commission has approved a \$190 million wind energy transmission line route planned near Amarillo.

The three-member commission Wednesday unanimously approved the plan by Sharyland Utilities L.P. that will loop west and north of Amarillo.

Critics of the 91-mile route raised environmental and residential concerns. The project will involve electric transmission towers about 125 feet high and spaced 1,000 feet apart.

The Amarillo Globe-News reported Thursday that the PUC approval includes some latitude for landowners to negotiate small changes if there are savings, such as using single poles instead of towers.

Rancher William Seewald says it still means there will be "a huge swath of destroyed grassland and endangered creeks and streams."

Sharyland spokeswoman Jeanne Phillips says construction should begin in the spring and take about 18 months.

Texas headed for drought?

HOUSTON (AP) - Experts are watching to see if Texas is heading for another drought.

State climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon told the Houston Chronicle that continuing dry weather is likely to persist at least into the spring. Nielsen-Gammon, who's also a professor of atmospheric sciences at Texas A&M University, says "it's probably going to get worse before it gets better."

The U.S. Drought Monitor on Thursday indicated 85 percent of Texas is abnormally dry, compared to about 29 percent a year ago.

Tropical Storm Hermine drenched Central Texas in September. Since then large swaths of Texas have received less than 10 percent of normal rainfall levels.

The six-month hurricane season ended Nov. 30.

Dry conditions have led to at least 80 Texas counties to enact burn bans.

Prison budget cuts briefing today

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - The Texas prison director is briefing the state prison board about financial concerns facing the state's prison system as part of the overall Texas budget shortfall expected to top \$20 billion.

Executive Director Brad Livingston is on the agenda for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice board meeting Thursday in Austin. The board is to address "fiscal challenges" and the legislative session that begins next month.

The task got harder this week. Top elected state officials asked agencies to plan for 2.5 percent cuts in the current budget atop reductions already imposed.

The nation's second-largest prison system is asking for \$6.55 billion in the upcoming 2012-13 budget and has been told to trim that by 5 percent. The agency has sought exemptions in the past and may do so again.

Mayor wrecks bike, busts ribs

DALLAS (AP) - Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert is recovering after wrecking while riding his bicycle and breaking a couple of ribs.

Leppert, at Wednesday's city council meeting, at times appeared to wince from the pain.

Leppert says he took a tumble off his mountain bike on Saturday. The 56-year-old mayor was wearing a helmet.

Leppert, who says he injured three ribs, plans to maintain his regular schedule. He was elected mayor in 2007.

Incentives denied for 'Machete'

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - The Texas Film Commission has denied state incentives to motion picture director Robert Rodriguez's film satire "Machete."

The commission, which is based in Gov. Rick Perry's office, said in a letter last week that it was denying funding based on a state law provision that allows for denial of incentives if the film "portrays Texas or Texans in a negative fashion."

Conservatives blasted the film, which stars Robert De Niro. The conservatives contend the film endorses Mexican immigrant revenge killing and would spark racial violence, even though the story of a Mexican assassin out for revenge was widely considered to be satire.

The film was released in September. The Texas law allowing for film incentives was passed to encourage movie makers to film in Texas.

Amberjack season still open

BATON ROUGE, La. closed Oct. 28.

(AP) - Fisheries experts say that - because the Gulf of Mexico oil spill kept anglers from getting offshore this year - they're unlikely to hit the limit set to let greater amberjack recover from overfishing.

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries says that means recreational fishing for greater amberjack can continue through the rest of the year. The 2011 season will start Jan. 1.

Before the Macondo well blew wild April 20, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration expected the Gulf-wide quota of 1.2 million pounds to be hit in late August.

The annual recreational quota is set at nearly 1.4 million pounds. However, NOAA reduced this year's because the 2009 catch went over.

Commercial fishing for greater amberjack was

WASHINGTON (AP) — Applications for unemployment benefits dropped last week to the second-lowest level this year, fresh evidence that companies are cutting fewer jobs.

First-time claims for jobless aid fell by 17,000 to a seasonally-adjusted 421,000 in the week ending Dec. 4, the Labor Department said Thursday.

The four-week average of claims, a less-volatile measure, dropped for the fifth straight week to 427,500. That's the lowest since August 2008, just before the financial crisis intensified with the collapse of Lehman Brothers.

Separately, the Commerce Department said businesses boosted wholesale inventories for the tenth straight month in October and sales rose by the largest amount in seven months. Strong demand from businesses restocking depleted store shelves has helped the economy grow after the recession and the latest data suggests that hasn't tapered off.

Still, Thursday's economic data was not all positive. Mortgage rates rose for the fourth straight week. The average rate on a 30-year fixed loan increased to 4.61 percent and the average rate on a 15-year fixed loan hit 3.96 percent, Freddie Mac said. The surge could slow refinancings and further hamper the housing market.

Unemployment claims have fallen steadily in the past two months. Applications dropped to 410,000 two weeks ago — the lowest level in more than two years — and they have been below 450,000 for the past five weeks. That is raising hopes that companies will soon accelerate hiring. The job market is also expected to benefit if Congress passes legislation that would extend tax cuts for two years and unemployment benefits through the end of next year.

Still, unemployment claims have only been below 425,000 for two of the last three weeks. Economists say they need to be below that level for an extended period to have any real impact lowering the nation's unemployment rate.

In November the economy added just 39,000 net jobs and the unemployment rate rose to 9.8 percent. Many economists say that was only a temporary setback and that the downward trend in unemployment claims, along with other strong economic data, suggest December will be a stronger month for hiring.

The weekly applications for unemployment benefits

are considered a real-time snapshot of the job market. They reflect the level of layoffs but can also indicate whether companies are willing to add workers.

First-time applications peaked during the recession at 651,000 in March 2009, and then steadily declined to about 470,000 by the beginning of this year. Claims were stuck near that

level for most of this year before moving down again in October and November.

The number of people continuing to claim unemployment, meanwhile, dropped sharply to just below 4.1 million.

But that doesn't include another 4.5 million people who are receiving extended benefits under an emergency unemployment insur-

ance program set up during the recession. That total dropped by about 400,000 in the week ending Nov. 20, the latest data available.

The extended benefits expired on Nov. 30. But they are likely to be renewed for another 13 months under the agreement reached between President Barack Obama and congressional Republicans.

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Today in History

Today is Thursday, Dec. 9, the 343rd day of 2010. There are 22 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Dec. 9, 1854, Alfred, Lord Tennyson's famous poem, "The Charge of the Light Brigade," was published in England.

On this date:
In 1608, English poet John Milton was born in London.

In 1892, "Widowers' Houses," Bernard Shaw's first play, opened at the Royalty Theater in London.

In 1940, British troops opened their first major offensive in North Africa during World War II.

In 1941, China declared war on Japan, Germany and Italy.

In 1958, the anti-communist John Birch Society was formed in Indianapolis.

In 1960, the Domino's Pizza chain had its beginnings as brothers Tom and James Monaghan started operating a pizzeria in Ypsilanti, Mich.

In 1965, Nikolai V. Podgorny replaced Anastas I. Mikoyan as president of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

In 1984, the five-day-old hijacking of a Kuwaiti jetliner that claimed the lives of two Americans ended as Iranian security men seized control of the plane, which was parked at Tehran airport.

In 1987, the first Palestinian intefadah, or uprising, began as riots broke out in Gaza and spread to the West Bank, triggering a strong Israeli response.

In 1990, Solidarity founder Lech Walesa won Poland's presidential runoff by a landslide.

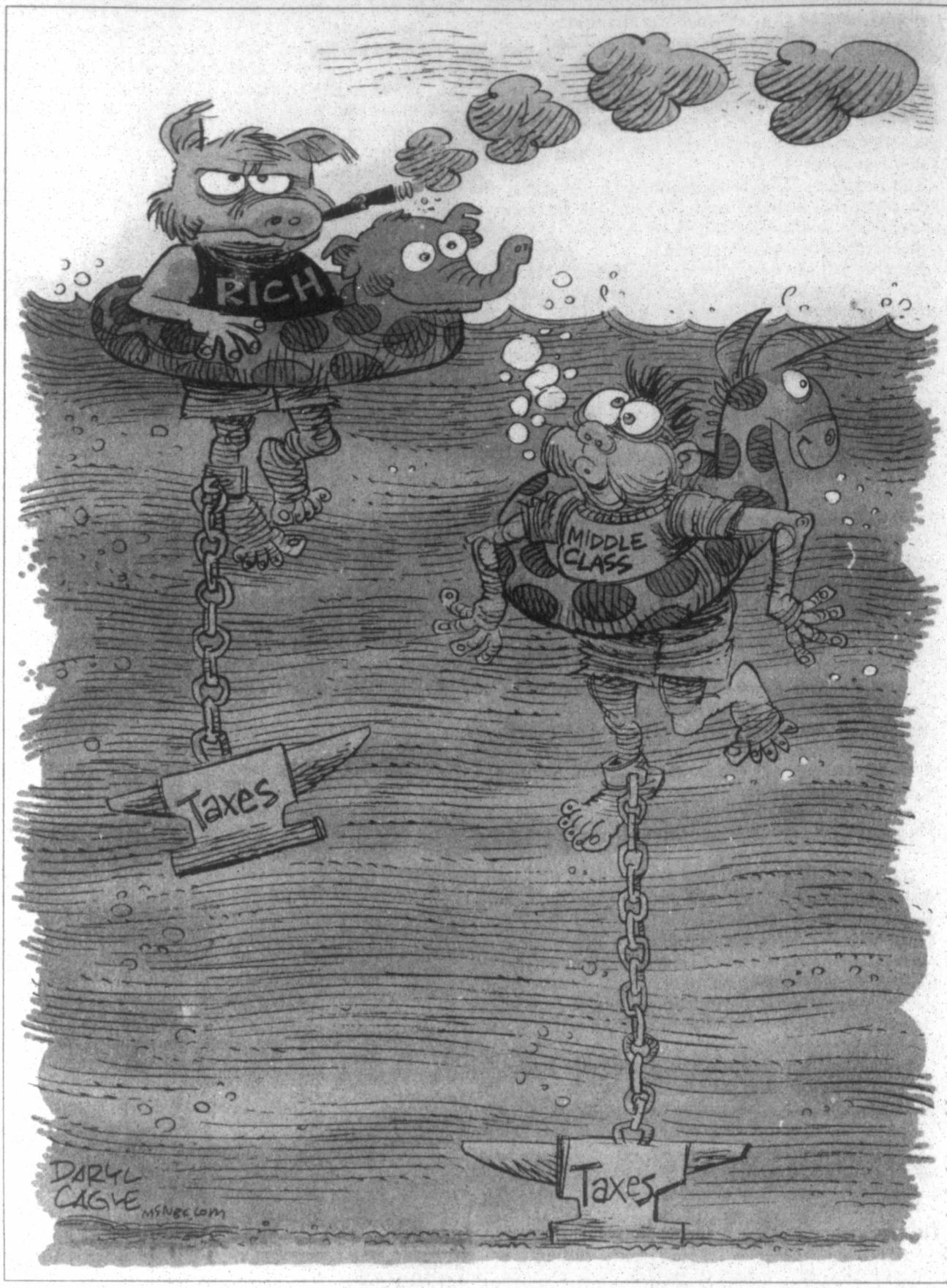
Ten years ago: The U.S. Supreme Court ordered a temporary halt in the Florida vote count on which Al Gore brined his best hopes of winning the White House.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush, addressing a political fundraiser in Minnesota, said the United States would wage an unrelenting battle in Iraq to protect Americans at home. A congressional report said the federal government's medical response to Hurricane Katrina was bungled by a lack of supplies and poor communication.

One year ago: Five young American Muslims were arrested in Pakistan over possible links to terrorism. Iran claimed that a newly-built U.N. station to detect nuclear explosions was built near its border to give the West a post to spy on the country.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Kirk Douglas is 94. Actor Dick Van Patten is 82. Actor-writer Buck Henry is 80. Actress Dame Judi Dench is 76. Actor Beau Bridges is 69. Jazz singer-musician Dan Hicks is 69. Football Hall-of-Famer Dick Butkus is 68. Author Joe McGinniss is 68. Actor Michael Nouri is 65. World Golf Hall of Famer Tom Kite is 61. Singer Joan Armatrading is 60. Actor Michael Dorn is 58. Actor John Malkovich is 57. Singer Donny Osmond is 53. Comedian Mario Cantone is 51. Actor David Anthony Higgins is 49. Actor Joe Lando is 49. Actress Felicity Huffman is 48. Crown Princess Masako of Japan is 47. Country musician Jerry Hughes (Yankee Grey) is 45. Rock musician Brian Bell (Weezer) is 42. Rock singer-musician Jakob Dylan (Wallflowers) is 41. Actress Allison Smith is 41. Country singer David Kersh is 40. Rock musician Tre Cool (Green Day) is 38. Rapper Canibus is 36. Rock singer Imogen Heap is 33. Actor Jesse Metcalfe is 32.

Thought for Today: "In individuals, insanity is rare; but in groups, parties, nations and epochs, it is the rule." - Friedrich Nietzsche, German philosopher (1844-1900)



How happy are you with your computer?

We get many calls every day from established clients and new customers. In almost every case, the complaint is that their computer is not working correctly. In a few cases, the computer has a hardware malfunction or the operating system is affected by viruses/malware. The overwhelming majority of calls are not directly involved with a computer malfunction. Let me explain with an example.

We received an urgent call from a client who was trying to get some reports out and they were having problems printing. I visited with the client for about 15 minutes on the phone trying to explain the printing process and possible reasons why the printer was not printing. I knew what the problem was and was trying to describe to them the steps to resolve it. After sensing the frustration in their voice and since I was unable to assist over the phone, I told them I was on the way.

When I arrived, the environment was not pleasant. They had tried everything to get their reports to print and according to them, nothing had changed. From their perspective, the printer was malfunctioning. First of all, let me state that I have been in similar situations and completely understand the frustration. I proceeded to explain again what I had said on the phone. The printer they owned was an enterprise grade printer. What that means is that it is very flexible and designed for a large variety of uses. It is this flexibility that sometimes adds complexity. I then explained again that if they chose a type of media (in this case it was labels) in their software application, then they must also select that type of media in the printer. The printer prompts them to insert the media before it will continue. Also, if they insert new media (envelopes, cards, letter, legal, etc.) in the multifunction tray, the printer will ask them to select what type of media has been inserted. This way, if someone tries to print using a different media format, the printer will not print until that media is inserted. In the past, they had never removed the labels from the multifunction tray and only added more. This time, they had taken the labels out. When they tried to print the printer

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prompted them to insert labels even though they had labels in the tray. The problem was that the printer was not told that it had labels in the tray when it was refilled. It defaults to letter paper. Why does the printer react this way? It is because the printer was designed for a workgroup setting where many people will be printing to it. In order to make sure that it prints on the correct media, it asks you to confirm the media that was inserted. If a print job is sent to the printer and the media is not correct, the printer will prompt to insert the right stuff. After we got the printer printing the labels, I commented on how awesome their printer was. The printer has been in service by their office for 3 years without any service issues and the consumables are inexpensive. At that point, the person that had called us commented that they hated the printer. Stunned by the response, I asked why they felt like that if the printer had performed reliably and I did not know of any issues over the 3 years. The answer was because of the frustration and problems they had printing the labels that morning.

That service request got me to evaluate every call I had the rest of the week. In the overwhelming majority of cases, there were no hardware or software malfunctions. Also, the longer a person waited before they called us, the greater the frustration and dissatisfaction with their computer systems. Yet in all of those cases, it was the user and not the system that needed assistance. I would teach the user how to accomplish what they were trying to do and show them if something was misconfigured such as the printer. During their initial support contact, the computer, monitor, printer, etc.

was assumed to be defective.

A couple of years ago my family and I were going to go on our first skiing trip. As the excitement built, I told everyone. After a few days, I knew what their response was going to be. They typically said, "Make sure you sign up for ski lessons. You won't have fun unless you do." I struggled with the idea of paying \$60 per person for 5 people. After struggling to even stand up after putting on the skis, I found myself (skis in hand) waiting in line to pay \$300 for ski lessons. As the lessons began to take place, the skiing became fun. So fun in fact, that I paid another \$300 for lessons the next day. The third day was spent putting into practice what we had learned. Of all the days spent at Wolf Creek, the last was the most fun. When I told people how much fun I had skiing, a few said they hated it. They strongly said they would never go again. When I asked them if they took skiing lessons, they said no. It is apparent that if someone is taught how to ski by a professional, they tend to enjoy it more.

What does skiing have to do with computers? Just like skiing lessons helps to understand and enjoy skiing better, computer training helps to understand and enjoy computers better. A significant amount of our time is spent on showing our clients how to use their computers. After they learn how to use them, they are happier with their computers. Investing in private lessons with a computer professional will pay for itself quickly in improved efficiency and increased satisfaction. We regularly hold training classes on QuickBooks and will start up general computer classes next year. It makes sense for a business to invest in training their employees in the same manner as they invest in their computer systems. I personally invest 10 hours per week in continuing education and invest over \$2000 per year for training tools. The better equipped you are to use your computer systems, the happier you are going to be with them. By the way, we already have our reservations for skiing in a few weeks. Can't wait to go skiing!

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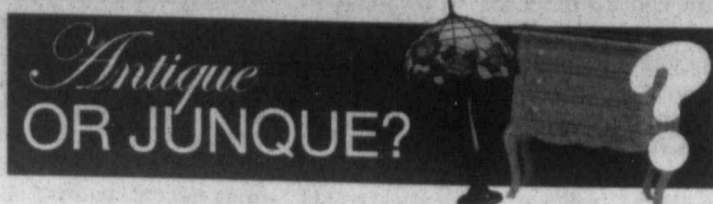
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Q: I want to learn more about my two-piece, solid maple, Western-style bedroom suite. Enclosed is a photo of the "Village Smithy" carving that is on both the footboard of the bed and the chest of drawers. The headboard is a wagon wheel, and the mirror on the chest is shaped as a horseshoe. The words "Virginia House Maple" are burned into the wood on the inside of one of the drawers.

Any information would be wonderful. And it would be helpful if you know the value.

A: Located in Atkins, Va., Virginia House Furniture Co. made your maple bedroom set sometime in the late 1940s to the early 1950s. They produced a well-made line of maple bedroom furniture that was marketed to children. Their designs were inspired by nautical, western, pioneer and airplane motifs.

Similar sets are selling in the range of \$300 to \$500.

Crookville China Co. was located in Crookville, Ohio, from 1902 to 1959.

The platter is decorated with Southwestern pottery, chili peppers and fruit against a white background, and there is a red band on the border. Measuring 10 inches

es in diameter, it is round and in mint condition. Anything you can tell me about the maker, vintage and value will be appreciated.

A: Located in Crookville, Ohio, Crookville China Co. created your platter in the 1930s. In business from 1902 to 1959, they made semi-porcelain dinnerware and kitchenware. Their "Pantry BAK-IN WARE" line was decorated with a variety of decal designs on a plethora of dishes that included teapots, kitchen sets, coffee pots, jugs, juice sets and dinnerware.

Southwestern and Mexican themes were popular in the 1930s and 1940s.

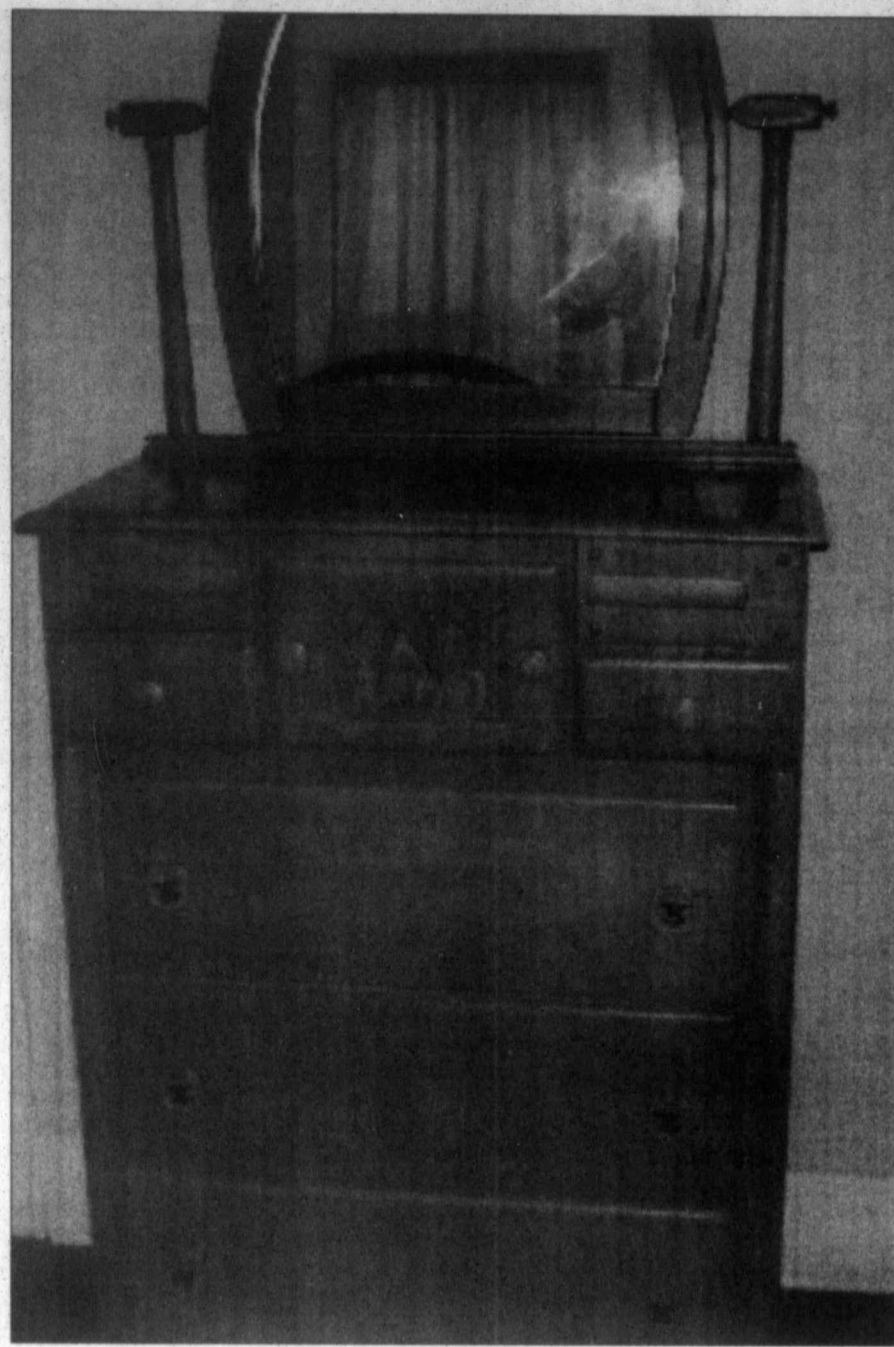
Your platter is circa 1930 and would fetch \$25 to \$35 in an antiques shop.

Q: I found a 78 rpm record album while sorting through my uncle's home after he passed away. Before I dispose of things, I would like to know if it has any value. The album is Capitol's "Stories for Children" told by "The Great Gildersleeve." On the cover of the album, there are illustrations of children's fairy tales. Each record is in excellent condition.

A: The Great Gildersleeve was a famous radio personality in the 1940s. Your album was the second in a music series for children.

Your records were made around 1946, and the album would probably be worth \$10 to \$15.

If you have any antique inquiries, address your questions to Anne McCollam, P.O. Box 247, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Items of a general interest will be answered in this column. Due to the volume of inquiries, she cannot answer individual letters.



Virginia House Furniture's Western line was geared toward children.

Fires

block of South Barnes shortly before 8 a.m. Monday.

The Pampa Fire Department also battled a grass fire west of Pampa during the lunch hour Monday.

That followed three grass fires over the weekend.

None of the fires appear

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to be related. Ryan acknowledged that this is a time of year when fire reports seem to increase.

He said wiring on Christmas decorations need to be closely checked when they put up and heating ducts should be cleaned before the onset of cold weather.

Ohio-based Sunny D buys Texas plant

CINCINNATI (AP) — Sunny Delight Beverage Co. plans to buy a Texas factory, upgrade its U.S. factories and sell its western Europe juice drink business.

The Cincinnati-based company said Thursday it is investing \$70 million to upgrade five U.S. plants, including upgrading and acquiring the Sherman, Texas, factory from J.M. Smucker Co. Orrville,

Ohio-based Smucker produces Folgers coffee there and has leased space to Sunny Delight since 2004.

Sunny Delight says planned automation, data system and other upgrades will increase efficiency and reduce environmental impact.

Sale terms of its western Europe juice business to Orangina Schweppes weren't disclosed.

Motor Speedway expands

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - Denton County officials have broken ground on a \$15 million project that will expand a nearly three-mile section of State Highway 114 fronting Texas Motor Speedway.

The project will focus on lane expansion for the highway from Interstate 35W to FM 156, a 2.95-mile stretch that is primarily

a two-lane road and will be expanded to as many as six lanes of frontage roads.

Officials say the project will be completed by September 2013.

Denton County commissioner Andy Eads says the lane expansion by Texas Motor Speedway, which hosts two NASCAR Sprint Cup races each year, is the first of three phases.

N Tx Tollway to go cashless

DALLAS (AP) - New signs are being installed as the North Texas Tollway Authority finishes its transition to a totally cashless system.

The switchover is scheduled to be completed Saturday.

NTTA says electronic payment conversion at the Dallas North Tollway, the Addison Airport Toll Tunnel and Mountain Creek Lake Bridge will complete the change.

The authority says motorists without TollTags will be billed later at the higher rate with ZipCash, the

NTTA's pay-by-invoice option.

NTTA says construction will continue into 2011 on the cashless conversion project as toll booths and other support equipment are removed.

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House Democrats reject tax plan unless changed

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democrats voted Thursday to reject President Barack Obama's tax deal with Republicans in its current form, but it was unclear how significantly the package might need to be changed.

By voice vote in a closed caucus meeting, Democrats passed a resolution saying the tax package should not come to the House floor for consideration as written, even though no formal House bill has been drafted. Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., introduced the resolution.

Said Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Texas: "If it's take it or leave it, we'll leave it."

The vote will at least temporarily stall what had seemed to be a grudging Democratic movement toward the tax package.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said in a statement that House Democrats share Obama's "commitment to providing the middle class with a tax cut to grow the economy and create jobs." She noted that a House-passed bill, which Republicans blocked in the Senate, did not include "a bonus tax cut to millionaires and billionaires."

"We will continue discussions with the president and our Democratic and Republican colleagues in the days ahead to improve the proposal before it comes to the House floor for a vote," the California

Democrat said. The voice vote in the caucus was quite lopsided. Rep. Shelley Berkley of Nevada told reporters afterward that "one person voted against it. That would be me."

Asked what happens next, Rep. James Clyburn of South Carolina, the No. 3 person in the Democratic leadership, said, "I don't know."

Speaking earlier Thursday at a White House event promoting American exports, Obama said the vote will determine whether the economy "moves forward or backward."

The president again pressed Congress to pass the agreement, saying it has the potential to create millions of jobs. He said if it fails, Americans would see smaller paychecks and fewer jobs.

But Rep. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md., said "the jury is still out" on the measure's enactment because many Democrats are furious over an estate tax provision.

Obama agreed to exempt the first \$5 million of a deceased person's estate, and to tax the rest at 35 percent. Congressional Democrats had expected a 45 percent tax rate on anything above \$3.5 million. Without congressional action, the estate tax will revert to an even higher rate: 55 percent on estates valued above \$1 million.

That should have strengthened Obama's hand when negotiating with Republicans, Van Hollen said.

Some Democrats have reluctantly embraced the tax package, which would let rich and poor Americans keep Bush-era tax cuts that were scheduled to expire this month. Even so, 54 House Democrats wrote a letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi saying they're opposing the deal.

Led by Rep. Peter Welch of Vermont, they said they were against "acceding to Republican demands to extend the Bush tax cuts to millionaires and billionaires."

"We're paying a king's ransom," Welch said in an interview. "We didn't need to and couldn't afford to."

The 54 Democrats, by themselves, would not be enough to block the package in the House, depending on how much support it gets from Republicans.

After Obama publicly defended the plan for a third day Wednesday, and Vice President Joe Biden met with Democratic lawmakers in the Capitol for a second day, several Democrats predicted the measure will pass, mainly because of extensive Republican support.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., predicted the tax cut compromise "will be passed by virtually all the Republicans and a minor-

ity of Democrats." He said he would vote against it.

Obama said more congressional Democrats would climb aboard as they studied details of the \$900 billion year-end measure.

Raising the direst alarm yet, his administration warned fellow Democrats on Wednesday that if they defeat the plan, they could jolt the nation back into recession.

Larry Summers, Obama's chief economic adviser, told reporters that if the measure isn't passed soon, it will "materially increase the risk the economy would stall out and we would have a double-dip recession. That put the White House in the unusual position of warning its own party's lawmakers they could be to blame for calamitous consequences if they go against the president."

With many House and Senate Republicans signaling their approval of the tax cut plan, the White House's comments were aimed mainly at House Democrats who feel Obama went too far in yielding to Republicans' demands for continued income tax cuts and lower estate taxes for the wealthy.

Obama says the compromise was necessary because Republicans were prepared to let everyone's taxes rise and to block the extension of unemployment benefits for jobless

Americans if they didn't get much of what they wanted.

Economists say the recent recession officially ended in June 2009. But with unemployment at 9.8 percent, millions remain out of work or fearful of losing ground economically, and the notion of the nation falling back into a recession would strike many as chilling. It also could rattle markets and investors.

The deal Obama crafted with Senate Republican leaders would prevent the scheduled Dec. 31 expiration of all the Bush administration's tax cuts enacted in 2001 and 2003, even though Obama had often promised to end the cuts for the highest earners.

House Democrats, who

will lose their majority in January, still hold a 255-179 edge in the current Congress. To pass a big bill with mostly Republican votes would mark a dramatic departure from recent battles, such as the health care overhaul, which was enacted with virtually no GOP support in either chamber.

Passage of Obama's plan seems more assured in the Senate, where numerous Democrats have agreed that the president had little choice in making the compromises with Republicans. Still, Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said he and colleagues are considering possible changes, and action could come within days.

Democrats delay action on young immigrants bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats have delayed a show-down vote on legislation carving out a path to legal status for foreign-born youngsters brought to this country illegally.

Facing GOP objections, Democrats are putting aside the so-called Dream Act. They're short of the 60 votes needed to advance the measure.

Democratic officials say they'll try to move a House-passed version after the Senate acts on funding the government and extending tax cuts. Republicans have said they won't agree to consider anything else until those issues are addressed.

The bill grants hundreds of thousands of undocumented immigrants brought to the United States as children a chance to gain legal status if they enroll in college or join the military.

The politically potent measure is viewed by Hispanic activists and immigrant advocates as a down payment on what they had hoped would be broader action by President Barack Obama and Congress to give the nation's 10 million to 12 million undocumented

immigrants a chance to gain legal status.

Critics denounce the bill as a backdoor amnesty grant that would encourage more foreigners to sneak into the United States in hopes of eventually being legalized as well.

With the GOP taking control of the House and representing a stronger minority in the Senate next year, failure to enact the legislation by year's end would dim the prospects for action by Congress to grant a path toward legalization for the nation's millions of undocumented immigrants.

Obama's drive to enact the legislation and congressional Democrats' determination to vote on it before year's end reflect the party's efforts to satisfy Hispanic groups whose backing has been critical in elections and will be again in 2012.

The legislation would give hundreds of thousands of young illegal immigrants brought to the United States before the age of 16, and who have been here for five years and graduated from high school or gained an equivalency degree, a chance to gain legal status if they

joined the military or attended college.

Hispanic activists have described the Dream Act as the least Congress can do on the issue. It targets the most sympathetic of the millions of undocumented

people — those brought to the United States as children, who in many cases consider themselves American, speak English and have no ties to or family living in their native countries.



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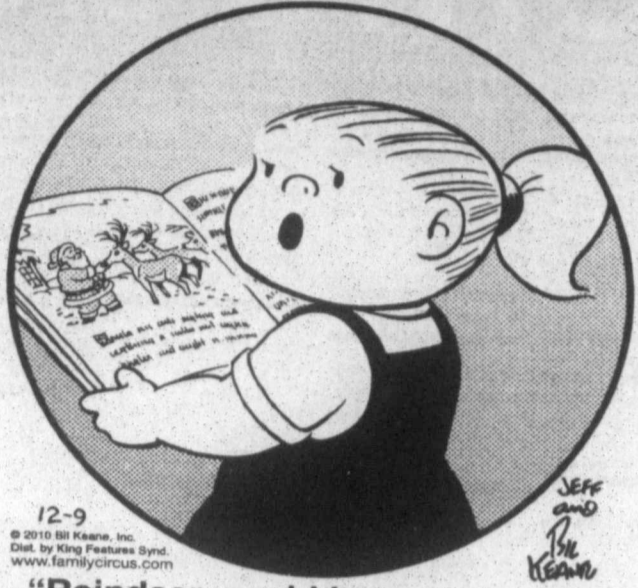
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"Reindeer would be easier to ride than horses. They come with handlebars."

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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Dec. 10, 2010:
Confusion surrounds communication. You come from a unique perspective. A friend who is older could be dominant in your year. This person often might be the voice of reality, but you take him or her differently. Sometimes you think this person is just raining on your parade. You are letting his or her judgments impact you. Use caution with any major purchase this year. They could be lemons! If you are single, open up to a very exciting relationship in the spring. Let time determine if it is a forever relationship. If you are attached, the two of you renew your bond. For many of you, there could be a new addition. Couples will enjoy each other more and more. You can count on AQUARIUS.
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You could be tempted to rethink a decision, and by all means, do. Just take the next few weeks to explore the back and forth. Don't cut off the process. Others come forward with a smile. They are ready to debate options. Tonight: Find your friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ A must appearance becomes very important. You could stress about this or that, but in reality, trust your presentation. Someone close shares much more. Try walking in his or her footsteps. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ In many ways, your perspective is unique, but you aren't the first to look at an issue in this manner. Downplay the creative role, and allow others to identify with your thinking. If you hit a roadblock, find an expert solution-finder. Tonight: Explore a new place. Opt for something different.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Let your imagination emerge when dealing with a significant partner. You might not like what is happening behind the scenes, but try to understand where another person is coming from. Help a family member loosen up. Tonight: Don't avoid an important talk.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Agreements made today are likely to tumble to the wayside. Realize what is happening within your immediate circle. People

could be waffling. Make that OK, and flow with the various situations. Tonight: Sort through all the offers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Clear out as many errands and other matters that could keep you from enjoying the weekend as possible. Your finances could be uncomfortable. Understand that you are out of sync. Your instincts guide you. Tonight: Nap before deciding.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Recognize what is happening with a child or loved one. You can help this person feel more easy and relaxed. Tap into your ingenuity, especially if you hit a miscommunication. It might take a while to clear it up. Tonight: Paint the town red.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Honor a change on a profound level. Know that you have not seen the final act just yet. Give yourself some time to think through an issue that could involve your personal life. Confirm meetings. Tonight: Stop and visit with a pal on the way home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Keep communication flowing. In the next few weeks, your ability to communicate and express your feelings emerges. On your side, confirm appointments and don't stand on ceremony with flub-ups. Tonight: Find a friend, and head out the door.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Your instincts serve you more often than not with your finances. In the next few weeks, you might feel confused, or someone might not return a call. Relax with others. On your side, do your best to overlook the small stuff. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
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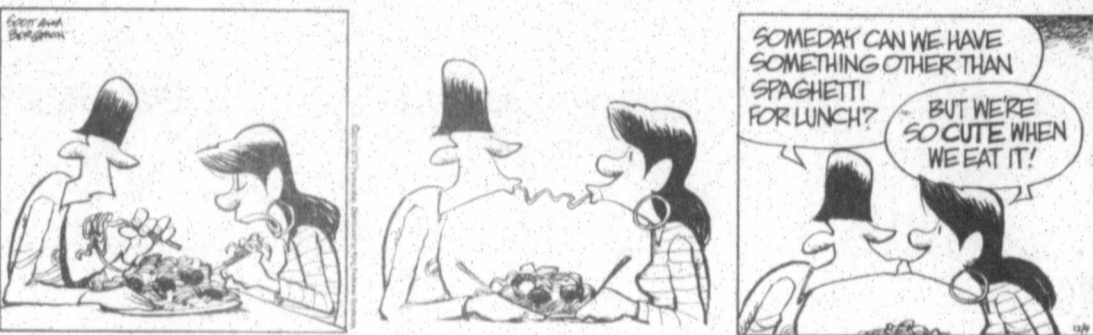
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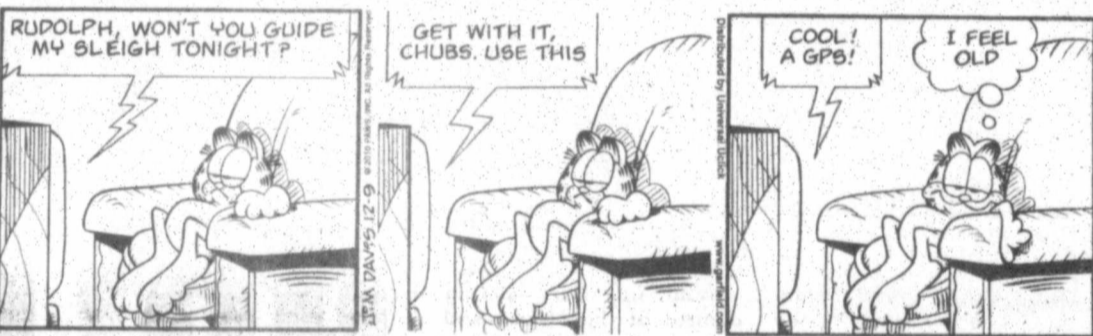
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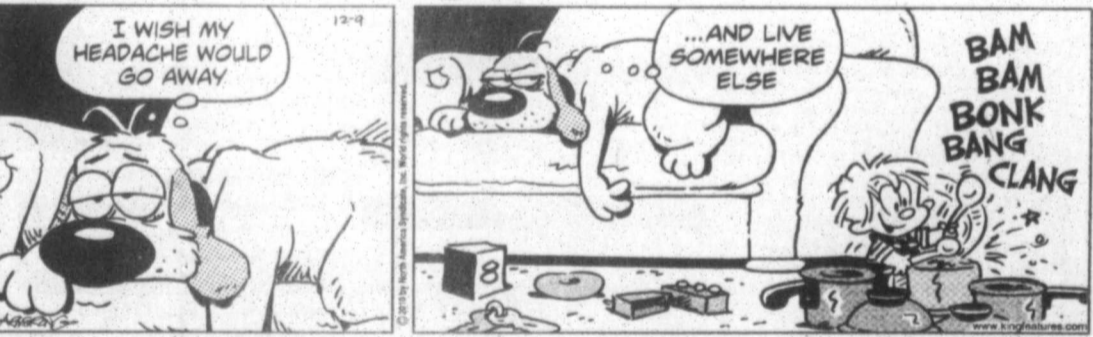
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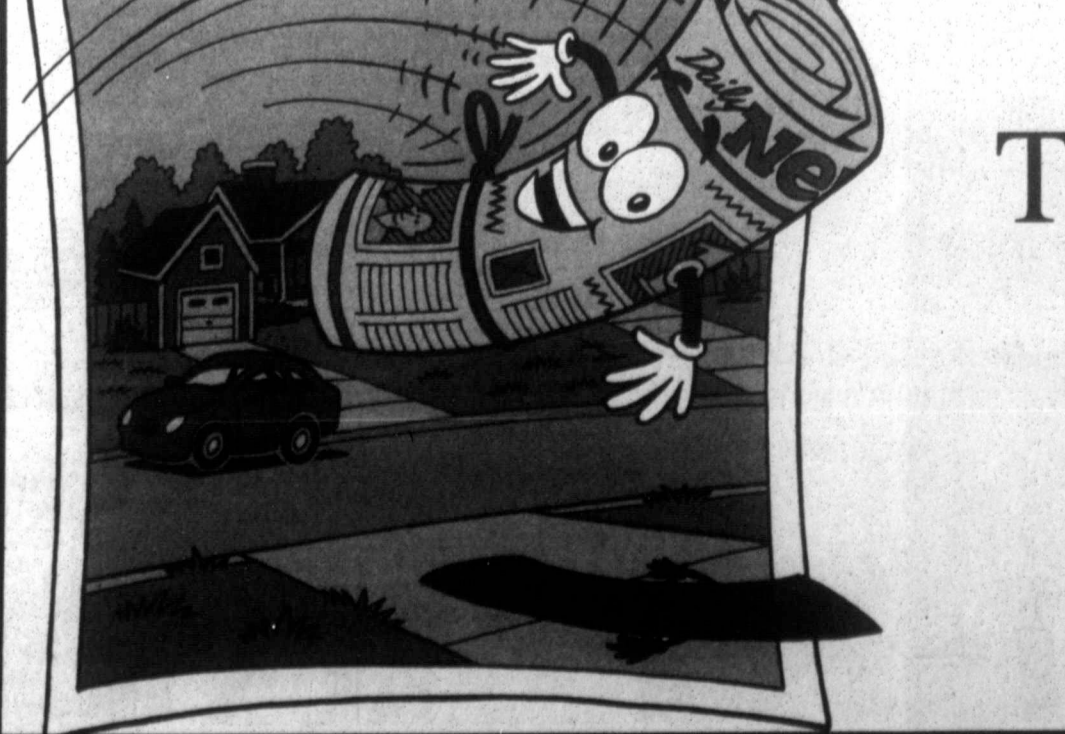
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Sports

Free throw troubles wound Tigers, fall to Lions

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The McLean Tigers struggled with free throw shooting and lost to the Arbor Academy Lions

51-38 Tuesday in McLean. Head Coach Brandon Word said the game went okay.

"We played hard and beat them everywhere but the score board," Word

said. The turning point of the game was our inability to make free throws. We shot 11 of 34 and lost by 11."

The Tigers (2-6) trailed 8-7 after the first quarter

and were outscored 14-11 in the second to increase their deficit to four. The Lions pulled away in the third outscoring McLean 13-7 and held a 35-25 advantage. Junior Jordan

Herring led the Tigers in scoring with 12.

Word said they are improving with each game and need to keep doing so.

"We need to continue to

get better as we play our schedule," Word said.

The Tigers play in the Greenbelt Tournament in Clarendon starting today.

Pirates routs Coyotes for second win

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The Lefors Pirates received contributions from everyone as they defeated the Higgins Coyotes 66-27 in Higgins.

Head coach Joey Czubinski said it was a great team game all-around.

"Everyone played quality minutes," Czubinski said. "Team defense was great."

The Pirates (2-3) led 22-8 after the first and only allowed two points in the second quarter and held a 44-10 lead. The second half was a little more competitive as Lefors outscored Higgins 22-17.

Czubinski said they are still trying to find their groove offensively.

"We are still improving game-to-game, and God willing by district we will have it all worked out."

Junior forward Taylor Ray led the team in scoring and rebounds with 22 and 15 respectively. Sophomore Gaitlin Reagan

scored 10 and grabbed 13 rebounds. Senior Austin Brooks scored eight points and grabbed ten rebounds. Junior guard Seth Scully led the team in steals with five. Senior Zach Williams led the team in assists with nine.

The Pirates play in the Fort Elliott tournament starting tonight.

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Level: Intermediate

Cowboys Ogletree gets chance to shine

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Kevin Ogletree no longer will be the Dallas Cowboys' forgotten receiver. At least for the rest of this season.

Before Dez Bryant was drafted last spring, Ogletree had been viewed as an up-and-coming receiver in Dallas. But Ogletree had basically been an afterthought with Bryant's dazzling rookie performance this season.

With Bryant done because of a broken right ankle, Ogletree will get his chance to get back in the mix for the Cowboys (4-8) as a receiver and on special teams for the final four

games, starting Sunday against the Eagles.

"There's definitely an opportunity for something to happen," Ogletree said Wednesday. "I don't know if it's for me to showcase my ability. If I get that chance, I'll do the best that I can do. Just being in the game and trying to help my team excites me. I'll be all excited for that time, and it's coming soon."

The Cowboys on Wednesday put Bryant on injured reserve, officially ending his season two days after he had surgery. Dallas signed linebacker Kenwin Cummings to its active roster from the New York

Jets practice squad.

Ogletree has played in only five games this season, and had been inactive for seven in a row before being on the active roster for Sunday's overtime victory at Indianapolis.

There has been only one pass thrown his way this year, an incompleteness in the season opener. He has returned two kickoffs, one for 15 yards and the other for 13 yards.

After Bryant got hurt in the Indianapolis game, owner Jerry Jones talked about what a setback it was. Jones then talked about the good news being the depth at receiver and Ogletree

getting more playing time.

"It is an opportunity for Kevin Ogletree to get back into the mix a little bit," interim coach Jason Garrett said. "Kevin's played better on special teams and did a nice job (Sunday) in the ball game, and he'll have an opportunity to continue to grow as an offensive receiver."

Ogletree, the only rookie free agent to make the Cowboys roster last year, bypassed his senior season at Virginia after 58 catches for 723 yards and five touchdowns as a junior in 2008. He missed the previous season with a knee injury.

Hidden Hills golf results

Hidden Hills Seniors 4-Man scramble results for 12-8-2010

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My son "Dennis" is divorcing for the third time. He has primary custody of his oldest two children and shared custody of the younger two. He is an excellent father.

I have stayed with him in his large home to help with the kids. I supplement their groceries with things we enjoy. Dennis has a female friend he confides in. He insists they are platonic, but she has told me she hopes to win him over.

This woman has a hard time making ends meet, but always has money for pedicures and out-of-town football games. She spends many days and nights with Dennis, showering there, eating his food and using his laundry facilities. I resent that she is eating or taking home the food I buy for the children. Am I being selfish? My husband and I live on a fixed income and must be careful with our money. Any suggestions? — **WARY IN MINNESOTA**

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DEAR WARY: I do have one. Because you resent the idea that your son's lady friend may be helping herself to the goodies you are providing for your son and grandchildren, and because it is causing you financial strain, STOP DOING IT. Or bring with you only what you and the children can consume during your visit.

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for publishing my letter (Oct. 27) about Mindy, the dying woman who was celebrating all occasions and holidays early. I would like to add a poignant postscript to the original story. During Mindy's battle with cancer, she and her husband Bill were friendly with another couple who, sadly, were also battling cancer. In this case, it was the husband who had, at a young age, developed the disease.

Near the end of her life, Mindy asked her adult daughter to try and create a relationship between Bill and Helen, the wife who had lost her husband. A few months after Mindy

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Area champion Lady Harvesters celebrate 2010 season

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters volleyball team took time to celebrate its accomplishments from the 2010 season at their annual banquet Wednesday in the Pampa High School Commons.

The Lady Harvesters finished the season 27-14, won district and advanced to the regional quarterfinal. Pampa was ranked as high as tenth in the state poll and finished the season 13th. The junior varsity was also recognized. They went 16-12 and won district.

Both teams were introduced and coach Braydon Barker and head varsity coach Libby Garza each shared words about their players. Barker said he was grateful

that his girls made his job easy in his first year coaching.

"I can't thank them enough for how hard they worked," Barker said. "We did face some adversity but got through it and had a blast. I want to thank them."

Garza said she couldn't be more proud of what her team accomplished.

"These girls have improved mountains this year," Garza said. "We started off kind of bumpy with a lot of adversity at the beginning of the year. We had a lot of learning and growing up to do as a team and chemistry and they did it."

After the teams were introduced the varsity presented their awards. Junior McKinlee Stokes was an honorable mention for all-district. Junior Kirsten Kuhn won defensive player of the year. Kuhn

also was named to the all-district first team as defensive MVP. Freshman Kylee Metts won upcoming freshman.

Garza said she was very dedicated to the game.

"Every day before two-a-days she was (at the gym) or there before me waiting to open the gym," Garza said. "She worked very hard during two-a-days and earned a spot. Proved to a lot of people that she can play at a high level."

Junior Stephanie Allen won the Heart Award for her enthusiasm and support of her teammates even on the bench. Junior Caitlin Sieck won the Hustling Lady Harvester award and was selected to second team all-district. Junior Delaney Clendening was selected to second team all-district. Junior Kailyn Troxell won

offensive player of the year and was selected to first team all-district. Senior Taryn Eubank was unanimously selected as the team most valuable player, selected to the all-state team, first team all-district as district most valuable player and academic all-state.

Garza said Eubank has always been a leader since she has known her.

"Her leadership role had to change a little bit this season," Garza said. "She was always a leader by example and this year she had to be a little more vocal. Being the only senior can be a little bit scary. These girls bought in to her and she bought in to them."

After awards a highlight video was played followed by a video tribute to Eubank, who was the only senior.



Libby Garza hugs Taryn Eubank after announcing her as team MVP while other teammates look on. staff photo by Andrew Glover

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Awards Summary

Varsity: 27-14, district champions, area champions, regional quarterfinalist
Junior Varsity: 16-12, district champions

Team

Defensive Player of the Year: Kirsten Kuhn
Upcoming Freshman: Kylee Metts
Offensive Player of the Year: Kailyn Troxell
Heart Award: Stephanie Allen
Hustling Lady Harvester Award: Caitlin Sieck
MVP: Taryn Eubank

Non-Team

All-State: Taryn Eubank
Academic All State: Taryn Eubank
1st Team All District: Taryn Eubank (MVP), Kirsten Kuhn (Defensive MVP), Ramie Hutto and Kailyn Troxell
2nd Team All District: Caitlin Sieck, Alanna Stephens and Delaney Clendening
Honorable Mention: McKinlee Stokes

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