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When planning a menu for butterflies ...

... don't skimp on the kids' portions. Gardeners need to provide not only flowers with tasty nectar, they have to offer leafy plants for caterpillars to munch on. 1E

NATION

Kennedys scorned idea of LBJ as president

A book of interviews with Jackie Kennedy says JFK and RFK even talked about how they might thwart the Texan if he decided to run for the White House. 3A

METRO

Western Bexar fire; disaster declaration

Firefighters battle a 250-acre blaze. Meanwhile, wildfires lead President Obama to declare a disaster in Texas. 1B

SPORTS



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Steele stops Tivy

Steele quarterback Tommy Armstrong eludes Kerrville Tivy's Ferris Owens for some of his 181 yards as the Knights topped the Antlers 38-26 Friday. 4D

Brandeis 29, Warren 28 (OT)

Smithson Valley 20, MacArthur 19

Johnson 28, Wagner 27

Clemens 21, Boerne Champion 20

Sam Houston 26, Brennan 13

Alamo Heights 41, Southwest 21

N.B. Canyon 28, Lee 0

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9/11 10 YEARS AFTER

Terror attacks permanently altered life along the border

Crossing into the U.S. no longer is a casual affair.

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LAREDO — In the decade since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, property owners along the Rio Grande have lost land to the border fence and those who live near gaps in the unfinished structure are in the mouth of a funnel for illegal immigration and smuggling.

Travelers no longer can gain entry into the U.S. simply by declaring "American citizen." Instead, they're met with long lines, rifle-toting customs officers and an array of electronics to scan documents and vehicles.

Cross-border communities in West Texas have withered and died when the unofficial crossings they relied upon were closed. A privately run detention center holding thousands of immigrants went up in a flash near the border.

The 9/11 attacks "changed the way we live in this country, and rightfully so," said Gene Garza, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection field office director who oversees eight ports of entry from Brownsville to Del Rio. "I think we were too relaxed. I think it raised the level of security in this country."

Overseeing the changes for the past eight years is the Homeland Security Department with its 200,000 employees and \$50 bil-

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F-16 pilot was ready to give her life on 9/11 Page 10A

One company always remembers Business, 1C

Heroic ordinary folks are saluted Metro, 1B

Victim from S.A. is recalled



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Cadet Capt. Jessica Gatica (foreground) stands next to a portrait of Lt. Col. Karen Wagner as she and other members of Wagner High School's Junior ROTC take part in a ceremony honoring the Pentagon officer. Wagner, a San Antonian, was killed on 9/11.



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Libyan victims are reburied

Thirty-five bodies of men slain by Moammar Gadhafi's troops were found in a mass grave. Page 6A

Perry finding a friendly audience

Texan's tough talk is music to GOP ears in California.

BY JOE GAROFOLI AND CARLA MARINUCCI

San Francisco Chronicle

SAN FRANCISCO — Rick Perry attracted new supporters during his first presidential campaign road trip through the Golden State with the provocative talk that enrages his opponents, such as his description of Social Security as a "Ponzi scheme."

The Texas governor's blunt language on Social Security is "absolutely part of his appeal," Floyd Kvamme, a venture capitalist and former adviser to President Ronald Reagan, said Friday outside an East Palo Alto fundraiser. "It's plainspokenness. It's his realism. The fact of the matter is ... it's broken."

Kvamme echoed the view of many Republicans interviewed during Perry's three-day visit to California this week. Stops included Wednesday's GOP debate at the Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, six fundraisers — including the one Friday at the Four Seasons Hotel in East Palo Alto — and a handful of public events.

Perry is connecting with a growing number of Republicans because of his uncompromising rhetoric and his backslapping, guy-who-married

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Bomb warning sets off manhunt

N.Y., D.C. cops looking for at least two men.

BY ERIC SCHMITT AND SCOTT SHANE

New York Times

WASHINGTON — Bomb-sniffing dogs were deployed in the subway here and police searched vehicles at the Brooklyn Bridge on Friday as counterterrorism officials with frustratingly imprecise clues hunted for at least

two men reportedly dispatched by al-Qaida to set off a car or truck bomb in this city or New York.

Two senior American law enforcement officials said an informer in the Afghanistan-Pakistan region passed word of the plot, intended to coincide with the 10th anniversary of 9/11, to U.S. intelligence officers Wednesday.

The informer said two U.S. citizens of Arab ancestry had left Afghanistan, traveled through one or more other countries and

reached the United States as recently as last week.

But the informer's information on the plot was second- or third-hand, another official said.

It included only a vague physical description of the two men — one described as 5 feet tall, the other as 5-foot-8 — and a first name for one, Suliman, that's common in the Middle East.

The tipster also described a third conspirator, but he ap-

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A New York police officer examines the rear section of a truck.

Donkey dumping is on the rise as the drought continues

Rescuers come to aid of abandoned animals.

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Underappreciated by the public and the source of hard feelings when their name, in its shortened form, finds its way into an argument, donkeys never have had it easy.

And with a record-breaking drought showing few signs of ending, donkeys in Texas are

facing an additional challenge: finding a place to call home.

Sheriffs departments and animal rescue operations say donkeys, like horses, are being turned loose in growing numbers because the drought has made them too costly to keep, and buyers are not lining up to acquire them.

Donkeys, smaller than horses and with fewer uses, typically have less value than horses. Many auction barns aren't interested in putting donkeys on the block any more, officials

said. So cash-strapped owners are giving donkeys up, often freeing them on the sides of roads, and leaving the animals' fate up to law enforcement agencies and a determined group of donkey rescue operations.

"Donkey rescues have gone through the roof," said Mark Meyers, executive director of Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue, a California-based nonprofit organization with a 260-acre res-

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Mark Meyers, executive director of Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue, ushers an abandoned animal to a trailer in Navarro County.