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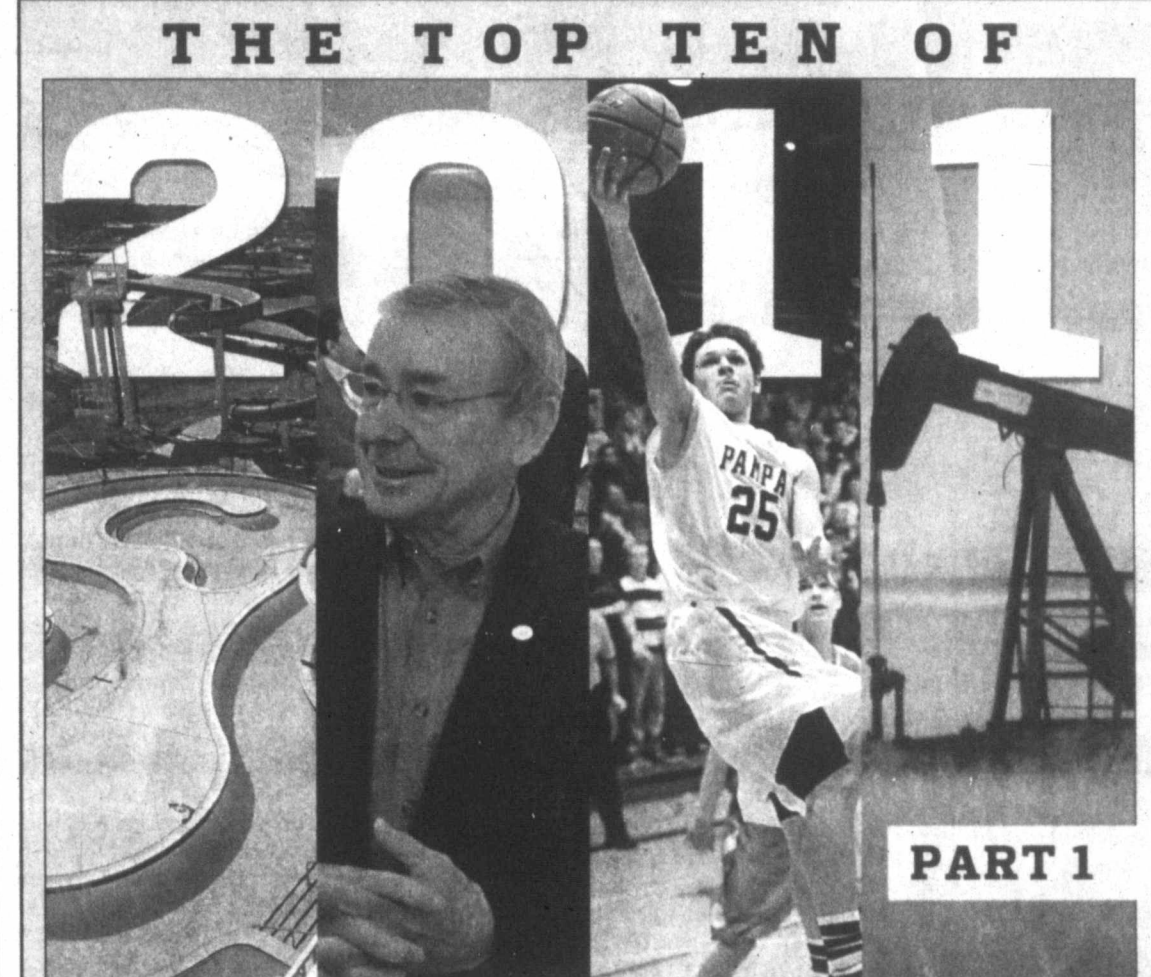
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Our countdown of the year's biggest stories

With 2012 almost among us, it's time to look back at the year that was. It has been, it seems, twelve months of alternating hardship and promise for Pampa and Gray County, with 2011 bringing with it both staggering obstacles and encouraging developments. The always unpredictable Panhandle climate brought us seemingly endless days without moisture. Still, Gray County stayed fortunately free of large wildfires, a seeming rarity in a year when the state was ravaged by flames. There were new acquisitions made by local organizations, new deals brokered by local facilities and new places built for local kids. Swift verdicts were delivered for some, while old questions still remain unanswered. It's always a dicey proposition to try and abridge a whole year in one story, so we're not going to try. Instead, over

the next two days, The Pampa News will be counting down our Top Ten stories of 2011, recapping a year that always kept us writing, thinking and reflecting.

10 Forward progress
Growth for oil, gas industries locally

While Pampa is no stranger to oil and gas, 2011 has been a year of growth for the industries, fueling higher employment and further development of related fields, like processing, clean up and transport. Some major signs of this growth are unavoidable around town, like oil and gas trucks on the road, or hotels and apartment complexes with only a few vacancies. Other, more subtle signs include an unemployment rate for Gray County that has declined since June,

resting at 6.1 percent during October, the most recent month of available data for the county. Halliburton, which employs about 300 people in Pampa, reported hiring new employees for ten straight months this year, with 40 or 50 added in August alone. Hunting Titan, which employs about 250 people in Pampa, has found an increased demand for its products, allowing for a strong hiring pattern. And in August, Turner Energy Services reported a plan to hire 100 people within a year. Also this year, several companies have expanded their operations, including Eagle Rock Energy, which has a new plant in the works. Scheduled to be completed by the end of the first quarter of 2012, the plant will be located in the southern part of Hemphill County, with a maximum natural gas processing capacity of 195 million cubic feet per day. **TEN** cont. on page 5

Stock show to kick off next month

MOLLIE BRYANT
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 Next month, the Top O' Texas Junior Livestock Show Association will host the annual Gray County Junior Livestock Show. Members of Future Farmers of America and 4-H will exhibit pigs, sheep, goats and steers on Saturday, January 21, and then sell the animals on Monday, January 23.



"(The stock show is) a culmination of the kids' work from the last four months to a year, depending on the species they are showing," said 4-H advisor Brandon McGinty. "Kids show their education, because they are trimming animals, washing animals and getting them ready to show." For the kids who compete, the livestock show is a great opportunity to hone their skills, while having fun and learning about animal management. "They learn healthy competition through this project, and they also learn responsibility, record keeping, money handling, their animals and teamwork, because they help each other out, both kids and parents alike," said McGinty. "They also learn about the nutritional needs of the animal." McGinty participated in livestock shows himself for 10 years, an experience he said gave him an opportunity to meet friends who shared common interests, while developing a wealth of skills and knowledge. "I enjoyed the social aspect of it, but the skills kids learn during the show, they will utilize for the rest of their lives, including an understanding of taking care of money, looking at cost of feed and things like that," he said. "They can also get a start on a college fund that kids can go to college on."

CRMWA closes groundwater deal with Mesa Water

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 Thursday morning at the Happy State Bank in downtown Amarillo, the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority (CRMWA) closed on a \$103 million deal to purchase 211,217 surface acres of groundwater owned by T. Boone Pickens and his Mesa Water company. This purchase, which took about a year to finalize, arrives amid a period of severe drought that has caused CRMWA to reduce water allocations to its 11 member cities, including Pampa, in addition to putting Lake Meredith on an indefinite hiatus as a water source. Yesterday, the lake's depth was measured at 30.4

feet, brushing up against a record low taken last month of 30.21 feet. T. Boone Pickens parted with the water rights that he accumulated over a 10 to 15 year period, but it was a long road to selling the water to CRMWA. The decision occurred only after the businessman attempted unsuccessfully for about a decade to market the groundwater to metropolitan areas in Texas, including Dallas and



Pickens
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staff photo by Mollie Bryant
T. Boone Pickens (seated, from left), Mesa Water General Counsel Robert Stillwell and CRMWA General Manager Kent Satterwhite complete the deal between CRMWA and Pickens' Mesa Water as Joe Knox of Stewart Water Information (standing) looks on.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday
High 58 Low 34	High 64 Low 25	High 45 Low 22

Today: Sunny, with a high near 58. Wind chill values between 23 and 33 early. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 34. Wind chill values between 26 and 31. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 64. Breezy, with a southwest wind 15 to 25 mph becoming north northwest. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 25. North northeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

New Year's Day: Sunny, with a high near 45. North northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 22. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Jeffs may have broken telephone rules

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas prison officials are investigating whether convicted polygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs violated his telephone privileges with calls to a relative on Christmas Day that may have been broadcast to an audience.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Jason Clark said Thursday Jeffs made two calls, each lasting the maximum 15 minutes allowed for calls by inmates.

"It's alleged that Jeffs preached a sermon to his congregation, which means he would have had to have been on speakerphone," Clark said.

Jeffs, 55, is serving life at a unit in East Texas, about 140 miles north of Houston. He was convicted in August of sexually assaulting two of his underage brides. The charges were the result of a 2008 raid by authorities on the FLDS ranch outside Eldorado in West Texas.

He is the ecclesiastical head of the

Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Former church members have said Jeffs likely would continue to lead his Utah-based church from inside prison and that his followers likely still revere him as a prophet despite the considerable evidence at his trial showing he sexually assaulted young girls. Prosecutors used DNA evidence to show Jeffs fathered a child with a 15-year-old and played an audio recording of what they said was him sexually assaulting a 12-year-old.

If the investigators from the prison agency's Office of Inspector General find Jeffs violated phone rules, he could lose his phone privileges.

Clark said he didn't know how prison officials became aware of possible violation, but noted calls made through the agency's offender phone system are monitored and recorded. Inmates with phone access are allowed up to 240 minutes of phone time a month but calls are

limited to 15 minutes each. All calls, except to the prisoner's attorney of record, are subject to monitoring and recording.

The rules also limit the calls to only 10 people on an approved list. People on the list have gone through a registration process and also are made aware of the rules, Clark said. The calls must be made to a land line, not to a cell phone, and can't be to a business or to an international number.

"If an inmate were to be calling and it's put on speakerphone, that would be violation of the policy," Clark said.

The basic principles of Jeffs' FLDS are rooted in polygamy, a legacy of early Mormon church teachings that held plural marriage brought exaltation in heaven. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the mainstream Mormon church, abandoned the practice in 1890 as a condition of Utah's statehood and excommunicates members who engage in the practice.

Obituaries

Geraldine Lovinggood, 79

MIDWEST CITY, Okla.—Geraldine Lovinggood, 79, died December 28, 2011, in Midwest City, Okla.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 31, 2011, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, with Dale Hartman, minister of East Side Church of Christ of Midwest City, Okla., officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Lovinggood was born August 26, 1932, in Love County, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1938 before moving to Midwest City. She married Jerry Lovinggood on November 3, 1948, in Pampa. He preceded her in death in 1993. Geraldine was a longtime beauty operator in Pampa. She was a former member of Central Church of Christ in Pampa and was currently a member of East Side Church of Christ in Midwest City. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 811.

Survivors include a son, Richard Lovinggood and wife Billie of Midwest City, Okla.; two sisters, Edith Hudson of Pampa, and Charlene Alexander of Odessa; a brother, Bill Spence of Magnolia; five grandchildren, Heath Lovinggood and wife Kristin of Midwest City, Jessica Lovinggood of Oklahoma City, John Sterling of Houston, Jerri Koehler and husband Chris of Claremore, Okla., and Jamie Sterling of Broken Arrow, Okla.; six great-grandchildren, Jonathan Sterling, Jason Sterling, April Koehler, Adam Koehler, Jake Lovinggood and Carson Lovinggood. She was preceded in death by a son, David Lovinggood on January 10, 1976; and a daughter, Laura Sue Sterling on January 15, 2009.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Quality Care, 921 South Sooner Road, Midwest City, OK 73110.

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

Dawn Michelle "Shelly" McCarn, 47

Dawn Michelle "Shelly" McCarn, 47, died December 28, 2011, in Pampa.

Vigil will be at 6 p.m. Friday, December 30, 2011, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, and funeral mass will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 31, 2011, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, with Rev. Arockia Raj, associate pastor, officiating.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, January 2, 2012, at the Allen Cemetery in Allen, Okla., with Rev. Chad Kaminiski, pastor of First Baptist Church of



Lovinggood

Allen, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Shelly was born September 23, 1964, in Martinez, Calif. She graduated from Allen High School in Allen, Okla. in 1983. She married Dicky McCarn on January 10, 1987, in Ada, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1992. She was a dispatcher, jailer, Sheriff's secretary, assistant jail administrator and jail administrator with the Gray County Sheriff's Office for 16 years. She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, a volunteer with Tralee Crisis Center and a member of the Pampa High School Rodeo Booster Club.

Survivors include her husband, Dicky McCarn of the home; two sons, Corey McCarn and Tyler McCarn, both of the home; her mother, Della Hulsey of Pampa; a brother, Shane White and wife Toni of Pampa; three sisters, Arleen Chavez of Tacoma, Wash., Kelly Kidwell and husband Alden of Allen, Okla., and Davene Vernon and husband Ben of Pampa; six nephews, Lance White and Clayton White, both of Pampa, and Ian White and Mikey Chavez, both of Tacoma, Wash.; six nieces, Sherri Landry of Neodesha, Kan., Megan White of Tacoma, Wash., Rebecca Kidwell and Brooke Kidwell, both of Allen, Okla., and Kathryn Kidwell and Sara Vernon, both of Pampa; mother-in-law, Jan McCarn of Allen, Okla. Shelly was preceded in death by a brother, Brian Hulsey; and her father-in-law, Harrell "Soda Pop" McCarn.

Memorials may be made to Relay for Life, with the American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, Texas 79065, or Pampa Tri-State Rodeo Association, P.O. Box 1060, Pampa, Texas 79066.

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

William "Bill" Burton, 87

William "Bill" Burton, 87, died December 29, 2011, in Amarillo.

Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, December 31, 2011, at Fairview Cemetery, with Dr. Jeff Knighton, pastor of First Christian Church, and Steve Hawkins, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Burton was born December 31, 1923, in Arkansas City, Kan. As a young boy, his family moved to Pampa, and he graduated from Pampa High School in 1942. After graduation, Bill enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II. He married Virginia E. Olson on November 22, 1944, in San Diego, Calif. After the war, he worked for his father's company, D. V. Burton Tire Company for many years. He moved back to San Diego, Calif. where he owned a steel company for 35 years, returning to Pampa to retire. He was a member of First Christian Church of Pampa.

Survivors include his wife, Evie Burton of the home; a son, Bill Burton and wife Donna of San Diego, Calif.; a daughter, Beverly Ryan and husband George of San Diego, Calif.; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, 600 SW 11th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79101.

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

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, December 28 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 18 traffic related incidents.

Animal Control agents and Pampa PD reported 11 animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS and the Pampa Fire Department responded to 10 medical calls.

Tuesday, December 27

A burglary occurred at the 2600 block of North Seminole.

A burglary of a motor vehicle occurred at the 1000 block of Huff.

A theft was reported.

An accident occurred at the 2800 block of North Charles.

A threat occurred at the 1000 block of South Wells.

A burglary occurred at the 1600 block of North Hamilton.

A suspicious person was reported at the 500 block of West Wilks.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1200 block of North Mary Ellen.

A suspicious person was reported at Bradley and Jordan.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1700 block of North Evergreen and the 1100 block of East Kingsmill.

A DWI occurred on East Highway 60.

Wednesday, December 28

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 800 block of North Nelson.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 100 block of South Starkweather.

A theft occurred at the 1200 block of East Kingsmill.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, December 28

at 7 a.m.

Tuesday, December 27
Michael Anthony Whitesell, 53, was arrested by deputies on a fugitive warrant regarding a parole violation.

Jessica Briana Applegate, 20, was arrested by police for abandonment or endangerment of a child regarding criminal negligence.

Dewayne Gordon Hickman, 44, was arrested by police on charges of theft and failure to appear in court.

Kristie Rachelle Davis, 19, was arrested by deputies for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Brian Lane Sealman, 29, was arrested by deputies for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Zachary Joe Baker, 20, was arrested by police on charges of capias pro fines times five, failure to appear in court, animal at large and animal nuisance.

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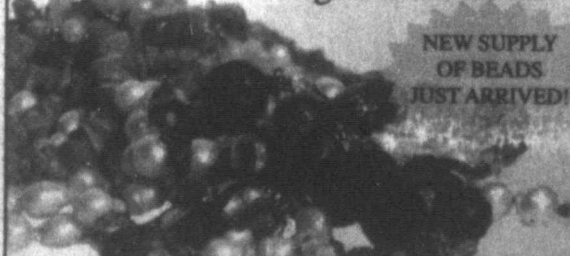
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DNA may solve old case

WESLACO (AP) - DNA evidence taken from a double-murder in South Texas 23 years ago has led police to a man they believe may be responsible for the unsolved crime.

Weslaco Police spokesman J.P. Rodriguez said Evan and Wilda Squire were gunned down in their trailer home Nov. 13, 1988.

The sleeping elderly Canadian couple awoke to find several intruders in their home. The Squires were shot multiple times before their assailants fled.

DNA evidence taken from the crime scene was entered into a law enforcement database.

More than two decades later, the DNA of a 41-year-old man in police custody in Grand Rapids, Mich., matched.

The Monitor of McAllen reports Thursday that police declined to release the man's name but said he faces extradition to Weslaco on capital murder charges.

Rig count down by 1

HOUSTON (AP) - The number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the U.S. decreased by one this week to 2,007.

Houston-based drilling product provider Baker Hughes Inc. reported Thursday that 1,193 rigs were exploring for oil and 809 for natural gas. Five were listed as miscellaneous. A year ago this week Baker Hughes reported 1,694 active rigs.

Of the major oil- and gas-producing states, Pennsylvania added four rigs and Louisiana, New Mexico, North Dakota and West Virginia each added one.

Arkansas declined by four rigs, Texas lost three and Alaska and Oklahoma each dropped one. California, Colorado and Wyoming were unchanged.

The rig count peaked at 4,530 in 1981. A low of 488 was recorded in 1999.

FAA looking into jet tire failure

DALLAS (AP) - U.S. officials are investigating why a Southwest Airlines Co. jet blew two tires during an aborted takeoff in Sacramento, Calif.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor said Thursday that the agency hasn't determined the cause of Tuesday night's incident.

There were 130 passengers aboard the Seattle-bound 737. No one was injured. Officials closed the runway at Sacramento International Airport but reopened it on Wednesday.

Tires on jetliners can blow out after hitting debris on the runway, from problems with the plane or the tires, or from heavy braking.

Southwest towed the plane off the runway. Katie McDonald, a spokeswoman for Southwest, said Thursday that the Dallas-based airline is working with the FAA to find the cause of the blowout. She said the plane has not been returned to service.

Elly May Clampett settles suit

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - The actress who played Elly May Clampett on the "The Beverly Hillbillies" has settled her lawsuit over a Barbie doll that uses the character's name and likeness.

An attorney for actress Donna Douglas says she settled with CBS and toymaker Mattel on Tuesday. Douglas' lawsuit had sought at least \$75,000. Details of the settlement were confidential.

Douglas played the critter-loving tomboy for all nine seasons of the CBS comedy about a backwoods family that strikes oil and moves to Beverly Hills.

She claimed CBS Consumer Products Inc. and Mattel Inc. needed her approval for the Barbie. In court documents, CBS and Mattel said they didn't need her OK because the network holds exclusive rights to the character.

US targets money laundering

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Obama administration has hit two men with sanctions for allegedly laundering money on behalf of Mexican and Colombian drug cartels.

The move blocks any assets in the U.S. belonging to Lebanese-Colombian nationals Jorge Fadlallah Cheaitelly and Mohamad Zouheir El Khansa, and blocks Americans from doing business with them.

The Treasury Department said Cheaitelly leads a Panama-based drug trafficking and money laundering organization with operations as far as Hong Kong. El Khansa is seen as a key partner.

The department also applied sanctions to nine people with ties to the men, and 28 entities in Colombia, Panama, Lebanon and Hong Kong.

The department's sanctions chief, Adam Szubin, said the U.S. was forcing a major money laundering network out of the international financial system, undermining its ability to help the cartels.

Home intruder shot, killed

FORT WORTH (AP) - Police say a woman has shot and killed a man attempting to break into her west Fort Worth home.

After the homeowner heard someone trying to enter her house around 3:30 a.m. Thursday she called her husband who told her to get the gun.

Police did not immediately release the name of the dead man or the shooter.

Local TV stations report that the man may have thought he was entering his own home.

Police are investigating.

Replace front door and sidelights

Dear Pat: I have an old wooden front door with sidelights. The door is in bad shape and leaky, but the sidelights are fine. Is it possible to replace just the door and not the sidelights to save money? — Pamela A.

Dear Pameja: Front doors with decorative sidelights are very popular today. As you have found, the sidelights, which are fixed in the door opening, experience much less wear and tear than the door itself.

Even though the door looks bad now, inspect it carefully. It may just need some new weatherstripping seals, a coat of paint and perhaps some new hinges. The manufacturer of the door should be able to supply you with replacement seals and hinges. If not, most use standard sizes that you can find at home center stores. This would be your least expensive option.

Unless you possess better than average carpentry skills, it will be difficult to separate the door from the sidelights. They are usually sold as single unit and installed as a unit in the door opening. You may have trouble making adequate space and supporting a new door frame between the existing sidelights.

The decorative glass is often the most expensive part of front doors and sidelights. You might consider installing double doors instead of a single door with sidelights. These can look very stylish, and with smaller windows in each door, you will still get plenty natural lighting and perhaps have more privacy.

Although it looks as though your door is a perfect fit in the wall opening, there always is a gap all around the door/sidelight frame. The door frame is shimmed in this gap and attached to the wall framing in several spots, not continuously. When there are no sidelights, each hinge has an extra long screw which reaches the wall framing. The door molding covers this gap.

There are several purposes for having a gap. It allows you, using the shims, to center and level the door if the house has settled or the wall opening is not true. It also ensures the weight of the house is

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resting on the wall framing and not the door frame. The door itself will shrink and grow with changes in the temperature and humidity level, so it needs a little room to move.

Luckily, single, double and sidelighted doors are usually made in standard sizes. Unless your house is very old, you should be able to find a replacement door/sidelight unit that will fit perfectly in the existing wall opening. When you order a new door, specify the wall opening dimensions, not the door frame dimensions.

Remove the door trim to get

access to the gap around the door. If you remove the trim carefully, you may be able to reuse it on the new door. You will be able to find the locations of the nails or screws by looking for the shims. Try to remove the nails or screws from the door frame as they were driven in. If this is a problem, use a reciprocating saw to cut through them.

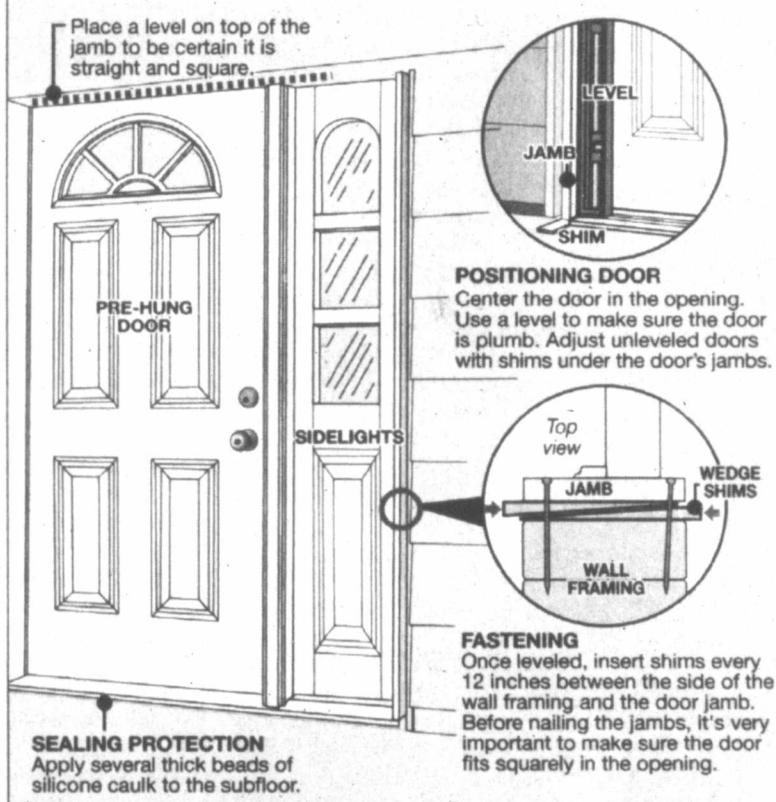
When you install your new door/sidelight unit, you might want to space it up slightly on a strip made of pressure-treated lumber. This will provide a little more clearance when the door swings open over carpeting or throw rugs.

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Exterior Door

Installing an exterior door is a job that can be tackled by homeowners with some basic tools. Here are some things you should take into consideration when installing an entry door.



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Perry dealt blow in ballot battle

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) - Texas Gov. Rick Perry lost the first round Thursday in his bid to have his name added to Virginia's Republican presidential primary ballot as a judge scheduled a hearing on the challenge after the ballot is printed.

Perry, who failed last week to obtain the needed signatures to get on the March 6 ballot, sought an emergency court order to have his name added to the two-candidate March 9 primary. By law, the ballots must be printed by Jan. 9.

U.S. District Judge John A. Gibney scheduled a hearing for a preliminary injunction for Jan. 13. He said if Perry prevailed, Virginia might have to do another printing of the ballot, the Richmond Times-Dispatch reported.

Perry and Newt Gingrich failed to win a place on the Virginia ballot last week. Both fell short of gathering the required 10,000 signatures of registered voters, with 400 from each of the state's 11 congressional districts.

Perry said "overly burdensome and unconstitutional requirements" prevented him from collecting enough signatures to be certified as a candidate. He submitted 6,000 signatures on the Dec. 22 deadline. He also challenges the part of Virginia's

law that says signatures must be gathered by a state resident, claiming that the requirements "restrict the number of message carriers" and even prevents him from soliciting signatures for his own campaign.

Perry had also asked the court to block the state Board of Elections from drawing names to determine placement on the ballot, but that occurred on Wednesday. He in turn sought the emergency order on Thursday.

Texas Rep. Ron Paul's name will appear above the name of Massachusetts' former governor, Mitt Romney.

At Thursday's hearing, Gibney questioned Perry's attorney on why he brought the challenge in federal instead of state court.

"It looks to me like it's asking the federal government to get involved in state affairs," Gibney said.

One of Perry's attorneys, Joseph M. Nixon, responded that the case "may have national implications."

Cinema 4

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Friday, Dec. 30, the 364th day of 2011. There is one day left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 30, 1936, the United Auto Workers union staged its first "sit-down" strike at the General Motors Fisher Body Plant No. 1 in Flint, Mich. (The strike lasted until Feb. 11, 1937.)

On this date:

In 1813, the British burned Buffalo, N.Y., during the War of 1812.

In 1853, the United States and Mexico signed a treaty under which the U.S. agreed to buy some 45,000 square miles of land from Mexico for \$10 million in a deal known as the Gadsden Purchase.

In 1860, 10 days after South Carolina seceded from the Union, the state militia seized the United States Arsenal in Charleston.

In 1903, about 600 people died when fire broke out at the recently opened Iroquois Theater in Chicago.

In 1922, Vladimir I. Lenin proclaimed the establishment of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

In 1965, Ferdinand Marcos was inaugurated for his first term as president of the Philippines.

In 1972, the United States halted its heavy bombing of North Vietnam.

In 1994, a gunman walked into a pair of suburban Boston abortion clinics and opened fire, killing two employees. (John C. Salvi III was later convicted of murder; he died in prison, an apparent suicide.)

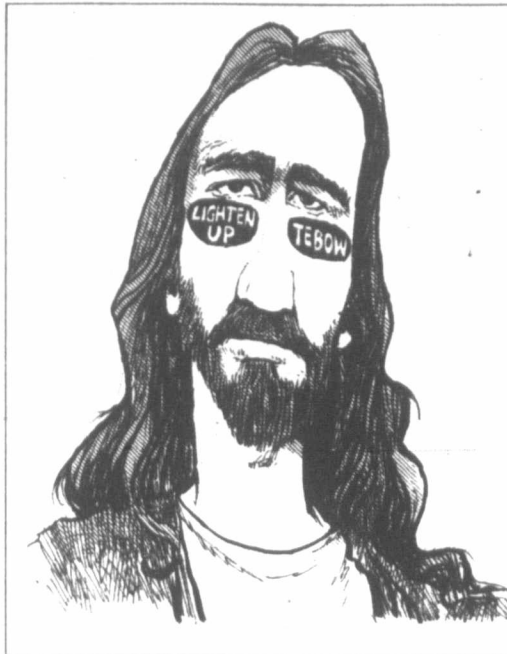
Ten years ago: Argentina's interim president, Adolfo Rodriguez Saa, resigned after seven days in office, charging that his Peronist party had abandoned him.

Five years ago: Iraqis awoke to news that Saddam Hussein had been hanged; victims of his three decades of autocratic rule took to the streets to celebrate. A state funeral service was held in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda for former President Gerald R. Ford. More than 8,500 James Brown fans filled an arena in Augusta, Ga., for a final, joyful farewell to the "Godfather of Soul."

One year ago: Republican Lisa Murkowski was officially named winner of Alaska's U.S. Senate race following a period of legal fights and limbo that had lasted longer than the write-in campaign she waged to keep her job. Former Israel President Moshe Katsav was convicted of raping an employee when he was a Cabinet minister (he is serving a seven-year sentence).

Today's Birthdays: Actor Joseph Bologna is 77. Actor Russ Tamblyn is 77. Actor Jack Riley is 76. Folk singer Noel Paul Stookey is 74. Actor Fred Ward is 69. Singer-musician Michael Nesmith is 69. Singer Davy Jones is 66. Actress Concetta Tomei is 66. Singer Patti Smith is 65. Rock singer-musician Jeff Lynne is 64. TV host Meredith Vieira is 58. Actress Sheryl Lee Ralph is 56. Actress Patricia Kalember is 55. Country singer Suzy Bogguss is 55. "Today" show co-host Matt Lauer is 54. Actress-comedian Tracey Ullman is 52. Rock musician Rob Hotchkiss is 51. Actor George Newbern is 48. Singer Jay Kay (Jamiroquai) is 42. Rock musician Byron McMackin (Pennywise) is 42. Actress Meredith Monroe is 42. Actor Daniel Sunjata is 40. Actress Maureen Flannigan is 39. Actor Jason Behr is 38. Singer-actor Tyrese Gibson is 33. Actress Eliza Dushku is 31. Rock musician Tim Lopez (Plain White T's) is 31. Actress Kristin Kreuk is 29.

Thought for Today: "The meek shall inherit the earth - if that's all right with you." - Anonymous



Losing weight is not a recipe for happiness

For the first few decades of my life, I always knew what my New Year's resolution would be: Lose weight. Get to the number on my license.

After my son was born and I was really fat for the first time (which came as a shock when I finally figured it out since I'd been convinced that I'd been fat all my life), I finally figured out that if I treated losing weight like I did everything else in my life -- with concentration, determination and a real plan -- I could actually succeed. I even wrote a book about it: "Making the Case for Yourself," which came out within days of the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

For weeks, I crisscrossed the country on a book tour that had me invited on every show everywhere I went -- to talk about Monica Lewinsky. I managed to sell books nonetheless, with lines such as "If Monica Lewinsky had been on my diet, she wouldn't have felt like she belonged under the desk."

Which actually has some truth to it. Feeling awful about yourself -- waking up every morning and castigating yourself as you stand on the scale

-- doesn't do wonders for your self-esteem. When the reporters would ask me how a feminist could write a diet book, I'd always tell them that feeling good enough about yourself to be comfortable in your own skin was as important as one of those "dress for success" suits. And it is.

But it's not the be-all and the end-all. That took me almost as long to learn.

One good thing about writing a diet book is that unless you're a mega-celebrity like Oprah, you feel pretty stupid about gaining all the weight back. So for the next decade or so, I struggled to keep it off, or at least down. Creep up five, go down three; creep up five more, make the cabbage soup; creep up again, go back to steamed vegetables. I went from a size 6 to an 8 -- packed up the tight jeans and told myself that an 8 wasn't so bad for a 50-something-year-old, which it definitely isn't.

And then my youngest went to college, and I felt like I'd gotten hit by a truck; I took on another job to pay the tuition, and the stomach-

aches that have accompanied me through life came back. There was no one to make dinner for or eat dinner with, and for the first time in my life, I lost weight without even trying. Or noticing, in particular.

I would go to try on a pair of pants and take in the 8 by habit. Then the salesperson would bring me the 6, and then the 4. Size 4? I weigh what I wished for in high school.

And no, I'm not writing this to make you jealous. Just the opposite. Here's the truth: It didn't matter. Not at all. Imagine that. My life is no different when I see the magical number on the scale. It's not a recipe for happiness and satisfaction. It really isn't a measure of anything.

So when you're making your New Year's resolutions, remember this. Be healthy. Listen to your doctor. Do what you need to do. But don't make the mistake I did: "A number on the scale is not the road to happiness. It's just a number. Like 2012."

Happy New Year.



SUSAN ESTRICH

Susan Estrich is a nationally syndicated columnist.

Wacky rules complicate race for GOP delegates

WASHINGTON (AP) - Look out for some wacky results in the race for delegates in the Republican presidential primaries and caucuses. There might even be a state or two where the second-place candidate gets the most delegates, starting with Tuesday's caucuses in Iowa.

New GOP rules require states that hold nominating contests before April to award delegates proportionally. That usually means a candidate who gets 40 percent of the vote gets 40 percent of the delegates. But not always.

The rules give states a lot of leeway to define proportional, and some states have been pretty creative. For example, in Ohio, the candidate who gets the most votes in each congressional district wins three delegates. Ohio has 16 congressional districts based on the latest census, so 48 delegates will be awarded this way.

An additional 15 delegates will be awarded proportionally, based on statewide results. Candidates must get at least 20 percent of the statewide vote to qualify for these delegates. Under this system, it is possible in a close race for a candidate to narrowly win the most congressional districts 75 and the most delegates 75 but come in second in the overall statewide vote, said Bob Bennett, a member of the Republican National Committee from Ohio.

Early on, battles over small numbers of delegates won't get much attention because candidates are more concerned about winning contests and building momentum. But if the race continues into late spring, like the 2008 battle between Democrats Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton, delegate totals become much more important.

A tight race could draw a lot of scrutiny over obscure issues like this: If you qualify for 7.5 delegates under a proportional allocation, do you round up to eight or round down to seven? (In Ohio and other states you round up to eight. In Nevada, which is holding GOP caucuses Feb. 4, party officials are still working on those details.)

"All these rules are important in

close races," Bennett said. "If you have a blowout, a sure winner, they don't matter as much."

In most national polls, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich are the front-runners for the GOP nomination. In Iowa, Rep. Ron Paul of Texas also is polling well, raising the possibility of a split vote.

The Iowa caucuses on Tuesday begin the process in that state that will result in 25 delegates being selected for the national convention. At the caucuses, voters will cast ballots in a presidential straw poll, and those results will get the most attention on election night.

Caucus-goers also will elect delegates to county conventions, who in turn will elect delegates to congressional district conventions and the state party convention in June. These are the conventions where delegates to the GOP national convention in Tampa, Fla., are selected.

Each of the four congressional districts will elect three delegates to the national convention. They will also appoint two members to a slate committee, which will choose 13 additional delegates. The slate is voted on at the party's state convention in June.

The system puts a premium on getting the most votes in individual congressional districts. If a candidate's supporters can control a congressional district convention, they can choose national delegates and slate committee members who support their candidate.

In a tight, three-way race, it is possible for a candidate to narrowly win two of the four congressional districts 75 putting him or her in position to win the most delegates 75 but come in second in overall votes statewide.

"The delegates are going to reflect the division within the party itself," said John Ryder, a member of the Republican National Committee from Tennessee who chaired the panel that wrote the new proportional rule. "The end result is nobody comes out of a proportional state

with a clear mandate, unless of course they do, which would only happen if a candidate generates commanding support among Republican voters."

A total of 2,286 delegates are slated to attend the Republican National Convention in August, and 1,144 will be needed to claim the nomination, according to the Republican National Committee. No candidate can reach that total before April, though a dominant front-runner could build a commanding lead by then.

In the meantime, the primary calendar is full of quirks. South Carolina (Jan. 21), and Florida (Jan. 31), will award all their delegates to the candidate who gets the most votes, even though they are holding their contests before April. Both states already lost half their delegates for holding early contests, so the state parties decided to make them winner-take-all. The RNC says there are no additional penalties for violating the proportional rules.

Michigan's plan for awarding delegates is very similar to Ohio's. But Michigan, which holds its primary Feb. 28, lost half its delegates because it scheduled its primary before March 6, also known as Super Tuesday. GOP rules allow only four states to hold nominating contests before Super Tuesday: Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina. And those states weren't supposed to schedule contests before February.

Michigan started with 59 delegates, but now has only 30. Nevertheless, party officials plan to award 56 delegates based on the primary (the other three will be the state's RNC members), and simply reduce each candidate's total by half. That poses several problems: Half of 56 isn't quite 30, and what if a candidate wins 25 delegates? Do they get 12 or 13? GOP rules don't allow fractions of delegates.

"We'll work that out once we get closer to choosing the delegates who will go," said Matt Frendewey, spokesman for the Michigan Republican Party.

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The plant will create about 20 positions.

Enbridge Energy also is planning an expansion, with a recent agreement to lease a 116 acre facility in the Pampa Energy Center, owned by the Pampa Economic Development Corporation. The company plans to move into the space around the first quarter. Enbridge also purchased pipelines at the site for \$4 million.

Experts in the field often cite the Granite Wash, an oil and gas reservoir in the Panhandle and southwest Oklahoma, as a bustling hub for production. Extracting oil and gas from the reservoir has accelerated in part through the use of new technologies, like fracking and horizontal drilling.

Mollie Bryant

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A run to remember

Postseason success for PHS basketball

The 2010-11 season was one to remember for the Pampa Harvesters boys basketball team.

For the first time since its last state title in 1996, Pampa won the district hoops title. Perhaps even sweeter was the fact that the team clinched the district crown on rival Borger's floor.

The magic continued for the boys in green during the postseason. In the area round, Latigo Collins took a block from Reid Miller and hit a buzzer-beating layup in a 54-41 victory. The Harvesters had to overcome a nine-point halftime deficit to beat El Paso Fabens, 67-61, to earn a trip to the regional tournament at Texas Tech University, also for the first time since '96. Pampa then followed that up by overcoming three separate game-tying attempts by Wichita Falls Hirschi to win the regional semifinals, 55-51.

The Harvesters' run was eventually ended by would-be state runners-up Burkburnett that round. Still, the boys' playoff run was one to remember for a town that hadn't seen its high school hardwood heroes thrive like that in over a decade. The great year earned accolades for several members of the team, as then-senior Garrett Ericson and then-junior Latigo Collins received spots on the regional tournament team and were named All-Region. Ericson, Collins, and then-juniors Reid Miller and Cole Engle earned First Team All-District selections, and Ericson and then-senior Zach Murray got to play in the Golden Spread All-Star Game at West Texas A&M last April.

Andrew Glover

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Keynote speaker

Laura Bush visits Pampa

If a former First Lady speaks in Pampa and nobody hears about it, does it make a sound?

That's the operative question when it comes to looking back at Laura Bush's visit to Pampa in March.

The event, organized by the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, was lavish and notable to be sure: Marked with months of local buzz, Mrs. Bush exuded eloquence and grace as she spoke to a full, attentive crowd at the commons at Pampa High School. Delivering a speech highlighted by anecdotes of post-White House life, she charmed Pampans in attendance and gave some in the community a unique peek into the life of the spouse of a onetime leader of the free world.

Involving the high school was a great move, putting a group of lucky Pampa kids in the same room as someone who has made a real difference on American society in the 21st century. Indeed, the Chamber, the high school and everyone involved deserve a particular note of praise for how well the evening went and the impression that Pampa left on the 43rd First Lady.

Still, one can't help but wonder if perhaps it could have been more. A visit from a former First Lady, especially one who forwent the passive route and instead did so much for causes like literacy and women's issues like Laura Bush had done, could have been particularly historic for Pampa. Instead, limited media exposure meant that her Gray County appearance went virtually unnoticed in markets such as Amarillo and Lubbock, perhaps marking a missed opportunity for the community to market itself as a big red pushpin on the Panhandle map for one very special, regionally significant evening.

Did people talk about it? Yes. Was it news? Certainly. Should the community be grateful she was here? Without a shadow of a doubt.

Is it something that we'll look back on in a few years as something that made any real community impact, or is it going to be resigned to local nostalgia, a spotlight unshined?

That's the question keeping it from climbing higher on our list.

Arnie Aurellano

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Happy trails

Chisum decides to leave Texas House of Representatives

For more than two decades Pampa has had the same congressional representation in Austin. In 2011, the district's voters learned that was soon to change.

The beginning of the 2011 saw longtime (22 years) State Rep. Warren Chisum making a bid for the House Speakership. The local representative was not alone. He was vying for the Republican nomination along with Ken Paxton of McKinney and the incumbent speaker Joe Straus of San Antonio.

The goal proved to be out of reach for Pampa's Chisum with Straus drawing 70 out of 100 votes cast during a Jan. 10 afternoon meeting of the House Republican Caucus, a meeting pushed for by Chisum.

The caucus straw vote was made official the following day when Straus drew 132 of the 147 votes cast during the legislative session. Chisum dropped out of the race after the caucus and announced he would be voting for Straus.

The well-respected local congressman soon made it known that he would not be running for reelection at State Representative for District 88 and rumors began to circulate that he would be seeking a seat on the Texas Railroad Commission.

He acknowledged the validity of those rumors during a speech before the Pampa Chamber of Commerce

on Aug. 16.

The chamber followed up the recognition by sponsoring a "Thank You" dinner for the legislator at the Chisum Ranch.

"It's been a fun 22 years for me," Chisum said to his supporters. "There were times where you wanted to cry and go home and there were times where you'd done something good, and think that's all right."

Randy Pribble

Water works

Pampa H2O Aquatic Center opens

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After a long wait, Pampa H2O arrived — literally — with a splash.

The city's new water park, touted by city officials as an addition that would help the city's coffers and bring visitors into the Pampa area, was officially opened in June, replacing the old city swimming pool and giving Gray County residents a new recreational option in town.

Featuring a bevy of slides, sprinklers, showers and other wet, wild ways to have fun, the park quickly earned good reviews from area kids. Pampa's adults, too, had a reason to be pleased: Perhaps buoyed by the record high temperatures, the park's debut month was a fruitful one, with 22,000 people bringing \$120,000 in entrance revenue and \$40,000 from concession sales.

Later, at a city budget meeting in August, it was reported that the facility had already served about 50,000 people and generated \$300,000 in revenue from admission and concession sales. Those numbers quantify only the park's direct financial impact; city officials heard during a meeting later that month that an estimated 40 percent of the water park's traffic came from out-of-town visitors, and that many local businesses had experienced higher than usual summer traffic. Assistant City Manager Shane Stokes also pointed to the city's increased sales tax numbers during the summer as a further indicator of H2O's early success.

Still, the road to H2O was not without its bumps. Planning and construction for the park was a long, deliberate process, with the city accepting contractor Fain Group's base bid (\$3,730,157) in May of 2010. Originally scheduled to be unveiled on Memorial Day this year, the opening was postponed to ensure the safety of park guests. A five-hour walkthrough inspection by city officials had revealed that not enough of the non-skid material had been used in the pools' paint, raising concerns that surfaces would be too slippery when wet.

"We just feel it's not worth cutting any corners just in order to open on time," Stokes said at the time. "We instructed the contractor to slow down and do everything right."

The delay was a disappointing one, for sure, but the positive returns from the park's truncated summer can only raise optimism for H2O's 2012.

Arnie Aurellano

[Editor's Note: The Pampa News' Top Ten of 2011 countdown will resume in the Weekend edition of The Pampa News.]

At a glance: How states fared on unemployment

The number of people seeking unemployment aid rose last week for the first time in a month. But the rise comes after weekly claims fell to their lowest level in three and a half years in the previous week, and the overall downward trend suggests hiring could accelerate soon.

Here are states with the biggest increases and decreases in unemployment benefit applications, and some of the reasons for the changes. The state data is for the week ended Dec. 17, one week behind the national figures:

States with the biggest decreases:
 Pennsylvania: Down 3,667, due to fewer layoffs in the construction, plastic and educational services industries

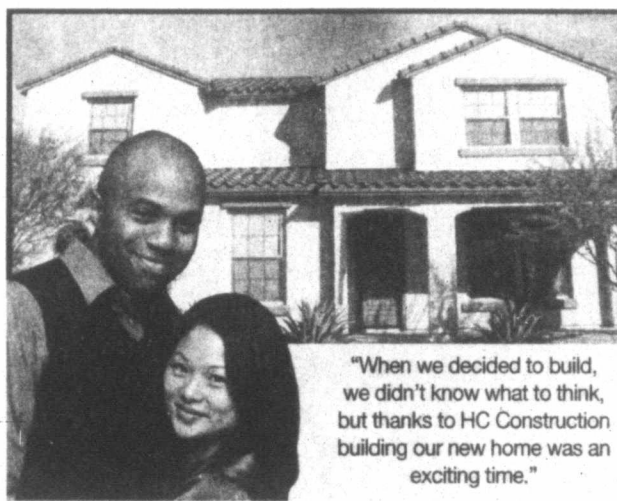
Michigan: Down 3,523, due to fewer layoffs in construction
 Illinois: Down 3,092, due to fewer layoffs in services, trade and construction

Georgia: Down 2,133, due to fewer layoffs in manufacturing, services, trade and construction
 Texas: Down 1,747, no reason given

Florida: Down 1,688, due to fewer layoffs in agriculture, manufacturing, construction and retail

States with the biggest increases:
 California: Up 4,754, due to layoffs in services

New York: Up 1,163, due to layoffs in construction, educational services, and the real estate, rental and leasing industry



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Gulf coast gains retirees in weak economy

ROCKPORT (AP) - Linda Vander Woude spent one winter in Florida - and then headed West.

The price of staying in Florida's popular Fort Myers area when her husband's job went overseas - forcing an earlier-than-expected retirement - was too high. The crowds were too large. And the couple did not feel welcomed by the locals. So they looked for an alternative warm destination to flee to when frigid winter descended on their hometown, Kentwood, Mich.

"We were looking for something cheaper and warm, and we found Rockport," on the Texas Gulf Coast, the 63-year-old Vander Woude said, settling down for a night of country music and dancing at the Drifters Resort community hall.

For years, it seemed, the charms of the Texas Gulf Coast were largely a secret - much to the chagrin of the locals, the business owners and the few outsiders aware of its magic. Now though, that is changing as baby boomers seek cheaper, less-crowded winter destinations and flock to small towns that dot the South Texas coast.

The water is not as blue as Florida's. The winters are slightly less mild. The shopping is not as highfalutin. It's not nearly as hip as popular spring break destination South Padre Island along the Texas-Mexico border.

But the price is right, the economy is weak, and Texans are winning these folks over with Southern charm.

"Here, we're called Winter Texans. In Florida, we're snowbirds," explained Jan Evenson, a Waterloo, Iowa native who spent two-and-a-half winters in Florida and never felt comfortable.

Evenson, 73, has been coming to Texas for 11 years, though until about six years ago, she and her husband would drive down to "the Valley" - the popular winter destination along Texas' border with Mexico.

Now, with gas prices rising and the border getting more violent, Evenson and her husband prefer Rockport - one of many small villages along the central portion of the Texas Gulf Coast.

This appears to be the trend, says Ann Vaughan, president and CEO of the Port Aransas Chamber of Commerce and Tourist Bureau. Port Aransas is about 18 miles and a ferry ride away from Rockport. The chamber hasn't done an official survey since 2004, but participation in community events and activities show the numbers of Winter Texans steadily increasing.

Gary Mysorski, director of parks and recreation in Port Aransas, says the number of people participating in his department's activities has gone up from just over 1,300 in the winter of 2009-10 to 1,700 last winter. Activities range from arts and crafts to catamaran cruises. This year, he even offered one activity before Thanksgiving - usually too early for the Winter Texans - and it was full.

"Years ago, the city would shut down during the winter ... they ran from Memorial Day to Labor Day and then nothing happened. And then as the Winter Texans began coming down, this all changed," Mysorski said, explaining that winter is now one of the busiest seasons.

Rockport and Fulton, two adjacent towns, have noticed a similar phenomenon, said Diane Probst, president and

CEO of the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce.

The towns attract about 5,000 to 8,000 Winter Texans, she said. The entire region, including Corpus Christi, attracts more than 30,000 retirees, still considerably less than the 140,000 or so who flock to the border area, but significant for this sleepy area.

Past research shows the impact of their spending. A 2004 study commissioned by the Port Aransas Chamber of Commerce found that these visitors doubled the local population of about 3,500 for the five months they were around. Just in that town, they were estimated to spend \$13 million annually, creating the equivalent of 380 full-time jobs - 16 percent of the city's total.

A 2009 study done by Rockport and Fulton - with a combined population of about 10,000 people - found that some 3,000 people wintered in these towns. Using estimates provided by hotels and RV parks, the chamber estimated they spend about \$5.4 million a year there.

And last year, Probst said the towns enjoyed a 10 percent increase in Winter Texan traffic - and a change in demographic.

"It was a different clientele, not just the person that all they had was their RV," Probst said. "They want to do more. They want to learn and see and visit and get out and do and be active, not just coming to fish and that's it. We see them in our restaurants, we see them want to go and explore and get involved and volunteer."

And so, these towns are rushing to offer more, and different, activities.

The Joint Effort Leisure Ministry, or JELM, is a not-for-profit organization housed by the Community Presbyterian Church in Port Aransas. With donations from Winter Texans and local residents, JELM offers a variety of programs and day trips. In the five years Pat Reilly has been the group's director, she has seen a steady increase.

Usually, she said, by the end of December she has only 100 applications. This year, she already has 130.

"This is an indication that by Jan. 1, when I usually have 300 registration forms filled out, I will be ahead by one-third," Reilly said. "That's an incredible number for a small town like Port Aransas."

Participation was so high last year that Reilly has added several trips, including three new birding excursions, to her repertoire of line dancing, bridge and other activities.

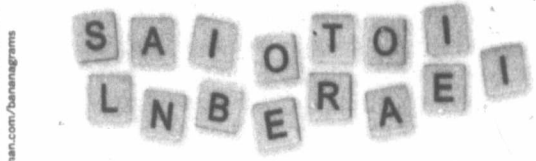
"People are telling me that their retirement dollars aren't going as far as they used to," said Reilly. Traditionally visitors hailed from the Midwest and Canada, but "lately, I've been getting people from the East Coast. I never had people from New Jersey until this year."

Larry Buerger, 72, and his wife, Louise, 71, traveled from Florida to Arizona and Nevada before finally deciding they wanted to spend the rest of their winters in Texas - far warmer than their hometown of Ironwood in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

"Part of it was the economy," said Larry Buerger, who also likes the fishing. "Groceries, gas, restaurants - it's all cheaper."

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XL firm given off-limits areas map

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) - The Canadian company that wants to build a \$7 billion pipeline to carry tar sands oil across the Plains to refineries near the Gulf of Mexico now has an official map of environmentally sensitive areas to avoid in Nebraska.

State officials said Thursday that TransCanada will have to use a 10-year-old map of the Sandhills region as it develops a new route through Nebraska for the proposed Keystone XL pipeline. TransCanada agreed in November to develop the new route through Nebraska to avoid the environmentally sensitive Sandhills.

"Obviously, the applicant cannot propose the route without knowing the area to be avoided," said Mike Linder, director of the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.

TransCanada's proposed Keystone XL project is designed to carry oil from Canada across Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. TransCanada also has proposed connecting it to the Bakken oil field in Montana and North Dakota.

The project has drawn criticism from environmen-

tal groups that raised concerns the pipeline could foul underground and surface water supplies, increase air pollution around refineries and harm wildlife.

The U.S. State Department cited concerns about the Keystone XL route, especially near the Sandhills and Ogallala aquifer in Nebraska, when it decided to delay approval of the project. The entire project remains on hold while a new route is developed and studied. The review process for the new route is expected to last six to nine months.

TransCanada officials say the company will follow through on its commitment to route the pipeline around the Sandhills. Spokesman James Millar said the new Sandhills map will be useful.

"It's a very helpful and positive step," Millar said.

The original Keystone XL route would have entered Keya Paha County near the center of the state and followed a diagonal path southeast to Steele City in Jefferson County. That proposed path crosses a significant section of the Sandhills in Keya Paha, Rock, Holt, Garfield and Wheeler counties.

It's not yet clear

how much it will cost TransCanada to re-route the pipeline in Nebraska, but Millar said the company doesn't expect the change to significantly affect the total cost. TransCanada estimates about 100 miles of the 1,700-mile route will have to change.

TransCanada expects to have its alternative route through Nebraska approved by next September or October, Millar said.

Nebraska officials plan to hold at least two rounds of public hearings in the state as part of their evaluation of the new route. Linder said he the first public meetings could be held as soon as February after TransCanada submits its proposed alternative routes. The second round of public meetings will be held several months later after the state develops a draft of its environmental review of the route.

Nebraska lawmakers passed two pipeline laws during a special session in November to give the state more oversight of major oil pipelines, including the Keystone XL. TransCanada agreed to move the route away from the Sandhills and submit to a state environmental review.

Water

San Antonio. Pickens said that concerns regarding water supplies in the Panhandle played into his decision to sell to CRMWA.

"There's no question that the best place for the water is here," he said. "If you can use the water, it should stay up here. We don't want to be taking it out of here. So, I got to feeling a little guilty that I was about to move the water."

Kent Satterwhite, General Manager of CRMWA, estimates that it could be a year and a half to three years before the water becomes available to the 500,000 people in the Panhandle and South Plains that the organization serves. But for now, CRMWA board members like Norman Wright, president of the board, view the future of the area with an increased sense of optimism.

"Even after all of us are gone, (the water) will still be here, serving the needs of West

Texas, and I just could not be happier about the conclusion of this project we've been working on for so long," said Wright. "We've accomplished something for those who come after us, like somebody else accomplished something for us before we came. It takes each generation to provide for the next one."

While CRMWA entered into the purchase without an immediate plan, the group estimates that the groundwater should provide for the area for the next century.

"From my perspective, buying this large chunk of water altogether, next to what we already have is huge," said Chad Pernel, Deputy General Manager of CRMWA. "We couldn't have done that anywhere else. There's no better water for CRMWA to buy location-wise (or) quality-wise, so it was perfect for us."

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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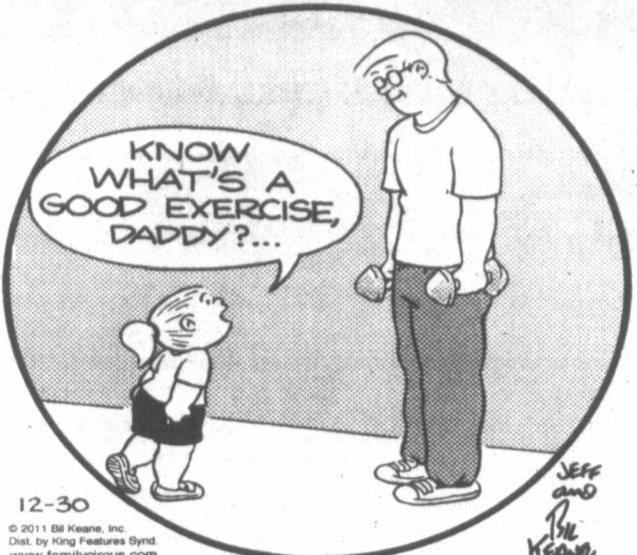
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Dec. 30, 2011:

This year you often find yourself confused or in situations where misunderstandings cause a problem. Learn better ways of communicating. Learn to confirm appointments as well as what you thought you heard. Much of the stress you experience will be between you and others. Relationships will become an important issue. If you are single, move in a new direction as far as meeting people. Don't count on a bond being forever at this time. If you are attached, the two of you should consider a weekend workshop in communicating. Your relationship will bond more tightly as a result. **PISCES** draws you out.

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 push so hard that you often miss out on other parts of your life. Right now, rest up for the next hurdle. You have a unique sense of what works and what you want. Honor yourself accordingly. Tonight: Work on your resolutions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ No one needs to tell you anything, and maybe no one should try. You are determined. You feel you have destiny behind you. You easily toss off a misunderstanding or disagreement. Don't count on a child or loved one agreeing with you. Tonight: You are master of your night.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Take charge of what has been neglected and needs handling. Others might have slackened off or might not see the importance of a key task like you do. Be willing to stand up for what you believe. Don't worry about some flak here or there. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Reach out for someone you care about. How you feel and what goes on could be subject to change. Sometimes you can change the current. Is this what you want to do at this point? Resolve a conflict rather than hold back. Tonight: Speak your mind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Realize the power and strength of teaming up with the right person. Though you are strong by yourself, together you are a force to be reckoned with. Be careful with a difference of opinion. Respect your

differences. Tonight: Avoid a money discussion if it is going to be a source of anger.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to think before you speak. Who wants to go into the new year riding a wave of disruption and arguments? Sometimes postponing a talk might feel like the right way to go. Tonight: Move through an issue.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Stay even and direct. Your ability to move forward despite an underlying distraction or frustration could be a problem. Confusion surrounds motives and choices. Let it all go. You could argue into next year otherwise. Tonight: Easy works.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your playfulness emerges as sensuality, causing a disruption in a partnership, especially if you're flirting with someone else. Do use caution, as you want to avoid a problem rather than allow it to develop. Prioritize, Scorpi. Tonight: Let your hair down.

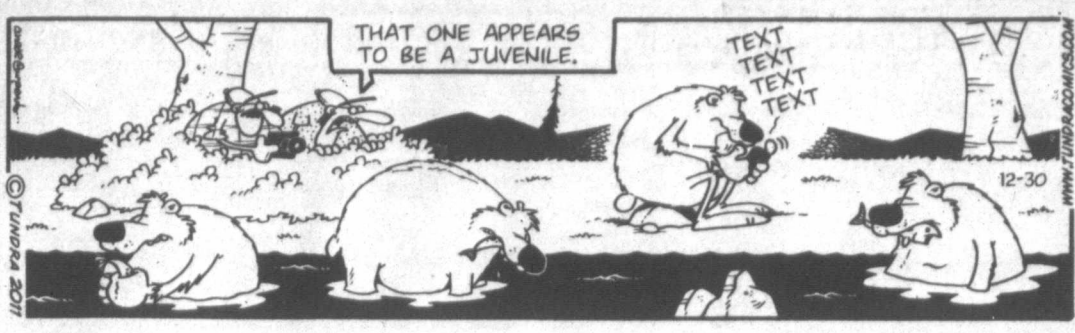
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Tension builds, especially on the home front. A deadline of sorts weighs on you, triggering some distress. Investigate several ways to let go of the issues. How much do you need to handle now? "Now" means just that. Clear them out if need be. Tonight: Close to home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ A conversation cannot be postponed much longer. Someone keeps calling and calling — the theme is clear. A talk or get-together won't be as rough as you might think. A misunderstanding weaves into the problem. Tonight: Why not let the party begin?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Don't use finances or another person's ire as a reason not to do something. If you can clear up a misunderstanding, do. Respect each other's point of view, and use both perspectives to grow and gain. The smart move is to work through your differences. Tonight: On a roll. Think "resolutions."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You cannot seem to convince others of your rightness. Perhaps that is because it is only right for you. Give others the space they need to live and act on their views. Once they have their way, they would become more compliant. Tonight: Go with another person's suggestion.

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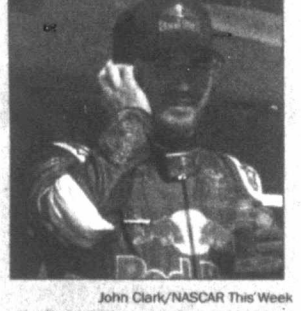
Sprint Cup 2012
Daytona 500, Feb. 26, Time TBA

Nationwide Series 2012
DRIVE4OPD 300, Feb. 25, Time, TV TBA

Truck Series 2012
NextEra Energy Resources 250, Feb. 24, Time TBA

BURNING ISSUES

- ▶ David Ragan has won at the Sprint Cup level. He is an admirable person and a really good guy. It would be nice to see those virtues play some small role in securing him a ride.
- ▶ If, as widely thought, A.J. Allmendinger's contract with Penske Racing is only for one year, the pressure to succeed will be considerable.
- ▶ Best Buy has moved from Richard Petty Motorsports to Roush Fenway Racing and Matt Kenseth, but the 2003 Winston Cup champion only gets nine races of primary sponsorship from the electronics retailer.
- ▶ In most years NASCAR activity comes to a near-halt during the holidays. This year has been a notable exception.
- ▶ It's also rare to have so many plans incomplete at this point in the offseason. Some of the sport's more prominent teams have an alarming number of T's uncrossed and I's undotted.
- ▶ Don't kid yourself. The odds-on favorite for the Cup championship is still Jimmie Johnson. Five out of six trump one off year.
- ▶ The advent of fuel-injected engines should increase the interest in upcoming test sessions at Daytona.
- ▶ The silence seems deafening in regard to Brian Vickers' plans. Maybe he's getting ready to spring a surprise.
- ▶ It's got to be tempting for an owner with little sponsorship to look more for a driver who will bring a car home in one piece than one more likely to take checkered flags.
- ▶ Get ready to see almost everything overstated and hyped as Speedweeks at Daytona nears.



John Clark/NASCAR This Week
After Richard Petty Racing shut down, Brian Vickers' 2012 race plans are quiet for now. But he's still in the mix for some teams.

LEGENDS AND LORE

A Day For Drama At Talladega

On July 28, 1985, Cale Yarborough won the Talladega 500, with his Harry Ranier-owned Hardee's Ford crossing the finish line ahead of Neil Bonnett in a Chevy, Ron Bouchard in a Buick and Bill Elliott in a Ford, respectively. A.J. Foyt took fifth in his Olds. The lead swapped hands 30 times — Elliott led 100 of the 188 laps — and the crowd was estimated at 88,000.



WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT

▶ **Who's hot:** A.J. Allmendinger has "traded up" by moving from Petty to Penske. ... Many were surprised by Kurt Busch signing with Phoenix Racing, but it's a ride and Busch needed one.

▶ **Who's not:** David Ragan, who won at Daytona last summer, is starting to look like the odd man out in the offseason shuffles. ... Kyle Busch's impending withdrawal both underscores the struggles of the Truck series and provides competitive hope for others in the series looking for wins.



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2012 LOOK AHEAD



SPRINT CUP SERIES
The first of the season's two all-star events will be run for the 34th time and for the ninth consecutive year under the lights. In the years 1979-97, it was known as the Busch Clash. It was the Bud Shootout from 1998-2000 and became the Budweiser Shootout officially in 2001.
Next up: Budweiser Shootout, Daytona International Speedway (2.5 mi.), Daytona Beach, Fla., Feb. 18.
Last year's winner: Kurt Busch, Dodge.
Recent winners: Busch (2011), Kevin Harvick (2009-10), Dale Earnhardt Jr. (2003, '08), Tony Stewart (2001-02, '07), Denny Hamlin (2006), Jimmie Johnson (2005), Dale Jarrett (2000, '04).



NATIONWIDE SERIES
For many years, Daytona hosted a National Sportsman race known as the Permatex 300 on the day before the 500, but this race's lineage officially began when what is now the Nationwide Series was founded in 1982. Dale Earnhardt won the first one and later captured five in a row from 1990-94.
Next up: Drive4OPD 300, Daytona International Speedway (2.5 mi.), 120 laps/300 miles, Daytona Beach, Fla., Feb. 25.
Last year's winner: Tony Stewart, Chevy.
Recent winners: Stewart (2005-06, '08-11), Kevin Harvick (2007), Dale Earnhardt Jr. (2002-04), Randy Laloe (1999, 2001), Matt Kenseth (2000).



CAMPING WORLD TRUCK SERIES
Trucks never raced at Daytona until 2000, when Mike Wallace won the crash-marred debut of the series on a so-called restrictor-plate track. Toyota drivers have won the past five races, and, surprisingly, no driver has ever piloted a Chevy to victory. The first seven races saw Fords win four and Dodges three. A Toyota has visited victory lane in each race since.
Next up: NextEra Energy Resources 250, Daytona Int'l Speedway (2.5 mi.), 100 laps/250 miles, Daytona Beach, Fla., Feb. 24.
Last year's winner: Michael Waltrip, Toyota.
Previous winners: Waltrip (2011), T. Peters (2010), T. Bodine (2008-09), J. Sprague (2007), M. Martin (2006), B. Hamilton (2005), C. Edwards (2004), R. Crawford (2003), R. Pressley (2002), Joe Ruttman (2001), M. Wallace (2000).

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

A.J. ALLMENDINGER SPRINT CUP SERIES No. 22 SHELL OIL/PENSKERACING DODGE



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With Todd Gordon as his crew chief, 30-year-old driver A.J. Allmendinger was hired last week to take over Kurt Busch's ride at Penske Racing. Allmendinger leaves Richard Petty Motorsports to take the place of the former Cup champion.

A.J.'s Coup

Allmendinger lands Kurt Busch's job at Penske

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

When last we checked in on 30-year-old A.J. Allmendinger, it was rumored that he might lose his ride at Richard Petty Motorsports. As it turned, that was the bad news. The good news was that Allmendinger was en route to replacing Kurt Busch in the No. 22 Dodge of Penske Racing. Allmendinger, originally from Los Gatos, Calif., has competed in 152 Sprint Cup races. He hasn't won, but he's collected a pole (Phoenix, April 2010), four top-five finishes and 26 top 10s. His career best was a third in the 2009 Daytona 500. Noting the history of Roger Penske's teams in most forms of American auto racing, Allmendinger said, "It's the pinnacle. It's something I've always dreamed of, and I just feel like the way he (Penske) runs his organization, the way he takes care of his people, is first-class and top-notch. That's something I wanted to be a part of."

When the new season begins, Allmendinger will have Brad Keselowski, the fifth-place finisher in NASCAR's 2011 Chase, as a teammate. He succeeds Busch, who finished 11th in the final standings as both Penske entries qualified for the "race-offs." "Over the past five years, I feel like I've made good progress throughout each year, and that is hopefully going to allow me to take the next step of my career and really contend for race wins and try to make the Chase," Allmendinger said. "The championship is the ultimate goal. ... To get this chance has just been amazing. It's been quick. It's happened real fast, but I'm ready to go." Todd Gordon will be the crew chief. He replaced Kurt Busch's crew chief, Steve Addington, who moved to the same position with the new champion, Tony Stewart. "One of the biggest things that I've wanted in a race team is stability," Allmendinger said. "Knowing this (Penske) is a great place made the decision a little bit easier."

NASCAR's musical chairs are fast shifting already

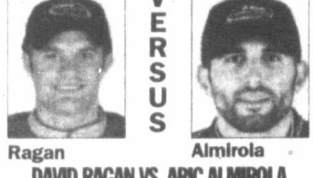
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It came as no surprise when Richard Petty released driver A.J. Allmendinger, but when Allmendinger signed almost immediately with Roger Penske as Kurt Busch's replacement, it changed the off-season landscape. Another surprise was Busch's signing with Phoenix Racing, quelling speculation that Busch might be headed to either Richard Petty Motorsports or Joe Gibbs Racing. Busch going with James Finch's team should have the effect of solidifying Joey Logano's status at JGR, not to mention affirming the team's frequent votes of confidence. Meanwhile, David Ragan, thought by many to be headed to Penske Racing instead of Allmendinger, was still formulating plans when this page went to press. Reports circulated leading into Christmas week-end that Ragan would sign with RPM, but then others arose that suggested Aric Almirola was really Allmendinger's heir apparent. It's not often that this much happens in NASCAR during the holidays. Sources at RPM suggested that no announcement would be made until after New Year's. **Meanwhile** — The younger Busch brother, Kyle, appears unlikely to compete, at least on any sort of regular basis, in the Camping World Truck Series in 2012. On a Sirius XM NASCAR show, Kyle Busch

NUTS AND BOLTS

Motorsports general manager Rick Ren said Busch would likely throttle back on his Truck competition "at the request, not demand" of his Sprint Cup team, Joe Gibbs Racing, and one of its sponsors, M&M's. Ren said he still expects Busch to compete in the Nationwide Series in Toyotas fielded by his own team. Whether the team will withdraw from Truck competition completely hasn't been finally determined, but Ren suggested that it was probable. **Undefined plans** — Penske Racing president Tim Cindric tried his best not to be pinned down on reports that Allmendinger's contract with the team is only for one year. Cindric said that the team's plans for Allmendinger were "set up for the long term" but offered nothing in the way of specifics. In other words, performance will determine whether Allmendinger will be in the No. 22 Dodge for more than one year. **No quit in this guy** — Geoff Bodine, 62, has announced plans to compete in at least 15 Cup races thanks to additional support from Luke & Associates, a Florida-based firm specializing in providing health care for the military. Bodine said he wants to run the full schedule. He hasn't announced which team he will join — he ran some races with Tommy Baldwin in 2011 — but said he expects to make an announcement within the next week.

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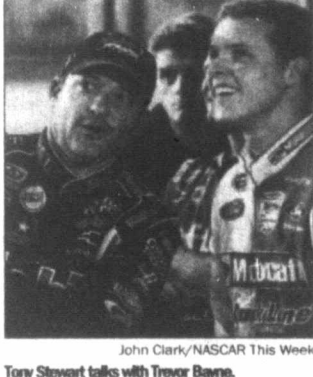


DAVID RAGAN VS. ARIC ALMIROLA

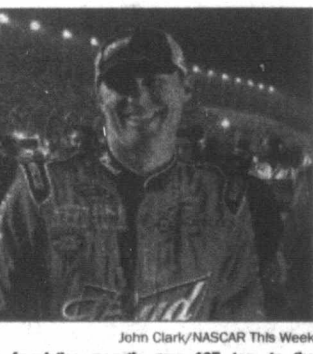
There's no hand-to-hand combat here, but both appear to be competing for the opening at Richard Petty Motorsports. Sponsorship could be involved in the choice. Ragan is a Sprint Cup race winner. Almirola has been one of relatively few success stories in NASCAR's diversity program. Ragan is one of NASCAR's more well-liked figures. How their relative attributes play into sponsorship talks undoubtedly will play a role in which, if either, gets the ride. **NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take:** "Ragan is the nicer guy. Almirola may have more connections. At some point, 'show me the money' has to enter into Richard Petty's discussions, and it is probably the deciding factor."

Know Your NASCAR

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4. What is Kurt Busch's favorite baseball team?
5. What is Matt Kenseth's favorite football team?
6. What is Jeff Burton's favorite college basketball team?
7. Who was president when Fred Lorenzen won his final race?
8. Who was president when Dale Earnhardt won his first Cup race?
9. Who was president when David Pearson won his third championship?
10. Who was the only driver to win the Chase without winning any of the races in it?
11. What was the original name of Talladega Superspeedway?
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Trevor Bayne talks with Kevin Harvick.



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Kevin Harvick's foundation recently gave 125 toys to the Martinsville Speedway Toy Drive on Dec. 21.

FAN TIPS

Harvick's Gift of Toys

The Kevin Harvick Foundation donated about 125 toys to the Martinsville Speedway Toy Drive, held on Dec. 21. The toys were distributed to needy youngsters by Christmas Cheer of Martinsville and Henry County (Va.). Kevin and Delana Harvick live about 35 miles south of the speedway and consider it their home track. The Kevin Harvick Foundation and radio station 93.1 The Wolf sponsored a month-long toy drive and fund-raising concert at Johnny and June's in Winston-Salem, N.C., featuring country singer Jake Owen as well as the EB Young Band. The beneficiaries of that event were foster children in Guilford and Forsyth (N.C.) counties.

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Sports

Slow start dooms Pampa, Harvester rally falls short

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LUBBOCK — Head coach Dustin Miller was hoping a strong 3A team like the Andrews Mustangs would spark his team to start strong in the Fibermex Caprock Classic quarterfinals Thursday at Lubbock Cooper. Instead, Pampa got off to a slow start and couldn't complete a second half comeback in a 67-60 loss.

"We didn't play very well for whatever reason," Miller said. "I can't put a finger on it."

Pampa never lead and trailed by double digits for half the game. Offensively, the Harvesters settled for jumpers and didn't hit very many. Pampa trailed 14-10 after the first and 37-18 at halftime. Junior Derrek Pollard said how they warmed up was key to their lack of success.

"We need to be more focused when we do our warm-ups," Pollard said. "We need to stop playing around and act like we have game that is important and need to win."

Defensively, the Harvesters struggled with their rotation which allowed Andrews several wide open threes. Blaine Chavez hit three three-pointers

in the first half and five for the game. Tanner Eggleston also hit two threes in the first half.

"Our defensive rotation was horrible," Miller said. "Man or zone. We got a lot of work to do."

Pollard said the team could have played better in the zone.

"Our man defense was pretty good but our zone is what we rely on," Pollard said.

The Harvesters rallied in the second half, thanks to strong play on the offensive boards by Pollard and junior Tyler Powell. Senior Cole Engle hit a three midway through the quarter to cut Andrews' advantage to single digits. Engle was held to two points in the first half but scored nine in the second. Senior Latigo Collins also had a stronger second half, scoring 11 of his 15 points.

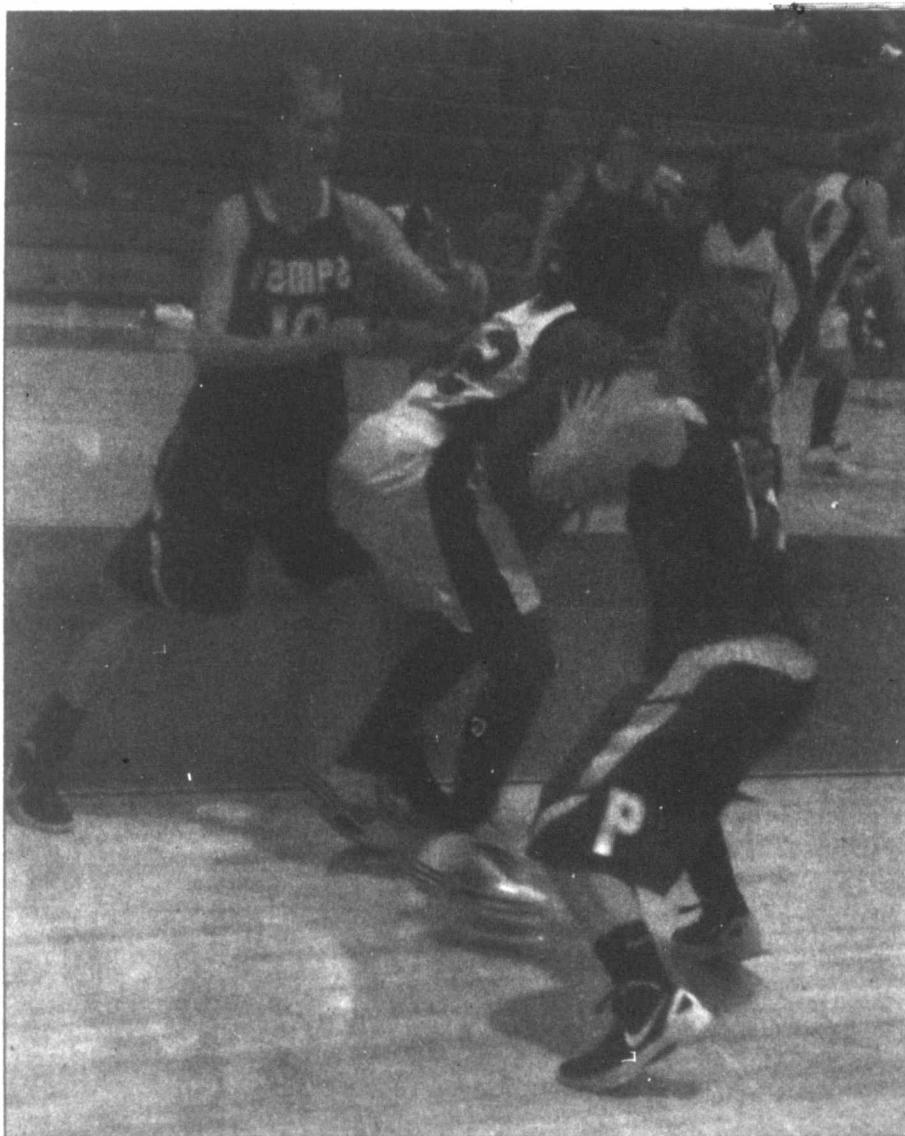
Pampa got within seven but was unable to get closer. Collins led the team in scoring with 15. Pollard followed with 12 and Engle followed with 11. Chavez led the Mustangs in scoring with 24 points, Sid Baeza followed with 17.

The Harvesters (9-5) will play in the fifth place game at 1:30 p.m. at Lubbock Estacado.



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Junior Derrek Pollard has the ball knocked away from him Thursday against Andrews in the quarterfinals of the Fibermex Caprock Classic. Pampa lost 67-60 and will play in the fifth place game today.



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Seniors Kailyn Troxell (in green, left) and **Lindsey Brown** double team a Lady Hornet in the second half of the Fibermex Caprock Classic second round. Pampa lost 60-48 at Lubbock Coronado High School.

Old issues plague PHS girls in tournament loss to Tulia

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LUBBOCK — The Pampa Lady Harvesters were looking to continue their momentum against the Tulia Lady Hornets Wednesday at Lubbock Coronado. Instead, they were struck with their issues from earlier in the season in a 60-48 loss in the second round of the Fibermex Caprock Classic.

Head coach Gene Valentine said free throw opportunities were key to their loss.

"We got to the free throw line eight times," Valentine said. "They got to the line 24 times."

Foul calls were pretty even as Pampa was called for 21 to Tulia's 17.

The Lady Harvesters started slowly as they committed seven fouls and nine turnovers in the first quarter. The Lady Hornets pulled away at the end of the first quarter and led 18-10.

In the next two quarters, Pampa adjusted to Tulia's style of play. Senior Delaney Clendening found herself open several times for jumpers and hit most of them. The Lady Harvesters cut Tulia's lead to three at halftime (34-31). Junior Taylor Morgan gave Pampa its first lead at 36-35 with a third quarter jumper. The

teams played back-and-forth the rest of the third with Tulia holding a 39-38 lead at the end of the quarter.

Valentine said he had several players step up.

"Our shooting was great," Valentine said. "Delaney stepped up. Taylor hit some. We had it collectively. It wasn't enough to win."

At the end of the third, senior guard Kirsten Kuhn went down with cramps and didn't return until the middle of the fourth quarter. Pampa suffered some untimely turnovers, which Tulia took advantage of to build a 52-43 lead. Kuhn's return didn't spark a rally as the Lady Harvesters stayed behind by ten the rest of the game.

Valentine said he was proud of his girls for getting back in it.

"I'm proud of them for their effort," Valentine said. "They came back. I feel like we had to work hard. ... We just got tired because we had to play catch up."

Clendening led the team in scoring with 23. Senior Caitlin Sieck followed with nine. Markeyla Hicks led the Lady Hornets in scoring with 17.

The Lady Harvesters (7-10) played Brownfield Thursday in the consolation bracket. The winner will play for the Consolation Championship 10:30 a.m. Friday at Lubbock Estacado.



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Junior Tyler Powell fights for a rebound against Andrews Thursday. Powell's offensive rebounding was key to a second half rally.



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