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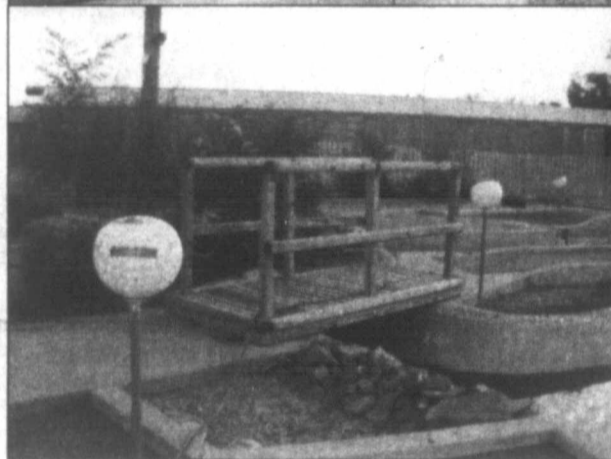
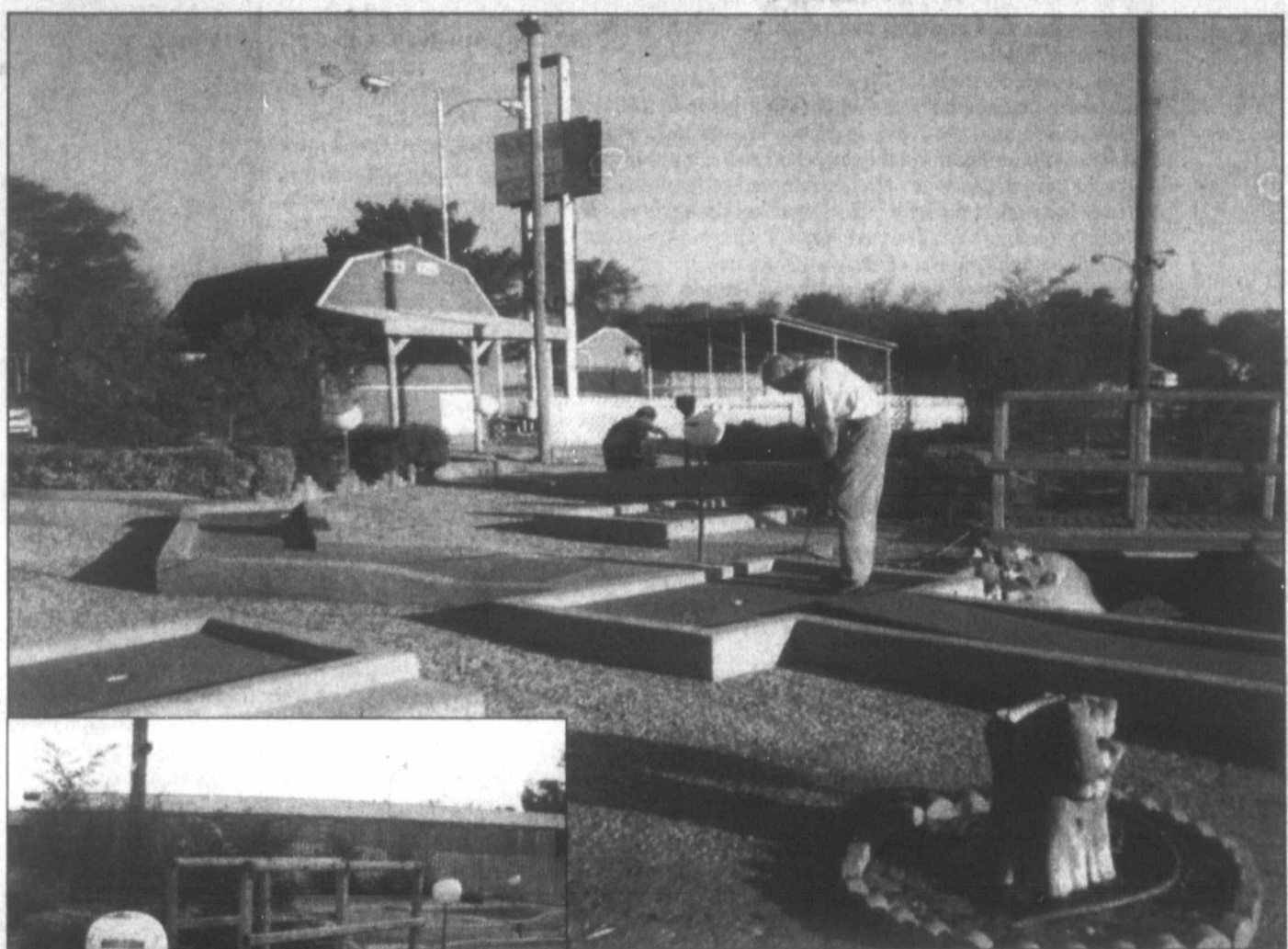
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The Putt-Putt golf course on Duncan Street is one of the on-going projects for the Pampa Unit of The Salvation Army. It will open in the spring under the Army's management and will be an both a source of recreation and a teaching tool for the organization.

CASA ends a 'year of transition'

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For CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of the High Plains, the past year was a time of transformation, with new challenges and victories. "2011 was a year of transition for us," said Janet Watts, Executive Director of CASA. "We had lots of changes that happened, so it was a good year, but it was a challenging year at the same time."

The non-profit child advocacy agency, which represents eight counties in the Panhandle, works to help children who have been placed in the foster care system as a result of child abuse or neglect.

"The only way we can be involved is if a judge appoints us to a case," said Watts. "Children have to have two things appointed to them once they're in the foster care system. One is an attorney ad litem, and one is a guardian ad litem. The attorney ad litem is there to represent their legal interest, and the guardian ad litem is there to represent their best interest. In our cases, we're appointed as the guardian ad litem for the child, so our responsibility is to speak for the best interest of the child for the length of time they're in the foster care system and the court system."

Last year, 41 volunteers served with CASA. They often are the only consistent person in the life of a child who has been placed in the foster care system. They keep track of CPS documentation, and speak with the kids' family members, teachers, therapists and foster parents to get an idea of how the kids are doing.

"Most importantly, they'll talk to the child, and find out how they're doing, and then the volunteer's responsibility is to represent to the court what is in the best interest of that child," said Watts. "We're kind of like the independent voice of the child. We like to tell everybody everytime we're sitting in the courtroom, everyone is paid to be there except for our volunteer...They're there simply to say what is best for this child."

Becoming a CASA volunteer involves more than simply signing up. Volunteers must complete 30 hours of training that includes how the court system works, how the CPS system works, child development, educational needs, how to gather information and write reports, and

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Salvation Army continues it's mission in Pampa

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Capt. Mark Martin of the Salvation Army has had a busy 2011, and part of his time has been spent on the miniature golf facility on Ballard, which he hopes to develop in the future for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club and the general public.

"We're trying to create, for lack of a better term, a hangout for the teenagers, where school kids can drive their cars or walk up there, and sit at the picnic tables, and socialize," said Martin. "If they do the registration paperwork for the (Salvation Army) Boys and Girls Club, any time they want, they can play miniature golf for free."

Registered members of the Boys and Girls Club will also be able to get discounted snacks. In the future, Martin hopes these members will become more involved in the facility by manning the concession stand.

"The ultimate goal, within a year period, hopefully, is to have some of the kids that come out on a regular basis and use the facility, to get them involved in running it, taking the inventory and getting the money, learning what business is all about," he said. "This program is not just a hangout per se. It's a combination of many minor programs inside the one program."

Martin hopes to open the miniature golf center up sometime in the spring with hours that extend into the evening. He also wants to keep the facility affordable, so all children may have a chance to enjoy it.

"When we do open up, it will be open to the public, and it will be open for parties and groups like church groups, and we're not going to charge a set fee," he said. "We're going to ask for donations, whatever they feel is appropriate for them."

The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club also is busy with a tutoring program that runs at the end of every school day. The program is free to become a part of, although the Salvation Army does ask for donations.

"The tutoring is the main thing when they come in after

school," said Martin. "We pick them up, bring them in, give them a snack of some sort. At least three times out of the week, they get a hot meal."

The snack time is followed by a tutoring session that includes at least fifteen minutes of reading. Afterwards, the kids can play outside, and if the weather is bad, they can play board games, sing karaoke or use the center's computers.

A 10 week summer program also is offered by the Salvation Army, where they take kids on field trips, to a movie once a week, and also out to swim or to the park.

Aside from the Boys and Girls Club, the Salvation Army provides social services to people who need them, including assistance with prescriptions, utilities, rent and transportation. People in the need of the group's help must fill out paperwork that includes proof of income and expenses.

"The unique thing is, when we do help, if everything is in place, we try to take care of the entire cost of whatever they're coming to us for," said Martin. "We don't give just a small amount of money, and they have to go someplace else, and get another small amount of money around town."

However, the Salvation Army also refers clients to other agencies that may be able to help them.

"Our main function on most of the stuff is to try and point them in the right direction to help them get the things they need that we can't always supply," said Martin. "So, what we try

to do is know enough people around, so the community can pitch in and help out, and take care of it."

"Anyone, if they've got a problem, I encourage them to at least contact us," he added. "If we can't help them ourselves, maybe we know somebody who could do it."

Martin has been a part of the Salvation Army since 1989, and he said the Salvationist ministry's emphasis on service has been a calling for him.

"We do things differently than other denominations, because it's about service," he said. "It's not about going out there and telling people. It's about showing people and doing what you've got to do."



Pampa News file photo
Salvation Army Captains Mark and Laura Martin

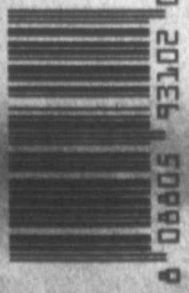
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday
		
High 66 Low 35	High 53 Low 29	High 51 Low 27

Today: Sunny, with a high near 66. Wind chill values between 23 and 33 early. Breezy, with a southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 35. Breezy, with a southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 53. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29. Blustery, with a north wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 51. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southeast.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 27. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Obituaries

Robert Ward "Bob" Curry, 98

Robert Ward "Bob" Curry, 98, died January 3, 2012, in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, January 6, 2012, in First United Methodist Church of Pampa with John Curry and Revs. Blossom and Nick Matthews, pastors, officiating.

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

Bob was born March 8, 1913, at Snyder, to Walter and Effie Curry. In 1924, Bob's father, Walter, bought the newspaper in Crosbyton, and moved the family of six to the plains of Texas in a Model T Ford. Bob graduated from Crosbyton High School in 1930 and attended McMurry University in Abilene, where he played football and basketball, setting a conference scoring record in basketball. He was later honored by being inducted into the McMurry Athletic Hall of Honor. After graduation in 1934, he coached athletics and taught school at Snyder, Miami and Pampa.

Bob married Alleith Elliston in Hereford, in 1937. They were married 64 years when Alleith died in 2001.

Bob joined the U.S. Navy in 1944. He was a Lieutenant on a communications ship attached to the amphibious force in the Pacific War. He participated in the invasion of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. His ship was recognized for shooting down two kamikaze planes and sinking four suicide boats during the Okinawa invasion.

Bob worked for Cabot Company in Pampa, and was Vice-President of Morrow-Thomas Hardware Company in Amarillo before purchasing a welding and industrial supply company in 1958. Four R Industrial Supply grew over the next 40 years with stores in 5 cities and a compressed gas plant in Amarillo. He was active in the National Welding Supply Association and a member of the Union Carbide National Distributor Advisory Council for several years.

Bob was an active United Methodist for his entire life, holding many leadership positions at First United Methodist Church in Pampa. Curry was a civic leader in Pampa, serving two terms on the City Commission, president of the United Way, member of the Gray County Appraisal Board, member of the Youth and Community center board, and the City Planning and Zoning Commission. He further served as president of the Pampa Country Club and the Tri-State Seniors Golf Association. Bob served as President of the Adobe Walls Boy Scout Council. He was awarded the Silver Beaver Award for his years of service in scouting.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, a brother, and two sisters.

Bob is survived by two sons, Don and wife Sue of Fort Worth, John and wife Faustina of Pampa; three grandchildren, Faustine of Mount Pleasant, Ward of Fort Worth, and Stewart and wife Brandi of Weatherford, Okla.; and one great-granddaughter, Cambre of Weatherford, Okla.; and close family friend, Della Mae McCampbell of Pampa.

The family suggests memorials to First United Methodist Church, Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066, Golden Spread Boy Scout Council, 401 Tascosa Road, Amarillo, TX 79124, or McMurry University, 1400 Sayles Blvd., Abilene, TX 79605.

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W.L. "Dub" Norton, 83

W.L. "Dub" Norton, 83, of Amarillo died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Carpenter's Church of Pampa with Fred Palmer, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery. Arrangements are by Cox Funeral Home, 4180 Canyon Drive.

Dub's life began 83 years ago, on Oct. 8, 1928, in Eldorado, Okla. He was born to Walter Lee Norton and wife Hettie. He was the sixth of seven children and was raised in the area of Harmon County, Okla. He married Rhonda Mae Hughes in Mangum, Okla., on May 6, 1951. They enjoyed 61 years of blessed married life.

Dub spent 53 years working at the Ford dealerships in Borger and Pampa. He started his career in Borger. He later moved his family to Pampa and became the parts department manager. He retired in 1997 but continued to work part time for the company until officially retiring in the fall of 2010. He and wife Rhonda then moved to Amarillo to be closer to their children. He was crazy about all things Ford and would jokingly tell anyone who would listen they needed to drive a Ford.

He was a member and deacon of Carpenter's Church in Pampa. Dub loved the Lord with all his heart and was an inspiration to family and friends. He loved gardening and always said it was his therapy. He enjoyed fishing, observing wildlife and taking long drives with his wife looking at the countryside and enjoying God's world. He was an avid sports fan. His favorite teams were the Dallas Cowboys, Oklahoma Sooners, Texas Tech Red Raiders and Texas Rangers.

Dub loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and he treasured watching them participate in their athletic endeavors. He cherished his family and will be missed and remembered by all who



Curry

knew him.

He was a very giving and thoughtful family man. His friends and family were inspired by the way he fought his valiant battle with cancer. His life ended with him surrounded by family. The last words Dub spoke were a spontaneous prayer for his loved ones. He was holding the hands of his great-grandbabies and spoke in a vibrant, clear voice that we had not heard in days. He said he didn't want to go, but the Lord was calling him home. It was a spiritual moment and will be a cherished memory for those who were present.

He was preceded in death by his precious grandson, Tyler James Carr; his parents, Walter Lee Norton and Hetti Dunfield; four brothers, Al, Ray, Herschel and Ansel; and a sister, Dorothy.

Survivors include his wife, Rhonda Norton of Amarillo; a daughter, Debbie Carr; a son, Grant Norton and wife Rhonda Gail; four grandchildren, Kelci and husband Ryan, Dana and husband Chad, Kresha and Tre; and three great-grandchildren, Kameron, Mali and Baux, all of Amarillo.

Jerry Don Wariner, 62

Funeral Service for Jerry Don Wariner, 62, of Dickinson were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 4, 2012, at Stevenson Funeral Home, Dickinson. Military Rites were presented by the Dickinson Honor Guard. Burial will take place at North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery, Mandan, N.D.

Jerry passed away on Friday, December 30, 2011, at St. Alexis Hospital in Bismarck, N.D. with family by his side.

Jerry Don Wariner was born March 20, 1949 in Pampa, the son of Milburn and Elsie (Smith) Wariner. He grew up in Lefors, and graduated from Lefors High School in 1967. He married Rhonda Shipman in 1968. Together they had two children, Valorie and Rodney. In 1968, he joined the Navy and served in the Vietnam War. While serving he was on the USS Oriskany and USS Saratoga. He was very proud to have served his country.

He moved to North Dakota in 1980 to work for Western Gas Processor in Fairfield. In 1983, he married Tweety Hushka. He adopted her three children Cynthia, Chris, and Carrie in 1989. Together they had a son, Jesse.

Jerry Don or "Stranger" as he was known by his friends, enjoyed country music especially the "Highway Men." Jerry played guitar in his early days and was fond of following NASCAR.

Jerry is survived by his sons, Rodney (Tara) Wariner of Burkburnett; Chris (Gina) Wariner of Dickinson, N.D.; Jesse Wariner of Dickinson; daughters, Valorie Wariner of Wichita Falls; Cynthia (Johnnie) Ell of Dickinson; Carrie (Jesse) Splichal of Dickinson; sister, Bobbye (Joel) Combs of Pampa; brother, James (Barbara) Wariner of Platt City, Mo.; 16 grandchildren; special friends Tweety Wariner, Kelly Berg of Bismarck; Rhonda and Mike Maag of Wichita Falls, and his dog, Tuffman.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Arnold and Johnny.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.stevensonfuneralhome.com.

Floyd C. Adams, 92

Floyd C. Adams, 92, died January 3, 2012, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, January 6, 2012, at First Assembly of God with Rev. Leland Lewis, pastor, and Rev. Errol Hainer, pastor of Life Fellowship Church of Amarillo, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery with military honors courtesy of U.S. Army, Fort Hood. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Adams was born April 6, 1919, in Graford, and had been a resident of Pampa since 1944. He married Mabel I. Switzer on December 12, 1945. She preceded him in death on July 15, 2011. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army with the 36th division, 141st infantry, serving in Africa, Italy, France and Germany during World War II. He was the recipient of two Purple Hearts and five Bronze Stars. He was a member of the VFW Post #1657 and was inducted into the Veteran's Hall of Fame, and was a member of the Disabled American Veterans. He worked for Cabot Carbon Black, retiring in 1984 after 38 years of service. He was a member of the First Assembly of God.

The family would like to express their thanks to the wonderful staff at the Meredith House and to the VA Nursing Home.

Survivors include a daughter, Patsy Bright and husband Bobby of Pampa; three sons, Bobby F. Adams and wife Linda of Pampa, Larry D. Adams and wife Cathy of Amarillo, and Kenneth D. Adams and wife Linda of Okmulgee, Okla.; eight grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, a sister, and two grandchildren, Ricky Adams and Regina Bright.

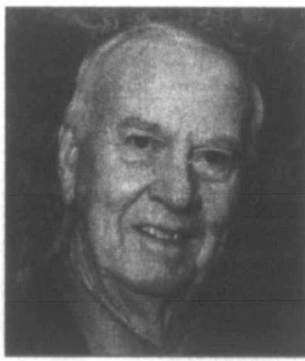
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For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, January 4 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 22 traffic related incidents.

Animal Control agents and the Pampa PD reported nine animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS responded to six medical calls.

Tuesday, January 3
A suspicious person was reported at the 1200 block of West 19th.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 1400 block of East 19th.

An accident occurred at the 2000 block of North Hobart.

A theft was reported.

A theft occurred at the 1500 block of West Kentucky.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 300 block

of East Highway 60.

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Abortion law arguments heard

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - A federal appeals court is weighing whether to lift an order blocking the state of Texas from enforcing a law requiring doctors to show sonograms to patients and describe the images before an abortion.

In August, U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks in Austin, Texas, ruled that several provisions of the state law violated the free-speech rights of abortion-performing doctors.

A three-judge panel from the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals didn't immediately rule after hearing arguments Wednesday on the state's request to lift a preliminary injunction issued by Sparks.

A group of medical providers is challenging the law, which also requires doctors to describe the fetal heartbeat to a patient before performing an abortion.

The state argues its interest in protecting "fetal life after viability" trumps any free-speech claims.

Perry tweets, 'Here we come South Carolina'

AUSTIN (AP) - A determined Rick Perry said Wednesday he will not abandon his presidential campaign despite a fifth-place finish in the Iowa caucuses.

"And the next leg of the marathon is the Palmetto State. ... Here we come South Carolina!!!" the Texas governor wrote on his Twitter account.

Perry, an avid runner, attached a photo of himself jogging near a lake, wearing a Texas A&M running shorts and showing a thumbs-up.

Phone messages left with his campaign were not immediately returned

Wednesday. After winning 10 percent of the vote in Iowa on Tuesday, Perry said he would return to Texas "to determine whether there is a path forward" for his White House bid.

After entering the race in August to great fanfare, he nosedived, plagued by missteps most notably in debates. He had planned to make South Carolina his final stand, but put events in that state on hold Wednesday while he headed back to the Texas capital.

Perry's national political director told campaign workers early Wednesday

that the governor was reviewing his organizational and financial resources, and assessing the political landscape in South Carolina and beyond. South Carolina's primary is Jan. 21. The next contest in the race for the GOP nomination is Jan. 10 in New Hampshire.

The photo of Perry after what appears to have been a jog in cold weather was decidedly defiant compared to the emotional speech he gave in Iowa. In his remarks, Perry told supporters that he appreciated their work but needed to consider whether there was a viable strategy for

him to restart his campaign in South Carolina. "With the voters' decision tonight in Iowa, I decided to return to Texas, assess the results of tonight's caucus, determine whether there is a path forward for myself in this race," Perry said, his family standing behind him.

Before Perry spoke, his advisers tried to paint the first contest in the South as the real start to his strategy and braced for a lackluster performance in the Iowa caucuses, which typically winnows the field of presidential hopefuls.

Romney grinning on way to NH Police kill armed eighth-grader in Texas school

WASHINGTON (AP) - A smiling Mitt Romney making his way to New Hampshire told reporters that he spoke with all his GOP rivals except Newt Gingrich on Tuesday night. Romney says he only got about two hours of sleep as the wait for final Iowa caucus results stretched into the early morning.

Romney says he and wife Ann learned from his campaign manager that he had pulled out a narrow win.

Aboard his campaign plane, the former Massachusetts governor wouldn't characterize his victory margin of only eight votes when asked if it would have been better to win in a landslide.

Romney says landslides are terrific, but he didn't see that in last night's figures.

BROWNSVILLE (AP) - Police shot and killed an armed eighth-grader who "engaged" officers in the main hallway of his middle school on Wednesday, the South Texas school district said.

Brownsville school district officials said administrators immediately called police after the student brandished a weapon about 8 a.m., shortly after classes started at Cummings Middle School. When police arrived, the student "engaged" the officers and was shot, district spokeswoman Drue Brown said in an emailed statement.

Cameron County Justice of the Peace Kip V. Johnson Hodge pronounced the student dead at a hospital and has ordered an autopsy, said court coordinator Israel Tapia.

The school, with an enrollment of about 750 students, was placed on lockdown when administrators called police and no one else was injured, Brown said.

A seventh grade student who said he was two classrooms from where the shooting took place said the school was already on lockdown when he heard three shots. Miguel Grimaldo, 12, said students later followed police out of the building and boarded buses that took them to a neighboring park, where his mother picked him up late Wednesday morning.

"For now they're not saying anything, just pick up your kids," said the boy's mother, Maria Grimaldo.

The street in front of

Cummings was lined with police cars and blocked off. About two hours after the shooting, dozens of frustrated parents and relatives flooded out of the park pavilion without their children after school officials announced that all remaining children had been bused to a high school and could be picked up there.

Julie Tomalenas waited for an hour to pick up her 13-year-old sister before being told of the relocation.

"It was very stressful not knowing if she was OK, where she was, when we could see her again," Tomalenas said.

The lockdown was lifted about two hours after the shooting, but the students and employees were relocated while officers investigated at the school, Brown said.

Brownsville police Detective J.J. Trevino said investigators hadn't determined whether the student fired any shots, and he said officers had no infor-

mation on why the student might have had the gun on him.

"It's still under investigation, as far as how he came about to bringing the

weapon or if he encountered anybody or anything else," Trevino said.

Brownsville is 280 miles south of San Antonio on the southern tip of Texas.

President of Code Talkers dies

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) - Keith Little, one of the most recognizable faces of the Navajo Code Talkers, has died.

The Navajo Code Talkers Association says Little died Tuesday night at a Fort Defiance hospital. He was 87.

Little joined the Marines at 17 and used a code based on the Navajo language to confound the Japanese and help win World War II. He was among hundreds of Navajos recruited by the U.S. Marine Corps and trained as Code Talkers.

Little served as president of the association and traveled around the country advocating for a museum to help tell the Code Talkers stories, and preserve Navajo tradition, culture and the language. He ran a family ranch in Crystal, N.M.

The association says his health had been deteriorating over the past year.

State psychiatrist fired

AUSTIN (AP) - Documents show a state psychiatrist has been fired for not disclosing a 2001 settlement banning him from working in other Texas mental health facilities.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Wednesday that Dr. Alejandro Munoz was fired last week from Terrell State Hospital, where he'd worked since 2006.

Superintendent Joe Finch says Munoz failed to abide by the agreement. Finch's letter says Munoz was fired, for undisclosed reasons, in 1998 from Rolling Plains State Operated Community Services in Graham. Munoz later sued, leading to the settlement.

Munoz doesn't have a listed phone number and couldn't immediately be reached for comment.

The Department of State Health Services checked employment records for Munoz after he was mentioned in a newspaper story on state hospital psychiatrists and alleged sexual improprieties with patients.

Updated 'Dallas' to air on TNT

DALLAS (AP) - A new version of a famous TV series about big oil money in Texas will be generating \$1,000 a day for Dallas County.

County commissioners on Tuesday approved an agreement with the company behind the updated version of "Dallas" to shoot scenes inside county buildings.

Horizon Scripted Television has agreed to pay a \$25,000 security deposit, plus \$1,000 per day of filming.

Texas native Larry Hagman is reprising his lead role as conniving oilman J.R. Ewing in the new version of "Dallas," to air on TNT.

Filming began in October and is expected to wrap up later this month. Dallas County officials expect the agreement to generate as much as \$10,000.

TNT has ordered 10 episodes of the series, expected to air this summer.

1 week for Ingleside payment

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) - A company seeking to redevelop ex-Naval Station Ingleside into an offshore drilling service facility has another week to make its \$19 million down payment.

Port of Corpus Christi commissioners in November approved the sale to Canyon Supply and Logistics of Houston, with a \$1 million down payment. The rest of the down payment was due in late December as part of the final purchase price of \$66 million.

Commissioners on Tuesday granted the extension, until midnight Jan. 9, as the company awaits international financing.

The Corpus Christi Caller-Times reports the extension requires Canyon to pay an extra, non-refundable \$110,000.

Canyon CEO Larry Ramming says the \$19 million payment is part of a \$100 million bundle for other project developments pending in a Dec. 28 wire from an Austrian bank.

Houston murder rate lowest since '65

HOUSTON (AP) - Houston's police chief says the city's murder rate in 2011 was the lowest in more than four decades.

Police Chief Charles McClelland Jr. said Wednesday that preliminary figures show Houston had 198 murders in 2011, the lowest it has been since 1965.

Police say the murder rate has significantly dropped since 2006, when there were 377 homicides.

McClelland attributes the drop to the police department's better use of technology that can identify problem areas and allow officials to quickly deploy officers and other resources. He also credits the public's help in identifying trouble spots and sharing that information with officers.


McClelland says other crimes in Houston also dropped in 2011, including robberies, which were down about 17 percent, and burglaries, which were down 4 to 5 percent.

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Today in History

Today is Thursday, Jan. 5, the fifth day of 2012. There are 361 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 5, 1972, President Richard Nixon announced that he had ordered development of "an entirely new type of space transportation system," the reusable space shuttle. (The first operational shuttle, Columbia, was launched in 1981.)

On this date:

In 1589, Catherine de Medici of France died at age 69.

In 1781, a British naval expedition led by Benedict Arnold burned Richmond, Va.

In 1809, the Treaty of the Dardanelles, which ended the Anglo-Turkish War, was concluded by the United Kingdom and the Ottoman Empire.

In 1895, French Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, convicted of treason, was publicly stripped of his rank. (He was ultimately vindicated.)

In 1896, an Austrian newspaper, Wiener Presse, reported the discovery by German physicist Wilhelm Roentgen of a type of radiation that came to be known as X-rays.

In 1925, Nellie T. Ross of Wyoming became America's first female governor.

In 1949, in his State of the Union address, President Harry S. Truman labeled his administration the Fair Deal.

In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower proposed assistance to countries to help them resist Communist aggression; this became known as the Eisenhower Doctrine.

In 1970, Joseph A. Yablonski, an unsuccessful candidate for the presidency of the United Mine Workers of America, was found murdered with his wife and daughter at their Clarksville, Pa., home. (UMWA President Tony Boyle and seven others were convicted of, or pleaded guilty to, the killings.)

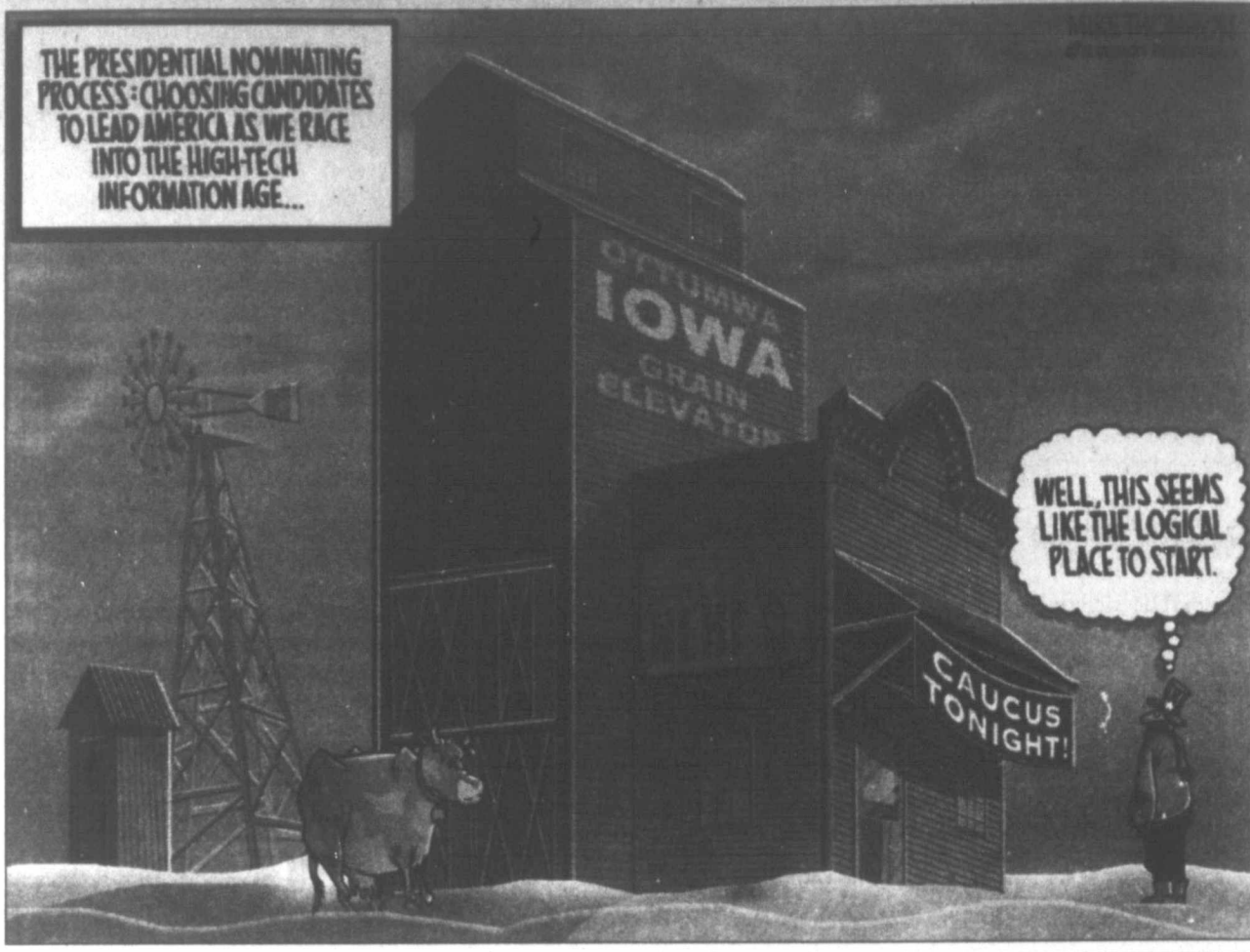
Ten years ago: Charles Bishop, a 15-year-old student pilot, deliberately crashed a small plane into a skyscraper in Tampa, Fla., killing himself.

Five years ago: The White House announced a shuffling of U.S. military leaders in the Iraq war. Adm. William Fallon ended up replacing Gen. John Abizaid as top U.S. commander in the Middle East; Army Lt. Gen. David Petraeus succeeded Gen. George Casey as top American general in Iraq; Casey replaced retiring Gen. Peter Schoomaker as Army chief of staff.

One year ago: John Boehner was elected speaker as Republicans regained control of the House of Representatives on the first day of the new Congress.

Today's Birthdays: Former Vice President Walter F. Mondale is 84. Actor Robert Duvall is 81. Talk show host Charlie Rose is 70. Actress-director Diane Keaton is 66. Actor Ted Lange is 64. Rock musician Chris Stein (Blondie) is 62. Actress Pamela Sue Martin is 59. Actor Clancy Brown is 53. Singer Iris Dement is 51. Actor Ricky Paull Goldin is 47. Actor Vinnie Jones is 47. Rock musician Kate Schellenbach (Luscious Jackson) is 46. Dancer-choreographer Carrie Ann Inaba is 44. Actress Heather Paige Kent is 43. Rock singer Marilyn Manson is 43. Actor Bradley Cooper is 37. Actress January Jones is 34. Actress Brooklyn Sudano is 31.

Thought for Today: "It is easy to be tolerant of the principles of other people if you have none of your own." — Herbert Samuel, English political leader (1870-1963)



Iowans wanted candidate who could beat Obama

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney won strong support Tuesday from Republicans seeking a candidate who can topple President Barack Obama in November's elections and from those most concerned about the weak economy, according to an entrance poll of GOP voters attending Iowa's presidential caucuses.

Rick Santorum, the former Pennsylvania senator, countered with solid backing from tea party supporters, religious voters and those who ranked abortion as their paramount campaign issue.

Each candidate's reservoir of support helped explain a night in which Romney and Santorum were running neck and neck — and ahead of their four other competitors — in the year's first votes as Republicans started selecting their presidential nominee.

Running third was Texas Rep. Ron Paul, who scored highly with young voters, independents and people concerned about huge federal budget deficits.

Given a choice of four qualities they wanted in their party's nominee, about 3 in 10 said they wanted someone who could defeat Obama this fall. Forty-eight percent of that group said they were backing Romney, more than twice as many as cited any other candidate.

"I like Santorum's character and values. But I like Romney's experience and record," said Jeff Young, a salesman from Waterloo, Iowa, who said he was split between the two before Tuesday's caucus. "He's best-positioned in the most ways to compete with the other party."

Santorum, whose candidacy surged in recent days while emphasizing family and faith, was leading among those seeking a candidate with strong moral character, with 40 percent picking him. Santorum and Paul, a libertarian, were running

about evenly among those who said they wanted a true conservative as their standard bearer.

Nearly 3 in 10 supporters of the conservative tea party movement were supporting Santorum, and about the same proportion of born-again or evangelical voters were also backing him. That gave Santorum a clear lead among both groups, important because each account for about 6 in 10 Iowa GOP caucus goers.

Santorum's recent burst of popularity was spotlighted by the entrance poll, which showed he was backed by a third of all voters who said they made their decisions in recent days — more than any other contender.

Only about 1 in 7 voters said abortion was the issue that mattered most when they picked a candidate, but an overwhelming 58 percent of them were backing Santorum.

Asked the campaign's top issue, about 4 in 10 named the economy. Romney led among that group with support from about a third of them, underscoring the appeal of his background running an investment company before entering politics and his emphasis during the campaign on his business experience.

Romney entered the caucuses widely viewed as the favorite to ultimately win his party's nomination, and the opinions expressed by voters in Tuesday's entrance poll underscored his strengths and weaknesses in the GOP contests ahead.

Besides his perceived strength as an Obama opponent and among those worried about the economy, Romney was running ahead of his rivals among the 43 percent of Iowa caucus voters who were not born again or evangelical Christians. He was also doing well among those age 65 and up, people earning \$100,000 annually or more and the 54 percent who said a business background

was more important than government experience to be an effective president.

But only 58 percent of Romney's backers voiced strong support for him, a slightly weaker show of enthusiasm than his other chief rivals. He was also running poorly among those considering themselves very conservative, the most ardent tea party backers and born-again and evangelical voters. It's a crucial portion of GOP voters in South Carolina and some other states in upcoming nominating contests.

Paul had the backing of 48 percent of voters under age 30 and nearly as many independents, giving him large leads in both categories. That could be good news for Paul in New Hampshire, where independents represented almost 4 in 10 voters in that state's 2008 GOP presidential primary. Nearly a quarter of Iowa's GOP voters Tuesday were independents, up from 2008, so their proportion in New Hampshire might grow this year as well.

About a third of GOP caucus goers said they were most concerned about budget deficits, and 3 in 10 of them picked Paul, more than any of his rivals.

Romney, Santorum, Paul and Texas Gov. Rick Perry were running roughly evenly among one-fourth of voters who said campaign advertising played an important role in choosing a candidate. It's a testament to the millions in TV advertising that blanketed Iowa in the weeks leading up to Tuesday's caucuses.

The survey was conducted for AP and the television networks by Edison Research as voters arrived at 40 randomly selected caucus sites in Iowa. The survey involved interviews with 1,787 caucus-goers and had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

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Boeing to close Kan. defense plant by end of 2013

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WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Faced with defense budget reductions, the Boeing Co. announced Wednesday it will close its defense plant in Wichita by the end of 2013.

The closure will cost more than 2,160 workers their jobs and end the firm's presence in a city where it has been a major employer for generations.

The decision was not entirely unexpected. The company said in November it was studying whether to close the Wichita facility, which specializes in modifying commercial aircraft for military or government operations, to address Defense Department budget cuts. The first layoffs are expected to begin in the third quarter of 2012.

The company said it was moving future aircraft maintenance, modification and support to its plant in San Antonio, Texas, and engineering work to Oklahoma City. Work on

the Air Force refueling tanker will be performed in Puget Sound, Wash. The company said the 24 Kansas suppliers on that program will continue to provide parts as originally planned.

"In this time of defense budget reductions, as well as shifting customer priorities, Boeing has decided to close its operations in Wichita to reduce costs, increase efficiencies, and drive competitiveness," said Mark Bass, vice president and general manager for the Boeing Defense, Space & Security facility in Wichita.

The study came even as the Pentagon had been working to prevent \$500 billion in automatic, across-the-board defense budget cuts over 10 years in the wake of the failure by a bipartisan congressional supercommittee to agree on \$1.2 trillion or more in deficit reductions.

Wichita had hoped the number of jobs at the facility would grow after

Boeing won a contract worth at least \$35 billion to build 179 Air Force refueling tankers. The modification work on the planes had been expected to be done at Boeing's Wichita plant ITC6 bringing with it 7,500 direct and indirect jobs with an overall economic impact of nearly \$390 million.

Wichita Mayor Carl Brewer said the city, which prides itself as being the air capital of the world, has a long history with Boeing in the community. Brewer noted he worked there for 20 years before the company sold off its commercial operations.

"Many people - generations upon generations - have had an opportunity to be employed there and that could very easily be the end of that ... They are a very important part of us here," Brewer said.

But the mayor said the city would move on and take care of those families and continue working to

be the "air capital of the world."

"This is not the first time we have had something of this magnitude. We have had other challenges and we have always managed to work through it and been able to survive," Brewer said.

Boeing has had a facility in Wichita since it bought the Stearman Aircraft Co. in 1929. During World War II, employment at the plant peaked at more than 40,000 as the company churned out four bombers a day. For decades the company remained the city's largest employer.

Then in 2005, Boeing spun off its commercial aircraft operations in Kansas and Oklahoma. At that time, the company still had roughly 15,000 employees in Wichita. After the divestiture, Boeing retained 4,500 workers for its defense work in Wichita but layoffs since have slashed that remaining workforce. The Wichita facility is

facing the end of some programs, such as the international tanker program that supplied refueling tankers to other countries. Over the summer, Boeing announced it would cut 225 jobs at its Wichita defense plant through the end of this year.

Even with the loss of the defense plant, Boeing would continue to have an economic impact in this aircraft manufacturing city. Spirit AeroSystems, which took over Boeing's

commercial operations, continues to build parts here for Boeing's commercial airplanes.

"But it would be different to a certain extent because of the fact that, you know, it is kind of like family that you actually have and a member of the family is moving away," Brewer said. "So there is a lot of emotional and economic attachment tied to this."

daily horoscope

Horoscope for Friday, Jan. 6, 2012

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Jan. 6, 2012: This year you grow and evolve in new ways. Others clearly are drawn to you. Open up to new possibilities. Be willing to change your life. You enjoy living much more when you renew various areas of your life. If you are single, you could be very attracted to someone, and he or she to you. On the same plane, there could be a lot of fighting. If you are attached, the two of you will tend to risk more but in different areas of your life. Respect your differences. **CANCER** can be challenging.

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 have the possibility of a new beginning. Be willing to express your vulnerability. Make a point of getting together with more open people. The smart and self-disciplined Ram will cut his or her defensiveness, which could manifest itself as aggression. Tonight: Hang out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Note how much you need to do to make a difference with a key person. Avoid competition, like keeping up with the Joneses. Think carefully about what is happening and why you might be triggering. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Open up to new possibilities. You see what many people cannot. Be affectionate with a friend or loved one. Open up to a family member or roommate. You know what works for you. Investigate a new opportunity without feeling insecure. Tonight: Use care with a volatile friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Feeling a little out of sorts isn't that surprising. Instead of taking care of your immediate universe, try taking care of yourself. Remember, if you aren't OK, neither is anyone else. Be secure and listen to what is being shared. Tonight: Take a deep breath.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Conversation is important, as is authenticity. Bring those skills into a meeting. Someone might be a little too direct in the way he or she tells you he or she is not interested in your ideas. At least you know where this person stands. Tonight: Enjoy the evening with friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★ You might want to attempt to deal with a

situation but could come off as hostile and difficult. Step back rather than step in. Explore other ways to handle what you deem to be difficult. Try to walk in another's shoes. Tonight: Don't push.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Rather than be driven by your emotions, consciously make an effort to detach. Use your mind as well. Pretend you are the other person. You might want to gain a fuller perspective. Only then can you act. Listen to feedback carefully. Tonight: Opt for a different activity for a Friday night.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Dealing with quirky people easily could become a specialty, if it isn't already! You have humor and the ability to get past a problem. Emphasize in your mind how you might be different from the many people you know. Your reactions probably surprise them, too! Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Others come toward you. You are generally the one who is energized. How nice to see everyone else taking the first step. You might be touched by a friend's or loved one's effort to connect. Avoid a tension-laden situation. Tonight: Though you might not make the suggestions, you do get to choose!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Follow through on what you feel is important to handle. You could feel out of sync when dealing with others. Right now your mind resides on a more intellectual, imaginative plain. Tonight: Clear your desk, and return a last-minute call before going out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your playfulness still dominates your actions. A partner or associate isn't too pleased with his or her perspective of your mischievousness. You might be having a ball right now, but there is a tomorrow. Be smart today, and handle this situation now before trouble hits. Tonight: Be sensitive to a close friend or loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Tension builds internally, but a lot of it comes from your idea of what you should do. Instead, drop some of your judgments, and tension will drop to a lower key. Often it is the stories that we tell ourselves that cause a problem. Tonight: Some time at home.

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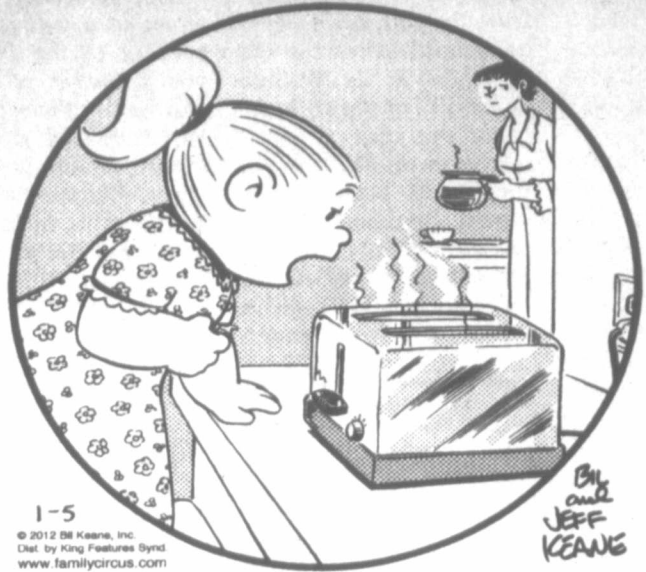
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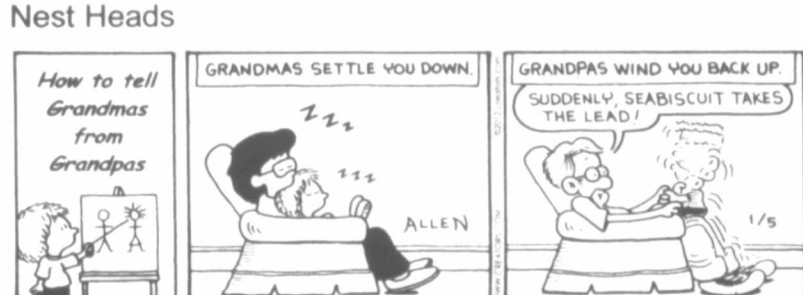


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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012:
This year, focus on the quality of your daily life. To make your life work, take good care of your health, treat yourself well and follow a sensible lifestyle. You often don't understand where others are coming from. The smart action is not to judge, and to simply observe what happens. If you are single, you could meet someone through the process of living. Don't push the process. If you are attached, the two of you will experience more happiness if you share a common hobby. GEMINI, though different, also is efficient.
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)
★★★★ Confusion surrounds the beginning of the workday. Keep asking questions, and clear out the present haze. To others, you act in unexpected ways. Once you gain clarity, you gain new insights pointing in an unthought-of direction. Tonight: Talking up a storm.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ What might be presented as an opportunity could be nothing less than a problem once you gain a clear perspective. You might be stunned, but your knee-jerk reaction opens up a situation. Listen to your inner voice. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Let your mind wander. You might want to back up an idea by doing needed research or clearing out a hassle. What motivates someone you look up to might not be clear. A meeting or friend could make a surprising allegation. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Lie low for yourself, but not to provoke a certain reaction. Given some downtime, you'll emerge a force to be dealt with. A respected friend or loved one could jolt you with his or her thoughts or actions. Your instincts will guide you. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Just when you thought you had established a set of strong interactions, chaos clouds the situation. When you are clear, you could be shocked by what you see. Emphasize your long-term goals and desires. Hold back if need be. Tonight: Zero in on what is important.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You take a stand. Make sure you aren't dependent on getting a certain reaction. Eventually, without pushing, people will see the light of your ideas. A key partner or loved one continues to keep your life exciting. Tonight: A must appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching out for someone at a distance. Your ability to mend fences doesn't need to happen. Why not let the other party make the necessary overtures? You discover how full of surprises another person is. Do you really want to deal with this energy? Tonight: Take an overview of the possibilities, then decide.

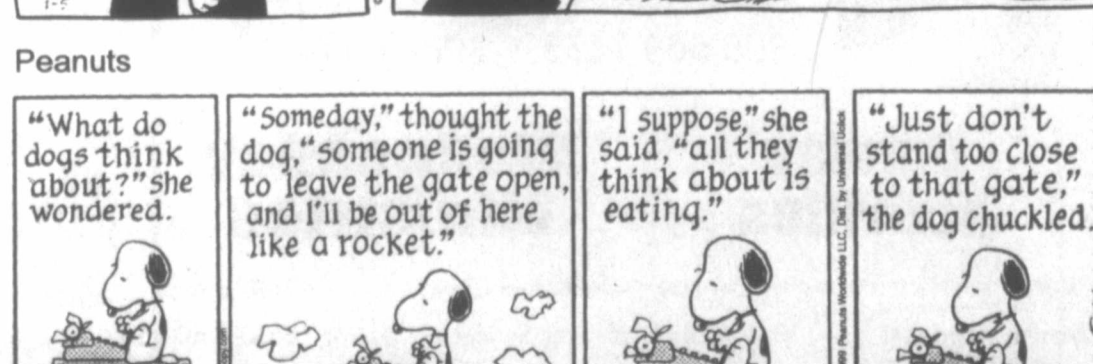
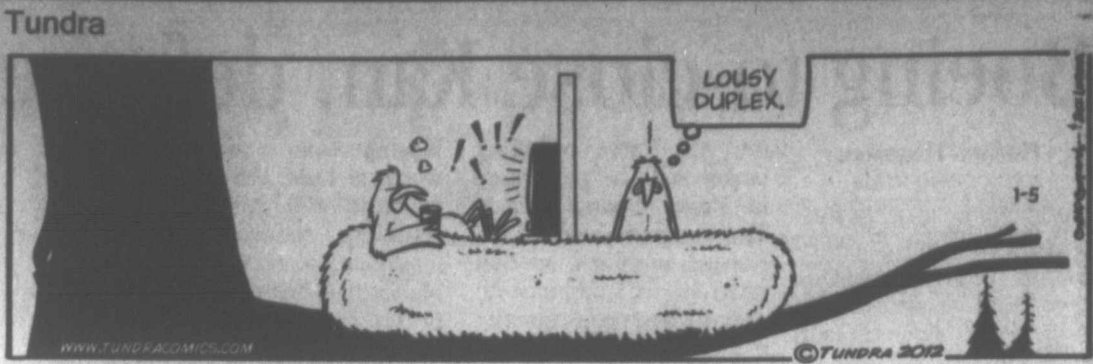
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You have a lot going on, and much comes from a partner who seems to be an open valve into your life. This person cannot seem to leave you alone. When do you declare "enough"? How do you do it? Setting boundaries might define your success. Tonight: A talk.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Defer to others. You will gain insight into your own agenda, and also theirs. Be honest — are they compatible? You might want to see what you have in common, despite different solutions. A child or loved one delights you. Tonight: Relax with a loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ All work and no play is not what the doctor ordered. Your intuition comes through when dealing with a neighbor or a close relative. If you are confused, imagine how confused this person is. In which area of your life are you not seeing everything? Somehow, every person's vision screens information. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your imagination can get you and others into a lot of mischief. If you decide to suddenly veer in another direction, you could be happier, but others will complain. Remain true to yourself. Tonight: In weekend mode.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might want to retreat, as confusion and demands seem to come toward you. Whether closing the door at your office or deciding to call in and take a personal day, you need to take care of yourself. Buy a lottery ticket if you feel lucky. Tonight: Happy to be home.



3 other GOP hopefuls join Perry lawsuit in VA

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) - Three other Republican presidential hopefuls have joined Texas Gov. Rick Perry's lawsuit challenging Virginia's ballot access law.

A federal judge in Richmond, Va., on Wednesday granted a motion by Newt Gingrich, Jon Huntsman and Rick Santorum to intervene in the lawsuit.

Perry went to court after failing to collect enough signatures from registered voters to get on Virginia's GOP presidential primary ballot. Gingrich also failed to qualify, leaving Mitt Romney and Ron Paul as the only candidates on Virginia's March 6 primary. Huntsman and Santorum did not submit petitions.

Perry's lawsuit claims the state's requirement of 10,000 signatures, including at least 400 from each of the state's 11 congressional districts, is unconstitutional. A hearing on Perry's request for a preliminary injunction is set for Jan. 13.

Amid drought, water desalination gets attractive

EL PASO (AP) - Interior Secretary Ken Salazar is visiting El Paso's desalination plant on Wednesday to showcase the technology as a way to help alleviate the region's chronic water woes and to support a statewide water supply increasingly stressed by drought and population growth.

Salazar will join U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes, an El Paso Democrat, at the \$87 million Kay Bailey Hutchison Desalination Plant, which began operation in August 2007. The plant, which takes in salty water from an underground aquifer and makes it drinkable, is the largest inland facility of its kind in the world.

As such facilities become more efficient and cheaper to operate, they are expected to increase their contribution to the Texas water supply in the coming years, said Jorge Arroyo, director of innovative water technologies for the Texas Water Development Board.

Construction is under way on several other desalination plants, and the state's 50-year plan for water supply infrastructure calls for several more to be in operation by 2060, Arroyo said.

"It's getting more efficient, reliable and less expensive than what it used to be," he said.

Arroyo said desalination is the only option Texas has for bringing "new water" to the state's supply as the readily available fresh water in aquifers and reservoirs is used up. He also noted the stress caused by the record-setting drought in the region.

The plant treats brackish water, which has more salinity than fresh water but not as much as ocean water, to make it drinkable. El Paso's plant uses water from the local aquifer and treats it through reverse osmosis. The method forces water through a membrane, which retains the molecules that make the water unfit for drinking.

Last year marked the most intense one-year drought on record in Texas, and the dry conditions were expected to continue over 2012 because of the La Nina Effect, state climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon said in a recent report. How long the drought could last, he said, was impossible to predict.

Even though weather patterns influenced by oceanic temperatures tend to be cyclical, the "best bet is that global temperatures will continue to increase, causing Texas droughts to be warmer and more strongly affected by evaporation," the report stated.

According to the State Water Plan, desalination is expected to produce nearly 310,000 acre-feet

of drinkable water by 2060, said Larry Soward, former Texas commissioner for environmental quality. One acre-foot equals 325,851 gallons.

Improvements in membrane technology, new variations on evaporative-condensation techniques, and other more recent changes have made desalination more cost competitive. However, it is an energy-intensive process and power costs significantly affect the price of produced water, Soward said.

Under the state's water plan, as much as 2 percent of Texas' water supply will come from brackish water by 2060.

"It is my firm belief that despite these projected low volumes and percentages of total supply for 2060, desalination must be on the menu of water supply options if we have any hope of meeting all our water demands in the decades to come," Soward said.

Although desalination is one of the solutions for ensuring the region's fresh water supply, it should not be viewed as a one-size-fits-all approach, said Laura Huffman, Texas director of The Nature Conservancy.

"Desalination is part of a future water supply for Texas and beyond ... (but) it's not a silver bullet," she said.

Conservation accounts for nearly a quarter of the total water supply in the 50-year plan, so thinking of desalination plants as the only solution "undermines years of work by folks that have evaluated local approaches" to conservation, Huffman said.

Aside from the desalination plant and facilities that recuperate sewage to use to irrigate parks and replenish the aquifer, El Paso has implemented an aggressive water conservation strategy over the last 20 years. El Paso has about 700,000 residents, which is about 36 percent more than in 1990, yet the city's water consumption is actually 1.6 percent less than it was that year.

With those measures, El Paso has proven wrong a study that predicted the city would run dry in 36 years.

El Paso's plant in named after U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who helped secure more than \$29 million in federal funds for the project. It was built through a partnership between the local water utility and Fort Bliss, the local military post.

The guaranteed supply of water the plant provides eased concerns over whether enough water was available to serve thousands of troops the Base Realignment and Closure Commission decided to transfer to Fort Bliss.

Judge off case after ruling executions illegal

DALLAS (AP) - A North Texas judge was removed from presiding over a death penalty case Tuesday after she ruled that the state law allowing executions was unconstitutional.

An administrative judge sided with Dallas County prosecutors and removed state District Judge Teresa Hawthorne from the capital murder case of Roderick Harris, who is accused of fatally shooting two men in 2009. Administrative Judge John Ovard ruled that Hawthorne should be removed because of personal beliefs she expressed about the death penalty.

Ovard is the presiding judge of the state's First Administrative Judicial Region, which covers most of East Texas.

Hawthorne ruled last month that the Texas death penalty law was unconstitutional because it allows prosecutors to arbitrarily seek the penalty, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Harris is accused of fatally shooting brothers Alfredo and Carlos Gallardo during a robbery at a southeast Dallas mobile home in March 2009, then getting into a shootout with police.

At a Tuesday hearing before Ovard, prosecutor Patrick Kirlin testified that Hawthorne told him outside the courtroom after her ruling that "sometimes you have to follow your heart." Kirlin said that comment and some by Hawthorne from the bench prompted prosecutors to seek her recusal.

The Dallas Morning News reported that Hawthorne, when ruling the capital punishment law unconstitutional, said: "My decision is not an act of unabashed judicial activism ... I remember when women and blacks

could not vote. I remember when so-called witches were burned. I remember when gays had to hide to be in the military. My decision is not to buck the system or stir the waters."

According to the court transcript reviewed by the newspaper, Hawthorne acknowledged that all of

the state's appeals courts have "consistently rejected" the reasons she offered for her ruling, but she insisted that changes could still be made in the law.

Hawthorne was not in court during Ovard's hearing. However, Harris' defense attorneys, Brad Lollar and Doug Parks,

told Ovard that prosecutors were seeking the judge's recusal simply because they despised her ruling.

"If she hadn't ruled the way she ruled, the state wouldn't have cared about her personal beliefs one iota," Parks said. "Those rulings should stand."

Factors to consider when choosing a dog

Dog Talk



The decision to purchase or adopt a dog is one that requires careful consideration of a host of factors, including how much space the dog will need and whether or not the lifestyle of those who live in the home is a good fit for a furry, four-legged friend.

Once the decision has been made and it's time find a dog, the kind of dog to bring into your home is the next decision that must be made. Many people have a natural preference for certain types of dogs, be it a small and lovable Dachsund or a friendly, happy-go-lucky Golden Retriever. Though personal preference is significant, there are additional factors to consider before bringing a dog into your home.

Temperament
Much like people, dogs vary greatly with regards to temperament. Some dogs are very active, while others are much more subdued. Some need significant play time outdoors on a daily basis, while others just need a few minutes outdoors to relieve themselves before heading back inside. A dog's temperament is important to consider for those bringing a puppy into their home, as temperament might dictate if a dog is responsive to training or strong-willed and resistant.

Maintenance
Many dogs shed significant amounts of hair, but how often they shed might help owners determine if a specific breed of dog will be a good fit. For owners who don't mind maintenance, a dog that sheds year-round likely won't be a problem. But those who don't want to be cleaning up dog hair on a regular basis should find a dog that sheds only at certain times of the year. In general, long-coated dogs require lots of grooming, while dogs with shorter coats typically don't need as much grooming.

Size
Prospective dog owners with lots

of space in their homes can accommodate a dog of any size, while apartment dwellers or those with smaller homes often find smaller dogs to be a better fit. But even those with ample space should know that larger dogs require more food and exercise, including walks or time spent running around in the yard. Smaller dogs don't need much space, and tend to eat less and stay healthy even with minimal exercise.

Age
Few people can resist a puppy, but there are advantages and disadvantages to adopting both puppies and older dogs. Puppies are adorable, and allow their owners to be involved in their development from the very beginning. But puppies can be stubborn and very difficult to train, often testing their owners' patience. In addition, those with especially busy or hectic households might not have the time to properly train a puppy, which can lead to disastrous consequences down the road.

Older dogs are often trained already, and since many shelter dogs have already grown to their full size, owners won't be surprised down the road when their dogs are bigger than they expected. But older dogs adopted from a shelter might have some initial trust issues they need to overcome. Older dogs might also find it more difficult to adapt to a new home and a new owner.

Health
Some breeds are known for having specific health issues, issues that can become costly to address as a dog ages. Hip and eye conditions are among the most common hereditary diseases or conditions, but these can be screened for before the pet adoption is completed. Purebred dogs might be more likely to suffer from certain hereditary conditions, though mixed breeds are not immune to such diseases or conditions. Before adopting an animal, be it a puppy or an older dog, educate yourself about a chosen breed and any potential health problems it might have.

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Sports

PHS boys basketball want to avenge last season's losses

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Last year the Pampa Harvesters followed their performance in the Fibermax Caprock Classic with a three-game losing streak. This year, No. 22 Pampa looks to reverse those losses as it closes non-district with Lubbock Monterey and Farwell.

"We got some unfinished business against non-district opponents," head coach Dustin Miller said. "The kids took a couple of those losses personal last year."

Pampa hosts Lubbock Monterey 7:30



Miller

p.m. Friday and visits Farwell 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. On Tuesday, the Harvesters avenged their loss against Bushland with a 43-39 victory. Senior Latigo Collins said Friday's game will be tougher.

"We will have to play better Friday," Collins said. "We will have a better team than Tuesday."

Monterey beat Pampa 76-54 last year in Lubbock. This will be the seventh game, Pampa has played against a class higher



Engle

than them. The Harvesters are 2-4 in their previous six. Pampa got to see Monterey play during the Caprock Classic. Senior Cole Engle said the Harvesters need to play

hard. "We know what's coming," Engle said. "We want two W's this week and send a strong message heading into district." Farwell beat Pampa 69-63 last year



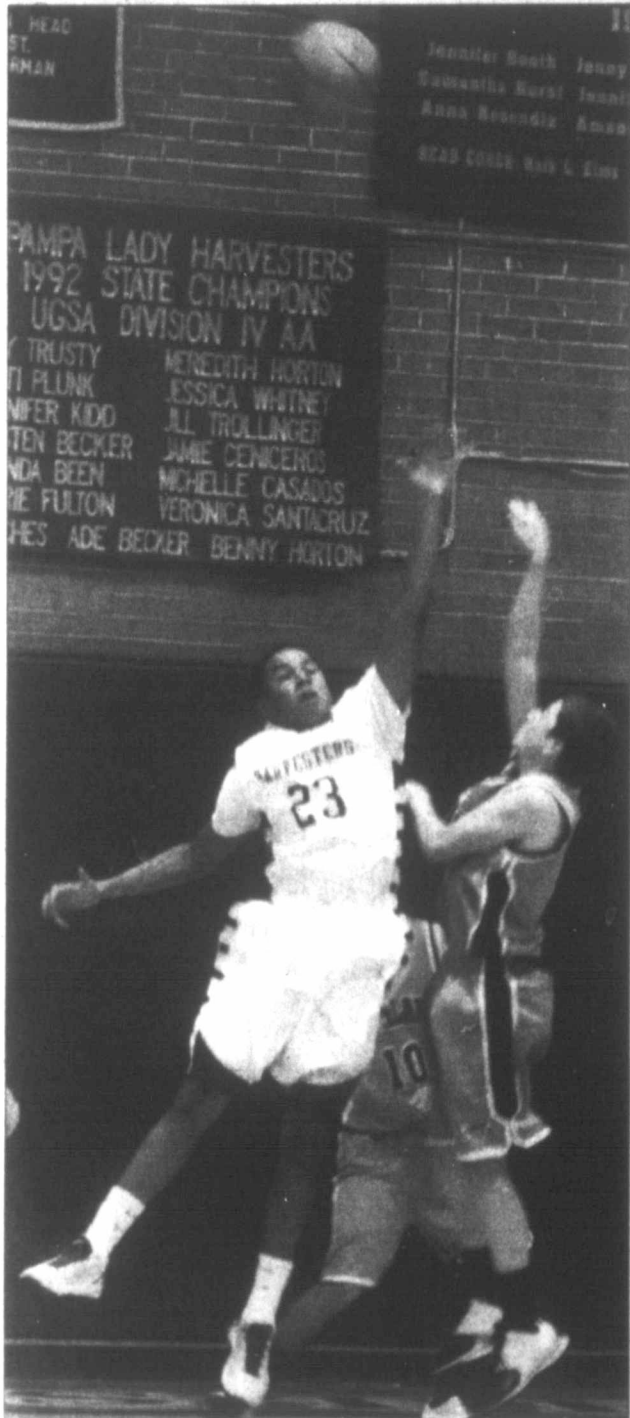
Collins

in Pampa. Farwell is a 1A team and Pampa is 8-0 this season against teams in lower classes. However, the last three games Pampa hasn't won by more than five. Senior Reid Miller said the team set a goal of winning 20 games.

"We want to go into district with 13 or 14 wins," Miller said.

The head coach said the biggest difference in these games is his team has a target on its back.

"You got a ranking by your name," Miller said. "Every coach I talk to before the game tells me you had a good run last year. It's different when you are the hunted."



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Junior Laketon Harris defends a Bushland jumper Tuesday at McNeely. Pampa hosts Lubbock Monterey 7:30 p.m. Friday.

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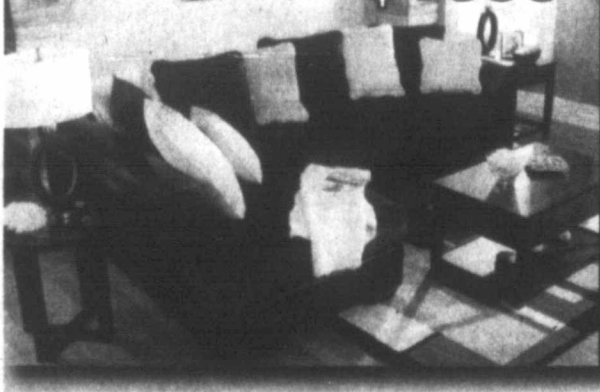
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