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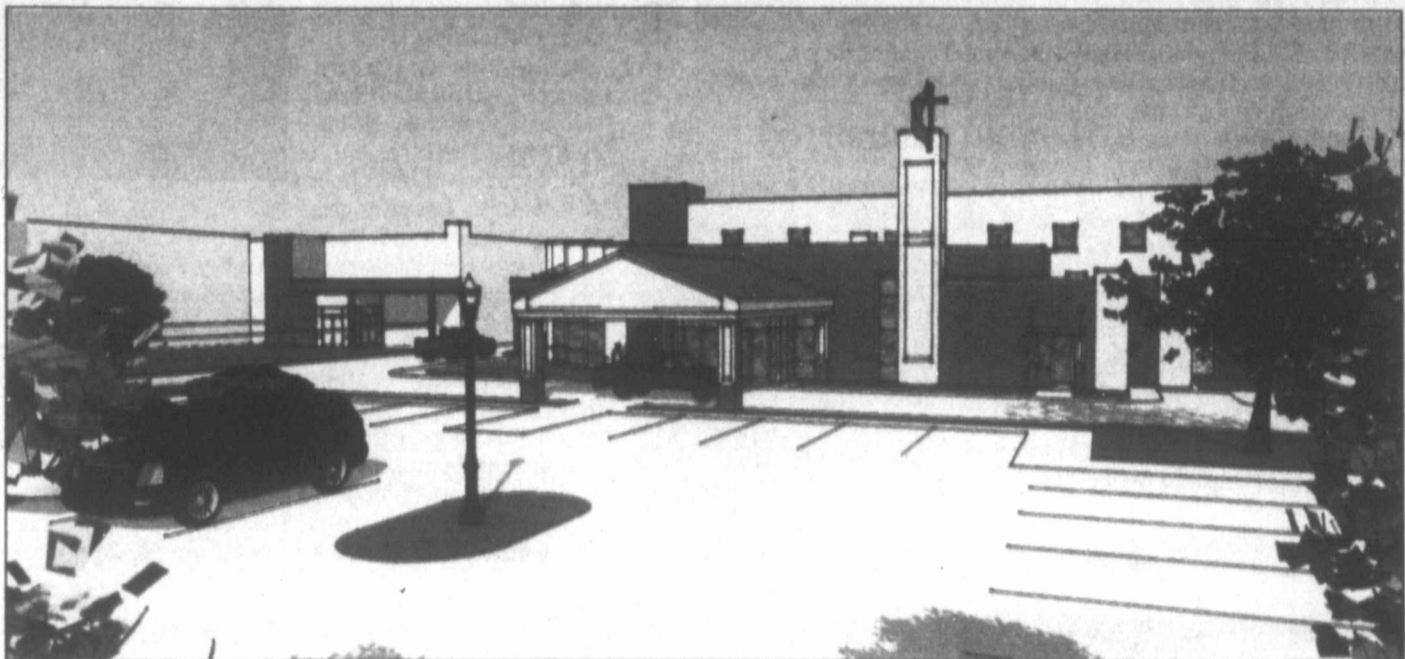
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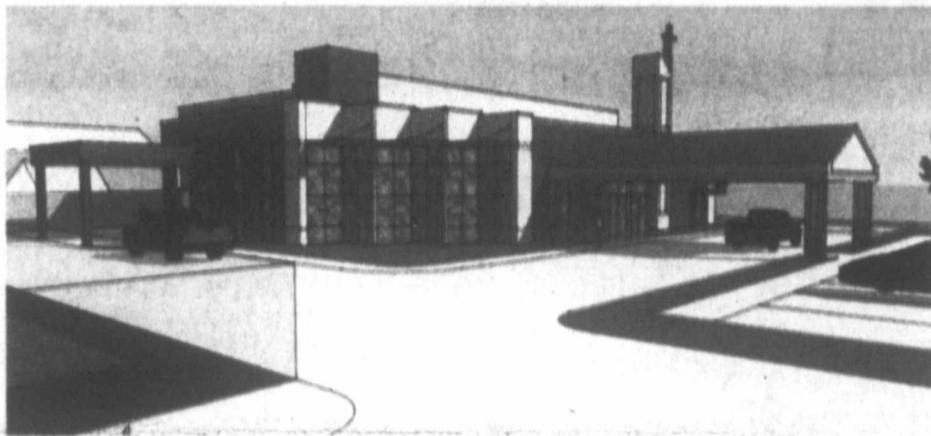
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An architect's rendering of the renovated United Methodist Church in Pampa shows how the north side of the building (top) will appear when the work is completed Oct. 1. Right - Another view of the project from the northeast corner.



## Have dog, will travel

A real life pet detective finds lost animals

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Judy Britton of Murietta, California, is a pet detective who works with California based Pet Search and Rescue, but she probably isn't the Jim Carrey breed of pet detective you may be picturing.

During the weekend, Britton helped find a lost cat named Rooney in Amarillo. Rooney had been rescued and fostered by Pampa Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) before being adopted through the Dalhart Animal Wellness Group and Sanctuary to home in Amarillo, and when Rooney went missing, the owner called in Britton.

"One of the best feelings in the world is last night, I got the call," she said. "The cat that I searched for on Saturday was located."

With her dog Mellie, who is a two year old German shepherd, rhodesian ridgeback and golden retriever that is trained to discover pets' direction of travel, Britton finds lost dogs and cats. Pet Search and Rescue also provides email and phone consultations to pet owners in need.

"They can email us pretty much until the (pet) is found," said Britton. "If it's six months or a year later, and

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## A 'huge leap of faith'

United Methodist Church congregation excited about renovation

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The old car ramp behind the Pampa United Methodist Church is gone, but it will soon be replaced by an extension of the building and a colorful façade.

Construction crews, blessed by an unseasonably mild winter, are hard at work with the initial steps of the project. "It's exciting," said John Curry, a congregation member and the co-chair of the Building Committee along with Ron Hurst. "It has been almost two years since we started. We actually started with a vision conference where we developed a mission and a vision of where we wanted to go.

"The building project reflected the changes we needed to make to be who we thought we wanted to be going forward."

"We had a vision team who really worked hard to help the church understand why we are doing this," said Rev. Blossom Matthews, lead pastor at UMC. Her husband, Nick, is co-pastor. "Any time you do something like this, it is not just the facts and figures, but faith."

The project, she said, was well under way before the Matthews arrived last year.

There were already key leaders who were working to inspire the congregation that it could be done.

The congregation discussed its present and future needs. For instance, the minister said that a child in a wheelchair would have a hard time attending Sunday School, which is held on the second floor of the education building. There is now an elevator in the construction plans.

The renovation will provide a gathering space where people can be welcomed and mingle over a cup of coffee from the new coffee bar. There will be two new handicapped access bathrooms, a renovated kitchen downstairs and some renovated offices.

The work is scheduled for completion by Oct. 1.

"When we had the capital campaign, we were looking to raise \$1.8 million," the pastor said. "Then we sought bids, and it shot up to \$2.2 million. It's a good thing we didn't know that when we started, because \$1.8 million is a huge, huge leap of faith.

"When we did all the work and people made their pledges and we revealed it on a Sunday morning, and showed it up on a screen, it was absolute shock and joy, because we actually met the \$1.8 million in pledges. A lot of us were hoping for that, but we didn't know if we could get there without having to go back again and ask for more.

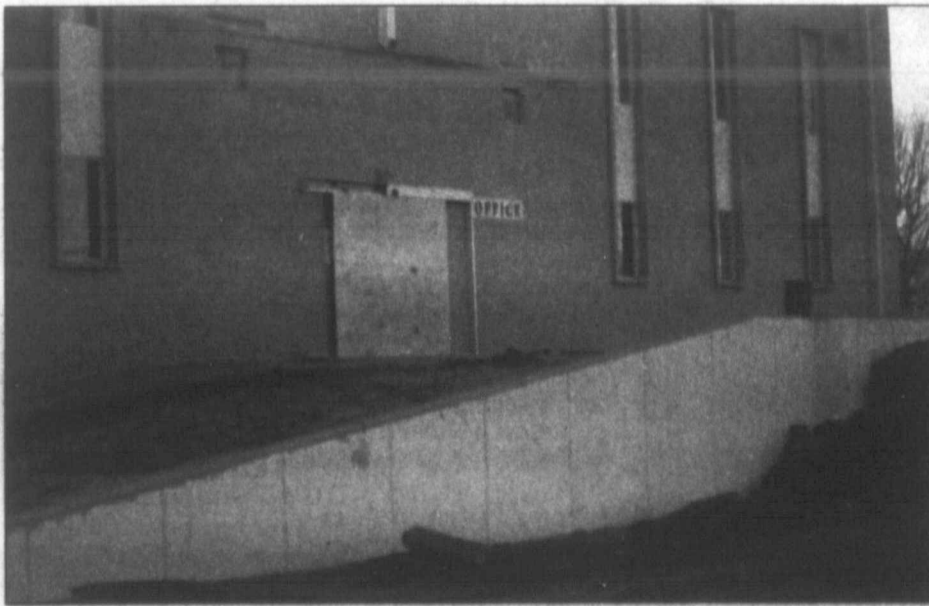
"It was 'Hallelujah, Praise the Lord' and that was encouraging for all of us.

"So, (when bids) came back a month later with an even higher number because of changes in the cost of materials and other things, we were able to hear that and say, 'Okay, we can do that, too.'"

The committee made sure there were "multiple layers of communication," so that people have an opportunity to voice their concerns.

Curry agreed: "The congregation is amazingly excited about it. We never thought we could actually raise the sort of money we did. I don't know of any naysayers anymore. We tried to involve everybody and everything was open. We had a 19 member building committee.

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A casualty in the remodeling was the old car ramp.  
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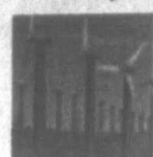

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### PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday
 30%		
High 54 Low 38	High 48 Low 30	High 48 Low 24

**Today:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 54. Wind chill values between 27 and 37 early. South southeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Tonight:** Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38. Wind chill values between 31 and 36. Southeast wind 15 to 20 mph becoming west southwest. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

**Friday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 48. Breezy, with a west southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northwest between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 30. Blustery, with a north northwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 48. North northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 24. North wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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## Obituaries

### Nathaniel M. Powell, 24

Nathaniel "Matt" Powell, 24, of Hot Springs, Ark., died Thursday, January 26, 2012. He was born in Hot Springs, Ark., to Eugene R. and Dianna (Martinez) Powell, Jr.

Matt is preceded in death by his paternal grandfather Eugene Powell, Sr. and maternal grandfather, Charles Martinez, Sr. He is survived by his parents; brother, John Martinez of Hot Springs; sister, Miranda Powell of Santa Cruz, Calif.; paternal grandmother, Heidi Powell of Hot Springs; maternal grandmother, Petra Martinez of Pampa, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, February 3, 2012, at Caruth-Hale Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Brian Henry officiating.

Honorary pallbearers include Anthony Newell, Jeremy McKim, John V. Martinez, Ian Reeves, Dr. Michael Atta, Mercy Medicaid Clinic and Express Care Clinic.

Guests may register at [www.caruth-hale.com](http://www.caruth-hale.com).



Powell

Survivors include his wife, Margie Salmon of the home; two daughters, Laurie Daugherty and husband Marvin, and Linda Salmon, all of Pampa; a brother, Darrell Salmon of Ferris; a granddaughter, Amanda Daugherty of Knox City; and a grandson, Matthew Daugherty of College Station. Mr. Salmon was preceded in death by his parents, Harmon and Jewell Salmon; a brother, R. H. Salmon, Jr.; and a sister, Helen Hawk.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, Pampa, Texas 79065, or BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105.

The family will receive friends from 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, February 3, 2012, at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home.

Sign the online register at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

### Gene Finney, 67

Gene Finney, 67, went to be with the Lord on January 30, 2012 in Amarillo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, February 2, 2012, at Briarwood Church with Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor, officiating.

Burial Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

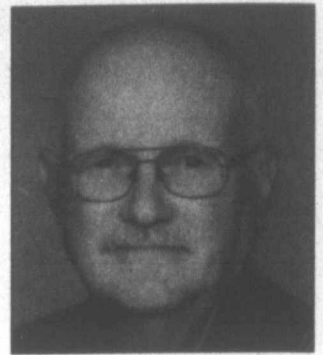
Mr. Finney was born June 16, 1944, in Drumwright, Okla., to Armal and Bonnie Finney.

He had been a resident of Pampa most of his life, graduating from Pampa High School in 1962. He attended Southwestern Bible College. Gene married Sharon Mangus on August 10, 1963, in Pampa. He retired from Duke Energy in 2006 after 42 years of service. He loved metal work, carpentry work and camping. He attended Briarwood Church. Gene enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren. He will be missed by his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon Finney of the home; three sons, Brent Finney of Flower Mound, Greg Finney and wife Jodie of Oklahoma City, and Barry Finney and wife Nancy of Pampa; a sister, Carolyn Needham and husband Tom of Amarillo; mother-in-law, Wanda Baxter of Pampa; brother-in-law, Larry Mangus of Pampa; two sisters-in-law, Karen Jones and husband Richard of Pampa, and Deloris Landis of Bethany, Okla.; six grandchildren, Curston Finney, Krista Finney, Michael Finney, Allie Finney, Gregory Finney, and Samantha Ransom and husband Chad; and a great-grandchild, Kamdyn Ransom. Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Armal and Bonnie Finney; and his father-in-law, Owen Mangus.

Memorials may be made to Briarwood Church, 1800 W. Harvester, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).



Finney

### L. Harrold Salmon, 83

L. Harrold Salmon, 83, died January 29, 2012, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 4, 2012, at First Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Kenny Rigoulot, pastor, officiating. Private burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Salmon was born June 2, 1928, in Childress County to Harmon and Jewell Salmon.

He married Margie Dixon on March 31, 1956, in Pampa. He received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Southern Methodist University, where he played basketball and baseball. Mr. Salmon was head basketball coach with Dallas ISD from 1950-1965 and assistant principal from 1965-1967. He worked as the textbook representative from 1967-1980, and was superintendent at Briscoe ISD from 1980-1990. He served on the board of directors for Northeast Texas Panhandle Special Ed Co-Op, B & L Oil Company, Tri-State Senior Golf Association and the Pampa Country Club where he also served as president. He was most proud of being a member of First Presbyterian Church where he served on the board of trustees and was an elder.



Salmon

## For the record

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### Police Department

Disorderly conduct was reported.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1300 block of West Wilks.

Suspicious persons were reported at the 1000 block of North Mary Ellen and the intersection of Sloan and Fisher.

Harassment was reported at the 1100 block of West Sirroco.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Montagu and Faulkner.

A suspicious person was reported at the 600 block of East Craven.

A burglary of a motor vehicle occurred at Jordan and Sloan.

A suspicious person was reported at Kingsmill and Fraser.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 100 block of East Harvester.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1300 block of North Duncan.

**Tuesday, January 31**  
Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1200 block of South Faulkner.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 100 block of East Virginia.

### Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sher-

iff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Tuesday, January 31 at 7 a.m.

**Monday, January 30**  
Desmond Parnell Jackson, 48, was arrested by police on a warrant for failure to appear for motion for enforcement or criminal non support.

Kenneth Ray Reed, 29, was arrested by police for possession of marijuana in an amount less than two ounces.

Christopher Wayne Woods, 26, was arrested by DPS agents on a warrant for theft of property by check in an amount greater than \$20 and less than \$500.

Richard Gene Jones, 37, was arrested by deputies on a grand jury indictment for forgery of a financial instrument and on warrants for driving with license invalid and for failure to appear in court.

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### Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, February 1 at 7 a.m.

Animal Control agents and the Pampa PD reported 13 animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS, the Pampa Fire Department and the Lefors Volunteer EMS responded to 11 medical calls.

Pampa PD reported seven traffic related incidents.

**Tuesday, January 31**  
An assault occurred at the 100 block of East Harvester.

Harassment was reported.

Disorderly conduct oc-

curred at the 4000 block of North Bad Cattle Company.

Theft was reported.

A suicide attempt occurred at the 1000 block of South Christy.

A theft occurred at the 2300 block of North Navajo.

An accident occurred at the 100 block of East Harvester.

Harassment was reported at the 2400 block of North Cherokee.

An accident occurred at the 1300 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1100 block of South Wells.

A violation of a protective order was reported at the 1200 block of North Russell.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 300 block of North Cuyler.

Phone harassment was reported at the 1200 block of South Faulkner.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1900 block of North Zimmers.

A suspicious person was reported at Wells and Cart-

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# MORNINGRUSH

## BNSF upgrades to cost \$3.9B

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) - Burlington Northern Santa Fe, the railroad owned by Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Inc., plans to spend \$3.9 billion on network upgrades this year as the economy improves.

The railroad says that its capital spending plan is \$400 million bigger than its 2011 budget.

The nation's major freight railroads, which include BNSF, together plan to spend about \$13 billion this year, up from 2011's \$12 billion.

BNSF says it will spend \$2.1 billion to upgrade its core rail network; \$1.1 billion on locomotives, freight cars and other equipment; and about \$300 million on developing the federally mandated system to remotely stop trains headed for a collision.

The railroad is based in Fort Worth, Texas. Berkshire Hathaway is based in Omaha, Neb.

## Houston faces fines over old smog

HOUSTON (AP) - Big, smoky Houston-area industries face big fines after failure to meet new clean-air goals means they could be held liable for failure to meet limits from 30 years ago.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced the conclusion Tuesday, six months after a settlement with the Sierra Club. The environmental group had sued the federal government for allegedly neglecting its duty to enforce clean-air rules set in 1979.

The Houston Chronicle reports Houston had a 2007 deadline to comply with the limits but fell short, despite making significant improvements in air quality.

The EPA had said that Houston and other places violating the 1979 standard wouldn't have to pay fines if they met newer, tougher clean-air standards. That guidance was vacated by a federal appeals court.

## Texas Sens. pay off friendly bet

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) - North Dakota Sens. Kent Conrad and John Hoeven have collected on a friendly bet they made with Texas Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn on the outcome of the Football Championship Subdivision title game last month.

It pitted North Dakota State against Sam Houston State, and NDSU came out on top 17-6.

Hutchison and Cornyn on Tuesday presented Conrad and Hoeven with Texas pecan pies and ice cream.

The North Dakota senators had wagered some bison steaks. Conrad and Hoeven called it a "sweet victory in more ways than one."

## Warden's wife unable to pay

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) - The wife of a former Oklahoma prison warden who is serving a one-year prison sentence for helping a convicted killer escape almost 18 years ago claims she is indigent and unable to pay for a transcript of her trial.

A Greer County jury in September convicted 49-year-old Bobbi Parker of helping Randolph Dial escape from the Oklahoma State Reformatory in Granite in 1994. Since then, Parker has appealed her conviction and says she's unable to afford the \$100,450 it costs for a transcript and exhibits from her four-month-long trial.

Last month, District Judge Richard Darby, who presided over Parker's trial, denied Parker's request that the transcript be provided at state expense.

The Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals on Tuesday ordered Darby to explain why it shouldn't grant Parker's request.

## 2 accused of exporting ammo

BROWNSVILLE (AP) Prosecutors in South Texas say two men have pleaded guilty over the illegal export of about 3,000 rounds of ammunition to Mexico.

A federal judge in Brownsville in May will sentence Guillermo Enrique Villarreal of Brownsville and Leoncio Sanchez, who's a U.S. citizen living in Matamoros, Mexico.

Both pleaded guilty Tuesday to exporting defense articles without a license and remain in custody. The maximum penalty is 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine.

The investigation started after the men bought about 3,000 rounds at a store in McAllen, just days after purchasing about 4,000 rounds of ammunition.

## Immigrant license bill faces test

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) - Republican Gov. Susana Martinez and her allies are making another appeal to the Legislature to overturn a New Mexico law allowing driver's licenses for illegal immigrants.

The House Judiciary Committee is to consider legislation on Wednesday that Democrats are offering as an alternative to the governor's proposal.

The Democratic-backed measure continues to allow driver's licenses to illegal immigrants but for only two years before needing renewal. Currently, licenses can last four or eight years. The proposal also will cancel licenses previously issued to foreign nationals if they fail to renew them within two years.

Martinez opposes that bill, contending it's a public safety risk to grant licenses to illegal immigrants.

Another House committee rejected the governor's proposal last week, but Martinez hopes to revive her plan.

## Collider site to be chem plant

WAXAHACHIE (AP) - A North Texas site once meant to host the superconducting super collider will be the new home for a chemical plant that burned last fall.

Magnablend Inc. on Tuesday announced the purchase of the property near Waxahachie, about 30 miles south of Dallas.

Repairs must first be done at the 135-acre super collider site, which has had theft and vandalism since the government killed the physics program in 1993 amid budget concerns.

Magnablend's plant went up in flames Oct. 3 in a massive fire that forced the evacuation of about 1,000 Waxahachie residents.

Magnablend, which specializes in custom chemical manufacturing, blending and packaging, also has facilities in Pennsylvania, Wyoming and North Dakota.

## Accountant details Stanford spending

HOUSTON (AP) - An accountant who worked for Texas tycoon R. Allen Stanford testified Wednesday that he grew increasingly concerned that the financier wouldn't be able to return the \$2 billion he secretly borrowed from investors to pay for business and personal expenses, including millions to maintain his yachts and private jets.

Henry Amadio told jurors at Stanford's federal fraud trial in Houston that various businesses into which Stanford sunk money were basically a money pit that ate up investor dollars and didn't turn a profit. The money Stanford borrowed included \$330 million for two airlines and a \$20 million prize for a cricket tournament, Amadio said.

"As it continued to grow ... the concern was: Was it (investors' money) ever going to be paid back?" Amadio said.

Prosecutors allege Stanford masterminded a fraud in which he bilked investors out of more than \$7 billion in a massive Ponzi scheme centered on the sales of certificates of deposit, or CDs, from his bank on the Caribbean island nation of Antigua. Authorities allege he used depositors' money to fund his businesses as well as his lavish billionaire lifestyle and that he lied to depositors by telling them their funds were being safely invested.

Stanford's attorneys contend the financier was a savvy businessman whose financial empire, headquartered in Houston, was legitimate. They have suggested James Davis, the ex-chief financial officer for the financier's company, is behind the fraud. Davis has pleaded guilty in the case and is expected to be called by prosecutors this week.

Stanford is on trial for 14 counts, including mail and wire fraud, and faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

Amadio said Davis also expressed concern about the growing amount of CD funds that kept Stanford's businesses afloat, even making the comment on two occasions that "the emperor has no more clothes."

"I interpreted that (comment to mean) that Mr. Stanford didn't have any money to cover these debts," Amadio said.

The accountant told jurors the profits the bank purported it was making were not enough to cover the \$2 billion Stanford had borrowed by 2009.

"Was it even close?" prosecutor Gregg Costa

# Defending Seamus

## Dog Talk

MATTHEW "UNCLE MATTY" MARGOLIS  
Creator's Syndicate



evidence — "Seamus loved it."

How the Romney luggage scored a secure place inside the car and Seamus ended up rooftop is beyond me. My main concern is the propagation of this idea that Seamus loved it — and that because he loved it, it's OK.

Dogs, much like children, love all kinds of things that

might harm or even kill them — chocolate, strangers, chewing on things (even electrical cords), running free (even through the streets). They have no sense of their own mortality, which is why they have grownups charged with keeping them alive. It is our job to know better.

The safest way to travel with your dog is to put him in his crate and secure the crate *inside* the car with a seat belt. Yes, many dogs love to hang their head out of a car window. That doesn't make it good for them. It isn't good for their ears or eyes at high speeds, and there is always the potential for a head injury. But the most pressing reasons for the secure crate is to protect the driver from potential distractions and to protect the dog in the case of a collision.

I have a vivid memory of driving on the highway years ago and swerving to avoid a suitcase in my lane. A little further along, there was a station wagon pulled over, a woman and a couple of curious kids inside, and a bewildered father examining the rooftop, trying to figure out how the family luggage had come loose. Good thing that was all that was strapped to the roof.

I'm sure Seamus loved his family. I'm equally sure he didn't love that frightening rooftop ride — his family nowhere in sight — and the digestive upset it induced. And Romney isn't doing dogs or himself any favors by pretending otherwise.

Woof!

It's rumored that Harry Truman liked to advise his Beltway colleagues that if you want a friend in Washington, get a dog. What to do, though, if no dog will have you?

The website Dogs Against Romney was founded in 2007, when Mitt Romney was making his first bid for the presidency and Crate-Gate first made the news. For those who don't remember that election cycle and haven't caught any of the recent ads, Crate-Gate refers to an incident in 1983 in which Romney, his wife and their five sons piled into the family station wagon for a trip to their vacation home on Lake Huron — and drove 12 hours with a crate containing their Irish Setter, Seamus, strapped to the car's rooftop luggage rack.

There are some 75 million dog owners in America, and many of them were outraged. That's a lot of angry voters. But we're a forgiving people, and people did a lot of things back in the '80s that are frowned upon now. Kids used to ride in the cargo area of station wagons making faces at the people in the car behind them — a position one of the Romney boys reportedly enjoyed for the duration of this same family trip. Today, kids ride in proper seats with seat belts, no exceptions.

But Crate-Gate goes on to include details of Seamus becoming visibly sick while strapped to the roof. Romney's solution was to hose off the dog and the car and soldier on. Not very sympathetic. Not very compassionate.

When asked recently about his decision to transport Seamus in this open-air manner, Romney didn't say, "We didn't know any better back then, and we do now. It was stupid, and I'm sorry." Instead he claims — despite the

Dog trainer Matthew "Uncle Matty" Margolis is co-author of 18 books about dogs, a behaviorist, a popular radio and television guest, and host of the PBS series "WOOF! It's a Dog's Life!"

asked. "No," replied Amadio, who worked seven years for the Stanford Financial Group Co. in Houston.

Amadio detailed for jurors the investor funds the financier allegedly poured into his many companies. They included \$30 million for expenses related to Stanford's six private jets; more than \$346 million for construction projects on Antigua; \$11 million for a newspaper on the island; nearly \$19 million to maintain Stanford's yachts.

Amadio also testified that in 2006, he was ordered to remove various documents he prepared, including a monthly report that tracked the amount of CD deposits going to Stanford's businesses, from the company's network drive and place them on an external drive and that this information would be held at the bank in Antigua.

Amadio said he was not aware that around the time this request had been made, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission had begun investigating.

The accountant

described a working environment full of secrecy where "everything was on a need to know basis" and where he could be fired if the monthly reports he prepared tracking investor funds were made public.

Amadio said one of the secrets he stumbled onto was a Swiss bank account with Societe Generale belonging to Stanford that detailed payments made to the outside auditor for Stanford's bank. Bank statements shown to jurors indicated payments of \$100,000 and \$125,000 made to the auditor in 2005 and 2006. Prosecutors allege Stanford used the account to bribe the auditor with millions of dollars

to hide the bank's fraud. Stanford was once considered one of the United States' wealthiest people, with an estimated net worth of more than \$2 billion. He's been jailed without bond since being indicted in 2009.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Thursday, Feb. 2, the 33rd day of 2012. There are 333 days left in the year. This is Groundhog Day.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 2, 1912, Frederick R. Law parachuted from the torch of the Statue of Liberty in a stunt filmed by Pathe News.

### On this date:

In 1536, present-day Buenos Aires, Argentina, was founded by Pedro de Mendoza of Spain.

In 1653, New Amsterdam - now New York City - was incorporated.

In 1848, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the Mexican-American War, was signed.

In 1887, Punxsutawney, Pa., held its first Groundhog Day festival.

In 1942, a Los Angeles Times column by W.H. Anderson urged security measures against Japanese-Americans, arguing that a Japanese-American "almost inevitably ... grows up to be a Japanese, not an American."

In 1943, the remainder of Nazi forces from the Battle of Stalingrad surrendered in a major victory for the Soviets in World War II.

In 1961, hijackers of a Portuguese ocean liner, the Santa Maria, allowed the passengers and crew to disembark in Brazil, 11 days after seizing the ship. Chinese-American actress Anna May Wong died in Santa Monica, Calif., at age 56.

In 1971, Idi Amin, having seized power in Uganda, proclaimed himself president.

In 1992, longtime "Miss America" emcee Bert Parks died in La Jolla, Calif., at age 77.

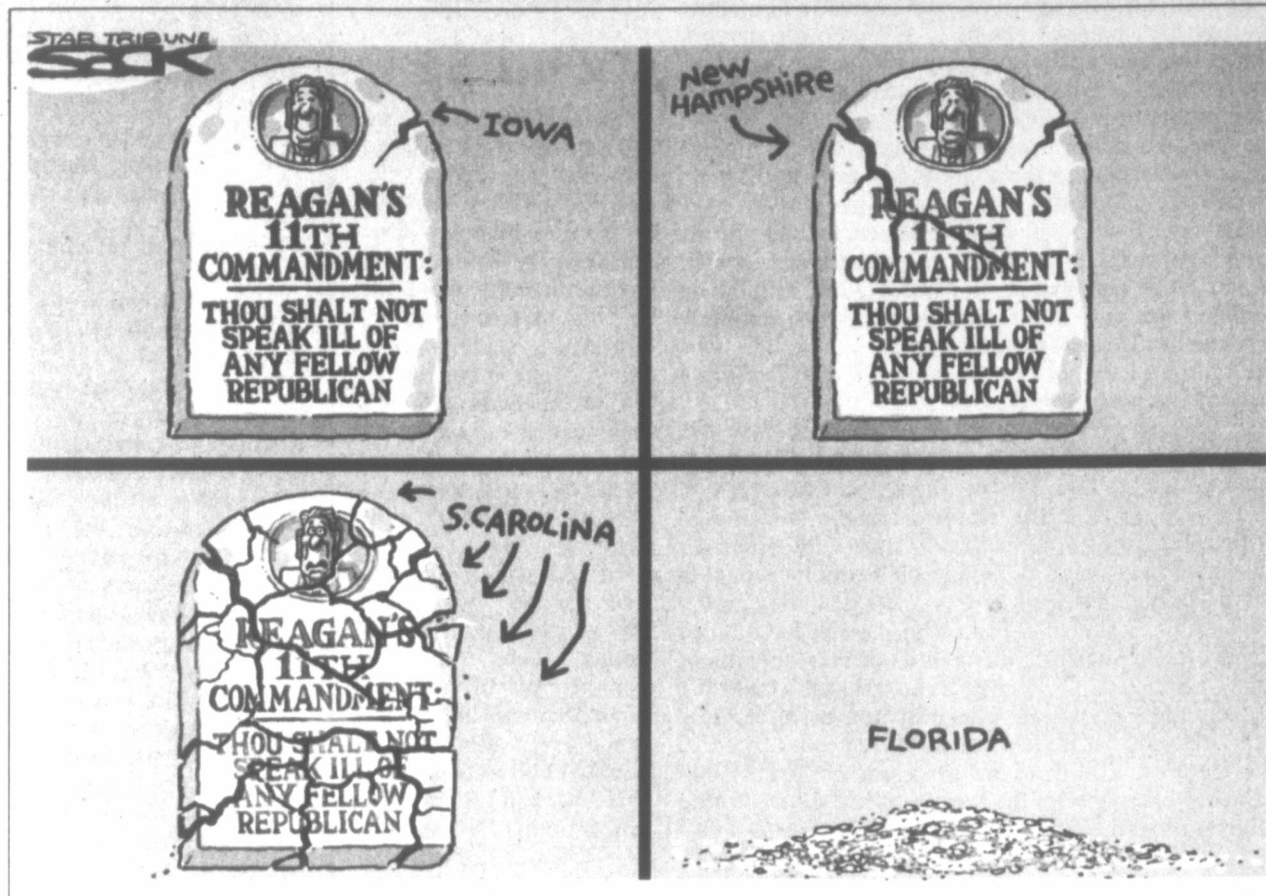
**Ten years ago:** Inside the World Economic Forum in New York, foreign economic leaders criticized the United States for protectionist policies while outside, thousands of protesters demonstrated against global capitalism.

**Five years ago:** Tornadoes killed 21 people in central Florida. A grim report from the world's leading climate scientists and government officials said that global warming was so severe, it would "continue for centuries" and that humans were to blame. Texas Gov. Rick Perry issued an order making Texas the first state to require that schoolgirls get vaccinated against HPV, a sexually transmitted virus that causes cervical cancer.

**One year ago:** Supporters of President Hosni Mubarak charged into Cairo's central square on horses and camels brandishing whips while others rained firebombs from rooftops in what appeared to be an orchestrated assault against protesters trying to topple Egypt's leader of 30 years.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Elaine Stritch is 87. Actor Robert Mandan is 80. Comedian Tom Smothers is 75. Rock singer-guitarist Graham Nash is 70. Actor Bo Hopkins is 70. Country singer Howard Bellamy (The Bellamy Brothers) is 66. TV chef Ina Garten is 64. Actor Jack McGee is 63. Actor Brent Spiner is 63. Rock musician Ross Valory (Journey) is 63. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, is 60. Model Christie Brinkley is 58. Actor Michael Talbot is 57. Actress Kim Zimmer is 57. Actor Michael T. Weiss is 50. Actor-comedian Adam Ferrara is 46. Rock musician Robert DeLeo (Army of Anyone; Stone Temple Pilots) is 46. Actress Jennifer Westfeldt is 42. Rock musician Ben Mize is 41. Actress Marissa Jaret Winokur is 39. Actress Lori Beth Denberg is 36. Singer Shakira is 35. Country singer Blaine Larsen is 26.

**Thought for Today:** "Mistakes are the portals of discovery." - James Joyce (1882-1941)



## Florida GOP voters lift Romney on electability

JENNIFER AGIESTA  
Associated Press

Voters in Tuesday's Florida Republican primary chose Mitt Romney as the candidate best able to beat President Barack Obama in the fall, preferring electability over ideology in lifting the former Massachusetts governor to a broad victory despite concerns that his issue positions are not conservative enough.

**ROMNEY RECAPTURES ELECTABILITY:** A majority of Florida GOP voters said Romney is the candidate best able to beat Obama in a general election matchup; only about 3 in 10 said the same of Newt Gingrich. And Romney carried 58 percent of the votes among those seeking a candidate who could defeat the president in November. Gingrich had a strong showing among those seeking a true conservative and a narrow edge over Romney among those seeking an experienced candidate.

**CONSERVATIVES THEN AND NOW:** In 2008, Romney carried the mantle of conservative alternative to eventual Republican nominee John McCain. This time around, 41 percent of Florida voters said Romney's issue positions are not conservative enough, and very conservative voters were more apt to back Gingrich than the former governor of Massachusetts. Strong supporters of the tea party movement also favored Gingrich over Romney, but Romney carried 50 percent or more among those who support the

movement somewhat, are neutral or oppose it.

**THE GENDER GAP:** Romney won by a wide margin among women after a deeply negative campaign in Florida raising questions about Gingrich's character. Women were more apt than men to say they were influenced by campaign advertising, and were a bit more likely to say a candidate's "strong moral character" was the most important factor in their vote. In the end, only 45 percent of women in the poll report holding a positive opinion of Gingrich as a person, compared with 79 percent who have a positive opinion of Romney.

**ECONOMIC CONCERNS TRUMP ALL:** About 6 in 10 said the economy was their top issue in choosing a candidate, about half said foreclosures were having a major impact on their community, and 3 in 10 said they were falling behind financially.

**SEEKING OTHER CHOICES:** Thirty-eight percent of voters said they would like to see someone else run for the nomination, more than said so in New Hampshire a few weeks ago, though the window for another candidate to join the field is nearly closed. Just over half of voters said they would be satisfied if Gingrich or Rick Santorum became the nominee. More, 65 percent, said they'd be satisfied with a Romney candidacy, including 43 percent who voted for Gingrich and 46 percent who backed Santorum.

**LATINO VOTERS:** A majority of Hispanics in Florida backed

Romney, a sharp improvement over his 2008 showing of 14 percent among Hispanic voters. He improved even more among Cuban voters, climbing from 9 percent in 2008 to 57 percent now.

**IMMIGRATION:** Very few voters called illegal immigration a top consideration in their vote, though the issue was raised frequently as the candidates battled to win this first state with a sizable Latino population. According to the exit poll, GOP primary voters this year were less apt than in 2008 to say illegal immigrants working in the U.S. should be deported to the country they came from, and about 4 in 10 feel they should be offered the chance to become citizens.

**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL:** Florida's voters say they made up their minds early. Just 26 percent say they made a final decision about whom to support in the last few days, compared with 55 percent in South Carolina and 46 percent in New Hampshire and Iowa.

The survey of 2,835 Republican voters was conducted for The Associated Press and the television networks by Edison Research. This includes results among 2,235 voters interviewed Tuesday as they left their polling places at 40 randomly selected sites in Florida. In addition, 600 who voted early or absentee were interviewed by landline or cellular telephone from Jan. 23 to 29. The survey has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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## United Methodist

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It has been an amazing adventure."

It doesn't mean that this construction was immune to the normal speed bumps inherent in any project.

"Well, everywhere you turn, there are funny little things like the perennial asbestos problems," Curry said. "And when they started to dig into the ground, the footings from the old Adams Hotel are still intact. We are actually going to use one of them as structure, because it is in such good shape. It was a 1920s hotel that was torn down in the 70s."

The looks of the church will also change significantly. The design was the congregation's nod toward being a part of downtown Pampa and some of the beautiful buildings nearby.

"We will have a tower with the Methodist Cross and Flame," the pastor

said. "When people drive up to the church, they will see the cross lifted up."

In the meantime, the construction will go on, and church offices will soon located temporarily to the old White House Lumber building across the street.

"(The White House Lumber building) was a gift from a church member who, with great vision, purchased it so we could use it for this, and down the road we could use it for ministry," said Rev. Matthews.

And there is a temporary disruption of parking at one entrance, but the church has compensated for that by providing valet parking for those who need help. They've also added handicapped and visitor's parking spaces to make it easier for people to access the front door of the church.

Tuesday afternoon there were people going in and



United Methodist Church's Building Committee is shown at the groundbreaking on the project. From left are Stan Smith, John Curry, Bryan Troxell, Nancy Coffee, Eldon Maxwell, Martha Campbell, Ron Hurst, Jane Jacobs, Dale West, Virginia Gerhardt, Rev. Nick Matthews and Kevin Redding. Members of the committee who were not present for the photo include Chandler Bowers, Larry Franklin, Mike Joyce, Jim Morrison, Lee Porter, Larry Rogers, Pat Terry and Rev. Blossom Matthews.

out of the church - members of subcommittees tasked with such things as deciding the color of new stone floor tiles.

The pastor said she is thankful to have some of

"the smartest, most gifted, most generous people that Nick and I have ever met."

It didn't take much, she noted, "to boost the spirit of the congregation and encourage them to step out

in faith to do what was already in their hearts."

"There is a saying that money follows vision," Rev. Matthews said. "People put their money where their heart is."

"One of our dear saints said, 'You know, even if I don't live to see this, I want it to be there for others.' That is faith and vision."

## Republican U.S. Senate candidates square off in Austin debate

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst's leadership in the Texas Senate came under fire during a debate Wednesday when one of his Republican opponents for U.S. Senate accused him of compromising too much rather than standing firm on his conservative principles.

While Dewhurst is the perceived front-runner, former Texas Solicitor General Ted Cruz was the only one of his three GOP rivals to directly attack him during the debate in Austin. Cruz touted his own support among tea party favorites already in the U.S. Senate while accusing Dewhurst of being too moderate to represent Texas in Washington.

"He's a nice man, but his record is consistently been that of a conciliator, it has consistently been that of a moderate," Cruz said. "If you think what we need right now is a fighter, then I am asking for your support."

Dewhurst rejected the characterization and insisted that as a lawmaker he has a proven track record as a consistent conservative. As lieutenant governor, Dewhurst has presided over the Texas Senate since 2003.

"Some people talk, some people act," Dewhurst said, explaining how he has supported a federal balanced budget amendment. "I don't trust Washington politicians. They are not going to balance the budget unless you make them balance the budget. That's why we passed a resolution calling for a balanced budget amendment."

The candidates are competing for the Republican nomination to replace U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who is retiring at the end of the year.

The Republican candidate's debate took place at the annual conference of the Texas Association of Business, and the moderator was Bill Hammond, the group's president and CEO. Former Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert and former ESPN football analyst Craig James also participated.

One of the big challenges in the race is that the candidates share the same policies on most issues and are struggling to differentiate themselves. Dewhurst has the dual advantages of name recognition and a \$250 million personal

fortune to help finance his race. Cruz has focused on winning grassroots and national tea party support while Leppert says he is an experienced CEO who can solve problems.

"What we have done in the past is put people in Washington who are professional politicians, or people who want to be professional politicians," said Leppert, who served four years as Dallas mayor after decades running businesses. "What I really bring is the perspective of business."

James portrays himself as a poor-kid-made-good who will bring common sense to government, touting his belief in God, family and the Constitution.

He said his life experiences as a football player, businessman, broadcaster and parent qualifies him to serve in the Senate.

"God blessed me with the ability to communicate, and we need people to go to Washington who can communicate their experiences of being a citizen," James said.

The rivalry between Cruz and Dewhurst has come to symbolize what Cruz has called a civil war within the Republican Party between experienced leaders and tea party-infused newcomers over the definition of conservatism.

Dewhurst has won endorsements from former Arkansas Gov.

Mike Huckabee, activist Michael Reagan, mainstream trade and industry organizations as well as some anti-abortion groups. Cruz has the support former U.S. Attorney General Ed Meese, national tea party organizers and social conservative groups.

"I don't think he would blend in, I think he will be seen and heard," said Wilbur Yates, a Texas Association of Business board member who praised Cruz's combative style. "It's Cruz for me, and I just made that decision."

All of the candidates agreed on cutting spend-

ing on unemployment insurance, social security, Medicare and Medicaid to give greater power to the states and individuals, while protecting those who currently depend on the programs. There was universal opposition to the Obama administration's policies on health care, government spending and environmental regulation.

Cruz opposed imposing tariffs on China for currency manipulation while the others supported taking a tougher stance. Dewhurst said he was not opposed to a constitutional convention to require a balanced budget if Congress

would not approve one. Cruz, who voiced support for a convention in 2010 according to press reports, said Wednesday that he now opposes it.

So far, though, the primary election date remains uncertain because minority groups have sued the state, claiming that political maps drawn by the Texas Legislature minimize their voting power. A San Antonio federal court has given the Texas attorney general and those groups until Feb. 6 to draft compromise maps. If that deadline is missed, the court will push back the April 3 primary date.

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# Where's the snow? Not in Lower 48; but elsewhere

**SETH BORENSTEIN**  
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Snow has gone missing in action for much of the U.S. the last couple months. But it's not just snow. It's practically the season that's gone AWOL. "What winter?" asked Mike Halpert, deputy director of the National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center. For the Lower 48, January was the third-least snowy on record, according to the Global Snow Lab at Rutgers University. Records for the amount of ground covered by snow go back to 1967.

Last year more than half the nation was covered in snow as a Groundhog Day blizzard barreled across the country, killing 36 people and causing \$1.8 billion in damage. This year, less than a fifth of the country outside of Alaska has snow on the ground. Bismarck, N.D., has had one-fifth its normal snow, Boston a

third. Midland Texas has had more snow this season than Minneapolis or Chicago.

Forget snow, for much of the country there's not even a nip in the air. On Tuesday, the last day in January, all but a handful of states had temperatures in the 50s or higher. In Washington, DC, where temperatures flirted with the 70s, some cherry trees are already budding — weeks early.

"I am disgusted that golfers are golfing on my cross-country ski course," said New Jersey state climatologist David Robinson, director of the Global Snow Lab.

But there is lots of snow and dangerous cold — it's just elsewhere in the world. Valdez, Alaska, has had 328 inches of snow this season — 10 feet above average — and the state is frigid, with Yukon hitting a record 66 below zero over the weekend.

Nearly 80 people have died from a vicious cold snap in Europe, and much

of Asia has been blanketed with snow. This January has been the ninth snowiest since 1966 for Europe and Asia, though for the entire northern hemisphere, it's been about average for snow this season.

The weather is so cold that some areas of the Black Sea have frozen near the Romanian coastline, and rare snowfalls have occurred on islands in the Adriatic Sea in Croatia. Ukraine alone has reported 43 fatalities, many of the victims homeless people found dead on streets.

The reason is changes in Arctic winds that are redirecting snow and cold. Instead of dipping down low, the jet stream winds that normally bring cold and snow south got trapped up north. It's called the Arctic Oscillation. Think of it as a cousin to the famous El Niño.

When the Arctic Oscillation is in a positive phase, the winds spin fast in the Arctic keeping the cold north. But in the past few days, the

Arctic Oscillation turned negative, though not in its normal way, Halpert said. The cold jet stream dipped in Europe and Asia, but is still bottled up over North America.

That's because another weather phenomena, called the North Atlantic Oscillation is playing oddball by staying positive and keeping the cold away from the rest of North America. About 90 percent of the time, the North Atlantic and Arctic oscillations are in synch, Halpert said. But not this time, so much of the United States is escaping the winter's worst.

"We've just had a remarkable run of unusual winters in the past six years globally," said Jeff Masters, director of meteorology at Weather Underground in Ann Arbor, Mich. "I have to say that winter hasn't really hit yet. Certainly not where I live."

# Slim denies he has monopoly on Mexico telecom

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Telephone magnate Carlos Slim denied Tuesday that he has a monopoly on telecommunications in Mexico, disputing a report by an international economic forum that says a lack of competition has cost the country billions.

Slim, who is one of the world's richest people, said his phone companies have either kept prices the same or reduced them. His Telmex company controls 80 percent of Mexico's landline market, while his Telcel controls 70 percent of the mobile phone business.

The Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development said Monday that Mexicans overpaid for telecommu-

nications services by more than \$13 billion a year from 2005 to 2009. It said a lack of competition cost Mexico \$25 billion a year in the same period.

Slim called those numbers "fantasy."

Telcel is the Mexican arm of America Mobile, Latin America's leading mobile-phone operator.

Slim denied that any of his businesses are monopolies.

"What does monopoly mean? One," he said, adding that "if we have less than 100 percent of the market it means that there are other competitors."

Asked about the potential entry into Mexico's mobile-phone market by the Mexican broadcasting giant Televisa, Slim said he didn't fear competition.

"We aren't afraid of competing with anyone," he said. "What we want is that they invest, that they don't take advantage of our investments."

Televisa, the world's largest producer of Spanish-language programming, announced last April that it would pay \$1.6 billion for a 50 percent share of the mobile-phone operator Iusacell. That's a property of the Salinas Group, which operates TV Azteca, the second biggest television operation in Mexico.

The OECD said Iusacell has 4.4 percent of the mobile-phone market and Televisa's entry could generate more competition in the sector.

Mexico's anti-monopoly regulator has made a

decision on the Televisa-Iusacell merger, but has not yet made it public.

Slim's companies have pulled their advertising from Televisa and TV Azteca, saying they overcharge, and he has accused the two TV operations of monopolistic practices. He has been trying to get the government's permission to enter Mexico's pay-television market, a request that has been opposed by Televisa.

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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: "She Has a Name in Georgia" (Dec. 2) complained that the care staff at the assisted living community where her mother lives calls her "Granny," "Grandma" and "Mamma." She found it disrespectful, and I agree with her.

I am an R.N. with two advanced nursing degrees. Calling a resident "Granny," "Dear" or "Honey" is not loving or caring. It is degrading, humiliating and hurtful! It does not matter what the ethnicity of the attendant is; there are standards of conduct and patient's rights. I suggest "She Has a Name" ask the director of the facility for copies of the standards of care and patient's rights documents.

The family may want to install a "nanny cam" in the room if it will provide peace of mind. There are many fine communities where care of the residents is professionally and caringly provided. I hope they are able to find one for their mother. — **RETIRED R.N. AND RESIDENT ADVOCATE**

DEAR R.N.: Thank you for sharing your expertise on this subject. I didn't realize patient's rights were specified by the documents you mentioned or that how a resident is addressed is covered in them. Other health care professionals responded similarly, and I stand corrected. My news-

paper readers comment:

DEAR ABBY: During school and in clinical rotations, we were repeatedly instructed to call clients by their names, especially in situations where memory was impaired. Not only does it help to reorient the patient as to who they are and help them to maintain their identity, but it provides a clear separation as to who is family and who is the caregiver.

The director should not have diminished the importance of the family's feelings on this matter. I suggest they consider relocating their mother to a facility that is more conscientious about the care they are being paid to provide. — **CAREGIVER IN FLORIDA**

DEAR ABBY: The assisted living staff should not be calling her mother by those names. The legal term is "elder speak," or as it is commonly known — baby talk. This infantilizes elders. It is detrimental to their care and contributes to "ageism," a process in which elders are perceived as less valuable than others.

The family was right to speak up and, regardless of cultural considerations, the staff and director should respect their wishes and refer to their mother by her appropriate name. — **SHOCKED R.N. IN CALGARY, CANADA**

DEAR ABBY: Failure to address a patient/resident by his or her proper name is a violation of regulations and could be cited during surveys. If the patient preferred a nickname, the care plan conference team (staff department heads, family and patient) needed to make a notation in the care plan to allow the nickname to be used.

Most of this is covered by the Patient's Bill of Rights and falls under the "right to be treated with respect and dignity." Using terms like "Sweetie" or "Granny" is a symptom of the staff's failure to respect the patient's individuality. They are objectifying and dehumanizing the person and becoming too complacent (or lazy) to learn his or her name. Besides, if an aide approached me and said, "Granny is complaining of pain," which "Granny" am I supposed to attend to? — **RESPECTFUL GERIATRIC NURSE**

DEAR ABBY: In Michigan, health care professionals are expected to call patients by name. In fact, my nephew was once called into his boss's office at the hospital and reprimanded when she overheard him say to a patient, "I'll show you the way to the X-ray unit, Grandma."

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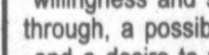


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When Britton is looking for a pet with her dog, Mellie starts by getting the animal's scent to determine which direction it may have gone in.

"Our primary goal with our search dogs is (finding) direction of travel," said Britton. "We make that very clear to people. It happens mostly in movies that the search dog is going to come running up and find the pet. It does happen on occasion. I do tell people we have had walk-up finds, but normally they're not moving any more. While we're there, we always spend at least an hour with the client, and it's up to them, if they want us to work with interviewing the neighbors if they're very shy, and if they want us to post signs."

"The other thing we do, along with trying to provide direction of travel, is we give people the confidence to keep going," she added.

Britton worked as a deputy sheriff in Orange County before teaching for 20 years. After retiring, she adopted Mellie, and decided to enroll the

dog in a trailing class.

"The other dogs were doing five to ten yard increments in their training," she said. "They had (Mellie) doing 20, 25 right away."

With Mellie's aptitude for trailing, the teacher of the class recommended Britton train her dog in human search and rescue. Mellie started with scent trailing, then began training for human remains detection.

"One of the last trainings we did, she had a little piece of a tooth fragment, the size of a baby tooth," said Britton. "It was somewhere between one and three acres of land, and she was able to locate that little bone fragment just turned free."

While she enjoyed training for human search and rescue, Britton felt that her personality might be better suited for looking for animals instead.

"I spent about a year training for human search and rescue before the email came out that Annalisa (Berns) needed help in southern California with the pet searches," she said. "A lot more pets get lost than people, and there are 9 million dogs in Los Angeles County alone. It's just something that needs to be done."

Britton has been impressed with Mellie's faithfulness and love for her work.

"What we're doing mostly right now is back to trailing and finding live animals, and then, she gets to find what she's looking for," said Britton. "She's a very dedicated dog. A

lot of times in human or pet search and rescue, they tell you when you first get

lost pets.

"I thought that since I'd been trained in human

she said, tend to hide and stay silent. Dogs also can be very quiet when they are lost.

"Lost pets very often do not make noise, because they're frightened, and they're in survival mode," Britton said. "We had a small dog who got loose on his leash. He was wrapped around a bush, and his owner was practically on top of him with a technique we call spotlighting. She was walking along, calling to him. He wouldn't whine, he wouldn't bark. If she hadn't had the spotlight and gotten the reflection of his eyes, she wouldn't have gotten him back, and this was a heavy coyote area in San Diego. He probably wouldn't have survived that night."

It someone loses their pet, Britton recommends putting up large signs, rather than flyers.

"Signs are the number one most important thing, getting big signs out," she said. "The faster the traffic goes, the larger the sign has to be. We very often post five by seven banners."

People with missing pets will also want to check out animal shelters for their four legged friends.

"(Pets) end up in different shelters," said Britton. "One of the suggestions is

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to really get to know your shelter workers, and take them a box of doughnuts. Do something to personalize your pet."

Although it may be a natural inclination to run after your lost pet if you happen to see them, Britton said that this may cause the animal to run in the opposite direction.

"Very often, it's not a good idea to chase your pet if you see them, because they're in survival mode," she said. "Even though you've had them for years and they love you, and they'd normally come right to you, they'll run. Sit quietly, talk to them and try to get them to come to you. Call someone on your cell phone, and have them bring really smelly food like tuna fish, that kind of thing."

Out of their last 10 pet searches, Britton and Mellie found seven of the animals. The pet detective said that in some cases with lost pets, months may go by before the animal is found again.

"They're 50 miles away," she said. "They've been re-homed through another shelter. Or, there was one little dog that by no rights should not have survived in the streets in a really rough part of LA for like a month, a little frou-frou dog that you'd think never would have made it out there. It did survive."



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Judy Britton of Murietta, Ca. takes her rescue dog, Mellie, for a walk in the park.

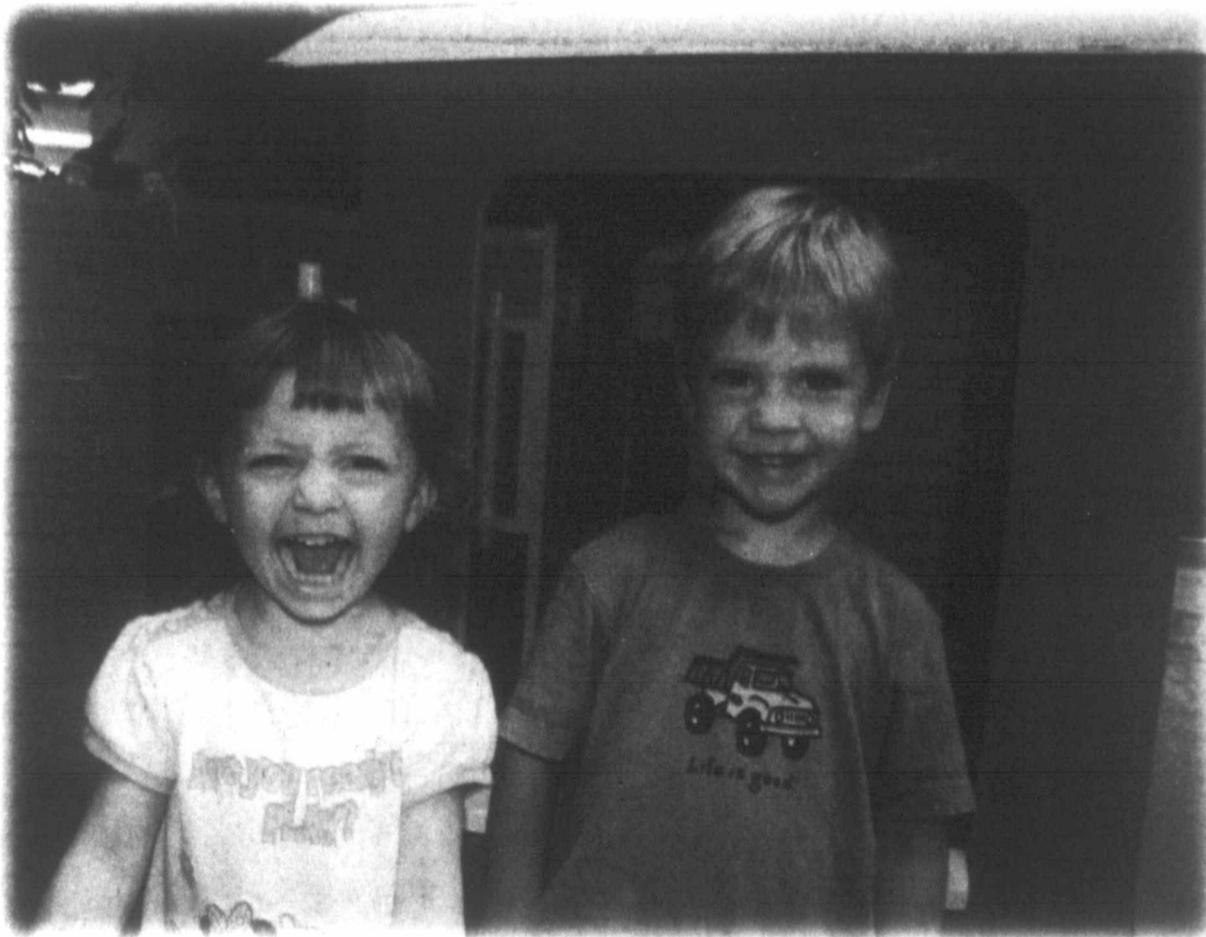
to the scene, take the dog out and give them a few minutes to get the kinks out. She literally hits the ground, and she's already going. Which scent? What am I going to look for?"

Britton has found animal search and rescue rewarding, and continues to learn about the art of finding

search and rescue, I knew pretty much everything I needed to know," she said. "I have learned so much. For example, a shy cat will behave very different when it's lost than a friendly cat."

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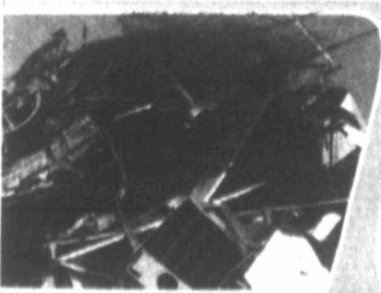
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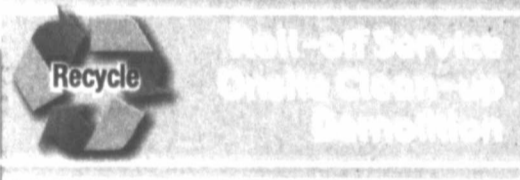
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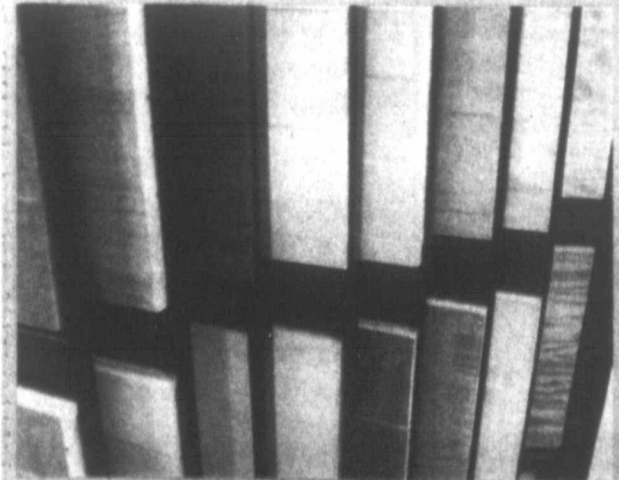
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After defeating Borger in a packed McNeely Fieldhouse, the Pampa Harvesters will probably face a similar environment Friday, but as the road team as they visit the Perryton Rangers 7:30 p.m.



D. Miller

"It's turned into quite a rivalry," head coach Dustin Miller said. "It's going to be loud and rowdy. We are going to have to play really well to have a chance to compete."

Pampa beat Perryton 67-60 January 24 at McNeely Fieldhouse. Perryton is coming off a 62-57 loss to Dalhart. Senior Cole Engle said the team's shooting was key to its wins in district.



Engle

"Hopefully we can

do the same thing to them that we did here," Engle said. "It's going to be tougher over there. Hopefully we can pull it out."

A victory would put Pampa in a tie for second and give it the head-to-head tie breaker over Perryton. Miller said he is concerned about his team making the playoffs.

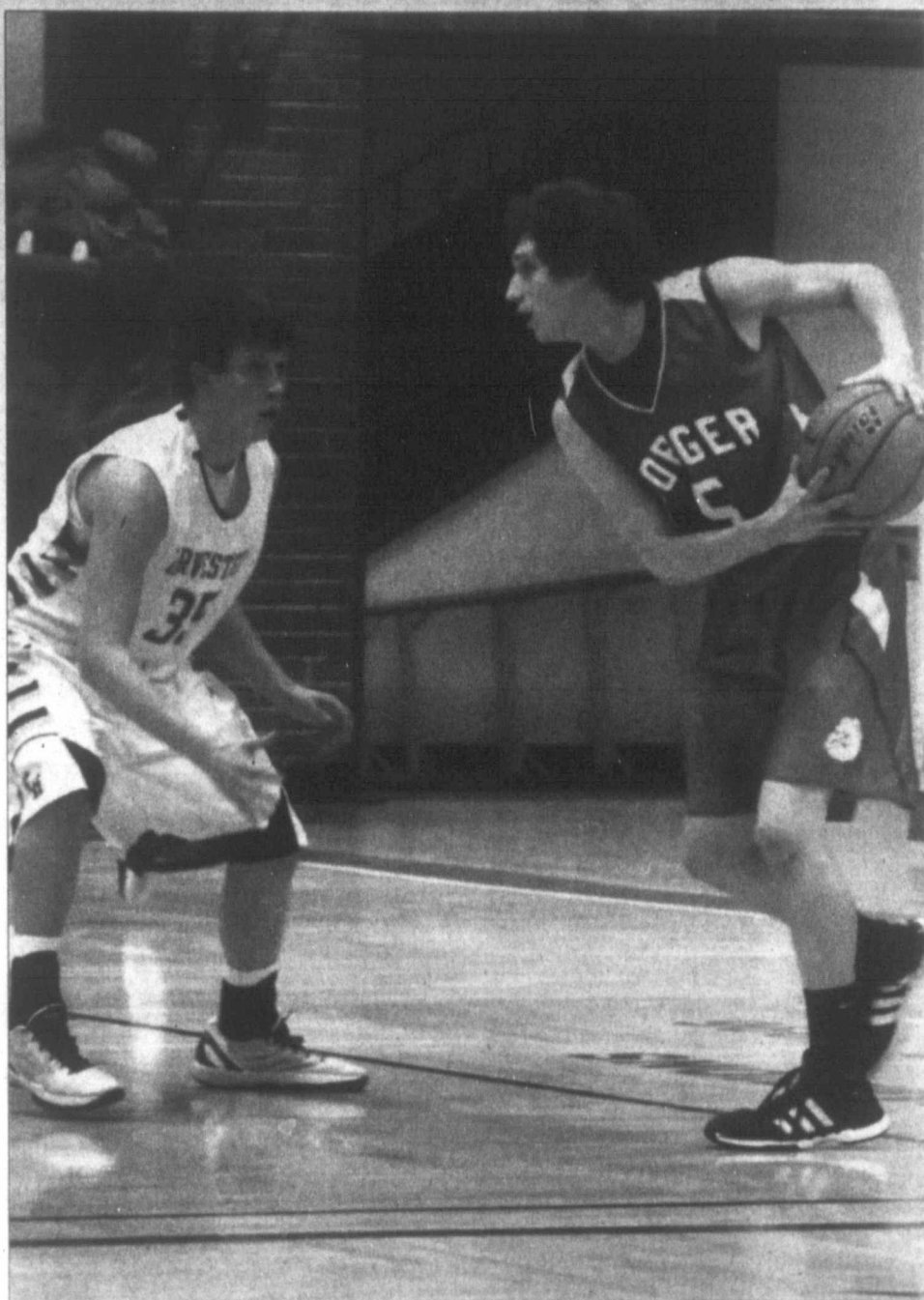
"We know that we got to take care of our side," Miller said. "It's easy and hard not to. ... We need to make sure we get in this deal then we will worry about who, when where and what."

On Tuesday, the Harvesters host Dalhart. Pampa will be looking to finish the series with a win. The Wolves won the first two games and currently hold the district lead. In the two losses, Pampa struggled hitting shots. Senior Reid Miller said they will focus on getting the ball into the post.

"We want to get it down low early," Miller said. "Then kick it out and get an in-and-out game going."



R. Miller



staff photo by Joe Murray

Junior Tyler Powell defends a Borger ballhandler Tuesday. Pampa hopes to improve its standing in District 1-3A

## PHS boys and girls soccer drop district opener vs. Horns

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The Pampa Harvester and Lady Harvester soccer teams were hoping to get district off to the right foot. In the end, both teams left with losses to Caprock Tuesday at Harvester Field.



May

The Lady Harvesters (0-5-1, 0-1-0) lost 4-1. Head coach Libby Garza said the team started slow.

"We picked it up in the second half and fought pretty hard," Garza said. "I was proud of the way they finished."



Garza

Caprock led 2-0 after the first half. Pampa got on the board with senior Ellen Cambern scoring her first of the season and ended a team streak of 17 games without a goal.

Garza said the team has to communicate better.

"If we can figure that out then we will be in pretty good shape," Garza said.

The Harvesters (3-6-1, 0-1-0) lost 7-0. Head coach Byron May said Caprock's speed hurt his team.

"Caprock is fast, moves the ball well, and moves well off the ball. I have no question in my mind they are the best team in the district. To make matters worse, they were firing on all cylinders."

Pampa trailed 4-0 at halftime. May said his team needs to regroup Friday against Borger.

"(Borger) are capable of scoring goals in bunches, and that's the team we have to be ready for," May said.

## Brady: Avoiding trouble with Giants no secret

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - It's no secret how to stay out of trouble against the New York Giants.

Doing it, however, is another matter.

The Giants have perhaps the best pass rushers in the NFL, a group Brady knows all too well. He absorbed five sacks and was hit nine times when the New England Patriots lost to the Giants 17-14 in the Super Bowl four years ago. Brady was only sacked twice when the teams met Nov. 6, but one of those miscues resulted in a Giants touchdown one play later.

"This team has a very good pass rush. I've seen it game after game," Brady said Wednesday. "They can get to the quarterback. They can hit the quarterback. They can force the quarterback into some bad decisions and some bad throws. We're going to try and eliminate those. We really can't afford too many of those on Sunday."

"We had too many of those the last time we played them, and we're not going to be able to win the game making mistakes."

Especially not with the way the Giants are playing right now.

The Giants finished the regular season tied for third in the NFL with 48 sacks. Eleven of those came in the last two games of the regular season, victories over the crosstown rival Jets and Dallas Cowboys, and

the Giants have added nine more in their three playoff wins.

What makes New York's pass rush so ferocious is that it never stops coming, with a line that goes eight deep. All Pro Jason Pierre-Paul led the team with 16 1/2 sacks in his second season, while Osi Umenyiora had nine in only nine games. Justin Tuck and backup defensive end Dave Tollefson had five apiece, Chris Canty added four and

fellow tackle Linval Joseph had two.

Oh, and don't forget linebacker Mathias Kiwanuka, who had 3 1/2 sacks playing as a lineman in passing situations.

"It wouldn't be the Super Bowl if they weren't talking about coming to knock me down and trying to knock me out," Brady said. "That's what I expect. And you know what? Our offensive line gets paid to keep those guys out of there."

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# Sports

## Senior QB Miller signs to play for Northwestern OK

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Senior quarterback Reid Miller's Dad, Dustin told him, he will know which college he should go to. When the younger Miller stepped foot on Northwestern Oklahoma State's campus, he found his new home.



Miller

"When I went it just felt right," Miller said. "So I knew that's where I want to be the next four years of my life."

Miller was the Harvesters' starting quarterback the last two seasons and earned two unanimous first team All-District selections. Miller led Pampa to the playoffs in his junior season. The two-year starter said he liked Northwestern's system.

"They run a bunch of that spread, up-tempo offense," Miller said. "It's a quar-

terback dream. It's going to be fun and I can't wait."

Miller said the program is starting to rebuild and is looking forward to helping in that process.

"It's always nice to be the starting block of the rebuilding process," Miller said. "I figured that's a good place to be."

Pampa head football coach Heath Parker said he's excited for Miller and hasn't seen anyone work harder.

"Never missed a summer workout," Parker said. "Always making sure his teammates were around."

Miller said he isn't sure how much playing time he will receive.

"They have a fifth year senior," Miller said. "They have a whole new coaching staff. So the plan is to go in there and compete and see if I can stir things up a bit."



Parker



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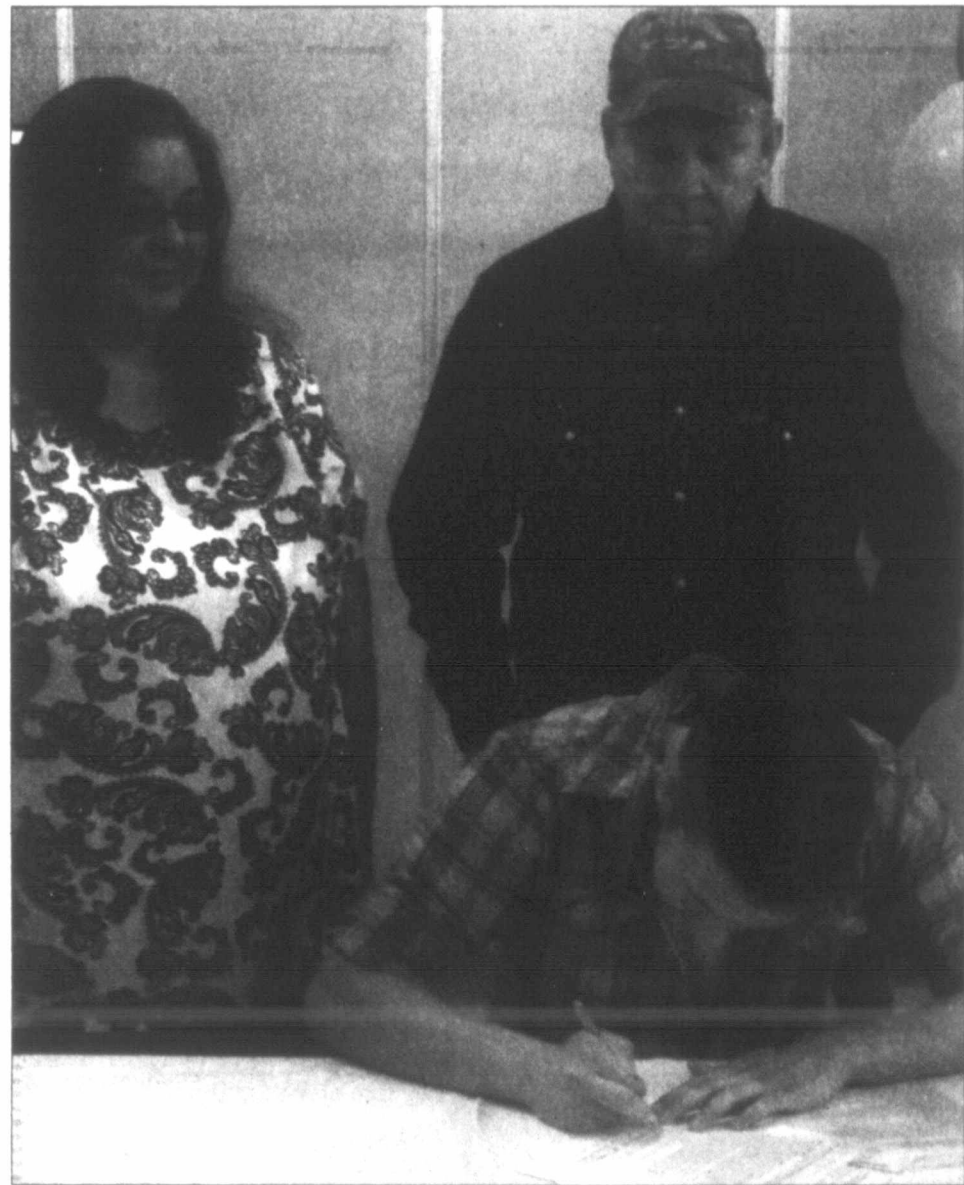
Senior Reid Miller signs his commitment letter to Northwestern Oklahoma State University as his parents Dori and Dustin look on.

### Reid Miller's career highlights

- Led the Harvesters to seven wins in two seasons
- Threw two touchdown passes and ran for two touchdowns against Wichita Falls Hirsch in 30-22 victory that gave Pampa its first home win since 2008.
- Threw four touchdown passes and ran for one against Perryton in 2010 to clinch playoffs in a 57-35 victory.
- Threw and ran for a touchdown to help seal a 20-0 victory over Iowa Park in 2011.
- Scored the first touchdown against Vernon, helping Pampa to a 17-0 victory over Vernon.
- Scored three total touchdowns to help secure a 32-23 victory over Dalhart in his final game.

## Senior kicker Adams to continue playing career at SWOSU

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Senior Colten Adams signs his commitment letter to Southwestern Oklahoma State University in the Pampa High School rotunda as his parents Eva and Doug look on.

Pampa senior Colten Adams was a sophomore, when he received a phone call from assistant coach Byron May extending a special invitation.

"He told me to come up at 7:30 in the morning to come kick," Adams said.

Thursday, in the Pampa High School rotunda after completing three seasons of varsity football, Adams signed his commitment letter to continue kicking at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

"Back then I couldn't picture myself (signing)," Adams said.

Head coach Heath Parker said Adams works hard and is very deserving of his scholarship.

"Colten was a type of guy that would wear out a bag of balls in the summer," Parker said. "Really to just make himself



Adams

better for our team. In the end it made him a good enough kicker that he's going to get to do that in college."

Adams said Southwestern got in contact with him shortly after the season ended.

"A week or two after the season, the coach started talking to me," Adams said. "Two weeks later he told me to come up and visit the place. You can't really pass up an offer like that."

Adams said he is looking forward to continuing his career and will get to compete for the punting job.

"The coach said he is going to bring in another guy and wants one of us to punt while the senior kicks," Adams said.

In his senior season, Adams earned first team All-District kicker. In an October 7 game, Adams hit a 50-yard field goal at the end of the first half.



Parker

### Colten Adams' career highlights

- Starting kicker from 2009-2011
- Made two field goals against Canyon in 2009
- Made a 20-yard field goal to give Pampa a 3-0 lead in the 2009 bi-district round against Hereford
- Nearly perfect on extra point attempts
- Scored Pampa's only points against Lubbock Estacado in 2011.
- Made a field goal against Vernon to give Pampa a two-score lead in the first half.
- Made a field goal in his final game against Dalhart.

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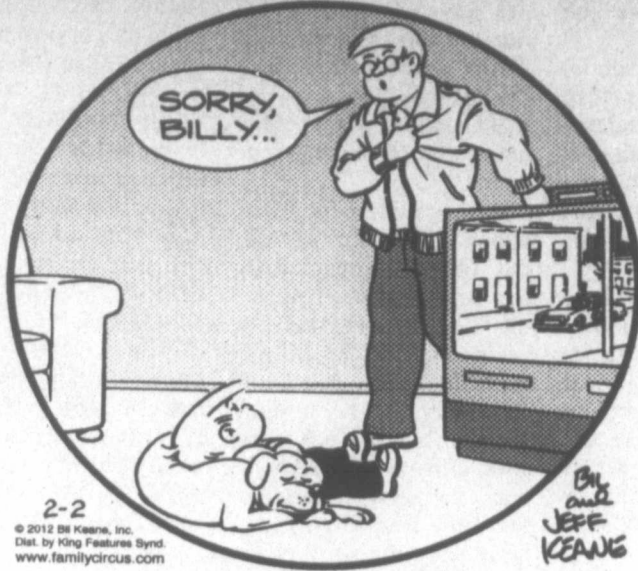
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### Non Sequitur

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### Nest Heads



## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Friday, Feb. 3, 2012:

This year, deal with your strong feelings. You won't take on what others project on you. This clarity will make your life work better. Use caution with your funds. You easily could lose money, have your wallet stolen or even be swindled. Your creativity soars, whatever your focus might be. If you are single, you are a magnet to those who are lighthearted and playful. If you are attached, sometimes the two of you will behave in a manner that is reminiscent of new lovers. **CANCER** pushes you hard to do what he or she wants.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

★★★★ Think before you speak, as you could put your foot in your mouth with ease. You might mean well, but your subconscious becomes more activated and will remain so. Make it a habit to choose your words carefully. Tonight: Join friends.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

★★★★ Juggle your finances with care. You could find that what seems clear to you is hogwash to another person. Test ideas on others, as you could be subject to odd thinking right now, especially if you're born at the beginning of the sign. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

★★★★ Someone seems to test your temper more often than not. You wonder when to say "that is enough." There is no time like the present to initiate a change. Honor who you are. Don't accept people going past your boundaries. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

★★★★ Continue being low-key, especially as your mind weighs the pros and cons of a personal situation. Ask for feedback only from people you respect; otherwise, don't dare. You sense a different perspective and an opening up coming. Tonight: You will know what to do.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

★★★★ You might need to rethink your plans. A meeting results in common goals and support. You might be rather taken aback by everything winding up as you had wished. Extremes dominate. Tonight: Only what you want to do!

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

★★★★ It could be close to impossible to pursue any other course than the immediate one. You take the lead, whether you

are in charge or not. Be aware that there could be a backlash that might not be too pleasant. Keeping the appropriate image might be very important. Tonight: To the wee hours.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

★★★★ You might want to evaluate what has been a problem once more. You'll easily find a solution and realize how irrelevant the issue might have been. By getting less caught up in black-and-white thinking, your mind opens up. Tonight: Take off ASAP. Adventure lies ahead.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

★★★★ Visualize a deeper partnership that allows greater give-and-take. You could be set back by a conversation from a while ago. Why not try it again? The results could be beneficial. Remain optimistic that logic and good will will prevail. Tonight: You are happiest with few people.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

★★★★ You find that others insist on being on center stage. Let them, as you won't be able to change their minds. If you want to defer to someone else, do. Your ability to read between the lines helps you get along with demanding people. Tonight: Don't be surprised if someone singles you out.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

★★★★ You might believe you have put in enough effort -- you have. Be more forthright and direct. You think one thing, only to discover you are wrong. Lighten up about what is happening within your immediate crowd. Be willing to forge a new trail. Tonight: It gets better as the night gets older.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

★★★★ Your mind-set goes with the day and the pending weekend. Tame your expansive imagination and allow yourself to penetrate a project or situation in your daily life. You could be surprised by how quickly you come up with an answer. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

★★★★ Tension builds, encouraging an even more positive outlook on the weekend. You might need a walk or a break to center yourself in the afternoon. You enter a new cycle where your imagination and resourcefulness are empowered. Let it happen; don't fight the inevitable. Tonight: Plans could change.

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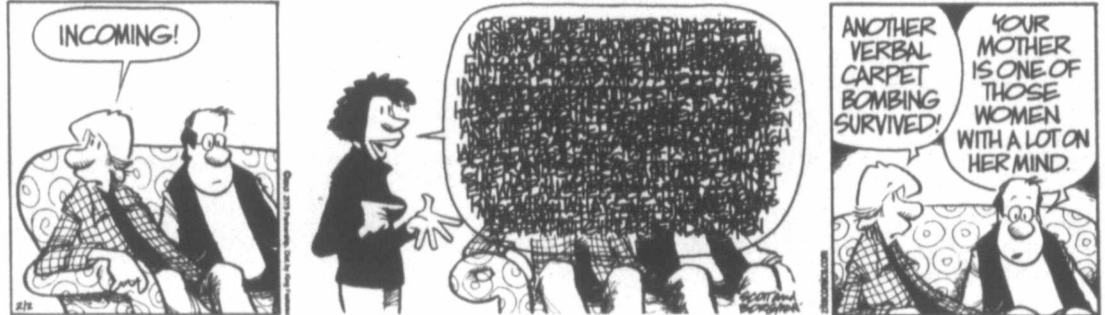
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# Group: Education cuts equal 32,000 job losses

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — An estimated 32,000 Texas school employees, 12,000 of them teachers, already have lost their jobs due to \$5.4 billion in education cuts the state Legislature imposed, a school advocacy group said Wednesday, and said more layoffs are likely on the way.

The Texas State Teachers Association wants Gov. Rick Perry to call a special legislative session to tap the state's \$7.3 billion rainy-day fund and fill education funding gaps, something the GOP-dominated Legislature refused to do last summer. Perry, his eye then on an ultimately unsuccessful run for the Republican presidential nomination, also opposed using the fund.

"It's time to stop the bleeding and stop the cuts now," association president Rita Haecker said at

Wednesday's news conference.

She said lawmakers could draw \$2.5 billion from the fund just for education next year. Her group is distributing petitions statewide urging a special session.

Perry dropped out of the presidential race Jan. 19 and has kept a low profile since returning to Texas. The Legislature isn't scheduled to reconvene until 2013, and Perry spokeswoman Allison Castle said Wednesday that, "there are no plans to call a special session on this or any other issue."

Haecker quoted job-loss estimates from Moak, Casey & Associates, an Austin-based school finance consulting firm. The firm also estimates that more than 8,200 elementary school classes in Texas are now larger than the 22-student maximum state law allows.

Elementary schools can seek waivers to exceed the class-size limit, and many have done so, citing financial hardship.

The exact number of education jobs that have been lost won't be clear until March, when the Texas Education Agency releases its employment data.

The Legislature cut \$4 billion over the next two years in funding for school districts - the first decrease in per-student spending in Texas since World War II. Lawmakers also cut \$1.4 billion in grants for education programs.

This school year, districts saw about a 6 percent cut across the board. Next year, there will be a

\$2 billion reduction that affects some schools more than others. Haecker said districts will soon begin devising next year's budget, promising more job cuts.

More than 500 school districts encompassing about 3.3 million students have filed lawsuits against the state, charging that the Legislature violated Texas constitutional guarantees on education funding - but those cases will likely mean years of litigation.

"Governor Perry insisted last year that most of the rainy-day money remain unspent," Haecker said. "Perhaps he did that because of his political ambitions, but that is over now."

Last summer, Rep. Donna Howard, an Austin Democrat, proposed not to touch the existing rainy-day fund, but instead funnel any additional revenue the fund generated to Texas schools to handle the costs of annual enrollment growth statewide - about 80,000 students per year.

Her amendment was approved by the House, but was not included in the final budget. Instead, the Legislature voted to use more than \$3 billion from the rainy-day fund to cover 2011 funding deficits, but did not mitigate cuts in future budgets. Lawmakers argued that they needed to leave rainy day funding in place

to cover future Medicaid liabilities - which were left underfunded by about \$4.8 billion.

In December, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said an improved state economy has ensured the rainy-day fund will earn \$1.6 billion more revenue than expected during over the next two years, bringing its value to \$7.3 billion. Howard said a special session would allow her to propose her amendment again.

"The economy has improved and we have more money in the bank, it's sitting there now," she said, "and yet we're asking schools to make more cuts come 2012-13."

## 4 dogs euthanized after North TX toddler mauled

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) Authorities say four dogs blamed for mauling a North Texas toddler have been euthanized.

Fort Worth Animal Control officials said Tuesday that the dogs will be tested for rabies over the attack on the 18-month-old boy. Cook Children's Medical Center on Wednesday declined to release details on the boy's condition.

Tarrant County offi-

cial believe the boy was attacked Monday, by dogs kept by his grandparents at their home near Lakeside, when he crawled through a doggie door and into the yard.

The grandmother, shortly after the mauling, was arrested during a scuffle with a neighbor who had complained about the dogs. Lena Grace Brown has been charged with assault and bodily injury. She's free on \$2,500 bond.

## 3 teens accused of hitting 2 women with blow darts

TYLER, Texas (AP) - Three teenagers have been charged with aggravated assault in the dart-gun shootings of two women in an East Texas department store parking lot.

The shootings happened in a Walmart lot in Tyler about 8:50 p.m. Monday. A Tyler police statement Tuesday says the women were in different parts of the lot and were hit with darts fired from a car GC8 one in the leg, one in the arm.

Witnesses followed the

suspect vehicle until officers stopped it in a Dairy Queen parking lot.

Charged and booked into the Smith County Jail in Tyler were 18-year-old Matthew Allen Arnold and 17-year-old Kasey Dwayne McClendon, who were released on \$60,000 bond, and 17-year-old Gregory Alan Smith, who was released on \$40,000 bond.

Jail records did not list attorneys for the three.

## 2 caught, alleged squatters at Texas soldier's home

CLEVELAND, Texas (AP) - Investigators say two parolees have been detained for allegedly squatting in the house of a Texas soldier who lives at Fort Hood and recently returned from Iraq.

A relative of Staff Sgt. Sam Burbank and his wife saw the couple's property for sale on the lawn Tuesday and notified Liberty County authorities.

Officials say Burbank and his wife, Hollie, planned to return to the house in

Cleveland, about 45 miles northeast of Houston, to inventory their belongings for possible burglary charges.

Sheriff's Capt. Rex Evans says a man and a woman arrested at the home face drug-related parole violation charges amid evidence of methamphetamine use at the house. Authorities are trying to determine when a door was broken for the suspects to allegedly gain access to the residence.

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