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Punching their tickets?

Lady Harvesters look to make playoff reservations

County's restoration fund to cover courthouse fixes

Gray County denied money from THC, but restoration will still move forward

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Despite hopes for \$1.1 million that would go towards completing the Gray County Courthouse restoration, the county was not among those awarded courthouse restoration grants by the Texas Historical Commission. However, Gray County is not alone, as Panhandle counties Armstrong and Lipscomb also were not among the 13 recipients of \$21 million worth of matching grants.

"We'd been accumulating resources for this purpose for a while now, but felt if we could get the grant, it would be fantastic," said Judge Richard Peet of Gray County. "It's OK. We'll keep plodding along.'

The county's restoration fund will now cover the restoration, which involves replacing the building's doors, including a revolving door on the east entrance. The county also will restore the district courtroom balcony, which was taken out in the 1950s.

"We'll replace the balcony to the way it was," said Peet. "It's just a matter of opening it up again, and replacing it back to its original design."

The county received \$3.8 million

from the state to fund the building's restoration in 2003, but the doors and balcony remained to be restored. When the county will begin the next step in the restoration depends on another one of its projects — the rebuilding of the Perry Lefors Airport terminal building. Gray County plans to utilize the current terminal building for storage.

"We'll get started as soon as we get the terminal building relocated to Precinct 2," said Peet. "We'll put it on a slab, partition it off, use it for storage and then empty the balcony."

UNDER THE HOOD



No, that crane isn't Harvest Bible Church roof. The church's windows are undergoing repairs, with Harley Knutson (bottom left) treated to a front row seat.

Weekend traffic stops yield pair of drug arrests

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Deputies with the Gray County Sheriff's Office arrested two suspects for possession of drugs following traffic stops last weekend.

According to a report from the Sheriff's Office, deputies performed a traffic stop near the intersection of Ballard and Francis at around midnight on Sunday, Jan. 29.

The driver, Billy Michael Grimes, 50, of Pampa, was attempting to conceal an item that turned out to contain about six grams of crack cocaine.

Grimes was arrested at 12:42 a.m. and charged with possession of a controlled substance over four grams but less than 200 grams. He was released on a \$20,000

Sunday morning around 10 a.m., deputies performed a traffic stop on I-40. When the driver, 27-year-old Lawrence Steven Davis Jr. of Jonesboro, Ga., showed signs of nervousness, deputies asked to search the vehicle. They found about six pounds

Davis

Grimes

of marijuana. DRUGS cont. on page A3

Turner continues Pampa growth

So far, close to 50 people at local branch

THE PAMPA NEWS

After starting up an office here in September, Turner Energy Services is continuing its expansion in the Pampa area, according to yard manager Kevin King.

"Our plans are still in the works," he said. "We've got a lot of new equipment coming in, and we've hired a lot of local people here."

So far, the oil field service company has hired between 42 and 50 people at its Pampa location, including yard, field and office managers, and mechanics. Turner expects to grow

to 100 employees in the future, the majority of which will be truck driving positions.

Turner's remarks are in line with previous statements made last year by Billy Hickman, Turner Energy Pampa manager, who had projected that the company would be hiring 100 people within a year.

Turner Energy Services first announced its expansion into Pampa in August. The company, a division of Complete Production Services, is already present in the Panhandle, with branches in Borger, Canadian and

STATE REDISTRICTING CHAOS

Redistricting negotiations stall

THE PAMPA NEWS

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Settlement talks aimed at creating interim maps for an April 3 primary seem to have stalled, says the attorney for one of the largest plaintiff groups involved.

Luis Vera, representing the League of United Latin American Citizens, said talks have broken down between the Texas attorney general's office and Democratic and minority plaintiff

He said if he had to bet, he wouldn't put money on an agreement being hammered out by Monday, the deadline set by the San Antonio panel of judges for all sides to agree on maps if they want

an April 3 primary.

Voters statewide have been thrown off by the uncertainty regarding the primaries, as many election offices across the state — including Gray County's - have not been able to send out voter registration cards as a

"Everything broke down yesterday," Vera said Monday afternoon. "Whether it resurrects, I don't know."

Meetings were held in Austin and San Antonio over the weekend, and there was talk of a possible agreement as early as today. But it appeared that the AG's office wasn't meeting with all the plaintiff groups, sparking concerns that REDISTRICTING cont, on page A3

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Today:

Mostly sunny, with a high near 59. Wind chill values between 25 and 35 early. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tonight:

Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north.

Wednesday:

Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. North northwest wind around 5 mph.

Wednesday Night:

Mostly clear, with a low around 32. East northeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south south-

Thursday:

Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. South southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night:

A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30. Blustery, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

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Obituaries

Shirley Joe Emerson Winborne, 75

Shirley Joe Emerson Winborne, 75, died January 29, 2012, in Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, February 1, 2012, at First Christian Church, with Rev. Barry Loving, pastor of First Christian Church of Amarillo, and Dr. Jeff Knighton, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-What- Winborne ley Funeral Directors.

She came to Pampa in 1938 from Sunray, graduating from Pampa High School in 1954. Shirley married James Thomas "Speck" Winborne on June 19, 1953, in Pampa. He preceded her in death in 2002. She was a member of First Christian Church where she served as director of membership for 37 years, and was elected "Elder Emeri-



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Mrs. Winborne was born April 26, 1936, in Dumas. She served on the Genesis House board, was on

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the original board and founding officers of Hospice of the Panhandle, was awarded the Beta Sigma Phi Woman of the Year in 1990, and served as hospital chaplain at Pampa Regional Medical Center for many years. Shirley was secretary of the Pampa Ministerial Alliance for over 6 years, was a member of the Knife & Fork Club, the Pampa High School Band Boosters, and the Pampa Boat and Ski Club.

Survivors include two daughters, Gaylene Bradley and husband James, and Jamie White and husband Scott, all of Pampa; a son, Tommy Winborne and wife Jamie of Pampa; a sister, Carla Blair and husband Kenneth of Carlsbad, N.M.; six grandchildren, Amy Ladd and husband Aaron and Abby Foster and husband Lincoln, all of Keller, Morgan Baldridge and husband Blake of Amarillo, Britton White and wife Megan, Natalie Winborne and Jaycee Winborne, all of Pampa; three great-grandchildren, Rhett Ladd and Grant Ladd, both of Keller, and Sailor Baldridge of Amarillo. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Ola Faye Emerson; and a sister, Mary Jane Brown.

Memorials may be made to First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, TX 79065

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For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72 hour period ending Monday, January 30 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 81 traffic related incidents.

Animal Control officers of North Williston and the bart. and the Pampa PD reported 21 animal related incidents. Pampa EMS, the Pampa

Fire Department and the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department reported 18 medical incidents.

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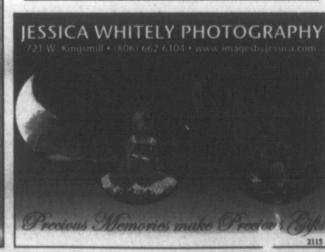
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Monday, January 30 A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1200 block

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Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Monday, January 30 at 7 a.m. Friday, January 27

Jessie Tyler Riley, 25, was arrested by deputies for burglary of a habitation, Jacob Coronado, 20, was arrested by deputies for deadly conduct.

Francisco Xavier Torres, 23, was arrested by deputies for driving while intoxicated. Saturday, January 28

Pedro Ramirez-Vazquez, 37, was arrested by DPS agents for driving while intoxicated. Juan Benavidez, 66, was

arrested by deputies for indecency with a child involving sexual contact. Willie Loyd Ballard, 37,

was arrested by police for failure to identify and capias pro fine times two. Antonio Masha Braziel, 29, was arrested by police

for public intoxication. Sunday, January 29 Billy Michael Grimes, 50, was arrested by deputies for possession of a con-

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AUSTIN (AP) — The Lower Colorado River Authority has started trucking water to the Central Texas village of Spicewood Beach, the first community to run out of water due to the drought.

A spokeswoman for the agency, Clara Tuma, said the region's wells are no longer producing enough water to meet the community's needs. The first tanker was expected to arrive Monday afternoon.

Spicewood Beach, located on Lake Travis, has about 500 water connections that serve roughly 1,100 people. The community has watched the water level drop since October 2010, when the worst single-year drought in Texas became

Tuma said the river authority, which operates the wells, will truck water to the community for as long as it is needed. She did not have an estimate of what the operation will cost.

Assisted living resident arrested

HARLINGEN (AP) — Police say a man armed with metal bar or pipe has been accused of attacking three fellow residents at a South Texas assisted living facility.

The Cameron County Sheriff's Department says 28-year-old Brandon Schmitt of Harlingen was in custody Monday on three counts of burglary of a habitation. Bond has been set at \$150,000.

Jail records did not list an attorney for Schmitt, who was arrested Friday at Villa Residential Care in Harlingen. Details on why he lives at the facility weren't released.

KRGV-TV reports all three victims are women.

Police say the victims were transported to a hospital. Further details on their conditions were not immediately available.

2 rescued from North Texas Lake

DALLAS (AP) — A deputy who swam to a car as it sank in a Dallas-area lake has saved two women in a rescue captured on patrol car video.

Rockwall County sheriff's Lt. David Davis said Monday that nobody was hurt in the incident at Lake Ray Hubbard.

Davis says the women drove through a nearby park early Saturday and apparently got lost, in the dark, while seeking Interstate 30. The car drove down a boat ramp

Deputy Keven Rowan was patrolling and saw the car in the water.

Rowan, in the video, is seen along the water and yells "Can you get out of the car?"

He swims to the car and uses a window-breaking device to shatter the glass and escort both women to shore.

The vehicle sinks moments later.

Texan's fraud fine: \$10M

HOUSTON (AP) — A former Houston cell phone store owner-turned-concert promoter must repay nearly \$10 million in a Medicare fraud investigation.

A federal judge in Houston on Monday also sentenced 39-year-old Aghaegbuna "Ike" Odelugo of Sugar Land to six years prison.

Odelugo in 2010 pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit health care fraud, committing health care fraud and money laundering. Prosecutors say Odelugo must make \$9.9 million in restitution to the government program and forfeit nearly \$7.5 million in illegal earnings.

Investigators say Odelugo, from mid-2005 through March 2008, had a bogus billing deal with more than a dozen durable medical equipment company owners. The operations were in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Georgia, North Carolina, West Virginia, Delaware, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Michigan.

Odelugo ran the billing scam from his now-closed cell

Man jailed for cartel gun deals

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge in Houston has sentenced a Texas man to more than eight years in prison for organizing illegal gun purchases.

Among the purchases was one that put an assault rifle in the hands of the Zetas cartel that was used in a deadly attack on two U.S. agents in Mexico.

U.S. District Judge Lynn Hughes sentenced 30-yearold Manuel Gomez Barba to 100 months in prison Monday, to begin upon completion of a previous nineyear drug sentence.

The indictment alleged Barba paid others to buy 44 guns knowing they'd be exported to the Zetas in Mexico. The U.S. attorney's office says ballistics testing linked to a February 2011 shooting on a Mexican highway that killed U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent Jaime Zapata and wounded colleague Victor Avila.

Drugs

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Davis was arrested at 11:44 a.m., and charged with possession of marijuana over five pounds but less than 50 pounds. His bond was set at \$20,000.





Redistricting

the state was attempting to divide and conquer.

"LULAC won't do that," said

That sentiment was echoed by Gary Bledsoe, an attorney for the NAACP, which has worked closely with LULAC on the case.

"We want to see a package that is good for Latinos and the African American community," he said Monday afternoon.

Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer, chair-

man of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus, the lead plaintiff in the case, said Monday morning that he thought the attorney general's office was trying to work with as many plaintiff groups as possible.

"Their intention is to try and work something out," a stance he called "encouraging."

But thus far, he said, MALC hasn't been satisfied with what the state has offered, although he declined to offer specifics. Even if an agreement is reached, it's not known whether it would go unchallenged.

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An attorney for Sen. Joe Barton argued Friday before the three-judge panel in San Antonio that the attorney general's office doesn't have the authority to remake maps approved by the state Legislature, and that any maps that were redrawn would also need to be approved, or "pre-cleared," by the Department of lustice





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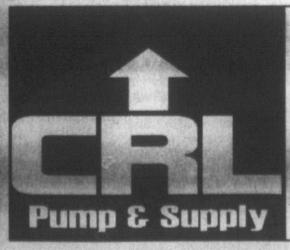
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Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 31, the 31st day of 2012. There are 335 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 31, 1961, NASA launched Ham the Chimp aboard a Mercury-Redstone rocket from Cape Canaveral; Ham was recovered safely from the Atlantic Ocean following his 16 1/2-minute suborbital flight.

On this date:

In 1606, Guy Fawkes, convicted of treason for his part in the "Gunpowder Plot" against the English Parliament and King James I, was executed.

In 1917, during World War I, Germany served notice it was beginning a policy of unrestricted submarine warfare.

In 1929, revolutionary Leon Trotsky and his family were expelled from the Soviet Union.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. forces began a successful invasion of Kwajalein Atoll and other parts of the Japanese-held Marshall Islands.

In 1950, President Harry S. Truman announced he had ordered development of the hydrogen

In 1971, astronauts Alan Shepard, Edgar Mitchell and Stuart Roosa blasted off aboard Apollo 14 on a mission to the moon.

In 1992, leaders of the U.N. Security Council's member states held an unprecedented summit, after which they issued a declaration on collective security, arms control and nuclear non-proliferation.

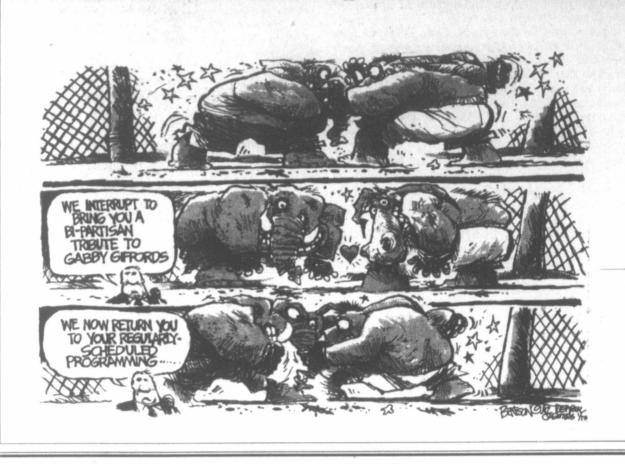
Ten years ago: The Bush administration handed abortion opponents a symbolic victory, classifying a developing fetus as an "unborn child" as a way of extending prenatal care to low-income pregnant women under the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush, visiting Wall Street, delivered his "State of the Economy" speech in which he took aim at lavish salaries and bonuses for corporate executives. Delaware Sen. Joe Biden formally launched his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination. Nine blinking electronic devices planted around Boston threw a scare into the city in what turned out to be a marketing campaign for a late-night cable cartoon. Best-selling author and columnist Molly Ivins died in Austin, Texas, at age 62.

One year ago: A federal judge in Florida declared the Obama administration's health care overhaul unconstitutional, siding with 26 states that argued people cannot be required to buy health insurance. Egypt's military promised not to fire on peaceful protests and recognized "the legitimacy of the people's demands.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Carol Channing is 91. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Ernie Banks is 81. Composer Philip Glass is 75. Actor Stuart Margolin is 72. Actress Jessica Walter is 71. Blues singer-musician Charlie Musselwhite is 68 Actor Glynn Turman is 66. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Nolan Ryan is 65. Singer-musician Harry Wayne Casey (KC and the Sunshine Band) is 61. Rock singer Johnny Rotten is 56. Actress Kelly Lynch is 53. Actor Anthony LaPaglia is 53. Singer-musician Lloyd Cole is 51. Rock musician Actress Minnie Driver is 42. Actress Portia de Rossi is 39. Actorcomedian Bobby Moynihan is 35. Actress Kerry Washington is 35. Singer Justin Timberlake is 31.

Thought for Today: "Mystics always hope that science will some day overtake them." - Booth Tarkington, American author-dramatist (1869-1946)



Meth fills hospitals with burn patients

JIM SALTER Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) - A crude new method of making methamphetamine poses a risk even to Americans who never get anywhere near the drug: It is filling hospitals with thousands of uninsured burn patients requiring millions of dollars in advanced treatment - a burden so costly that it's contributing to the closure of some burn units.

So-called shakeand-bake meth is produced by combining raw, unstable ingredients in a 2-liter soda bottle. But if the person mixing the noxious brew makes the slightest error, such as removing the cap too soon or

flesh and causing permanent disfigurement, blindness or even death.

An Associated Press survey of key hospitals in the nation's most active meth states showed that up to a third of patients in some burn units were hurt while making meth, and most were uninsured. The average treatment costs \$6,000 per day. And the average meth patient's hospital stay costs \$130,000 - 60 percent more than other burn patients, according to a study by doctors at a burn center in Kalamazoo, Mich.

The influx of patients is overwhelming hospitals and becoming a major factor in the closure of some burn wards. At least seven burn units across the nation have shut down over the past six years, partly due to consolidation but also because of the cost of treating uninsured patients, many of whom are connected to methamphetamine.

Burn experts agree the annual cost to taxpayers is well into the tens if not hundreds of millions of dollars, although it is impossible to determine a more accurate number because so many meth users lie about the cause of their burns.

Larger meth labs have been bursting into flame for years, usually in basements, backyard sheds or other private spaces. But those were fires that people could usually escape. Using the shake-and-bake method, drugmakers typically hold the flammable concoction up close, causing burns from the waist to the face.

You're holding a flame-thrower in your hands," said Jason Grellner of the Franklin County, Mo.,

Sheriff's Department. Also known as the "one-pot" approach, the method is popular because it uses less pseudoephedrine - a common component in some cold and allergy pills. It also yields meth in minutes rather than hours, and it's cheaper and easier to conceal. Meth cooks can carry all the ingredients in a backpack and mix them in a bathroom stall or the seat of a car.

The improvised system first emerged several years ago, partly in response to attempts by many states to limit or forbid over-the-counter access to pseudoephedrine. Since then, the shake-and-bake recipe has spread to become the method of choice.

By 2010, about 80 percent of labs busted by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration were using shake-and-bake recipes, said Pat Johnakin, a DEA agent specializing in meth.

So instead of a large lab that supplies many users, there are now more people making meth for their personal use. The consequences are showing up in emergency rooms and burn wards

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An Associated Press survey of key hospitals in the

nation's most active meth states showed that up to a

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Smock, director of the burn unit at

It's impossible to know precisely

how many people are burned while

making shake-and-bake meth. Some

avoid medical treatment, and no one

keeps exact track of those who go to

the hospital. But many burn centers

in the nation's most active meth-

producing states report sharp spikes

in the number of patients linked to

meth. And experts say the trend goes

well beyond those facilities, easily

The director of the burn center at

Vanderbilt University in Tennessee,

the state that led the nation in meth

lab seizures in 2010, said meth inju-

ries are doubly damaging because

patients often suffer thermal burn

from the explosion, as well as chem-

ical burns. And the medical chal-

lenge is compounded by patients'

"You're not judgmental in this

kind of work, but you see it day after

day," said Vanderbilt's Dr. Jeffrey

Guy. "We've had patients say, 'I'm

going out for a smoke,' and they

come back all jacked up. It's clear

Few people burned by meth will

"We get a lot of people who have

strange stories," said Dr. David

Greenhalgh, past president of the

American Burn Association and

director of the burn center at the

University of California, Davis.

"They'll say they were working on

the carburetor at 2 or 3 in the morn-

ing and things blew up. So we don't

know for sure, but 25 to 35 percent

of our patients are meth-positive

when we check them.'

they went out and did meth again."

addictions.

involving thousands of drug users.

Mercy Hospital St. Louis.

making meth, and most were uninsured.

Guy cited a similar percentage at Vanderbilt, which operates the largest burn unit in Tennessee. He said the lies can come with a big price because the chemicals used in methmaking are often as dangerous as the burns themselves.

He recalled the case of a woman who arrived with facial burns that she said were caused by a toaster. As a result, she didn't tell doctors that meth-making chemicals got into her eyes, delaying treatment.

she's "Now probably going to be blind because she wasn't honest about it," Guy said. In Indiana, about

three-quarters of meth busts now involve shake-andbake. And injuries are rising sharply,

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accidentally perforating the plastic, side, that's the primary reason the mostly because of burns, said Niki the concoction can explode, searing numbers seem to be going up: great- Crawford of the Indiana State Police Meth Suppression Team.

> Indiana had 89 meth-related injuries during the 10-year period ending in 2009. The state has had 70 in the last 23 months, mostly from shake-and-bake labs, Crawford said.

> What's more, meth-related burns often sear some of the body's most sensitive areas - the face and hands.

> "I don't think a lot of these patients will be able to re-enter society, said Dr. Lucy Wibbenmeyer of the burn center at the University of Iowa. "They'll need rehab therapy, occupational therapy, which is very expensive."

> Researchers at the University of Iowa found that people burned while making meth typically have longer hospital stays and more expensive bills than other burn patients ΓÇö bills that are frequently absorbed by the hospital since a vast majority of the meth-makers lack insurance.

> Medicaid provides reimbursement for many patients lacking private insurance, but experts say it amounts to pennies on the dollar.

Doctors at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo, Mich., performed a five-year study of methpatients in the early 2000s, then a follow-up study in 2009-2010. Their investigation concurred with the Iowa findings. The Kalamazoo study also found that meth burn victims were more likely to suffer damage to the lungs and windpipe, spent more time on ventilators and needed surgery more often.

That report also found that only about 10 percent of meth patients had private insurance coverage, compared with 59 percent of otherpatients. And in many cases, their injuries leave them unable to work.

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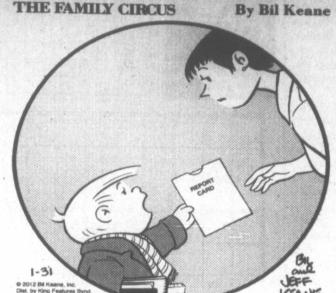
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, ity that you rarely see. Let go and enjoy the Feb. 1, 2012:

You are full of get-up-and-go this year. Charisma, wit and energy make a close to irresistible mix. Those in creative fields ingenuity. For the most part, your work flows. If you are single, romance might be on your mind more than ever before. You could have several potential sweeties in your life in the next year. Date and make sure you want the person you choose. Someone better easily could be around the corner. If you are attached, the two of you start acting like young lovers. People delight in being around you, as you remind them that romance can stay alive with a commitment. GEMINI is always fun to be

around ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** Listen to the feedback you get; you might not have seen what others see. Accept different opinions graciously, even if they are not given graciously. The unexpected occurs out of the blue. Curb a tendency to be sarcastic or nasty. Tonight:

Where the action is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ** Stay on top of a situation and be clear about what is going on. You might want to have a discussion involving finances, with an eye to change. Remember, you need someone's agreement to make this happen, so cut any sharp comments. Tonight: Out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Your smile might not work magic in the morning, but by the evening it will. You might not want to repeat the same conversation verbatim - a little change could spark another person's interest. Examine the possibilities with an open mind. Use care with those who seem to be on edge. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Know that sometimes it is better to back up rather than get in the middle of a major conflict. Your interests will be better served. Someone you look up to becomes difficult and unstable. Accept the situation, as you might not be able to change it. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Look toward making a difference where it counts. Your happy and caring side emerges when dealing with others, especially in a group. You note a convivial-

moment. Don't allow a difficult situation to develop. Tonight: Only where the fun is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *★★ Realize what you are expecting manifest much more dynamic energy and from someone you look up to. Perhaps you don't see this person realistically. Could that be possible? Rather than scrap about a situation, take responsibility for your side of the issue. Tonight: Others notice you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** You'll get results by pulling back and dealing with a problematic situation through detachment. Plunge right in. You could have a problem. You could discover that a partner or loved one acts in a most unexpected manner. Tonight: Try

something unusual or different. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might be surprised by what is happening with a close partner or loved one. You work very hard to clear out an issue. Accept the unexpected at work. Work with new technology. Your efficiency and

flex count. Tonight: Curb sarcasm. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Others have a way of challenging you. Be aware of what is going on with a child or loved one. There might be a side of you that wants no problems. You cannot avoid the inevitable. Confusion surrounds a personal decision. Tonight: Let another person make the final choice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You have been working way too hard for your taste. Be aware of another's effort; don't listen to hearsay about this person. Avoid those who are sarcastic and demanding, if possible. You could have quite a shake-up or realization. Tonight: Choose a stress-buster.

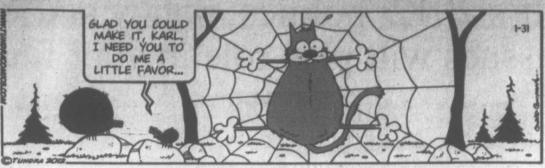
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ You simply cannot help yourself -- you feel good and are light and lively. Use care with your finances, as you might not be seeing the situation clearly, could miscount your change or might actually be deceived Understand your limitations, and remain up and Tonight: Let the fun

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

** You might not be as present as you might like to be when dealing with another person. Laughter in your mind surrounds a decision that could make you feel a little silly, mainly because you have worried about it for quite a while. Tonight: Order in.

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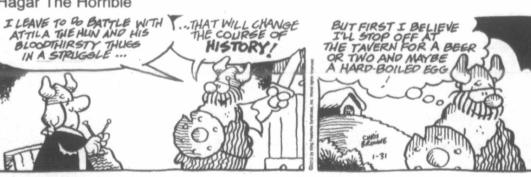


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It's 2012: politics, policy and world issues will play role in your finances

TERRY SAVAGE Creator's Syndicate

Every year brings different financial challenges, and despite the spate of predictions at the start of the year, very few forecasters can claim long-term success at looking into the future. Events and context change, demanding changes in investment strategy. But basic principles stay the same. The secret of all successes is to know which is which!

You need to hold firm to your basic standards, which must be set based on knowledge. In a calm moment, you need to figure out your "risk tolerance" — an economic term that stands for: "How much money can I afford to lose?" Then you must have the knowledge to truly evaluate the risks you are taking when you make money deci-

If you decide you can't lose even one penny, you'll probably want to leave your money in insured, short-term deposdespite the fact that you earn almost no interest these days. But if the greater long-term risk is "running out of money," then you'll want some exposure to the stock market, which has always provided more growth than oil. chicken money — over the long run (20 years), even facing Congress will carry adjusted for inflation.

Even if you have this basic knowledge, you have to make adjustments in your strategy as events change. You need to make decisions that guide your ship — but you don't have to completely change course. This is the time of year to make those adjust-

One thing is sure: If you want the year to end with an improvement in your personal finances, you'll have ket last year. Then put those change, instead of standing to be flexible and willing to scary days into perspective. change, and be open to new



perspective about what's made on both sides during going on in the economy.

This year will be the most "political" year not only because it is an election year, but because there are so many huge economic issues confronting us. Within the next few months, Congress will have to vote on raising the debt ceiling, extending the country debt they hold. With payroll tax cuts and increasing funding for the U.S. Postal System. Then by year end, they will be faced with the expiration of the extended "Bush tax cuts."

And in between, it's likely that the Supreme Court will force a re-thinking of President Obama health care plan, which will need funding if the mandate to purchase health care insurance is declared unconstitutional. Energy is becoming a political issue, as well, with the president's decision to rule out the pipeline from Canada machinery, as well as world that could bring us cheaper trade. European countries

a political price in this election year. So the best bet is another year of political wrangling and divisiveness. And that wrangling will impact the interest rate and stock markets, likely making them more volatile and creating more headline days.

self against. Think of how many headlines there were about big moves in the mar-According to Dow Jones

Industrial Average an end — whether over the ended the year with euro, or our national debt, or gain of 640 points. the Mayan calendar predic-But in between it tions! Given that premise, our traversed 28,032 points - if you add up all the closing gains and losses!

there If you've survived so far, Surely The first step is to get some were a lot of emotional trades those headline days.

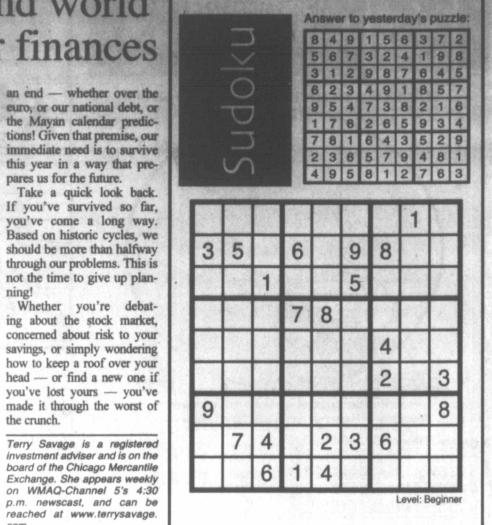
Into this mixture, you'll have to add two huge global considerations that will weigh on your personal financial decisions. Most immediate is the concern of Europe's banks, and their ability to finance all the European country credit ratings being downgraded, there will be fewer institutions able to buy the already outstanding debt - not to mention the billions that must be refinanced as they come due this year.

The second great global concern is Chinese growth. A few years ago, there was a lot of China-bashing — condemning the growth of China at the expense of jobs here. Now, the world is worried about a Chinese economic slowdown that would impact our exports of grain and farm need China to buy their prod-Every financial decision ucts to keep Europe out of

As Walt Disney said so. well: "It's a small world, after all!" That small world is impacting our jobs, our prosperity and our future as well as your investments.

It's only human nature and often a wise prod — to worry about the future. But It's that kind of volatil- based on history, there's no ity that you must steel your- reason to believe our nation, and our personal finances, won't come out ahead again if we go with the flow of against the tide.

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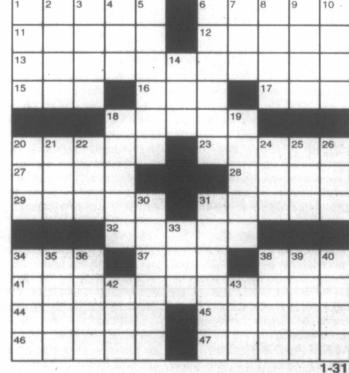
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It was shocking and up-**UPSET IN FLORIDA**

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DEAR ABBY: Recently nurse in charge of the unit my girlfriend." mv 80-vear-old mother was she's in and give her a list admitted to the hospital, of visitors who should have Mickey to family dinners access to her. Explain why and events, but he turns her dergoing chemotherapy and you want visitation restrict- down because "he's visiting ed, and in the future your relatives out of town." He has

DEAR ABBY: My sisand emailed the photos to ev- ter's husband died suddenly to date now, but no one lives three years ago. "Pamela" now says she's in love with setting seeing my mother this a 60-year-old man I'll call way. Many of the people who "Mickey," whose company there's a relationship. What received the photos had not is doing construction work can we do before Pamela been able to visit her. Abby, on her home. She has put on goes broke or crashes emowhat's your opinion on this, a new roof, siding and added and how should it have been a deck, and the jobs are not handled? - SINCERELY ending. Next on the sched-

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DEAR SOMETHING'S ule is a shed and a new coat MISSING: Do you know SINCERELY of paint for the inside of the the name of Mickey's company? Start checking him Friends and family are out. Does he have a contracniece did was a gross inva- concerned that Pamela is tor's license? A Facebook sion of privacy. Is this how scheduling more jobs as a page? Does anybody in the your mother would have way to see Mickey. When lumber or paint business wanted people to see her? If I pointed out that he hasn't know him? Something does seem fishy. Mickey may be owes your mother an apol- fee, she claimed they have married and your sister a "relationship" because he may be grasping at straws. If your mother is still hugged her, kissed her on the But when all is said and hospitalized, talk to the cheek and told her, "You're done, it is her money.

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GERARDO Lot Four (4), in Block Town of Pampa, Gray County, Texas Cause No: TAX-3290 GRAY COUNTY, ET AL VS. RIVERA, RO-SA LINDA Lots Twenty-one (21) and Twenty-two (22),

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Lot Fifteen (15), all in Pampa, Gray County, Block Five (5), Hillcrest Terrace Subdivision, Gray County, GRAY COUNTY, ET AL vs. JOHNSON, J.J. Cause No: TAX-3606

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Three (3), Haggard, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Cause No: TAX-3609 GRAY COUNTY, ET

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DON Three (3) and Thirteen (13), Shaw, an details, 665-1875. Addition to the City of Lefors, Gray County,

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Lot Eight (8), in Block Sixteen (16), Talley, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas Cause No: TAX-3630

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AL vs. JOHNSON, BOB Lot Five (5), Six (6), and Seven (7), all in Block Fourteen (14), Wilcox, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas Cause No: TAX-3640

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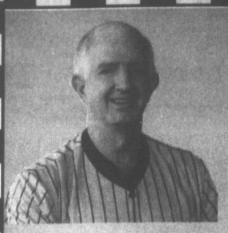
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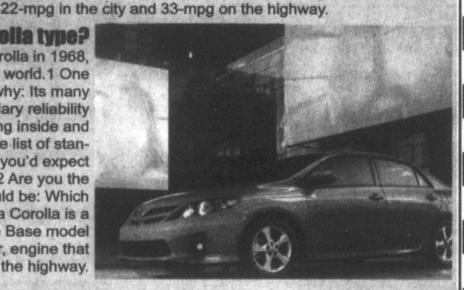
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Lady Harvesters look to lock up playoffs vs. Borger



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Senior Kirsten Kuhn defends Perryton's Makayla Swift Tuesday. Pampa meets the Rangerettes again 6 p.m. Friday in Perryton.

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters will be looking to achieve one of its season goals Tuesday as victory over the Borger Lady Bulldogs will clinch a playoff spot.

The game is 6 p.m. at McNeely Fieldhouse If Pampa clinches, it will be

the second appearance in three seasons and first in class 3A. Head coach Gene Valentine said a win will achieve what the team set out to do.

"If we take care of Tuesday, we will be where we want to be," Valentine said. "It may not be the position that we want." The Lady Harvesters (12-14, 2-4) trail

Dalhart by two games for second and would need to win out and Dalhart to lose out to clinch second seed.

In the previous meeting with Borger, senior Delaney Clendening had to hit a buzzer beater to secure a 40-38 victory. Pampa won the first

meeting by 48. Junior Taylor Morgan said the team has to execute. "We can't under-

estimate them,"
Morgan said.
Senior Kirsten

Kuhn agreed.
"They improved a lot from the first time

we played them,"
Kuhn said. "Playing people, three times
it's hard to beat them that third time."

Morgan

The Lady
Harvesters will have
to defend Borger's
Nellie Embers,
who gave the Lady
Bulldogs a spark with
nine points in the
January 20 game.

Pampa plays its final road game against the Perryton Rangerettes (21-5, 6-0) 6 p.m. Friday.

Rangerettes (21-5, Kuhn
6-0) 6 p.m. Friday.

If Perryton beats Dalhart today, it will clinch the district title for the second straight season. The Lady Harvesters have yet to beat Perryton since they've

been in the same district.

The Lady Harvesters will have to limit Lacey Herbert's production. Herbert scored 10 points and earned six trips to the free throw line during the January 24

District 1-3A Playoff Scenarios

The girls are in the final third of district; here's a look at each team's playoff possibilities.

Pampa
Can clinch a playoff spot with a win or Borger loss.

Can clinch second seed if it wins out and Dalhart loses out.

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Can clinch a playoff spot if it wins out and Pampa loses out.

Dalhart

Can clinch second seed with a win or Pampa loss.

Can clinch district if it wins out and

Perryton loses out.

Perryton

Can clinch district with a win or

Harvesters could use point guard to improve offensive issues

Friday night on my way back from Dalhart, I again was left with questions about the Harvester basketball team. How could they have lost in similar fashion? Did they not get the point of my last column? Is Dalhart actually better than us? Then it hit me what the real issue with this team is.

They don't have a point guard.

Last year, Zach Murray filled that role. I think some of us, myself included, forgot how valuable he was. Murray didn't light up the scoreboard, but he was responsible for several of our scores last year. On top of that, Murray was a great ball handler and didn't get himself in trouble.

This year, senior Latigo Collins is playing that position. Collins is a good ball handler, but that doesn't necessarily make him a good point guard. Collins' first instinct is to score, not to set up the offense, which makes him a good shooting guard, is a role he fit beautifully last season.

With Collins driving, this sometimes leads to the other four guys standing around and wanting to believe that Collins every time can beat three defenders to the rim. I've already mentioned in previous columns that was just as unsuccessful as thinking Collins could catch the ball over four defenders in football. If Collins does pass it off, he doesn't get the ball to people who are in position to score, but that's not Collins' fault. This is part of the reason Pampa hasn't shot the ball well lately.



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Senior Reid Miller and junior Derrek Pollard are getting the ball at the perimeter and have to drive to the basket. This rarely has ended up with a positive result. Either they turn the ball over or shoot a fade away jumper and miss. If the team had a point guard, then

Miller and Pollard can post up or make a cut to the basket. At the very least, it puts them a jump stop or a dribble away from a layup. At times, they are taking the ball up the floor when they should be passing it in.

Also, when Collins has shot three-pointers, he's doing it off the dribble instead of off a pass. This may explain why Collins hasn't shot as well outside the perimeter. When Collins picks up his dribble, he's telling the defender what he is going to do and allows it to contest the shot. If Collins receives the ball off a pass, he can get the shot up before the defender can get to him.

After the last two district losses, senior Cole Engle and Miller told me they didn't run the things they worked on in practice. A true point guard will help that. If the Harvesters are running an offense, it's going to help divert opponents' attention on Collins because they will have to pay attention to everyone else's movements.

It can open things up for Collins to get to the rim, especially if a defender is having to worry about him on down screens, front or back door cuts. Plus, Pampa does all those passing drills at the beginning of warm ups. Might as well put them to use.

The question is, who can play this role on this year's team? One option is to start junior Ty Hutto at point guard. In the times, we've seen him this year, Hutto can handle the ball well and isn't necessarily looking to score, which means he is more likely to set up the offense. Hutto has some speed which Pampa can use to its advantage, Hutto is going to play a bigger role on next year's team. With the way district has gone, it might not be a bad idea to see what he can do.

Obviously bringing Hutto off the bench means you have to adjust the lineup. With Hutto at point, move Collins to shooting guard, Engle to small forward, keep Miller and Pollard the same and bring junior Tyler Powell off the bench. This has nothing to do with Powell's ability, because like I said, he's a good player. By having him on a bench, you have another person who can relieve Miller or

The other option is to switch Collins and Engle. Engle likes to score as well when he has the ball, but he's willing to give it up to get someone a better look. If Engle is playing point, it allows Collins to do what he's good at. If Collins draws attention in the paint, it could set up Engle for a three.

I know that head coach Dustin Miller and assistant coach Matt Embry have a grasp of the team, but maybe they need to make a change.

They knew what personnel we had on

Dalhart loss.

day one of practice and understood that not having a true point guard could create an issue. Embry has coached Hutto on junior varsity last year and knows what he's capable of.

I understand Dustin and Embry aren't the ones throwing the ball away, missing the state of the control of the con

I understand Dustin and Embry aren't the ones throwing the ball away, missing key shots, or moping after a timeout because they lost momentum. They now know that the team's lack of offense is an issue and need to do something about it to salvage the season. Changing the lineup could give the team a boost and new energy.

Is having a true point guard going to solve all of the Harvesters problems? No. This team still has to make shots and have to play with a sense of urgency the rest of the way. It could help to start improving or solving them.

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What if this plan doesn't work? We lose and further jeopardize our chances of winning district and making playoffs. That's not much different than we are doing now. The only place I can see Pampa going is up, and they certainly have the talent and coaching to bounce

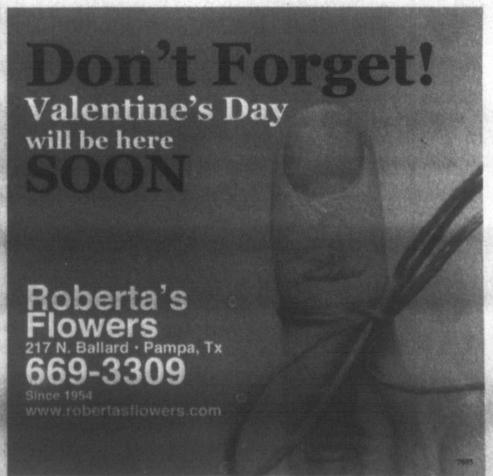
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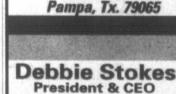
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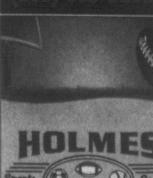
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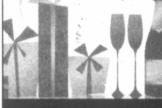
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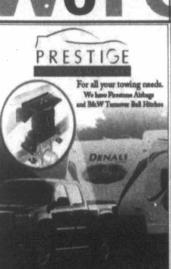
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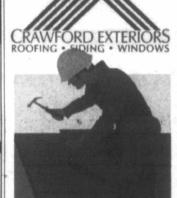
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